



# From the Desk of Sheriff Nat Glover

The single most important factor in reducing crime is citizen participation.

We have already seen the results of a dramatic increase in citizen involvement and those of us in law enforcement would like to see much more of it.

We recorded an impressive reduction in number of crimes from 1994 to 2002. In 1994, we reported 65,997 crimes and in 2001, we reported 51,250.

That is a reduction of more than 22 percent.

Actually, in a city that is growing like Jacksonville, we should look at the crime rate (the number of crimes per 100,000 population). In 1994, the crime rate was 9,624 crimes per 100,000 population and in 2001 it was 6,791. That's a reduction of more than 29 percent.

We attribute this success to community policing and the numerous police-citizen partnerships we have created.

You can see a good example of those partnerships at any one of our 17 Sheriff's Advisory Councils. Typically, a ShAdCo, consisting of 20-30 citizens, will meet once a month to provide valuable feedback on law enforcement

problems in the area.

We have put special emphasis on Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch, giving us citizens who are on the lookout for suspicious activity.

The Community Watch program, an initiative of the Justice Coalition and the JEA, has put thousands of additional eyes and ears on the streets to help make our city safer.

We're enrolling record numbers in our Citizen Academy, a very popular program that meets once a week for 12 weeks and offers a behind-the-scenes view of the JSO.

Citizens often join me in our neighborhood walks, which give me an opportunity to personally connect with citizens and activate them in the fight against crime.

We provide information to our citizen partners, not only through the news media, but through our own cable television show (Signal 94 can be seen every Thursday night at 5:00 and 8:30) and our website ([www.coj.net/jso](http://www.coj.net/jso)).

I urge you to get involved. Citizen involvement has made a dramatic difference in recent years. And it can do even more.

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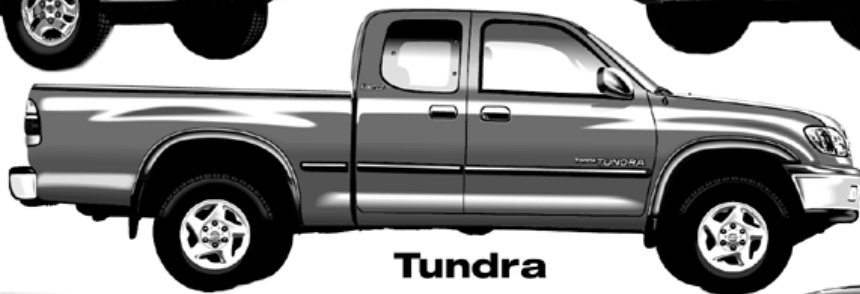
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## THE SECRET WORD GAME

Hidden in the text of the Victims' Advocate is the **SECRET WORD** for the month of **FEBRUARY**. The rules are simple:

1. Find the word.
2. Telephone the Justice Coalition Daily Radio Show on 1320 AM-WJGR, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
3. The first person who telephones the correct Secret Word wins a \$10.00 Gift Certificate to Sonny's Real Pit Barbeque Restaurant.
4. You can only win once in a twelve month period.

### SO START SEARCHING!

Exclusions: no persons employed by the Justice Coalition, Sonny's, nor their families are eligible.

## WANTED



**WALTER  
BELL**

Race: Black      Wt.: 165  
Sex: Male      Violation:  
DOB: 12/15/81      VOP  
Ht.: 5' 6"      Felony Fleeing

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**JSO at 904-630-0500**