Partnering Together Against Crime…

Compliments Of:

Sheriff Donald F. Eslinger,

Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Crime Prevention Unit

Topics of Discussion

- Our Mission
- How We Accomplish Our Mission
- How Crime Happens
- Removing The Opportunity
- Target Hardening Your Property

Our Mission

- To enhance the quality of life by reducing crime and the fear of crime throughout Seminole County.

How Do We Accomplish This?

Take A Proactive Approach To Crime

- Every resident should take preventative steps to make their property and family a harder target to the criminal, *before* a crime happens.
- This includes physical preparation, checking locks, lighting, landscaping, alarms AND watching out for suspicious persons and activity.

What Does This Add Up To?

Proactive Approach

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Your Eyes & Ears

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A Successful Neighborhood Watch

Understand How Crime Happens: Three Elements Need To Be Present

YOU cannot control the criminal's desire and ability to commit a crime...

But, you can control the opportunity for the crime to happen…

When we remove the opportunity for the crime to occur, we…

- Make Our Home & Property A Harder Target
- Send A Message To The Criminal: We Care!

Residential Security

Is Your Home A Crime Waiting To Happen?

Which Does The Criminal Prefer?

A

B

Open Doors and Windows…

- Give the opportunity for the criminal to gain access to your home and family

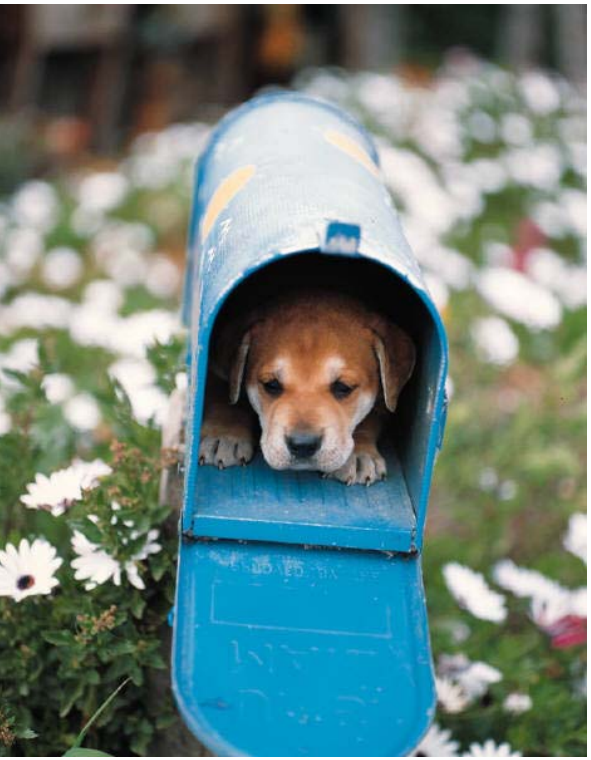
Which Does The Criminal Prefer?

