

## **BICYCLE THEFT**

Theft of bicycles can be reduced if owners acknowledge the need for adequate security and invest in equipment that will be effective.



## **PROTECT YOUR BICYCLE**

Register your bicycle with the police.

Use a good quality-locking device such as a hardened steel "U" shaped lock, or a hardened steel chain and padlock.

Weak, inexpensive locks will not deter a proficient or determined thief.

## **ARE SERIAL NUMBERS IMPORTANT?**

Serial numbers are a set of characters that uniquely identify an object and can be used for trace ability and warranty purposes. Serial numbers, however, are especially important when reporting stolen items, such as bicycles. A serial number is a method to enter the bicycle in our computerized record system as stolen.

## **AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION – HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!**

Register your bicycle with the Wauchula Police Department. Your registration provides us with the necessary information so if your bike is ever stolen, we will have a record of the serial number when you called to make the report. It would also enable us to submit the information about your stolen bicycle into the law enforcement databases quickly and easily.

Simply complete the registration on line or complete this brochure and return it to the Wauchula Police Department.

# **Bicycle Registration Theft Protection Program**

**Wauchula  
Police  
Department**

**(863) 773-3265**



**Protect Your Bicycle**

Help keep Wauchula a safe community by doing your part to prevent crime.

## Register Your Bicycle

Registering your bicycle will greatly assist in its recovery if it is stolen

### Two methods of registration:

1. On-line registration at:  
[www.wauchulapolice.com](http://www.wauchulapolice.com)



Bicycle Registration

2. Fill out the attached registration form and return it to the Wauchula Police Department

### Retain this information for your records!

Serial number:

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Make:

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Model:

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Remember to keep a copy of your sales receipt.

## IDENTIFICATION OF YOUR BICYCLE

Manufacturers mark most bicycles with a serial number. If your bicycle does not have a serial number, engrave an identifying number on the frame. You may want to use the same number on the wheels and the other components.

If you use your Florida Drivers License or Identification Card number as your identifying number, it will give police officers the ability to run your information immediately when they find abandoned bicycles or when conducting street checks when stopping suspicious people. This will give law enforcement the ability to return stolen and lost bicycles to their owners.

Never use your Social Security Number as your identifying number to engrave on your bicycle because of identity theft!

## BICYCLE REGISTRATION FORM

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Owner Name Last, First

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Date of Birth

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Address

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Owners Drivers License or ID Number

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Home / Cell Phone Number

### Bicycle Information

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Make/Brand

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Model Name or Number

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Speed/Gears

Frame Size

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Colors

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Serial Number:

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Signature of Registrant

Complete this form and remit to:  
Wauchula Police Department  
Community Oriented Policing Unit  
128 South 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Wauchula, Florida 33873

Registration does not imply any guarantees of recovery of a reported stolen bicycle.