

Dear Friends,

The City of Orlando's priority should be public safety. And, while we depend on the police and fire departments to help keep us safe, there are many things that we can do to help keep ourselves and our communities safe. Here are some ideas:

Smoke Detector Program

The City of Orlando Fire Department is providing smoke alarms free of charge for use in one and two family dwellings. A smoke alarm provides an early warning to many fires. This can give you and your family time to leave the home safely.

Because fire can grow and spread so quickly, having working smoke alarms in your home can mean the difference between life and death. Once the alarm sounds, you may have as few as **two minutes** to escape. Smoke alarms are the most effective early warning devices available. Just having a smoke alarm in your home cuts your chance of dying in a fire nearly in half.

To request your free smoke alarm and learn more about the Orlando Fire Department's community outreach programs, visit their website at <http://www.cityoforlando.net/fire/Smoke%20Detectors.htm> or contact Commander Vicki Robles at [407-246-3128](tel:407-246-3128) or vicki.robles@cityoforlando.net

Women's Personal Safety Classes

Many of you may remember Officer Ernest Smith who served as the Orlando Police Department Liaison for our district. One of his current duties is to teach women's personal safety classes. If you and 20 or more of your neighbors would like to have Officer Smith offer this course in your neighborhood, please contact him at [407-246-3931](tel:407-246-3931). The class is mostly a powerpoint presentation with a light physical portion at the end. It is a 2 hour class and limits participation to adult women. As this is an Orlando Police Department crime prevention program, there is no charge for the class.

Orlando Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program

The Orlando Police Department's mission is to keep Orlando a safe city by reducing crime and maintaining livable neighborhoods. Preventing crime in our community is a shared responsibility between the police and our residents. I encourage you to regularly attend your neighborhood watch meetings, or, organize a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood.

For more information on starting a group or finding an active group near you, please contact Kea Council, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, at [407-246-3773](tel:407-246-3773) or kea.council@cityoforlando.net.

District 1 Email List

From time to time, I send emails to keep people up to date on District 1 issues and events. If you would like to be added to or removed from this list so that you can also be up to date and receive these emails (or removed from the list), please email or call.

Questions or Comments

If you have any other questions, comments or concerns, please call me at [407-246-2001](tel:407-246-2001) or email me at phil.diamond@cityoforlando.net. My aide, Jeanne Wilson, can be reached at [407-246-3011](tel:407-246-3011) or email at jeanne.wilson@cityoforlando.net and Police Officer Edgar Malave can be reached at [407-246-2513](tel:407-246-2513) or email at edgar.malave@cityoforlando.net.

City Website

You can always obtain information about city services on the City's website at www.cityoforlando.net and the District 1 site at www.cityoforlando.net/elected/council/diamond.htm. You can also see copies of our district newsletters at the District 1 site.

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Phil Diamond