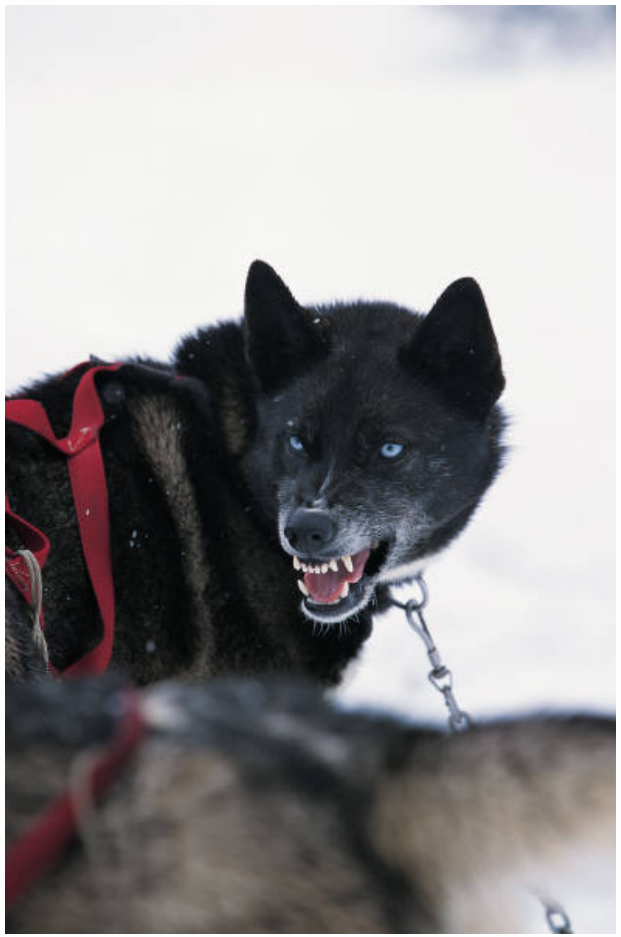
A **B**

Overgrown landscaping…

- Provides opportunities for criminals to hide and conceal their illegal activity

Which Would The Criminal Prefer?





If your “watch dog” welcomes strangers rather than challenging them, it may be time to get a new watch dog…

Unsecured computer data may provide an opportunity for your personal information to be compromised by ID theft…

- *Attend the Sheriff's Office "Compute Safe" class on Computer Security to learn how to secure your computers and networks*

Unmarked property makes it easy for the criminal to pawn stolen property...

- *Engrave your property using a metal engraver with a unique serial # and log these numbers onto the Operation ID sheet located within the Neighborhood Watch book.*

Residential Security Summary

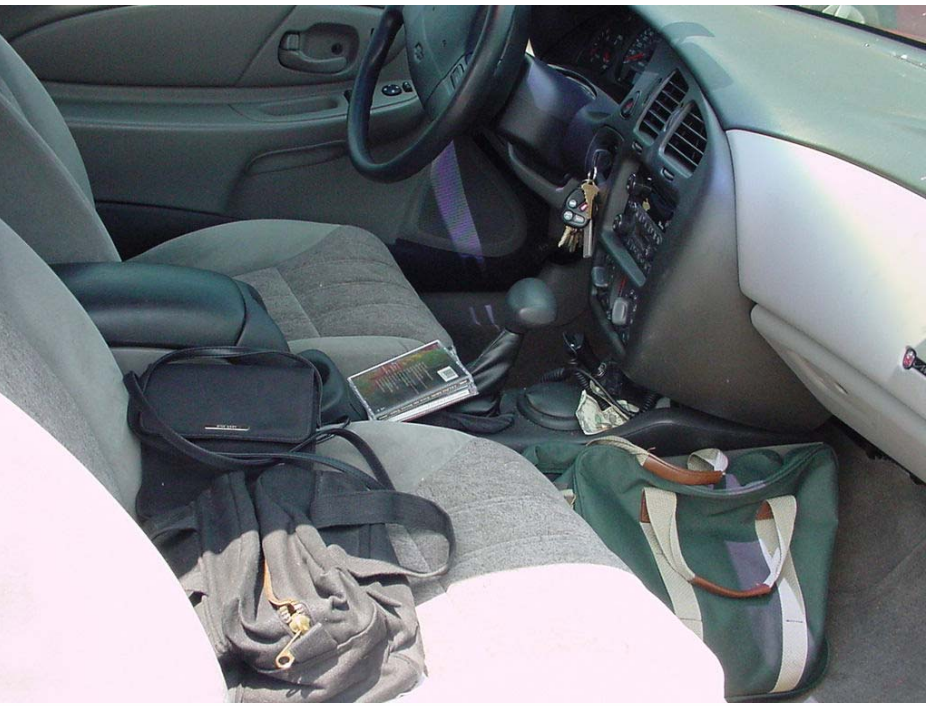
How Do You Leave Opportunities For Crime?

- Unsecured Doors And Windows
- Open Garage Doors
- Poor Lighting
- Hiding Places For The Criminal
- No Documentation Of Property
- Improper Storage Of Personal Information
- Not reporting what you see and hear…

Vehicle Security

Is Your Vehicle A Crime Waiting To Happen?

Which Does The Criminal Prefer?



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Vehicle theft deterrent devices, such as the “Club”, along with *removing valuables*, sends a message to the criminal that this is a hard target...

Vehicle Safety:

How Do You Leave Opportunities For Crime?

- Unsecured Doors & Windows
- Leaving Valuables Inside Your Vehicle
- Leaving The Car Running
- Leaving Garage Door Openers In Your Car

Did You Know That...?

