



**TARPON SPRINGS**  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# CRIMEWATCH NEWSLETTER

**NOVEMBER 2021**

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We'd like to thank the Rotary Club of Tarpon Sunset for recognizing our public safety departments and their work during the Covid-19 response. Chief Jeff Young with the Tarpon Springs Police Department and Chief Scott Young with the Tarpon Springs Fire Rescue were



## Congratulations

Detective Sergeant  
**ROBERT FAUGNO**  
27 YEARS OF SERVICE



Detective Sergeant Robert Faugno, who retired after over 27 years of devoted service to the Tarpon Springs Police Department, the City of Tarpon Springs, and our community.

Sgt. Faugno had started his career here on the patrol, where he served as a Field Training Officer. He was appointed to the detective division and spent many years in the Criminal Investigation Division, where was able to showcase his knowledge, tenacity, and investigative skills. He was known for his attention to detail and took the responsibility of his duties very seriously.

After being promoted to Sergeant, he spent time as the supervisor of the detectives and as a patrol supervisor, retiring from what he loved best - the Criminal Investigations Division (or the Detective Squad, as he liked to call it)!!!



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**AGENCY PROMOTIONS****SERGEANT JOHN SPATZ**

Congratulations to Sgt. John Spatz, who was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant today. Sgt. Spatz, who was hired in 2002, will be overseeing a patrol shift, where he has demonstrated his hard work and dedication for many years. He has been a leader to officers for years and has served as a reliable FTO and a Corporal.

**CORPORAL ROBERT GOMEZ**

Congratulations are in order for Cpl. Robert Gomez, who has been a member of our agency since 2013 and received his promotion to Corporal this afternoon. Cpl. Gomez has served on patrol and in the detective division, as well as being a member of our SWAT Team.

**DETECTIVE SGT. JEFF CRAWFORD**

we want to congratulate Sgt. Jeff Crawford, who will be assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, overseeing our TSPD Detectives.

**OFFICER OF THE QUARTER**

Let's give a round of applause for Ofc. Hazime for being named TSPD Officer of the Quarter!!!

Ofc. Hazime was nominated by one of her supervisors for her excellent work product and teamwork. He noted Ofc. Hazime's DUI enforcement efforts, as she is leading police department in DUI arrests. He also noted that she took the time to become knowledgeable and proficient in these investigations and has sought out and completed additional training courses in regard to impaired driving, which has paid off. The nomination noted: "Ofc. Hazime's hard work and dedication to her craft has shown in her performance and work product."

Ofc. Hazime has been with us for approximately 3.5 years, after serving at another local law enforcement agency, and has demonstrated an excellent work ethic and a teamwork mentality, and, as noted, has continued to develop as an excellent officer.

**OFFICER HAZIME**

Ofc. Hazime was also selected to become a Field Training Officer, tasked with training new recruits upon their hiring. In addition, she played an integral part of in improved mental health benefits and assistance program established for our officers, serving as a point of contact for officer who would need assistance.

Ofc. Hazime, we are proud of you and want to thank you for your dedication and work ethic. Your positive attitude and excellent output does not go unnoticed. Congrats!!!!

**NEW OFFICER AT TSPD****OFFICER JEFF BROWN**

Welcome our newest officer, Ofc. Jeff Brown, who was sworn in today. Ofc. Brown comes to us with over 6 years of law enforcement service at another agency and has joined our family.



Tarpon Springs Police Department, ACTION Unit was busy during the month of October with several events business and community related that were going on around the City.



# PROPERTY CRIME YOU CAN HELP PREVENT IT



## 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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# **SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The Tarpon Springs Police Department's Annual Cops/kids Christmas Program is underway. The Police Department provides gifts to low income and at-risk children and families actively involved in the Tarpon Springs Cops/Kids Program.

The police department is asking for your help in making the wishes of these children come true. We are accepting new unwrapped gifts for children from the age of 2 through 14. We are also accepting cash donations in order to provide those special "Wish List" items.

Checks should be made payable to:

***Tarpon Springs Police Department Cops/Kids Program***

We will begin accepting Gift Donations on November 16th and continue through December 20th.

