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HOUSE WATCH

Making travel plans? Mapping out routes, planning stops and what to pack? Maybe you are just going to be away a few days; maybe a week, a month? Well, don't forget one important part of your plans.

Who's gonna' watch my home while I'm gone?

You can ask a trusted neighbor to collect your mail and papers, or check on your gold fish daily. Alert your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain or Coordinator, also. These are good ideas, and will help in keeping your home secure while away.

But, take one extra step- set up a **FREE House Watch** with the Sheriff's Office, or your local law enforcement agency. Officers will make daily checks of your home while away.

How do I set up a House Watch?

A few days before you leave, call the Sheriff's Office at **407.665.6650** and ask to set up a **House Watch**. The operator will take important information from you, such as: *When are you leaving? When are you expected back? Does anyone have a key in an emergency? Anyone allowed on your property while you are gone?*

This information will be sent to the Deputy patrolling your community. The Deputy will make a perimeter check of your home once per shift; once during the daytime and once during the evening hours. If anything does go wrong, we will know whom to contact.

It's FREE!

ADDED SAFETY- On-The-Road; if you plan to drive during your vacation, take along a cell phone that is **no longer in service** (one that has been disconnected). If you have the charger unit, and it will maintain a charge, you can use it call **911** only, anywhere you go as long as there is a cell tower in the area. It will enhance your safety if you break down along.

Have a SAFE and pleasant trip.