

# TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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*Building a Better Future Through Excellence in Policing*

## TARPON SPRINGS BUSINESS CRIME WATCH

The Tarpon Springs Police Department would like to commend Officer Brinker (pictured on the left with Chief Kochen and Major Young) for the TSPD Officer of the Quarter! Officer Brinker was also awarded a Departmental Letter of Commendation for her actions involving an armed suicidal subject call, to which she was able to bring about a safe and effective resolution.

Officer S Faugno (pictured on the right with Chief Kochen and Major Young) and Officer Brinker, received the Life Saving award for their actions in providing aid to an individual that was in great medical distress.

**Congratulations**



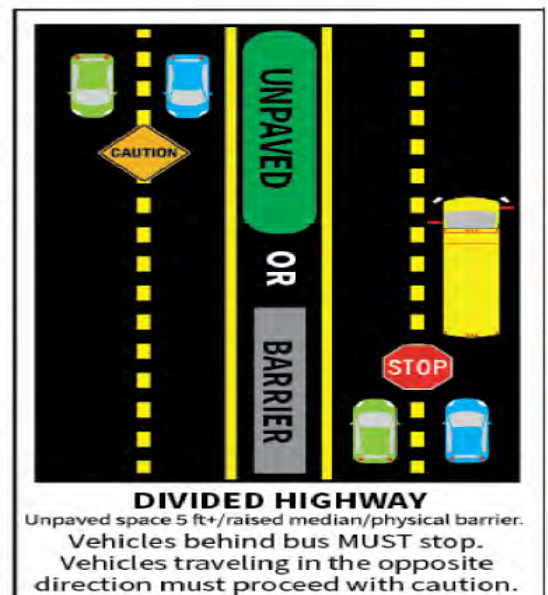
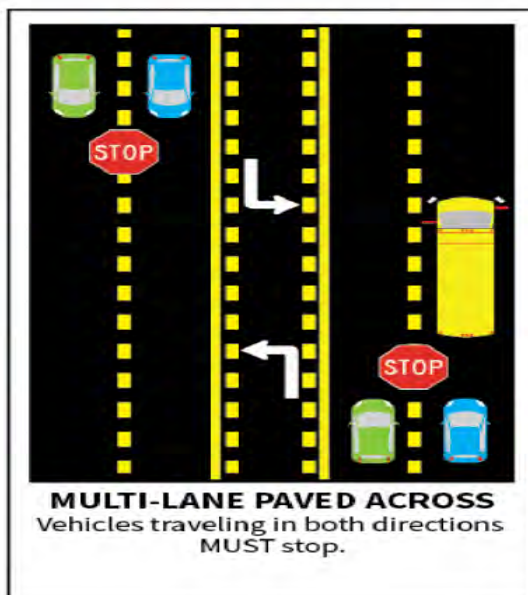
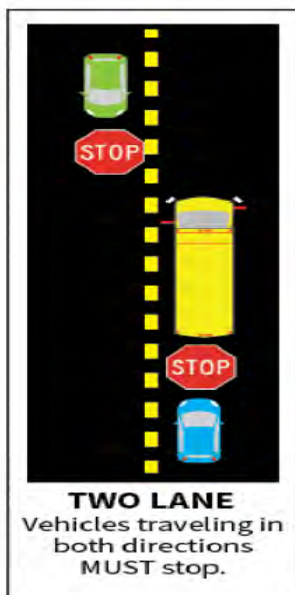


# Traffic Safety



## Traffic Safety

- It is illegal to pass a school bus when it displays a stop signal.
- Fines are doubled when speeding in a school zone or designated school crossing.
- It is illegal to have a hand held device (cellphone) in your hand while traveling in a active school zone. (Hand Free Zone)



Tarpon Springs Police Department at 727-937-6151 or to the Tarpon Springs Police Department Traffic Unit at 727-939-4495 or via email: [alltspdtraffic@tspd.us](mailto:alltspdtraffic@tspd.us)



## 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.

Police-727-937-6151

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# Fire Safety

## Marina & Boating Safety

Boats can be a great source of summer fun and leisure. But, boaters, swimmers, and marina staff must be aware of dangers in and around the water. Electrical hazards and carbon monoxide (CO) bring unique risks to the boating world. Learn to protect people and pets from these dangers.

### ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- ❗ Never allow swimming near the boat, marina, or launching ramp. Residual current could flow into the water from the boat or the marina's wiring. This can put anyone at risk of electrical shock drownings (ESD).
- ❗ Be sure your boat is well maintained. Have it inspected each year. Ask a qualified marine electrician to do this job.
- ❗ Ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) and equipment leakage circuit interrupters (ELCIs) should be installed and tested monthly. Run tests to find out if electrical current is leaking from the boat.
- ❗ Only use cords intended for marine use. Never use household cords near water.
- ❗ Know where your main breakers are on both the boat and the shore power source. This will help you respond quickly in an emergency.

### CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

- ❗ Poorly tuned engines produce more CO. Keep your engine properly maintained. Follow manufacturer's instructions for service.
- ❗ Proper ventilation for engine and generator exhaust vents must be clear and pipes should be inspected for leaks.
- ❗ Get into fresh air right away and get help if you feel symptoms of CO poisoning. These include headache, fatigue, confusion, dizziness, nausea, or seizures. The symptoms can be similar to seasickness. Assume it is CO exposure until you are sure the boat is safe.
- ❗ Do not swim near the boat's exhaust vents. CO accumulates there.
- ❗ Install CO alarms inside your boat. Test CO alarms before each trip.
- ❗ Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- ❗ If the CO alarm sounds, move to a fresh air location right away.



### KNOW THE RISKS!

Electrical shock drownings can occur when marina electrical systems leak electrical current into the water. Boats can also serve as the source of an electrical leakage. Leakage can cause a shock that can injure, disable, or kill a person.

Carbon Monoxide is a gas you cannot see, taste, or smell. It is often called the "invisible killer." CO is created when fuels such as gasoline, diesel, or propane do not burn fully. CO is also produced when wood or charcoal is burned.

Sources of CO on your boat may include engines, gas generators, and cooking ranges. Space and water heaters can also be sources of CO. CO can collect anywhere in or around a boat. The gas is harmful to both people and to pets.

### FACT

CO can remain in or around your boat at unsafe levels even if the engine has been turned off.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269

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Fire Rescue**



# Stay Alert!!!!



## The most common banking scams include:

[Overpayment scams](#) - A scam artist sends you a counterfeit check. They tell you to deposit it in your bank account and wire part of the money back to them. Since the check was fake, you'll have to pay your bank the amount of the check, plus you'll lose any money you wired.

[Unsolicited check fraud](#) - A scammer sends you a check for no reason. If you cash it, you may be authorizing the purchase of items or signing up for a loan you didn't ask for.

[Automatic withdrawals](#) - A scam company sets up automatic debits from your bank account to qualify for a free trial or to collect a prize.

[Phishing](#) - You receive an email message that asks you to verify your bank account or debit card number.



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**Emergency #911**

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