

PORT ST. LUCIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SAWGRASS LAKES UPDATE



My name is Richard R. Del Toro, Jr., Assistant Chief of Police at the Port St. Lucie Department. Currently, I command the operations of the Neighborhood Policing Bureau, which is primarily responsible for providing uniformed police response to calls for service from our residents.

Recently, I was contacted by the Sawgrass Lakes Master Association regarding some concerns about safety during the Safer at Home Executive Order. Based on the data provided by our crime analysts, a total of only 3 incidents were reported by our Sawgrass Lakes residents during the last twelve months (please see the below bulletin). This means you are living in a very safe community. Regardless of the statistics, we realize this is a very unsettling time for our entire community.

The Port St. Lucie Police Department is staffed with 251 sworn police officers and a civilian staff of 72 full-time employees, who are committed to providing superior customer service and remaining one of America's safest cities. In 2019, the police department answered over 100,000 calls for police service, while maintaining the lowest crime rate in Florida with a population over 100,000 residents. Your police department subscribes to the philosophy of Community Oriented Policing, which is a belief, that only by working together, will citizens and the police be able to improve the quality of life in our community. The leaders of your police department are dedicated to improving the partnership between the police officers and the members of our community. We believe this partnership is one of the many reasons the City of Port St. Lucie has been recognized year after year as one of the safest cities in Florida.

Please know that your police department is fully prepared and staffed to serve your needs. We are still responding to emergency calls for service and continue to provide high visibility patrols throughout the city. To reduce the potential exposures to our officers and residents, we are handling non-priority calls for service via telephone. We ask that you adhere to the Governor's Executive Order and stay at home if you are not doing an essential activity or job function. Also, we ask that you follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's "30 Days to Slow the Spread" guidance to adopt social distancing measures and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people. Below are some easy to follow crime prevention tips to keep you safe:

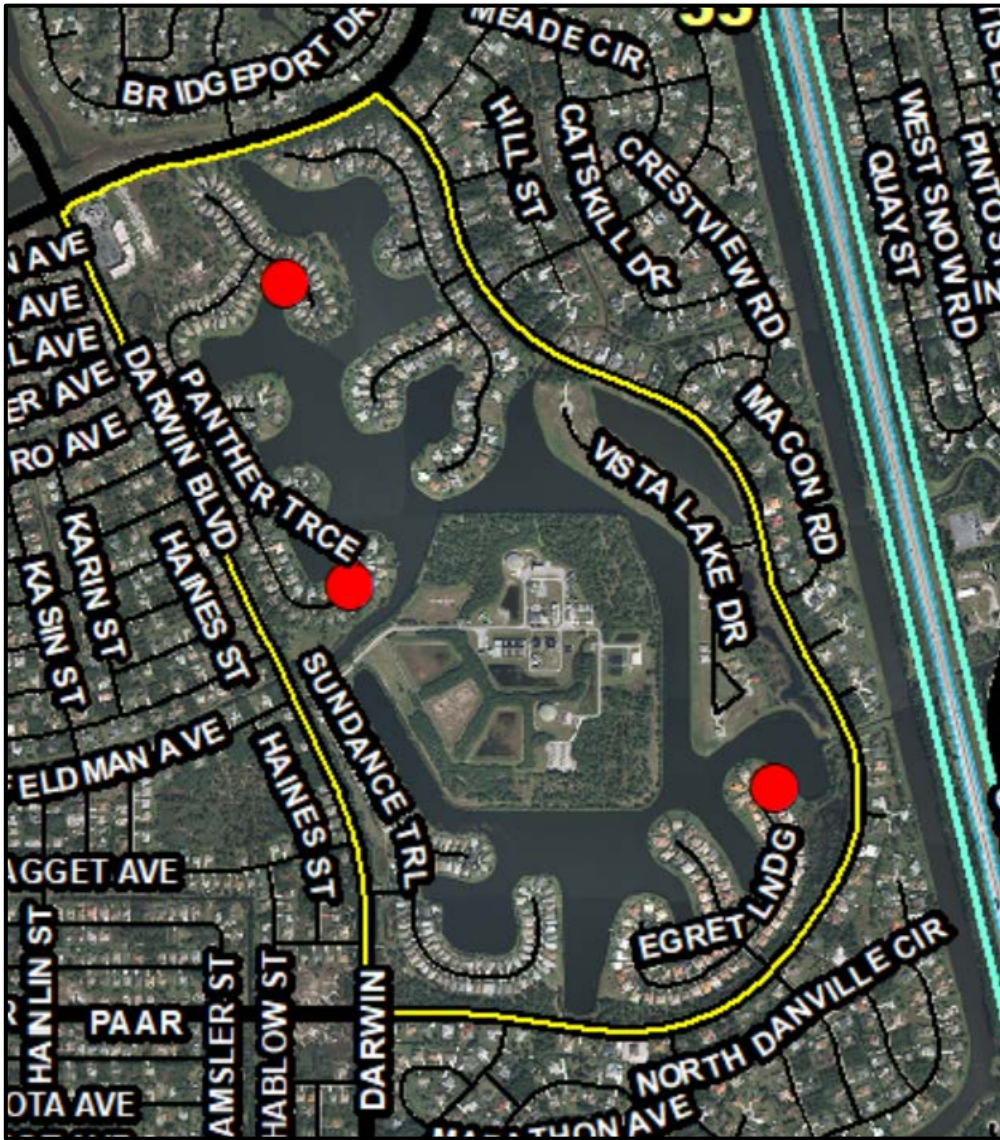
- Report any suspicious activity within your neighborhood.
- Be aware of phone and online email scams.
- Install an alarm at your residence.
- Improve lighting and visibility. Make sure shrubs, trees and bushes are trimmed to allow better visibility for neighbors and passerby.
- Keep your garage door(s) closed when possible and always lock exterior doors.
- Sliding glass doors should be properly secured with commercially installed locks.
- Lock your vehicle doors. Over 70% of vehicle burglaries occur to unlocked vehicles.

