The seal of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office is a five-pointed star with a gold border and a central circular emblem. The emblem depicts a woman in a blue dress and yellow top standing on a green field, holding a white object. A palm tree is in the background. The text "SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE" is written around the top of the star, and "FLORIDA" is at the bottom. The motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" is written in a small arc above the word "FLORIDA".

Sumter County Sheriff's Office Safe Program

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The Sumter County Sheriff's Office is proud to present our non-traditional law enforcement services in a new way by introducing the

Sumter County Sheriff's Office Safe Program

The Safe Program is comprised of multiple different programs offered by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office to promote safety and to help our deputies respond to unique needs of some of our citizens.

Enclosed in this packet, you will find information about each program and a simple application that will allow you to choose which program you would like to participate in, depending on the needs of you or your family.

If you have any questions, please call us at **352-569-1600** and identify which program you would like more information on. You will be connected to the department that can assist you and answer any questions you may have.

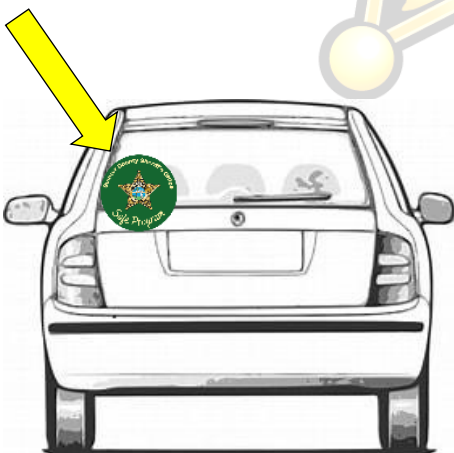
Safe Program Registration

The Safe Program is a voluntary program designed to provide our deputies with additional information about citizens who may have unique needs in our community. Individuals that may choose to register for the Safe Program may be those who have a developmental disability, autism, Alzheimer's or dementia, a hearing or visual impairment, or any other special need that may require special care.

When an individual enrolls in the Safe Program, the information provided on the application will be entered into our computer automated dispatch system, which will allow our deputies to have access to the special needs of the individual.

Family members can also register a loved one for the Safe Program and provide information that may be helpful if the individual ever goes missing. A photo of the person will be uploaded to help deputies identify and locate the individual as quickly as possible.

SCSO will provide a Safe Program sticker and magnet to all participants. Place this sticker on the back left window of a vehicle or on the front door of a residence, so first responders will be able to identify that an occupant of the vehicle or home is someone registered through the Safe Program.



Safe ID Card

This program has been implemented to assist individuals with a disability living in our community to safely communicate their needs to law enforcement. The purpose of the Safe-ID card is to empower individuals with the ability to communicate their disability to law enforcement in a safe and effective way. The Safe-ID card provides important information, such as name, date of birth, and address. It also provides contact information for an emergency contact to be used in case of an emergency. On the back of the card, individuals will be able to identify tips on how the cardholder prefers to communicate and anything that may help keep the individual to remain calm during their interaction with law enforcement.

How to use your Safe-ID Card:

- You may tell the deputy that you have a Safe-ID card and ask if you can show it.
- You may hand the deputy your Safe-ID card with your driver's license or other government-issued identification.



The front of the card features a green header with the text "I am an individual with Autism". Below this is a white area with a gold star logo on the left containing a globe and the words "Safe ID". To the right of the logo are fields for "Name:", "Date of Birth:", "Address:", "Emergency Contact", and "Doctor / Counselor". At the bottom, there is a disclaimer: "This card is not a form of identification and should not be used in place of a driver's license or other government issued identification" and a green footer with the text "Sheriff Breeden's SAFE-ID Card".

Front of Card



The back of the card is a white box with a black border containing the following text:

TIPS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT
I am deaf but I can read lips
I may need you to repeat instructions
I can't focus when multiple people speak
I may pace or become antsy when nervous
Advise Fire/EMS of my disability
Keep me safe and call emergency contact

Back of Card

** This card is not a form of government identification and should never be used in place of a driver's license or other government-issued identification. These cards are not to be used as proof of disability, proof of diagnosis, or as legal documentation of medical history. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office is committed to your privacy and will not disclose your personal or medical information.

