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## FBI Child Abduction Exercise *Training hones skills of 16 Law Enforcement Agencies*



Every minute is essential when a child goes missing. Racing against the clock, tracking down details and leads, and getting information out to the media – all essential elements of a plan that need to be in place by law enforcement in the event of a child abduction or other emergency.

These details and numerous others are exactly what the FBI Miami shared with 16 law enforcement agencies from the south Florida area, December 5 – 8, 2016 in Weston. The FBI Child Abduction Rapid Deployment Team with members and trainers from around the country hosted a four-day training and field exercise involving the full simulation of a child abduction incident. FBI Special Agents planned for several months with BSO Weston, the Savanna community security and homeowners association, and city administration and departments, to provide a fictitious yet real world scenario.

**The call:** A 13-year old girl they name Maggie Powers is kidnapped from the Savanna community; she is 4'5" tall, approximately 92 pounds, has brown hair, wearing reading glasses and Converse shoes, carrying a gray backpack, taken by a man in a white van. Residents, businesses and close to 100 law enforcement personal participated in a culminating exercise that included canvassing neighborhoods, traffic stops and road blocks in various locations within Weston, and evidence presented during the exercise that ultimately led investigators to recovering the abducted child in a Weston park bathroom. Everything was thrown at these investigators including unhelpful residents, psychics calling in with information, changing details and a full media blitz with reporters demanding information.



FBI Special Agent Jim Lewis, himself a father of three, stressed having a plan in place - and the importance of training and preparing law enforcement. In a debriefing, he noted it is better to tweak procedures during an exercise, as the realization is that even the most seasoned detectives may have never experienced a child abduction.

Special Agent Matt Fowler said Weston was chosen as the location for the training because of their excellent relationship with the Broward Sheriff's Office and Weston's Chief of Police, Kevin Butler. After initial site visits the FBI was excited to utilize the City's state of the art

Emergency Operations Center and City Hall as their training base of operations.

The FBI hosts these essential trainings several times a year throughout the country. Investigators from the tri-county area were selected to create a mix of all the different agencies to work on inter-agency communication. Special Agent Fowler reinforced that it's not about any individual or agency getting credit, it's about working in unison and getting the child back alive.



**What parents can do:** Put safety in your hands using the FBI's new Child ID application for your mobile phone. The first mobile application created by the FBI provides a convenient place to electronically store photos and vital information about your children so that it's literally right at hand if you need it. You can show the pictures and provide physical identifiers such as height and weight to security or police officers on the spot. Using a special tab on the app, you can also quickly and easily e-mail the information to authorities with a few clicks. Search: FBI Child ID in your phone App Store.

*The app also includes tips on keeping children safe as well as specific guidance on what to do in those first few crucial hours after a child goes missing.*



## WELCOME ASSISTANT CHIEF JASON SMITH *BSO Fire Rescue and Emergency Services Weston District*



Assistant Chief Jason Smith with Weston Chief Bruce Angier at Station 81

The City of Weston welcomes Assistant Chief Jason Smith of BSO Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, who was recently promoted from the rank of Captain and assigned to be second in command of the Weston District by Department Chief Joe Fernandez.

Assistant Chief Smith has been working in the field since 2002 as a Firefighter/Paramedic and is certified in multiple disciplines within Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management. He is also holds instructor and provider certifications in the following training programs: Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS),

Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS), Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC). He is currently the Assistant Dean of Emergency Management Services for Barry University.

A lifelong learner, as well as teacher, he holds a Master's degree in Emergency Management, a Bachelor's degree in Fire Science, two Associate's degrees (Fire science technology and Emergency Medical Service technology) and is also seeking a nursing degree.

As a Captain with BSO, he has previously served as Acting Battalion Chief, a Department Field Training Officer (FTO), and held positions in special operations, including: Technical Rescue Team, Air Rescue, and the Hazardous Materials Team. Chief Smith is a certified State Fire Officer (One), Hazmat Tech and Instructor (Three).



