

# Lake County Sheriff's Office

## Crime Watch



### Safety Tips & Information

### Gary S. Borders, Sheriff

# The 2006 Florida Statutes

## Chapter 843

### OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE

#### **843.20 Harassment of participant of neighborhood crime watch program prohibited; penalty; definitions.--**

(1) It shall be a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for any person to willfully harass, threaten, or intimidate an identifiable member of a neighborhood crime watch program while such member is engaged in, or traveling to or from, an organized neighborhood crime watch program activity or a member who is participating in an ongoing criminal investigation, as designated by a law enforcement officer.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Harass" means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person which causes substantial emotional distress in that person and serves no legitimate purpose.

(b) "Organized neighborhood crime watch program activity" means any prearranged event, meeting, or other scheduled activity, or neighborhood patrol, conducted by or at the direction of a neighborhood crime watch program or the program's authorized designee.

**History.--**s. 2, ch. 2004-18.

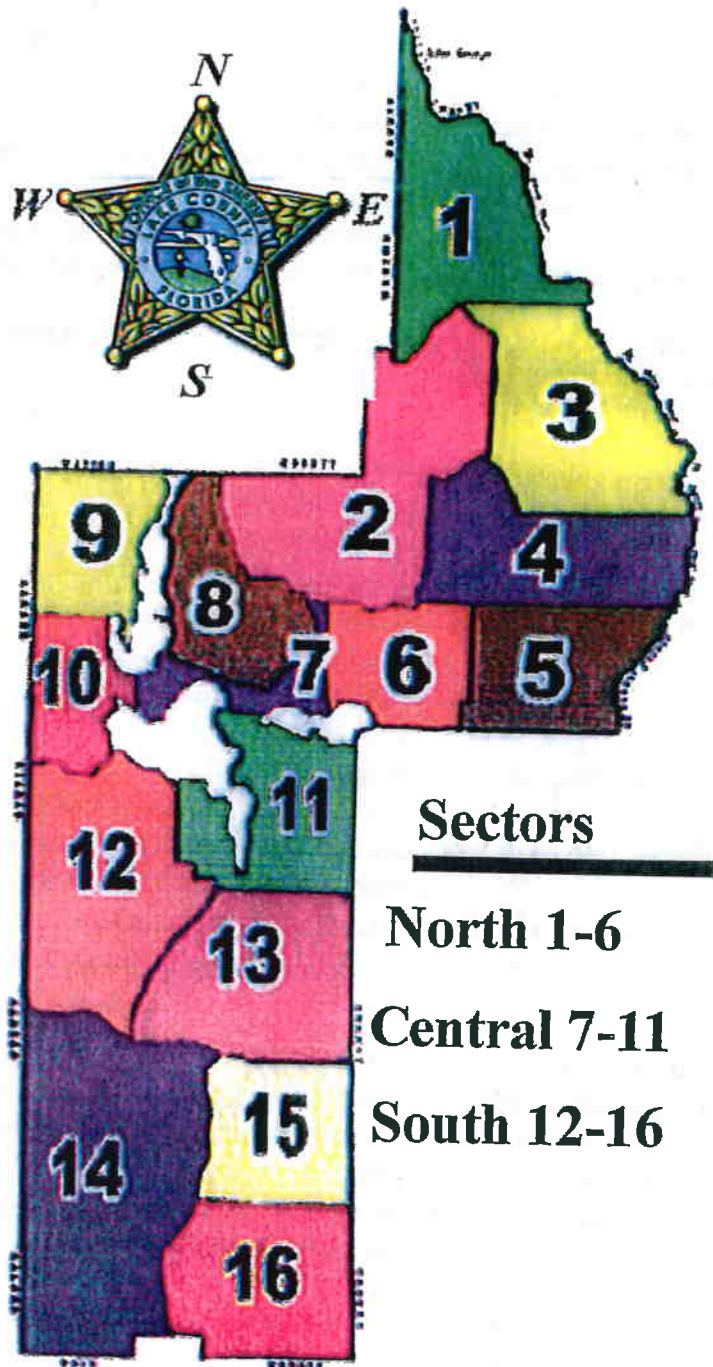
**Road Miles From Tip  
of County to Bottom**  
**90 Miles**

