

TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION UNIT 2013 ANNUAL REPORT



During 2013, Crime Prevention and K9 worked hand and hand to conduct presentations throughout the Airport Community and throughout the Tampa Bay area. Together, they conducted 91 presentations on and off airport property with the number of attendees exceeding 3707; indicating that Tampa International Airport Police Department (TIAPD) is actively expanding its community outreach program. The presentations included speaking engagements at schools and civic groups which covered topics such as Travel Safety, Stranger Danger, Bicycle Safety, Kids Safety, Hijacking, Airport Security, Texting While Driving, Active Shooter, and Suspicious Packages. Crime Prevention participated in multiple events throughout the community to include Planes, Trains, and Automobiles, Islands Fest, National Night Out, and a Back to School Safety Event. Venues included the YMCA Palm Harbor, AMPCO Parking, Home Depot, Northdale Recreational Center, Peter O. Knight Airport, Neighborhood Watch community meetings, Tinker Elementary School located at MacDill Air Force Base, and others.



Crime Prevention joined Tampa Police Department for Buddy's Back to School Safety Event. We provided safety tips and fingerprinting for children in the Tampa Bay community.

The Great American Teach In is an annual event which first started during American Education Week in 1990. Professional men and women take time out of their busy schedules to share their professions with our nation's youth through speaking engagements at area schools. TIAPD K-9 Unit attended 14 bay area schools, exceeding 1007 students.



On Tuesday, August 6, 2013, Professional Standards, Crime Prevention, and K-9 Units celebrated "America's Night Out Against Crime" along with the rest of the nation.

The Crime Prevention Unit attended multiple meetings which included: HCAA Safety Committee, Research and Development, Special Details, Garage Security, Airport Airside Apron Safety, General Aviation Safety Committee, Awards Committee, Training Committee and Crime Prevention (Airport Watch).

Recruitment events were held at the Transition Assistance Office at MacDill Air Force Base and Hillsborough Community. These events were ongoing throughout the year in an effort to recruit and promote the Airport Police Department as a future opportunity of employment.



Crime Prevention and K9, along with Transportation Security Administration (TSA) initiated Suspicious Package training for Aviation Authority employees, tenants and airlines.

Suspicious Package Training sessions focused on what a suspicious package is and steps on how to handle the situation when employees observe and/or are notified of one. The 40 minute program included a slide presentation, short video, and question and answer session with TSA and TIAPD Crime Prevention and K9 units.

Investigator Shughart continued conducting Active Shooter Training to any airport tenants wishing to take part in this informative session. The training sessions last approximately 30 minutes and cover such topics as what an active shooter is, the profile of an active shooter, police priority during an active shooter threat and what the public should do in the midst of a threat. To date 477 people have attended the active shooter training.



Lt. Pawloski and Officer Colestock participate in Islands Fest hosting a bike rodeo and fitting over 50 children with bike helmets.



K9 Officer Beall during the 2013 Planes, Trains, and Automobiles.

Through the Airport Watch Program the Police Department has continued to maintain close relationships and continued training for airport tenants, vendors and employees. Crime Prevention surveys in regard to “interest in receiving training” and “opinion of department” is disseminated monthly for community comment. These surveys identify a variety of needs or concerns that can be addressed in various training courses provided by the Crime Prevention Officer. The training topics of high interest included Terrorism Awareness, Suspicious Items/Packages, and General Crime. The average opinion of the Airport Police Department by the airport community rated Satisfied to Highly Satisfied.

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