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OPERATION TOUCH DOWN FOCUSES ON CRIME PREVENTION

Clearwater, Fla. — The Clearwater Police Department (CPD) is continuing its partnership with the Clearwater Threshers to reach and teach children in the community about crime prevention.

Operation Touch Down will take 84 children to two Tampa Bay Buccaneer home games (42 per game) on October 24th against the St. Louis Rams and on December 19th against the Detroit Lions. To qualify, students from ages 10-18 must write an essay on the topic of crime prevention: How can I help prevent or reduce crime in my school or my community?

Selected students will receive a free ticket to one of the two games. Transportation to the game will be provided by the Clearwater Threshers. The essays can be submitted to Clearwater School Resource Officers, emailed to elizabeth.watts@myclearwater.com or mailed or dropped off at the Clearwater Police Department:

Clearwater Police Department
645 Pierce Street
Clearwater, FL 33756
Attention: Office of the Chief/Operation Touch Down

The essay deadline is October 20th. Students must reside within the City of Clearwater.

“It’s a win-win situation. The kids get to enjoy an NFL game and we get the youth in our community thinking about being responsible, law-abiding citizens,” said Clearwater Police Chief Anthony Holloway.

Operation Touch Down is the second phase of Operation Home Run, which sent 30 at-risk youth to 30 minor league base ball games last season. “Operation Home Run was successful and we got a lot of great feedback from children and their families who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to attend a game,” said Holloway.

