



Tarpon Springs Police Department

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Crime Watch Newsletter

SCAM CALL

Police are warning residents of a phone scam making its way around Tarpon Springs.

Police say some residents have received a call from people identifying themselves as local law enforcement officers and saying there is a warrant out for the citizen's arrest. The caller then urges the resident to immediately contact a law firm.

When the residents call the law firm, they are asked to make an electronic payment or purchase a prepaid gift card to satisfy the warrant and avoid jail time.

The suspects are using a telephone number "spoof" method where the phone number they call from is showing as the Tarpon Springs Police Department number on caller I.D.

Tarpon Springs police are calling this a "Warrant Scam" and it has been around for some time.

Residents should know a member of the police department will never request payment over the phone nor advise someone with an outstanding warrant to contact any law firm.



*It's that time
Again. School
starts Aug 14.
Please watch out
for children!!!*

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Leaving Garage Door Up

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NOT A GOOD IDEA!!!

Recently, in my own neighborhood it came to my attention how many folks leave their garage door up while they are not even around. The reason this came to my attention was because two men were on the run from police for stealing a car. These men ran in the direction of my neighborhood. Having said that, IF indeed they were in the neighborhood, which house do you think they would choose to hide in? Having the garage door up is inviting them into your home. Some had no idea their door was up, some were eating dinner and not out in the garage, other's had never given it a thought that anyone would come in the garage while they were working in the backyard.

Keep your family safe and keep the door down unless you are right there in or near the garage. Most folks do not lock the interior door leading into the house so it makes for very easy access for the bad guy. Furthermore there have been several instances when persons enter the garage and steal items from it while the homeowners are in their backyard or in the house.



Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.

Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries

Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.

If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP. Never go back inside.

New School Calendar

Aug. 14, 2019: All schools open. All Pre-k and post secondary schools' classes begin.

Sept. 2, 2019: Labor Day holiday – No school for students.

Oct. 11, 2019: End of first quarter.

Oct. 14, 2019: No school for students.

Nov. 23 - Dec. 1, 2019: Thanksgiving holiday week – No school for students.

Dec. 20, 2019: End of first semester.

Dec. 21, 2019 - Jan. 5, 2020: Winter holidays - No school for students.

Jan. 6, 2020: No school for students.

Jan. 7, 2020: Second semester begins.

Jan. 20, 2020: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday - No school for students.

Feb. 17, 2020: No school for students.

Mar. 13, 2020: End of third quarter

Mar. 14 - Mar. 22, 2020: Spring holidays – No school for students.

Mar. 23, 2020: No school for students.

Mar. 24, 2020: Schools reopen. Classes resume.

Apr. 10, 2020: No school for students.

May 25, 2020: Memorial Day holiday – No school for students.

Things To Do

BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH & ECOFEST

Please join us for a celebration of going back to school. We will have food, water slides, music and fun! The City of Tarpon Springs is also teaming up with Keep Pinellas Beautiful to offer an educational and informative event about the environment. Location: Splash Park Day & Time: Saturday, August 3rd from 10am-2pm Fee: FREE

Watch newly released movies!

Call the Library at (727) 943-4922 for the movie titles

Sat Jul 27th 2:00pm - 4:00pm At Tarpon Springs Library

Blast off to a universe of laughs during our space-themed Summer Reading Program!

ADULT PROGRAM-Mon Jul 29th 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Drop in for fun games and snacks. Enjoy playing various games and puzzles while socializing with others.

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