



Tallahassee Police Department

Community Programs & Services

PROGRAMS

- **Neighborhood Crime Watch** – A crime prevention program designed to increase neighborhood livability by reducing crime and the fear of crime through education and communication.
- **Apartment Complex Neighborhood Watch** - A virtual network that provides up to date statistics within an apartment complex, as well as safety awareness tips.
- **RAD (Rape Aggression Defense)** – A comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.
- **Citizen's Police Academy (CPA)** - A informative learning process that provides an opportunity for citizens to receive 9 weeks of both classroom and field instruction regarding the various responsibilities facing our officers. CPA attendees are also made aware of the procedures and techniques used by officers in a variety of scenarios, together with the rationale and justification in support of those procedures or technique.
- **Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC)** – A part of a holistic effort to expand transparency and strengthen community bonds between residents and officers. The council is comprised of residents from all areas of the city. It serves as a conduit between the department and the community to keep the channels of communication open.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

- **Drug Education for Youth (DEFY)** – A is a prevention program for kids ages 9-12. DEFY deters "at risk" behaviors by giving kids the tools they need to resist drugs and develop positive social skills. The leadership and life skills training provided by DEFY include goal setting, team building, conflict resolution, gang resistance and decision making.
- **Cadet Program** - A youth program designed for individuals 14-21 years old and is designed to teach youth about law enforcement as a possible career path. The program begins with a 40-hour academy and offers continuous learning opportunities. Cadets will receive scenario-based training in crime scene analysis, crisis intervention, first aid, investigations, traffic stops, use of force and more. They will also have the chance to ride along with TPD officers and participate in various community service events.
- **TAC Students Program** – A leadership development program designed to prepare students to be leaders and prepare young people for the unexpected challenges in their changing culture, especially during adolescent years. It will help them to set and achieve goals and develop

individual confidence. The teamwork aspect will increase interpersonal skills and help prepare them for the future.

- **Tallahassee Police Athletic League (TPAL)** – A mentoring program supported by the Tallahassee Police Department. It provides opportunities for youth to grow under the sustained guidance of dedicated adults; instills in youth a respect and understanding of the role that law enforcement officers have in our society; assists youth in developing self-esteem and provides them with skills to help them stay in school; and coordinates programs and activities which contribute to the development of character, integrity, mental fitness, citizenship and personal well-being.
- **radKIDS** - A program to provide educational opportunities for children ages 7-12 and parents concerning awareness and personal safety strategies, instilling confidence, and reducing the possibility of adverse physical control or harm.
- **Supportive Parents and Police Educating Early Drivers (SPEED)** - Is a four-hour interactive, learning experience offered to teens ages 15-19 and their parents/guardians. It focuses on the importance of seatbelt usage and safe driving behaviors. SPEED includes a practical learning environment with the speed enforcement laser, fatal vision goggles (simulates impairment), videos, and a question/answer session. This course satisfies the traffic court defensive driving school requirement for a first-time traffic violation.
- **Youth Citizens' Police Academy (YCPA)** – A 6- week youth program where students interact with officers and members of the Tallahassee Police Department while learning the procedures and techniques used by officers in a variety of situations. Students learn about patrol operations, traffic enforcement, response to resistance, criminal investigations, crime lab and evidence gathering techniques.
- **Youth Citizen's Advisory Council (YCAC)** – Youth ages 13 – 17, help enhance the flow of communication between local youth and the department. Together, TPD and the YCAC work together on current issues concerning youth and engage in positive, solution-oriented dialogue. The information flow between youth and the police department is critical as it promotes trust and understanding between officers and local youth while establishing broad- based support for the overall safety of the community.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

- Fill a Truck – Second Harvest
- Meals on Wheels – Elder Care Services
- Farm Share Distributions - Second Harvest
- Pack the Patrol Car – Walmart
- Battle of the Belts – FDOT
- National Night Out
- Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Bigs in Blue Program
- Relay for Life - American Cancer Society
- FAMU Turkey Drive
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving – MADD
- Crime Stoppers

- Victims' Rights week
- Special Olympics
- United Way
- Urban League partnerships
- Refuge House
- WTXL Turkey Drive
- Vehicle Wrap Program
- White Cane Day
- Lunch, Learn, and Wave events
- Coffee with a Cop
- Snowballs and Cops
- Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA)
- Silver Santa Program

SERVICES & SEMINARS

- Residential Security Surveys
- Commercial Security Surveys
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Surveys
- Child Safety Seat Inspection/Installation
- Community Relations and Education Displays
- Crime Prevention Safety Tips

