

SANFORD POLICE

Neighborhood Watch Quarterly Newsletter

Grandparent Scam!!

Most Common Scenario

Someone claiming to be a grandchild or another relative calls an older adult, tricking him or her into providing information that can convince the victim it's really a relative. The caller may describe an emergency (such as an arrest or auto accident in a foreign country) and ask for money to be wired urgently. More elaborate scams may have someone posing as an attorney or a public defender in order to validate the story and emphasize the urgent need for money. The caller may plead with the grandparent not to tell his or her parents. This can reinforce the emotional bond and make the grandparent feel compelled to help since the grandchild came to him or her - first for help.

Red Flags

- You receive a call from someone who doesn't readily identify themselves or makes you guess who they are.
- A grandchild contacts you instead of his or her parents to ask for money.
- The caller wants you to act immediately because of some urgent, impending deadline and begs you not to tell anyone, especially his or her parents.
- The caller asks you to wire money to a person or place that you don't recognize, or to a country other than where the caller says he is located. (For example, the caller might claim to be in a Canadian jail but ask you to wire money to Jamaica.)

Tips to Protect Yourself:

- Resist the pressure to act quickly.
- Be careful with what you say—do not provide information the caller can use.
- Try to contact your grandchild or another family member to determine whether or not the call is legitimate.
- Never wire money based on a request made over the phone or in an e-mail...especially overseas. Wiring money is like giving cash—once you send it, you can't get it back.

Reporting a Grandparent Scam: If you believe you have become the victim of a grandparent scam, please contact the Sanford Police Department at 407-688-5199.

www.fbi.gov



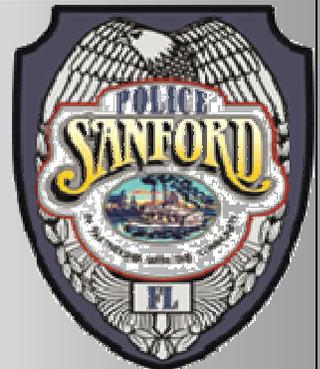
Community Relations Unit

Sanford Police Department
815 Historic Goldsboro Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32771

CRU 407-562-2872

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Non Emergency 407-688-5199





Hurricane season is here and the Sanford Police Department want you to be prepared. For a full hurricane preparedness guide, please visit [wesh.com](http://www.wesh.com) or copy and paste this link to your internet browser: <http://www.wesh.com/blob/view/-/14431582/data/8/-/vmleii/-/Hurricane-Guide-2014.pdf>

Local emergency contact numbers and shelter information can be found at www.PrepareSeminole.org

BEFORE THE STORM

INSIDE YOUR HOME

- * Turn your refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting.
- * Freeze water in plastic jugs to help keep your freezer cold when the power goes out.
- * Stock up on water – at least seven gallons per person – one gallon per person per day.
- * Fill your bathtub with water for non-drinking use.
- * Prepare a safe room. Stock it with a battery-powered TV and/or radio with spare batteries, sleeping bags, pillows, chairs, snacks & drinking water, and games for children.
- * Have a mattress nearby to get under in case your home suffers structural damage.
- * Place valuables and personal papers in waterproof containers or zip lock bags.

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- * Cover or brace all windows and door openings.
- * Remove a door or one screen panel on each side of your pool enclosure to allow wind to flow through, and cutting down wind resistance. This could save your pool enclosure.
- * Disconnect propane gas at the tank.
- * Bring your barbecue grill and propane tank inside your garage or store in your shed.
- **SAFETY HAZARD: Never use a grill inside of your home.**

SHELTER INFORMATION

- Bentley Elementary School located at 2190 Oregon Ave (*Pet Friendly/Can Accommodate Special Needs*)
- Midway Elementary School located at 2368 Brisson Ave
- Millennium Middle School 21 Lakeview Dr.

Have a Hurricane Supply List:

Prescription Medicine (two-week supply)
Camera and Film
Books, Magazines, and Games
Ice Chest and Ice
Disposable Plates, Cups, and Utensils
Manual Can Opener
Battery-operated TV/Radio and Clock
Spare Batteries
Flashlights / Lantern
Toilet Paper
Diapers and Wipes
Baby Food/Formula
First Aid Kit
Plastic Sheeting / Tarp
Duct or Masking Tape
Nails, Rope, Lumber, Tools
Plastic Garbage Bags
Insect Repellent, Sunscreen
Disinfectant
Soap and Detergent
Bleach for Sterilization (unscented with Hypochlorite)
Tincture of Iodine, or Water Purification Tablets
Rain Gear
Fire Extinguisher
Fuel for Generators and Cars
Propane Gas (for grills)
Charcoal and Lighter Fluid
Waterproof Matches / Sterno

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Dear Sally,

We are trying to reach you about your **UNCLAIMED Reward!**

We are holding a reward of **\$100.00** in gift savings good at **Wal-Mart or Target** in your name.

Please contact us **Toll-Free** immediately for details and to claim your reward!

1-844-633-9988

Monday – Saturday, 8AM – Midnight ET

Your Claim #: 017289453

***Scam reported by Florida Attorney General's Office after receiving reports

BURGLARY ALERT!

Please contact police if an unknown person knocks on your door. During the daytime hours, while many people are away from home, the burglary suspects are knocking on your door to see if anyone is home. If you do not answer they may kick in the front door, enter through a window, or enter through the back of your residence. If you are able, get a description from your peepholes and try to write down a good description for police dispatch. The best practice is to keep your door closed, CALL POLICE and let the person at the door know you are home. This could occur at night as well. Be a good neighbor and call police when someone comes to your house that you do not know. Be safe and be aware.

***Some burglary suspects are wearing clothing similar to utility workers to gain your trust or make you hesitate in calling police. Your safety is our mission.

Great News!
You are eligible to receive **\$100.00** in gift savings good at **Wal-Mart or Target!**

Call **Toll-Free** now for complete details.

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Reporting E-Scams

File a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center or contact your local FBI office.

The next Neighborhood Watch Block Captain meeting is
July 8th at 7:00 P.M. in the Sanford Police Department training room



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Contact: CRU@sanfordfl.gov
407-562-2872

Special guests and training provided by the John E Polk Correctional Facility

Hot coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Poison Control Centers are reporting a recent uptick in calls about exposures to e-cigarette devices and liquid nicotine. Slightly more than half of these reported exposures have occurred in young children under the age of six. However, this is consistent with National Poison Data System exposures to all substances combined. Some children and toddlers who come in contact with e-cigarette devices or liquid nicotine have become very ill; some even requiring ER visits with nausea and vomiting being the most significant symptoms. Adults should use care to protect their skin when handling the products, and they should be out of sight and out of the reach of children. Additionally, those using these products should dispose of them properly to prevent exposure to pets and children from the residue or liquid left in the container. The American Association of Poison Control Centers recommends the following steps:

- Protect your skin when handling the products.
- Always keep e-cigarettes and liquid nicotine locked up and out of the reach of children.
- Follow the specific disposal instructions on the label.
- If you think someone has been exposed to an e-cigarette or liquid nicotine, call your local poison center at 1-800-222-1222 immediately.

Through April 30, 2014, AAPCC has received 1,190 e-cigarette devices and liquid nicotine reported exposures.



Information obtained on the American Association of Poison Control Centers (www.aapcc.org)