

# WATCHWORD

TAMPA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER 🏠 FEBRUARY 2006

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - IT ISN'T JUST WRONG... IT'S A CRIME!

By: Officer M. Fleita

### WHAT IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

Under the provisions of Florida Statute 741.28, *domestic violence means any assault, aggravated assault, battery, aggravated battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, stalking, aggravated stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another who is or was residing in the same single dwelling unit.*

This includes acts such as:

**Physical Abuse** - Pushing, slapping, kicking, punching, choking, and beating.

**Emotional/Verbal Abuse** - Threats, verbal intimidation, following and stalking, or acting out in anger.

**Sexual Abuse** - Any unwanted touching or forcing of someone to engage in a sexual act against his/her will.

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### WHAT DOES THE LAW MEAN?

If you are being physically or sexually abused, threatened, falsely imprisoned, or stalked by a family or household member, there is a law to protect you. Family or household member means spouses, former spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together as if a family or who have resided together in the past as if a family, and persons who are parents of a child in common regardless of whether they have been married. **With the exception of persons who have a child in common**, the family or household members must be currently residing or have in the past

resided together in the same single dwelling unit. You are also protected if you are currently in or have been in a violent dating relationship within the last 6 months.

### ARE YOU A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

**IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**, or if you have reasonable cause to believe you are in imminent danger of becoming the victim of any act of domestic violence, you have the right to file a **PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**.

If you are a victim of Repeat or Dating Violence or Sexual Violence (or the parent of any minor child who is living at home and who seeks an injunction for protection against Repeat or Dating Violence or Sexual Violence on behalf of the minor child) or you genuinely fear repeat violence by the subject, you may file a **PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST REPEAT VIOLENCE, OR DATING VIOLENCE, OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE**. The Clerk of the Court is required to assist you in seeking both injunctions for protection against domestic violence and enforcement for a violation of an injunction. Representation by an attorney is not required of either party. (Florida Statute 741.30(1)(f)).

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE**, you may ask the State Attorney to file a criminal complaint. You also have the right to go to court

and file a petition requesting a **PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, OR REPEAT VIOLENCE, OR DATING VIOLENCE, OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE** which may include, but need not be limited to:

- provisions which restrain the abuser from further acts of abuse;
- directing the abuser to leave your household;
- preventing the abuser from entering your residence, school, business, or place of employment;
- awarding you custody of your minor child or children; and
- directing the abuser to pay support to you and the minor children if the abuser has a legal obligation to do so. For safety reasons, you may furnish your address to the court in a separate confidential filing when filing the petition for injunction.

### HOW CAN THE LAW HELP ME?

If you have been a victim of domestic violence, if the abuser has hurt you sexually or physically, or if you are afraid that you will be hurt, Florida's Domestic Violence Law enables you to work with the court system to stop the violence. Go to the Clerk of the Court's Office in your county courthouse.

- Bring identification.
- Bring information about where the abuser can be located.
- Bring any other information on the abuser, such as photos or identification.
- Bring any papers relating to your case.
- Tell the clerk that you are interested

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in filing a **PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, OR REPEAT VIOLENCE, OR DATING VIOLENCE, OR SEXUAL VIOLENCE.** The Court Clerk will help you in filing the proper paperwork. By filling out these forms, you will be explaining to the judge whom you need protection from and exactly what type of protection you need.

- After you have completed the paperwork, the court may determine that danger of domestic violence exists. The court may order a **TEMPORARY INJUNCTION**, which is good for 15 days. Then a full hearing is held to consider your safety and the safety of your children.
- The abuser must be served with the injunction before it becomes effective. The injunction will tell the abuser what the judge requires and when to return to court for a hearing. This hearing will be within 15 days unless the abuser can not be served.
- **IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO ATTEND THE HEARING** so that you can make sure the judge understands exactly what help you need and why **IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND, USUALLY THE JUDGE WILL END THE INJUNCTION.**
- After the hearing, a **FINAL INJUNCTION** may be granted. The final injunction is valid until dissolved or amended by the court.

