



**TARPON SPRINGS**  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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# CRIMEWATCH NEWSLETTER

**FEBRUARY 2022**

## FEBRUARY NEWS

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**Officer of the  
Quarter**



DETECTIVE  
**LARA SCARPATI**

It's time to celebrate again....this time, we would like to congratulate and recognize Det. Scarpati for being selected as Officer of the Quarter!

Her supervisor nominated her for her diligence and attention, which she demonstrates in each case...but was highlighted in a recent case to which she was assigned. As a special victims investigator, Det. Scarpati began to investigate a complaint of inappropriate photographs being distributed on social media. During her investigation, it was determined that the suspect had also made threats in regard to school violence.

She immediately notified other detectives and local agencies, who may be involved, and began a threat assessment in the early morning hours. From her thorough investigation, she was able to establish probable cause for several charges, to include Written Threats to Kill, Child Pornography, and Cyber Stalking. Her dedication and work may very well have prevented an incident of violence as well.

Det. Scarpati's passion, diligence, and dedication to investigate crimes against persons is often observed by her co-workers and supervisors, so this is not a surprise to us. We just wanted to share it with you!



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Ride for Ali was a huge success and we are so proud of Sofia for taking on this challenge to raise funds for Ali Spears Foundation. We would like to thank the city of Tarpon Springs for their support and encouragement especially to Mayor Chris Alahouzos for not only supporting Sofia in her mission but kicking off the bike-a-thon on February 12, 2022.

We also want to thank Karen Mayor who represented Gus Bilirakis' office for coming to support Sofia.

We are very appreciative to the Tarpon Springs Sponge Exchange and the Tarpon Springs Police Department for their help in making the bike-a-thon safe and successful.

We felt very welcomed in Tarpon Springs and can't wait to make this an annual event!  
Thank you!!

<http://rideforali.com>





# 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.

**NON-EMERGENCY  
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# Medication Disposal EVENT



**Turn in your expired or unused  
medications for safe disposal**

**Saturday - March 26, 2022  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

## **COLLECTION LOCATION**

**TARPON SPRINGS  
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444 S. HUEY AVE.  
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(PARKING LOT)**



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## Tarpon Springs POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Tarpon Springs Police Department has been receiving noise complaints and we are asking for compliance in regards to Code 12-19 Sponge Docks Sound Reproduction Limited and 12-14 - Noise Prohibited Generally.

The Mission of the Tarpon Springs Police Department is to Reduce Crime and Enhance the Quality of Life through a Cooperative Partnership with the Community.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Pertaining to **NOISE VIOLATIONS**

### § 12-19. - SPONGE DOCKS-SOUND REPRODUCTION LIMITED.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to use, operate or play or permit to be used, operated or played any loud speaker, public address system, sound amplifying device, megaphone, or any device for reproducing sound, whether electrical, mechanical or otherwise within the area of the City of Tarpon Springs hereinafter defined as the Sponge Docks, if the sound generated by such device can be heard by a person of normal hearing acuity outside the business premises or vessel or real property boundary line on which such sound is generated or produced.
- (b) For the purpose of this section, the term SPONGE DOCKS is defined as that portion of the city defined as the Sponge Docks in Figure 2 of § 127.05(G)(2) of this Code.
- (c) It shall not be a violation of this section if sound can be heard outside the building or real property within which such sound is produced because of the momentary opening of doors to allow the passage of persons entering or leaving such property, or music generated interior to restaurants and retail businesses for the benefit of the restaurant or retail business patron and heard through open doors or windows when such sound reproducing device is not oriented or designed to call attention to the restaurant or retail business to persons outside the business premises.
- (d) The exceptions set forth in § 12-14.3 of this chapter shall also be additional exceptions to this section.
- (e) (3) Any person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a violation of this code punishable as provided elsewhere in this code.

(Ord. 97-23, passed 8-5-97; Am. Ord. 99-02, passed 1-19-99; Am. Ord. 2007-50, passed 11-20-07)

### § 12-14. - NOISE—PROHIBITED GENERALLY.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully make, continue or cause to be made or continued any loud and raucous noise.
- (b) Loud and raucous noise shall mean any sound which, because of its volume level, duration and character, annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, health, peace or safety of reasonable persons of ordinary sensibilities within the limits of the city. The term shall include, but not be limited to, loud and raucous noise heard upon the public streets, in any public park, in any school or public building or upon the grounds thereof while in use, in any church or hospital or upon the grounds thereof while in use, upon any parking lot open to members of the public as invitees or licensees, or in any occupied residential unit which is not the source of the noise or upon the grounds thereof, and in any event from a location not less than 50 feet from the source of the noise, measured in a straight line from the radio, loudspeaker, motor, horn or other noise source.

('80 Code, §12-14) (Ord. 486, passed 11-20-62; Am. Ord. 90-41, passed 10-2-90)



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## ***FIRE SAFETY TIP***

### **FIRE EXTINGUISHER USE**

Now is a great time to check out that Fire Extinguisher you have stuffed in the closet, under the cabinet, or better yet buried in the garage. Dust it off and give it a good inspection, check the gauge pressure, check the nozzle for obstructions, and now give it a shake.

These items will help get it ready for use when you need it.

Do you know how to **USE** your **FIRE EXTINGUISHER**?

Here a 4 quick and easy steps for proper Fire Extinguisher use.

Remember the **PASS** Word

**P**ull

Pull the pin (or other motion) to unlock the extinguisher.



**A**im

Aim at the base (bottom).



**S**queeze

Squeeze the lever.



**S**weep

Sweep the spray from left to right.

