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Crime Prevention: Together we are STRONGER

Crime Prevention is a pattern of attitudes and behaviors directed at reducing the threat of crime. It enhances the sense of safety and security in one's neighborhood. The Crime Prevention philosophy attempts to positively influence the quality of life in our society and to develop an environment where crime can not occur.

Sir Robert Peel (1788-1850), known as the "Founder of Modern Policing," established The Metropolitan Police Act of 1829 in England. The Metropolitan Police Act contained "Peel's Nine Principles" of policing. The seventh principle states: "Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence." To this end the Police Department relies on the public's partnership and citizen involvement to continue to keep Scottsdale a beautiful and safe city in which to reside.

Crime Prevention initiatives reduce the risk of crime in our community. The City of Scottsdale and the Police Department offer several programs for citizens to become involved and take an active role in crime prevention and community involvement. If you would like to become more involved or know someone who would, see page two for a list of opportunities available to Scottsdale residents.



From The Desk Of Commander Johnny Cervantes

Recently a citizen was a victim of a "distraction burglary." In a distraction burglary, the burglar uses a ruse to gain entry into the victim's home while an accomplice steals the valuables. Some of these distractions can be:

- Pretending to be a neighbor that engages the victim in a conversation away from the door so an accomplice can enter the home and steal.
- Pretending to be interested in buying a neighbor's home and asking to check the backyard.
- Using a child who needs to do a school project to ask questions.
- Asking to use the phone after a fake car accident.
- Stating they are city employees or work for the utility company and need to inspect something inside the home.

Preventing this type of crime is quite simple, **DO NOT** open your door for anyone you are not expecting. City workers will always be in uniform and will arrange a meeting time prior to showing up. Public Utility companies use the same procedure. If you are expecting someone, use your eye viewer and don't be afraid to ask for identification prior to allowing entry. Call the police department and let us check out the emergency.

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Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch program is citizens and police working in partnership to reduce crimes and improve the quality of life in your neighborhood. Neighborhood Watch is a cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing community issues. Neighbors get to know each other, take the time to care about each other and work together in a program of mutual assistance. For additional information contact Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Joy Racine at 480-312-2342.

Neighborhood College

Neighborhood College is an opportunity for citizens to attend free weeknight classes to provide residents, neighborhood groups and homeowners associations with the information, resources and tools needed to become effective neighborhood leaders. Classes start March 2009. For further information and class schedules contact Joanie Mead at 480-312-2543.

Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy is designed to educate and inform our citizens about the Scottsdale Police Department. The class runs twice a year during the spring and fall. This very interactive and hands on program showcases several units within the department. The class runs for 12 weeks on either Wednesday nights during the fall or Thursday nights in the spring. For further information contact Chris Vassall at 480-312-1922.

Teen Academy

The Teen Academy is conducted by the Scottsdale Police School Resource Unit. The Teen Academy is for teens ages 14-18 to have a better understanding of the police. It is also a chance for teens to see if they would like to pursue a career in law enforcement. The next Teen Academy is Monday, June 8 through Friday, June 12, 2009, with graduation on June 13, 2009. For further information please contact Sgt. Brachtl at 480-312-5477.

Scottsdale Police Explorers

The Scottsdale Police Department Explorer program provides an opportunity for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 to work along side of, train with and assist police personnel. The Explorers receive specialized law enforcement training, attend weekly meetings and volunteer at important community services. Explorers become involved with

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the community, learn leadership skills and develop self understanding and self confidence. They work side by side with advisors and officers to learn law enforcement skills. The Scottsdale Police Explorers meet every Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Tom Hontz Training Facility, 911 N. Stadem. For additional information and requirements contact Sgt. Brachtl at 480-312-5477.

For more information on crime prevention or additional opportunities to get involved in YOUR community contact Crime Prevention Officer Craig Abernethy at 480-312-2594 or cabernethy@scottsdaleaz.gov or District II Police Aide Randee Short at 480-312-2074 or rshort@scottsdaleaz.gov.

Upcoming Events:

FBR Open – Attend the “Greatest Show on Grass” at the TPC, Scottsdale January 26 through February 1, 2009. Visit www.fbropen or call 602-870-0163 for more information.

Paper Shredding Event & Perscription Pill Drop Off February 7, 2009 from 9:00 am to 11:30 pm (or until the truck is full) at the Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Road, Scottsdale. Bring up to 4 boxes of paper documents to be shred for free. Drop off perscription pills to be safely destroyed. For questions, contact Officer Craig Abernethy at 480-312-2594.

Public Safety Community Contact Numbers and E-mail Links

Have you ever pondered: “Who do I call to report suspected drug activity in my neighborhood, speeding vehicles, an abandoned/stolen car, a green pool, learn about prevention programs or to have a child safety seat installed?” The following telephone numbers and e-mail links will assist you with these and other cases.

- **SPD Drug Enforcement Hotline** - Suspected illegal activity, 480-312-TIPS (Hot lines are not monitored)
- **SPD Traffic Enforcement Hotline** - chronic traffic problems, 480-312-CARS
- **Speed Awareness Program** – speeding concerns on residential streets (25 MPH), 480-312-7787
- **Code Enforcement** 480-312-2546
- **Child Safety Seat Installation** 480-312-BABY
- **CPR/First Aid Classes** 480-312-1817
- **Scottsdale Police Non-Emergency** 480-312-5000
- **Scottsdale Fire Department** 480-312-8000
- **Emergency** (Police/Fire/Ambulance) 9-1-1