

Tampa International Airport POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Prevention 2015 Annual Report

Tampa International Airport Police Department (TIAPD) takes an active role with employees, tenants, and guests of Tampa International Airport (TIA) in an effort to enhance the safety and quality of the airport. By maintaining respectable relationships with people in the community, members are more willing to voice their concerns, provide suggestions, and assist in solving issues. Officers and Human Resources also work together to consistently promote the agency and TIA as one of the best employment opportunities in the county. During 2015, Crime Prevention and K9 worked hand in hand to conduct presentations throughout the Airport Community and the Tampa Bay area. Together, they conducted 91 presentations on and off airport property with the number of attendees exceeding 3000. The presentations included speaking engagements at schools and civic organizations which covered topics such as Travel Safety, Stranger Danger, Bicycle Safety, Kids Safety, Driving Safety, and Airport Security. Crime Prevention provided tours of the police department and participated in multiple events throughout the community which included: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles, National Night Out Against Crime, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Vigil, Walk Like MADD, Job Fairs, Great American Teach In, and Safety Events. Venues included the TIA Boardroom, MacDill Recreational Center, Tampa Executive Airport, University of South Florida, Landmark, and others.]



Through the Airport Watch Program the Police Department has continued to maintain close relationships and continued training for airport tenants, vendors and employees during quarterly Airport Watch meetings. Crime Prevention surveys are disseminated monthly for community comment in regards to any training that tenants may be interested in. There is also a survey for voicing the opinion of the Police Department and its officers. These surveys identify a variety of concerns that can be addressed in various training courses provided by the Crime Prevention Officer. There were 87 surveys which suggested training topics and those of high interest included Active Shooter, Identity Theft, and Suspicious Activity. There were 96 surveys completed in 2015 which revealed that the airport community is satisfied to highly satisfied with the Airport Police Department and the performance of the officers working in the community and representing the agency.

Investigator Shughart provided continuing education by conducting training for airport tenants, volunteers and employees throughout 2015. Training included Suspicious Packages, Identity Theft, Distracted Driving, and Active Shooter. The training sessions lasted approximately 45 minutes to an hour and the agency has been provided with all positive feedback from the participating audiences. Crime Prevention created an active shooter quick reference guide to hand out to the airport community during airport watch meetings and during community policing.



On January 24, 2015 members of TIAPD helped represent the Authority at the Gasparilla Children's Parade.





On February 21, 2015, Officer Colestock, K9 Officer Krantz, and Investigator Shughart attended the Planes Trains and Automobiles event in Plant City. Krantz and K9 Bella conducted demos throughout the day. On March 20, 2015, Investigator Shughart, Investigator D. Jones, K9 Officer Maggiacomo, and Officer O. Jones, participated in the 8th Annual Walk Like MADD event held at the University of South Florida campus.







On March 7, 2015, Officer J. Bizzle attended the 27th Annual Black History Celebration hosted by TPD. Officers who volunteered to attend and assist with crime prevention events fulfilled their annual goals for crime prevention in the community.



TIAPD Investigators along with Human Resources attended recruitment events held at various venues in the community. These events were held throughout the year in an effort to recruit and promote the Airport Police Department as a future opportunity of employment. The Great American Teach In is an annual event which 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. The TIAPD K-9 Unit visited 14 Bay Area schools and conducted six demonstrations for over 280 students (right).

Investigators attended MADD's annual vigil which is for victims, survivors, advocates, friends and their families or those emotionally impacted by the crime of drunk or impaired driving. The event was held in Temple Terrace (not pictured).

On August 4, 2015, TIAPD celebrated "America's National Night Out Against Crime" along with the rest of the nation. The event is held annually at the airport in the main terminal. Tenants, employees, and patrons participated in the event (bottom left).



On September 19, 2015, the Tampa Bay Aviation Association (TBAA) held their 5th Annual Safety Day at Tampa International Airport where Crime Prevention joined Marilyn Gauthier and offered a presentation about the police department (bottom right).





On October 6, 2015, Tampa Police Department invited our agency to join them for National Night Out Against Crime. TIAPD focused on travel safety tips and provided giveaways to attendees within the Hillsborough County community (top left).

On December 3, 2015, Investigators Shughart and D. Jones attended a safety meeting for Girl Scouts Troop 1901 at Mac Dill AFB. Investigators presented Stranger Danger and handed out flyers (top right).

On December 8, 2015, Crime Prevention donated bicycle helmets and assisted in the Toys for Tots pickup with numerous members of the Authority (bottom left).

On December 15, 2015, Officer Bizzle attended a holiday festival at Central Courts Apartments. The Tampa Police Department invited TIAPD to join the event to discuss some of the employment opportunities at the Tampa International Airport while also being a part of the outreach efforts. There are approximately 200 residents in the community and 126 of them are children (not pictured).

On December 18, 2015, Investigator Shughart provided Active Shooter training for 90 HCAA Volunteer Ambassadors during their training meeting. The volunteers enjoyed the training and the interaction with TIAPD (bottom right).





The Crime Prevention Officer finalized security surveys of the General Aviation airports and conducted a crime prevention analysis of the offices in the main terminal. The purpose of these surveys is to assess the safety and security of the areas and provide security recommendations which may decrease the likelihood of criminal activity.

TIAPD is also a member of Law Enforcement Liaison which coordinates state law enforcement agencies to participate in promoting initiatives for "Click it or Ticket" and impaired driving campaigns. This was accomplished by posting signs on the digital screens in the main terminal and by posting signage on the inbound and outbound parkways.

The Crime Prevention Officer attended a Lost Prevention Seminar along with multiple meetings which included: HCAA Safety Committee, Special Details, ConRAC meetings, Airport Airside Apron Safety, General Aviation Safety Committee, Quality Improvement Team, Information Technology, and Child Abduction Response Team.

TIAPD Crime Prevention takes pride in building relations with the community in order to accomplish a common goal. We look forward to keeping Tampa International Airport one of the safest and most secure airports in the world!

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