**Widest Point**  
**60 Miles**

**Total Square Miles**  
**1,200**

**Population**  
**260,000 +**

**As of September 2005**



**Patrol Zones**



## SECURITY CHECKLIST

### Outside Security:

- |  | YES   | NO    |
|--|-------|-------|
| 1. Is your house number visible from the street?   | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Can your neighbors see your house?  | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Do your neighbors have a clear view of your doors and window?   | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Have you talked to your neighbors about neighborhood security?  | _____ | _____ |
| 5. At night, do you leave your front and back porch lights on whether you are home or not?                     | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Have you ever walked around your house looking for ways a burglar might be able to get in?                  | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Have you trimmed all your hedges and bushes so they can't hide a burglar at work on your windows and doors? | _____ | _____ |

### Doors and Windows:

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|--|-------|-------|
| 1. Are your outside entrance doors all solid core doors?                         | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Do your door frames fit snugly around your exterior doors?                    | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Do you have a viewer (180 min) in your front and back doors?                  | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Are all your outside doors equipped with good one-inch deadbolt locks?        | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Do you have a double-cylinder lock for doors with glass or panels?            | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Since you moved in, have you had all locks re-keyed?                          | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Do you lock your door every time you leave no matter how short a time?        | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Can you close and lock your garage door?                                      | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Do you close and lock your garage door?                                       | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Do you check to see if all windows are locked when you leave the house?      | _____ | _____ |
| 11. Do you put a board that snugly fits in the track of your sliding glass door? | _____ | _____ |
| 12. Have you pinned or installed an additional lock on your sliding glass door?  | _____ | _____ |
| 13. Do all your windows have good locks on them?                                 | _____ | _____ |
| 14. Have you installed extra window locks for better security and ventilation?   | _____ | _____ |

### Basic Security:

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|--|-------|-------|
| 1. Do you know how to report a crime?  | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Do you ask neighbors to watch your house if you are going to be gone overnight?   | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Do you have automatic timers on a couple of lights in your house when you are away?   | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Does your house always look like someone is home?   | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Do you turn your bell tone down on your telephone when you are away?  | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Do you have your neighbor park his extra car in your driveway when you are away for a few days?   | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Do you have your neighbor pick up your mail, newspapers, and other deliveries when you are going to be gone?                                  | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Have you recorded serial numbers of your valuables?   | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Have you etched your driver's license number on valuables?  | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Those items you can't etch or have no serial numbers on such as Jewelry, china or crystal have you photographed for identification purposes? | _____ | _____ |
| 11. Do you always separate your home and car keys when you leave your car with a valet parking attendant?  | _____ | _____ |
| 12. Have you removed all identification tags from your key rings?  | _____ | _____ |
| 13. Do you report suspicious activity to the police? <b>343-2101</b>   | _____ | _____ |
| 14. Do you understand how your Neighborhood Watch telephone chain works?   | _____ | _____ |



## HANDY HINTS FOR KEEPING BURGLARS AWAY FROM YOUR HOUSE

- Re-Key locks on newly purchased homes or if keys are lost or stolen. Never hide a house key outside.
- Keep garage door closed and locked when not in use.
- Illuminate the exterior of the house, especially entrances/ to eliminate dark hiding spots.
- Talk to your neighbors about watching each other's houses.
- When away from home/ leave a radio or television on and keep lights on a timer.
- Keep shrubs and trees trimmed away from doors and windows.
- Close drapes and blinds at dusk. Keep emergency phone numbers near the phone.
- Make -the address visible from the street day and night. This will help emergency vehicles find the house.
- Do not leave such items as tools and bicycles outside unattended.
- Never open the door to a stranger. Get identification from all service and delivery persons.
- If you suspect your house has been burglarized/do not go inside. Call the police from the neighbor's house.



### SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY SHEET

	CIRCUMSTANCES		POSSIBILITY
1.	Waiting or loitering In front of a business If business is closed or unoccupied.	➔	Possible burglary suspects or trespassers.
2.	Forcing entrance to a business when closed or unoccupied	➔	Possible burglary In progress, theft or trespassing.
3.	Person running, especially If something of valued Is being carried	➔	Possible suspect fleeing the scene of a crime.
4.	Person(s) carrying property that Is not wrapped, at a unusual hour	➔	Possible suspect fleeing the scene of a burglary or robbery.
5.	Person screaming.	➔	Possible rape or assault or robbery occurred
6.	Person(s) loitering around cars or going car to car peering Into them especially In parking lots	➔	Possible car thief or theft from a vehicle.
7.	Person:(s) offering Items for sale at a very low price.	➔	Possibly trying to sell stolen property.
8.	Parked or occupied vehicle containing one or more persons, especially significant If observed at a unusual hour.	➔	Possible lookouts for a burglary or robbery.
9.	Vehicle being loaded with valuables If parked by a closed or unoccupied business,	➔	Possibly a burglary, theft or robbery In progress.
10.	Objects being thrown from a vehicle	➔	Possible disposal of objects or evidence of a criminal act.
11.	Property In vehicle that is -not normally found In vehicles (T.V. sets. stereos. guns or auto parts) especially If observed at a unusual hour.	➔	Possible stolen property.
12.	Property being removed from or loaded Into a vehicle or building, at a unusual hour, from a closed or unoccupied business	➔	Possible burglary or theft In progress.

# Suspect(s)



Sex =	Race =	Age =	Height =	Weight =
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Hair Color/Cut

Eyes

Beard/Mustache

Tattoos

Scars/Marks

Complexion

Weapon Type

Weapon Left or Right Handed

Hat Type

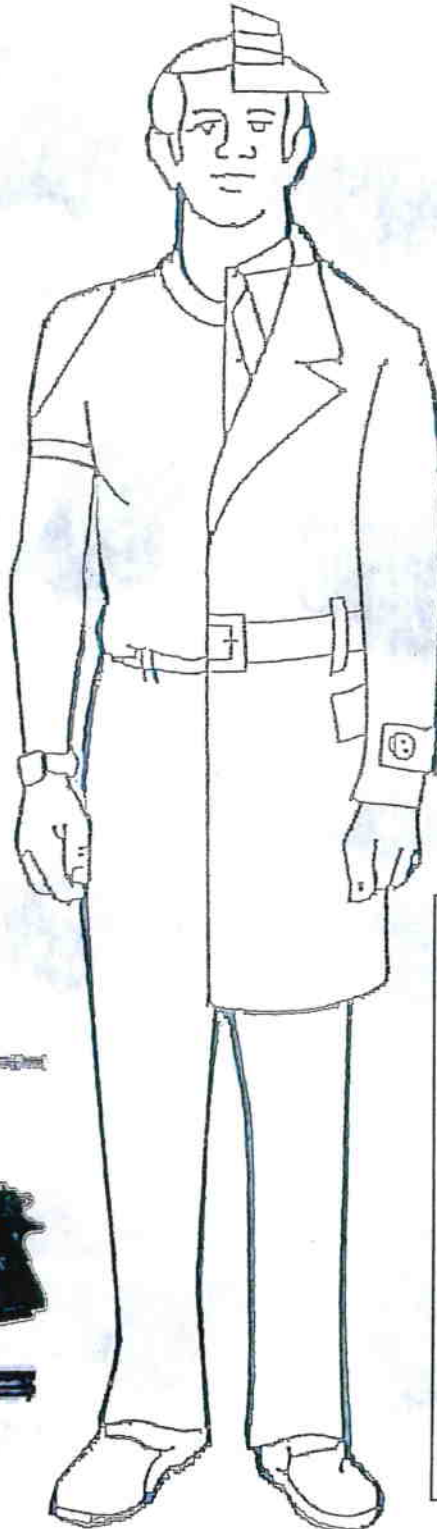
Glasses Type

Shirt

Coat

Pants

Shoes



In Case of Robbery  
**Fill in All The Blanks**  
(Give to the responding  
Deputy Sheriff or Police Officer)

Notes:

