

CPCA/NCPC News

Town Center at Boca Raton and NCPC Join Forces To Promote Safety

Town Center at Boca Raton, owned and managed by the Simon Property Group, and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) announced that they will join forces to promote a message of crime prevention and safety awareness to Boca Raton's shoppers, residents, and visitors.

NCPC and Town Center at Boca Raton will launch this joint effort by creating a public-private task force in Boca Raton led by Town Center and overseen by NCPC. NCPC will work with the mall and the public-private task force to help spread messages of safety and crime prevention to residents of and visitors to the mall and the Boca Raton community. The overall goal is to make Town Center and its host community—and potentially other communities where Simon Property Group operates shopping centers—even safer by encouraging visitors to practice safety and crime prevention techniques.

"The National Crime Prevention Council has earned and certainly deserves its reputation as one of our nation's leading forces in promoting crime prevention and empowering citizens with information that will help them feel and be safer no matter where they are," said Tim Earnest, senior vice president of Simon Management Company, the property management division of Simon Property Group. "Through this joint effort with the NCPC we will draw on their expertise in bringing crime prevention messages alive for and relevant to our shoppers, our retailers, and our employees," he added.

"NCPC is very excited to be working with Simon Property Group on behalf of

Town Center at Boca Raton on this safety initiative," said Al Lenhardt, president and CEO of the National Crime Prevention Council. "Not only will this project create an even safer atmosphere for shoppers, but it will also inspire them to change their behavior so that they are more aware of their surroundings and more conscious of their individual actions. The success of this pilot will help pave the way to pursuing similar activities nationwide."

Catalyst Is Available Online

CPCA members please take note that the *Catalyst* newsletter is now available online exclusively. As part of your membership, we want to continue to send you the most recent issues full of crime prevention news, information, tips, and highlights. Thanks to your membership, we have access to your email addresses and we will send the newsletters to you via email. If you wish to opt out, please email Brandon Bryn at bbryn@ncpc.org and your name will be removed from the list.



Prevention Works

A blog by the
National Crime Prevention Council

A Thieves' Paradise

Where can you find a place where people leave their wallets, purses, cell phones, navigation systems, or cars unattended and ripe for theft? The answer won't surprise you; it happens every time they pull off the road to get gas or grab their favorite drink from a convenience store and leave their keys in the ignition or their doors unlocked. More and more over the last year, gas station safety has moved to the forefront of crime prevention. The Washington, DC, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) reported a dramatic rise in gas station theft over the past year. In 2006, the MPD reported 89 thefts from vehicles, but it has reported 427 thefts, a 380 percent increase, for 2007. Auto thefts have also risen dramatically—by 93 percent. Most of the time, gas station customers leave their car doors unlocked. This enables a thief to drive up next to the victim's car, open an unlocked door, and grab any valuables within reach. . .

To read more of NCPC's blogs, please visit www.ncpc.org/blog.

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Awards and Grants Update

NCPC Receives Two Mercury Awards

The National Crime Prevention Council is pleased to announce that the cyber-bullying prevention campaign has won the Gold Mercury Award of Excellence in the category of public service advertising multimedia campaign. The 2007 Crime Prevention Month newspaper advertorial also received an award: a bronze award in the category of advertorial writing.

The award-winning work was selected from more than 970 entries received from 23 countries. Now in its 21st year, the Mercury awards were established by MerComm, Inc., to honor excellence in public relations and communications around the world. MerComm, Inc., was founded in 1987 to advance the arts and sciences of communications in an international arena.

Neighborhood Watch Awards of Excellence

The National Sheriffs' Association, in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs,

U. S. Department of Justice, is pleased to announce that they are accepting nominations for the 5th Annual National Neighborhood Watch Awards of Excellence, which will be presented during the General Section of the 2008 National Sheriffs' Association Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

All law enforcement agencies, Neighborhood Watch groups, organizations, and/or programs that have made an exceptional contribution to the Neighborhood Watch program in their communities are encouraged to submit nominations to the National Sheriffs' Association by March 31, 2008.

