

## **Enforcing Noise Ordinances in Florida**

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Florida is changing and growing and as change takes place, law enforcement will be confronted with many issues. Noise ordinance enforcement is an area that is not traditionally seen by law enforcement as a high priority. "Quality of life issues" include many areas in which law enforcement has responsibilities. Something initially viewed as a minor complaint can have serious effects on the residents of a community. Most communities in Florida have a noise ordinance in one form or another. Enforcement of noise ordinances is a science that administrators should look at from a training perspective as well as realistic prosecution. This paper will explore the different types of ordinances as well as the proper equipment to be used in enforcement actions.