### WHAT DO I DO IF THE ABUSER VIOLATES THE INJUNCTION?

You will receive a copy of the injunction. **Keep it with you at all times.**

- If the abuser violates the conditions of an injunction, **call the police right away.**
- The abuser may be arrested.
- If the abuser is arrested, he/she will be held until the court determines bail.
- The judge will consider your safety and the safety of your children.
- You may go to court if you wish.
- The court may order penalties as allowed by law.

**IF THE INJUNCTION HAS BEEN VIOLATED, BUT NO ARREST HAS BEEN MADE,** report the violation to the Clerk's Office where the violation occurred and complete an affidavit in support of the violation. The judge will determine what action should be taken for your safety and the safety of your children.

**IF YOU HAVE AN OUT OF STATE COURT ORDER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,** federal and state law provide that law enforcement recognize and act on the order as if issued by a Florida court. This includes orders issued by courts from the District of Columbia, Indian tribes, commonwealth territories, or possessions of the United States.

### EXEMPTION OF PUBLIC INSPECTION

Under the provisions of s. 119.07(3)(s), F.S., any information which reveals the home or employment telephone number, home or employment address, or personal assets of a person who has been the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence is exempt from public inspection and examination. You must make a written request and provide official verification, such as a police report, that an applicable crime has occurred. Such information shall remain exempt for 5 years, after which it will become available to the public.

### WHOM MAY I TALK TO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

**Florida Domestic Violence Hotline**  
(For legal assistance hit prompt #3)  
1-800-500-1119

**Florida Abuse Hotline**  
(To file confidential reports of child abuse)  
1-800-962-2873

**National Child Abuse Hotline**  
(24 hour help line which provides crisis counseling, information and referrals)  
1-800-422-4453

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**  
1-800-799-7233

### DID YOU KNOW?

- In Florida, a person is killed by a family member every 36 hours.
- Domestic Violence is the leading cause of injury to women.
- More than 100,000 incidents of domestic violence are reported in Florida each year involving victims young and old, male and female.

**YOU HAVE RIGHTS...  
KNOWING YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS  
AND OPTIONS IS THE FIRST  
STEP TOWARD ENDING ABUSE.**

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## WHAT DOES FLORIDA LAW PROVIDE FOR VICTIMS?

*By: Officer M. Fleita*

Florida Law provides guidelines for the fair treatment of victims and witnesses in the criminal justice and juvenile justice systems. It authorizes a direct-support organization to assist victims of adult and juvenile crime. It provides victims to have the opportunity to have a defendant tested for HIV if there was a transmission of body fluids during the crime. It also designates a Victims Compensation Trust Fund to assist victims of violent personal crimes to pay for stipulated expenses they incur as a result of the crime.

### DIVISION OF VICTIM SERVICES

The Florida Attorney General's Division of Victim Services not only serves as an advocate for crime victims and victims' rights, it also administers a compensation program to ensure financial assistance for innocent victims of crime. As part of its responsibility, the division also notifies victims of the status of any appellate decisions regarding their cases.

Injured crime victims may be eligible for financial assistance for medical care, lost income, mental health services, funeral expenses and other out-of-

pocket expenses directly related to the injury. If needed, they can also be referred to support organizations within their home area.

Victims wishing to apply for assistance, check on the status of their applications, or in need of any other assistance can contact the division toll free from anywhere in the United States. The toll-free number is **1-800-226-6667**. Tallahassee-area residents should dial **414-3300**. In addition, victims may also contact the **Division of Victim Services** at (850) 414-3300.

### **Florida Crime Victims' Bill of Rights**

Victims of crime or their lawful representatives, including the next of kin of homicide victims, are entitled to the right to be informed, to be present, and to be heard when relevant, at all crucial stages of criminal proceedings, to the extent that these rights do not interfere with the constitutional rights of the accused.

