

# WATCHWORD

TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER 🏠 APRIL 2006

## RESULTS OF THE 2006 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE

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### CITY OF TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

*By: CPP Maryanne Hunsberger*

Congratulations to the following neighborhoods who nominated their respective communities for programs, projects and events in which they have worked on during the past twelve months. The purpose of the program is to recognize and encourage neighborhoods that have been active in civic affairs and have worked collectively to improve and enrich their communities and the lives of their residents.

#### **MOST SUCCESSFUL YOUTH PROJECT**

Young Islanders of Davis Island	Runner-Up	12 years and under
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#### **MOST SUCCESSFUL SPECIAL EVENT**

Mayfair/Tampa Palms	Winner	Small sub-division
Sherwood Heights	Runner Up	Large sub-division
Hyde Park	Runner Up	Small sub-division

#### **BEST CRIME WATCH PROGRAM OR PROJECT**

Evelyn City Neighborhood Watch	Runner Up	Large sub-division
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#### **BEST NEWSLETTER**

Virginia Park	Winner	Large sub-division
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#### **BEST WEBSITE**

Tampa Heights Civic Association	Winner	Large sub-division
Virginia Park	Runner-Up	Large sub-division

## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CELEBRATES...

### “OLDER AMERICANS MONTH”

*By: CPP Maryanne Hunsberger*

May is “Older Americans Month,” and Hillsborough County’s Department of Aging Services has planned a variety of activities to celebrate the life and achievements of senior citizens. Celebration activities include:

#### **SENIORS’ DAY IN THE PARK**

May 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MacFarlane Park

1700 N. MacDill Ave., Tampa, FL

Free and open to the public.

More than 600 seniors throughout Hillsborough County attend this event to enjoy various outdoor activities. Senior groups and agencies serving seniors in Hillsborough County are provided tables to showcase their services to the attendees. Entertainment and games are also highlights of this event.

#### **ANNUAL ELDERLY AFFAIRS DAY CELEBRATION**

May 10, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

J.L. Young Apartments

8220 N. Florida Ave., Tampa, FL

The Department of Aging Services in partnership with the Tampa Housing Authority is hosting an Elderly Affairs

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## "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" *continued*

Day to promote healthy living and utilization of services available to seniors. The day will include a formal program with guest speaker Ms. Carole Green, Secretary for the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. The day will also include on site vendors providing direct access to health/wellness information and screenings.

### **32nd ANNUAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

**May 18, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Doors open at 11:15 a.m.**

**Double Tree Hotel**

**4500 W. Cypress St., Tampa, FL**

The department celebrates the accomplishments of its senior volunteers at a Recognition Luncheon. Nearly five hundred seniors, guests and agency representatives participate. Awards are presented for Exceptional Service, including the most prestigious award, the Volunteer of the Year. Tickets are available for this event.

### **SENIORS' PROM**

**May 12, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Brandon Recreation Center**

**510 East Sadie St., Brandon, FL**

Seniors gather together for a day of socializing, music and dancing. Two attendees will be crowned as Prom King and Queen of the event.

### **SENIORS' PAINTING FESTIVAL**

**May 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI)**

**4801 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL**

Free and open to the public. This annual painting festival is held exclusively for artists, age 60 and over, who are residents of Hillsborough County. It serves to promote community awareness and a positive image of Aging in America. Last year's art show displayed more than 200 original paintings by 85 distinct artists.

### **2006 NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS DAY**

**May 31, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

An estimated 150,000 older adults will participate in local fitness activities as part of the 13th annual National Senior Health & Fitness Day, the nation's largest health promotion event for older adults. Organized as a public/private good health partnership by the Mature Market Resource Center (MMRC), Senior Health & Fitness Day will offer fitness activities for older adults at more than 1,000 locations including hospitals, park and recreation departments, senior centers, health clubs, retirement communities, houses of worship, health departments and other community locations throughout the country. Contact the senior center nearest you for a complete listing of schedule activities in your area.

Mark your calendar for what promises to be a month of celebration and excitement. Don't miss the action! For more information, contact Aging Services at (813) 272-6630.

### **Make your Vehicle "Fit"**

One thing older drivers can do to adapt to factors that affect their driving is to make changes to their vehicle to make it "fit" better. These adjustments will make drivers more comfortable and in control in their vehicles. Come see if you "fit" your vehicle.

