CRIME WATCH MEETING REPORT - FEBRUARY 23, 2023 SUBMITTED BY: CATHY BIANCHI TARPON SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME WATCH OFFICER - ANTHONY BOONE

THE FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW FROM THE FEBRUARY 23,2023 CRIME WATCH MEETING:

 EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THE TSPD WEBSITE TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR COMMUNITY WWW.TSPD.US

CLICK ON CRIME PREVENTION LINK AND IT WILL BRING YOU TO THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

CONTACT NUMBER FOR TSPD:

NON-EMERGENCY: 727-937-6151 (THIS IS DISPATCH DIRECTLY AT TSPS) IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT RESIDENTS LIST THIS NUMBER IN YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

AS ALWAYS, IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911

2. I have volunteered to be the Crime Watch Director for our WB Community and am waiting for the paperwork and approval from TSPD. Officer boone recommended having a co-director, preferably a full time resident, to assist with crime watch efforts when I'm not here. Anyone interested, please contact me at 570-878-7229. Crime watch meetings are held every 4th thursday of the month.

- 3. BUSINESS WATCH: ASK LOCAL BUSINESSES TO BE PART OF THE CRIME WATCH PROGRAM HAVE BUSINESS OWNERS FILL OUT THE FORM VIA THE BUSINESS LINK ON TSPD WEBSITE
- 4. VACATION HOME CHECKS: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TSPD TO CHECK YOUR RESIDENCE WHILE YOU ARE AWAY, GO TO THEIR WEBSITE AND FILL OUT THE PAPERWORK ONLINE. THIS IS A FREE SERVICE.
- 5. SECURITY SURVEYS: OFFICER BOONE WILL COME TO YOUR HOME AND MAKE SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, OFFICER BOONE WILL GIVE SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF WHERE OUR SECURITY CAMERAS SHOULD BE POSITIONED. SINCE THIS SERVICE IS FREE, IT WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR COMMUNITY TO COORDINATE THIS EFFORT WITH TSPD.
- 6. OPERATION PROPERTY I.D.: TSPD WILL ASSIST YOU TO REGISTER
 THINGS OF VALUE IN THE EVENT YOUR PROPERTY IS LOST OR STOLEN
 (I.E. E-BIKES; CELL PHONES, COMPUTERS; IPADS, ETC)
- 7. OFFICER BOONE IS ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE FROM RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE RING DOORBELLS. HE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SIGN-UP WITH TSPD IN THE EVENT A PROBLEM OCCURS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE IS NEEDED TO ASSIST THEM. IN THE EVENT OF A PROBLEM, TSPD WOULD HAVE THE OWNER REVIEW THEIR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE IN AN EFFORT TO PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY.
- 8. DRUG DROP BOX: TSPD HAS A DRUG DROP BOX AT THEIR STATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD MEDICATIONS THAT NEED DISPOSAL, YOU CAN USE THIS SERVICE.
- 9. COMMUNITY SHREDDER DRIVE: APRIL 22, 2023 IF YOU HAVE ANY SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS THAT NEED TO BE SHREDDED, YOU CAN BRING THEM TO TARPON TOWERS ON THE ABOVE DATE.

FEB SECURITY TIPS OF THE MONTH:

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR VEHICLE DOORS LOCKED WHEN YOU'RE HOME. LAST MONTH ITEMS WERE TAKEN FROM VEHICLES IN OUR AREA WHEREIN THE DOORS WERE LEFT UNLOCKED.

KEEP YOUR VEHICLE KEYFOB BY YOUR BEDSIDE AT NIGHT. IN THE EVENT OF A PROBLEM, HIT THE ALARM BUTTON IN CONJUNCTION WITH CALLING 911. THIS WILL HELP STARTLE AN INTRUDER WHILE ALSO ALERTING YOUR NEIGHBORS THAT PROBLEM EXISTS.