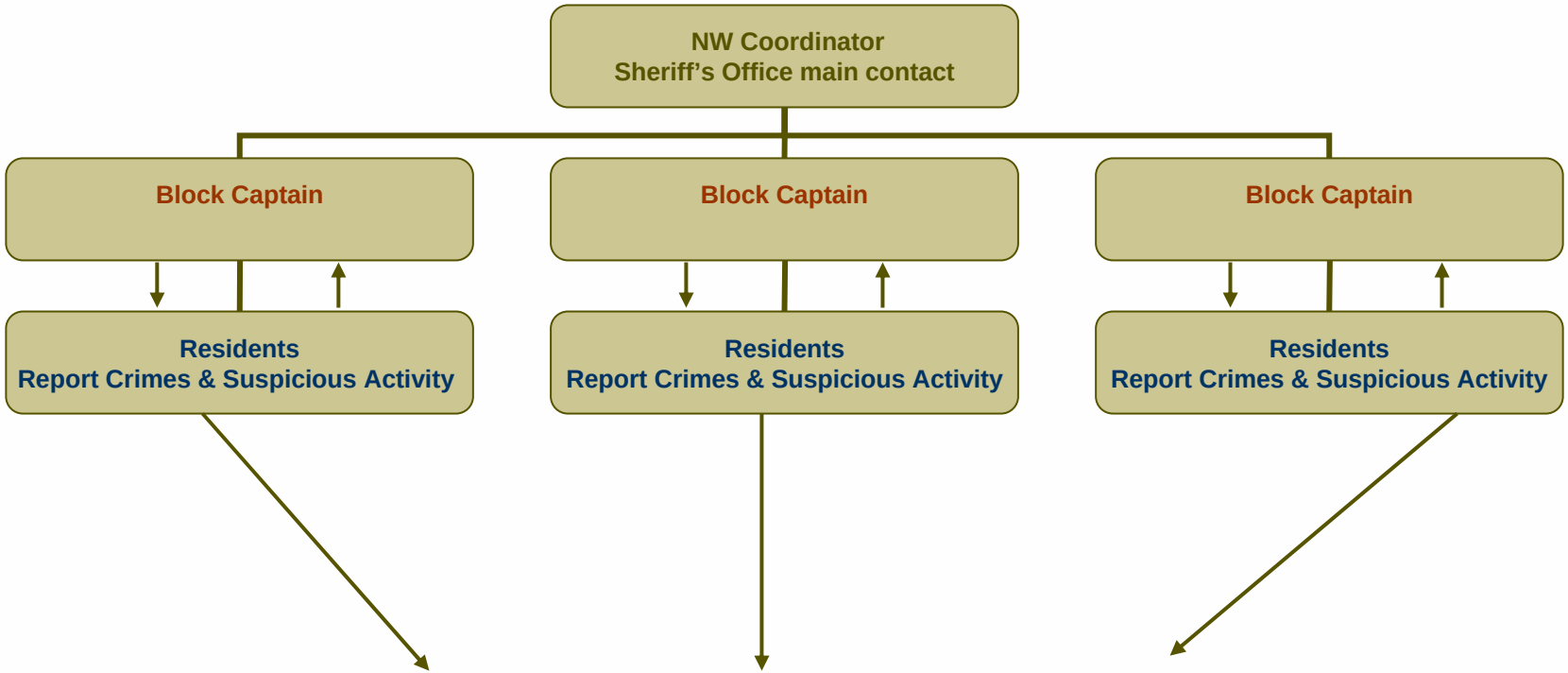
- Twenty percent of all stolen vehicles had the engine running and the keys in the ignition at the time they were stolen?

Target Harden Your Property

- If It Has A Lock, Use It!
- If It’s Overgrown, Trim It!
- If The Lock Is Broken, Fix It!
- If It’s Valuable, Secure It!
- If You Have A Garage For Your Car, Use It & Keep It Locked!
- If It’s Dark, Light It Up!

The Structure Of Neighborhood Watch

Seminole County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit



Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Communications Center

Residents should call the Sheriff's Office first, then their block captain.