**Date: May 12th, 2006**

**Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Location: Bill Currie Ford**

**Address: Dale Mabry Highway  
Tampa, Florida**

Please call Yoli Buss at (813) 289-5831 for additional information and reservations to have you "fit" your car. It only takes 15 minutes and it will make you a safer and more comfortable driver.

## **DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHO YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE?**

*By: CPP Maryanne Hunsberger*

**Source:** *Ladies Home Journal*

Thanks to Megan's Law, all states must make the names and addresses of certain convicted sex offenders public. But government web sites can be cumbersome to navigate and may merely list information without allowing users to search by neighborhood. Now new private Webbased services make such data easier for parents to access.

At [www.mapsexoffenders.com](http://www.mapsexoffenders.com) was founded by Mark and Aaron Olsen when they heard that a local Boy Scout was missing. Finding government registries frustrating, Aaron combined data with Google Maps so that parents can look up their own addresses and see at once if sex offenders live nearby, as well as if any reside near schools, churches and other places kids are likely to be. Currently forty-two states are mapped.

Similar sites include:

[www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us),  
[www.sexoffendersreport.com](http://www.sexoffendersreport.com) and  
[www.childsafenet.org](http://www.childsafenet.org), all of which encourage responsible legal use of their information. Organizers of these web sites advise that the information from these locations used only to alert children and adults places to avoid.

### **2006 TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT:**  
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# CRIST CAUTIONS FLORIDIANS AGAINST FLOOD-DAMAGED VEHICLES

By: MPO M. Fleita

**Source:** Florida Attorney General's Office

Attorney General Charlie Crist issued a consumer alert cautioning Floridians against buying used vehicles that may have been flood-damaged by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. As many as 600,000 vehicles throughout Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida may have been affected by the storms and are now being shipped to other states by auto wholesalers.

A flooded car is the personal property of the owner and it is not illegal to sell it, but both the buyer and the seller should be aware that the car has been flooded. Some sellers may try to scam the buyer by concealing the car's water damage, and the buyer would end up with a car that has serious problems caused by the floodwater.

"Citizens should be extra careful when buying an automobile, especially a used car," said Crist. "By concealing the damage, unethical individuals can pass a car off as a good bargain, when in fact it is nothing more than a water-soaked lemon. If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is."

Safety is one of the primary concerns when buying a flood-damaged car. An unsuspecting buyer could be stuck with a car that does not function properly and could place them and their loved ones in serious danger. Common problems with flood cars include engines, anti-lock brake systems and airbag systems that may malfunction, ruined electrical components and mold and mildew throughout the air conditioner and heating systems.

Several services are available for consumers and auto dealers to check Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) to help determine if a particular vehicle has a flood-damage record. The National Insurance Crime Bureau has compiled a database of vehicles affected by the hurricanes, which can be searched by the public free of charge. The database is available at <http://www.nicb.org>. Carfax is also helping protect unsuspecting buyers by making all of its flood information available to consumers and dealers free of charge at <http://www.carfax.com/flood>.

## TRAVEL SAFELY

By: CPP Maryanne Hunsberger

*At home or away, staying alert can save the day!*

- If you are driving, make sure your vehicle has been properly serviced and is in suitable condition for the trip.
- Try to have specific directions and routes to your destination.
- If you get lost, call the local police for directions or assistance.
- Always keep your vehicle doors and windows locked
- At stop lights and other traffic delays, leave enough space in front of your vehicle so that you have an escape option in case of an emergency.
- Let someone know the route you intend to travel and your itinerary. This will help authorities in locating you if there is a need to do so.
- Plan your trip carefully and allow for factors such as weather, fatigue, facilities for lodging, food and fuel.
- Ask the hotel or motel staff about their security measures so you know what to expect.
- Use the hotel safe to store your valuables during your stay.
- Staying alert, remembering safety tips may make your vacation more pleasant and enjoyable. Being a victim of crime is not fun.

