

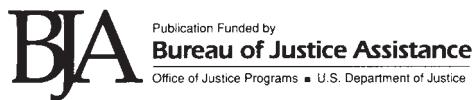


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STATEMENT

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The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) is a private, nonprofit tax-exempt [501(c)(3)] organization whose primary mission is to enable people to create safer and more caring communities by addressing the causes of crime and violence and reducing the opportunities for crime to occur. NCPC publishes books, kits of camera-ready program materials, posters, and informational and policy reports on a variety of crime prevention and community-building subjects. NCPC offers training, technical assistance, and a national focus for crime prevention: it acts as secretariat for the Crime Prevention Coalition of America, more than 300 national, federal, state, and local organizations representing thousands of constituents who are committed to preventing crime. It hosts a number of websites that offer prevention tips to individuals, describe prevention practices for community building, and help anchor prevention policy into laws and budgets. It operates demonstration programs in schools, neighborhoods, and entire jurisdictions and takes a major leadership role in youth crime prevention and youth service. NCPC manages the McGruff® “Take A Bite Out Of Crime®” public service advertising campaign. NCPC is funded through a variety of government agencies, corporate and private foundations, and donations from private individuals. NCPC participates in the Combined Federal Campaign. To donate through this program, select #0840 on your pledge form.



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Dear CPCA Members:

The year 2005 proved to be an exciting and eventful one for the Crime Prevention Coalition of America (CPCA). Across the country, states and localities celebrated the 25th anniversary of McGruff the Crime Dog® and the Coalition in unique and creative ways: birthday parties for McGruff (complete with cake!), legislative resolutions, proclamations, and McGruff's public appearances at sporting events, to name but a few of the outstanding and imaginative efforts.

The staff at the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), in concert with the CPCA Executive Committee, worked diligently throughout the year to provide the best resources, materials, and support to all of you who work so hard at the state and local levels to support and sustain crime prevention. Highlights of our work include the following:

- We held the **State Leaders' Forum** in conjunction with the 7th National Conference on Preventing Crime.
- We attended and participated in many of your **state crime prevention association and coalition annual conferences**. Staff was empowered by your commitment to crime prevention.
- We **expanded the CPCA Executive Committee** from 14 to 21 members in order to better reflect the full range of Coalition membership.
- We published and distributed several documents such as the 2004 CPCA **Annual Report**, the Crime Prevention Month Kit: *Crime Prevention in the Information Age*, and *Engaging the Power of Prevention: 10 Action Principles*.
- We launched a new and improved *CPCA E-Bulletin*, which all CPCA members receive weekly.
- We developed a **peer-to-peer training program**, which will expand and take root as we move into 2006.

Most important, this document, the 2005 CPCA Annual Report—*Mobilizing the Nation To Prevent Crime, Violence, and Drug Abuse*—reflects the great accomplishments each of you are making at the state and local levels. As proud as we are of the work we do at NCPC, we are humbled by your truly remarkable efforts. We realize that this report is merely a small glimpse of the crime prevention activities across the United States. I hope that each of you, as you read this document, is proud of and inspired by the program outlines and information that describe the work you and your crime prevention colleagues are doing.

We expect 2006 to be an even more exciting, busy, and challenging year, and all of us at NCPC look forward to working with each of you.

Sincerely,

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Introduction

This annual report from the Crime Prevention Coalition of America offers a unique picture of crime prevention in the United States during 2005. It documents the passionate and innovative efforts of thousands of individuals and organizations on the national, state, and local levels as they strive to prevent crime and build safer, more caring communities. We hope it will also provide insight into the challenges faced by crime prevention practitioners as they focus on producing the tools that local communities can use to stay aware, to engage the skills of volunteers, and to coordinate local resources and planning activities in order to meet the nation's crime prevention and homeland security needs. Additionally, this report describes the Coalition's ongoing efforts to unite into a national crime prevention movement the many organizations that are committed to preventing crime.

The Crime Prevention Coalition of America, guided by its secretariat, the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), is a nonpartisan group of national, state, federal, and community-based organizations committed to taking action to prevent crime. Established in 1980, its members include crime prevention organizations, law enforcement agencies, youth development organizations, Neighborhood and Block Watch groups, city and county government agencies, national organizations, federal and state government agencies, and state crime prevention associations. These organizations share the common vision that, by working together, they can create conditions such that each community, each individual, and each family will live, play, and go to school and work in a safe and caring environment, free from crime, the fear it arouses, and the costs—physical, emotional, and financial—that it imposes.



The State of Crime Prevention and the Crime Prevention Coalition of America

The Crime Prevention Coalition of America has good news. According to the FBI, the U.S. violent crime rate declined 2.2 percent in 2004, continuing a decade-long downward trend in serious offenses. All major categories of violent crime in the United States declined in 2004, bringing the rates of the most serious offenses, including murders, rapes, robberies, and assaults, to a level 32 percent lower than those reported in 1995 (*Crime in the United States 2004*, annual report from the FBI Uniform Crime Reports).

While we can celebrate our success, there are still reasons for concern. Crime continues to remain stubbornly persistent in certain areas of the country; in some communities, crime has actually increased. The Crime Prevention Coalition of America is committed to preventing crime in every community across the nation. No community should be left behind. The efforts of this body of organizations will not be fully successful until every community benefits from the most effective crime, violence, and substance abuse prevention initiatives available.

Crime prevention efforts are succeeding on national, state, and local levels. These efforts reach a diverse audience and provide detailed solutions to the causes of crime. The Crime Prevention Coalition of America embraces this comprehensive approach. This report celebrates the breadth and diversity of prevention efforts in communities across this nation. The member organizations of the Crime Prevention Coalition of America have had, and will continue to have, a critical impact on the levels of crime facing American communities. Examples include the following:

- The multifaceted approach of the Citizen Corps program, which includes the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Neighborhood Watch, and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs
- The Amachi Big Brothers Big Sisters Program for mentoring children of prisoners
- The Virginia Crime Prevention Association's Call To Protect Program, using cell phones to fight domestic violence
- The Detroit Police Department's Minister Police Academy
- The Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program for funding neighborhood crime prevention in Phoenix, AZ
- Florida's Safe at Work program, a statewide crime prevention initiative to educate employers about workplace crime, its costs, and its prevention

The crime prevention and community involvement message has taken root. Over the past 25 years we have shown that the problems related to crime, violence, and substance abuse are not solely the responsibility of law enforce-

ment to fix. We are all responsible for the safety and health of our neighborhoods, communities, states, and nation.

The activities of the Crime Prevention Coalition of America are led by its Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee include leaders of up to 21 of its member organizations from all levels of Coalition membership (national, state, and local organizations). These leaders help identify the trends and opportunities for the Coalition to focus energy and activity for its members. Additionally, the Coalition's Executive Committee serves as an important advisory body to the National Crime Prevention Council, the Coalition's secretariat. As such, the Coalition provides a critical link to "on the ground" prevention practitioners for the nation's premier source of crime prevention information, materials, training, and other resources. The Coalition also acts as a critical support for the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign—the public service advertising campaign that has given us McGruff the Crime Dog®. A list of the members of the Executive Committee can be found on page 34 of this report.

At the October 2005 Executive Committee meeting, several Coalition members were approved as new members of the Executive Committee. These new members include Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association, Dennis Gladwell; Virginia Crime Prevention Association, Patrick Harris; Washington State Crime Prevention Association, Daryl Pearson; Miami (OH) Township Police Department, John DiPietro; and National Sheriffs' Association, Tom Faust. Additionally, Kathy Groenewold (AZ) and Valerie Mariano (HI) were approved as the Coalition's representatives on the NCPC Media Committee.

The year 2005 was the 25th anniversary of McGruff the Crime Dog, the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign, and the Crime Prevention Coalition of America. In 1980 a dog in a rumpled trench coat first appeared on television and announced, "You don't know me yet. But you will." That first message was supported by a group of 19 agencies, which formed the nucleus of the Crime Prevention Coalition (the successor to the Crime Prevention Coalition of America), serving as the backbone of the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign. Two years later the National Crime Prevention Council was formed to provide the campaign with a dedicated staff, but the Coalition continues to this day to provide support and guidance for the Campaign and the work of the Council.

The Executive Committee and Coalition staff encourage organizations involved in crime prevention to consider joining the Crime Prevention Coalition of America. The Coalition offers membership to national, state, and community-based organizations from all levels of government, private nonprofit organizations, the business community, the faith community, educational institutions, and other local community coalitions or associations. Member categories include the following:

- State and national membership, which is offered to state crime prevention associations, state criminal justice offices, state attorney general's offices, federal agencies, and national nonprofit associations
- Affiliate membership, which is offered to community-based crime prevention organizations, organizations that serve youth, Community Capacity Development Office sites (formerly Executive Office of Weed and Seed sites), municipalities and their police departments, schools, and state-level groups with an interest in crime prevention (such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving and state bar associations)
- Associate membership, which is offered to business or corporate organizations interested in the full range of Coalition activities and publications. Associate members are encouraged to provide substantial financial or in-kind resources to the Coalition or one of its member organizations depending on the particular circumstances of the business organization.

From local Neighborhood Watch groups to national nonprofit organizations, the Coalition is linking the knowledge and efforts of those involved in the fight to prevent crime.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Crime Prevention Coalition of America strengthens the growing crime prevention movement by providing its members with training, networking, and crime prevention resources. This year, the Crime Prevention Coalition of America, along with the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign and McGruff the Crime Dog, celebrated 25 years of crime prevention. Throughout the year, the Coalition and NCPC celebrated the effectiveness of prevention programs like the ones mentioned in this report, which have evolved over the past quarter century.



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In addition to the 25th anniversary programs and events, the Coalition continued to provide Coalition members with access to quality NCPC materials and trainings and to facilitate shared communications and strategizing among Coalition members.

In October 2005, the National Crime Prevention Council, in partnership with the Crime Prevention Coalition of America and the U.S. Department of Justice, hosted the 7th National Conference on Preventing Crime: Power of Prevention. The conference celebrated the 25th anniversary with the theme “Silver Successes, Golden Opportunities.” The conference provided a unique forum for the staff and members of the Coalition’s member organizations to gather and learn from each other. The National Conference on Preventing Crime has proven to be a driving force in disseminating crime prevention information nationwide and promoting crime prevention issues to policymakers at the national, state, and local levels.

The Coalition also held a State Leaders’ Forum prior to the national conference. About 80 state leaders assembled on October 7 and 8 to discuss a wide variety of issues that are currently affecting the state crime prevention associations and coalitions. After a sharing session, the leaders had the opportunity to discuss the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program and how some state associations and coalitions are taking advantage of the grant money to further crime prevention efforts in their states. The leaders also discussed procedures for receiving federal funding with representatives of federal agencies, the national crime prevention standards program being developed by NCPC and Fox Valley Technical College, and ways to highlight the links between crime prevention and homeland security.