### **Florida Constitutional Amendment, Article I**

#### **Sec. 16. Rights of accused and of victims**

(a) In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall, upon demand, be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation against him, and shall be furnished a copy of the charges, and shall have the right to have compulsory process for witnesses, to confront at trial adverse witnesses, to be heard in person, by counsel or both, and to have a speedy and public trial by impartial jury in the county where the crime was committed. If the county is not known, the indictment or information may charge venue in two or more counties conjunctively and proof that the crime was committed in that area shall be sufficient; but before pleading the accused may elect in which of those counties he will be tried. Venue for prosecution of crimes committed beyond the boundaries of the state shall be fixed by law.

(b) Victims of crime or their lawful representatives, including the next of kin of homicide victims, are entitled to the right to be informed, to be present, and to be heard when relevant, at all crucial stages of criminal proceedings, to the extent that these rights do not interfere with the constitutional rights of the accused.

## **NEW CREDIT CARD SCAM**

*By: Maryanne Hunsberger*

**Note - the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it.**

This information is worth reading. By understanding how the VISA & MasterCard Telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

#### **The scam works like this:**

Person calling says, "This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card, which was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a Marketing company based in Arizona?" When you say "No", the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?"

You say "yes". The caller continues - "I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1-800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6-digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?"

#### **Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works:**

The caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card." He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers." There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security Numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read

the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?" After you say No, the caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do", and hangs up.

#### **Long story made short -**

You need to make a fraud report with the police department and with your credit card company and close the account. What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or MasterCard directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA told us that they would never ask for anything on the card, as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

Please pass this on to all your family and friends. By informing each other, we protect each other.

## **BUSINESS WATCH**

The City of Tampa Police Department is expanding its Business Watch Program in West Tampa. We are currently taking applications for membership. If you own a business within the boundaries of Kennedy Blvd., Hillsborough River, Himes Ave., and Tampa Bay Blvd. We are asking you to join the West Tampa Business Watch Program by calling Lydia Pizarro at (813) 259-1860 for an application.

# WHAT YOU CAN DO ALL YEAR LONG - THE HOLIDAYS AREN'T THE ONLY TIME YOU CAN HELP THE TROOPS

By: Maryanne Hunsberger

## CREATE TELEPHONE LINKS

- Buy a prepaid phone card or a gift certificate for a soldier you know or for a soldier in need, through the Army and Air Force Exchange Service; [AAFES.com](http://AAFES.com) or 800-527-2345
- Donate to Operation Uplink, which will purchase and distribute phone cards to troops; [www.Operationuplink.org](http://www.Operationuplink.org)
- Hook into the USO's Operation Phone Home by calling 800-901-1501 or going to [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org)



## SEND CARE PACKAGES

- For a \$25.00 donation, Operation USO Care Package (which is approved by the Department of Defense) will put together a package and send it to a loved one, or any service member, complete with a personal message from you; [www.Operationusocarepackage.org](http://www.Operationusocarepackage.org) or 800-876-7469.
- If you don't know any soldiers overseas but still want to send someone a gift, try Treats for Troops, Inc. Soldiers register on the site and then are matched up with gift giving civilians. You can select a soldier by branch of service, home state, gender or birthday. Or if you don't have a preference, they'll send your package to the soldier who's been waiting the longest; [www.Treatsfortroops.com](http://www.Treatsfortroops.com)

## TOP 10 PICKS

According to the founder and director of Operation Stocking Suffer these are some of the things our troops most love to receive:

- Beef jerky and corn nuts to savor during long, boring watches.
- Protein bars, or prepackaged tuna or chicken salad with crackers, for energy.
- Slinkies, Nerf balls and Frisbees to play with during downtimes.
- Olive-green T-shirts and socks because laundry is so hard to do.
- Chapstick for dry lips.
- Baby wipes for obvious hygiene reasons.
- Chemical hand and foot warmers for cold nights.
- Q-tips, endlessly useful for cleaning weapons,
- Disposable cameras, to document their experiences.
- Letters of encouragement - our troops can never get too much support!