# HOW TO DEAL WITH SOMEONE THREATENING YOU WITH A WEAPON

By: CPP Maryanne Hunsberger

**Source:** Crime/Punishment

Most workplace violence is committed by strangers, usually while committing another crime such as robbery or burglary. If you come face-to-face with someone threatening you with a gun, knife, or other weapon, there are steps that you can take to make the situation less dangerous:

- Stay calm. If you get the opportunity, quietly signal for help.
- Maintain eye contact with the assailant.
- Stall for time until help arrives or you can try to escape.
- Keep talking, but follow instructions from the person who has the weapon. Let them know that you are cooperating.
- Do not try to grab the weapon
- Watch for a possible chance to escape to a safe area.
- Do not be a hero and risk harm to yourself or others.
- Do not verbally or physically challenge the person with the weapon
- Make no sudden moves. If you need to move, tell the person with the weapon first.
- Do not resist.

### Tips:

Be prepared to give the assailant your cash, wallet or jewelry. It is not worth the risk. Your life is more valuable than material possessions, which can be replaced.

Try to remember the assailant's appearance and clothing, but do so carefully, without staring.

After the confrontation call 9-1-1 as soon as possible. Notifying the police quickly will increase the chance of apprehending the suspect and preventing future victims.

# LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

By: MPO M. Fleita

**Source:** Florida Attorney General's Office

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides grants to local governments and non-profit agencies to assist eligible low-income households in meeting the costs of home heating and cooling. The majority of the funds are used for utility payment assistance.

The program can assist customers in paying their home energy expenses. Three categories of assistance exist: home energy assistance, crisis assistance, and weather related or supply shortage emergency assistance. Each category has unique requirements.

To be eligible for the program, household income may not exceed 150% of the poverty guidelines and allowable and unallowable sources of income\*. If the household's income is greater than this amount, the household may still be eligible because some types of income are not counted. The household must provide proof, such as a utility bill, that they are responsible for all or part of the energy costs for the household. Please call your local agency\* to verify that funds are available, what documents will be needed, and when and where they are accepting applications. Typically, applicants will need the following:

- Copy or original of energy bill.
- For applicant only - Copy of identification (ID, voter registration card, driver's license.)
- Copies of proof of income for every member of the household. Proof can be the following:
- Letter from employer or consecutive pay stubs showing gross income for at least the last thirty days or an income tax return.
- Award letter or letter from individual or agency from which income is received.

- SSA, SSI, VA, Pension, Welfare
- Child Support/Alimony
- Friends or Relatives
- Any other income source
- Proof that you are receiving assistance from:
  - Food Stamps
  - Weatherization Assistance Program
  - Community Services Block Grant Program
- In the absence of proof of income, program administrators may allow an applicant to sign a self-declaration form on a case-by-case basis. This may be used **ONLY** when an applicant has no proof.

## 2005-2006

### Household Income Limits

\*The following income limits are based on 100% of the national poverty guidelines as published in the Federal Register, Vol. 70, Number 33, February 18, 2005.

#### Number of People in Household 150%

1	\$14,355
2	\$19,245
3	\$24,135
4	\$29,025
5	\$33,915
6	\$38,805
7	\$43,695
8	\$48,585

Add this amount (\$4,890) for each additional person in the household with more than 8 people.

# ARE YOU GOING ON VACATION? HELP BURGLARS TAKE ONE TOO!

By: CPP Maryanne Hunsberger

***An empty house is a tempting target for a burglar. Use this checklist of tips to help safeguard your home while you're away.***

- Have good locks on all doors and windows and **USE THEM!**
- Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you're away. It's a good idea to leave your vacation address and telephone number with a neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
- Never leave your house key hidden outside your home.
- Stop all deliveries, or arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers and packages.
- Arrange for someone to mow your lawn, rake leaves and maintain the yard to give the home a lived-in look.
- Plug in timers to turn light, a radio or television on and off at appropriate times. This helps to disguise the fact that you are away.
- Turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low. If a burglar is around, he won't be alerted to your absence by a ringing phone.
- Don't announce your absence on answering machine messages.
- Leave your blinds, shades and curtains in a normal position. Don't close them unless that is what you do when you are home.
- Close and lock garage doors and windows. Ask a neighbor to occasionally park in your driveway. If you leave your car at home, park it as you normally would. Vehicles parked outside should be moved occasionally to appear that they are being used.
- Secure storage sheds, attic entrances and gates.
- Be sure to take advantage of Tampa Police Department's "Vacation Watch" program. Patrol officers periodically check the exterior of your home. Contact your District Crime Prevention Team for more information about vacation watch.
- Engrave your valuables as recommended in Operation I.D. or use the Operation Inventory program. Contact your District Crime Prevention Team for more information about these programs. These simple steps will allow your stolen property to be identified and returned to you if recovered by the police.



