

Minutes of Meeting of POWS (People of Wekiwa Springs)

Date: 4/4/2023

Time: 6:00 pm (Officer's Meeting)

Location: Wekiwa Springs Baptist Church, 584 N Wekiwa Springs Rd, Apopka, FL 32712

Attending: Kathy Marsh collected a separate list of attendees for both meetings

Agendas Attached

Auction Tickets still need follow up. At least 4 people need to turn in money and stubs.

Egg Hunt collected \$615. (Presales of prints, donations, and tee shirts) \$77.23 from online sales of tee shirts. Sprouts to donate \$250 to POWS. Ideas for improving next year included better coordinating of times for age groups of kids. This needed to be part of public relations. Also, there was a suggestion that signs be made with directional arrows to help people find parking. Maps were not enough.

State Filing of POWS is done. Next is to complete the bylaws and file for 501©3

Discussed numerous possible speakers and businesses for future meetings. Began to create a list and agreed to work several months in advance. David Arms will be the speaker for the county at the May 2, 2023 POWS Meeting. He is responsible for the sewer to septic program now in progress on Wekiwa Springs Rd subdivisions.

7:00 pm (General POWS Meeting)

The invocation was given by Pastor Joel Breidenbaugh

Pledge by Bob Samson

Bob Samson read the minutes from the 3/7/2023 Meeting.

Mark Manfre, Treasurer was not able to attend. Bob Samson discussed T-Shirt sales. Shirts were available for \$20. They will go online and be available at future events. We have about 1,300 dollars in our accounts.

For those of you who have not turned in your money and tickets, you can call/email Sue Henesy and she will pick them up if you cannot drop them off (407) 491-7770 Email: shenesy365@gmail.com

Muralist, Delia Miller, misunderstood her contract and painted the wrong size. She is in the process of recreating a new painting appropriately sized for conversion to prints. The drawing for this new original will be held at the May 2nd meeting. Prints will be available for the Apopka Art Show. Kathy Gill agreed to chair the team to work the Art Show and sell the prints. The art show is on April 28th, 29th and 30th. Prints of the painting will be signed and numbered by Delia and only 250 will be sold. We have taken about 15 preorders.

There was no HOA highlight of the Month at our April meeting.

Master Deputy Everson presented CEPTED (creating safety through environmental design) for homes. She emphasized maintenance of tree branches, cut to 6 feet, and shrubs no higher than 2 feet. Home

lighting should not shine back at the house but out into the yard. Keep doors, and cars locked and do not store valuables in your car. The general theme was that well-kept neighborhoods have less crime. Deputy Everson discussed how to trespass someone from your property. She mentioned that to have a Neighborhood Watch, you need one street captain for every fifteen residents.

Debbie Mills discussed corridor cleanups and requested more volunteers.

Jeff Engelbrecht discussed the April 15th of work along Thompson and Votaw roads. Meet at Votaw/Thompson Fire Station lot at 8:00 am. Bring gloves, shrub cutters, etc.

Please Note: The 2nd Quarterly Leaders Meeting for District 2 will be held at Wekiva High School on Thursday, April 20th. Cheesecake at 6:00 pm, Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. See agenda attached.

The meeting ended at 8:00 pm

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob". The letters are stylized and cursive.

Bob Samson, Secretary

People of Wekiwa Springs

Board Meeting

April 4, 2023

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Sue Henesy

Board Reports

President

Sue Henesy

Vice President

Debbie Stevens

Secretary

Bob Samson

Committee Reports

Special Projects

Kathy Marsh

COY/Cleanups

Jeff Engelbrecht

Social Media

Gale Hoover Richmond

Old Business

New Business

May 2, 2023, Meeting Agenda Planning

HOA Presenter for future meetings?

Orange County Speaker for future meetings?

Local Business Focus and Speakers for future meetings?

Adjournment

Sue Henesy

POWS

Agenda for 4/4/2023

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Prayer/Pledge

Sue Henesy, President

Pastor Joel Breidenbaugh

President's Report

Mural Dedication & Egg Hunt Recap

Ticket/Sales Status & Plans for Holding Drawing at May 2th meeting

Apopka Art Sales Committee Formation – Sales of Prints

Attendance, Name Tags & Notebooks

District 2 Staff

Financial Report

Mark Manfre, Treasurer

HOA Highlight of the Month

Debbie Stevens, VP

Deborah Julian, Wekiwa Ridge Oaks on Wekiwa Springs Corridor

1. How does your HOA communicate with residents?
2. Any safety concerns?
3. Is the county infrastructure good? Do you have LED lighting?
4. What are homes selling for?
5. Other general information

County Staff Presentation

Master Deputy Everson will present on CEPTED – creating safety through environmental design

Monthly Cleanup Schedule

Jeff Engelbrecht, Cleanup Chair

April 15, 2023

Debbie Mills, Corridor Cleanups

Announcements

Sue Henesy

Adjournment

Sue Henesy



April 6, 2023

Dear Neighborhood Leader,

I believe neighborhood leaders and county government are most effective when they work together. Currently, more than 150 people regularly attend my quarterly meetings at Wekiwa High School. I believe the meetings facilitate better outcomes and services. Sidewalks get repaired, roadways are resurfaced, bad developments are denied, street lighting is repaired, and \$15,000 entranceway grants are awarded.