Assistant Chief Jason Smith speaks to Weston University students about the history of the Fire service and the Fire Rescue field.

***Congratulations Assistant Chief Smith and Welcome to Weston!***



## A CLOSER LOOK AT TREES

*Recent iTree Ecosystem Analysis Details the Value of Weston's Tree Canopy*

### WESTON'S TREES BY THE NUMBERS

34,573 Trees

238.45 Acres of Tree Canopy

4,936 *Ficus Benjamina* Trees

38% are Trees Native to Florida

6.741 Tons of Air Pollution Eliminated Annually

1,100 Tons of Oxygen Produced Annually

\$23.7 Million Structural (Replacement) Value

12 of 104 Species are Identified as Invasive

Reduced Surface Runoff (which contributes to pollution of waterways) by 966,000 cubic feet/year

*\*Data and estimated values based on iTree Eco methodology.*

### *The Value of Our Urban Tree Canopy*



The benefits of trees to a community are more than just providing shade and enhancing the look of the area. Trees reduce air pollution, cool the air and aid in reducing surface runoff, one of the main causes of water pollution.

The City of Weston recently underwent a tree inventory, which assessed the vegetation structure, function and value of the trees and shrubs that are located on city property, such as parks, facilities, swales and right of ways. The data from 34,573 trees were analyzed using the i-Tree Eco model developed by the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Research Station. The tree inventory helps the city to identify the value of the urban forest in terms of replacement (structural value), as well as the functional values that the urban forest accomplishes in Weston. Areas such as air pollution removal, carbon storage and sequestration, oxygen production, reduction of surface runoff were analyzed.

The tree canopy is a wise infrastructure investment for cities, as governments look to find ways to prevent climate change and improve public health. Overall, Weston's tree canopy has a structural value of \$23.7 million; removes almost 7 tons of air pollution annually (a value of \$67.4 thousand); provided surface runoff at a value of \$64.6 thousand; and provides a value of \$900 thousand in carbon storage.



## *PACE Program – Weston is a Participating City*

# Can Broward's PACE Program Help Improve Your Home or Business?



**Join us for an informational workshop on the  
Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) finance  
program.**

**6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Tuesday, December 13**

**Weston Community Center  
(inside the Weston Regional Park)  
20200 Saddle Club Road  
Weston, FL 33327**

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**For more information, visit [Broward.org/GoGreen](http://Broward.org/GoGreen)  
then click "PACE" or call 954-519-1265.**





## NO FROG. NO CLOG

### *Helpful Tips to Prevent Sewer Clogs and Backups*

Sewage is used water and waste discharged from the drains of sinks, showers, toilets, and laundry facilities. Sewage flows into sewer lines, or collection systems, from the drains in homes and businesses. From the sewer lines, it is then transported to a sewage treatment facility.

Sewers back up when sewage collection lines get clogged by items flushed down toilets and drains such as:

**Fats, Rags, Oil, and Grease** (or FROG for memory's sake) that get caught in the line and plug it up. In addition to the costly repairs, sewer backups are messy, foul-smelling, and pose a serious public health threat.



### **Never flush down the toilet or drain:**

- Fats, cooking oil or grease
- Motor oil
- Disposable diapers and baby wipes
- Disinfectant wipes
- Cleaning cloths
- Big chunks of garbage
- Cat litter including "flushable"
- Feminine napkins, tampons, and applicators
- Dye (hair /clothing) or tanning solutions
- Flammable products (lighter fluid, acetone)
- Acidic and toxic substances

### **Proper Disposal Tips**

- Throw bulky waste materials in trash.
- Freeze small amounts of fats, oils, and grease from cooking in a container with a tight-sealing lid and dispose of in the trash.
- Mix oil with an absorbent material such as coffee grounds, place in a tightly-sealed container and dispose of in trash.
- Use a strainer in your sink to catch scraps. Cover open drains with fine screen or catch basket.