# PHONY EMAIL PROMISES BUSINESS GAIN, DELIVERS BANK LOSS

By: MPO M. Fleita

**Source:** Florida Attorney General's Office

Attorney General Charlie Crist issued a consumer alert warning Floridians of an email scam that targets businesses. Crist said at least one Florida bank has already been affected by the scam, which offers a business venture but in reality compromises the security of bank accounts.

The scam begins as an email, sent from "[manabu\\_hamaichi@yahoo.com](mailto:manabu_hamaichi@yahoo.com)" to a targeted business. The email claims that an individual named Manabu Hamamoto is looking for manufacturer's representatives to sell equipment. If the recipient is interested, Hamamoto sends a check for more than \$40,000 to cover the starting costs of the venture.

The check is drawn on the account of Caleb Haley & Co. LLC, issued by the Apple Bank for Savings in New York. Both Caleb Haley & Co. and Apple Bank are legitimate institutions, but the check is a copy of one stolen from the mail and altered to be payable to the business Hamamoto has targeted. The check looks real, complete with a watermark, but the account has been closed and the check will not be honored.

The target of the scam is instructed to deposit the check into its bank account and immediately let Hamamoto know so he can transfer funds to the equipment sellers, one of the duties the business supposedly must perform as a manufacturer's representative. Even though the checks are fraudulent, some banks have accepted them, providing a possible opening for Hamamoto to transfer funds out of business accounts.

"This is yet another example of a clever con artist targeting law-abiding citizens," said Crist. "Floridians should remember that legitimate business opportunities do not just show up in their email inbox - they result from hard work and careful planning. It is important to remember that in this email age, promises from strangers should be viewed as a potentially devastating scam."

Floridians who have received an email from Manabu Hamamoto or [manabu\\_hamaichi@yahoo.com](mailto:manabu_hamaichi@yahoo.com) are advised to contact the Attorney General's Office at 1-866-9-NO-SCAM (1-866-966-7226) or file a compliant online at [www.myfloridalegal.com](http://www.myfloridalegal.com).

# TIME TO PRE-REGISTER FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2006

By: CPP Maryanne Hunsberger



The 23rd Annual National Night Out (NNO), a unique crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the

National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2006. NATW would like every neighborhood participating in NNO to register their event at [www.nationaltownwatch.org](http://www.nationaltownwatch.org)

We would also like you to contact your District Crime Prevention Team advising them that your neighborhood will be participating in National Night Out 2006. These lists will be used to divide Tampa Police Department's assets and manpower among the many community events. Don't forget to take lots of pictures at your 2006 NNO event, these will be needed for the after action report that NNO requires. More information will follow in future Watchwords.

# MOVE OVER ACT

By: CPP Maryanne Hunsberger

**Source:** Florida Highway Patrol

Drivers are now required to "move over" or "slow down" when approaching an authorized emergency vehicle that is stopped on a highway in Florida. The "Move Over Act", passed during the 2002 session of the Florida Legislature, was signed by Governor Jeb Bush on May 1, 2002.

There are several important provisions concerning this new law, which took effect July 1, 2002. On interstate highways or other highways with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle, and except when otherwise directed by a law enforcement

officer, drivers approaching a law enforcement or other authorized emergency vehicle parked on a roadway with their emergency lights activated, are required to vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle, as soon as it is safe to do so.

When approaching a law enforcement or other authorized emergency vehicle parked on a two-lane roadway with their emergency lights activated, and except when otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer, drivers are required to slow to a speed that is 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit when the posted speed limit

is 25 miles per hour or greater; or travel at 5 miles per hour when the posted speed limit is 20 miles per hour or less. A violation of this act will be a moving violation punishable with a \$60 fine and three-points.

The "Move Over Act", designed to protect law enforcement and other emergency workers on our highways, was sponsored by Senator Victor Crist, District 13, Tampa, and Representative Mark Flanagan, District 68, Bradenton. The support of the International Union of Police Associations (IUPA) was instrumental in getting this important piece of legislation passed.