2nd Quarterly Leaders Meeting

Thursday, April 20th

Wekiwa High School 6:00 PM

Schedule of Meeting:

Social & cheesecake 6:00 PM

Speakers 6:30 PM

Speakers Include:

Safety at home- CPTED- Master Deputy Stan Murray, OCSO

Sustainability – treating invasives – Beth Jackson, OC EPD

Infrastructure – Vision Zero – Brett Blackadar, OC Public Works Deputy Director

Social health of neighborhood – Lindsey Smestad – Principal, POL, and HOA leader

Neighborhood Economics – Orlando Board of Realtor Board Member

Recognition of active Corridor Chiefs – Cmsr. Christine Moore

Our effort has resulted in much success including \$200,000 awarded for entranceway improvements, six neighborhoods receiving new sidewalks, a crime reducing segment aired on Spectrum News, Corridor Chief Program, two murals, and the Corridor of the Year Competition (winners: 2021 Wekiwa Springs Rd. & 2022 Magnolia Homes Rd.).

Additionally, two organizations *People of Lockhart* and *People of Wekiwa Springs* host monthly meetings, and clean-ups and annual events, and North Pine Hills (Rosemont) and Southern Apopka (Apopka Blvd.) host monthly clean-ups.

As we grow the number of participants in North Pine Hills and Southern Apopka it is also my hope that we can also grow in scope. As for Northern Apopka – I believe as residents see the success, more will attend Quarterly Leaders Meetings.

Finally, I included a flyer on the **Corridor of the Year Contest**. This friendly competition results in neighbors coming together to improve the safety, property values, aesthetics, and social cohesion of a corridor.

COMMISSIONER CHRISTINE MOORE, DISTRICT 2

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Magnolia Homes Road leaders came together to repair walls, apply for county entranceway grants, pick-up trash, mow common areas, chase out criminals, plant trees, demo an unsightly wall, create a park, erect pole banners, and more. I want this success on Magnolia Homes Road for every corridor. For this to happen in your area, I need you to attend the quarterly meetings and participate in a monthly clean-up.

I encourage you to sit with leaders from your corridor at the meetings and share cell numbers and best practices. The enclosed flyer describes the judging matrix for *Corridor of the Year*. The items which are judged to determine the winner include: wall condition, grass mowing, rights-of-way free of trash, landscape beds filled with healthy plants and fresh pine bark nuggets, and sidewalks and curbs white and sparkling. Winners receive infrastructure upgrades and potentially, LED street lighting, benches, doggy waste stations, or decorative pole banners. Judging takes place this year on Saturday, November 4th.

I happily work with neighborhoods with no HOA structure, or individual residents interested in building greater capacity and engagement. We also need those attending who serve on mandatory HOA Boards.

I hope you join me at the 2nd Quarterly Leaders Meeting on Thursday, April 20th.

Warm regards,

Christine Moore

Cmsr. Christine Moore

PS – Please RSVP to 407.836.5850 or District2@ocfl.net so I can be sure to bring enough cheesecake. I'm hoping for a turnout of 300 people at the Quarterly Leader's Meetings.

Upcoming Schedule:

Clean-Ups: 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM (call 407.8365850 for more specific location)

1st Saturday - Southern Apopka (*Apopka Blvd*)

2nd Saturday - Lockhart (*Eden Park Rd*)

3rd Saturday - Wekiwa Springs (*Votaw Rd*)

4th Saturday - North Pine Hills (*Clarcona-Ocoee Rd*)

Monthly "People" Meetings:

1st Tuesday of the Month

Lockhart 6:30 M at Lockhart Baptist Church

Wekiwa Springs 7:00 PM at Wekiwa Springs Baptist Church

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Commissioner
Christine Moore
2018 - 2026

District 2 Corridor of the Year



HOA Benefits and Scoring Matrix



Past Winners

2021 – Wekiwa Springs Rd. 2022 – Magnolia Homes Rd.



Benefits of Competing

- Property values increase
- Crime rates decrease
- Advocacy team develops

2023 Competitors

Apopka Blvd
(Southern Apopka)

Clarcona-Ocoee Road
(Rosemont to N. Pine Hills)

Eden Park Road
(Lockhart)

Votaw Road
(Wekiwa springs)



Winner Receives*

- Street benches
- Decorative pole banners
- LED street lighting
- Road resurfacing
- Entranceway improvement grants
- Doggie waste station

(*Some or all of these will be awarded at the Commissioner's discretion)

Scoring Matrix for HOAs

- Wall or fencing condition 0-5pts
- Landscape beds cleaned and mulched 0-5pts
- Sidewalks and curbs white 0-5pts
- Large Trees Trimmed 6ft and bushes under 3ft .. 0-5pts
- Grass mowed & absence of trash 0-5pts



Bonus Points
for
Volunteer
Workday
and
Active
Corridor
Chiefs

Corridor of the Year

For more information call 407-836-5850

VACATION SECURITY TIPS

1. Make your home look occupied.
2. Secure your home.
3. Leave a key with a trusted friend/neighbor.
4. Have lawn mowed.
5. Stop deliveries or have neighbor pick up mail and paper.
6. Have someone park a vehicle in your driveway.
7. Have someone "house-sit" your home.
8. Do not advertise your trip.