For complete information on eligibility, criteria, and nomination forms please visit

www.usaonwatch.org/AboutUs/AwardsProgram.php.

McGruff® Usage Tip of the Week

Whenever McGruff makes live appearances there are certain guidelines that need to be followed. Only law enforcement personnel and crime prevention practitioners may wear the McGruff costume, unless an exception has been approved by NCPC in writing.

Since McGruff makes appearances all over the country, consistency of his image is very important. The costume must always be worn in its entirety, including coat, head, gloves, pants, and gum-soled shoes. The wearer should be 5'7" to 6'3" in height, should appear reasonably fit and of normal build, and should not appear obviously female when in costume.

If you have any questions about the

proper use of McGruff, or if you have a McGruff Success Story for us, please email trademark@ncpc.org.

To download the complete *Guidelines for McGruff and Related Marks*, visit www.ncpc.org/mcgruff/images.php. To order this publication as a CD-ROM for only the cost of shipping, contact the NCPC Fulfillment Center at 800-627-2911. Please reference order number CD-4.

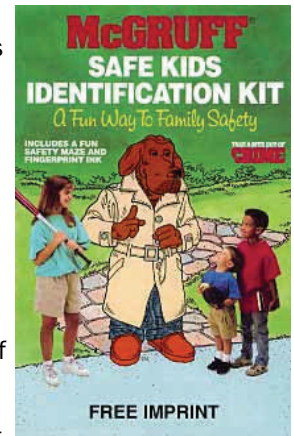


McGruff® Licensee Spotlight

Kits To Keep Kids and Others Safe

For the past 15 years, the McGruff Safe Kids Identification kit has been helping children play and live safely by taking a creative approach to a serious parental concern. The kit presents educational material in a non-threatening, game-like framework with the help of McGruff. In addition to fingerprint ink, the kit contains safety rules for parents and children and activities for the children to complete.

Boerner, Inc., the creator of the ID kit, has since developed other child/family safety kits, including: McGruff Safe Kids Identification Kit (Spanish version), McGruff Internet Safety Kit for Kids, McGruff Halloween Safety Kit, McGruff Safer Seniors Kit, and McGruff Kids on Wheels Bike Safety Kit.



Some of the long-term supporters of the McGruff kits are local law enforcement officials, local and national financial institutions, and thousands of other businesses and organizations nationwide. The sales of these McGruff kits have been enhanced by the cooperative marketing efforts of other McGruff licensees, including the McGruff Specialty Products Office, Geiger Brothers, and Robotronics, Inc.

For more information, visit www.mcgruff-safe-kids.com or call 800-288-3344.



Training and Event Updates

Crisis Management Symposium

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association will hold a Crisis Management Symposium on March 4, 2008, at the Radisson Hotel Columbia and Convention Center. The symposium is sponsored by ADT Security Services.

The symposium includes a panel discussion and demonstrations of interactive technology solutions. Crisis communications strategies for enhancing safety will also be highlighted.

To register, visit www.registertodayonline.com.

Investigations of Illegal Animal Fighting

In recent years, animal fighting has been on the rise in both urban settings and rural areas. To combat this trend, Humane Society University provides valuable training to law enforcement, criminal justice, and animal care professionals. For more information, visit www.humanesocietyu.org and enter the city name into the course search. The next available course is March 6, 2008, in Lawrenceville, GA. If you have questions, contact Frances Gaeta at 301-548-7731 or fgaeta@humanesociety.org.

2008 BJA Regional Conference Series

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has recently announced the dates and locations for the 2008 Conference Series.

- ♦ South region: Atlanta, GA; March 11–13, 2008

For details regarding the conference agenda, workshop topics, registration, and hotel, visit www.courtesyassoevents.com.

