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### **Getting the 4-1-1 on Reverse 9-1-1**

Since 2001 the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office has been utilizing a community emergency notification system known as Reverse 9-1-1. This system allows the Sheriff's Office to quickly notify thousands of residents, through a computer mapping program, of events such as a missing persons, crime trends, disaster or when a sexual offender moves in to a neighborhood.

The Reverse 9-1-1 System even allows us to keep our fingers on the pulse of the community by surveying neighborhoods to determine if our efforts are working.

Reverse 9-1-1 obtains telephone numbers through various public record sources. So if you have a published or listed phone number you will receive a telephone call from the system. Those who do not have a listed or published phone number will not unless they register their phone number with the Sheriff's Office. You can do so by visiting [www.stluciesheriff.com/reverse\\_911.php](http://www.stluciesheriff.com/reverse_911.php). It's simple and should you want to opt out in the future we will remove you from the system. By the way, we will never share your telephone number. Your telephone number is only used in conjunction with the Reverse 9-1-1 system.

Know what's going on in your neighborhood, sign up for Reverse 9-1-1 alerts today.

### **Operation Identification**

Operation Identification is a nationwide community crime prevention program. It discourages burglary and theft, and provides an easy method to identify lost or stolen property.

Operation ID is a three-step process:

1. Engrave all valuables at home and office with your driver's license number.
2. Display an Operation ID sticker on doors and windows. Involving the entire neighborhood will result in a more effective deterrence technique.
3. Keep a record of all marked items and detailed descriptions and photograph items that can not be engraved.

### **How Operation ID Works**

Marked property is solid evidence of items which have been stolen. The property decreases in value because of the risk it creates for the criminal. If the criminal knows that the property taken is marked, he/she may choose to move to a home which does not display an Operation ID sticker. Lost property has a better recovery rate using this method as well.

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### **Where to Mark Valuable Items**

Engrave the identification number in a prominent place. Then engrave the number in a less obvious place. Try to engrave the number on a part of the object that cannot be easily removed. If numbers are marked on items previously, simply scratch through old numbers and add the new one.

### **Selecting an ID Number**

Operation ID does more than identify and help retrieve one's property. It establishes solid evidence against the criminal. By joining Operation ID a community is strengthening the effort to help law enforcement agencies stop criminal activity in their community.

Use the letters FLDL which stands for Florida Driver's License followed by your personal driver's license number. If the item should be lost or stolen, the recovering law enforcement agency will be able to locate the owner of the property and return it back to them.

Example FLDLH155125000240

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