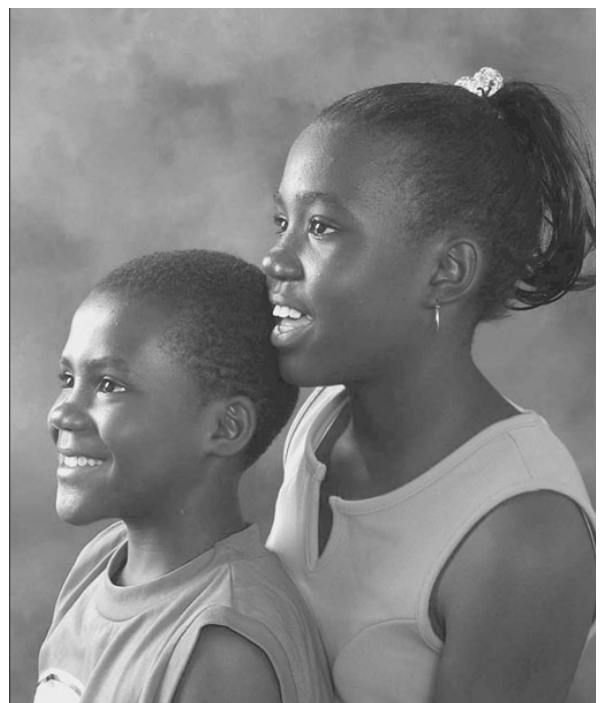
## A PLACE IN THE HEART

Inseparable, that's what they are. Wise beyond her years, Shartanay is smart and mature young lady. Observant and thoughtful, she has no problem being candid about what she feels. Shartanay enjoys reading, playing with her dolls, and listening to music. She dreams of one day becoming an attorney.

Handsome is the word for "daydreamer" Dan. With a big smile that will catch your eye and a boyish mischievous, he is also a great reader. Dan is at his best when playing outdoors with a football or baseball.

Shartanay and Dan long for stability and commitment. They need a family that will give the message that being children is okay. There is no limit to their potential in a family willing to advocate for their education and love them for ever.

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Dan, age 11 and Shartanay, age 12

# BULLIES - A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR KIDS

By: Maryanne Hunsberger

Bullying behavior may seem rather insignificant compared to kids bringing guns to school and getting involved with drugs. Bullying is often dismissed as part of growing up. But it's actually an early form of aggressive, violent behavior. Statistics show that one in four children who bully will have a criminal record before the age of 30.

Bullies often cause serious problems that school, families, and neighbors ignore. Teasing at bus stops, taking another child's lunch money, insults and threats, kicking or shoving - it's all fair game to a bully. Fears and anxieties about bullies can cause some children to avoid school, carry a weapon for protection, or even commit more violent activity.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO...

**Listen to children.** Encourage children to talk about school, social events, other kids in class, the ride to and from

school so you can identify any problems they may be having.

**Take children's complaints of bullying seriously.** Children are often afraid or ashamed to tell anyone that they have been bullied. Watch for symptoms that children may be bullying victims, such as withdrawal, a drop in grades, torn clothes, or needing extra money or supplies.

**Tell the school or organization immediately if you think that your children are being bullied.** Take steps to ensure your children's safety. Work with other parents to ensure that the children in your neighborhood are supervised closely on their way to and from school.

**Don't bully your children yourself, physically or verbally.** Use nonphysical, consistently enforced discipline measures as opposed to ridiculing, yelling, or ignoring your children when they misbehave.

# TIME TO PRE-REGISTER FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2006

By: 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.



## PREPARING AND KEEPING UP IN 2006

### REMINDERS:

Please remember to send your district crime prevention team a copy of your sign-in sheets, so you can get credit for each meeting.

Call your district crime prevention personnel two weeks before a meeting so that your meeting can be placed on the calendar.