FINALLY, IF A CRIME DOES OCCUR...

Call law enforcement immediately. A five minute delay means that the chance of catching the criminal drops by two-thirds.

Tell the deputy as much as you can. In many cases, it is what the victims and witnesses can tell about the criminal that results in an arrest. No fact is too trivial.

It pays to prosecute. Three-fourths of all criminals who are prosecuted are found guilty.

Being a witness in court is not as much trouble as you think. There are special programs to assist victims with their day in court.

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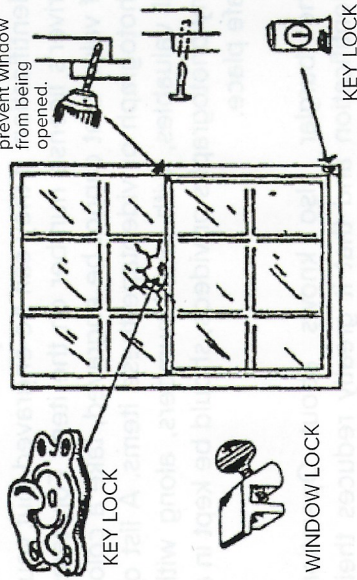
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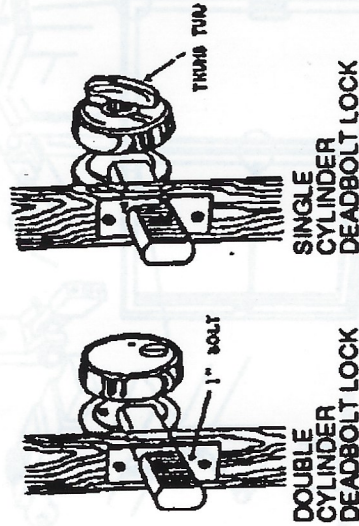


DOUBLE HUNG WINDOW

Insert pin or nail at an angle to prevent window from being opened.



INSIDE



Thumb turn deadbolt lock not recommended if glass is within 40" of locking mechanism.

If a double cylinder deadbolt is used, be aware of a possible fire hazard. Not recommended for mobile homes.

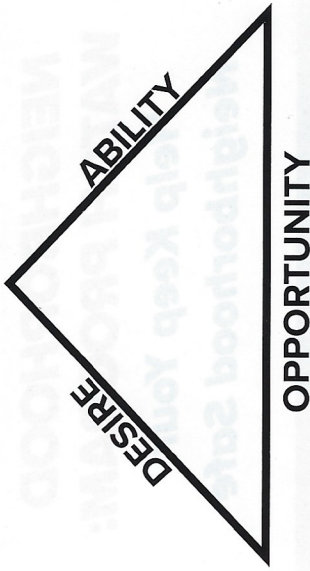
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM:

Help Keep Your Neighborhood Safe



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Take away any part of the equation, and the chance of a crime occurring is greatly reduced. For example, take away the opportunity and even the criminal with the desire and ability will find it hard to commit that crime.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The best crime prevention device ever invented is a good neighbor. The security steps you and your neighbors take as a group are just as important as the things you do individually. This joint effort is called Neighborhood Watch.

Neighborhood Watch should include an effort to inform everyone of good home security techniques, marking and listing your property, and neighborhood participation. In addition, it should include watching out for and reporting suspicious or unusual activities in your neighborhood.

TO START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP

It is easy to organize a Neighborhood Watch in your area. Coordinate a date/time/location for your neighborhood's initial meeting with a Crime Prevention Officer from the Sheriff's Office. During this initial meeting, the Sheriff's Office will offer tips on home security, crime awareness, operation identification, and how to report suspicious activities.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Volunteers are needed to serve as block captains. One block captain needs to be assigned for every ten homes. The block captain's duties are varied but essential to the success of your Neighborhood Watch. These tasks include welcoming new neighbors and encouraging their participation in the program; compiling a list of names of all persons on their block who wish to participate; serving as a liaison between citizens and law enforcement; and helping to form and maintain a telephone notification system for emergencies.

GOOD SECURITY HABITS

1. Re-key locks when purchasing a new home or after keys have been lost/stolen.
2. Place deadbolt locks on all exterior doors including the door from the garage leading to the inside of the house.
3. Install locks on all windows.
4. Trim shrubbery away from entryways and windows.
5. Light all entryways and the exterior of your residence.
6. Make house numbers visible from the street day and night.
7. Use Operation Identification on all valuables.
8. Report suspicious activities to non-emergency line: 407-836-HELP (4357).
9. Know how to report emergencies to 9-11 and instruct children, too.
10. In an emergency, know how to contact your neighbors.
11. Do not reveal your name, phone number, address, or personal information to unknown telephone callers.
12. Never tell a stranger your neighbor is not at home.
13. Never give out information that you are alone, or when you will be away. Instruct children to do the same when answering the door or telephone.

