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Insights from Your Support Team

The Importance of a Phone Call or Text message

Whether you are scheduled as a Base or a Patrol, a phone **IS** a lifeline.

As a **base**, the phone is your main line of communication. On the day that you are to be base, you should receive a call (or text) from the previous base. This should be your reminder, just like you will remind the next base tomorrow morning. Then, as base, you should call or text each of the scheduled patrols.

As a **patrol**, please respond to the call or text from the base. The base is contacting you to remind you that you are scheduled, but also to be sure that you haven't had a schedule change that they are not aware of.

NOW... the most important contact of the entire process is the patrol contacting the base BEFORE they go out. The patrol absolutely should not leave until they have been in touch with the base. If you call and get the voicemail, you **MUST wait for a return call before going out. If you haven't heard back in a few minutes, call back. Likewise, if texting is your choice of communication, do not leave until you've received a return text. **NO patrol should ever be out without a base to communicate with.****

In the event that you cannot reach your base, call your area coordinator (the person that writes your schedule). If they are available to be your base, they will say so. Otherwise, your patrol is canceled.

Also, please remember that the patrol schedule is 8 – 10 pm (8 – 9 in Pinehurst). A patrol **CAN-NOT** choose to go out early unless they have made arrangements with the base. I am not talking 5 minutes; I am talking about 20 – 40 minutes.

Throughout the patrol, the driver should check in with the base and report in when they are home safely at the end of the shift. If a base does not hear from a patrol by 15 minutes after the shift, they should call once. If they **DO NOT** get an answer, they are to call the CCSO non-emergency number ([941-639-2101](tel:941-639-2101)). The patrol will be reported as not reporting in and a sheriff will be sent to their home. (NOTE: all patrol addresses are on the monthly roster.) So **PA-TROLS...** if you do not want CCSO knocking on your door, **DO NOT FORGET** to call your base when you are home.

Thanks for volunteering! You are an important part of keeping our community safe.

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From the Vice President:



Patrol Information for August

4 Nights without patrols

5 Nights with one patrol

17 Nights with two patrols

5 Nights with three patrols

0 Nights with all 4 patrols!



August Incident Report

Aug 20 9:30pm White Marsh Golf Course equipment shed open and lights on. CCSO notified.

Aug 27 Golfview Road
Open garage door with items spread around outside the garage. No sign of residents. CCSO called and responded. CCSO able to contact resident.



CCSO Non-emergency phone number: 941-639-2101

Website: <https://www.ccsso.org/>



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