## CLEAN CITY DIVISION

Mr. Jim Pinkney, Division Manager of "Clean City Division" looks forward working with the City of Tampa citizens, professionals, and business owners. He believes that the best way to make the City of Tampa a Model City/Clean City is to partner his department's services with your participation.

This division believes a Clean City is a proud City. Their mission is to provide a comprehensive approach through education, enforcement, and maintenance to reduce litter, illegal dumping and create a cleaner city environment.

The Clean City Division addresses "10" key areas citywide:

- Focus on the Interstate System - On/Off Ramps
- Provide maintenance to Tampa Neighborhoods by Districts (New

Tampa, North, South, East and West)

- Graffiti requests within 24 - 48 hours
- Maintain parkways/medians, and city owned vacant lots
- Reduce and eliminate illegal dumping activities
- Disposal of illegal signage/snipe signs
- Reduce litter in neighborhoods, major thoroughfares and residential corridors
- Servicing of approved and unapproved right-of-ways
- Pre- and post- herbicide treatment to major thoroughfares and residential corridors
- Improving on gateways throughout the City of Tampa

Take action and call the **Clean City Division Hotline at 931-2133** to report graffiti, illegal signs, over grown lot or yard, or abandoned or inoperative vehicles in your neighborhood.

## DISTRICT ONE CRIME PREVENTION TEAM

### CITIZEN STOPS MARIJUANA GROWING OPERATION

In January 2006, the Tampa Police Department received a tip from a Neighborhood Watch member that someone was growing marijuana plants in a home on Fig Street. The investigation grew when officers found that the owner of the house owned other buildings in Tampa as investments. As a result of the citizen's call, 399 marijuana plants were seized from 3 properties, and the streets are now safer.

#### Suspicious Activity

- A lot of traffic in and out of homes throughout the day and night.
- Short stays from visitors.
- Residents coming out to the car to meet people.

#### **GREAT JOB!**

**Neighborhood Watch, Quad Squad #121, and Sector-B Street Units**

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### SMASH & GRAB BURGLER GETS GRABBED BY TPD

The Tampa Police Department received several reports of businesses that were having their windows broken, and money from their registers stolen. The detectives got a break in the case when the suspect was caught on video at south Tampa businesses. That video and a lot of hard work led to the suspect's apprehension, and the recovery of \$10,000 in stolen jewelry.

#### Getting a good description of suspects:

- Race, Sex, Complexion
- Height & Weight
- Scars, Marks, Tattoos
- Clothing Description
- Weapons
- Vehicle Description

#### **WAY TO GO!**

**District One Detectives  
and SAC Squads**

## DISTRICT TWO CRIME PREVENTION TEAM

### WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?

*By: Lt. Bruce Leidholdt*



Over the past several years we all have seen an increase in the number of those pesky illegal signs that litter the right-of-way. It seems as if everytime we turn a corner or sit at a red light we are bombarded with ads for everything from cheap health insurance, home mortgages, political candidates and garage sales. We see them nailed or strapped to telephone poles, stuck in the ground and nailed to trees. I've even seen them glued to cement utility poles. I'm sure you've noticed how trashy they make our neighborhoods look. I think it's important to keep in mind that if an area or neighborhood looks like no one cares, an environment is created where criminal activity can thrive. But what can we do? That's a question I asked myself several years ago. Then I discovered that the City's Sign Code Ordinance authorizes and directs the police, as well as Code Enforcement and other city entities, to enforce the ordinance. I found I could do something to help make a difference. I want to take this opportunity to let you know what your officers in the north end of District II, Sector C, are doing about it.



What started out as a simple endeavor to change the way our neighborhoods look has not only earned me a reputation as a "Sign Shark" but has made a most notable difference in the appearance of our sector.