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

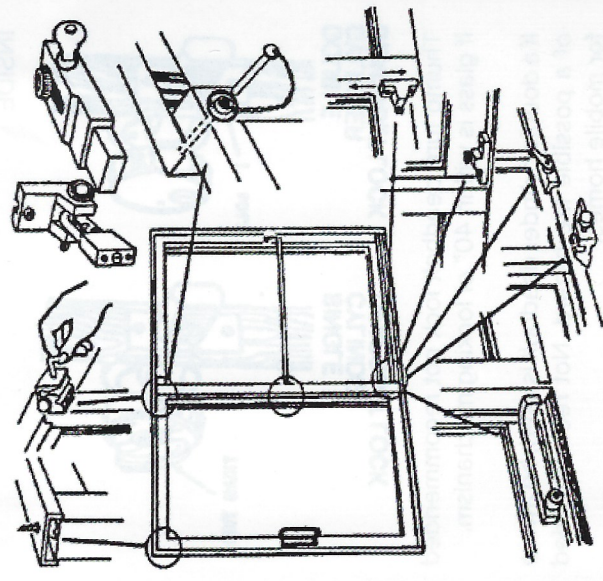
Operation Identification is the program where you mark and list your valuables for identification. If they can be engraved, put your driver's license number on the item. For items of value that cannot be engraved, take a color photograph or videotape these items. A list of all valuables, with serial numbers, along with any photographs or videos, should be kept in a safe place.

The burglar also knows about Operation Identification and that it greatly reduces their opportunity to successfully fence your valuables. DO IT TODAY!

SLIDING WINDOWS AND DOORS

Problems:

- * Aluminum (thin gauge) can be peeled to gain entry.
- * Window/door can be lifted out of the track.
- * Window can be forced open.



Solutions:

- * Tighten adjustment screws to prevent lifting door out of track.
- * Charley-bar or sliding door bar may be purchased and placed at the mid-point of the door.
- * Numerous locking devices are available for sliding windows and doors.

PLEASE NOTE

Do NOT use the online reporting system for the following:

- ▶ **Emergencies**
Please dial 9-1-1 for emergency situations.
- ▶ **Theft of Firearms or Explosives**
Please contact 407-836-4357 to file a report.
- ▶ **Traffic Crashes**
Contact the Florida Highway Patrol at 407-737-2200, if it occurred in unincorporated Orange County.
- ▶ **The Incident Occurred Within a Municipality**
Please contact the law enforcement agency of the city where the incident occurred.
- ▶ **There is a Known Suspect**
If you have a suspect, you cannot use the online reporting system. Please contact the Orange County Sheriff's Office Communications Center at 407-836-HELP (4357) and have a deputy respond to write a report.
- ▶ **You Are Under 18 Years of Age**
Have an adult report the incident for you.



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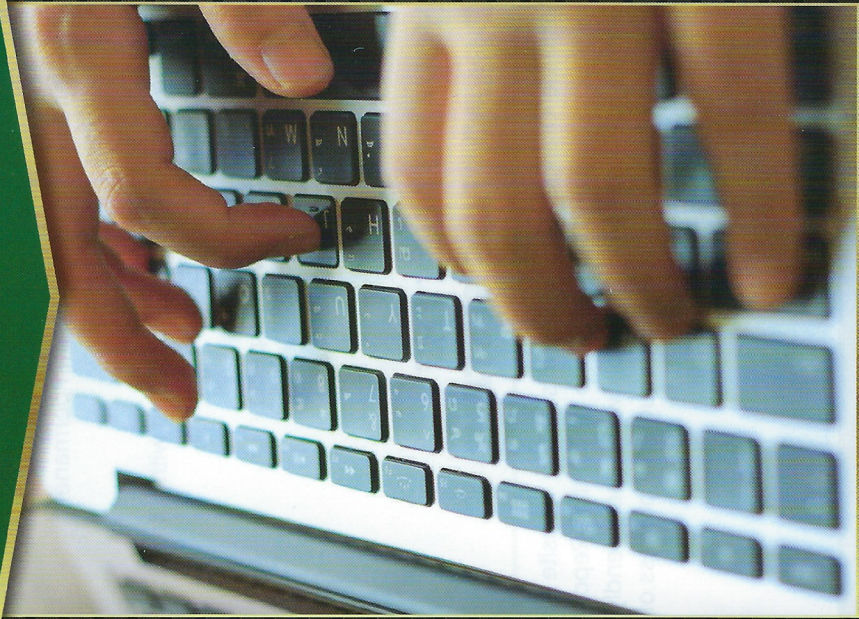
E-REPORTING:

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WELCOME TO THE O.C.S.O. ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM

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Now you can report certain non-emergency incidents from the privacy of your computer. The incident must meet the following criteria:

- ▶ It must be a non-emergency such as the following:
 - Lost Property
 - Vehicle Burglary
 - Identity Theft
 - Harassing Phone Calls
 - Theft (excluding firearms)
 - License Plate Lost/Stolen
 - Vandalism to Property (with permanent damage)

- ▶ The incident must have occurred within the limits of unincorporated Orange County.
- ▶ There are NO known suspects.
- ▶ You're at least 18 years of age.

