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### **City of Port St. Lucie: #PSLCyberPatrol to help residents protect their information online**

PORT ST. LUCIE (Dec. 13, 2016) – The City of Port St. Lucie is launching a new online campaign to help residents better protect their information and identities in cyberspace.

Stanley Fidge, Port St. Lucie’s Information Technology Security Manager, will share his expertise and provide regular updates throughout 2017 on the latest information regarding internet security. His tips will cover a variety of cybersecurity topics and are meant to help keep residents safe while online.

The #PSLCyberPatrol campaign will consist of short videos posted to the City of Port St. Lucie’s social media sites, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and NextDoor. They will all contain the hashtag #PSLCyberPatrol to make finding the entire series easier for residents.

The campaign kicks off this month with a video giving viewers tips on how to protect themselves while holiday shopping online.

“Online shopping can be a great solution, allowing you to find the perfect gift and saving time,” Fidge said. “But it can also end with identity theft, malware and other cyber unpleasantness. You can take a few simple security precautions to help reduce the chances of being a cyber victim.”

Tips this month include:

- Do not use public computers or public wireless internet access for shopping
- Make all online purchases with only one credit card
- Look for “https” in the Internet address (URL) when making an online purchase

- Do not auto-save your personal information

The first video in the #PSLCyberPatrol campaign can be found at: <https://youtu.be/IMWjuRGSpz0>

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