

Unit Purpose

The purpose of the JAM Unit is to establish guidelines for and to alleviate criminal activities committed upon the citizens of Orange County by juveniles under supervision of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. The unit targets “hard-core” juvenile offenders under supervision status and through a zero tolerance approach, holds participants accountable to the sanctions ordered by the juvenile court system.

Mission Statement

The Juvenile Arrest and Monitor Unit is a joint venture between the Orange County Sheriff’s Office and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. We, the men and women of the Juvenile Arrest and Monitor Unit, are dedicated to providing proactive enforcement through partnerships that build trust, reduce crime and create a safe environment, which enhances the quality of life in our community.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Juvenile Arrest and Monitor Unit is to target hard-core juvenile offenders currently assigned to supervision programs. Proactive enforcement with a zero tolerance approach will be implemented in an attempt to hold its participants accountable to sanctions put forth by the juvenile court system. The staff of highly trained and motivated personnel is dedicated to reducing the cycle of juvenile violence by creating positive partnerships with parents, community leaders and other agencies that share in this sincere commitment.



Important Telephone Numbers

- 4-H Youth Programs407-836-9300
- Center for Drug Free Living407-245-0010
- Community Assessment Center 407-295-8911
- Crime Line407-423-TIPS
- Dept. of Children & Families..... 1-800-96-ABUSE
- Dept. of Juvenile Justice (Circuit 9)..407-445-5354
- Eckerd Youth Alternatives..... 1-800-914-3937
- Great Oaks Village407-836-7665
- Juvenile Assessment Center407-836-8800
- Juvenile Detention Center407-897-2800
- Juvenile Services (re: Delinquency).407-897-6370
- Prevention Hotline/DJJ 1-866-757-0634
- Runaway Shelter407-836-7626
- Speak Out Hotline2-1-1
- Truancy Center407-836-8886
- Youth & Family Services.....407-836-7600

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Orange County Sheriff’s Office
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Non-Emergency 407-836-HELP (4357)
Emergency 9-1-1

*Proactive Enforcement With a
Zero Tolerance Approach*



Juvenile Arrest & Monitor Unit



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ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Jerry L. Demings, Sheriff

HISTORY OF J.A.M.

On June 26, 1998, the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Orange County Sheriff's Office entered into a joint venture known as "Project Impact." Subsequently, the program has acquired the acronym J.A.M. (Juvenile Arrest and Monitor) Unit. The J.A.M. Unit was developed to provide intense supervision for those juveniles currently assigned to probation, who have demonstrated an inability to abide by their court ordered sanctions. Initially the J.A.M. Unit focused its efforts on the west side of Orange County while conducting special details throughout the rest of the county whenever necessary. As of December 1, 1998, the Unit expanded its personnel and began full coverage of Orange County.



The Juvenile Arrest and Monitor Unit was the first unit in the nation to specifically target hard-core juvenile offenders on probation to ensure that they abide by their court-ordered sanctions. This type of enforcement has proven successful by assisting in the reduction of juvenile crime in Orange County.

As of 2009, the J.A.M. Unit has maintained over an 80% success rate since its inception in 1998.



WHAT J.A.M. DEPUTIES DO

Deputies assigned to the J.A.M. Unit perform a number of duties on a daily basis, including the following:

- ◆ Physically checks the residence of every juvenile assigned to the unit and ensure he/she is abiding by all sanctions set forth by the juvenile court system.
- ◆ Makes "casual and consensual" contacts with loitering juveniles and determine if they are currently on probation. If they are, the deputies will ensure the juveniles are abiding by all terms set forth by the juvenile court system.

Employs a zero tolerance approach by imposing immediate consequences to any compliance violations of their probation.

- ◆ Assigns a maximum of 25 active juveniles per deputy.
- ◆ Makes contact with monitored juveniles four times per week, unless the juvenile is currently being detained by the Department of Juvenile Justice or special circumstances arise.
- ◆ Conducts school checks and curfew checks.
- ◆ Conducts random drug testing.
- ◆ Works with the Department of Juvenile Justice and probation officers.

RANDOM DRUG TESTING

J.A.M. deputies are required to perform random drug tests on all monitored juveniles. The tests are administered in a manner which cannot be predicted by the juvenile and performed a minimum of once in a 30 day period.

If the juvenile tests negative for the presence of any narcotics, the results will be documented and filed. However, if he/she tests positive, the juvenile will be arrested.

ZERO TOLERANCE

The J.A.M. Unit wants to send a strong message to the identified juveniles and their families, which is simply that they will be held to a higher degree of accountability in regards to the terms set forth by the juvenile court system. Both the juveniles and their families also need to know that failure to comply with their court-ordered sanctions will result in immediate, consistent and certain consequences.

"Zero tolerance" means that immediate consequences will be imposed to ANY violation of a juvenile's supervision terms.

J.A.M. Unit Statistics

According to a University of Central Florida study, 100% of the probationers assigned to the J.A.M. program indicated that J.A.M. was good for those in trouble with the law.

In 2003, the J.A.M. Unit expanded its mission to include the monitoring of all adjudicated juvenile sex offenders.

The average stay in the J.A.M. program is approximately 1.3 years.

Curfew means INSIDE the residence, unless otherwise approved by the judge.