



TPD officers @ Sector 3 receiving “To Go boxes”



Venus & Officer Grubb  
Ruston Police Dept



Jeff & Larry



Group of TPD officers eating

### FIRST RESPONDERS ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

For the 11th year in a row, the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council along with members of the South Tacoma Business District and many volunteers, hosted a “First Responders Holiday Dinner” on December 25th at Tacoma Police Department Headquarters.

While many families were sitting down together for a celebratory meal, our first responders duties & responsibilities continued. The Annual First Responders Dinner is a way for our community to give back to those who spend their lives serving others. This year’s event was staffed by 37 volunteers who worked various shifts to provide meals from Noon – 10PM. (Too many names to list in this article). Turkeys were once again cooked in “air fryers on site” by Jeff and Larry.

Donna Buck and Venus Dergan organized this year’s event that served 200 meals throughout the day, including dinners that were hand delivered to agencies that were not able to leave their stations; 3 Sector Substation, Dupont, Lakewood, Steilacoom, Ruston, Fircrest, University Place and Fife. Dinners were also hand delivered to the two area Emergency Animal Clinics; Blue Pearl in South Tacoma and Summit 24 on South 80th Street.

We’d like to thank the following for their monetary and food contributions. Senator Steve Conway, AMVETS Auxiliary & Post #1, Combat Veterans Motor Cycle Pt Orchard, VFW #10018, South Tacoma Neighborhood Council, South Tacoma Business District, Honey Baked Hams, Jonz Catering, Franz Bakery and Lakewood Starbucks. All leftovers were left at Tacoma Police Dept headquarters for the officers the following day.

### STBDA First Quarter GENERAL MEETING, THURS February 13th

The first quarter General Meeting of 2020 will be held on Thursday, February 13th at 6:00pm at the Catholic Community Services building located at 5050 South Tacoma Way.

The 2019 budget will be presented so please attend to give your input on expense items. There are some streetscape issues that need to be addressed so we need all of the input we can get to make this happen successfully. We do not currently have enough funds in our treasury to fund the Annual Hanging Basket Project this year. This project costs close to \$6,000 to fund for five months and we just don’t have the funds right now. If you want to see them back and have any ideas on how we can make this happen, please attend and give us your thoughts.

GO GREEN with EnviroStars - Washington’s Green Business Program. EnviroStars can help your business identify green practices to save energy, water and natural resources which will help reduce your utility costs. Be recognized as a green leader in our community and help protect our waterways and reduce our environmental impact.

Representatives from this program will be attending our February meeting to bring us more information.

# Who Should I Call?



Police-Fire-Medical Emergency.....911

TPD Non-Emergency .....253-798-4721

## Tacoma Police Dept. Sector 3

Lt. Bob Maule, Comdr. 253-591-5190  
bmaule@ci.tacoma.wa.us

CLO Jason Mills.....253-591-5692  
jmills@ci.tacoma.wa.us

CLO Mike Sbory.....253-594-7858  
msbory@ci.tacoma.wa.us

## So. Tacoma Business District

C.M., Chris Beale .....253-591-5100

C.M., Keith Blocker .....253-591-5100

## City of Tacoma

TacomaFIRST311: CALL 311 for any complaints or questions that you may have. **Just Dial 311**

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- ▶ Spotlight your business in the STBDA Newsletter - circulation 300
- ▶ Link your website to the STBDA website at [www.stbda.com](http://www.stbda.com)
- ▶ Use the Membership Directory - to utilize your fellow business district members when you do business.
- ▶ List your events on the monthly calendar - a great way to invite your fellow district members to sales and events at your place of business
- ▶ Complimentary booth at the Annual Classic Car Show
- ▶ Introduce your business to newcomers in our "Welcome Kit"
- ▶ Host a membership meeting at your place of business
- ▶ Showcase your business at the district booth during community events.
- ▶ Your dues support the continuation of Beautification Projects.

## SAVE THE DATE - BRISTOW'S AUTOMOTIVE OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday March 21st**

**10am – 2pm**

**CHECK OUT The NEW LOCATION @ 4722 S. Washington**

**LIVE MUSIC and a FOOD TRUCK**

# February 2020

**Dawson's: Happy Hour Mon-Fri 3-6**

**Airport: Happy Hour Tue-Sun 4-6**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> National Freedom Day
<b>2</b> Groundhog Day	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Executive Board Meeting 8:00am Dawson's Bar & Grill	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Lincolns Birthday	<b>13</b> GENERAL MEETING 6:00pm Catholic Community Services	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	 <b>17</b> Presidents' Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Cross District Assn Mtg 8:30am The Spar/Old Town S Tacoma Neighborhood Council 6:00pm STAR Center	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Washington's Birthday
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

### FACTS & TRIVIA:

When Apollo 11 landed on the moon, it only had 20 seconds of remaining fuel  
 Before the invention of the eraser, pieces of bread were used to remove pencil marks  
 American currency once included a 5-CENT BILL

## PUBLIC SAFETY INFORMATION

from the TACOMA POLICE DEPT



Since the first of the year several businesses have reported “criminal activity” on their property. Mostly vehicle break ins and vandalism. There has been some confusion on who to call for what and when.