Please contact me directly at rdeltoro@cityofpsl.com regarding any feedback about the police service you are being provided or any other law enforcement topics you would like to discuss. Again, we are here to serve your needs and concerns. Stay safe.



3 Incidents

CRIME ACTIVITY – SAWGRASS LAKES
April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020



CASE	OFFENSE	REPORT DATE	ADDRESS
201921805	FRAUD BY FALSE PRETENSE	10/23/19	200 BLK. of SW EGRET LANDING
202002349	DISTURBANCE OTHER	1/27/20	400 BLK. of SW DEER RUN
202007256	DISTURBANCE OTHER	3/28/20	300 BLK. of SW PANTHER TRACE



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Currently, there are a growing number of concerns on how to best handle the current Corona Virus (COVID-19) as it relates to our first responders responding to calls for service. The PSLPD is requesting that residents exhibiting fever, respiratory issues, flu-like symptoms or have traveled outside the country or traveled on a cruise ship within the last 14 days must be forthcoming with 9-1-1 Dispatch, so our law enforcement officers can take the proper safety measures from COVID-19.

If an officer must respond to a call, they will take the proper protocols to ensure their personal safety. As such, each officer is equipped with personal protective equipment when responding to residents who are ill or who meet the above-mentioned travel parameters.

We are here to serve our citizens and want services to run as efficiently as possible, however Officers and Police staff are practicing Social Distancing too. So, in place of having to visit The Port St. Lucie Police Department or come in contact with an officer in the field; we have provided the following options to communicate your service to us.



EMERGENCY CALLS: Dial 9-1-1

NON-EMERGENCY CALLS: 772-871-5001

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION or REPORT A CRIME: www.cityofpsl.com/Police, 1PSL mobile app, or www.cityofpsl.com/1PSL

FOR PUBLIC RECORDS:
www.cityofpsl.com/prr

FOR ANIMAL CONTROL: 772-871-5001 or
www.cityofpsl.com/animalcontrol

FOR COVID-19 UPDATES:
www.cityofpsl.com/covid19