HOW DO I USE THE E-REPORTING SYSTEM?

Visit the Orange County Sheriff's Office website at www.ocso.com and scroll down to find Online Report Filing. Click "Read More" and follow the user-friendly prompts which will guide you through the process of filing your police report.

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Select Incident Type	
Incident Type	Definition
Lost Property	Property that is missing or lost. Lost firearms may NOT be reported online.
Thrift	Your property is taken without your permission. "STOLEN FIREARMS MAY NOT BE REPORTED ONLINE." Please call the Orange County Sheriff's Office at 407-836-HELP to report stolen firearms and/or stolen vehicles. If illegal entry was made into your home, garage etc to steal the item(s), you may NOT file this report online.
Vandalism (Criminal Mischief)	The act of changing, modifying or defacing public or private property.
Vandalism to Vehicle	Damage to or tampering with a Motor Vehicle.
Vehicle Burglary	Unauthorized entry to a motor vehicle where property was removed. E-Reporting is a convenient alternative to report auto burglaries when there is no suspect information. Auto Burglaries without suspect information can not be actively investigated unless additional information is discovered.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Once you enter all of the necessary information for the report, you will receive a temporary number in a confirmation email indicating your report was successfully submitted.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I FILE MY REPORT?

All cases filed online will be reviewed. If further investigation of your case is needed, you may be contacted by a member of the Orange County Sheriff's Office to obtain additional information.

Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies

Apopka Police Department
407-703-1757

Eatonville Police Department
407-623-1300

Edgewood Police Department
407-851-2820

Maitland Police Department
407-539-6262

Oakland Police Department
407-656-9797

Ocoee Police Department
407-905-3160

Orange County Sheriff's Office
407-836-HELP (4357)

Orlando Police Department
321-235-5300

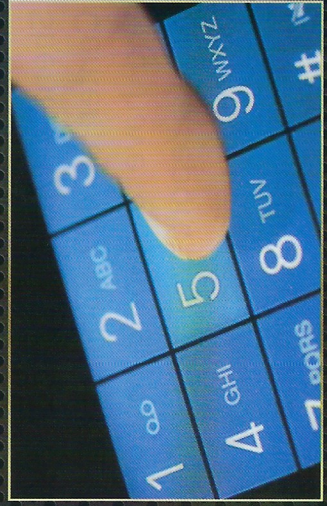
Orlando P.D. Airport
407-825-2065

University of Central Florida Police Dept.
407-823-5555

Windermere Police Department
407-905-6333

Winter Garden Police Department
407-656-3636

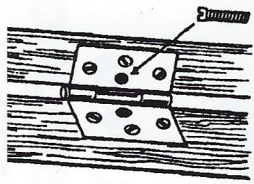
Winter Park Police Department
407-644-1313



Visit www.ocso.com to report non-emergencies.

HINGE DOORS

The most common door type used in homes and apartments is the hinge door. It is important that all exterior doors be of solid wood core construction or that steel clad doors be used. Avoid light gauge aluminum. Hollow core or composition board doors are not effective deterrents because they can be easily battered or bored. It is defeating the purpose of a good deadbolt lock to mount it on a hollow or foam core door.



Drill a hole in the center of the hinge and insert a headless screw or nail to the door frame side, allowing it to protrude approximately one half inch.

Inspect the door frame and repair any splitting or rotting.

If door hinges are exposed on the exterior of the door, non-removable hinge pins should be used. To prevent removal of a door that has removable hinge pins, you can employ a headless screw or nail. Insert the headless screw or nail into the leaf on the door frame side. Allow the screw or nail to protrude 1/2". When the door is closed, the screw will engage the other hinge leaf.

GLASS IN THE DOOR

Problem: If glass is within 40 inches of the inside turn latch, a burglar can break the glass, reach in and open the door.

Solutions

- Install a double cylinder deadbolt lock. However, be aware of potential fire hazards and do not use a double cylinder deadbolt in a mobile home.
- Cover the glass with polycarbonate (plastic) sheet.
- Add a decorative grill or grill door.
- Replace the door with a solid core door.

Points to Remember:

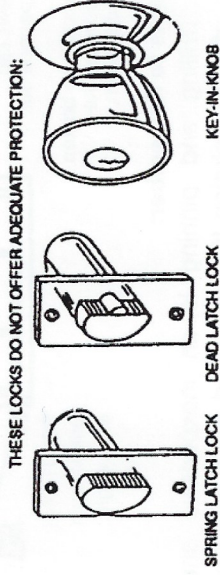
- * Polycarbonate sheets and metal grill doors may be more expensive than replacing the door. If the door is replaced with a solid core or panel door, a wide angle door viewer is also recommended.
- * A double cylinder deadbolt lock (keyed from both sides) is recommended only if the resident understands the potential fire hazards.