*Information provided by [Broward County Water and Wastewater Services.](#)*



## Healthy Living Tip Series-

# MANAGING STRESS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

## Tips to Prevent Holiday Stress and Depression



The holiday season often brings unwelcome guests — stress and depression. And it's no wonder. The holidays present a dizzying array of demands — parties, shopping, baking, cleaning and entertaining, to name just a few. However, with some practical tips, you can minimize the stress that accompanies the holidays. You may even end up enjoying the holidays more than you thought you would.

1. **Acknowledge your feelings.** If you can't be with loved ones, it's normal to feel sadness and grief. Take time to express your feelings.
2. **Reach out.** If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events. Volunteering is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships.
3. **Be realistic.** The holidays don't have to be perfect. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well.
4. **Set aside differences.** Try to accept family members and friends as they are. Set aside grievances until an appropriate time.
5. **Stick to a budget.** Before you go gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend. Then stick to your budget.
6. **Plan.** Plan your menus and then make your shopping list. Set time aside to complete these activities.
7. **Learn to say no.** Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues will understand if you can't participate in every project or activity.
8. **Don't abandon healthy habits.** Don't let the holidays become a free-for-all. Overindulgence only adds to your stress and guilt.
9. **Take a breather.** Make some time for yourself. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do.
10. **Seek professional help if you need it.** Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless, and unable to face routine chores. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

Information provided by [Mayo Clinic](#)





## BROWARD COUNTY PARKS- HIGHLIGHTS E-NEWSLETTER

*Find All Of The Information You Need About Parks in One Place*



*Click on the image above to re-direct to Broward County's Highlights- eNews*

This monthly newsletter of the Broward County Parks and Recreation Division is available only as an electronic publication. Pass this information on to friends and family so they can sign up and become part of the Division's online community. You will receive the latest information about upcoming events and special programs, as well as park news, via the monthly e-newsletter.

To sign up, visit the [AccessBROWARD eSubscription site](#). To contact our Public Communications Group for more park news, please call 954-357-8118 or email [ParksMarketing@Broward.org](mailto:ParksMarketing@Broward.org).

### DECEMBER 2016 Holiday Hours

All Broward County regional parks (except [Deerfield Island Park](#)) and nature centers, neighborhood parks, and natural areas will be open their regular hours on Saturdays, December 24 and 31, and Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day).

The regular holiday gate entrance fee of \$1.50/person (children 5 and under free) will be in effect. All parks, nature centers, and natural areas will be closed on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25.





## WINTER BREAK CAMP OPTIONS



### Winter Tennis Camp | Ages 5-18

Weston Tennis Center

16451 Racquet Club Road

Session I: December 26 – 30, 2016

Session II: January 2 – 6, 2017

9 AM – 12 PM (Half Day) or 9 AM – 3 PM (Full Day)

Members: \$35 Half Day | \$50 Full Day

Non-Members: \$45 Half Day | \$60 Full Day

\*Register for a full session by 12/14 for a \$50 discount

Participants will enjoy tennis instruction through a variety of drills and match play as well as team competitions. Call 954-389-8666 or email Center Director, Steven Browne, at [s.browne@cliffdrysdale.com](mailto:s.browne@cliffdrysdale.com).