Membership in the Crime Prevention Coalition of America provides an opportunity to help shape and inform the National Citizens’ Crime Prevention Campaign. This campaign has given us McGruff the Crime Dog along with many other important and powerful public service ads that have helped inform the public and change attitudes regarding the role of the individual in preventing crime. Often Coalition members are allowed to place local taglines on the ads produced for the campaign. The opportunity for localization encourages the use of critical messages and promotes recognition of the Coalition member customizing the ad.

The Coalition’s members-only website found on www.ncpc.org includes examples from Coalition mem-

ber organizations about prevention programs and policies, funding sources, and organizational tips. By logging onto this website, Coalition members are able to share information and resources with each other, and discover the types of resources made available to the Coalition by the National Crime Prevention Council. The idea behind the members-only website is that by constantly sharing information, Coalition members can borrow from best practices that work. Also available on the website is the weekly newsletter, the *E-Bulletin*, which contains news of relevant funding and training opportunities, publications, and other resources from the field.

Further membership benefits of the Coalition include free training programs; special discounts on cutting-edge crime prevention conferences, training notes, and materials; and timely information on the latest crime prevention publications developed by the National Crime Prevention Council. The Coalition has revitalized the peer-to-peer training program, which will provide training and technical assistance by Coalition members for Coalition members. The program was launched with a train-the-trainer workshop held at Fox Valley Technical College in June. Fourteen crime prevention leaders from across the country participated in the three-day training program. Several of the trainers have already been dispatched to work on projects. The initial projects will focus on strengthening crime prevention associations but will soon expand to include a wide variety of groups requesting technical assistance or training across the Coalition.

Coalition member organizations interested in inviting National Crime Prevention Council staff to speak at their events should contact the Coalition staff. (Coalition staff can be reached by email at membership@ncpc.org or by telephone at 202-466-6272.) Similarly, the National Crime Prevention Council provides strategic planning assistance to Coalition members that would like an outside facilitator to help their organization develop a tailored plan of action to improve their capacity to provide crime prevention services. The Coalition staff is dedicated to increasing the capacity of every member and strengthening the entire network of crime prevention organizations supporting the work of the National Crime Prevention Council.

In addition to providing members with training and support for crime prevention organizational development and management, the CPCA also provides members with the guiding principles of the Coalition. The

11 principles of crime prevention, originally outlined in the Coalition's 1990 document, *A Call to Action*, were updated in 2005 in celebration of the Coalition's 25th anniversary. A group of Coalition members from throughout the country discussed, over a series of conference calls, the continued relevance of the principles and then reshaped the principles to reflect current prominent issues in crime prevention. In its review the committee found that many of the principles were still vital components of crime prevention, and they only needed to be updated. Following the committee's suggestions, the original 11 principles have been pared down to ten principles. Additionally, the principles have been expanded with explanations and new examples. And, finally, the document containing the principles has been given a new title, *Engaging the Power of Prevention: Ten Action Principles*.

The new document was unveiled in 2005 at the 7th National Conference on Preventing Crime in Washington, DC. Every conference attendee was provided with a copy of the document, which contains a poster displaying the principles. The updated principles of crime prevention are as follows:

- Preventing crime is everyone's business.
- Preventing crime is more than security.
- Preventing crime is a responsibility of all levels and agencies of government.
- Preventing crime is linked with solving social problems.
- Preventing crime is cost-effective.
- Preventing crime requires a central role in law enforcement.
- Preventing crime requires cooperation and collaboration by all elements of the community.
- Preventing crime requires education.
- Preventing crime requires tailoring to local needs and conditions.
- Preventing crime requires continual evaluation and improvement.

Engaging the Power of Prevention can be downloaded from the CPCA members-only website or ordered from NCPC's Fulfillment Center at 800-NCPC-911. (Copies are \$9.95 each, plus shipping. Ask for Item M101.)

In meetings in July and October 2005, the Executive Committee passed a variety of amendments updating the CPCA Standing Rules and Procedures. The amendments



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reflect changes that have occurred in the Coalition and the committee over the past several years and will further streamline the work of the committee and Coalition staff. The updated rules are available on the CPCA website.

As we look ahead to 2006, the Coalition will be developing programs to address the needs of the crime prevention community as well as reinvigorating programs that have proven to be successful in the past. Additionally, the Coalition staff will seek ways to strengthen members' relationships to the Coalition and NCPC. To an even greater extent than is described in this annual report, the crime prevention initiatives under way in states and communities across the nation are many and varied. From national organizations to state agencies and associations and local community groups, Coalition members are taking action to improve the quality of life for themselves and their neighbors. This national crime prevention movement is growing stronger each day. The Crime Prevention Coalition of America is proud to be a leader in this effort.

We invite you and your organization to join this national crime prevention movement. Help make your community a safer, more caring place in which to live. To join the Crime Prevention Coalition of America or if you have any questions about Coalition membership, please contact Coalition staff at membership@ncpc.org.

Coalition Members in Action

All crime prevention is local, although many community programs benefit from national support and are part of a larger movement. A panoramic view of crime prevention efforts across America—from national networks to neighborhood rallies—shows citizens filling a variety of roles to exert a profound impact on the safety and livelihood of their towns and cities. Coalition member organizations are catalyzing important actions in every state by implementing new programs and policies, changing attitudes and behavior, and engaging citizens in efforts to prevent crime, claim ravaged neighborhoods, and strengthen the bonds of community.

The program profiles on the following pages are not intended to provide a comprehensive picture of effective crime prevention efforts throughout the United States. In fact, they are just the tip of the iceberg. But the ingenuity represented in these snapshots is something worthy of celebration. Read on for examples of how Coalition member organizations are building a stronger America—one community at a time—by tackling crime, violence, drug abuse, and the roots of intolerance.

CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAMS

The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. Following the tragic events of September 11, 2001, state and local government officials sought to increase opportunities for citizens to play an integral role in protecting their communities and supporting local first responders. Citizen Corps, a vital component of President Bush's USA Freedom Corps initiative, was created to engage citizen volunteers in community-based crime prevention and disaster preparedness efforts. Coordinated nationally by the Department of Homeland Security, Citizen Corps supports a broad range of public education, outreach, training, and volunteer opportunities relating to community safety and security. The Corps maintains five federal charter programs:

- Volunteers in Police Service, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice
- Neighborhood Watch Program, USAonWatch.org., administered by the U.S. Department of Justice
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency



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- Medical Reserve Corps, administered by the Department of Health and Human Services
- Fire Corps, administered by the Department of Homeland Security

Citizen Corps (www.citizencorps.gov) recognizes and upholds a variety of crime prevention and disaster preparedness in local communities. See pages 10-17 to read about Citizen Corps programs.

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Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) continues to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize citizen volunteers. VIPS is a Citizen Corps program managed and implemented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice and the White House Office of USA Freedom Corps. VIPS helps local law enforcement agencies train and incorporate community volunteers into agency activities. These volunteers provide support services to law enforcement agencies, allowing them to respond more effectively to homeland security and other policing priorities. Currently, more than 1,200 law enforcement volunteer programs, representing more than 79,000 volunteers in all 50 states, are registered with the VIPS program.

The IACP offers many resources to local police departments in support of volunteer recruitment and training. Many of these resources are available online through the VIPS website, www.policevolunteers.org. Resources include an online directory of existing law enforcement volunteer programs that potential volunteers can search to connect with a program in their community; *Volunteer Programs: Enhancing Public Safety by Leveraging Resources*—a free, downloadable guide to assist in the implementation or enhancement of an agency volunteer program; an online clearinghouse of sample documents and forms; *VIPS Info*, a monthly electronic newsletter; and more.

Examples of successful efforts include the following:

VIPS in Tempe, Arizona

The Volunteers in Policing program has over 130 volunteers who assist the Tempe Police Department (TPD) with a variety of activities, including Motorist Service, which deploys volunteers to aid stranded motorists; interpreter services; and the Pipe Band, a bagpipe ensemble of volunteers who represent the TPD, the city of Tempe, and Arizona law enforcement at memorial services, parades, and other public appearances. The volunteer program also has a very active crime prevention effort that provides educational and community outreach programs to the public. Contact: Judy Bottorf, 480-350-8780, judy_bottorf@tempe.gov

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Community/Police Partnership

The Community/Police Partnership (CP2) program of the Bath (ME) Police Department (BPD) consists of active volunteers who help identify community problems, exchange information, and coordinate interaction between the public and the police to make the city a safer place to live. Volunteers also participate in the Juvenile Resolution Team, which works with first-time, nonfelony, juvenile offenders. This program avoids the court process and brings the offenders and their families together with the victims to restore justice to the victims and to prevent re-offending. Project Safe Haven, a new program implemented in 2005, coordinates with six area churches to offer shelter to residents who are without power for an extended period of time; they can stay at the shelter until power is restored, and they can return home safely. Contact: Barbie Ware, 207-442-9645, liv2paint@client.net

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VIPS in Weed and Seed Program

The Lowell (MA) Police Department (LPD) uses VIPS volunteers in its Weed and Seed Neighborhood Outreach Program. This partnership between residents, businesses, community and city agencies, and the LPD aims to reduce crime through community outreach and policing, crime prevention activities, and restoration projects. The program encompasses several youth programs including Safe Haven, which provides afterschool activities for children and their families; Youth Loop, which provides Friday evening and Saturday transportation for youth to locations throughout the city that offer them educational, recreational, or employment opportunities; and a multidisciplinary committee to decrease violent juvenile crime. Contact: Sharon Callery, 978-937-3210, scallery@ci.lowell.ma.us

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VIPS in COP Shops

Many of the VIPS volunteers in the Billings (MT) Police Department work in one of three Community Oriented Policing (COP) Shops, located around the city. At the COP Shops, volunteers assist the department by taking police reports on cold calls pertaining to theft, vandalism, traffic, and lost-and-found property. Volunteers contact victims of crimes when their cases are inactivated or when additional information is needed. COP Shop volunteers also phone individuals who have an arrest warrant for traffic and misdemeanor offenses, encourage them to clear the warrants, and offer them payment options. Contact: Penni Reed, 406-247-8590, reedp@ci.billings.mt.us

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Read on for more VIPS programs.

Seniors Help Out

Retired seniors are making a difference in San Diego, CA, by taking part in the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) program of the San Diego Police Department. Volunteers in the RSVP Program, which began in 1992, help observe and patrol neighborhoods, perform home checks for vacationing citizens, visit homebound and isolated persons, assist detectives in distributing crime alerts or crime prevention information, and conduct surveys. Volunteers must be at least 50 years old and in good health, and they must pass a background check.

Seniors and other citizens of San Diego can also participate in the Volunteers in Police Service program. These volunteers assist the San Diego Police Department by taking cold crime reports, fingerprinting, offering translation services, providing the department with various computer and other administrative skills, and participating in the Crisis Intervention Volunteer Unit. The volunteers in this unit are specially trained to respond to scenes at the request of an officer, where they provide immediate emotional support for victims and witnesses of crimes and other traumatic events.