DREAM Program



Wandering poses a huge safety concern for people with Alzheimer's, dementia, and autism and causes a great deal of stress to caregivers. The Sheriff's Office initiated a program to help the safe recovery of people with Alzheimer's, dementia, and autism that may wander from home. Through this grant opportunity, the Sheriff's Office will be able to provide GPS enabled devices to help give caregivers in our community peace of mind about the location and safety of their loved one absolutely free of charge.

The devices link to a smartphone application on the caregivers phone to allow family members to monitor their loved one's location and to receive alerts if they leave a safe location. The goal of this program is help improve autonomy of individuals living in our community with Alzheimer's, dementia, and autism and to give peace of mind to families and caregivers about the safety of their loved one. These devices give caregivers the ability to safely locate a family member in case of a wandering event. Caregivers will be able to locate family members without the assistance of law enforcement as location information is easily accessible through the accompanying cell phone application. If law enforcement is required to help someone return home safely, our dispatch will be able to access location information to dispatch a deputy to the individual's exact location.

For questions or more information,
please call Susan Cook at 352-689-4602

Vial of Life

The "Vial of Life" program is designed to provide needed information to emergency personnel in situations where you are unable to do so. The information in the vial should include medical history, medications and dosage, doctor's name, emergency contact numbers, hospital preference, and other information.

The container is located in your refrigerator within your house. This location is used as it is a common appliance in all homes and the contents of a refrigerator remain undamaged during a fire. Law enforcement, Fire Departments and Emergency Personnel are trained to look for the "Vial of Life" in your refrigerator. You may also choose to keep a copy in the glove compartment of your vehicle.

The Vial of Life sticker for your front door and a magnet for your refrigerator will be provided to be displayed to alert first responders that you have a vial of life. The sticker and magnet will be the same as The Safe Program sticker that is provided. If you choose to keep a copy in your car or golf cart, we ask that you also put one of our "Safe Program" stickers on the back window so first responders will know it is there in the event of an emergency.



Don't forget your pets!!!



The Vial of Life allows you the opportunity to provide any special instructions for pets in your house. Please include the type of pet(s) and who we can contact to care for them in the event you are not able to. Sometimes, pets will hide during emergencies, so it helps us to know if they are there!

