BICYCLE THEFT

Theft of bicycles can be reduced if owners acknowledge the need for adequate security, and invest in equipment that will be effective.

PROTECT YOUR BICYCLE

Register your bicycle with the police.

Use a good quality-locking device such as a hardened steel “U” shaped lock, or a hardened steel chain and padlock.

Weak, inexpensive locks will not deter a proficient thief.

BICYCLE THEFT IS A REALITY

In 2011 - 905 bicycles were reported stolen in our community.

ARE SERIAL NUMBERS IMPORTANT?

Serial numbers are a set of characters that uniquely identify an object and can be used for traceability and warranty purposes. Serial numbers, however, are especially important when reporting stolen items, such as bicycles. A serial number is a method to enter the bicycle in our computerized record system as stolen.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION – HERE’S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Register your bicycle with the Tampa Police Department. Your registration provides us with the necessary information so if your bike is ever stolen, we would have a record of the serial number when you called to make the report. It would enable us to submit the information about your stolen bicycle into the law enforcement databases quickly and easily.

Simply complete the registration online or complete this brochure and submit it to the Tampa Police Department.

Bicycle Registration
Theft Protection Program
Tampa Police Department
813-354-6692

Protect Your Bicycle
Help keep Tampa a safe community by doing your part to prevent crime.
Register Your Bicycle

Registering your bicycle will greatly assist in its recovery if it is stolen

Two methods of registration:

1. On-line registration at:
   www.tampagov.net/police

2. Fill out the attached registration form and return it to the address given or your nearest police station

Retain this information for your records!

Serial number: _____________________________
Make: _____________________________
Model: _____________________________

Remember to keep a copy of your sales receipt.

Manufacturers mark most bicycles with a serial number. If your bicycle does not have a serial number, engrave an identifying number on the frame. You may want to use the same number on the wheels and the other components.

If you use your Florida Drivers License as your identifying number, it will give police officers the ability to run your information immediately when they find abandoned bicycles or when conducting street checks when stopping suspicious people. This will give law enforcement the ability to return stolen and lost bicycles to their owners.

Never use your social security number as your identifying number to engrave on your bicycle because of identity theft!

BICYCLE REGISTRATION FORM

Owner Name Last, First _____________________________
Date of Birth _____________________________
Address _____________________________
Owners Drivers License Number _____________________________
Home Telephone Number _____________________________

Bicycle Information

Make/Brand _____________________________
Model Name or Number _____________________________
Speed/Gears _____________________________ Frame Size _____________________________
Colors _____________________________
Serial Number: _____________________________

Signature of Registrant _____________________________

Complete this form and remit to:
Tampa Police Department
Bicycle Registration & Theft Prevention Program
3818 West Tampa Bay Blvd
Tampa, Florida 33614

or to: HCC Public Safety Office

Registration does not imply any guaranteed recovery of a reported stolen bicycle.