

Crime Prevention and Community Policing

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Agenda:

1. **Mission and Jurisdiction of the Territorial Command of Faro**
2. **Safe Residence Program**
3. **Crime Prevention Measures - Safety Advices**

Mission and Jurisdiction

The Territorial Command of Faro integrate operational and services elements, under a sigle command, and have general jurisdiction throughout their respective área of operations, which comprises a district of an administrative division.



Portimão
53.458 hab.

Silves
61.531 hab.

Albufeira
44.158 hab.

Loulé
72.373 hab.

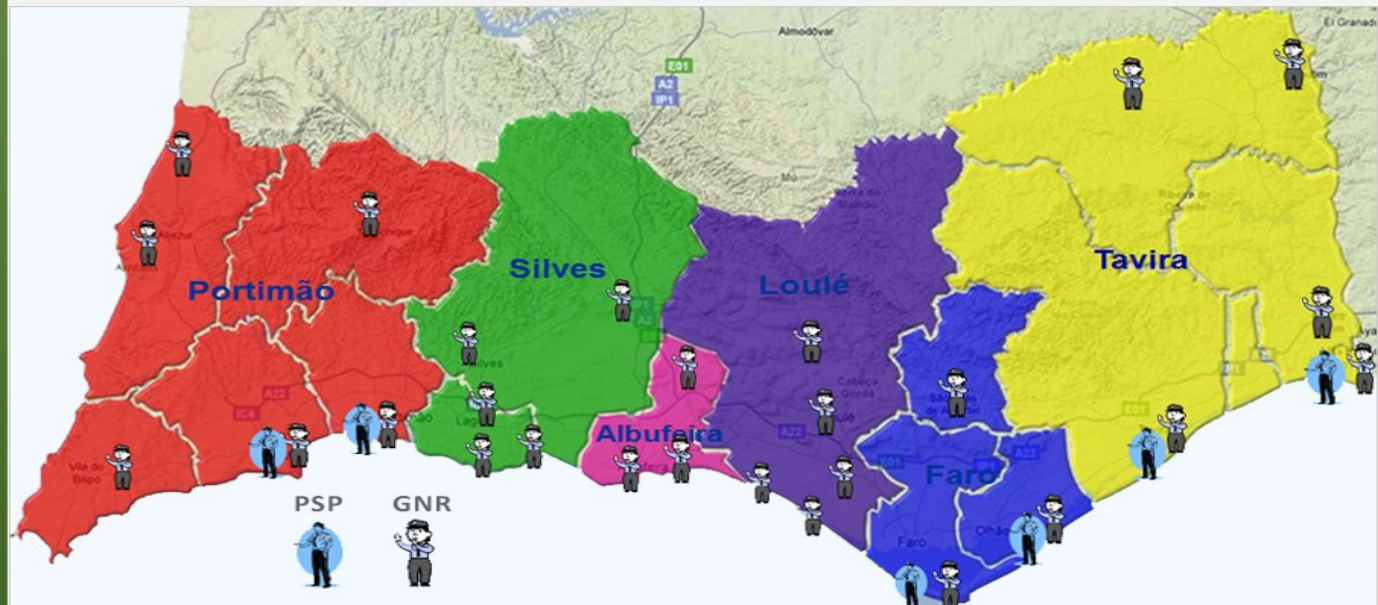
Faro
55.478 hab.

Tavira
34.767 hab.

Mission and Jurisdiction

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- 97,5% of the Algarve territory.



- Detachments of Tavira, Faro, Loulé, Albufeira, Silves and Portimão.
- We are in the Cities of Albufeira, Al Mancil, Lagoa, Loulé and Silves

Since 2010, with the aim of preventing crime and providing a faster response to various emergencies, especially in isolated areas, the Detachment of Loulé created a program to face this concern.

In the beginning of 2011, it was extended to all 6 Territorial Detachments (Tavira, Faro, Loulé, Albufeira, Silves and Portimão)



When attending the program, we will record a sort of personal information, creating a record, and give a individual number to your home. GNR will aggregate GPS coordinates, facilitating mapping and access during any kind of police interventions.

With your permission, the registration will be part of our database as well as the location in GPS, and a detailed written description of how to get to your residence, accompanied by a map using Google Earth, helping the patrols to get there ASAP.

Safe Residence Program

Area



467,495 – Permanent residents in the region
(*) 321,765 in the GNR área.



Foreign citizens living in the Algarve:

- 2016 – 63.481
- 2017 – 69.026
- 2018 – 77.489
- 2019 – 92.603
- 2020 – 103.565
- 2021 – 105.142



Crime Prevention Measures

**Prevention of
Thefts**

**Toward
Strangers**

**During your
absence**



Prevention of Thefts

Protecting a valuable asset, such as a home, from any incident is part of everyday priorities.

Although it is normal not to think about possible dangers, but being prepared is essential.

- Lock doors, gates and windows before leaving home.
- Improve your home's lighting with motion sensors.
- Avoid having large amounts of money or valuable objects at home.
- If possible, install a fence or railing and safety locks on doors.
- If you are alone at home, try to make it seem like you are with other people, for example calling someone by the name.



Toward Strangers

Always check who is at the door before opening.

Avoid opening the door to strangers.

If you hear gunshots or strange noises outside, do not go outside. Call the local GNR or 112.

If you feel observed by someone you don't know, immediately inform the local GNR.

If someone asks you for something or money, on behalf of an institution, check the credentials of the person in question and the entity.

In the case of strange vehicles going around: try to identify the registration number, brand, model, colour, occupants and exit direction.

In the case of individuals: Age, height, sex, ethnicity, hair and eye color, details such as beard, mustache, tattoos, glasses, piercings. Type of clothing and whether it has any disabilities.

Safety advice during your absence

When you are away from your home for several days:

- **Inform your neighbours.**
- **Contact the local GNR.**
- **Do not let mail to pile up. Arrange with a neighbour to empty your mail regularly.**



Safety advice in case of robbery

- Identify the valuables you have at home.
- Take photos of your valuables and if possible.
- Indicate the dimensions of the object, if possible, place a ruler next to the object.



Safety Advice

1. In case of emergency, **call 112.** 📞

2. Don't touch anything until the police forces inspect the house for evidence. ⚠️

3. Call the GNR in your area of residence. 📞

4. Call the GNR/Safe Residence of your área. 📞

5. Call the GNR - 289 887 609. 📞



Thank You

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