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Filling in the Gaps

The success of the Denver (CO) Police Department's Volunteers in Police Service program, started in 2004, can be attributed to the ability of the program to assess the direct needs of the department. Volunteers are placed where they are needed most, which creates internal support for the program as well as an appreciation for the volunteers' work. Volunteers assist with administrative duties in many divisions. For example, when recruiters at the Denver Police Department were unable to keep up with the hundreds of weekly employment inquiries they received via email, five volunteers were assigned to the Recruitment Section to respond to the requests. This enabled recruiters to focus their efforts on active recruitment duties.

The 100-plus volunteers involved in the program bring many skills to the table, and the program has been able to tap these skills to support the department. A

retired sheriff assists investigators by working cold cases, and a retired businessman, who started his own aviation company, copilots the department's helicopter. To foster department partnerships, the police department places volunteers in other city agencies, such as the city attorney's office, where volunteers assist with cases filed by the police. In 2005, the program created a waiting area for victims of crime where volunteers are able to stay with a victim until he or she can meet with investigators. This prevents victims from having to wait in the main lobby of the police station.

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Delray Beach Roving Patrols

The Delray Beach Police Department (DBPD) in Florida has over 800 volunteers in its Volunteers in Police Service program. The DBPD trains many of its volunteers to take part in roving patrols, where they act as the "eyes and ears" of the police department. The largest patrol-oriented program in Delray Beach is the Citizen Observer Patrol. This program provides volunteers with the needed training and equipment to patrol their own neighborhoods in order to observe and report suspicious or criminal activity to the police. The Haitian Roving Patrol, which was a response to interest from the Haitian-American community in reducing crime, uses volunteers to patrol Haitian neighborhoods, provide police translation services, and assist in other ways. The Homeland Security Program trains volunteers to patrol designated sensitive areas in the city and inform the police department of any situation that seems out of the ordinary. Volunteers in the Marine Patrol monitor, evaluate, and document boating activity throughout the waterways. Volunteers in the West Atlantic Avenue Roving Patrol are trained by police officers to recognize and report such crimes as loitering, consuming alcohol in public, narcotics trafficking, and code violations.

In addition to patrolling, volunteers also provide administration support to different divisions throughout the police department. They provide assistance to personnel in the Investigative Division by sorting through pawn slips, looking for stolen property; supporting vic-

tims and witnesses; helping with clerical jobs; and assisting the Crime Analysis Unit in tracking criminal activity. Some volunteers work in the police department lobby, greeting visitors and directing them to the proper police personnel. Other volunteers answer incoming telephone calls, provide support in the training section, publish a volunteer newsletter, and do fingerprinting.

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Auxiliary Police Unit

In Virginia, the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD) operates an Auxiliary Police Unit of volunteers who are trained to perform a variety of operational support and administrative assignments with the department. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, in good health, and able to pass a police background check. Prior to being sworn in as an auxiliary officer, each volunteer must complete a comprehensive training program over a period of several months. The FCPD supplies uniforms and equipment to volunteers who successfully complete the training.

Some of the areas covered by the FCPD auxiliary officers are traffic control, animal control, securing of prisoners, patrols, fingerprinting, desk assignments, crime prevention, and special events. The FCPD currently has 80 auxiliary officers. Auxiliary officers must perform 24 hours of volunteer service every month to maintain their status in the unit. While on duty, auxiliary officers are covered by risk insurance provided and paid for by the Fairfax County government. The Auxiliary Police Unit is part of the Volunteers in Police Service program.

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Neighborhood Watch

The National Neighborhood Watch Program has been dedicated to the prevention and reduction of crime at the

neighborhood level for over 30 years. In recent years, the National Sheriffs' Association, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice, has expanded and enhanced the program to incorporate terrorism awareness, emergency preparedness, and emergency-response training into its mission. An expanded mission has given way to a new title for the national program—USAonWatch. Time-tested practices such as “eyes-and-ears” training and target-hardening techniques are at the core of the program. As Watch groups continue to grow, the roles of citizens have become more multifaceted and tailored to local needs. Currently, there are more than 20,000 Watch groups throughout America as well as programs in more than seven countries. Communities have realized that partnering with law enforcement can help make their neighborhoods more secure and less fearful of any event.

As a partner of Citizen Corps and thereby USA Freedom Corps, Neighborhood Watch Program, USAonWatch brings citizens and law enforcement together to engage all Americans in homeland security through volunteerism and preparedness.

Here are a few examples of the work groups are doing:

Block Clubs in Niagara Falls

The Niagara Falls Block Club Council is an organization of 33 individual block clubs operating within the City of Niagara Falls, NY. In addition to participating in conventional Neighborhood Watch-related programs, such as National Night Out, public education, and safety fairs, the Council has broadened its scope to include homeland security. The Council has been a primary partner in the planning group for Project Weed and Seed, has worked with the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office, and has become a Citizen Corps Council. At the forefront of the Council's efforts has been lobbying on behalf of the public safety community. In fact, the Council's support during a budget session saved 11 firefighter and 13 police officer positions from being cut. Currently, the Council is helping start Neighborhood Watch programs in surrounding cities.

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Watch Groups in Spokane County

The Spokane County Sheriff's Office has around 1,150 active Neighborhood Watch groups, with more scheduled to come on board. Quarterly newsletters are distributed and posted on the website of the Sheriff's Office to inform Watch groups about current crime statistics, training opportunities, and other crime prevention information. Monthly training seminars are provided for the public on topics ranging from drug awareness to domestic/terrorism awareness. The Spokane County Sheriff's Office also has an active agency volunteer program for citizens, the Sheriff's Community-Oriented Policing Effort (SCOPE), which supports activities such as court monitoring, handicap parking patrol, front desk assistance, and much more. The partnership between SCOPE and Neighborhood Watch creates community trust in the programs, allowing for continued development of the Spokane Neighborhood Watch program. To read past issues of the Spokane County Sheriff's Neighborhood Watch newsletter, visit www.spokane.sheriff.org/community/neighborhood.

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To learn more about Watch groups and to find information about the program, visit www.USAonWatch.org. Read on for more Watch programs.

Crime continues to remain stubbornly persistent in certain areas of the country.

Making a Difference

In Mobile, AL, the Mitternacht Park Community Action Group has made a huge difference in its community. The group began in March 2003 with only four members and is now the single largest Watch group in the city of Mobile, having logged more than 3,000 hours of neighborhood patrol time. About 60 people attend monthly meetings. The Watch group shares crime prevention information with residents in over 400 homes in the neighborhood by newsletter, phone, and personal contact and serves as a liaison between the community and the Mobile Police Department.

A big push by Watch group members to report all criminal and suspicious activity to the police has begun



to pay off in reducing crime in the community. Calls for police service dropped over a two-year period from an average of 15 to 20 calls per month to about two. Recently, tips from Watch group members helped the Mobile Police Department shut down a methamphetamine lab at a neighborhood home, resulting in ten arrests. Watch group members also serve on the area's Community Emergency Response Team and are trained to respond to natural disasters, terrorism incidents, and other emergencies in their neighborhood. The group is currently working on expanding the Neighborhood Watch program as well as mentoring other area groups and helping them build effective Neighborhood Watch groups.

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Funding Neighborhood Crime Prevention

Community groups in Phoenix, AZ, can apply for grant funds to undertake new and innovative programs and activities aimed at preventing and reducing crime in their communities. The Neighborhood Block Watch Grant Program, based on a city sales tax and administered by the Phoenix Police Department, provides funding on a competitive basis for proposals that demonstrate the potential to produce the greatest measurable results for a definable population or area.

This program was created through the passage of Proposition 301 in October 1993. Grant amounts may vary, but the maximum amount for the long-form application is \$10,000; for the short-form application, it is \$1,000. Grant funds may be used only to fund new or existing programs and activities with an identifiable anti-crime component or safety program.

Community groups have applied for and used the funds for such projects as newsletter publications, office supplies, crime prevention programs and workshops, cell phones purchased for the purpose of neighborhood patrols, fuel reimbursement for the Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol program, and speed bumps that can be tied to crime prevention. Funds cannot be used for food or beverages, surveillance equipment, weapons, awards, or raffle prizes.

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Revitalizing Neighborhood Watch

Ten years ago, the San Gabriel (CA) Police Department began working to revitalize the city's dormant Neighborhood Watch program, which at the time consisted of two inactive Neighborhood Watch groups. Change began to happen when a crime prevention officer was hired. He started a door-to-door campaign and sent out targeted recruitment mailings to start up groups. Today, the city boasts 78 active Watch groups with more than 2,500 members—a 3,000 percent increase from 1995. Around 75 percent of the active groups hold regular block meetings. More than 75 percent of all block captains attended a recent Block Captains' Workshop and Recognition Breakfast. The attendees made two recommendations: to translate crime prevention brochures into Spanish and Chinese, and to provide bilingual officers for Watch meetings.

Activities of the Police Department have included presentations to Neighborhood Watch groups on homeland security and crime prevention topics—40 were planned for 2005. Further, crime prevention bulletins and Neighborhood Watch newsletters were sent out regularly to the community. The Police Department still conducts free home-security inspections and has developed a Business Alert Network to pass along vital crime prevention information to 450 local businesses.

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Taking a Community Approach

In Caswell County, NC, the Sheriff's Office has worked to establish partnerships with local businesses, churches, and communities through its Community Watch program, which was initially funded by a Law Enforcement Block Grant provided by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Utilizing the Neighborhood Watch model provided by the National Sheriffs' Association, the Caswell County Sheriff's Office established a Community Watch program for each township in its jurisdiction. Community meetings were organized and questionnaires sent out to help identify citizens' major concerns. Upon learning that drug dealing and burglaries were seen as the most pressing concerns, the Sheriff's Office responded by setting out Community Watch signs to create a visual deterrent to crime. Crime alerts and announcements were sent out via email to keep the community informed. These efforts have paid off. In 2004, there was a 60 percent increase in drug charges and drug arrests as compared to 2002, and from 2003 to 2004, property crime dropped by 24 percent.

Caswell County also implemented a Business Watch program, which has been very popular and effective. Thus far, the Sheriff's Office has conducted security inspections for about 25 percent of the local businesses. To address crimes targeting local churches, the Sheriff's Office began offering church security inspections. As of 2004, 40 percent of the churches have taken advantage of this service. The churches' victimization rate has dropped by 23 percent as a result.

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Real Estate Watch: A Unique Cooperative Effort

Citizens of Hamilton County, OH, are safer today thanks to a unique partnership between local real estate agents and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. This partnership came about after a Hamilton County real estate agent realized that he and other agents, who are out in the community on a regular basis, might be able to provide a valuable public service by acting as the "eyes and ears" of local law enforcement. The agent met with several members of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to discuss the idea. The Sheriff's Office embraced the concept, and Real Estate Watch was officially launched in December 2004.

