**Good Neighbor Policy**

Remember that Crime can occur anytime and anywhere, therefore report anything suspicious to the **Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office:**

**Emergency number 9-1-1 (Fire, Police, Medical)**

**Non-Emergency Sheriff’s Number 941-639-0013**

*Crime prevention and detection is a cooperative effort between the citizens of Charlotte County and law enforcement.*

***Suspicious Activity***

* Someone running from a car or home.
* A person screaming. If you can’t determine what the screams are for, call the Sheriff’s office and report it.
* Someone going door-to-door in the neighborhood looking for unlocked doors or looking into windows and parked cars.
* A person who seems to have no purpose wandering in the area.
* All unusual or suspicious noises that you can’t explain, such as breaking glass, pounding, gun shots, or an explosion.
* Vehicles moving slowly, without lights, or with no apparent destination.
* Property being removed by a stranger from a residence known to be occupied.
* A stranger in a car stopping to beckon a child, following a child walking or on a bike.
* A child resisting the advances of an adult.
* Business transactions conducted from a vehicle, or merchandise offered from a vehicle at bargain prices.
* Anyone loitering in a parked car, parking lot or parking garage.
* Anyone unknown removing accessories, license plates or gasoline from a car.
* Any person(s) removing appliances, building materials from a construction site.
* Any destructive behavior in the neighborhood.

***How to Report Suspicious Activity***

Law enforcement officers need to have accurate information as quickly as possible about a suspicious activity or a crime in progress.

* Give your name, address, and phone number. The Communication Operator will ask you to confirm this information, even if you call 9-1-1.
* Briefly describe the event to the Operator: WHO, WHAT, WHEN WHERE, HOW, AND WHY
* Tell if the crime is in progress or has already occurred.
* If able, describe the suspect. What RACE, AGE, SEX, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, HAIR COLOR, CLOTHING, ACCENT, BEARD/MUSTACHE.
* Describe the vehicle if one is involved. What COLOR, MAKE, MODEL, YEAR, LICENSE PLATE #, SPECIAL MARKINGS, DENTS, AND WHICH WAY DID IT GO?