



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SHERIFF

THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHERIFF DAVID B. SHOAR

REPORTING CRIME

Call the appropriate number, either 9-1-1 for emergencies or (904) 824-8304 for non-emergencies.

- Give your name and address.
- Briefly describe the event - what happened, when, where and who was involved.
- Describe the suspect's sex, race, age, height, weight, hair color, clothing, and distinctive characteristics such as a beard, mustache, scars or accent.
- Describe the vehicle if one was involved; color, make, model, year, license plate and special features such as stickers, dents or decals.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Keep these numbers near the phone.

- Emergency.....9-1-1
- Non-Emergency.....(904) 824-8304
- Anonymous Crime Tip Hotline(904) 824-9099
- Traffic Safety Hotline(904) 810-6776
- Crimestoppers1-866-277-TIPS(8477)

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Animal Control.....(904) 209-0746
- Code Enforcement.....(904) 209-0734



Dear St. Johns County Resident,
As your Sheriff I encourage each citizen to join us in the fight against crime. In order for crime prevention to be effective, there must be a partnership between law enforcement and the community. Simply put we rely on citizens to be the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Office. Together we will continue to make a difference. Putting Our Community First.

Your Sheriff, David B. Shoar

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VALUES : OUR CORE VALUES ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE: INTEGRITY, TREATING PEOPLE WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT

MISSION : TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE VISION : BE THE BEST WE CAN BE, IN ALL WE DO

For more information on this or any of the other Community Programs offered by the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office contact:

ST.JOHN'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
4015 Lewis Speedway
St. Augustine, FL 32084
904-824-8304 website: www.sjso.org

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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JOIN A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries, robberies and improves relations between law enforcement and the community they serve.

THE ABC'S OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- Any community resident can join.
- A few concerned residents or a community organization can spearhead the effort to organize a Neighborhood Watch.
- Participants learn how to make their homes more secure and watch out for each other. It increases awareness and encourages residents to report suspicious activity.
- You can form a Neighborhood Watch group around any geographical unit: a block, apartment complex or business area.
- Watch groups are not vigilantes! They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Neighborhood Watch helps build pride and serves as a springboard for efforts that address community concerns such as beautification and disaster preparedness.

GETTING ORGANIZED

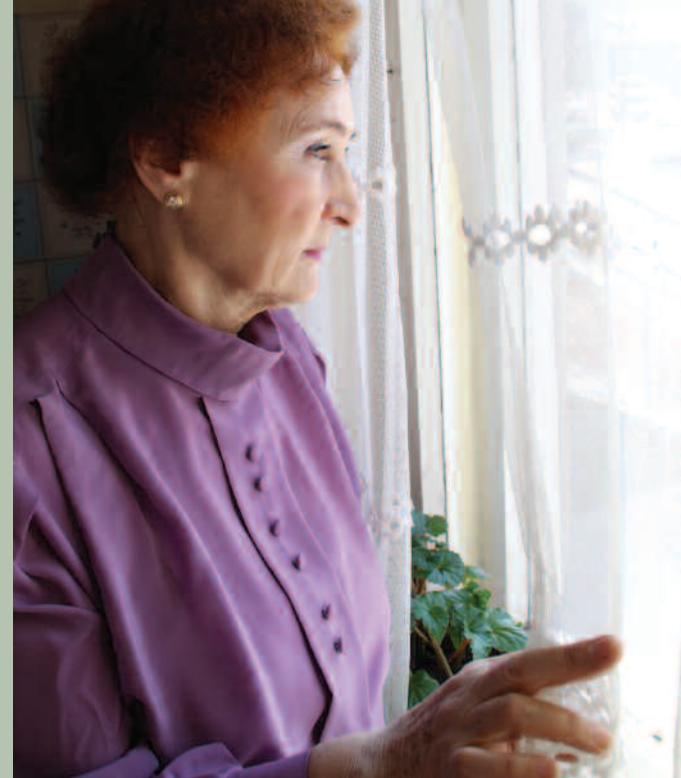
To form a Neighborhood Watch group, contact the St. Johns County Sheriffs Office Crime Prevention Section at (904) 824-8304. The deputy who is assigned to your area will provide you with information on how to get a Neighborhood Watch started, including:

- Selection of a Block Captain and Co- Captain.
- Establishing an internet or phone tree for effective neighborhood communications.
- Recruiting members and making special effort to include the elderly, working parents and young people.
- Identifying areas of concern that are specific to your neighborhood.

STAYING ACTIVE

It's an unfortunate fact that when a neighborhood crime crisis goes away, so does the enthusiasm for Neighborhood Watch. The key to keeping a Neighborhood Watch group active is maintaining people's interest over a period of time.

- Organize regular meetings that focus on other issues such as recreational activities for children and emergency preparedness.
- Consider a neighborhood beautification project.
- Social events give neighbors a chance to meet each other. Host a block party, a potluck dinner, picnic or a softball game.



DOING YOUR PART

Report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office at (904) 824-8304.

- Someone screaming or shouting for help.
- Someone looking into windows and parked cars.
- Unusual noises.
- Property being taken out of closed businesses or houses where no one is at home.
- Vehicles moving slowly with no apparent destination or without lights.
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle.
- A stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.
- Abandoned vehicles.
- Be vigilant of suspicious nighttime activity at construction sites.