



LAKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Rescue Division



To insurance agencies serving Lake County:

The Lake County Department of Public Safety, Fire Rescue Division, is alerting insurance agencies in Lake County about an alarming trend that could negatively affect your policyholders.

Recently, Lake County has been notified of nearly a dozen Fire Department Connections (FDC) being stolen throughout the Central Florida area from buildings and/or properties equipped with built-in fire protections.

The theft of an FDC is a felony, punishable by up to five years in jail and thousands of dollars in fines. More importantly, the absence of an FDC renders the built-in fire protection system out of service by preventing the hookup of a fire pumper to supply water and pump the fire protection system during a fire.

We are seeking your agency's assistance to help alert local commercial building owners. When an FDC is missing from a building and/or property it can cause considerable property loss, significantly endanger public safety and firefighter personal safety and severely compromise effective fire suppression efforts by delaying needed water flow supply.

Lake County Fire Rescue is urging owners of commercial buildings and/or properties that are equipped with built-in fire protection to include a visual check of the FDC as part of a daily routine to ensure that the FDC has not been tampered with or is missing. If an issue does arise with their FDC, we encourage them to contact their local fire department.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this important public safety issue. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact my office at (352) 343-9458.

Respectfully,

Director, Lake County Department of Public Safety



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