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Re: Business Emergency Notification System-Updating

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is in the process of updating the Business Emergency Notification System (BENS) database.

The Business Emergency Notification System (BENS) is a program developed to ensure the proper individuals are notified in the event an emergency takes place at your business during non-business hours (ie: break-in, fire, open door). The system that the Sheriff's Office has in place alleviates the need to post emergency information on the doors or windows, thus keeping all information private and confidential.

To update your current information, please visit www.hernandosheriff.org. Click on the link **BENS** located on the left side of the web page. Please download and fill out the application form. This form can be **mailed or faxed** to the information at the top of the sheet. **If you are updating your information, it is very important to include the BENS number when filling out your form**, as this is the ID number that the Sheriff's Office assigns to your business to maintain confidentiality. **The BENS number is in a gold, star shaped decal, located on the front door or front window, nearest the door of your business.**

If your business does not have a gold, star shaped decal, please call our office upon completing your form at (352)754-6830 ext 53660, to set up an appointment with the Sheriff's Office representative assigned to your area. The representative will then come to your business and place the "star" in its appropriate location and retrieve your application at that time