



'Twas the night before Christmas

*A Holiday Poem From
Your Deputy Sheriffs*

'Twas the night before Christmas and you're headed out of town,
You've done last minute shopping and shut the house down.
Your lights are on timers, your mail to be picked up,
You've left a car in the driveway and told the neighbors what's up.

Now don't "check in" on Facebook or tweet you're not home,
Or too many will know that your house is alone.
Our "House Watch" is free - just call us today (407-665-6650),
So deputies can check your home when you are away.

'Tis the season for stealin' the cops all declare,
We're cautioning residents to stay well aware!
Whenever you're leaving your car in the street,
Lock it, remove valuables, don't leave them on the seat!

With a jiggle of the handle or a smash of the glass,
The bad guys just reach in, grab and go in a flash!
With so many cars and so many crooks,
Please don't leave your goodies where they can get hooked:
Not cell phones! Not laptops!
Not purses or wallets!
Not spare change! Or billfolds! Or even a dollar!
Whether in your driveway,
Or parked at the mall,
Just lock it up! Lock it up! Lock it up all!

And when meals are finished and gifts are unwrapped,
Make sure electronic boxes are properly scrapped,
Don't leave them empty and in view on the street,
You'll tip off the crooks and they'll think it's their treat!

So if someone or something just looks out of place,
Please give us a call, we may open a case.
This holiday and always, we wish you the best,
As you celebrate the season, we'll be making arrests!

Happy Holidays!
Your friends at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office

Our Year-Round Safety Services

• House Watch Program •

Going out of town? The House Watch program adds an extra layer of security to your home while you're away. At your request, deputies will check on your home, driving by to look for anything that might be unusual, and walking around the property to ensure it is secured. Before you leave on your trip, contact us at 407-665-6650 and request a House Watch.

• Home Security Assessments •

Want to reduce your risk of a break in? SCSO's certified crime prevention practitioners can visit your home and provide you with recommendations on how to better protect your residence. Our free, 45-minute home security assessments involve a review of entry and exit points, locks, lights and landscaping.

• Women's Self Defense Classes •

Self-Awareness and Familiarization Exchange (SAFE) is a free personal awareness and educational program designed to teach women basic safety and awareness skills. Instructors focus on crime prevention techniques and best practices for reducing the risk of being a victim. There is little physical activity required of participants. Participants must be at least 13 years of age; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Visit our website to register for January and February classes.

• Stay in Touch •

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