### AYSO Winter Soccer Camp | Ages 5 – 14

Weston Regional Park | 20200 Saddle Club Road

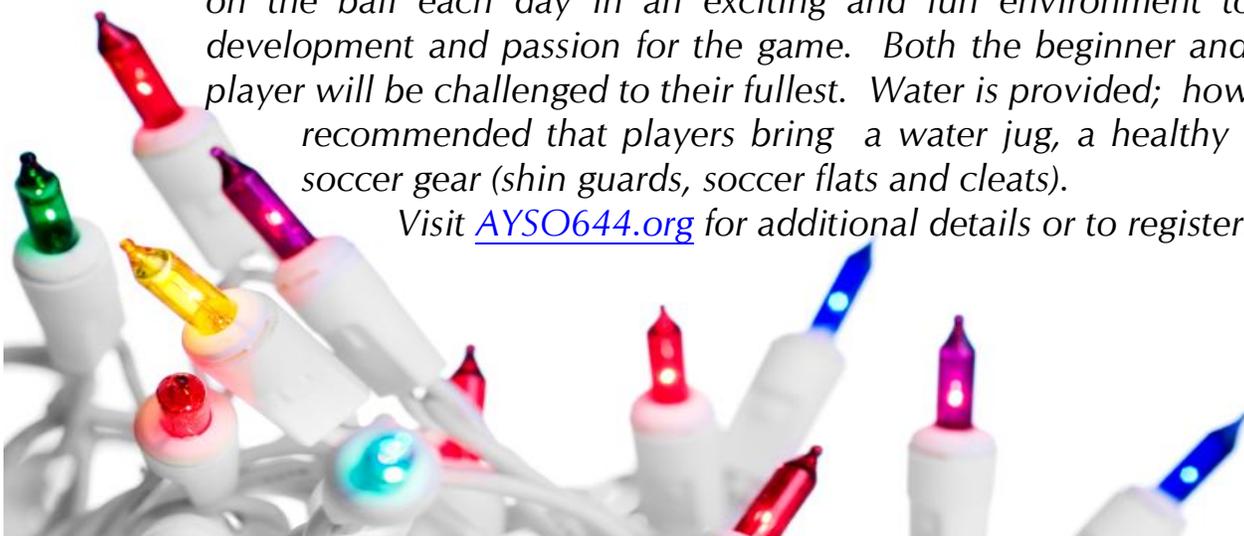
December 26 – 30, 2016

9 AM – 12 PM (Half Day) or 9 AM – 5 PM (Full Day)

Registration fee for session: \$160 – Half Day | \$280 – Full Day

Campers will enjoy five full days of quality soccer instruction. A unique emphasis is placed on each camper's individual technique and skills, which will be applied and practiced in small-sided game scenarios. Campers will literally get thousands of touches on the ball each day in an exciting and fun environment to enhance development and passion for the game. Both the beginner and seasoned player will be challenged to their fullest. Water is provided; however, it is recommended that players bring a water jug, a healthy snack and soccer gear (shin guards, soccer flats and cleats).

Visit [AYSO644.org](http://AYSO644.org) for additional details or to register.





## HAPPENINGS...

### AT THE WESTON YMCA FAMILY CENTER

#### Membership

Get a jump start on achieving your New Year's Resolutions at the Weston Y! Our fantastic group exercise classes, renovated outdoor pool, childcare while working out, and top-of-the-line cardio equipment, make this a perfect choice for the entire family! From now until January 31st pay no Joiner's Fee and save up to \$99! Join the Weston Y today!



#### Breakfast with Santa

Jump into family fun at the Weston Y! On Saturday, December 17th from 8:30-10:30am we will be having our annual Breakfast with Santa. Make sure you have your wish list ready so you can tell Santa what you want this holiday season. We will be providing breakfast, as well as holiday craft activities, for your family to enjoy during the event. Register online or at the Weston Y by December 16th, space is limited!



#### Girls Recreational Softball League

The girls are getting a league of their own at the Weston y! This spring, we are introducing our first Recreational Softball League! This league promises to be a fun, welcoming, and instructional environment for girls of all ability levels. Registration is open now through January 8th. Ages 4-16.



#### Youth Sports – Winter Flag Football

Get in the game at the Weston Y and join our Winter Flag Football League! Practice once a week and play games on Saturdays. Both recreational and competitive levels available for all experience levels. The season begins January 28th. Members save \$90 on league cost!

