



DEERFIELD BEACH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHIEF:

I would like to thank all the residents and business owners who have recently welcomed me as your Chief. I look forward to working together with the entire community as we forge partnerships and collaborate to increase the safety and quality of life for all the residents and visitors to the City of Deerfield Beach. This monthly note is one way in which I hope to connect with each of you, to periodically provide safety tips, and to keep you informed about current police-related issues, trends, or concerns.

One question that seems to have come up frequently since my arrival concerns the use and presence of the BSO helicopter. I know its presence can be unsettling, especially at night, but rest assured that BSO has the safety of you and your community at the forefront of our efforts. There are many reasons the BSO Aviation Unit may be present in your neighborhood. Some medical calls warrant the use of our helicopter, including transporting patients to a trauma center or other specialized medical facility. Aviation is also used to support particular law enforcement activities, including investigations on major traffic crash scenes, searches for missing persons or suspects of certain crimes, and other types of area safety checks.

There are many times when revealing the reason for the helicopter's presence is inappropriate, for example, when used for medical purposes or for an ongoing investigation. Please also keep in mind that civilian helicopters regularly fly over several different parts of the City, and we have no regulatory or enforcement authority regarding these private flights. I hope this information answers some of the common questions I have received. If you are interested in specific criminal activity, I encourage you to refer to the Mayor's Weekly Crime Report, available through the City's website.

SAFETY TIP:

When you change your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Also, take the time to check your fire extinguishers and replace any that are defective or not properly charged.

Text AlertDFB to 888777 to receive real-time alerts.

