



Tarpon Springs Police Department

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CrimeWatch Newsletter

FROM ALL OF US AT TSPD



The Cops/Kids Christmas Program is accepting new unwrapped gifts for children from ages 2-13.

We also accept cash donations, to help any special "wish list" gifts a child might have asked for. Checks should be made payable to Tarpon Springs Police Department Cops/Kids Program. We will begin accepting gift donations on November 16th -December 18th. All donations can be made anytime at the Tarpon Springs Police Department, 444 Huey Ave. TSPD will never call you to ask for donations. If you do receive a call from someone claiming to be with TSPD it is not a legitimate call.

Before making a donation to any charitable organization please make sure they are legitimate.



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START A CRIME WATCH IN 2018

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Crime Watch, also known as Neighborhood Watch, or Neighborhood Crime Watch, is when a collection of citizens, usually in a particular neighborhood, or housing complex, organize into a dedicated group to prevent burglary, vandalism, and other crimes.

A Crime Watch group is not a vigilante group, and cannot take the law into their own hands. Crime Watch groups are trained to observe, and report, but not to intervene. The Crime Watch system of today began developing in the later part of the 1960's. The development of the Watch system was in response to the Kitty Genovese case in Queens, New York in 1964. Kitty Genovese was murdered in front of her apartment building, and as many as 38 people were reported to have heard her screams for help, which lasted more than 30 minutes, yet no one called the Police.

In order to combat crime in today's society; the Police Department needs more eyes and ears in the community. The citizens of Tarpon Springs, must get involved, in order to help the Police Department protect you, your family, and your property.

One of the most effective programs to reduce and eliminate crime is when a neighborhood comes together to form a Crime Watch group. Crime Watch is a cooperative effort involving citizens and the Police Department, where the citizens directly participate in the detection of crime and its' prevention. The Crime Watch program does not take the place of the Police Department, nor does it require that citizens take risks, and place themselves in a dangerous situation by taking the law into their own hands.

Crime Watch is not a guarantee that your neighborhood will be 100% crime free. However, neighborhoods with active Crime Watch programs have shown measurable reductions in crime.

Those who participate in Crime Watch are concerned about crime affecting their neighborhood, and believe that their efforts will have an impact on crime. The Tarpon Springs Police Department actively supports the Crime Watch program and the Crime Prevention Office acts as the liaison between the Police department and the Crime Watch neighborhoods.

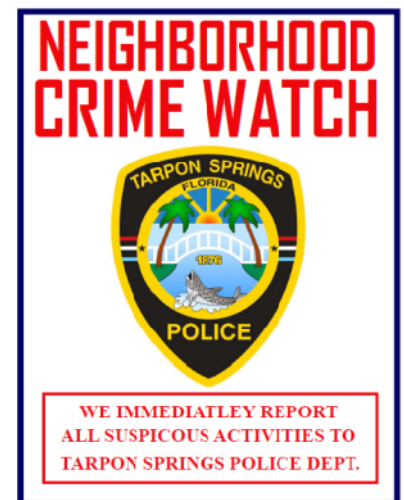
The Crime Prevention Office trains Crime Watch groups in crime prevention techniques, such as home security, personal safety, and how to recognize and report suspicious activities. The neighbors get to know one another by working together, and keeping an eye on each other's homes and property.

Neighborhood watch programs reduce the risk of being the victim of a crime.

Participants are better prepared to recognize and respond to suspicious activity.

A greater access to information about criminal activity

Crime Watch warning signs posted at each entrance to your neighborhood.



A recent Netflix email scam has been targeting subscribers of the popular streaming service telling them that their account is about to be canceled. The well-designed, individualized fake email convinces customers to update their account information to avoid suspension. This results in stolen personal and credit card information.

The email has the subject line “Your suspension notification” and includes a link where the subscriber is taken to a fake Netflix page which requires their log-in information as well as credit card number.

This scam has targeted nearly 110 million Netflix subscribers. As mentioned, the fake site includes Netflix’s logo as well as popular Netflix shows like *The Crown* and *House of Cards* to make it seem legitimate. People with accounts should remain vigilant for these bogus suspension emails to avoid getting their personal information compromised.



Fried turkeys are delicious, but they come with a slew of safety issues. Thousands of fires as well as many deaths and injuries happen each year due to turkey fryer fires. Before you set up your turkey fryer this Thanksgiving, remember these safety tips.

Get the Tips

Stay Away from The House – Set up the turkey fryer more than 10 feet away from your home and keep children and pets away. Never leave it unattended.

Find Flat Ground – The oil must be even and steady at all times to ensure safety. Place the fryer on a flat, level surface and carefully gauge the amount of oil needed.

Use a Thawed and Dry Turkey – Make sure your Thanksgiving turkey is completely thawed and dry. Extra water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over. If oil spills from the fryer onto the burner, it can cause a fire.

Monitor the Temp – Use caution when touching the turkey fryer. The lid and handle can become very hot and could cause burns. Also be sure to keep track of the oil’s temperature as many fryers do not have their own thermostats.

Be Prepared – Have a fire extinguisher (multipurpose, dry-powder) ready at all times in the event that the oil ignites

THINGS TO DO IN TARPON SPRINGS

NOV 25-26 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

27th Annual Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts Festival
West Tarpon Avenue

DEC 1 AT 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

There's Snow Place Like Tarpon Springs
Downtown Tarpon Springs

DEC 1 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Tarpon Springs Boat Parade
Spring Bayou

DEC 9, 10:00am – 11:30am

Christmas Parade
Pinellas Avenue

DEC 9 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Candy Cane Hunt
Craig Park
100 Beekman Lane



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