For the past 2 years, the evening and midnight shift officers have joined me in actively and aggressively addressing this issue. Literally thousands and thousands of illegal signs have been pulled, businesses that posted signs along major thoroughfares have come into line and countless violators have either been educated or put on notice. We have certainly seen an improvement in the appearance of our area and have received positive feedback from the community. Places that used to be a magnet for illegal signs in our sector are no longer. I am very proud of our officers and the effort they put forth to help make this sector the cleanest in the city. Although we are still waiting for an effective enforcement mechanism to be set up where repeat and sometimes defiant violators can be dealt with, we plan to continue this effort and want to work together with the community to help keep our neighborhoods looking great.

For those who have questions, the City of Tampa Sign Code, City Ordinance 20.5, deals with signs and can be accessed through the City's Code Enforcement website at: [http://www.tampagov.net/dept\\_code\\_enforcement/](http://www.tampagov.net/dept_code_enforcement/).



## DISTRICT THREE CRIME PREVENTION TEAM

The Tampa Police Department is seeking assistance from fellow city employees in an effort to combat truancy. Some of our children make poor choices by not attending school and then compound the issue by becoming involved in criminal activity, when they should be in school. Law enforcement has focused on the issue of truancy for a number of years, in 2006 we would like to enlist the assistance of all city employees in combating this problem. We are asking that any city employee who sees a school age child out in the community during school hours, unsupervised, notify the police department immediately. An officer will be dispatched to determine why the child is out and about unsupervised during school hours, and will take action to appropriately remedy the situation by contacting parents and/or the school system. Together we can work as a team to address the issue of truancy and its associated problems. We all benefit from having the children of our community in a safe learning environment, as opposed to wandering the streets unsupervised. We thank you in advance for the assistance on this worthwhile endeavor.

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Special Operations Division, (S.O.D.) would like to introduce itself to the City of Tampa Neighborhood Watch groups. The Special Operations Division of the Tampa Police Department is on the forefront of Emergency Planning and Management for the Tampa Police Department and the City of Tampa. Since September 11, 2001 emergency preparedness has become a primary objective in Washington, D.C., evidence of this is the cooperative effort behind the

establishment of the United States Department of Homeland Security.

The Tampa Police Department's Special Operations Division continues to make emergency planning, preparedness, and management a priority. The Special Operations Division lead by Major John Bennett supports the department's operations via specialized personnel and equipment. This includes normal operations, as well as special or emergency incidents where the division would assume command and control and/or work in a unified effort with other responder agencies and/or personnel. The division also has a parallel mission of leading the agency on the local front of homeland security in prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.

By owning most of the operational discretionary labor, the division focuses on reducing manpower being diverted from the district level. Major John Bennett oversees 10 primary operational disciplines (Aviation, Marine, S.O.D.: Special Events, Reserves, Emergency Management/ Homeland Security, Extra Duty, Traffic Squad/Motors, DUI, K-9, and the Mounted Patrol) and 6 part-time (on-call) disciplines (TRT, Bomb, Dive, Hostage Negotiation Team, Honor Guard and the Mass Incident Response Team).

In future issues of the Watchword Newsletter the Special Operations Division will provide readers with important information pertaining to homeland security safety measures, hurricane preparedness safety tips and much more. The Special Operations Division looks forward to sharing this important information with you, the community of which we serve.

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## MESSAGE FROM MARYANNE



Maryanne Hunsberger

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REALLY WORKS!

By participating in a program where we look out for each other, you can make a real difference in attacking crime in your community through your Neighborhood Watch involvement. Everyone in the neighborhood can participate, no matter his or her age, occupation, race or religion. You just have to be willing to be involved in improving your neighborhood.

#### Benefits of Neighborhood Watch:

- You get to know your neighbors
- Neighborhood policing by you and your neighbors
- Reduce the risk of being a crime victim
- Trains you how to observe/report suspicious activities
- Greater access to criminal activity information
- Ongoing training on personal and home security
- Posting of Neighborhood Watch Signs
- Address issues of mutual concern

The key to success in any Neighborhood Watch program is the participants' willingness to "look out for each other" and the ability of each individual participant to observe and recognize what is suspicious, then immediately report it.



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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.