Cash or check donations can be made anytime. Donations may be dropped off at:

**Tarpon Springs Police Department  
444 S. Huey Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689  
(any day, any time)**

If you have any questions please call us at (727) 938-2849

**The Tarpon Springs Police Department Cops/Kids Program does not ask for donations by telephone solicitation and any calls like this may be fraudulent.**



*There's  
Snow Place  
Like  
Tarpon  
Springs*



**FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 3RD  
5 PM-10PM**

**2021  
SNOW PLACE LIKE TARPON SPRINGS**

- ❄️ **CHILDRENS CRAFTS**
- ❄️ **TREE LIGHTING @ 6PM**
- ❄️ **ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS**
- ❄️ **HOLIDAY DANCERS**
- ❄️ **LIVE MUSIC & DJ'S**
- ❄️ **LOCAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING**
- ❄️ **LOCAL RESTAURANTS**

- ❄️ **FOOD VENDORS**
- ❄️ **BOAT PARADE @ 8PM**
- ❄️ **SANTA CLAUS**
- ❄️ **SNOW SLIDES**
- ❄️ **FALLING SNOW**
- ❄️ **STREET PERFORMERS**
- ❄️ **TRAIN RIDES**

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WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL  
THEIR HARD WORK.

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# TARPON SPRINGS

## *Christmas Parade*



The City of Tarpon Springs and the Chamber of Commerce collaborate on this yearly community parade. Family friendly event that includes and represents over 75 organizations in the area!

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

T O M H A N K S  
**THE POLAR EXPRESS**



**DECEMBER 18**

**4:30PM**

**SPLASHPARK FIELD**

**508 LIVE OAK ST.**

**Santa Claus will be available for pictures from 4:30-6pm.**

**Enjoy free hot dogs & drinks from Publix, while supplies last.**

**Movie begins at dusk.**



TAPPON SPRINGS RECREATION PRESENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH SHANGHAI-LA ENTERTAINMENT A PLAYTONE/IMAGEOVERS/GOLDEN MEAN PRODUCTION A ROBERT ZEMECKIS FILM FROM TOM HANKS  
"THE POLAR EXPRESS" FOOD DONATED BY PUBLIX SUPERMARKETS FOOD CREDITS BY TAPPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT MUSIC SCORED BY ALAN SILVESTRI  
PRODUCTION DESIGNER: RICK CARTER AND DOUG CHANG DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: DON BURGESS, A.S.C. AND ROBERT PRESLEY





Just prior to Thanksgiving, Alpha Early Squad wanted to assist families in need of services by providing prepared meals for the Thanksgiving holiday. SRO Volker and Sgt. Mathis were contacted to see if they knew of any families that could use additional assistance.

SRO Volker was quickly able to identify five families that were in need of services and a little extra assistance during this time. Sgt. Mathis said he would like to personally donate money towards providing food for the families. Alpha Early Squad also selflessly provided money and a collection was gathered.

A restaurant in New Port Richey (Central Park Family Restaurant) was offering a fully cooked Turkey dinner for 4 with all the sides. On 11/24/2021 Cpl. Maclsaac, Ofc. Volker and Sgt. Spatz arrived at Central park to pick up the food to be delivered to the families.

The owners of Central Park restaurant advised they were made aware officers of the Tarpon Springs Police Department were purchasing the food and donating it to families in need. The owners (Matt & Megan Ferro) advised the officers they were donating the food to our cause and selflessly refused to take any money.

Upon returning with the food, the officers mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Ferro's generous act and asked the officers the shift what they would like to do with the money collected. The officers advised they would roll the money collected over towards a Christmas fund to buy gifts for the Cops & Kids annual toy drive.

The food was delivered to the families, who were grateful and expressed their thankfulness towards the officers and the department.

We would like to recognize the following officers for their selfless act of service and dedication to our community. Sgt. T. Mathis, Sgt. J. Spatz, SRO. W. Volker, Cpl. S. Maclsaac, Ofc. C. Brinker, Ofc. J. Smith, Ofc. B. Rose and Ofc. J. Hollingsworth.

The officers, along with the owners of the Central Park restaurant who did not want any recognition for this selfless act of service, but we believe they should be recognized.

These excellent officers are a credit to this agency, the community and themselves and we thank them and Central Park restaurant for their generosity and kindness.

Great Job Alpha Early Squad and Central Park restaurant!

# Burn and Scald Prevention



## Prevent burns and scalds in the kitchen:

- Place objects so that they cannot be pulled down or knocked over.
- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- Use dry oven mitts or potholders. Hot cookware can heat moisture in a potholder or hot pad, resulting in a scald burn.
- Wear short, close-fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove.



## General first aid for burns and scalds:

- Treat a burn right away by putting it in cool water. Cool the burn for three to five minutes.
- Cover burn with a clean, dry cloth. Do not apply creams, ointments, sprays or other home remedies.
- Remove all clothing, diapers, jewelry and metal from the burned area. These can hide underlying burns and retain heat, which can increase skin damage.



For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit  
**[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)**.



**Tarpon Springs  
Fire Rescue**