NOTE: At the present time, polycarbonate (lexan) is not always available at hardware stores.

LOCKING OUT TROUBLE

Sound locks won't always keep out a burglar, but they will discourage one. You don't need to spend a lot of money on security hardware, but you should follow the guidelines listed in order to protect your family. Since prices vary, you should shop around.

Chain latches offer NO security because they can be ripped off easily. Instead, check a caller's identity through a wide angle viewer or peephole. (Min. 180 degrees)



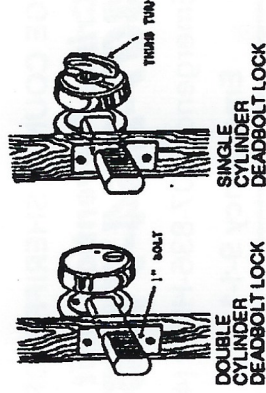
THESE LOCKS DO NOT OFFER ADEQUATE PROTECTION:

SPRING LATCH LOCK

DEAD LATCH LOCK

KEY-IN-KNOB

A common type of lock in many homes and apartments is the key-in-knob or spring latch type. This particular lock is easily defeated by the most amateur burglar with a credit card or screwdriver inserted between the latch and the strike plate. This lock offers no security and should be supplemented by a single or double cylinder deadbolt lock, rim type or surface mounted lock. The deadlatch is similar to the spring latch lock but has a small bar or plunger which will not permit opening with a shimming device.



DOUBLE CYLINDER DEADBOLT LOCK

SINGLE CYLINDER DEADBOLT LOCK

A single cylinder deadbolt lock should be mounted on a solid wood core door when there is no breakable glass within 40 inches of the interior locking mechanism. The single cylinder deadbolt lock has a thumb turn piece on the inside.

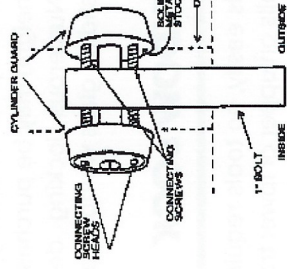
A double cylinder deadbolt lock, which is key operated from both the interior and exterior, should be used when there is glass within 40 inches of the interior locking mechanism. (CAUTION: The use of a double cylinder deadbolt lock can be a fire hazard. If this type of lock is used while the home is occupied, either leave a key in the lock or hanging somewhere near the lock. Children should be trained to use this lock and know the exact location of the key. When the dwelling is unattended, the key should be hidden from view and out of the reach of the burglar who may break the glass.)

When moving into a new dwelling, have tumblers in all exterior locks changed. This can be done inexpensively by a licensed locksmith.

COMPONENTS OF A GOOD DEADBOLT

Both single and double cylinder deadbolts should meet these basic criteria to be a good security device.

- The bolt must extend a minimum of 1" throw and be case hardened or contain a hardened insert.
- The cylinder guard must be tapered or spherical to make it difficult to grip it with pliers or a wrench. It must be made of solid metal, preferably able to turn freely.
- The connecting screws that hold the lock together must be on the inside. There must be no exposed screw heads on the exterior of the door.
- The connecting screws must be at least 1/4" in diameter and screw into solid metal sock, not screw posts.
- The screws that come with the strike plate are often short. Use 2" screws in the strike plate.



When shopping for a deadbolt lock, you may wish to take the diagram and description to a locksmith or hardware store to be sure the lock you buy meets all of the basic requirements.

VIN ETCHING

VIN's or Vehicle Identification Numbers have been placed on vehicles since 1969. One VIN has been engraved on a metal plate on the dashboard near the windshield. Others, depending on the manufacturer, are placed in and on various parts of the vehicle.

When a car is reported stolen, law enforcement agencies send this number to the FBI's computerized National Crime Information Center. While the engine and transmission typically have VIN's, a new program has been instituted to further protect your vehicle from theft which is etching the VIN on the windows utilizing a chemical process.

Auto theft investigators believe this is an excellent deterrent to professional thieves since they either have to remove or replace the windows before selling the car or its parts.

COLLAR

The collar is a metal alloy device that deters thieves from breaking the lower shift bowl of the steering wheel column.

The collar is a device that may be purchased at an auto supply dealer. The collar is made for all vehicles and may be installed by the purchaser.

STEERING WHEEL LOCK DEVICES

Steering wheel locking devices are hardened steel rods that lock the steering wheel and prevent the wheel from being turned more than a few degrees. Another steering wheel lock device that is less expensive is a bar or grid lock - an adjustable steel rod that hooks under the brake and locks to the steering wheel. The above items may be purchased at many auto supply dealers.

OTHER DEVICES

There are several GPS vehicle tracking devices available. These tracking devices are extremely

helpful in the quick recovery of the vehicle and arrest of the suspect. Some devices are a one time expense that is surprisingly inexpensive compared to the cost of the vehicle.