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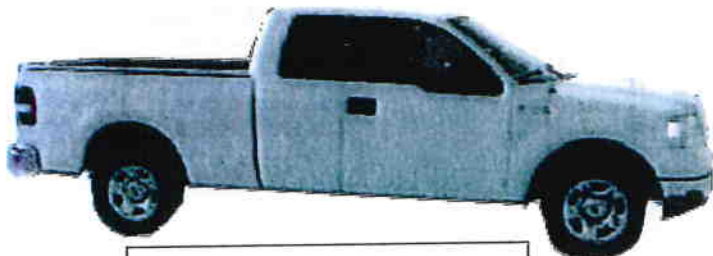
<b>Year</b>	<b>Color</b>
<b>Make</b>	<b>Tag</b>
<b>Model</b>	<b>Other Identifying Features</b>



**Sedan**



**Compact**



**Extended Cab Pick-up**



**Regular Cab Pick-up**



**Large SUV**



**SUV**



**Large Van**



**Mid-Size Van**



## WHEN AND HOW TO USE 9-1-1

### WHEN TO USE 9-1-1:

Call 9-1-1 to report a Crime, a Fire, a Heart Attack, a Serious injury or any situation requiring the IMMEDIATE response of a FIRE TRUCK /-AMBULANCE, or a POLICE CAR.

### WHAT THE 9-1-1 OPERATOR WILL NEED TO KNOW:

1. THIS PHONE NUMBER: Where you are.
2. THIS ADDRESS: Where you are.
3. NATURE OF PROBLEM
4. IMPORTANT: CALL 9-1-1 **FIRST** in all-emergency, situations.

Speak clearly into the telephone and speak directly to the 9-1-1 dispatcher.  
Speak in plain English - don't try to use police jargon

Don't talk with other people while on 9-1-1  
Don't put the 9-1-1 dispatcher on "hold".

Know the exact location- (building number, street name and. suite or apartment number, or street intersection) where help is needed- This is in the event the officer or firefighter needs more detailed information later. If you don't wish to have an officer see you, simply tell the 9-1-1 dispatcher-Tell the 9-1-1 dispatcher exactly what you see, hear or smell (incase of fire). Don't assume- the 9-1-1 dispatcher already knows why you are calling.

Answer all questions the 9-1-1 dispatcher asks. They need the information not only for your safety, but also for the safety of responding police, fire and rescue personnel.

**STAY ON THE TELEPHONE - DO. NOT- HANG UP:** The 9-1-1 dispatcher may be able to give important instructions before emergency personnel arrive. **SPEAK CLEARLY!!**

Once you have given all the information, don't call back, to see if help is on the way.

DO **NOT** CALL 9-1-1 for:

1. Road/Travel and Severe Weather Information, Repair for your Household Appliances, your Car, Etc.
2. Complaints of Excessive Noise (TV, Parties), Littering, Pets up a Tree, Legal Advice, Etc.



## Law Enforcement Telephone List

### Lake County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Gary S. Borders  
360 W. Ruby Street  
Tavares, Fl. 32778  
(352) 343-2101 – Fax (352) 343-9505

