

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

This presentation is designed for neighborhood groups to provide information on what can be expected and how to best react in the instance of a natural disaster. Participants are trained to work together to identify resources and needs that might be important during the time of a disaster. Training is provided regarding disaster preparation, such as safeguarding your home and storing medical and food supplies, as well as setting up emergency contact and evacuation plans. This presentation is often a companion program presented to established Neighborhood Watch groups.

INTERNET SAFETY

Internet Safety focuses on tips to keep you safe on the net. With the Internet becoming more and more entwined with our daily lives, safety precautions are a must. The program includes information on Email, Chat Rooms, Online Dating, Illegal Downloading, Myspace and other Internet Communities, Plagiarism, Online Auction Fraud, Child Safety, and what to do if you become the victim of an Internet crime. There are four specialized programs each target a specific age group: children, teens, adults, and seniors.



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If you would like to schedule a safety presentation for your neighborhood, civic, or community group, or if you would like to schedule a facility tour, please contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit at: **661) 392-6914**

Mission Statement

The Kern County Sheriff's Office is committed to work in partnership with our community to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life for the residents and visitors of Kern County through professional public safety services.



Helpful Web Sites!

Kern County Sheriff's Office
www.kernsheriff.com

National Crime Prevention Council
www.ncpc.org

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
www.missingkids.com

To contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office:

Emergency: **9-1-1**
Non-Emergency: **(661) 861-3110**
Non-Emergency Outlying Areas: **(800) 861-3110**
Sheriff's Report Desk (Bakersfield only): **(661) 391-7471**

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PROGRAM OUTLINES

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HAVE WE GOT A PROGRAM FOR YOU?

The following programs are offered by the Kern County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit free of charge to public, private, and civic groups.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch is a citizen/law enforcement cooperative effort to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in your community. This program does not take the place of the Sheriff's Department's job relating to enforcement or apprehending criminals, however allows citizens to work with law enforcement to combat criminal activity. Citizens are given an opportunity to meet their neighbors and take a more proactive stance in watching out for each other's property. They are also trained to recognize suspicious activity in their neighborhood, safeguard their property better, and properly report possible criminal activity. Communities that have an active Neighborhood Watch program enjoy an enhanced quality of life.



BUSINESS WATCH

Business Watch is a crime prevention program developed specifically for the retail/commercial business community. Patterned after the popular Neighborhood Watch program, it allows businesses to work together and with law enforcement to combat criminal activity. The program provides guidelines for total business security, inside and outside. Business owners and employees are trained to "watch out" for each other and report suspicious activities, as well as what to do in the event of a robbery or crime in progress. Participants are also trained how to properly report crime and suspect information to increase our chances of catching the suspects involved. Education is the key to developing a working relationship between law enforcement and the business community.



RETAIL SECURITY/SHOPLIFTING PREVENTION

This program is an overview presented to business owners/managers and their employees regarding retail security practices. The typical business person is not trained to observe and recognize the signs of a shoplifter at work. The program illustrates the scope of shoplifting and employee theft problems. It also focuses on shoplifting recognition, inventory control tips and good business practices to minimize losses due to shoplifting and employee theft.

THEFT AWARENESS

The Robbery Awareness program allows business owners/managers and their employees to take a more proactive stance to educate themselves on how to survive a robbery. Participants are told how to best respond during a robbery to minimize the chance of a violent confrontation, as well as how to act as a good witness to provide vital information to law enforcement. The program also covers the concept of crime prevention through environmental design, and trains employees on how to best preserve a crime scene after a robbery has occurred.

SHOPLIFTING IS A CRIME

FREE BRACELETS with each theft



SENIOR SAFETY



Senior citizens are quickly becoming one of the most common targets for criminals. This presentation focuses on safety tips for citizens over 65 years of age. Information presented includes personal safety tips, street precautions, vehicle safety, home safety, bus safety, and what to do if you become the victim of a crime. This program is ideal for senior citizen groups, senior citizen centers, church groups, or retiree clubs.

PERSONAL SAFETY

The Personal Safety presentation is a "common sense" approach to the issue of safety for any person. Participants are trained how to best protect themselves and reduce their risk of becoming crime victims. The presentation includes recognizing and avoiding dangerous situations, using your

instincts, and planning ahead in case a dangerous situation arises. This program can be presented at employee safety meetings or to small or large groups including civic organizations, church groups, clubs, etc.

IDENTITY THEFT/FRAUDS & SCAMS

Frauds and scams account for about 100+billion dollars a year in business losses in the United States. With the advent of the Internet, and the large amount of citizens who now conduct their business online, this number will only continue to grow. Nobody would fall for a scam if it looked like one. This presentation helps citizens familiarize themselves with common approaches, tip-off words, sales pitches, phone soliciting, high pressure sales advances and so on. Information is also provided on the legal rights and courses of action against this type of criminal activity. Information on how to minimize the risk of becoming the victim of identity theft is also discussed.



JUVENILE SAFETY

The Juvenile Safety presentation is designed for young people and parents. As a parent, one of your greatest responsibilities is to teach your children how to avoid dangerous situations, and how to react if a dangerous situation arises. This program provides common sense safety tips that parents can follow at home and when out in public with their children. The program also can be presented to school age children and provides them with information on topics such as stranger danger, abuse and neglect, avoiding dangerous places, and what to do if they become victimized, lost or separated by or from an adult. This program is ideal for schools, youth groups, scouting groups, and parent clubs. We also have presentations on bullying for parents and for children.

BICYCLE SAFETY

The Bicycle Safety presentation is designed for young people who commonly ride a bicycle as part of their normal routine. The program covers the responsibilities associated with owning and riding a bicycle, as well as traffic laws pertaining to bicyclists, potential hazards, and bicycle maintenance.