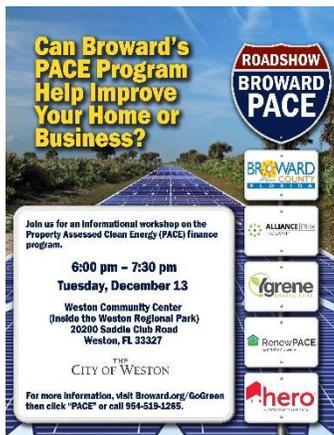


**YMCA of South Florida - Weston YMCA Family Center**  
20200 Saddle Club Road, Weston, FL 33327  
[ymcasouthflorida.org](http://ymcasouthflorida.org)  
954-424-9622 | *Located inside Weston Regional Park*



## UPCOMING CITY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

[Westonfl.org/Events](http://Westonfl.org/Events)



### PACE PROGRAM WORKSHOP – Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Finance Program

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

6:00PM – 7:30PM

Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road

The public is invited to attend an informational workshop. PACE allows property owners to receive up-front financing for qualifying improvements such as: windows, roofing, air conditioning and other energy efficiency upgrades. This innovative program allows for repayment through a non-ad valorem special assessment added to your property bill. Learn more and meet all four PACE providers.



### The Perfect Holiday Gift! Purchase Tickets Today! Symphony of the Americas Concert Tickets

#### Fiery Romances on the Big Screen

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Cypress Bay Theater, Weston

Advanced Sale Tickets: \$20 General Admission / \$10 Student

Tickets are on sale now at the following locations:  
Weston Community Center, 20200 Saddle Club Road  
Mia of London Jewelers, 4529 Weston Road  
Glamopolitan Beauty Lounge, 1660 Market Street  
For details, visit: [Westonfl.org/Events](http://Westonfl.org/Events).

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 25th – Christmas Day

City Parks close at 6:00 PM.

Monday, December 26th – Christmas (Observed)

City Administrative Offices will be closed.

City Parks will be open. There is regular garbage collection.



[Click on page for many more upcoming events and programs.](#)



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (Continued)

### Christmas Tree Collection

December 26, 2016 – January 28, 2017

Residents with curbside garbage collection can place trees out on your regular garbage service day during the posted dates.



**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve**

City Parks close at 6:00 PM. There is regular garbage collection.

**Sunday, January 1, 2017 – New Year's Day**

City Parks close at 6:00 PM.

**Monday, January 2, 2017 – New Year's Day (Observed)**

City Administrative Offices will be closed.

City Parks will be open. There is regular garbage collection.



## WESTON FOREIGN FILM SERIES

Presented by Arts Council of Greater Weston & City of Weston

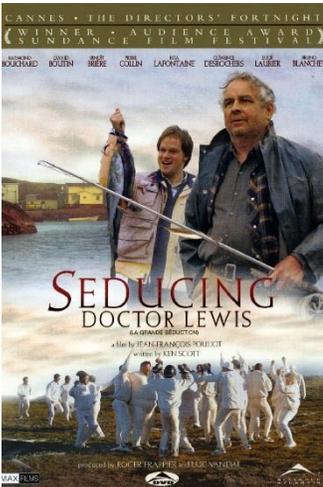
### Featuring Seducing Dr. Lewis

Monday, January 9, 2017 | Showtimes: 4:45 PM and 7:30 PM

AMC Weston 8, 1338 SW 106 Avenue, Sunrise

*A much-needed new factory, is promised to boost the residents of the tiny fishing village St. Marie-La-Mauderne, provided they can lure a doctor to take up full-time residency on the island. Inspired, the villagers devise a scheme to make Dr. Christopher Lewis a local. (Canada/2004/108 minutes/NR)*

Tickets available for purchase (\$8) at the Weston Community Center (checks only) and the Friends Book Store (cash/check) in the Weston Branch Library. Visit [1weston.com](http://1weston.com) or call 954-389-4321.



## DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Monday, January 16, 2017

City Administrative Offices are closed

City Parks will be open. There is regular garbage collection.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday is encouraged to be a day of service. For details on volunteer opportunities, visit

[MLKday.gov](http://MLKday.gov).