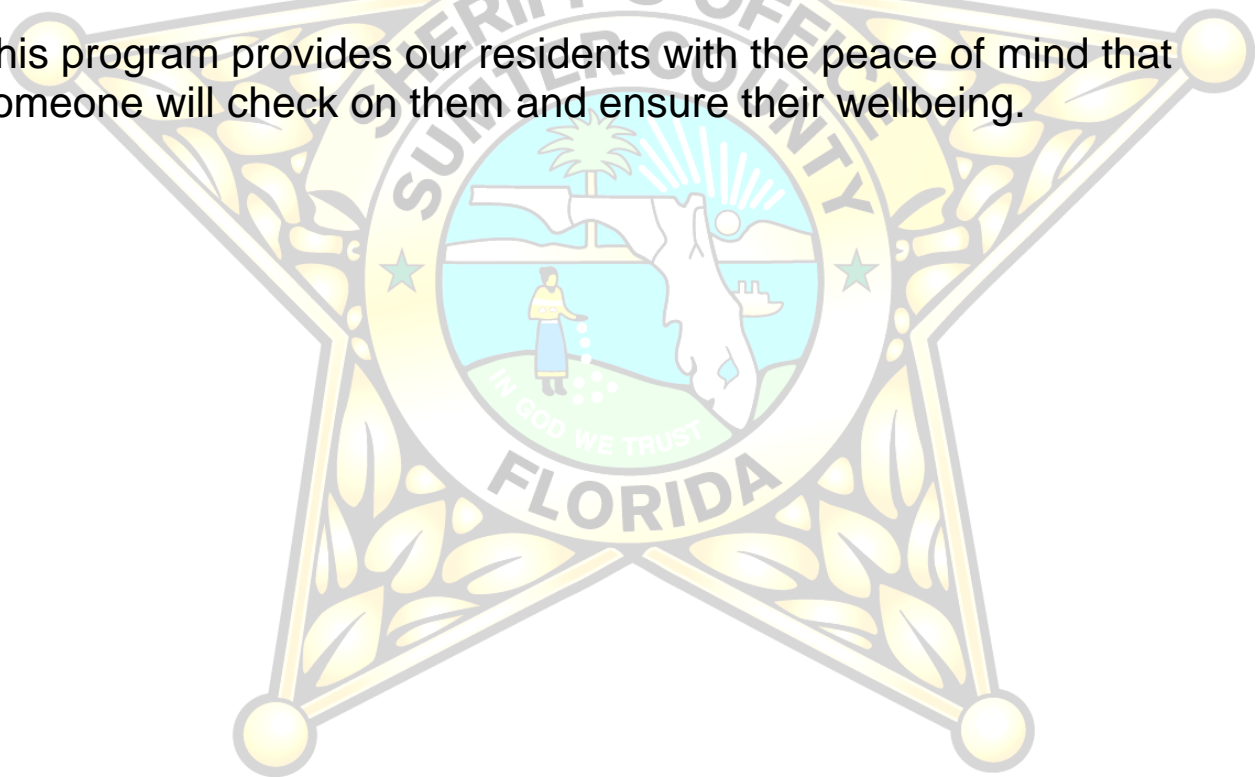


Peace of Mind

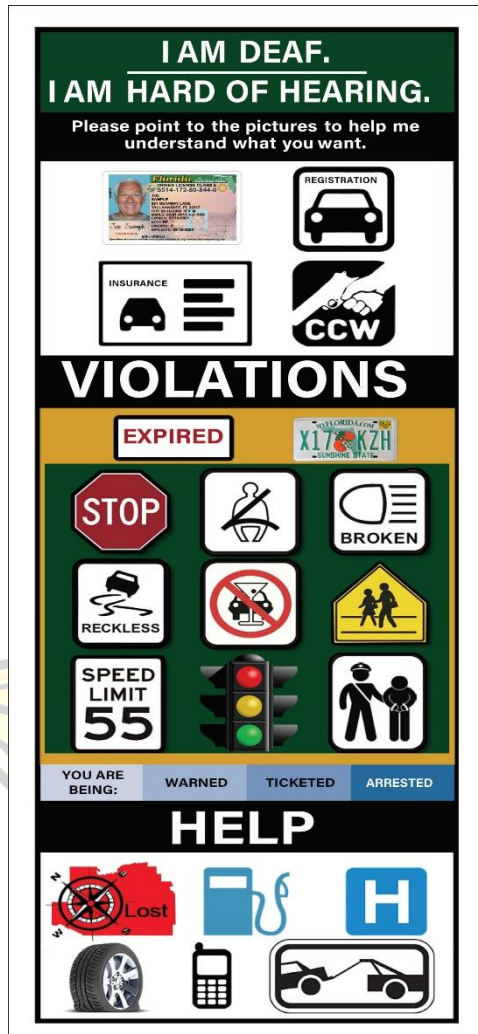
The Sumter County Sheriff's Office offers a free service called "Peace of Mind" for those individuals in our community who may live alone.

This service is run by volunteers at the Sheriff's Office Annex. Participants enrolled in the Peace of Mind program will call the Sheriff's Office each weekday and speak with our volunteers or leave a voicemail. If we do not hear from you by noon, a volunteer will call you. If the volunteer is unable to reach you, they will reach out to your designated contact person to check on you. If contact is still not made, a deputy will be dispatched by our Communications Center to your residence to check on your welfare.

This program provides our residents with the peace of mind that someone will check on them and ensure their wellbeing.



Deaf/Hard of Hearing



The Deaf/Hard of Hearing program offers a placard and sticker to be displayed on the back windshield for citizens who are deaf or hard of hearing and need assistance communicating to law enforcement during traffic stops. The sticker will alert the deputy that the driver may be hearing impaired. The placard will assist the driver and deputy with communicating safety during the traffic stop.

Cards and stickers are available for pick up at the Villages Annex or Administrative Offices in Wildwood or Bushnell



Human Scent Preservation and Child Safety Kits



The Human Scent Preservation Kit provides the Sumter County Sheriff's Office with a powerful tool to assist our K9 deputies with finding lost family members and friends. This kit will hold a human scent for 7 years and DNA for 6 months. The kit comes with a jar, sterile pad, a jar label, instructions and an evidence seal. The purpose of the kit is to have only one scent inside the jar for the bloodhound to focus on while looking for the missing person. This is a great tool for people with diminishing mental faculties or children who may wander from a safe environment.

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The Child Safety Kit differs from the Human Scent Preservation Kit. The Child Safety Kit includes fingerprinting, dental records, and scent preservation, photograph placement, along with other pertinent medical and physical information.