## DISTRICT ONE CRIME PREVENTION TEAM

### WHAT IS D.L.I.S.?

D.L.I.S. is an acronym for District Latent Investigative Squad. Each district has a D.L.I.S. that is assigned cases that deal with property crimes, which include residential and commercial buildings, as well as automobiles. If a patrol officer writes a police report where there are possible suspects, or there are valuables that can be identified (i.e. serial #s), the police report is referred to D.L.I.S and a detective is assigned. They work with the patrol units, pawn specialist, Q.U.A.D. squad, and Street-Anti Crime (SAC) squad to identify and apprehend suspects.

### Air conditioning thief caught, and stolen property returned.

Throughout February and March of 2006, the Tampa Police Department received several reports regarding airconditioning units that were being stolen. The victims included homes and one church in the South Tampa area that were under construction.

The investigation led to a suspect who was stealing airconditioning units, and then selling them to clients at a "reduced" price. The suspect was arrested with multiple larceny charges, and six of the units were returned to the owners.

**Good Job!**

**Detective DeGuispe & D.L.I.S.  
District One**

## DISTRICT TWO CRIME PREVENTION TEAM

### FIELD TRAINING AND EVALUATION PROGRAM

*Submitted by: FTEP Lt. Jill Kwiatkowski*

Did you ever wonder how much training a new officer goes through during the probationary period with the Tampa Police Department? The training is probably more extensive than you would assume. The staff of the Tampa Police Department takes this program very seriously as you will see in this article.

Prior to employment the candidate will have obtained their Florida Law Enforcement Certification from the Police Academy administered by numerous community colleges locally. Candidates go thru an extensive screening process prior to the offer of employment with TPD.

Once a candidate gains employment they are classified as a Probationary Officer. The orientation process begins with a 6 week hold over program. During this part of the program the Probationary Officer will spend a lot of time in the class room learning the TPD way. They will gain experience thru scenario based training in high liability areas such as driving, firearms and defensive tactics. During this phase of the orientation the Probationary Officer is also introduced to the expectations of the Field Training and Evaluation Program (FTEP) which he or she must successfully complete.

Upon completion of hold-over training the Probationary Officer is assigned to a Field Training Squad in one of the three districts. The Field Training Squad consists of a Sergeant, Corporal and eleven Field Training Officers. The primary responsibility of the Field Training Officer is to train, observe and evaluate daily the Probationary Officer. This phase of the training is very hands on and interactive. There are 4 phases to this part of the program.

Phase 1 consists of six weeks. The first two weeks are an observation period allowing the Probationary Officer the opportunity to gain confidence and

learn thru experience. The Probationary Officer is not graded during the observation period to allow for confidence in decision making and also to provide for a period of transition from the classroom setting to the responsibilities and demands of being a Police Officer on the street handling calls for service. The remaining four weeks begin the evaluation process.

Phase 2 consists of four weeks. The Probationary Officer is transferred to a second FTEP squad in another district. A second FTO is assigned and the daily evaluations continue. During each phase the expectations placed upon the Probationary Officer escalate.

Phase 3 consists of four weeks. The Probationary Officer is again transferred to a third district and assigned another FTO. Upon completion of Phase 3 the Probationary Officer will have been exposed to all three districts and multiple FTO's in an attempt to provide well rounded experience in a learning environment.

Phase 4 consists of two weeks. The Probationary Officer is transferred back to his or her original (Phase 1) district and FTO. During this phase the Probationary Officer will handle all calls for service on their own under the direct supervision of the FTO. The Probationary Officer must score 100% on every daily observation report during this phase for successful completion.

Once the Probationary Officer has successfully completed the FTEP program he or she is assigned to a Patrol Squad. The remainder of the probationary training is the responsibility of the Patrol Sergeant.

In District 2 the FTEP squad is lead by Sergeant J. Fish and Corporal J. Wester. Both of these supervisors have the experience, dedication and patience necessary for the successful administration of this program. The eleven FTO's assigned to this squad are extremely dedicated to providing all Probationary Officers with the tools and training necessary for them to be successful.

I hope after taking the time to read this article you will recognize the significant time and effort put into probationary training as TPD continues to elevate the bar on performance and professional standards for all employees.