- Child ID Program
- Kids Internet Safety Awareness Program
- Identify Theft Seminars
- Active Shooter Presentations
- Commercial Armed Robbery & Bank Robbery Seminars
- Employee Theft and Shoplifting Seminars
- Workplace Violence Seminars
- "Officer Friendly" Child Safety Seminars
- Victim Advocacy Services - Provides immediate assistance to victims of crime as well as their families, the Victim Advocacy Unit is committed to providing comprehensive services and support that address the physical, emotional, and financial needs that result from victimization. In addition to the on-scene support provided by the unit, advocates review offense reports daily and assess the need for follow up as well as provide assistance to those victims referred to the unit by officers and other agencies. A victim advocate has the unique ability of being able to devote attention to the various needs of the victim while at the same time acting as a liaison with officers to keep the victim and their family informed on how the criminal case is progressing. The unit is staffed with four advocates who provide 24-hour assistance.

ONLINE SERVICES

- Tallahassee Online Police Statistics (TOPS)
- Online Crime Reporting (COPLogic)
- Online Traffic Crash Reporting
- Satisfaction Surveys
- Complaint Surveys
- Extra Patrols & Property Checks Requests
- Public Records Requests

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- NextDoor
- YouTube

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

The Community Relations Unit (CRU) helps build and strengthen relationships between members of the community through education, intervention, and policing initiatives. Although community events and public meetings were hindered due to the Pandemic, the Community Relations Unit found ways to connect with the public through various modified events, programs, and community engagement.

In this effort, the following was accomplished during 2021:

- Continued our partnership with the Big Bend Crime Stoppers organization. CRU reviewed, filtered, and distributed 1,199 Crime Stoppers tips for the Big Bend Region during 2021. Processed and approved rewards for 20 arrests as the result of Crime Stoppers Tips. Crime Stoppers tips led to the seizure of narcotics with a street value of approximately \$886,920 and the recovery of \$11,190 in property.
- Connected with over 67 Neighborhoods through virtual and in-person Neighborhood Watch meetings throughout the year.
- Hosted a National Night Out community event which enhanced neighborhood and police partnerships.
- Attended seven (7) Lunch, Learn, and Wave events hosted by the Senior Center.
- Attended five (5) "Coffee with a Cop" community engagement events at Red Hills Village.
- Hosted 28 virtual and in-person presentations to community members related to personal safety, fraud/scams, bullying and burglary prevention.
- Hosted nine (9) "Snowballs and Cops" community events.
- Hosted our annual "Badges and Bobbers" fishing event. Over 20 local children were paired with an officer who worked with the child to helping them bait, cast, hook, and release fish all while building positive relationships.
- Hosted both virtual and in-person Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) meetings throughout the year.

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- Maintained a strong partnership with the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) by attending their monthly meetings and being a liaison for the agency.
- Participating in multiple Housing Meetings and information sharing with our area housing partners.
- Partnered with Neighborhood Services, Second Harvest, and local churches with nine (9) drive-thru food distribution and hurricane buckets/supplies.
- Continued the “No Trespassing” Sign program assisting residents and businesses with criminal or quality-of-life concerns related to their property and surrounding areas.
- Continued to provide citizens with Commercial and Residential Surveys to improve the physical security of their home or business.
- Continued to manage and perform the Child Safety Seat Program for citizens.
- Facilitated the Tallahassee Police Athletic League (TPAL) basketball season for youth. Members of the police department coach young people, both boys and girls, in sports, and help with homework and other school-related activities. The purpose is to build character, help strengthen police-community relations, and help youth with positive decision making.
- Reinvigorated the radKIDS safety education program. Two (2) classes were taught.
- Taught three (3) Rape Aggression Defense women’s self-defense classes to the community and multiple personal safety presentations throughout the year.
- Facilitated and staffed the Department’s crime prevention and recruiting efforts at the North Florida Fair.
- Facilitated the Silver Santa Christmas present program for Seniors – 45 Miracle Village senior residents were recipients of gifts donated by agency members.
- Organized the “Shop with a Cop” Christmas Event – 60 community children shopped with officers to purchase gifts for their families and themselves. The event included Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) Littles from our Bigs in Blue Program.
- Participated and organized the Tallahassee Police Department’s entry in the Winterfest parade and festivities.
- Maintained a strong partnership with the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) organization. Partnering with their DUI and Teen education program and continued spreading of the MADD message to community members.
- Continued our Cadet Program which provides an opportunity for males and females between the ages of 14 and 21 to take part in a “hands on” law enforcement learning opportunities.