The scent kit can be used to preserve the pure unique scent of an individual for more than seven years and can be subsequently opened to assist scent-discriminating bloodhounds in tracking a child who is missing. The scent kit coupled with fingerprints, medical and dental information allows deputies to have access to a wealth of information to help them locate the missing child

Both kits are available for pick up at the Villages Annex or Administrative Offices in Wildwood or Bushnell

Home Safety Services

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office has a number of home safety services that help our citizen's feel safe in their homes and neighborhoods.

Home Security Inspections

Home Security Inspections are provided to the residents of Sumter County, free of charge. These inspections are designed to provide homeowners with crime prevention tips.

If you are interested in a Home Security Inspection contact:

- Captain Robert Siemer (352) 689-4600 (The Villages)
- Lt. Michael Cassidy (352) 569-1600 (Bushnell)

Alert Sumter

Sumter County will use AlertSumter to alert residents about a variety of events, ranging from severe weather, fires, floods and other emergencies. Messages will be sent to residents by their preferred contact paths either cell phone, text, home phone, email, fax, pager and more to ensure real-time access to potentially lifesaving information.

The primary use of AlertSumter is to notify residents of an immediate emergency such as severe weather but may also be used to alert a neighborhood to watch for a lost child, an impaired individual who has walked away, or dangerous individuals that may be in the area. To register, visit:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085614874#/login>



Project Eagle Eye

Project Eagle Eye is a voluntary security camera registration program. Project Eagle Eye is intended to let our deputies and detectives know where cameras exist in the event a crime occurs. It is not intended to be used for active surveillance, nor will the deputies have direct access to the cameras. If a crime occurs in an area where cameras are registered the Sheriff's Office will reach out to individuals with registered cameras to attempt to obtain video footage of the crime. For more information, visit our website or contact Fran Buxton at 352-569-1704 or buxtonf@sumterso.org.

Community Crime Map

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office has partnered with LexisNexis Risk Solutions to provide a new way for the citizens of Sumter County to stay informed about crime. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office now has an online crime map called Community Crime Map that maps and analyzes crime data and allows citizens to review crimes that occur in their area. Citizens can even sign up to receive alerts about certain crimes that have occurred at specific locations such as their residence, workplace, or child's school.

Community Crime Map automatically syncs with the Sumter County Sheriff's Office system to keep crime information updated daily. Out of privacy concerns, certain crimes will not be displayed (for example sex offenses, child abuse, and homicides). Additionally, due to Marsy's Law, certain crime locations are offset to protect the identity of crime victims.

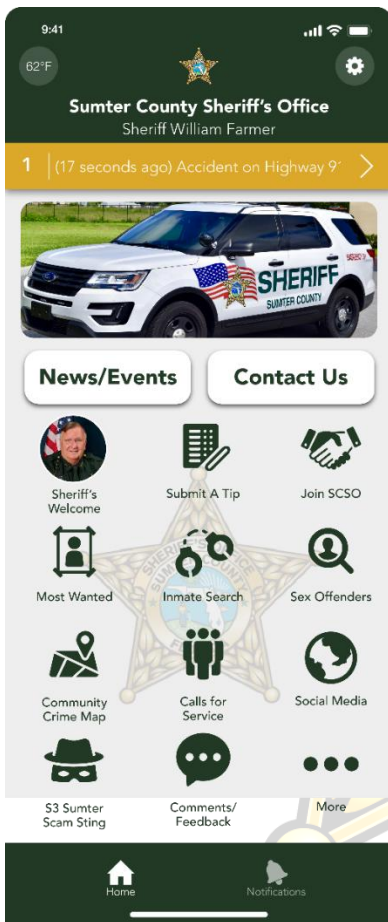
The Community Crime Map can be accessed on our website, through our mobile app, or at www.communitycrimemap.com

Stay Connected!

Sumter County Sheriff's Office Mobile App



Available for download through the App Store or Google Play. It is an easy way to navigate critical information and receive important updates from the Sheriff's Office. You can submit a tip, view our most wanted, search inmates, connect to our social media, receive important notifications, and more! Scan the QR code below.



Download the app today and keep yourself informed!

Sumter Scam Sting (S3)

Sumter Scam Sting is an information sharing blog that allows citizens to report potential frauds. Tips are vetted by our fraud detective and crime analyst and posted to our Sumter Scam Sting blog so that our citizens can stay informed about potential scams. Available on the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Mobile App.



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