



Dear Friends:

Since 1909, the deputies of Palm Beach County have provided a safe environment for thousands of people who live, work and visit Palm Beach County. The Sheriff's Office is committed to improving awareness, and sharing the fundamentals of crime prevention in order to ensure our community is safe and secure.

The goal of crime prevention is to reduce the risk of becoming a victim. In order to accomplish this effectively, it is important to remove opportunities for a criminal to take advantage of you and your property. You are attempting to prevent either victimization or criminalization by presenting an unattractive target to the criminal. This can be as complex as installing a high tech alarm system and lighting to something as simple as locking your doors.

Crime prevention is using instinct, common sense, and taking action to eliminate or greatly reduce the criminal's opportunity. We all have a personal part to play regarding crime prevention. A large share of the responsibility of reducing criminal opportunity lies with you.

Thank you for working with us to make Palm Beach County a safer place for all its citizens.

Sincerely,

Ric Bradshaw, Sheriff  
Palm Beach County

## Crime Prevention Tips from THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

For More Information Contact...

- COMMUNITY SERVICES  
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West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
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West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
(561) 688-3600
- DISTRICT 2  
1755 East Tiffany Drive  
Mangonia Park, FL 33407  
(561) 848-2513
- DISTRICT 3  
8130 Jog Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33412  
(561) 776-2000
- DISTRICT 4  
345 S. Congress Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33445  
(561) 274-1075
- DISTRICT 5  
38840 State Road 80  
Belle Glade, FL 33430  
(561) 996-1670
- DISTRICT 6  
7894 S. Jog Road  
Lake Worth, FL 33467  
(561) 357-7000
- DISTRICT 7  
17901 US Highway 441  
Boca Raton, FL 33498  
(561) 558-2700
- DISTRICT 8  
12794 Forest Hill Blvd.  
Suite 14A  
Wellington, FL 33414  
(561) 753-8547
- DISTRICT 9  
11498 Okeechobee Blvd.  
Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411  
(561) 790-5180
- DISTRICT 10  
700 - 6th Street  
Lake Park, FL 33403  
(561) 881-3326
- DISTRICT 11  
335 S.W. 2nd Avenue  
South Bay, FL 33493  
(561) 996-6511
- DISTRICT 12  
115 East Main Street  
Pahokee, FL 33476  
(561) 924-3565
- DISTRICT 13  
1224 S.W. Avenue E Place  
Belle Glade, FL 33430  
(561) 996-7270
- DISTRICT 14  
120 North G Street  
Lake Worth, FL 33460  
(561) 586-1611
- PARKS ENFORCEMENT  
2700 - 6th Avenue S.  
Lake Worth, FL 33461  
(561) 493-2840
- TRAFFIC DIVISION  
3200 Belvedere Road  
Building 1169  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406  
(561) 688-3700



## Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office



# OPERATION

# C.A.T.



# COMBAT AUTO THEFT

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## What is...

# C.A.T.



“Operation C.A.T.” is a volunteer decal program which is intended to combat vehicle theft. The goals of “Operation C.A.T.” are to deter auto theft and to make identification of a stolen vehicle timelier.

By enrolling in the program the registered owner signs a waiver which states that the vehicle is not normally operated between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., and that law enforcement has the owner’s permission to STOP THE VEHICLE between those hours and treat it and the occupants as if the vehicle was stolen. At such time, if the vehicle is determined not to be stolen, it and the occupants may proceed on their way.

The indicator that a vehicle is a member of C.A.T. is a decal affixed to the inside of the rear window (driver’s side), which is clearly visible. The decal is bright yellow and includes a C.A.T. insignia and a registration number.

### HOW DO I REGISTER?

Residents of unincorporated Palm Beach County can register their vehicles by contacting the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office Crime Prevention Unit at 561-688-3805. Individual persons requesting to be registered will be given an appointment at one of the Sheriff’s Office sub-stations, or communities can schedule an event.

### WHAT DO I DO IF I AM STOPPED?

If you lend your vehicle to someone, be sure to tell him or her that you are a member of the C.A.T. Program.

1. Remain calm
2. Turn on interior lights (law enforcement officer can then see you clearly)
3. Place both hands on the steering wheel unless directed otherwise by the law enforcement officer
4. Listen for and follow any instructions given by the law enforcement officer over the officer’s vehicle public address system
5. Tell the law enforcement officer if you have an emergency
6. Present all information requested by the law enforcement officer (driver’s license, registration, etc.)
7. Remember, you volunteered for this program, a stop says it works

### WHAT IF I SELL MY CAR?

If you sell/transfer your vehicle, or change your address or telephone number, you must immediately notify the Sheriff’s Office in writing, email or by phone.

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The vehicle owner must also fully remove the Operation C.A.T. decal from the vehicle.

DECAL# \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE REGISTERED \_\_\_\_\_

### DON’T MAKE IT EASY FOR PROFESSIONAL THIEVES OR JOYRIDERS TO TAKE YOUR VEHICLE!

- Lock it and pocket the key when you leave for a minute or several hours
- Control your keys. Never leave your keys unattended
- Secure valuables in your truck
- Park in well-lighted and busy areas
- When buying a car, ask about anti-theft devices
- Keep your vehicle information and description in a safe place at home