



**TARPON SPRINGS**  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

*"Building a Better Future Through Excellence in Policing"*

# CRIMEWATCH NEWSLETTER

**MAY 2021**

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## POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK

On 05/12/2021, the Tarpon Springs Police Department held our annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service for past members of our agency who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. We gathered at the TSPD Memorial with members of our city, friends, and family to honor the brave men who gave their lives in service to this community.

They are:

### William "Rat" Whitehurst

End of Watch: July 4, 1893

### Ruben T. Jones

End of Watch: August 27, 1921

### Everett E. Blewfield

End of Watch: August 16, 1926

### Lanny Rhea Langford

End of Watch: November 18, 1969

### Charles R. Kondak Jr.

End of Watch: December 21, 2014

Please take a moment to pay your respects to these law enforcement officers, who gave their all in service to our city. May they never be forgotten!



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## OFFICER OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to our Officer of the Quarter, **Ofc. Steve Gibson!!!!** A member of the Bravo Late squad, Ofc. Gibson was nominated by Sgt. Brockew for his hard work and excellent work product. Ofc. Gibson is a member of our SWAT Team and was recently selected to become a Field Training Officer (FTO), who will help teach and mold our new hires. Ofc. Gibson not only has a great work ethic, his attitude is just as notable...always smiling and willing to assist!!

Good work, Ofc. Gibson and Congratulations!!!!!!

**K9 OFFICER NGUYEN & K9 “CK” AT USPCA**



Here are some pics of TSPD Officer Nguyen and K9 CK in action competing at the USPCA Region 1 Field Trials from March, so you can see him in action.

Thanks for representing our region and our city well. Thank you for the countless hours spent training to become the best K9 Team you can be. Thank you for your service to Tarpon Springs.

What a team!!!!

**CRIME PREVENTION TIP REMINDER**



**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.

# TARPON SPRINGS SHRED DAY

June 19th, 2021  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**NO DOCUMENTS  
WILL ACCEPTED  
AFTER 1:00 PM**

**EVENT IS FREE**

Tarpon Springs residents only  
(ID IS REQUIRED)

**HELP PREVENT  
IDENTITY THEFT**

**3 FILE SIZE BOXES OR PAPER GROCERY BAGS  
OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

## **DRIVE-THRU SERVICE**

(STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE WHILE OFFICERS TRANSFER YOUR DOCUMENTS TO THE SHRED TRUCK)

## **DOCUMENTS MUST BE FREE OF**

HARD COVERS

BINDERS & BINDER CLIPS

STAPLES & PAPER CLIPS ARE OKAY

## **NOT ALLOWED**

CD'S OR DVD'S

PLASTIC

COMPUTER HARD DRIVES

## **LOCATION**

**905 E. MARTIN LUTHER KING DR.**

(TARPON TOWERS REAR PARKING LOT)

**HOSTED BY**



**ACTION TEAM**



### **BOAT LAUNCH PERMIT INFORMATION AND PRICES**

Boat launches are located at Craig Park and Sunset Beach.

#### **Resident rate = \$26.75 for 12 months**

Proof of City of Tarpon Springs Residency Required –

#### **Must Bring All of the Following:**

1. Any Government Issued Photo Identification  
(Including but not limited to: Drivers' License or passport.
2. Most Recent Utility Bill at the Place of Residence  
(Water and/or Electricity)
3. Current Registration proving licensure and ownership  
of the trailer being permitted

#### **Non-Resident rate = \$107 for 12 months**

1. Must provide current registration proving licensure  
and ownership of the trailer being permitted

#### **30 Day Pass = \$26.75 for 30 days**

1. Must provide current registration proving licensure and  
ownership of the trailer being permitted

To purchase a launch permit please contact the Marina office at 727-946-5658 or the City Clerk's office at 727-942-5614





**CLICK IT  
OR TICKET  
FLORIDA**



## **CLICK IT OR TICKET** Enforcement Mobilization

From May 24 to June 6, Florida law enforcement agencies are joining NHTSA and law enforcement agencies nationwide for the 2021 Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization.

They will be out in full force, cracking down on safety belt violations, issuing citations to anyone caught traveling without a buckled safety belt or transporting unrestrained children. We are determined to get the message across:

**SAFETY BELTS SAVE LIVES**

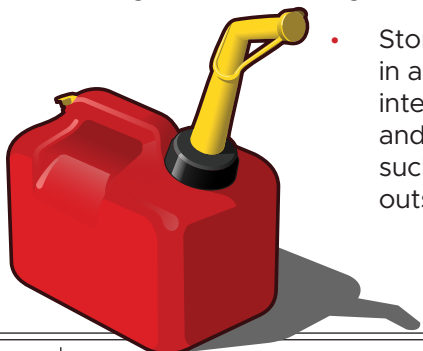




# Generator Safety

**Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks.**

- Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet (1.5 metres) away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot (1.5 metres) distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
- Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.



- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

## Just Remember...

When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.

If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the National Electrical Code® (NEC) and all applicable state and local electrical codes.

## FACT

- ⓘ A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.



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