Another system is the ignition disabler that disables the starter when the engine is turned off. This can be activated by a code, a key, a toggle switch, or a pressure pad. This device must be installed at a qualified auto service shop.



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**AUTO THEFT/AUTO
BURGLARY:**

**Don't Let a Criminal Drive
or Steal From Your Car**



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10-1461 (5/19)

FLORIDA RANKS FOURTH IN THE NATION FOR AUTO THEFT. A VEHICLE IS STOLEN EVERY FIVE MINUTES IN FLORIDA.

WHY DO CRIMINALS STEAL CARS?

- High profit and low risk
- Joyride
- Chop shop/parts/stereo equipment
- Domestic and foreign resale

GENERAL RULES TO AVOID AUTO THEFT/BURGLARY

- Always lock your car and remove the keys.
- Lock valuables in the trunk and don't leave personal identification or credit cards in your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle running while unattended. (This is a violation of state law, Sec. 316.1975, F.S.S.)
- Install an anti-theft device that is highly visible, hard to defeat, and that renders the car undrivable.
- Use an alarm or wheel lock device.
- Photocopy your vehicle registration and insurance papers and keep them in your wallet, not in the glove compartment.
- Park in a garage, if possible, or choose a well lit, heavily traveled area to park.
- Don't hide spare keys in the car.
- Always be observant for possible "carjackers" as you drive and while entering/exiting your vehicle. Your car horn is a good deterrent to crime.
- Record serial numbers of aftermarket stereo equipment.
- Don't leave enticing items visible.
- Engrave your driver license number on your stereos, speakers, and cellular phones.
- Etch the vehicle ID number on the windshield.
- Report any suspicious activity to your local law enforcement agency.

NOTE: Citizens should contact their insurance companies for recommendations on other preventative measures. Some insurance companies may offer a discount for specified alarm equipment.

CARJACKING

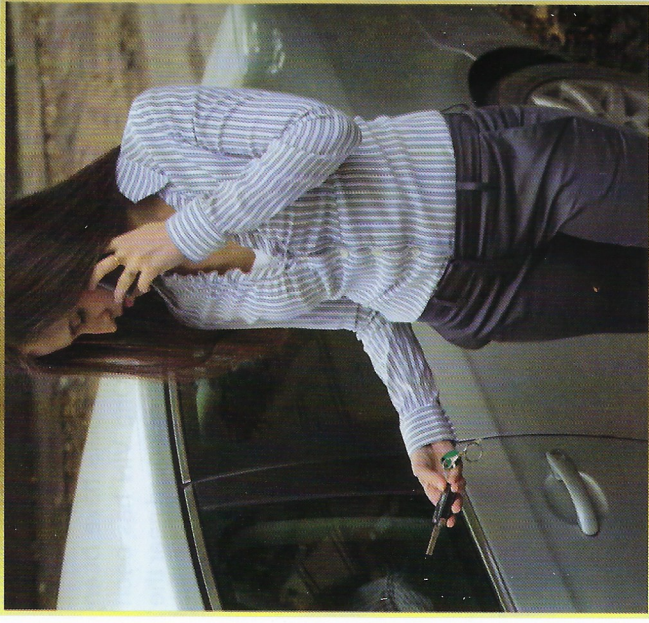
A recent trend in auto theft is carjacking. Carjacking is when a car is taken from a person either by force or a threat of force. There is no guaranteed way of avoiding being carjacked, but there are some simple, common-sense precautions you can incorporate into your daily routine to increase your safety.

BEFORE YOU ENTER YOUR CAR

- Be alert of your surroundings. Have a plan of action. Do not give a carjacker the opportunity to confront you.
- Have your keys in your hand.
- Make sure no one is hiding in or under your car.

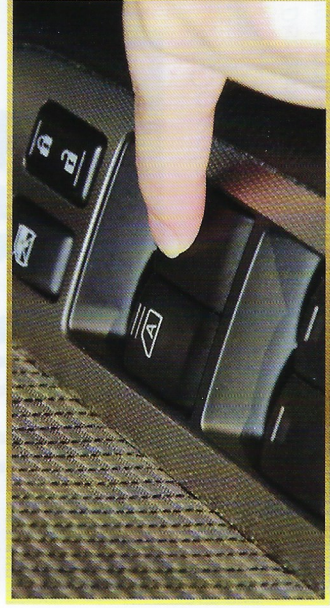
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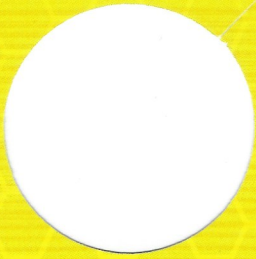
- Avoid verbal/physical confrontations.
- If confrontation is unavoidable, cooperate and do exactly as you are told.
- Avoid leaving in a car with a carjacker. Take your chances right there instead of at some remote secondary crime scene.
- Once the criminals leave, walk or run away and call law enforcement immediately. Be ready to give a description of your car and the suspect(s).