Real Estate Watch works much like a Neighborhood Watch program. Each participating real estate office receives information about criminal activity in the area through a special email system. One person at each real estate office receives the messages and distributes them to other agents. Real Estate Watch participants attend

weekly meetings to discuss current situations and learn what to be on the lookout for. The Sheriff's Office offers them specialized training on how to recognize and report suspicious activity. Participants may also receive free training in self-defense, CPR and Red Cross certification, terrorism awareness, and child predator awareness.

An important component of the program is the Vacant House Registry. Patrol officers are notified of vacant houses on the market so they can periodically check the homes to ensure there have been no break-ins or vandalism. Officers also provide agents with special protection in situations where they feel at risk. The Real Estate Watch program has been widely accepted in the community, and the goal of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is to expand the program to every one of the 11 townships in the county.

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Protecting Mass Transit

The Port Authority Transit Corporation (PATCO), a subsidiary of the Delaware River Port Authority of Pennsylvania and New Jersey (DRPA), is participating in a new national public awareness and education campaign called Transit Watch. Patterned after the successful Neighborhood Watch program, Transit Watch encourages transit employees, passengers, and neighborhood residents to be actively involved in staying alert and working together to maintain a safe transit environment.

PATCO operates the High Speed Line that serves Pennsylvania and New Jersey. PATCO's Transit Watch is part of a nationwide initiative developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration in partnership with the American Public Transportation Association, the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA), the Amalgamated Transit Union, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration.

The Transit Watch campaign encourages all transit employees, transit riders, and community members to be aware of their surroundings and alert to activities, packages, or situations that seem suspicious. If something out of the ordinary and potentially dangerous is observed, it should be reported immediately to the proper transit or

law enforcement authorities. PATCO communicates this message to the public by installing station posters and signs in rail cars, passing out brochures, and adding transit security tips on its website. Customers are encouraged to report anything suspicious to PATCO customer service agents using the Call-For-Aid phones or by calling PATCO police directly.

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Helping Offenders Return to the Community

Members of the Racine (WI) Neighborhood Watch, Inc., are helping ease the transition of violent offenders back into the community and improve their chances of avoiding a return to prison. By taking part in the Racine Community Re-Entry Program—in partnership with the Community Oriented Policing program, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, the Racine County Workforce Development Center, and numerous faith-based organizations—these community members are welcoming past offenders back to the neighborhoods they left behind and helping them find jobs, housing, counseling, and other services. By getting to know the offenders, Neighborhood Watch members are also better able to report any parole or other violations they see to law enforcement.

Every month the Racine Police Department receives the names of offenders who are being released from prison. The Police Department notifies community members who have expressed an interest in the Community Re-Entry Program of the time and place of a meeting with the offenders. This meeting usually takes place on the last Thursday of the month in a neutral setting. During the meeting, the offenders are introduced to the community and assigned a coordinator they can contact if they experience problems or have questions. The offenders are also warned that future offenses will not be tolerated and that they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law if they become involved in criminal activity.

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The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a Citizen Corps program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It helps train people to be prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. Because of this training, during emergencies CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community. CERT courses are taught in the community by a trained team of first responders who have completed a CERT train-the-trainer course. CERT training includes disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, and light search and rescue operations.

Metro Citizen Corps

In the Washington DC, metropolitan area, Metro Citizen Corps—in conjunction with the Metro Transit Police—provides CERT members from Virginia, Maryland, and the District with a training program that teaches them how to react to emergencies; the program covers subjects ranging from rail safety and evacuation routes to identification of criminal and terrorist activity. The members learn how to help themselves and their fellow passengers while they wait for firefighters and police to arrive. Participants receive actual hands-on training in the rail system and the tunnel environment including a tunnel and right-of-way walk where they test third-rail electric power of the tracks with a hot stick and learn the safe way to cross over the electrified rail. They also receive information on the location of emergency trip stations and how to access them in an emergency. Trainers point out fan shaft locations and show participants how to turn on an exhaust fan. Members of the Metro Citizen Corps must be active CERT members, regular Metro riders, and U.S. citizens 18 or older.

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NATIONAL PROGRAMS

Mentoring Children of Prisoners

Approximately 2.5 million children in the United States have an incarcerated parent. Research shows that a large percentage of these children will end up in prison unless some type of intervention occurs. Amachi Big Brothers Big Sisters, an initiative of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, was started in Philadelphia in 2000. This program matches children of incarcerated parents with adult mentors who are members of church congregations, usually in the child's neighborhood. The Amachi Big Brothers Big Sisters program is now under way in 25 communities around the country. In Philadelphia, 700 children have already been matched through this program. "Amachi" is a Nigerian Ibo word that means "who knows but what God has brought us through this child."

This nationwide mentoring program is growing rapidly in Central Maryland, where it supports more than 200 matches in about 30 congregations. In April 2005, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland joined forces with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services as a partner in Amachi Big Brothers Big Sisters. The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to help boys and girls grow up to be confident, competent, and caring young adults by providing the influence of positive adult role models and the friendship of caring adult mentors to children whose education, health, and safety are threatened. Big Brothers Big Sisters strives to contribute to brighter futures, better schools, and stronger communities for all.

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The Crime Prevention Coalition of America is committed to preventing crime in every community across America.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America Targeted Reentry Initiative

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Targeted Reentry Initiative is a club, correctional facility, and community-wide strategy designed to assist incarcerated youth as they make the transition back into the community. As a



result of the greater emphasis now being placed on young people who have been delinquent or involved in gangs, Boys & Girls Clubs of America has formed partnerships with juvenile correctional systems to provide opportunities for young offenders to make the transition back to their communities in a structured, coordinated, and managed manner.

The Targeted Re-Entry approach is based upon the Intensive Aftercare Program (IAP) model developed by David Altschuler and Troy Armstrong in the 1990s. In this model, aftercare case management services begin while youths are incarcerated and continue after their release with community-based services. The Targeted Reentry approach emphasizes the relationships and trust established between the juvenile offender and the Club staff while the young person is involved in Club programs within the correctional facility. Club staff members work with the young person through a transition phase and continue the process once the young person reenters the community. The local Club must also establish relationships with a variety of community agencies in order to ensure that the young person has access to wraparound services that support his or her aftercare needs. With funding from U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Boys & Girls Clubs in four pilot states—Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, and Wisconsin—are working with state departments of correction to open clubs within juvenile detention centers.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America (www.bgca.org) is a national network of some 3,700 neighborhood-based facilities annually serving more than 4.4 million young people, primarily from disadvantaged circumstances. Known as “The Positive Place for Kids,” the Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children and youth six to 18 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Key Boys & Girls Club programs emphasize character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness, and recreation.

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Crime Prevention Image Campaign

The mission of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Crime Prevention Committee is to establish the prevention of crime as fundamental to a free and safe society, anchor crime prevention in each department’s organizational policy, and strive to develop crime prevention as the top priority for comprehensive crime control initiatives.

Recognizing the need to create awareness among police chiefs to support a crime prevention atmosphere within their organization and communities, the committee and the IACP have embarked on a campaign to encourage meaningful collaboration among the police and citizens. The IACP’s new crime prevention awareness trilingual campaign features three sets (in English, French, and Spanish) of four different posters designed to serve as reminders that crime prevention is everyone’s business. Two of the posters deal with property crime, and the other two address crimes against persons.

These images are designed to raise awareness among police chiefs of the need to encourage police–community collaborative efforts focused on crime prevention; to assist them in integrating the concept of community safety into the law enforcement culture; and to motivate people to change their behavior and take preventive and precautionary action. The end purposes of the poster sets are to reduce victimization, heighten awareness, increase community participation, integrate crime prevention into all police services, enhance local and national crime prevention movements, and inculcate crime prevention as a daily habit.

The artwork on the posters can be used on postcards, billboards, bus placards, baseball cards, and other public awareness business tools. Additional uses include media relations tools and crime prevention literature. The images are available at no cost on a CD. There is room for the addition of an agency’s logo. For those agencies with proactive crime prevention programs in place, the images can be a powerful part of community partnerships. They provide an excellent community relations function by eliciting public support. Additionally, they can serve to foster cooperative efforts between the community and law enforcement.

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National McGruff House® Network

The McGruff House® Program was created 23 years ago as part of an effort to involve ordinary people in protecting children. McGruff House works by identifying two or three homes per block that can be designated as temporary safe havens for children. Residents of these homes agree to participate and must undergo rigorous background checks before their homes are designated as safe homes with the McGruff House sign. Program representatives and sponsors accompanied by law enforcement officials train children in schools to identify the trademark McGruff House sign, which is placed in the window of designated homes. Children who believe that they are in danger for any reason can go to a McGruff House and stay there until parents, law enforcement, or other emergency services have been notified. The message of the program is “We’ll Call for Help.” Founded in 1982 in Bountiful, UT, the McGruff House program has since expanded to include more than 600 communities nationwide.

The Wisconsin and Florida Crime Prevention Associations are placing special emphasis on the McGruff House Program, encouraging their members to involve more communities in this child safety program. Workshops on the program were presented at the annual conferences of both associations.

In Highlands Ranch, CO, a child who was frightened because of the actions and threats of his older brother went to a McGruff House for help. McGruff House volunteers also assisted three children who were being followed, one who was bothered by a stranger, five who were scared or lost, and eight who were injured. In South Jordan, UT, a senior citizen found a toddler wandering alone. The senior took the child to the McGruff House where a volunteer was able to return the child to her parents.

The success of the McGruff House Program led to the creation of the McGruff Truck® Program in 1986. McGruff Truck is based on the same premise that citizens

can be trained to look out for and protect children in danger. The McGruff Truck program utilizes trained drivers of privately held companies and municipalities to spot children in emergency or threatening situations. The drivers are trained to contact law enforcement through their dispatch systems.

In Clark County, NV, the McGruff Truck Youth Coalition honored five drivers this past year for assisting youth who were in emergency situations. One of the drivers assisted a young driver and her passenger who were involved in a three-car accident; the truck driver remained with the injured until the paramedics arrived. Two McGruff Truck drivers who work for the City of North Las Vegas assisted a high school student who had fainted due to the heat and secured the scene until help arrived. Another McGruff Truck driver responded to an incident in which personal information about a young person was included in graffiti on the walls of the neighborhood park. The driver promptly removed the graffiti, and the young person later thanked him for his actions and concern. A driver who was walking his route was approached by a young woman who had a large injury to the back of her head. He acted quickly, called for emergency assistance, and waited with the victim until help arrived.

In Hawaii, the Oceanic Cablevision (McGruff Truck Company) produced a new PSA. The PSA features the child of one of the drivers explaining to other children the importance of the McGruff Truck Program; she tells them that “Daddy” will be there to help them. The Kauai McGruff Truck program has a new training video produced by middle school students. Company representatives will include the video in their school assembly presentations.