### Astatula Police Department

P.O. Box 172  
Astatula, Fl. 32705  
(352) 742-2422 - Fax (352) 742-1970

### Clermont Police Department

865 W. Montrose Street  
Clermont, Fl. 34711  
(352) 394-5588 - Fax (352) 394-1644

### Eustis Police Department

P.O. Drawer 68  
Eustis, Fl. 32727  
(352) 483-5400 - Fax (352) 483-5429

### Fruitland Park Police Department

506 W. Berckman Street  
Fruitland Park, Fl. 34731  
(352) 360-6655 - Fax (352) 360-6653

### Groveland Police Department

408 W. Orange Avenue  
Groveland, Fl. 34736  
(352) 429-4166 - Fax (352) 429-5559

### Howey In The Hills Police Department

111 N. Palm Avenue  
Howey In The Hills, Fl. 34737  
(352) 324-2030 - Fax (352) 324-2126

### Lady Lake Police Department

223 W. Guava Street  
Lady Lake, Fl. 32159  
(352) 751-1579 - Fax (352) 751-2670

### Leesburg Police Department

115 E. Magnolia Avenue  
Leesburg, Fl. 34748  
(352) 787-2121 - Fax (352) 365-1026

### Mascotte Police Department

P.O. Box 56  
Mascotte, Fl. 32753  
(352) 429-3393 - Fax (352) 429-5277

### Mount Dora Police Department

1300 N. Donnelly Street  
Mount Dora, Fl. 32757  
(352) 735-7130 - Fax (352) 383-5653

### Tavares Police Department

P.O. Box 1068  
Tavares, Fl. 32778  
(352) 742-6200 - Fax (352) 742-6169

### Umatilla Police Department

P.O. Box 2286  
Umatilla, Fl. 32784  
(352) 669-3561 - Fax (352) 669-2688

### Florida Highway Patrol

P.O. Box 37  
Fruitland Park, Fl. 34731  
(352) 360-6511

## FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY AGENCIES, CONTINUED

Lake County Courthouse  
550 West Main Street  
Tavares, Fl. 32778  
Clerk:  
(352)742-4141

Lake County Road & Bridge Department  
123 North Sinclair Avenue  
Tavares, Fl. 32778  
(352)343-9655

## JAIL FACILITIES

Lake County Jail  
551 West Main Street  
Tavares, Fl. 32778  
Administration: (352)742-4054  
Booking: (352)742-4024

Lake County Correctional Institution  
19225 US Hwy 27  
Clermont, Fl. 34711-9025  
Superintendent:  
(352)394-6146

## HOSPITALS

Florida Hospital Waterman  
1000 Waterman Way  
Tavares, Fl. 32778  
(352)253-3333 Records: (352)253-3327

The Villages Regional Hospital  
1451 El Camino Real  
The Villages, Fl. 32159  
(352)751-8000

Leesburg Regional Medical Center  
600 East Dixie Avenue  
Leesburg, Fl. 34748  
(352)323-5762

EMS  
2761 West Old Hwy 441  
Suite A  
Mt. Dora, Fl. 32757  
Non-emergency: (352)385-9006  
Dispatch: (352)383-1200  
Fax: (352)343-9516

Leesburg Regional Medical Center North  
700 North Palmetto Street  
Leesburg, Fl. 34748  
(352)323-5500

South Lake Memorial Hospital  
1099 Citrus Tower Blvd.  
Clermont, Fl. 34711  
(352)394-4071

Lifestream Behavioral Center  
(Lake County Mental Health)  
515 West Main Street  
Leesburg, Fl. 32748  
(352)360-3575

## FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY AGENCIES

Border Patrol  
Orlando  
(407)644-2219

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms  
Orlando, Fl.  
(407)648-6136

Immigration Department  
Miami  
(305)536-4529 or 536-4534

INTERPOL  
Washington, DC  
(202)616-9000

Pinycastle Naval Electronic Warfare Range  
N Hwy 19  
Altoona, Fl. 32702  
(352)759-2111

Beverage Department  
Orlando  
(407)245-0780, S/C 344-0780

Beverage Department  
Tallahassee  
  
(904)488-3227

Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish  
1-800-342-9620

Division of Driver licenses  
2219 N Citrus Boulevard  
Leesburg, Fl. 32748  
(352)360-6507

Division of Driver Licenses  
28120 CR 561  
Tavares, Fl. 32778  
(352)742-6164

Department of Transportation Maintenance  
1405 Thomas Avenue  
Leesburg, Fl. 34748

FDLE  
Orlando, Fl.  
(407)245-0888 or (407)245-0801

Florida Highway Patrol/Turnpike  
Turnpike & South Orange Blossom Trail  
Orlando, Fl.  
(407)855-5383

HRS  
Children & Family Services  
Hwy 19  
Tavares, Fl. 32778  
(352)360-6575

State Attorney, /Fifth Judicial Circuit  
(Marion, Lake, Citrus, Sumter, Hernando)

19 NW Pine Avenue  
Ocala, Fl. 34475  
(352)620-3800

Assistant State Attorney  
Lake County Judicial Center

550 West Main Street  
Tavares, Fl. 32778-7800  
(352)742-4236

Lake County Animal Control  
28123 CR561  
Tavares, Fl. 32778  
(352)343-9688

Lake County Emergency Management  
(352)343-2351