

HOW SHOULD I REPORT THESE INCIDENTS?

- Remain calm
- Call 9-1-1 or the non-emergency number Hardee County Sheriff's Office 863-773-4144
- Give your name and address.
- Please remain on the phone until you have reported all the necessary information and be ready to provide specific information about the incident such as:
 - ❑ Who - descriptions of suspects, victims, or vehicles
 - ❑ What - explain type of incident
 - ❑ When - time of incident
 - ❑ Where - location of incident

*To report a crime that has already occurred
or if you need law enforcement
(non-emergency):
863-773-4144*

*For more information contact Public Relations
at 863-773-0304
Visit our web site at
www.hardeeso.com*

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

*General information regarding the Sheriff's
Office:
863-773-0304*



*Hardee County Sheriff's Office
Neighborhood Crime Watch*



Sheriff Arnold Lanier



A Message from Sheriff Lanier

On behalf of myself and the dedicated men and women of the Hardee County Sheriff's Office, it is a privilege to serve you. I am proud to be a part of this agency because law enforcement and the Sheriff's Office has been a major part of my life's work. We in law enforcement pride ourselves as keepers of the peace and problem solvers. But, law enforcement cannot bear the sole responsibility of solving the "crime problems." As a community, *WE* must become involved as partners with the Sheriff's Office to enhance public safety. As Sheriff, I will place a strong emphasis on community partnerships and a commitment to quality of service for all.

All of us remain dedicated to providing good law enforcement and detention services. We will work hard to reduce crime and help you feel safe at home, at work, and throughout our community.

Arnold Lanier, Sheriff

Hardee County



N e i g h b o r h o o d C r i m e W a t c h

What Does A Neighborhood Crime Watch Do?

A Neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors, they are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members meet their neighbors, learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises their suspicions to the police or sheriff's office.

How to start:

- Organize a small planning committee of neighbors to discuss needs, the level of interest, and possible community problems.
- Hold an initial meeting to gauge neighbors' interest; establish the purpose of the program; and begin to identify issues that need to be addressed.
- Select a coordinator
- Contact the local police or sheriff's department to attend the meeting
- After meeting, a Telephone Chain and assignment of Block Captains is set up by the Neighborhood Chairperson.
- Work with local government or law enforcement to put up Neighborhood Watch Signs, usually after at least 50% of all households are enrolled.
- Recruit members, keeping up-to-date information on new residents and making special efforts to involve the elderly, working parents, and young people.

I LIVE IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING. CAN I START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Yes. Watch Groups can be formed around any geographical unit: a block, apartment building, townhouse complex, park, business area, public housing complex, or office building.

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A WATCH MEMBER?

- Be alert!
- Know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- Report suspicious activities and crimes to the police or sheriff's department.
- Learn how you can make yourself and your community safer.

WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES SHOULD I BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AS A WATCH MEMBER?

- Someone screaming or shouting for help
- Someone looking in windows of houses and parked cars.
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or from closed businesses.
- Cars, vans, or trucks 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.

Report these incidents to the police or sheriff's department. Talk about concerns and problems with your neighbors.