Block Captain Duties

- Disseminate information from the Coordinator to their block residents
- Distribute Neighborhood Watch information packets upon request to new residents
- Encourage residents in their block to participate in the program
- Remind residents to contact the Sheriff's Office *first* to report and *then* their block captain…

Block Captain:

How Much Time Will It Require?

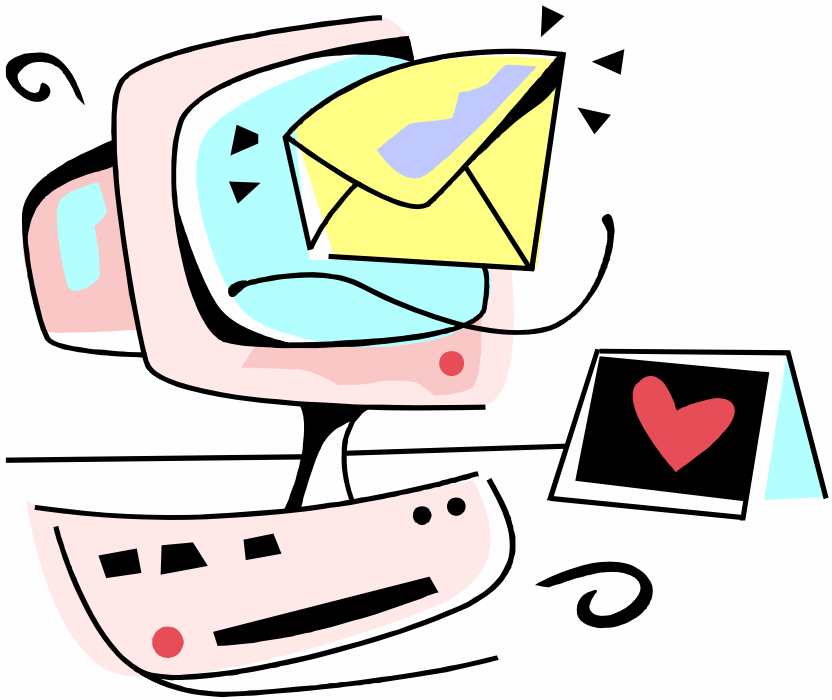
- *Those who simply incorporate their duties into one of their daily activities*, such as sending a notification when checking email, or delivering crime prevention packets to new residents while walking the dog, *report that their duties are **not** time-consuming…*

Technology is a wonderful thing…

- We encourage Neighborhood Watch groups to utilize computer technology to their advantage…If it reduces the amount of time spent distributing important information, then use it!
- Organize it the way that it works best for ***your community….***

Neighborhoods May Tailor The Notification System To Meet Their Needs

- Some prefer to use a phone notification chain when computer use is limited by residents
- Most prefer to use an email distribution list that may be sent by the coordinator, co-coordinators and or block captains…
- ***The goal is to make sure everyone is notified…How*** you accomplish that is up to ***you***!



How Do I Know When To Call 911?

- 911 is called for any ***crime in progress***, including suspicious persons & activity
- Call the ***non-emergency number, (407) 665-6650*** for crimes that have already occurred, not requiring an emergency response.
- Remember, Neighborhood Watch is “neighbor watching out for neighbor”, reporting what you see and hear…

How can the Crime Prevention Unit help your community?

- Provide crime prevention seminars on various topics, such as Auto Theft, Residential Security, and Women's Safety…
- Conduct a "lighting survey" of your community with a follow-up presentation on lighting recommendations
- Conduct CAT signups
- You tell us…Need information on a crime prevention topic? We can help…

Crime Prevention Unit personnel

- Community Service Officer and Coordinator: Rich Kay (407) 665-6977
- Community Service Officer Margaret Levins (407) 665-6748
- Community Service Officer Laurie Bailey

  (407) 665-6480
- Deputy Sheriff Ed Schierholzer (407) 665-6983

Resources

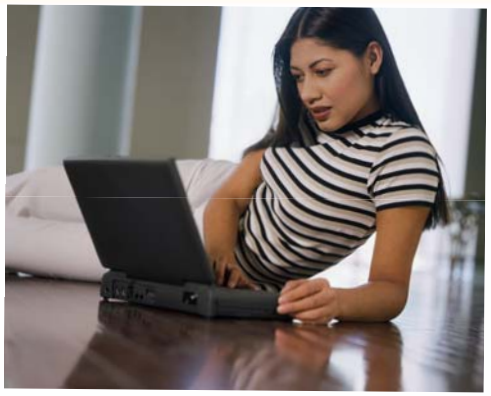
How Can We Help You?

