## TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## **CRIME PREVENTION UNIT 2012 ANNUAL REPORT**





K-9 Officer Maggiacomo and Canine Yolkien conduct a demonstration during the Great American Teach In.

The Crime Prevention and K-9 Units conducted 153 presentations on and off airport property in 2012. The number of attendees exceeded 5431, 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 included topics such as Travel Safety, Stranger Danger, Bicycle Safety, Kids Safety, Hijacking, Airport Security, Texting While Driving and Active Shooter. Venues included the YMCA Palm Harbor, AMPCO Parking, Home Depot, Northdale Recreational Center, Peter O. Knight Airport, Neighborhood Watch community meetings, Tampa Bay Aviation Association, Valencia College, Tinker Elementary School located at MacDill Air Force Base, International Plaza Mall and others.



Mission Accomplished! TIAPD K-9 Officers, the Crime Prevention Unit and K9 Handlers from Georgia, Alabama, and South Florida participated in the 2012 Republican National Convention. During the 2012 American Education Week the TIAPD K-9 Unit attended 7 area schools to provide demonstrations and presentations about law enforcement and how the unit functions at Tampa International Airport. 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 nations youth through speaking engagements at area schools. This year the Crime Prevention and K-9 Units made presentations at 7 schools, exceeding 450 students.

The Crime Prevention Unit attended over 55 meetings which included: HCAA Safety Committee, Research and Development, Special Details, Republican National Convention Committee, Garage Security, Airport Airside Apron Safety, General Aviation Safety Committee, Awards Committee, Training Committee and Crime Prevention (Airport Watch).



In Conjunction with the U.S. State Department, K9 and Crime Prevention Units hosted the Ukrainian Customs Service and Border Patrol for an information session on crime prevention and the use of K9 units in the United States. Recruitment events which were started in 2011 continued through 2012. Events were held at the Transition Assistance Office at MacDill Air Force Base, Valencia College in Orlando Florida, Hillsborough Community College and TIAPD Headquarters. These events were ongoing throughout the year in an effort to recruit and promote the Airport Police Department as a future opportunity of employment.

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 Unit.

Interest in Receiving Training	No Interest	Minor Interest	Moderate Interest	High Interest
General Crime-Theft/Loss Prevention	0	0	9	48
Violence in the Workplace Issues	1	19	25	12
Robbery-Violent Crime Prevention	0	18	16	23
Identity Theft Safety Tips	0	10	23	24
Community Oriented Policing	5	23	25	4
Credit Card Fraud	0	0	3	44
Terrorism Awareness	5	32	16	3
Identifying Suspicious Activity	0	0	26	31
Wellness and Personal Safety Tips	19	24	11	4
Suspicious Items/Packages	0	2	10	45
Total	30	128	164	238

## 2012 Community Involvement

Opinion of Department	Dissatisfied	Little Improvement	Satisfied	Highly Satisfied
Overall Agency				
Performance		1	16	38
Officers' Attitude Toward				
Citizens			25	33
Community Concern Over Safety				
			33	24
Overall Competence of Agency				
Employees			19	35
Officers' Behavior Toward				
Citizens		1	19	31
Community Concern Over				
Security			22	39
Total		2	137	200