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Winter Springs Community

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# Introduction

It is sometimes easy to forget basic safety procedures when we live in a secure, gated community. Unfortunately, outside our *Winter Springs* neighborhood, there has been an increase in thefts of electronic devices. Our security team has created these guidelines to help you stay safe when venturing beyond our gates.

# Most Targeted Electronic Devices

It seems like nowadays we all carry electronic devices with us wherever we go. While we don’t expect you to leave these items at home, it is good to be aware of the items that thieves look for as easy targets. The security team at Winter Springs has compiled a list of the **most targeted** electronic devices:

1. Smartphones
2. Tablet computers
3. Digital Cameras
4. GPS devices
5. Laptop computers

# Guidelines for Staying Safe

* Avoid walking in unlit areas
* Be aware of your surroundings
* Do not leave valuable items visible in your vehicle
* Follow the buddy system especially at night
* Keep your electronic devices hidden
* Never listen to loud music while outdoors
* Wear brightly colored or reflective clothing

# Our Safety Vision

Resident safety has been one of the main focuses of the association this year. One recent change in policy is to have officers work round the clock in three eight hour, overlapping shifts. [(See the list of officers)](#_Round_the_Clock)This guarantees that at any time of the day or night an officer is manning the gate with two other officers patrolling the grounds available to respond to calls from residents.

The association believes in informing our residents of any criminal incidents within our surrounding neighborhoods. To get the most up-to-date information, click here.

# Security Staff

The Winter Springs Community currently employs eight round the clock (day, evening, and midnight shifts) security officers and six day shift security officers (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. shift) with three managing officers, one of which is always on duty.

## Managing Officers

**Tom Wilson – Senior Security Manager**

Mr. Wilson has been an employee of Winter Springs for over 25 years. He first started as a part-time officer while he was in college getting his degree in Criminal Justice. Mr. Wilson has been a proponent of implementing the latest in security technology at Winter Springs and continues to evaluate the “state of safety” at Winter Springs.

**Maria Villanueva – Security Manager**

Ms. Villanueva has been an employee of Winter Springs for 17 years. Her background in criminal justice, including seven years with the local police force has been invaluable in making Winter Springs as safe as possible for our residents.

**Myles Brockman – Security Manager**

Mr. Brockman has been an employee of Winter Springs for two years. Although, he has only been with Winter Springs a short time, Mr. Brockman has over 15 years’ experience managing large security teams for commercial and residential complexes.

## Round the Clock Officers

The following is a list of our eight round the clock (24 hours a day) officers listed in order of seniority. Winter Springs is currently looking to add four more full-time officers:

* Amy Stephens (12 years)
* Frank Marr (15 years)
* Sylvester Bryant (9 years)
* Carlos Ruiz (7 years)
* Ann Jones (6 years)
* Calvin Tolson (5 years)
* Ted Shoemaker (5 years)
* Jeannie Smith (4 years)

## Day Shift Officers

The following is a list of our six day shift officers (9 am to 5 pm shift) listed in order of seniority:

* Harriet Hollow (7 years)
* Frederica Fuller (6 years)
* James March (4 years)
* Robin Branca (3 years)
* Diane Lawson (2 years)
* Gordan Beagle (2 years)

# Upcoming Safety Improvements

The association is considering several security improvements to the Winter Springs Community. All improvements must be approved by the board, but the following are currently under consideration:

* New security gates
* Motion sensing security cameras
* App for reporting incidents
* Electric security vehicles
* Smartphone entrance for all garages
* Reinforcements to perimeter fence
* Weekly security meetings with staff

# Security Meeting Schedule

The association holds monthly security meetings during the first week of every month. The meetings begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and typically run until 8:30 p.m. They are held in the Snowball A conference room next to the front desk in the community center. All residents are encouraged to attend these meetings to voice any concerns regarding Winter Springs’s security policies. At each meeting Tom Wilson presents the latest crime statistics and is there to answer any questions you may have. In addition, at least three other officers attend these meetings, giving residents the opportunity to get to know our security staff. The schedule for the 2019 is as follows:

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| Date | Day of the Week |
| January 2 | Wednesday |
| February 4 | Monday |
| March 7 | Thursday |
| April 1 | Monday |
| May 2 | Thursday |
| June 8 | Friday |
| July 2 | Tuesday |
| August 2 | Friday |
| September 5 | Thursday |
| October 1 | Tuesday |
| November 6 | Wednesday |
| December 2 | Monday |