

# **Tarpon Springs Police Department**

## Crime Watch Newsletter

January 2021

### Elks Lodge Officer of the Year Award

Every year, Elks Lodge 1719 of Tarpon Springs presents the "Charlie K" Officer of the Year Award to officers who were nominated within the department as runner ups.

**Ofc. R Rondos** (pictured center) was nominated by one of our Sergeants wishing to recognize "his extremely hard work ethic and dedication" to our agency and this profession.

**Sgt. J Crawford** (pictured left) was nominated for his "outstanding" leadership, tactical awareness, and his commitment to the goals and objectives of our agency. In addition to performing his supervisory duties on patrol, he oversees our Field Training Officer.

**Ofc. A Warwick** (pictured right) was nominated for being one of the senior officers at the agency, who continuously handles his patrol duties, as well as serving as Officer in Charge in the absence of supervisors. In addition two notable incidents were mentioned that highlighted his knowledge and experience in policing, resulting in the arrest of several felony suspects.

## CONGRATULATIONS



# Cops N Kids

The Tarpon Springs Police Department annual Cops/Kids Christmas program was a great success thanks to all the communities, businesses and citizens who made this year's event possible.

The gifts were provided to low income, at risk children and families who live in the Tarpon springs Community.

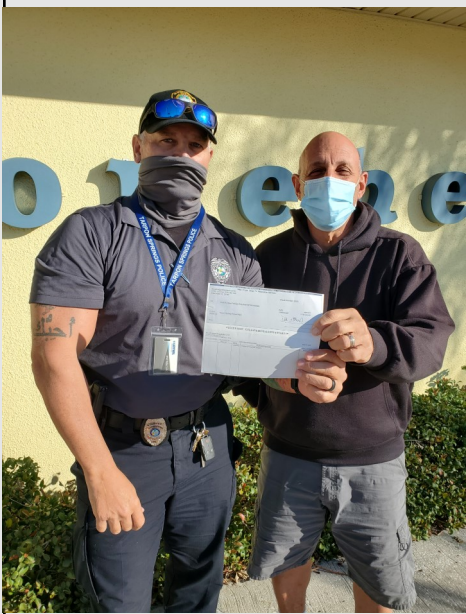
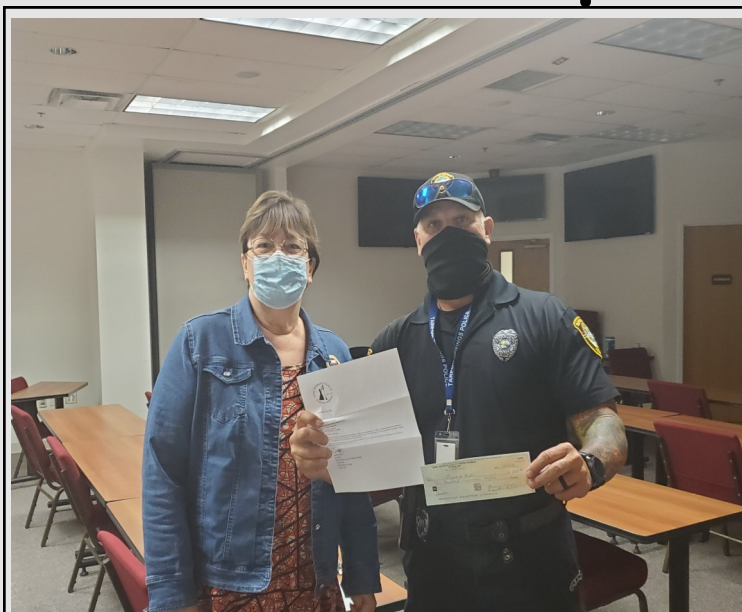
The staff at the Cops N Kids Center enjoy seeing all the smiles from each family who participate in this awesome event.

Thank You all again for making this event possible for the community here in Tarpon Springs.

We received so many photos and cards, here are a few photos showing the support. Lets not forget to say thank you to all who showed up and helped to wrap the gifts that were donated.



# Cops N Kids



# Fire Safety

## Home Fire Sprinklers

Over 80% of fire deaths occur in the home. Home fire sprinklers can save lives and property from fire. They respond quickly and effectively to fire, often extinguishing the fire before the fire department arrives. Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water on the fire.

### SAFETY TIPS

- » Home fire sprinklers save lives and property. In many situations, a family who has survived a fire will also have their "home" to live in and enough of the items and space in their home to continue living their lives as they did before.
- » The cost of a home fire sprinkler system in a new home averages \$1.35 per sprinklered square foot totaling an amount similar to what is spent for carpet upgrades, paving stone driveway or a whirlpool bath.  
Source: Fire Protection Research Foundation Study 2013.
- » A home fire sprinkler system can reduce the homeowner's insurance premium.
- » Fire departments typically use roughly 10 times as much water as a fire sprinkler would use to contain a fire.  
Source: Fire Protection Research Foundation Study 2010.
- » Fire sprinklers are environmentally friendly. They can reduce the amount of water run-off and pollution, fire damage by up to 71%, and water usage to fight a home fire by as much as 91%.  
Source: FM Global and Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition Study 2010.
- » Cigar smoke or burnt toast will not activate a fire sprinkler. Only the high temperature of a fire will activate the sprinkler.
- » A home fire sprinkler system is easy to maintain. Just inspect your home to make sure the sprinklers are not blocked by something that would prevent the water from coming out such as paint and be sure the main control valve is never turned off.
- » Home fire sprinklers are effective in cold and warm climates. Guidelines have been created for the proper installation of systems to avoid pipes freezing. A home fire sprinkler system should be winterized the same as you winterize a domestic water supply.

### And Don't Forget...

- ➔ If **MOVING** into an apartment or condominium building, make sure common areas and individual apartments are sprinklered.
- ➔ If **BUILDING** a new home or remodeling an existing home, consider installing a home fire sprinkler system.

### FACTS

- ❗ More than **2,500** people die in home fires each year.
- ❗ If a home fire occurs, the risk of dying decreases by about **80%** when the home is equipped with a fire sprinkler system.



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# Crime Prevention



## LOCK IT

Ensure your car doors and all doors to your residence are kept locked.



## REMOVE IT

Removing valuables from your car is better than hiding them. This includes garage door openers and spare keys.



## LIGHT IT

Leave exterior residence lights on at night or utilize motion detecting lights.



## CLOSE IT

Keep your garage door closed and double-check it is closed at night.



## HIDE IT

Keep valuables in your garage, car and home out of sight.



## REPORT IT

Report all criminal and suspicious activity immediately.

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January 4, 2021 the Tarpon Springs Police Department led a parade of police vehicles with lights and sirens to wish Happy Birthday to 10 year old Joey Rinebold.

This is just one other way to celebrate a special occasion during these difficult times with the on going COVID-19 pandemic.



*Happy Birthday*



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