



CITY OF TAMPA

Pam Iorio, Mayor

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stephen Hogue
Chief of Police

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Dear Neighborhood Watch/Civic Leader:

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Major of District Two. This assignment is truly a homecoming because I began my career in this District 24 years ago. An amazing team joins me. Many of you probably know Captain Thomas Wolff who handles the northern areas in Sector C and Captain John Newman who oversees Sector D, the southern part of our District. I am also fortunate to have Lisa Timmer and MPO Greg Hattle on our Prevention Team.

After spending the first few weeks meeting with the troops, I've been focusing on new ways to improve our teamwork with citizens. As many of you may know, the department's core mission is to reduce crime and increase the quality of life through community partnerships - as we can't do it alone. One of our new initiatives will help accomplish both aspects of our mission. Our patrol squads are taking their "roll calls" into the field. They are going to take place in crime "hot spots" to send a message to the criminals- we are watching them and will not let them victimize the good people of this community.

One simple way you can help is to "host a roll call." It is a very basic process where a resident or business owner simply completes an interest form with available dates and matching times for our roll calls. Once completed, it can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed back to our crime prevention team. If none of those options are readily available, you can easily call and we will complete it for you.

These roll calls will be brief, 15-20 minutes, and the only requirement is providing outside or inside space. It will give you the opportunity to get to know your neighborhood patrol team! Your shift or area Lieutenant or the Sergeant over your area will lead these roll calls. This will ensure your voice is heard by the troops and supervisors who will work together to solve your neighborhoods' problems.

I look forward to meeting all of you at the various meetings or events as the year progresses. I have heard and seen the fruits of the wonderful partnerships already, and I sincerely plan to keep these relationships growing in a positive light.

Sincerely,

John A. Bennett, Major
District Two
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