Youth and Conflict: Global Challenges, Local Strategies

The root causes of conflict and the methods to prevent and intervene in conflict situations are interdisciplinary. So too is

the need to address them collaboratively in both global and local communities. From child soldiers in Africa to gangs in North America, collaboration is necessary to resolve these challenges with cultural and contextual sensitivity. Global Issues Resource Center and Library, Office of Community Continuing Education, at Cuyahoga Community College and the European Centre on Conflict Prevention are partnering with colleges and universities around the world; local, national, and international non-governmental organizations; and local, state, and national governmental agencies to host the International Summit on Conflict Resolution Education (CRE) in Cleveland, OH, on March 27–29, 2008.

The summit is an opportunity for schools, colleges, universities, non-governmental organizations, and governmental organizations to engage in interdisciplinary collaboration and research on issues of violence and conflict confronting our youth.

For more information, visit www.tri-c.edu/community/girc/conflict/default.htm.

Investigating Use of Force for Field Supervisors

The Alabama Crime Prevention Clearinghouse and Training Institute will host a training program called Investigating Use of Force for Field Supervisors that will be conducted by John E. Reid and Associates on March 27, 2008.

This training program was developed by working with agencies undergoing review by the U.S. Department of Justice. It is designed for chiefs, assistant chiefs, commanders, lieutenants, sergeants, and supervisors—anyone involved in the review of use-of-force cases.

For more information, visit www.aum.edu/uploadedfiles/mont%20a1%20WEB.pdf.

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training

Darkness to Light and Stewards of Children is coming to a city near you in 2008. Darkness to Light is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to diminish the incidence and impact of child sexual abuse so that more children will grow up healthy and whole. Our programs will raise awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse by educating adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse. We believe that adults who are responsible for children could do more to protect them from sexual abuse. Darkness to Light's [Stewards of Children](http://www.stewardschildren.org) is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, and motivate adults to courageous action. The Stewards of Children program is designed for organizations and corporations that serve children and youth.

For detailed information on this training program, [visit the website](http://www.stewardschildren.org).

2008 National Metal Thefts Investigations Seminar

The International Association of Property Crime Investigators and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will hold this new event from September 23–24, 2008, in Orlando, FL.

The theft of metals such as aluminum, brass, copper, and platinum is a growing global problem. Don't miss this opportunity to network with law enforcement, public utilities, loss prevention specialists, and others to learn strategies to combat one of the hottest and fastest-growing crimes!

For more information, visit www.iapci.org/seminar-one/index.php.



NPC Job Openings

Webmaster

NPC has an opening for an entry-level web developer. We're looking for a bright, web-savvy webmaster who is excited about content management on the web and spreading McGruff's crime prevention messages. Strong web writing skills are a plus.

At NPC, the webmaster is part of a small, energetic team that maintains and extends NPC's web properties. Some of the webmaster's tasks include the following:

- Develop web applications and extensions to NPC's Plone-based CMS
- Use knowledge of Web and technology to write blogs on technological crime prevention issues
- Analyze requirements for new content areas and software features
- Ensure content is appropriately written and formatted for web delivery
- Test (with users) site content and features

The ideal candidate is smart, enthusiastic, creative, and interested in all aspects of running and extending a popular website. He or she will also have

- The ability to work well in a team environment
- An interest in everything from content management systems to game design
- Some experience with a template-based web application or CMS
- Good coding practices (well organized, well documented, fully tested)
- A solid knowledge of Python programming language
- The ability to write valid XHTML, modern ECMAScript, CSS, and XML
- A working knowledge of search engine optimization best practices

- Good knowledge of modern information architecture (e.g., hierarchy and folksonomy)
- Strong web writing skills (and writing samples to prove it)
- Familiarity with participatory web tools (e.g., blogs, wikis, social networks)
- Top-notch research skills
- A strong desire to stay current with web trends

Click here for the [full job description](#) and how to apply.

