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## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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## FLPD BICYCLE REGISTRATION EVENT

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department will be at the Las Olas Sunday Market registering bicycles this **Sunday, March 30**<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The market is located inside the YOLO plaza at 333 East Las Olas Boulevard. Attendees should park either in the nearby City Parking Garage on Southeast 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue or in the marked street side parking spaces.

In the last five years there have been over 2,300 bicycles reported stolen in the City of Fort Lauderdale. In addition, there are numerous unreported bicycle thefts that also occur. When comparing these figures, it is not difficult to see why a bicycle registration program is vital to the safety and well-being of every resident in our community.

Records also indicate that the majority of individuals reporting their bicycles stolen are unable to provide serial numbers. Reports that lack serial numbers make the recovery process virtually impossible.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department developed this bicycle registration program to keep track of all of the bicycles registered to City residents. In the event a resident reports their bicycle stolen, they can use either their identification or the bicycle registration number to provide the necessary information to assist in the location and recovery of their bicycle.

Although this registration is optional for non-residents who ride into the City of Fort Lauderdale, it is encouraged.

For more information on the Las Olas Sunday Market please visit: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LasOlasSundayMarket">https://www.facebook.com/LasOlasSundayMarket</a> or contact Rachel O'Neill at 954-214-9933.

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