



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

A STATE ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

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Dear Business Owner:

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office provides you with a **FREE SERVICE** to safeguard your business as well as your employees.

The Business Emergency Notification System (BENS) is a program developed to ensure the proper individuals are notified in the event an emergency takes place at your business during non-business hours (ie: break-in, fire, open door). The system that the Sheriff's Office has in place alleviates the need to post emergency information on the doors or windows, thus keeping all information private and confidential.

To activate the free program, please fill out the attached form and **mail or fax** it to the information at the top of the sheet. **It is very important to include the BENS number when filling out your information**, as this is the ID number that the Sheriff's Office assigns to your business to maintain confidentiality. **The BENS number is in a gold, star shaped decal, located on the front door or front window, nearest the door of your business. If your business does not have a gold, star shaped decal, please call our office upon completing your form** to set up an appointment with the Sheriff's Office representative assigned to your area. The representative will then come to your business and place the "star" in its appropriate location and retrieve your application at that time.

Should any information that you provide become obsolete, please call 352-754-6830, Ext. 53660 to update it. **This information should be updated annually or when contact information has changed.**

We hope you find this program beneficial in fulfilling your security needs. The BENS program is one of the many community programs that your Sheriff's Office has to offer you. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this program or others, please call the number mentioned above.

Sincerely,

Alvin D. Nienhuis, Sheriff
AN/sjr

