



# ***Church Burglary* ALERT**

## **Protective Action Required**

### ***The facts...***

- \* 50 plus burglaries have been committed in our region, 14 in Citrus County alone.
- \* The majority have been by forced entry, with the target being money.
- \* Some churches have been hit multiple times.
- \* Churches with alarm systems that were used properly seem to have been spared.
- \* Most strikes occurred during the night after a service was held.

### ***What can you do to help prevent a burglary...***

1. Use an alarm system. Have it monitored.
2. Leave **NO** money on site. Even large safes, weighing more than 250 pounds, were carried off. Bring the money to the bank!
3. Set up a safety committee or have designated persons responsible for locking up the facility every night.
4. Report all suspicious persons or vehicles to 9-1-1 immediately.

### ***FREE crime prevention survey...***

We would be glad to offer you a free crime prevention survey. Our trained personnel make recommendations on how to make your facility more secure. There is no charge or obligation. To take advantage of this, please call 352-527-3701.



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## **Quick Crime Prevention Check List**

**Answering yes can help prevent a crime!**

- Are all doors to the facility locked?**
- Do you have an alarm system and is it functioning properly?**
- Is money taken to the bank and deposited after services?**
- Do you have exterior lighting?**
- Are shrubs cut lower to prevent people from hiding or lurking around?**
- Do you leave interior lights on?**
- Have you recorded the make, model and serial number of valuable items?**
- Do you use computer or laptop locks to prevent theft?**
- Do you secure all ladders, tools and other equipment that can be used to gain entry into your facility?**
- Have you had a crime prevention survey conducted by the Sheriff's Office?**
- Are you serious about crime prevention strategies?**

**Call 527-3701 for a free crime prevention survey.**

***Working together we can all prevent crime!***