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Helping Youth in Crisis

Young people in crisis can get access to immediate help and supportive services through Project Safe Place, a

national youth outreach program. Project Safe Place began in Louisville, KY, in 1983 as an outreach effort of the YMCA Center for Youth Alternatives and has since spread to communities in 42 states. The program educates thousands of young people every year about the dangers of running away or trying to resolve difficult, threatening situations on their own. Through a network of Safe Place locations, Project Safe Place provides youth who are at risk of abuse, neglect, or serious family problems with shelter and support services before their situation escalates beyond their control.

Project Safe Place involves the whole community in providing safe havens and resources for youth in crisis. Each participating community has a network of Safe Place sites such as youth-friendly businesses, schools, fire stations, libraries, Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs, and other appropriate public buildings that display the distinctive yellow and black Safe Place sign. In many communities, the local transit system takes part by designating buses as mobile Safe Place sites.

Youth who go to these sites can get immediate help. When a youth in crisis walks into a designated Safe Place location, the first available employee will meet with him or her and find a comfortable place for the youth to wait while the local Safe Place contact is notified. Within about 30 minutes, a Safe Place volunteer or staff person will arrive to speak with the youth and transport him or her to the agency for counseling, support, and a place to stay if needed. Safe Place staff also notify the youth's family that the youth is safe and provide the help and professional referrals that youth and families need to resolve their problems.

Recognizing that law enforcement officers are often in contact with youth in crisis, Project Safe Place recently produced a video especially for law enforcement that introduces the program and presents the resources it offers as a possible alternative to a youth detention center. Most young people hear about Safe Place during school presentations, through word of mouth, and via public service announcements on radio or television.

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*Preventing crime is
linked with solving
social problems.*



STATE PROGRAMS

Getting Youth Involved in Crime Prevention

The Boys & Girls Club of Triana, AL, is the only source of recreation for approximately 25 youth ranging in age from six to 18. Triana is a rural community with approximately 1,000 residents, most of whom live on a fixed or low income. The area of Triana suffers from significant crime. The Triana Boys & Girls Club formed its own crime prevention club to help address the issue of crime. Youth worked for months to bring a community crime prevention program to Triana. They hosted an event where citizens could hear about the city's new anonymous tip line direct to the police department, new crime prevention signs placed throughout the city, and direct-link police radios for citizen use. Many of these crime prevention resources were proposed by the club youth who also took classes in crime prevention given by the Madison County Sheriff's Office and the chief of police of Triana. The Triana Boys & Girls Club is part of the Boys & Girls Club of Huntsville/Madison County.

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The crime prevention and community involvement message has taken root.

Prevention Connection

Founded in 1997, the Prevention Institute is a nonprofit national center that works to improve community health and well-being by encouraging community action to build resilience and prevent problems before they occur. The Institute's approach to violence prevention is to address the underlying contributors to violence while bolstering community resilience. The Institute's role in violence prevention projects includes strategy development, research and tool development, training, and evaluation.

The Prevention Institute is facilitating a series of web conferences and online dialogs through Prevention Connection, a national project of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Prevention Connection builds the capacity of local, state, territorial,



national and tribal agencies and organizations to prevent violence against women. Prevention Connection reached over 1,000 participants with tools and skill-building on topics such as changing norms and underlying determinants related to violence against women, developing integrated community strategies, and fostering strategic partnerships. Anyone can participate in any of the eight upcoming web conferences and forums in 2006, free of charge, from the comfort of their office. Prevention Connection partners include the California Department of Health Services—EPIC (Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control), Communities Against Violence Network, the National Electronic Network on Violence Against Women, and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. Visit www.preventioninstitute.org/violence_women.html for more information about the Prevention Institute's efforts to end violence against women.

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Creating Safe Passage for Students

The objective of the Safe Passage Program in Los Angeles, CA, is to create a multi-agency partnership to provide students in high crime areas with protection from gang recruitment, burglary, physical violence, and rape by neighborhood gangs after school as the students walk toward bus stops and home. The program currently serves students in four Los Angeles high schools where walking safely to and from school is a top concern. The Safe Passage Program is administered by a special unit called the California Community Relations Services (CCRS) within the Crime and Violence Prevention Center of the California Attorney General's Office.

The CCRS is a mediation service available to local officials and community groups to help resolve and prevent racial and ethnic conflicts, human and civil rights violations, civil disorder, and violence. The CCRS can also act as a mechanism at the state level to provide coordination, resources, and technical assistance services to existing programs. CCRS was asked by the principals at the four high schools to bring appropriate agencies to the table and to facilitate the process of starting "safe passage" pro-

grams. CCRS has been responsible for contacting agency partners, developing agendas, and facilitating meetings.

CCRS has worked with two models of safe passage programs, which can operate alone or concurrently. In the fixed-post parent volunteer program, parent volunteers are recruited and trained by law enforcement and the school district on safety precautions, radio use, reporting crimes, and other issues. They are then posted around the school campus at target times to help protect students as they travel home from school, their positions complementing existing law enforcement efforts. In the multi-agency collaborative effort, law enforcement, probation, and school administrators and staff agree to deploy available personnel within the identified "safe passage" boundaries at school dismissal time. Partner transportation agencies assess student bus ridership, bus line efficiency, and bus stop crowding and safety issues during dismissal hours.

Students report feeling safer because of the increased presence of adults and safety personnel around campus, and principals have reported increased visibility of law enforcement around the campus at dismissal time and increased coordination between law enforcement agencies and school administrators. Monthly subcommittee meetings are attended by representatives of law enforcement (lieutenant or higher), probation, city attorney, housing authority, school administrators, district representatives, community representatives, MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority), and other agencies to ensure that the program is working properly.

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Keeping Pedestrians Safe

The Be Safe, Be Seen: Senior Traffic Safety Program is a new traffic safety initiative implemented by the Santa Monica Police Department and funded by a federal grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety. This program focuses on senior pedestrian and driving safety issues. It was created in response to the disproportionate number of pedestrian-involved collisions within city limits involving seniors, especially the tragic Farmers Market

incident in 2003, when an 86-year-old man lost control of his car and plowed into a crowd of bystanders.

The Be Safe, Be seen video and public safety announcement were created and produced to launch a strong public information campaign regarding pedestrian safety, an issue that affects pedestrians of all ages but is especially important for members of the senior community who tend to walk more often and get injured more easily. The program goal is to raise awareness so that pedestrians think about safety as they go about their daily lives and take extra precautions. The Santa Monica Police Department presents the video, provides safety tips and information, and answers questions for a large group of citizens every month.

Senior driving safety is addressed through a mobile video interactive driving simulator program, which is housed in a 45-foot trailer. This training center on wheels is equipped with a desktop computer, six driving simulators, and the latest video interactive technology. The senior driving simulator class provides a simple and comfortable setting for individuals to test their driving skills in a nonthreatening environment. This allows the participants visible and immediate feedback in order to identify and assess their driving abilities, reactions, reflex times, and other key elements for safe driving.

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“I Prevent Crime” Campaign

The “I Prevent Crime” Campaign is the newest crime prevention initiative of the Boca Raton Police Services Department in Florida. The goal of the “I Prevent Crime” Campaign is to educate the public about their role and their responsibility in crime prevention and community welfare. Since the campaign kickoff in March 2005, nearly 2,000 Boca Raton residents have participated in the campaign. Each campaign participant must read and sign a commitment letter that highlights crime prevention and safety practices to reduce the risk of victimization. The “I Prevent Crime” Campaign has been designed to reach people of all ages using four different commitment letters. Each letter lists practices appropriate for a specific age group (eight and under, nine to 13, 14 to 18, and adult). In recognition of their commitment to crime

prevention, each participant receives a blue wristband with the words, “I Prevent Crime.”

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Preventing Crime in the Workplace

Workplace crime costs Florida employers billions of dollars a year. Recognizing that reducing business-related crime could save Florida money, result in the creation of new jobs, and allow more employers to provide benefits such as health insurance to their employees, Florida recently launched Safe at Work (SAW)—a statewide crime prevention initiative to educate employers about workplace crime, its costs, and its prevention. The campaign brings together the Florida Attorney General’s Office, the Florida Crime Prevention Association, the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, Sonitrol Security, and others in the crime prevention field. The launch coincided with the release of the 2004 Florida Workplace Crime Costs Report.

The SAW coalition is committed to educating employers and providing them with the tools they need to reduce external dangers, such as burglaries and vandalism, and internal ones, such as employee theft, fraud, and violence in the workplace. A major part of this effort is a website, www.safeatworkfl.org, which provides employers with tools and tips from crime prevention experts on how to spot potential workplace violence issues, how to hire honest employees, how to determine a business external crime risk, and more. The site also offers sample policies, information on background checks for new hires, and warning signs of fraud. Employers who are interested in targeted strategies to reduce their crime risk can order a free crime prevention CD and can also receive information about security trainings or assessments from the local law enforcement crime prevention office.

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McGruff Truck® Program in Hawaii

Truck companies in Hawaii, who compete with one another every day in the trucking business, are working together for the sake of the McGruff Truck® Program. The Hawaii McGruff Truck Coalition, established in 1998 to revitalize the McGruff Truck Program, is made up of representatives from truck companies on Oahu and the neighboring islands of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii. The Coalition members from Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii are responsible for ensuring that the McGruff Truck Program guidelines, including driver training, incident reporting, and decal logging, are conducted by McGruff Truck company coordinators in their respective counties. Coalition members also serve as the liaison with company coordinators by sharing information between the two groups and coordinating any county McGruff Truck events. On Oahu, each Coalition member is responsible for the above duties for their respective company.

The Department of the Attorney General, Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division, the statewide coordinator of the McGruff Truck Program, convenes and staffs the quarterly McGruff Truck Coalition meetings. Three meetings are held on Oahu, and one meeting is held on a neighboring island. The purpose of the meetings is to share information on what each company is doing on the McGruff Truck Program, address training needs, coordinate and collaborate on McGruff Truck related events and media communications, and act as an advisory group to the Department of the Attorney General on maintenance of the McGruff Truck Program. At Coalition meetings, the truck companies set aside their company differences to work together to increase the visibility of the McGruff Truck Program in the community. The Coalition, with the participation of the McGruff Truck companies, has been involved in the McGruff Truck Program 10th Anniversary Celebration, the production of a McGruff Truck driver training video and McGruff Truck PSA, McGruff school assemblies, and this year's McGruff 25th anniversary celebration.

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Involving Citizens in Homeland Security

As part of an ongoing effort to increase homeland security in the state of Kentucky, the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition (KCPC)—working in partnership with the Kentucky Regional Community Policing Institute (RCPI), the Kentucky State Police, and the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security—provided four free eight-hour training sessions in 2005. The trainings helped raise awareness and increase opportunities for community members to volunteer in two homeland security initiatives, Volunteers in Police Service and Neighborhood Watch. Both VIPS and Neighborhood Watch are components of Citizen Corps.