**911** should be used to report “**crimes in progress**”. The Non-Emergency number, **253-798-4721** should be used to report crimes “not in progress” and/or suspicious people.

**311** should be used to report **right of way issues**; transients living in cars/motorhomes, trash and litter, Code Enforcement violations, signs that are down, traffic light malfunctions, animal complaints, abandoned vehicles and graffiti.

We have been asked to no longer contact/email the CLOs directly. They receive a daily report from **311** and can respond quicker to complaints through that system than through email.

## L&I FINALIZES DECREASE IN WORKERS COMP RATES for 2020

For the third year in a row, the price of workers’ compensation insurance is dropping in Washington State. The Dept of L&I announced a 0.8% decrease in the average amount employers will pay for the coverage in 2020. The decline in reported injuries is the result of safer work places. L&I has been purposefully offering “return-to-work” and vocational assistance and support to injured workers much earlier in their claims. L&I has also been addressing the use of opioids to treat pain by directing doctors to prescribe opioids only for the most serious pain and only for short periods of time. This has resulted in an 80% reduction in long-term opioid prescriptions. These changes are helping injured workers heal and return to work sooner. To view the 2020 rates by classification, go to:

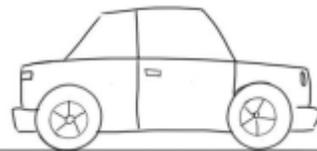
<https://lni.wa.gov/insurance/rates-risk-classes/rates-for-worker-compensation/> .

## NEWSLETTERS FOR YOUR CUSTOMERS

If you would like to have newsletters delivered to your business each month for customers to read while they are waiting for services (or just to take home with them), please contact Karen Rich @ [Karen@securityRus.com](mailto:Karen@securityRus.com) or Mario Lorenz @ [mariolorenz@gmail.com](mailto:mariolorenz@gmail.com) with your request. We will add your name to the list of businesses that are already receiving them.



## VEHICLE EMISSIONS?



### Never get them checked again

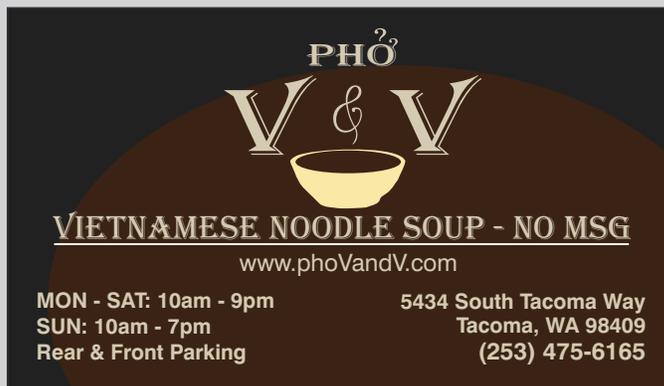
For more than three decades, Washington drivers have been required to have their vehicles emissions tested before renewing their registrations. On **January 1, 2020**, that came to an end. The Department of Ecology program combined with increased fuel efficiency and better technology in vehicles has succeeded in reducing air pollution caused by transportation. After 38 years, this inspection is no longer necessary.

## ADVANCED METER PROJECT



Starting in mid-2020, TPU will begin upgrades to its electric and water meters with modern digital technology that brings many new customer benefits over time, including monthly billing, remote electric service connection, more options to control your costs, improved reliability through faster outage and leak detection and more flexible payment options in a safe and secure way. The advanced meter project enables a shift to a modern digital utility, making operations more efficient and helping the environment through reduced carbon emissions. For more information: [www.MyTPU.org/AdvancedMeters](http://www.MyTPU.org/AdvancedMeters)

## SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES



**REMINDER** - Sidewalk garbage cans are for pedestrians, NOT for retail store garbage disposal. If our sidewalk garbage cans are full, pedestrians will throw their garbage on the ground in front of your store.

**So. Tacoma Business District Association**  
PO Box 9445 - Tacoma WA 98490-0445  
[www.stbda.com](http://www.stbda.com)

Return Service Requested

**GENERAL MEETING THURS FEB 13th**

**Catholic Community Services**  
5050 S Tacoma Way  
Meet & Greet @ 5:45pm  
2020 BUDGET & EnviroStars

 Tacoma/Pierce County  
**Habitat for Humanity®**  
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Store Manager

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Tacoma, WA 98409  
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**ShopSVDP.com**  
253-302-4053



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**Position Open, Director**

*open*

**Mario Lorenz, District Manager**

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**The Board meets monthly Check your monthly calendar. Meetings are open to Everyone.**

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