

Important Safety Alert for District 1 Neighbors

Hello District 1 Neighbors,

As the days grow longer and the temperature rises, it's that time of the year again – summer is just around the corner! I hope this message finds you all in good spirits and eagerly anticipating the joys that the upcoming summer months have in store for us! As we gear up for the excitement of the summer months, let's also take a moment to ensure that our community remains safe and secure.

Recently, there have been disturbing reports of criminal activity targeting our neighborhoods, ranging from deceptive tactics used to gain access to homes to incidents of vehicle theft facilitated by signal boosters. As your Commissioner, it's my priority to keep you informed and empowered to protect yourselves and your loved ones.

Firstly, there have been incidents where individuals falsely claim that their iPhone is pinging inside your home, as a ruse to gain access. This is a dangerous tactic used to exploit trust and vulnerability. If you encounter such a situation, do not hesitate to call 911 immediately and report it. Your safety is paramount, and our law enforcement authorities are here to help.

Secondly, there have been instances of stolen vehicles due to key fobs being left inside or in close proximity to the vehicle. Criminals are utilizing signal boosters to gain unauthorized access. To safeguard against this, please ensure your vehicles are always locked, and keep your key fobs securely stored inside your home. If you can lock or unlock your vehicle from where your key fob is stored, it's crucial to move it further away to prevent unauthorized access.

As we approach the summer months, I urge you to prioritize safety by following these essential tips: lock the doors to your home, secure your vehicles, keep your key fobs inside your home and away from your vehicles, and report any suspicious activity to the Fort Lauderdale non-emergency line. In case of emergencies, always dial 911 without hesitation.

Let's work together to keep our community safe and secure. By staying vigilant and proactive, we can deter criminal activity and ensure a peaceful environment for everyone.

Stay safe,

Commissioner John C. Herbst, District 1