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In an effort to both be convenient for our citizens and to help reduce costs to the Sheriff's Office, St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar announced the implementation of "Online Reporting" for select incidents. "The challenge of this endeavor," Shoar said, "is to maximize efficiencies and effectiveness, and at the same time, not sacrifice public safety or the quality of life our community deserves."

Sheriff Shoar directed his management team to discover options that will allow for more discretionary patrol time and to give additional flexibility in how deputies are deployed. One of those options was Online Reporting, which allows citizens to file and receive a copy of a report without leaving their home. The types of reports that can be generated online are limited to low level crimes where no evidence or suspect information exists, thus saving thousands of tax dollars each year.

At the present time you will be able to file online reports for lost property, vandalism, thefts of not more than \$300, identity theft, vehicle burglaries and harassing phone calls. With over 3,100 reports of these types of calls over the past year we could anticipate a significant savings if some of these cases were reported online, according to Shoar. It is important to note that all online reports will be reviewed and approved by a law enforcement supervisor.

Sheriff Shoar stressed that online reporting is simply an option our citizens may utilize to assist them in documenting a crime and is NOT mandatory. He added, "As always our deputies will continue to respond and meet with any citizen for any reason when they are requested."

If you would like to learn more about online reporting, please visit the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office website at www.sjsso.org, and click on the logo for online reporting.