The training sessions, which use the train-the-trainer approach, were designed to provide law enforcement officers, crime prevention practitioners, community organizers, and local government agency personnel with an understanding of both the theories and the practices related to developing and implementing VIPS and Neighborhood Watch programs. Participants received training resources and materials to enable them to tailor presentations to community groups.

The Neighborhood Watch part of the training covered the basics, such as how to recruit members, conduct meetings, and access current resources and materials. Participants also learned about other partner programs available from the KCPC including Meth Watch, Youth Crime Watch, Business Watch, and the McGruff House/Truck program. Participants received samples of free materials to use in their local communities. The VIPS part of the training provided law enforcement officials with tools to initiate a VIPS program, including needs assessment, recruiting and marketing, management and administrative issues, background and screening, communications and program development, and funding and sustainability. The purpose of the trainings was to strengthen the spirit of volunteerism and partnership between law enforcement and Kentucky citizens through increased participation.

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Using Byrne JAG Funds for Statewide Crime Prevention Programs

In order to support a continuum of program types, the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet has a long history of funding prevention and education programs through Byrne Formula Grant funds (now Byrne Justice Assistance Grant [JAG] funds), as well as other state and federal funding programs. Over the years, prevention programs funded through Byrne/JAG have ranged from direct services to training opportunities for providers, from substance abuse-specific to general crime prevention.



While Kentucky experienced an overall reduction in funds of 20 percent from the 2005 conversion to JAG from Byrne grants and Local Law Enforcement Block Grants, as well as a nearly 40 percent decrease in funds available for distribution at the state level, the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet recognized the need to award funds even more wisely than before. With the exception of regional Drug Task Forces, communities that received direct JAG awards from the U.S. Department of Justice were expected to assume responsibility for their own local programs, leaving the state-level funds available through a competitive application process to communities that did not receive direct awards. As another new aspect of the JAG application process this year, Kentucky set aside a specified portion of its JAG funds solely for prevention programs. Applicants for subawards proposing prevention projects were required to apply under the same conditions as those proposing non-prevention programs, but a minimum 5 percent of the Commonwealth's total allocation (\$222,073 of \$4,441,468) was reserved for activities focusing on diverting youths (and/or adults) from criminal behavior, either substance abuse-specific or its precursors and related activities.

This enhanced focus on prevention was due largely to the results of the 2004 Drug Summit conducted throughout the Commonwealth by Governor Ernie Fletcher's Office and the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. With the assistance and input of local citizens, community and state leaders, and professional groups, the Summit examined substance abuse throughout the Commonwealth and concluded that Kentucky required a focused approach to all aspects of the problem, from prevention/education to treatment to enforcement. One of the first recommendations of the Summit's participants was the creation of an Office of Drug Control



Crime prevention efforts are succeeding on national, state, and local levels.

Policy (ODCP) to serve as a coordinating body. ODCP, along with the Grants Management Branch, is housed in the Office of the Secretary, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, thus ensuring a close working relationship in coordination of services and funding.

In an era of scarce resources, the Commonwealth of Kentucky is seeking to ensure the most efficient, effective distribution of funds and programs. Investing in prevention programs is not only a good idea, but good business—if the Commonwealth’s youth can be diverted from crime and substance abuse before the issues arise, lives will be saved, and more funds will become available for the myriad needs of Kentucky’s communities. In addition to the funding received, communities benefit from the resulting reduction in crime and its costly consequences.

The 2005 Justice Assistance Grants will help support the following Kentucky programs:

The Collaborative After School/Summer Program

(CLASP). This collaborative effort between Maryhurst, Inc., and Jefferson County Public Schools provides positive afterschool activities, including goal setting, volunteer opportunities, and therapeutic groups addressing substance abuse, family relationships, and anger management. The purpose of CLASP is to strengthen youths’ existing assets and reduce risk-taking behavior.

Bellewood Presbyterian Home for Children. This collaborative, interagency effort to prevent youth substance abuse through education/prevention and alternative placement for court-referred youth will provide case management services to both youth and parents in two primarily rural western Kentucky counties, with one city (Bowling Green) and various smaller towns.

Kentucky DARE Association Training Grant. The JAG Grant pays for Kentucky DARE Association officers to attend the National DARE Training Conference (in support of the revised curriculum now undergoing evaluation) and for student textbooks. Kentucky DARE is being expanded to middle and high schools, reaching over 11,000 students in 80 counties.

Youth Prevention Conference. Students from local Youth Crime Watch participating schools will attend an annual Youth Prevention Conference cosponsored by the Kentucky National Guard, Governor’s Highway Safety

Program, and others. This project provides the only opportunity in Kentucky for youth to gather and learn basic principles of prevention for school safety.

Statewide Neighborhood Watch/Meth Watch

Coordination. Building on Neighborhood Watch’s proven crime reduction strategies, the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition will provide prevention materials at no cost to local police departments, which often lack funds for prevention programs; develop baseline surveys for future data tracking; facilitate monthly roundtable discussions on prevention issues; and serve as an information clearinghouse.

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Spreading McGruff’s Message

The Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute (MCCPI) is helping McGruff the Crime Dog spread his crime prevention message across the state of Maryland. MCCPI created a new staff position for a youth crime specialist who arranges visits by McGruff and Scruff to schools, youth clubs, and community events throughout Maryland. The youth crime prevention specialist accompanies McGruff and Scruff to events that focus on such issues as Halloween safety, bicycle safety, drug abuse prevention, and bully prevention. The MCCPI also offers statewide training for law enforcement on how to be McGruff and lends costumes to state law enforcement agencies.

The MCCPI offers a bully prevention program, “Bullying: It’s Everybody’s Problem.” This program, which uses a train-the-trainer approach, is designed for school personnel, law enforcement, juvenile justice workers, and others who work with children and youth. “Bullying: It’s Everybody’s Problem” shows how bullying affects everyone and what serious consequences it can have. It focuses on the connection between bullying and violent behavior, how to identify potential bullies and victims, appropriate responses to bullying incidents, and tips on bullying prevention. The program’s major theme is that bullying is not just a “rite of passage” but a serious social problem that may have violent consequences.

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Protecting Youth From Media Violence

The Crime Prevention Association of Michigan (CPAM) has joined forces with the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the Parents Television Council (PTC) to get the word out about the dangerous impact of violent television and video games on families and the likely link between violent media and aggressive behavior in youth. On March 13, 2005, CPAM and the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the PTC sponsored the Kids Basketball Clinic with the Detroit Pistons. The event focused on the impact of television and video games on families. Parents and providers received information on this topic, along with crime prevention resources. Rich Coleman, president of CPAM, and representatives from the PTC also testified at a Michigan Senate hearing in support of a bill that would prohibit the sale of video games rated AO (Adults Only) or M (Mature) to anyone under the age of 18. The Michigan Senate passed the legislation on August 30, 2005, and the bill will become law. CPAM continues to provide bullying awareness workshops throughout the state of Michigan for school districts and to promote programs to get teens involved in their communities as mentors, volunteers, and positive role models.

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Partnering With Ministers

The Detroit (MI) Police Department (DPD) is partnering with area ministers through the Minister Police Academy. The DPD recognizes that ministers play a key role in their communities and can be instrumental in helping police identify problems and solutions to crime issues affecting areas where they live and work.

Ministers are invited to attend the Academy once a week for seven weeks at no cost. The program consists of classes, discussions, and field trips. During field trips,

ministers learn how the DPD works by riding along with police officers, visiting a 911 call center to see how calls for help are prioritized, and taking part in a simulated police range that shows the kinds of tough decisions officers must make when facing a criminal who may or may not be armed. During classes, ministers learn how to secure their churches and protect church property such as collection boxes, electronic equipment, and vehicles. Other topics include fire and arson, identity theft, con games, internal theft, and insurance. Roundtable discussions allow ministers to dialog with police officers, precinct commanders, and other ministers to problem-solve issues affecting their communities. The first session took place in the fall of 2005.

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The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

The Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) program is nationwide crime prevention program designed to reduce crime, drugs, and gangs on apartment properties. The program began in Mesa, AZ, in 1992 and since then has spread to several thousand cities in the United States. In St. Cloud, MN, a city of around 60,000 people, approximately half of the population lives in rental properties. Several years ago, the Police Department of St. Cloud saw the need for the CFMH Program because crime prevention programs designed for residential neighborhoods, such as Neighborhood and Block Watch, were not appropriate for these multi-family dwellings. Since the CFMH program began, St. Cloud has experienced a dramatic reduction in crime related to housing, and calls for police service have been reduced by 50 percent to many of the properties. Currently the St. Cloud Police Department is working with about 350 properties.

The CFMH program consists of three phases, all completed under the supervision of a police department. During phase one, resident managers or owners attend an eight-hour seminar that covers such topics as screening applicants (including criminal history background checks), reporting illegal activity, and working with city staff to enforce building and eviction codes. During phase two, police provide a security assessment of the

property that covers door and window locks, landscaping for sight lines, security lighting, and other physical features. Phase three involves community awareness training, focusing on such topics as personal safety, protecting vehicles, Operation Identification (a nationally recognized theft prevention program), and getting to know your neighbors. Each phase must be certified before the next begins. When all three phases are complete, full certification (gold certificate) permits the owners to post the CFMH program sign and use the official CFMH program logo in their advertisements.

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Community Policing on Campus

Mississippi State University is a dynamic campus in a fast-growing region of the state. For over 30 years, the Mississippi State University Police Department (MSUPD) has been providing members of the university community with law enforcement and public safety services around the clock. MSUPD comprises professional commissioned police officers and support staff. Officers receive the same level of training as municipal and county law enforcement officers and are required to complete a minimum of 400 hours of training at a regional police academy to become certified as a police officer in the state of Mississippi. New officers are required to complete a 23-week field-training program in which they learn to apply their law enforcement academy training to a university environment. MSUPD officers are authorized to carry firearms and to enforce laws and make arrests on university property and adjacent roadways. They are also responsible for enforcement of parking rules and regulations.

Because MSUPD recognizes that law enforcement alone cannot solve the varied problems facing our communities today, the department embraces the concept of campus community policing and works toward building partnerships among students, faculty, staff, and the police department to provide a safer environment. Programs that developed out of this philosophy include Cops-on-Bikes, Resident Hall Adopt-a-Cop, Operation Identification, the R.A.D. Program, community police officers,

and Bully Patrol and Library Patrol. Officers encourage students to take part in Operation ID and offer to register laptops and other valuables. Recently MSUPD began a pilot program in which students work as paid assistants to provide security in different parts of the campus. Each participating student receives an orange vest, walkie-talkie, and flashlight. Working in shifts, students provide escort services to other students after hours, patrol parking lots and building perimeters, and warn students in the library of the dangers of leaving their laptops and books unattended.