Crime Prevention Resources

Let Us Help You…

- Schedule a **Free** security assessment of your residence to make your property a harder target.
- Schedule a crime prevention presentation by contacting the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, Crime Prevention Unit At (407) 665-6977; 665-6748 or 665-6983
- For child safety programs, call CSO Laurie Bailey at (407) 665-6480

Internet Safety Resources



- Hands-on computer classes on various topics are available. To view descriptions of these topics go to www.seminolesheriff.org, look under Community and click on “Compute Safe”.
- A one hour information session entitled, *“Do You Have A Space On MySpace.com?”* is available to adults responsible for a child’s online activity.
- To schedule Internet Safety presentations and classes, call CSO Margaret Levins at (407) 665-6748.

NEW Child Safety Programs

- Bully prevention presentation for adults and children
- Teen violence prevention presentation for all teens, ages 13 to 18
- Teen dating safety presentation for teen girls only, ages 13 to 18
- Call CSO Laurie Bailey at (407) 665-6480

Going on vacation?

- Participate in the Seminole County Sheriff’s Office House Watch program
- While you’re away, a Deputy will make daily perimeter checks of your home
- Call (407) 665-6650 and ask to set up a “House Watch”

Combat Auto Theft

- If you would like to help stop auto thefts in your community and you don’t normally drive between the hours of 1:00 am and 5:00 am… Then the Combat Auto Theft program is for you!

Sign Up For Combat Auto Theft

- Because most vehicles are stolen between the hours of 1:00 am and 5:00 am…
- CAT is a *voluntary* vehicle registration program that gives law enforcement anywhere in Florida permission to conduct an investigative stop of your vehicle between those hours to determine if the vehicle is stolen.
- Two CAT decals with an identifying number are placed on the front windshield & back window.

Combat Auto Theft

How Do I Qualify?

- Must reside in Seminole County
- Possess a valid driver’s license & registration
- Must own the vehicle and display a Seminole County address on the registration

How Do I Sign Up For C.A.T.?

- Register in person at:
- The main Sheriff’s Office located at 100 Bush Blvd, Sanford
- At any one of the six Sheriff’s Office Community Services Centers
- At any police department in Seminole County
- At any scheduled CAT sign up event (must be booked with the Crime Prevention Unit)

Additional Resources online

- Visit www.seminolesheriff.org
- Search for felons, sex offenders and predators
- Sign up to receive crime alert bulletins via email (eLerts and eBiz)
- Find out about classes and so much more…

Patrol Areas for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office "Community Service Center" Locations

- **District 2:** Sanford and areas north of Lake Mary Blvd. Office located at 3822 S. Orlando Dr. on the corner of Lake Mary Blvd and Hwy 17/92

  (407) 665-6620

- **District 3:** Lake Mary Blvd to S.R. 434, 17/92 to the Wekiva River. Office located at Lake Mary Center, 3677 Lake Emma Rd, Lake Mary, FL

  (407) 444-0567

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- **District 4:** Geneva, Oviedo, Chuluota areas. Office located at 1225 E. Broadway Ave., Oviedo, FL 32765

  (407) 977-6377

- **District 5:** Deer Run, Eastbrook, Winter Springs, Tuskawilla. Office located at Lk Howell Sq. #141-143, 1271 Semoran Blvd., Casselberry, FL 32707

  (407) 623-1060

Patrol Areas for the Seminole County Sheriff's Office "Community Service Center" Locations

- **District 6:** East of I-4,Casselberry, Fern Pk and Longwood areas. Office located at 1742 Estapona Circle (Highway 17/92 at South St), Fern Pk, FL 32730

  (407) 665-1410

- **District 7:** West of I-4, Wekiva, Altamonte Springs, Bear Lake. Office located in Hunt Club Plaza (S.R. 436 and Hunt Club Blvd) Apopka, FL 32703

  (407) 862-1554

Thank You

On Behalf Of Sheriff Donald F. Eslinger