ENTERING/EXITING A VEHICLE

- Keep your doors and windows locked.
- Plan your route. Be aware of your surroundings, as crooks prey on people who appear distracted.
- Avoid known trouble spots. If you sense danger, trust your instincts and get to a populated area as quickly as possible.
- Never overload your arms with package.
- Allow room between your car and the one in front of you so you can drive around it quickly if you need to get away from a situation.
- If your vehicle is bumped from behind and it seems suspicious, motion to the driver to follow you. Move at a slow but steady speed to the nearest well-lit, well-populated area and immediately call law enforcement.
- Avoid going out alone after dark.
- Park in a well-lit area close to the entrance of buildings.
- Carry a large flashlight if you park in an area that may be dark or deserted when you return.
- Have keys in hand as you approach your car.
- Fumbling for the keys leaves you open to attack.
- Don't leave anything worth stealing in plain view in your car.



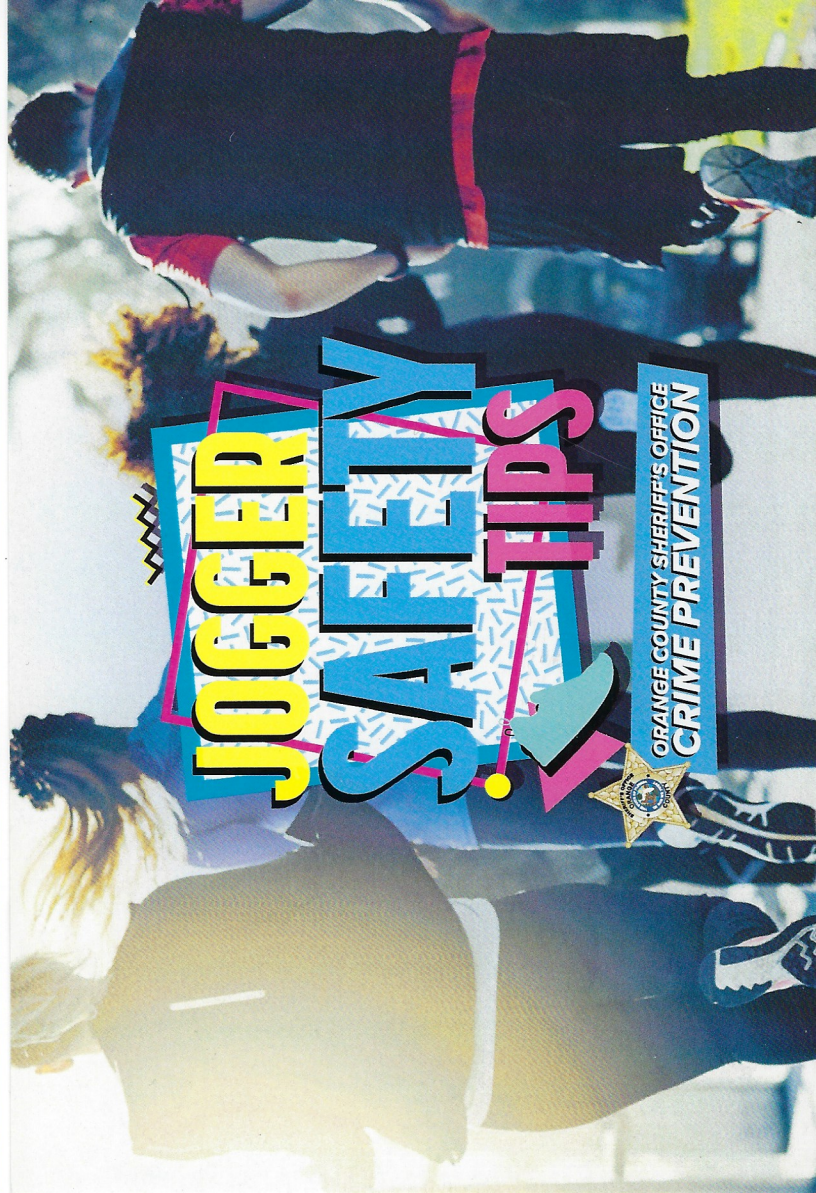


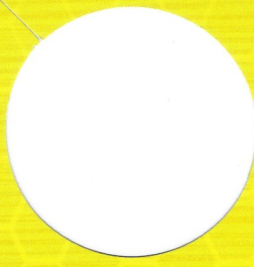
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**This vehicle
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**ORANGE COUNTY
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**NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER
407-836-HELP (4357)**

PRACTICE THESE WALKER/JOGGER TIPS:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times – listening to loud music in your headphones limits your ability to hear an offender.
- Jog or walk in a well-lit, well-traveled familiar area - Wearing bright colored or reflective clothes improves your visibility.
- Run or walk in groups – There's always safety in numbers.
- Theft is a crime of opportunity, when going to the gym, don't leave valuables visible in your car – placing them in your trunk makes your vehicle less desirable for burglars.
- Once inside the gym, store your phone and keys in a gym locker with a lock, or wear a fanny pack and keep them with you at all times.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CRIME PREVENTION UNIT AT (407) 254-7384

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