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Protecting Ohio Citizens

The Ohio Crime Prevention Association (OCPA) is committed to the development and advancement of a continuum of educational opportunities in crime prevention and community policing to ultimately improve the quality of life in Ohio communities.

Currently OCPA is a partnership agency in preparing one of the first online training initiatives to be hosted on the Ohio Attorney General's OHLEG (Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway) website. "Who's Watching America," an e-learning module that is available through the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy, will instruct officers on basic physical security measures so that they will be able to assist Ohio citizens with homeland security issues.

In 2005, OCPA also hosted workshops on investigating and preventing child Internet exploitation throughout the state for law enforcement, schools, and caregivers. Experts taught full investigative sessions for law enforcement officers; school administrators, teachers, and parents and caregivers attended educational workshops hosted by a local school district to learn how to protect children from these crimes.

OCPA members who attained the Certified Prevention Specialist and TAP (Terrorism Awareness and Prevention) certification conducted 25 TAP workshops throughout the state in 2005. TAP provides community-based layperson training to Ohio residents on how to prepare for terrorist attacks and how to work with law enforcement, first responders, and community service providers in the event of an emergency. OCPA



conducts these sessions at no cost to various government, business, and citizen groups throughout the state through funding provided by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

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Partnering for a Safer Cleveland

The city of Cleveland is a much safer city today thanks to the Partnership for a Safer Cleveland. The Partnership was founded 24 years ago by the Cleveland Bar Association at a time when Cleveland was rated the fifth most violent city in the nation. The Partnership promotes the prevention and reduction of violent crime through collaborative efforts between public and private organizations. Experts at the Partnership bring together key leaders from the justice system, law enforcement, schools, business, community, and the media to help solve problems, design effective programs, and create policies that these organizations and agencies can eventually implement themselves on a long-term basis. Partnership experts assist organizations in many ways; for example, they conduct educational workshops for staff on working with at-risk youth, facilitate meetings to address safety and violence issues, provide information on effective programs for violence prevention, and train and recruit volunteers to implement Young Ladies and Gentlemen's Clubs in schools and community centers.

Through its 1995 strategic planning process, the Partnership decided to focus on the prevention and reduction of youth violence. In 2005 the Partnership concentrated its efforts on the identification and diversion of at-risk youth ages nine to 18; trained law enforcement, court, and social service personnel in best practices for working with at-risk youth; and promoted programs and public policies that support youth and their families. At its annual meeting in June 2005, the Partnership determined the focus for 2005–06 to be the advancement of youth development in order to prevent youth crime and violence and reduce youth involvement in the justice system.

Preventing crime is everyone's business.



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Tri-State Regional Community Policing Institute

The Tri-State Regional Community Policing Institute (RCPI) provides training and technical assistance in all aspects of community policing to law enforcement and citizens in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. Since it was established in 1997, Tri-State RCPI has trained more than 34,000 police, government, and community representatives in this concept. The Institute was formed as a partnership between the Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development, the Cincinnati Police Department, the National Conference for Community and Justice, and the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. It is funded by a federal Cooperative Training Agreement from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services in Washington, DC.

The Tri-State RCPI offers an extensive list of training modules in the basics of community policing and other topics such as ethics, cultural awareness, gangs, combating graffiti, and citizen police academies. The Institute also creates and customizes courses or presentations to meet the specific needs of any group in the tri-state area, including businesses, civic groups, social service agencies, service clubs, community councils, student organizations, or special-interest groups. Enrollment is free and open to anyone.

To reduce the risk of future terrorist attacks, the Tri-State RCPI and the local office of the FBI continue to offer the State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT). SLATT training, which is focused on prevention, is designed to enable law enforcement to recognize, report, and prevent terrorist activity in local communities. This eight-hour course covers domestic and international terrorism, terrorist indicators, and police roles and officer safety.

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Fighting Meth in Oregon

The Oregon Meth Watch Program is a statewide education effort to improve the health of communities by addressing the escalating problem of methamphetamine. The program is designed to reduce the availability of ingredients needed to make methamphetamine, decrease business losses, and enhance community awareness of the methamphetamine problem in the state of Oregon. It is a coordinated effort by retail business leaders and organizations; community coalitions; the media; the Oregon Lottery; and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in partnership with retail stores across the state.

Because meth is easy and cheap to produce using ingredients found in neighborhood stores such as ephedrine/pseudoephedrine from cold medicine, sulfuric acid and sodium hydroxide from drain cleaner, and lithium from batteries, the Meth Watch Program focuses on educating retailers on the need to keep certain products behind the counter or in a high visibility location and to report customers who buy large quantities or frequently buy small quantities of products used in cooking meth. Over 500 stores in Oregon currently participate and post Meth Watch signs in their stores saying they are part of the program.

The Crime Prevention Association of Oregon has developed “How to Talk About Meth,” a workshop designed to give community public safety leaders, crime prevention practitioners, law enforcement staff, neighborhood and business leaders, and the public the tools to engage their communities in a discussion of the meth epidemic at the local level and to connect communities to other jurisdictions to build a network within the state. Workshop participants work on defining the meth problem in Oregon by looking at the impact of meth addiction on the community, crime trends, and the health of addicted and recovering individuals. Participants hear about community and treatment-based solutions to address the problem and discuss how the message about meth and meth prevention can be delivered to the communities they represent.

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Using Cell Phones To Fight Domestic Violence

The Virginia Crime Prevention Association (VCPA) and the Allstate Foundation—along with the Wireless Foundation and local law enforcement agencies—have launched a unique statewide public-private partnership drive to collect used cell phones in the fight against domestic violence. Known as the Call to Protect program, the new initiative urges Virginia cell phone users to donate old cell phones and batteries in specially marked boxes at local participating Allstate agencies throughout the state. Local law enforcement agencies collect the Call to Protect phones and forward them to the VCPA for shipping to the Wireless Foundation. The refurbished phones are then distributed to potential victims by participating local domestic violence prevention organizations and police departments.

Virginia statistics on family violence reflect a statewide need for programs like Call to Protect. According to the most recent Family and Intimate Partner Violence Homicide Report from the Virginia Department of Health, there were 131 victims of family and intimate partner homicides in Virginia in 2003. In the intimate partner homicide category alone, nearly four of every five victims were women, and three of the victims were under the age of 18. Over half (54.4 percent) of intimate partner homicide victims lived with the perpetrator prior to or at the time of the homicide, according to the report.

Cell phones often serve as the lifeline for victims of domestic violence. All Call to Protect phones are preprogrammed to dial 911 and usually one or two non-emergency numbers like a domestic violence shelter; members of the CTIA (Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association) donate free emergency airtime.

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Fighting Senior Fraud

The Washington State Crime Prevention Association, the Washington State Attorney General's Office, and AARP have formed a partnership to fight identity theft and senior fraud in the state of Washington through a unique

consumer education program. The partnership's goal is to make Washington the worst state in the nation in which to commit fraud against older persons.

Over the last year, law enforcement officers throughout the state have participated in trainings provided by AARP on identity theft and senior fraud. These trained officers go out into their communities and teach seniors and other citizens to recognize consumer scams and report fraudulent activity. AARP has a large membership base of 800,000 in the state of Washington and notifies members of crime prevention trainings in their area. Some of these trainings are small and are held in community centers, senior citizen centers, churches, and businesses. Other trainings are large, sometimes attended by over 1,000 people, and are led by AARP representatives as well as local law enforcement officers.

Seniors who attend the free training sessions become Fraud Fighters. They leave the training with the latest information on scams and fraud, which includes a training kit, a video, and a Fraud Fighter handbook. They also receive a T-shirt and a gold pin indicating that they have received the training. The core of the Fraud Fighters program is that these seniors, once trained, agree to share the information they acquired with at least one friend or family member. Sometimes Fraud Fighters become trainers within their own communities and help many people avoid becoming victims of fraud.

Currently approximately 3,000 Fraud Fighters in Washington State are fighting back against swindlers and criminals by keeping up-to-date through timely alerts on the latest scams. In addition, Washington consumers can receive a free publication, *Weapons of Fraud*, which includes a CD-ROM with audio clips of con artists attempting to rip off undercover investigators posing as elderly victims.

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Mobilizing the Community for Safety

The Safe Streets Campaign helps individuals, families, communities, and other organizations in Pierce County, WA, develop, mobilize, and maintain strategies to reduce

and eliminate illegal drug and gang activity and associated violence. The Safe Streets Campaign strives to build a community where every neighborhood is safe and welcoming, where children and youth can be raised in an open and friendly environment, where a sense of neighborliness exists, and where people take individual responsibility to keep their neighborhood safe. To this end, the goal of Safe Streets' community mobilization program is to empower people to create safe neighborhoods by organizing their neighborhoods and communities for action.

In April 2004, the Safe Streets Campaign helped organize a coalition called the Eastside Community Action Team (ECAT) to address the reemergence of gang activity and increased violence in the Eastside area of Tacoma. The original members of ECAT included representatives from Safe Streets, Tacoma Police, Pierce County Sheriff, Tacoma School District, MultiCare, and the Puyallup Tribe. For the first few months, the coalition gathered data and assessed the crime situation on the Eastside. This process helped the coalition identify areas that were most affected by gang violence and provide the police with information that would allow them to conduct targeted missions in those areas. As a result of these targeted missions, several key gang members were arrested, and violence on the Eastside began to diminish. As the coalition progressed, new members were recruited and two committees were formed—the Safety Committee to address public safety on the Eastside and the Response Committee to address prevention, education, and early intervention issues.

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Wisconsin Terrorism Awareness and Prevention Program

To educate Wisconsin residents about the threat of terrorism and to encourage them to play a role in protecting their own communities, the Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association (WCPPA) is developing the Wisconsin Terrorism Awareness and Prevention Program (WisTAP). The design of the WisTAP program, which is supported by a grant from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance Homeland Security Program, is similar to TAP programs in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Once developed, WCPPA will take the program around the state to train law enforcement officers so they can train citizens in their own communities.

The WisTAP program will give citizens an introduction to the problem and will cover such topics as the definition of terrorism, how and why terrorists operate, how terrorists are vulnerable, the kinds of suspicious activities citizens should look for and how they should report them, and specific terrorism activities that might be particular to a specific geographic area. The WisTAP program will be provided in local communities by trained instructors who come from backgrounds such as crime prevention, community policing, firefighting, and emergency medical services. The WisTAP program will be useful for members of groups such as Neighborhood Watch and for schools and businesses interested in learning how to recognize terrorism and become participants in community security. The WisTAP program will be provided free to the general public.