## **CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2017 7:00 PM**

**Weston City Hall, 17200, Royal Palm Boulevard**

A regular meeting of the Weston City Commission, which is to be held on Tuesday evening due to the holiday on Monday.



## **ONGOING CITY PROGRAMS**

### **BSO WESTON POLICE SERVICES**

More information on programs listed below call 954-389-2010 or visit [www.westonfl.org/Departments/Police/PoliceHome.aspx](http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/Police/PoliceHome.aspx)



### **SAFE SELLING TRANSACTION ZONE**

#### **A LOCATION FOR ONLINE BUYERS/SELLERS**

BSO's Weston district office's parking lot serves as a safe-haven for the City's online buyers and sellers to meet at 17300 Royal Palm Boulevard.

Download a flyer here: [Safe Transaction Zone](#)



### **LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM**

For young men and women ages 14-21. The program provides interaction with law enforcement and other community advisors in a serious, regimented atmosphere where students can demonstrate personal initiative. Offers students the opportunity to learn & experience lawful citizenship as they participate side-by-side with certified BSO deputies in ongoing training and community service projects. For detailed program information and an on-line application, [click here.](#)



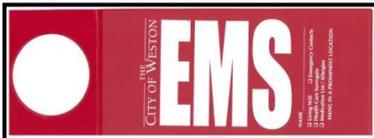
## CITIZEN OBSERVER PATROL (C.O.P.) PROGRAM

A model program, COP's are the additional eyes and ears of the community, assisting and enhancing our own BSO policing efforts. Members of the Broward Sheriff's Office of Countywide Operations professionally train all volunteers. Typical assignments in addition to patrol, include performing checks on unoccupied residences at owner's request, checking on elderly or homebound and reporting potential problems and neighborhood hazards and assist at Weston community events. You must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license. Interested? Please call the Weston District at **954-389-2010**.



## BSO WESTON FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

More information on programs listed below call 954-389-2015 or visit [www.westonfl.org/Departments/FireEMS/FireEMSHome.aspx](http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/FireEMS/FireEMSHome.aspx)



## FREE EMS GO PACKETS

These packets hold medical information and legal documents for EMS and hospital personnel can be aware of your medical conditions.



## FREE CPR CLASSES

FREE CPR classes for residents, organizations and businesses. Classes are offered at Weston Fire Station No. 81. Classes are also offered at your own location with a minimum of 8 persons. Call 954-389-2015 Mon-Fri.

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The Weston CERT Program educates citizens about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Join today! Call 954-389-2015. View our CERT webpage: <http://www.westonfl.org/Departments/FireEMS/CERTProgram.aspx>





## WESTON COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

More information on the programs below, call 954-385-2000.



### REGISTER FOR CODERED

All residents and businesses should register with the City's CodeRED Emergency Notification System.

To register, please visit:

[www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx](http://www.westonfl.org/Residents/Hurricane/CodeRed.aspx)



### e-NOTIFICATIONS: WESTON DELIVERS THE LATEST NEWS DIRECT TO YOUR INBOX

\* Newsday Tuesday: The official City e-Newsletter. A once weekly newsletter delivered each Tuesday morning with city news articles, information and events.

\* E-Notifications: Updates on projects; media releases; events and more.

Subscribe at:

<http://www.westonfl.org/Events/EmailSubscriptions.aspx>



### WESTON GOVERNMENT INFORMATION CHANNEL

The Weston government access channel can be found on these channels with local cable television providers:

Advanced Communications – Channel #25

Comcast Cable – Channel #78

AT&T U-verse – Channel #99, *scroll to Weston Government TV*



### WESTON GOVERNMENT RADIO 1680AM

Information on City events, programs, services and more. In the event of an emergency, all broadcasts will be interrupted and emergency notifications will be provided. This AM channel can be accessed in your car while in and around the City of Weston. Tune in today.

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