# DISTRICT THREE CRIME PREVENTION TEAM

## RESIDENT ALERT

District Three is currently having an increase in Breaking and Entering of Vehicles, Burglaries, and Robberies. We will continue to emphasize citizens not to give the criminals the opportunity to make you a victim.

Do not wait until you're a victim to do something about crime! Again, here are some reminders to spread throughout your community.

### Breaking and entering of vehicles

- DO NOT, DO NOT, DO NOT, leave purses, briefcases, shopping bags, even gym bags in plain view. (This is the easiest target for thieves.)
- DO NOT leave spare change in plain view. Criminals will break into your vehicle for 50 cents if they see it.
- Lock your doors and close your windows.
- NEVER leave anything with personal information (i.e. Driver's License, credit cards, checks, mail, etc.) in your vehicle! If you are a victim of vehicle theft, do not make yourself a victim of identity theft as well.
- Use your alarm system.
- Tint your windows if you can. This will make it more difficult for thieves to look inside your vehicle, therefore, making them more obvious.

### Burglaries

- Lock all your windows and doors.
- Purchase window locks for all of your windows. Window locks prevent criminals from opening the window high enough for them to come into your home. These can be purchased for as little as \$1.50 at any do-it-yourself stores, such as, Home Depot and Lowe's.

- Place protective film on your windows as well. This will make it more difficult for them to break the window. Also, if you purchase a specific type of window film, it can protect you during hurricane season. Ask the store for more information.
- Make sure that your doors have at least a one inch throw and that your strike plates has at least 3" screw nails.
- Keep all of your bushes, plants, and trees trimmed. Nothing higher than 2' and nothing lower than 6'. Also, remember to trim branches that are near light sources. Branches and leaves can drastically cut your light visibility.
- **REMEMBER** your district crime prevention team does free residential security surveys.

### Robberies

- **ALWAYS** be aware of your surroundings.
- Keep your items secure on your person.
- IF you are confronted, cooperate with the criminal, and try to collect every detail about your attacker. The more you are able to describe to police the better.

## TNWA GENERAL MEETINGS SCHEDULE

<b>April</b>			
General Meeting	Thursday	April 20	District III
<b>May</b>			
General Meeting	Thursday	May 18	District I
<b>June</b>			
General Meeting	Thursday	June 15	District II
<b>July</b>			
General Meeting	Thursday	July 20	District III
<b>August</b>			
General Meeting	Thursday	August 17	District I
<b>September</b>			
General Meeting	Thursday	September 14	District II
<b>October</b>			
General Meeting	Thursday	October 19	District III
<b>November</b>			
General Meeting	Thursday	November 16	District I
<b>December</b>	NO MEETING-MERRY CHRISTMAS		

## MESSAGE FROM MARYANNE



Maryanne Hunsberger

Mark your calendars for another exciting Chief's Appreciation Dinner. This year's event will be held on November 9, 2006. We are pleased to have Mayor Pam Iorio once again as our guest speaker. Look for more details in future issues of "The Watchword".

Mark your calendar's for another important date. The City of Tampa's Neighborhood Fair will be on June 17th at Raymond James Stadium from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Be sure to share this information with your community.

The City of Tampa Neighborhood Fair will provide citizens the opportunity to better understand the many services each City of Tampa department provides and network with contacts from that area. The City will have booths set up to answer questions, distribute literature and create awareness of services that are available.

We will have a table once again this year that will allow Neighborhood Watch coordinators to showcase success they had in their neighborhood. If you are interested in having your neighborhood participate please contact your District Crime Prevention team. We encourage you to participate and bring copies of your neighborhood newsletters, pictures from neighborhood events and any other items showcasing your community. There is no cost for you to participate. We are requesting each neighborhood cover a 1/2 hour commitment; this will allow many neighborhoods to showcase their success.

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# On Duty

with the

# Tampa Police Department



*is now available anytime  
at your local library!*



You can now watch Police Chief Steve Hogue as he hosts "On Duty with Tampa the Police Department" anytime that fits your schedule! You can check out a DVD from any Hillsborough County library. The public safety program showcases special operations in Tampa's neighborhoods. The 15-minute segment will take

you on patrol with the men and women of TPD.

Tune in:

Sundays at 8 p.m.

Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.



It also airs on CTTV  
channel 15.