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Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Hawaii Department of the Attorney General
Idaho Crime Prevention Association
Idaho State Police
Illinois Crime Prevention Association
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
Iowa Department of Education
Iowa Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division
Iowa Department of Human Services
Iowa Department of Public Health
Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy
Iowa Workforce Development
Kansas Office of the Governor, Federal Grants Program
Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police
Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition
Kentucky Justice Cabinet
Kentucky Office of the Attorney General
Kentucky Sheriffs' Association
Louisiana Attorney General's Office
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute
Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety
Crime Prevention Association of Michigan
Michigan Department of Community Health
Minnesota Crime Prevention Association
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
Mississippi Department of Public Safety
Missouri Crime Prevention Association
Missouri Department of Public Safety
Montana Board of Crime Control
Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
Nebraska Crime Prevention Association
Nevada Department of Public Safety
New England Community Police-Partnership
New Hampshire Department of Justice
New Jersey Office of the Attorney General
New Mexico Crime Prevention Association
New York State Crime Prevention Coalition
New York State Department of Law, Office of the Attorney General
New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
North Carolina Crime Prevention Association
North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission
North Dakota Office of the Attorney General
Ohio Crime Prevention Association
Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services
Oklahoma District Attorneys Council
Crime Prevention Association of Oregon
Oregon Commission on Children and Families
Oregon Criminal Justice Commission
Oregon Department of Education
Oregon Governor's Office
Oregon Youth Authority
Crime Prevention Association of Western Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
Rhode Island Justice Commission
South Carolina Department of Public Safety
South Carolina State Association of Crime Prevention Officers
Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Criminal Justice Programs
Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Utah Council for Crime Prevention
Vermont Department of Public Safety
Vermont State Police
Virginia Crime Prevention Association
Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
Washington State Attorney General's Office
Washington State Crime Prevention Association
Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development

West Virginia Division of Criminal Justice Services
Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association,
Inc.
Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance
Wyoming Attorney General's Office

Affiliate Member Organizations

Albuquerque Public Schools Police Department (NM)
Amesbury Police Department (MA)
Apache County Juvenile Probation (AZ)
City of Atlanta Mayor's Office of Weed and Seed (GA)
Baltimore's Safe and Sound Campaign (MD)
Boston Police-Neighborhood Crime Watch (MA)
Boston University Police Department (MA)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Nashua (NH)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Huntsville, Triana Unit (AL)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County (FL)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, Inc. (FL)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Scottsdale (AZ)
Branford Police Department (CT)
Broad Street Substation (CT)
Brookside Community, Inc. (DE)
Camden Neighborhood Renaissance (NJ)
Canton University (SUNY) Police Department (NY)
Capitol Weed and Seed Coalition (AZ)
City of Charles Town, Office of the Mayor (WV)
Charlottesville Weed and Seed Network (VA)
Cheektowaga Police Department (NY)
Chehalis Police Department (WA)
Child Quest International (CA)
Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County (FL)
Clermont Police Department (FL)
Cleveland Police Department (TN)
Cole and Associates (KY)
Colorado Department of Transportation (CO)
Colorado Springs Police Department (CO)
Columbia University Teachers College (NY)
Columbus Housing Partnership (OH)
Coral Gables Citizens' Crime Watch (FL)
Corpus Christi Operation Weed & Seed (TX)
Crime Prevention Foundation of Brown County (WI)
Crime Prevention Officers' Association of Monterey
County (CA)
Crime Watch of Boca Raton (FL)
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Toledo (OH)
Deer Park Police Department (OH)
Delaware River Port Authority Police (NJ)
Detroit Community Justice Partnership (MI)
Detroit S.N.A.P., Inc. (MI)
East Dallas Weed and Seed (TX)
East St. Louis Police Department (IL)
El Paso County Sheriff's Office (TX)
Escondido Police Department (CA)
Everett Public Schools (MA)
City of Florence (AL)
Florida Office of Drug Control
Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FL)
Fox Valley Technical College (WI)
Fraternal Order of Police, Forest Rose Lodge #50 (OH)
Gig Harbor Police Department (WA)
Global Empowerment Group (GA)
Greensboro Police Department (NC)
Gulfport Police Department (FL)
Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (OH)
Harrison County Road Department (IA)
Harrisonburg Police Department (VA)
City of Hartselle Housing Authority (AL)
Hawaii County Police Department (HI)
Hawthorne Area Community Council (MN)
City of Highland Park Weed and Seed (MI)
City of Hokes Bluff (AL)
City of Holland (MI)
Honolulu Weed and Seed (HI)
Human Environment Linking People, Inc. (FL)
Idaho State University
International Institute for Alcohol Awareness (MD)
Inter-Pol Special Police, Inc. (DE)
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (CO)
Josephine County Sheriff's Department (OR)
Kankakee City Police (IL)
Kansas Department of Transportation, Bureau of Traffic
Safety
Kids Are Street Safe (CA)
Kingston Police Department (NY)
City of Lakeland (FL)
Las Vegas Police Department (NM)
Lehigh University Police Department (PA)
City of Lumberton (NC)
City of Madison Office of Community Services (WI)
Manchester Township Police Department (NJ)
Matthews Police Department (NC)
City of Memphis (TN)
Merrillville Police Department (IN)
Miami/Miami-Dade Weed and Seed (FL)
Miami Township Police Department (OH)

Mineola Auxiliary Police Department (NY)
Minority Golf Association of America, Inc. (NY)
Mississippi State University Police Department (MS)
Modesto Police Department (CA)
City of Monroe Police Department (GA)
Monroe Township Police Department (NJ)
Montgomery County Housing Authority (PA)
Muskegon Urban League, Weed and Seed Program (MI)
Neighborhood Alliance, Inc. (OK)
New York State Center for School Safety
New York State Police
Newport News Police Department (VA)
The Nightwatch Program (NY)
North Miami Beach SHMIRA Patrol (FL)
Northeast Community Patrol (AK)
Northwest Block Watch Coalition, Inc. (AZ)
Oak View Associates (SC)
Office of District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett (MA)
City of Omaha, Office of Grants (NE)
Omaha Police Department (NE)
Onyx, Inc. (OH)
Operation Pulse (MD)
Original Aurora Renewal (CO)
Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (MD)
Partnership for a Safer Cleveland (OH)
Paso Robles Police Department, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department (CA)
Paterson Police Department (NJ)
Pearl Police Department (MS)
Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, Bureau of Alcohol Education
Personal Preservation Specialists (MO)
Phelps County FAST (NE)
Pine Bluff Weed and Seed (AR)
Pleasantville Police Department (NJ)
Poquoson Police Department (VA)
Port Wentworth Downtown Development Authority (GA)
Poughkeepsie Police Department (NY)
Prevention Institute (CA)
Pueblo Police Department (CO)
Putnam County Sheriff's Office (FL)
Racine Neighborhood Watch, Inc. (WI)
Raleigh Police Department (NC)
Reno Police Department (NV)
Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (VA)
Ridgeland Police Department (MI)
Sacramento Sheriff's Office (CA)

Safe Neighborhood Council (FL)
Safe Streets Campaign (WA)
Safety Education Unit, Knoxville Police Department (TN)
Salisbury Weed and Seed (MD)
San Antonio Fighting Back of United Way (TX)
Santa Cruz Police Department (CA)
City of Savannah (GA)
SEMO Weed and Seed, Inc. (MO)
Sheriffs' Association of Texas
Sixth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services (IA)
Somali Children's Association of Minnesota
Sonoma Police Department (CA)
South Daytona Citizens Alert Council (FL)
South George Street Community Partnership (PA)
Springfield Police Department (MO)
Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office (CA)
Swisher & Hall AIA
Tallahassee Police Department (FL)
City of Texarkana Weed and Seed (AR)
Toppenish Police Department (WA)
Travis County Health and Human Services (TX)
Tulsa Police Department and Police Training Center (OK)
United States Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida (FL)
University of Baltimore Police Department (MD)
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Department of Public Safety
Vermont Department of Health
Volusia County Sheriff's Office (FL)
Wapato Police Department (WA)
Washington County Sheriff's Office (MD)
Watch Dog 4 Kids Corp. (VA)
West Valley City (UT)
Winter Haven Police Department (FL)
Wired Blocks Network, Inc. (PA)
Youth Crime Watch of America (DC)
Yuba County Victim-Witness Program (CA)

Youth as Resources (YAR) Network Members

Adrian Training School YAR Program, Juvenile Justice (MI)
Albany YAR (NY)
CAUSE—YAR (Deland, FL)

Chenango County YAR (NY)
 Chisago County YAR/Community Partnerships (MN)
 The Guidance Center, Juvenile Justice Program/ YAR
 Program (Southgate, MI)
 Juvenile Diversion Services Youth as Resources (Lincoln,
 NE)
 Little Falls YAR (MN)
 Montgomery County Youth as Resources (IN)
 Pine River/Backus YAR (MN)
 Racine County Youth as Resources (WI)
 St. Vrain Valley YAR (CO)
 Variety Boys & Girls Club YAR Program (Long Island
 City, NY)
 YAR – NCCJ (St. Petersburg, FL)
 YAR at C.H.A.N.C.E.S. for Indiana Youth (Terre Haute,
 IN)
 YAR at Marshall Senior High School (MN)
 YAR at Regional Prevention Center of Northeast Kansas
 YAR at Rochester-Monroe County Youth Bureau (NY)
 YAR at St. Joseph County (IN)
 YAR at the Chicago Area Project (IL)
 YAR at the Crisis Center, Inc. (Lake County, IN)
 YAR at the Foundation for Youth (Columbus, IN)
 YAR at the United Way of Kandiyohi County (MN)
 YAR of Allen County (IN)
 YAR of Cambridge (MN)
 YAR of Central Indiana—Boone County (IN)
 YAR of Central Indiana—Hamilton County (IN)
 YAR of Central Indiana—Hancock County (IN)
 YAR of Central Indiana—Hendricks County (IN)
 YAR of Central Indiana—Marion County (IN)
 YAR of Central Indiana—Morgan County (IN)
 YAR of Crow Wing County, Brainerd (MN)
 YAR of Douglas County (MN)
 YAR of Greene County (IN)
 YAR of Jefferson County (IN)
 YAR of Kenosha County (WI)
 YAR of Oklahoma County/Youth Cornerstone (OK)
 YAR of Onamia/Isle (MN)
 YAR of Pinellas County (FL)
 YAR of Springfield and Clark County (OH)
 YAR of Staples/Motley (MN)
 YAR of Summit County (OH)
 YAR of Wadena County (MN)
 YAR Promote the Peace, RYASAP (Bridgeport, CT)
 Youth as Resources of Appalachia (McArthur, OH)
 Youth as Resources of Door County (WI)
 Youth as Resources of Hocking County (OH)
 Youth as Resources of Southwestern Indiana, Inc.
 Youth as Resources of Wayne County (IN)
 Youth as Resources of Wells County (IN)
 Youth as Resources of Wood County (WV)
 Youth as Resources, Bethlehem (PA)
 Youth as Resources, Inc., Baltimore (MD)
 Youth as Resources, Pequot Lakes Community Education
 (MN)
 Youth as Resources, St. Cloud (MN)
 Youth as Resources/Support Through Intervention,
 Sidney (NE)