

# TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Sept. 2020

*Building a Better Future Through Excellence in Policing*

The Tarpon Springs Police Department participated in the 2019-2020 Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge and placed 1st Place out of 21 other Police Agencies based on the size of the departments (51-100 Officers).

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Category 4 (51-100 Officers)

First Place—Tarpon Springs Police Department



Second Place—Sweetwater Police Department



Third Place—Coconut Creek Police Department



#### Category 4

Altamonte Springs Police Department  
Aventura Police Department  
Baker County Sheriff's Office  
Cape Canaveral Precinct - Brevard County SO  
Clermont Police Department  
Coconut Creek Police Department  
Jacksonville Beach Police Department  
Leesburg Police Department  
Maitland Police Department  
Ocoee Police Department  
Panama City Beach Police Department  
Plant City Police Department  
Port Orange Police Department  
Rockledge Police Department  
St. Augustine Police Department  
Suwannee County Sheriff's Office  
Sweetwater Police Department  
Tarpon Springs Police Department  
Temple Terrace Police Department  
Vero Beach Police Department  
West Melbourne Police Department



# Thank YOU

THE ELKS LODGE HELPS THE COMMUNITY!

**The Elks Lodge has once again stepped up and donated a check for \$2,000.00. The money will help purchase school supplies for the children in the community.**

**Thank You for the continuing support!!!!!!!**



Cops'n Kids

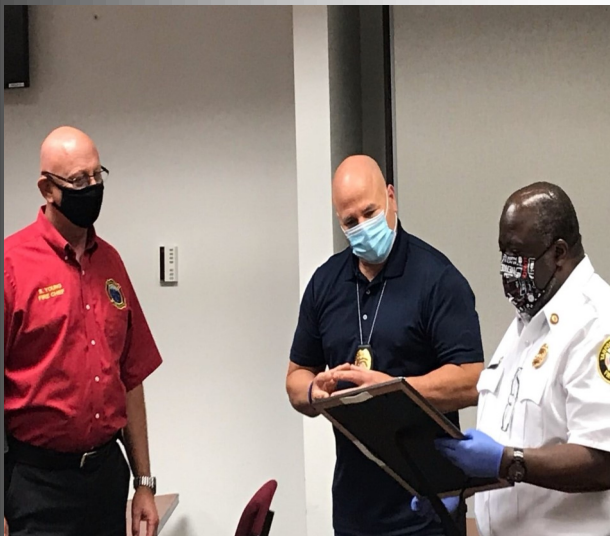


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**Rev. Milton Smith, representing the Tarpon Springs Ministerial Association, visited our Public Safety Building to show their appreciation for the Tarpon Springs Police Department and Fire Rescue.**

**In addition to presenting the Chiefs with a plaque showing their support and thankfulness, they provided a delicious lunch. For the past 3 years, on September 11th, the association and their partners have made it a point to recognize our agencies and bless us with some good food.**



### Tarpon Springs Police and Fire Departments

Local First Responders- 9/11/2020



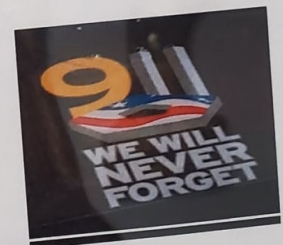
You put your lives on the line to protect the City of Tarpon Springs and neighboring communities.

Dispatchers, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics – you handle events as they transpire to ensure our safety and provide medical care.

**THANK YOU for YOUR labor of love, courageousness, safeguarding each of us.**

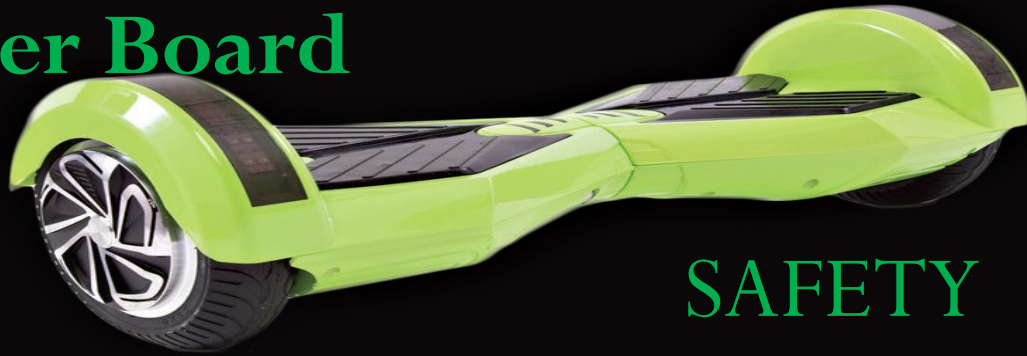
We appreciate you!

Tarpon Springs Ministerial Association



# Fire Safety

## Hover Board



**SAFETY**

**Hover board — part toy, part transportation. These self-balancing scooters have quickly become the latest fad. However, many hover boards have been linked to fires. NFPA urges you to be fire safe when using these devices.**

**If you purchase a hover board**

- Choose a device with the seal of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read and follow all manufacturer directions. If you do not understand the directions, ask for help.
- An adult should be responsible for charging the hover board.
- Do not leave a charging hover board unattended.
- Never leave the hover board plugged in overnight.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the hover board.
- Stop using your hover board if it overheats.
- Extreme hot or cold temperature can hurt the battery.

## NEW TO MARKET

Hover boards are fairly new to the mass market. Be on the lookout for updates from manufacturers and safety groups.

## NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

## Signs of a Problem

Some hover board fires have involved the Lithium-Ion battery or charger. Signs you could have a problem:

- Leaking fluids
- Excessive heat
- Odor
- Sparking
- Smoke

If you notice any of these signs, stop using the device right away.

## Travel Notes

• Many airlines have banned hover boards. If you plan to fly with a hover board, be sure to check with your air carrier.

• When riding in a car, keep the hover board where you can see it in case it shows signs of a problem.

**Tarpon Springs  
Fire Rescue**



# Stay Alert!!!!



## SENIOR SCAMS

Seniors lose billions of dollars every year to scams. Protecting our seniors starts with talking to them about different types of scams and how to avoid becoming a victim.

Popular Scam:

*"The Grandparent or Family Emergency Scam"*



## How It Works:

- \* Senior gets a call from a person impersonating a grandchild or relative saying they have an emergency, i.e. they are in jail, their car broke down, been involved in an accident or kidnapped and they need money **QUICK**.
- \* At times they call at night to appear legitimate and/or have others in their story.
- \* They ask for Money to be wired to them immediately.
- \* They ask that it be kept a secret.

For more info: Tarpon Springs Police Dept.

## What Should I Do?

1. *Resist the urge to act immediately*  
No matter how dramatic the story.
2. *Verify and ask questions*  
Ask hard questions for a stranger to guess.  
Tell someone and call the person named to let them know what is happening to verify the information.
3. *Report it*  
Report all crimes/ See Something Say Something: 727-937-6151

Officer A. Boone E-mail: [tspdcrimeprev@tspd.us](mailto:tspdcrimeprev@tspd.us)





Join us for a fun drive-thru event!  
Dress up in costume & go to all of the  
locations listed to collect treats from  
the various trunks on display.

 **TARPON SPRINGS  
RECREATION**  
TSRDONLINE.COM 727-942-5628

**Community Center** 400 S Walton Ave.  
**Splash Park** 508 Live Oak St.  
**Craig Park** 5 Beekman Ln.



# 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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(727) 938-2849  
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**IF YOU SEE  
SOMETHING,  
SAY  
SOMETHING.**

**REPORT  
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY  
TO THE POLICE**

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