

# Titusville

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Newsletter



Halloween  
Edition



### Upcoming Events

**Oct 1st, 2024**

#### National Night Out

(Titus Landing)

Meet your local First Responders at this FREE event with FREE Food, FREE Inflatables, and More!

**5:30 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Oct 2nd, 2024**

#### Coffee with A Cop

(McDonald's, 3290 Garden St)

**9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

**Oct 12th, 2024**

#### Sixth Man

#### Basketball Tournament

(Cocoa High, 2000 Tiger Trail)

**10:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

**Oct 19th 2024**

#### N. Brevard Parks and Rec Halloween

(Fox Lake Park)

**5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**Nov 15th, 2024**

#### Kids vs Cops Charity Basketball Game

(Jackson Middle, 1515 Knox Mc Rae Dr)

**3:00 PM**

For more information on community events: 321-223-5316

### **Titusville Police Department Uses the Latest Technology to Better Serve Its Citizens - Prepared Live**



“Prepared Live” was implemented by the Titusville Police Department in November 2022. Its main function is to provide Public Safety Telecommunicators (PSTs) in the 911 Dispatch Center with real-time video during emergency calls.

This tool allows PSTs to visualize situations instantly and access immediate GPS locations of incidents. Another feature of “Prepared Live” is the ability to text directly with a 911 caller. This enables PSTs to communicate when the caller cannot speak, send resource links, and receive digital evidence that can be shared with responding officers.

Since its launch, “Prepared Live” has aided in over 14,000 incidents. It has been used in armed subject responses, missing persons cases, mental health crises, and minor reports like traffic crashes and code violations. In 2024, the GPS feature quickly located a missing family lost in the woods near Fox Lake.

With enhanced situational awareness, “Prepared Live” has helped 911 PSTs and officers work more efficiently, focusing on what they do best – SAVE LIVES. This system drastically improves the communication of descriptions and details during active incidents.

Any video obtained can be downloaded to evidence storage instantly. Importantly, once the caller hangs up, all contact is lost, ensuring privacy.

The implementation of “Prepared Live” reflects the Titusville Police Department’s commitment to solving crime and enhancing the safety of our city.

-Jessica Cabrera

#### **2023-2024 CASES**

■ 2023 ■ 2024



For the period of January - September, 2023 vs. 2024: Vehicle Burglaries and Vehicle Thefts are down 52.4% and 16.4%, respectively.

During the summer months, there is a predictable and expected spike in these types of crime.

For the period of May 27th – September 2nd ,2023 vs. 2024: Vehicle Burglaries and Vehicle Theft have increased 19.4% and 45.7%, respectively.

Please help us reduce opportunities for crime by consistently locking your vehicle, removing valuables and never leave your keys or key fobs in vehicles.

-Megan Laurencio

OCTOBER  
2024

# TRAFFIC TALK



with Traffic Officer Kraeuter



*October is Pedestrian Safety Month!  
October 1st - October 31st*



As Daylight Savings Time comes to an end, and it gets darker earlier, the risks for pedestrians increase. Pedestrian safety is shared responsibility between pedestrians AND motorists!

## TIPS

## AND

## TRICKS

...OR TREATS



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



WALK ON SIDEWALKS WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE. IF ONE ISN'T AVAILABLE, WALK FACING TRAFFIC



KEEP ALERT AT ALL TIMES! AVOID WEARING HEADPHONES SO THAT YOU CAN HEAR THE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS AROUND YOU. NEVER LOOK AT YOUR PHONE WHEN CROSSING THE STREET



NEVER ENTER THE STREET FROM BETWEEN PARKED CARS! MOTORISTS CAN'T SEE YOU!



MOTORISTS YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS. BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE SPEED LIMIT. BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS WHEN BACKING UP AS PEDESTRIANS CAN MOVE INTO YOUR PATH!

MOTORISTS WHO FAIL TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS MAY FACE A MINIMUM CITATION OF \$164.00 AND 3 POINTS ON THEIR LICENSE! NOW THAT'S SCARY!



# Promoting Teamwork Within Our Community



**Patrol Officer  
Tyler Mick**

*Exceptional Service  
Award Recipient*

## **Halloween Safety Advisory**

### **Trick-or-Treating Tips:**

- Carry a flashlight or glow stick
- Stick to familiar, well lit neighborhoods
- Cross at crosswalks; look both ways

### **Candy Check:**

- Inspect all treats before consuming
- Discard unwrapped or suspicious items

### **Lighting and Safety:**

- Keep porches and walkways clear and well-lit
- Use battery-operated candles in decorations
- Secure pets to avoid accidents

### **Candy Distribution:**

- Consider using a bowl for candy

**Stay Safe and Have a Spooktacular Halloween!**

-Officer H. Chappell



In August, Officer Tyler Mick responded to an unwanted person's call. Officer Mick arrived to find it was a family that had been stranded after their vehicle broke down.

He learned they were passing through town and were out of the funds necessary to service their vehicle. He reached out and was able to help secure transportation for the family and ensure they were back on the road safely.

A call that began as an unwanted person turned into a gesture of kindness. Officer Tyler Mick truly exemplifies our motto at the Titusville Police Department;

**“Promoting teamwork within our community.”**

-Erlina Lively



## **CASE CLOSED**

### ***The Porch Pirate***

A local man was arrested on burglary charges after looting a residents package from their front porch. Video at the residence captured the crime and officers were able to quickly identify and apprehend the suspect.



### **Tips to Protect Your Treasure**

- Visible Security Cameras
- Use a Porch Lock Box
- Opt for In-Store Pickups
- Coordinate with your neighbors!
- Report Suspicious Activity

-Detective Kube

# Meet the Team

## ***Patrol Officer***

***Andrew Dominguez***



The Titusville Police Department proudly introduces Officer Andrew Dominguez. At 33, he spent the first 28 years of his life in Queens, New York. In fifth grade, he witnessed the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks, where smoke lingered over the city for weeks. This event profoundly impacted him; friends lost fathers that day while serving as NYPD officers, fueling his desire to help others as a police officer.

Officer Dominguez began his career in Chinatown, Manhattan, with the NYPD. He later moved to Orlando, Florida, becoming a Patrol Deputy Sheriff with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. He sought a smaller, family-oriented police department focused on building community relationships and improving quality of life. One of his aspirations is to join the traffic division to promote safer driving in Titusville.

Since joining the Titusville Police Department, Officer Dominguez has actively responded to 435 calls for service and made 125 traffic stops in about a month. Known as the “de-escalator” on Charlie squad, he excels in communication, leveraging his life experiences from New York and Orlando. We are proud to have Officer Dominguez as part of our TPD family.

-Sergeant R. Holden

## ***PSAP Supervisor***

***Deborah Staten***



Deborah Staten is a familiar and trusted voice in the Titusville community, with nearly 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Titusville. Starting as a dispatcher in December 2004, she quickly became an integral part of the team, known for her professionalism and commitment to public safety. Deborah also trains new dispatchers, shaping the next generation of emergency responders.

In 2015, Deborah was promoted to Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Supervisor, where she leads with experience and compassion. Her dedication earned her a Life-Saving Award in 2018, recognizing her quick thinking when dispatch contact was lost with a suicidal subject. She directed officers to the location, allowing them to perform lifesaving measures just in time.

Deborah's longevity and expertise have made her a cornerstone of the Titusville Police and Fire Department, ensuring every call for help is met with care and efficiency. Her leadership continues to impact both the department and the community. She is always calm and collected while ensuring Officers are well informed of all communications traffic. She is an honored veteran and PSAP supervisor, a valued friend and family member to our TPD family.

-Officer K. Kelly