

Tampa International Airport Police Department

Crime Prevention Unit



2014 Annual Report



Tampa International Airport Police Department (TIAPD) actively participates in the community and consistently promotes the agency as a whole. During 2014, Crime Prevention and K9 worked hand and hand to conduct presentations throughout the Airport Community and the Tampa Bay area. Together, they conducted 69 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, Narcotics Overdose Prevention & Education Vigil, Great American Teach In, and Safety Day Events. Venues included the TIA Boardroom, Northdale Recreational Center, Tampa Executive Airport, St. Stephen Catholic School, Raymond James Stadium, 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. Crime Prevention surveys are disseminated monthly for community comment in regards to any training tenants may be interested in and also the opinion of the Police Department and it's officers. These surveys identify a variety of concerns that can be addressed in various training courses provided by the Crime Prevention Officer. The suggested training topics and those of high interest included Suspicious Items/Packages, Active Shooter, Credit Card Fraud, and General Crime. The 2014 surveys revealed that the airport community is satisfied to highly satisfied with the Airport Police Department and the performance of the officers representing the agency.

Investigator Shughart provided continuing education by conducting training for airport tenants and employees through the 2014 year. Training included Suspicious Packages, Distracted Driving, Community Oriented Policing, and Active Shooter. The training sessions last approximately 45 minutes and the agency has been provided with all positive feedback from the participating audiences.

On August 5, 2014, Crime Prevention and K-9 Units celebrated "America's National Night Out Against Crime" along with the rest of the nation. The event is held at the airport in the main terminal. It provides an opportunity for the airport community to be a part of TIAPD and support McGruff the Crime Dog while he interacts with children and adults alike. Thank you to Officer Colestock who volunteered to dress the part.



The above photo illustrates traveling patrons of TIA having fun with McGruff.



On February 14, 2014, Investigator Shughart and Corporal Wood attended a job fair on MacDill Air Force Base. There were over 200 enlisted Security Forces troops who participated in the job fair for troops who were transitioning into the civilian life after years of service. Recruitment events were held at the Transition Assistance Office at MacDill Air Force Base and Hillsborough Community College.

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 five bay area schools and conducted six demonstrations, for over 281 students.



On March 20, 2014, Officer Bizzle's nephew along with 32 other 4th graders was excited to have TIAPD participate in their school's Career Day. The focus was primarily on careers in law enforcement at the Tampa Airport, safety, and airport operations.



TIAPD was proud to be a part the #MoveOver Campaign photo op on June 3, 2014. #MoveOver is a campaign designed to raise awareness to all drivers that it is the law to move over for emergency vehicles.

On September 13, 2014, Sergeant Monique Barry was recognized as TIAPD 2014 Officer of the Year at the 2014 Our Heroes Luncheon and the Hometown Heroes Football Game at Raymond James Stadium hosted by USF. Special thanks to Officer Garcon for representing TIAPD Honor Guard during the event.



On September 18, 2014, Investigator Shughart and General Aviation Manager Marilyn Gauthier attended the 4th Annual Safety Day to present safety topics. Safety brochures and giveaways were distributed to members of the Tampa Bay Aviation Association.



Officer Bizzle assisted Crime Prevention at the HCC Job Fair to help recruit possible candidates looking for a future career in law enforcement.

On December 4, 2014, TIAPD Officers V. Finley, Penella, Maggiasco, and Shughart participated in the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Vigil held in Tampa. The event is held to raise awareness to stop drunk driving and to pay respects to the people that were killed or injured by drunk drivers.

The Crime Prevention Officer attended multiple meetings which included: HCAA Safety Committee, Special Details, ConRac meetings, Airport Airside Apron Safety, General Aviation Safety Committee, Quality Improvement Team, and Crime Prevention (Airport Watch).

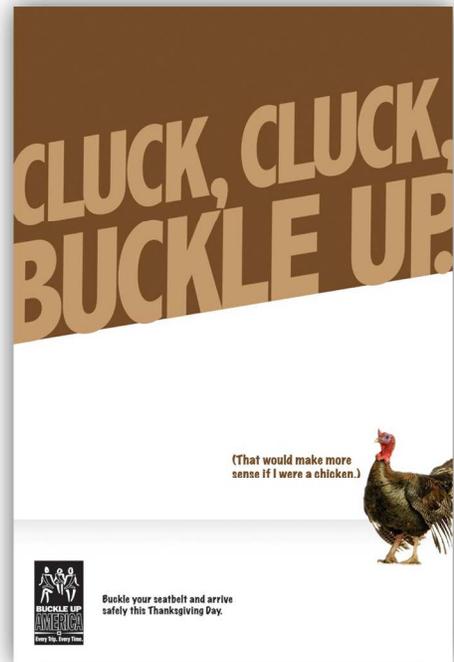
The Crime Prevention Officer conducted security surveys of the rental car areas and the General Aviation airports. The purpose of these surveys is to assess the safety and security of the areas and provide security recommendations which may decrease the likelihood of criminal activity.

Thanks to the Airport Watch Program building relationships with the airport community, tenants are more willing to report incidents and work alongside TIAPD to ensure safety and security. For example, the United Service Organization (USO) was eager to provide information on two suspects posing as military soldiers who were accepting money and food from patrons and employees.



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

**BUZZED DRIVING IS
DRUNK DRIVING**



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!