Grants Manager/Controller

Responsibilities include:

Grants Management

- The overall financial management and administration of the organization's grants, contracts, and cooperative agreement operations.
- Manages and administers the application, execution and closeout processes of all grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements, including the preparation of cost projections/budget development, all report submissions, and amendments/adjustments, if any.
- Reviews all grants applications, contracts and cooperative agreements before submission to ensure they are in compliance and meet all financial demands of the Council.
- Assesses whether grants, contracts and agreements align with the Council's overall mission and programs.
- Monitors progress on grants, contracts and cooperative agreement deliverables, ensuring all reporting requirements are met, and approves the draw down of appropriate fund levels.
- Maintains documentation on all matters related to grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements of the Council, and issues correspondence as necessary.
- Produces reports and briefs senior management on the status of grants,

contracts, and cooperative agreements.

- Periodically conducts financial reviews of the Council's grants, contracts, and cooperative agreement operations. Collects and analyzes related financial data.
 - Performs liaison with grant program managers on all matters related to grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements.
 - Responds to audits related to grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements, such as those conducted under The Single Audit Act and the Defense Contract Audit Agency. Ensures that the Council complies with applicable Office of Management and Budget (OMB) directives and circulars.
 - Ensures that the Council complies with OMB circulars applicable to non-profit organizations, such as A-110, A-122, and A-133 and briefs staff on those guidelines/regulations.
 - Develops and updates allocation of indirect costs in accordance with methodology defined in applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
 - Advises Council staff on costs considered allowable or unallowable.
 - Ensures proper recording of all grants, contracts and agreements in the accounting system.
 - Ensures timely billing of invoices related to grants, contracts and agreements.
- Controller*
- Assists CFO in ensuring departmental responsibilities are met in a timely, accurate manner.
 - Participates in development and monitoring of annual budget.
 - Helps department heads understand and monitor regular financial statements.
 - Coordinates monthly and year-end closings.

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If you do not have a CPCA website username or password, contact

membership@ncpc.org.

To unsubscribe: Send an email to membership@ncpc.org with the word "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

The Coalition's Ten Action Principles

- 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.*

The Crime Prevention Coalition of America is committed to leading the collective efforts of individuals, communities, and government to improve the quality of life by preventing crime.

For more details about these action principles, see [Engaging the Power of Prevention: 10 Action Principles](#).

NCPC Staff Coming to a Community Near You

Portland, OR, March 2–7, 2008: Rob Otterstatter will present Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) training opportunities to Weed and Seed sites at the Community Capacity Development Office conference. For more information, contact Rob (rotterstatter@ncpc.org).

Columbia, SC, March 3–5, 2008: Chuck Sczuroski will present at the Crisis Management Symposium on March 4th, sponsored by ADT Security Services. For more information, contact Chuck (csczuroski@ncpc.org).

Concord, NC, March 9–11, 2008: Drew Carberry will present information on reentry to SAMHSA grantees. For more information, contact Drew (dcarberry@ncpc.org).

St. Louis, MO, March 9–12, 2008: Debra Whitcomb will attend the National Juvenile Justice Conference. For more information, contact Debra (dwhitcomb@ncpc.org).

Denver, CO, March 17–19, 2008: Kate Black will attend the National Blueprints Conference. For more information, contact Kate (kblack@ncpc.org).

Burlington, MA, March 17–21, 2008: Rob Otterstatter will present a basic CPTED training course to the Burlington Police Department. For more information, contact Rob (rotterstatter@ncpc.org).

Las Vegas, NV, March 24–25, 2008: Chuck Sczuroski will conduct a Peer-to-Peer site visit. For more information, contact Chuck (csczuroski@ncpc.org).

Toronto, Canada, March 30–April 4, 2008: Rob Otterstatter will attend the International Association of Law Enforcement Planners course. For more information, contact Rob (rotterstatter@ncpc.org).

Oklahoma City, OK, March 31–April 3, 2008: Chuck Sczuroski will present and exhibit at a Project Safe Neighborhoods Anti-gang project training. For more information, contact Chuck (csczuroski@ncpc.org).

Walla Walla, WA, April 21–23, 2008: Joselle Shea will present workshops at the Washington State Crime Prevention Association Conference. For more information, contact Joselle (jshea@ncpc.org).