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In the Spotlight

October is Crime Prevention Month—Celebrate Your Safe Community!

Would you like to hold an annual event recognizing your organization's success in fostering a vibrant and safe community? BJA, along with the National Sheriffs' Association and the National Crime Prevention Council encourages local law enforcement agencies and community organizations to celebrate their safe communities by holding an annual event in October, which can be as small as a neighborhood gathering or as large as a countywide public safety fair. Events can include crime prevention, community preparedness, fire safety, and emergency medical services.



Visit the [Celebrate Safe Communities web site](#), an online resource where you can register your event and exchange ideas with other participating agencies. The web site offers guidance in holding an event and developing partnerships as well as extensive crime prevention information and free downloadable materials.

News You Can Use

BJA and CSG Launch New Web Site to Assist Prisoner Reentry Field

BJA and the Council of State Governments Justice Center recently launched the [National Reentry Resource Center](#), established by the Second Chance Act. The web site provides education, training, and technical assistance to those working on prisoner reentry including state and local governments, tribes, territories, nonprofits, and corrections agencies.

Campus Crime Prevention Training Available

BJA and the Missouri-Regional Community Policing Institute are offering no-cost campus crime prevention training for law enforcement and crime prevention specialists. This training, developed by BJA in partnership with the National Crime Prevention Council and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, provides the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to lead crime prevention services for campuses. [View the course schedule.](#)

New Video on Campus Safety Highlights Community Involvement

Developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police in partnership with BJA, this video highlights the breadth and scope of volunteer efforts in college and university law enforcement. The video features programs at Lehigh University, University of Alaska, and California State University San Bernardino. [Watch the video.](#)

Grants & Funding

BJA has announced all FY 2009 grant awards. View them on our [Funding page](#).

BJA is starting to develop our FY 2010 grant solicitations. If you have any comments or suggestions on how to improve our solicitations, please [Contact Us](#).

Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program

Enacted in 1976, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program provides death, disability, and education benefits to those eligible for the program. For details regarding these federal benefits for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders killed or catastrophically disabled in the line of duty, call the PSOB Office toll-free at 888-744-6513 or 202-307-0635.

DID YOU KNOW?

The National Crime Prevention Association (NCPA), incorporated in 2008, is the only national association for crime prevention practitioners in the country. Initiated by BJA and the National Crime Prevention Council, its mission is to complement state associations as a national resource for promoting crime prevention and assisting practitioners with professional development. With over 1,300 members from 48 states, the association offers training, conferences, publications, and an opportunity to share curricula. NCPA plans to offer resources not currently available through state-level associations, such as an opportunity to network with other practitioners across the nation and access to a resource pool of trainers. Visit the [NCPA web site](#) and learn about membership benefits and upcoming [training](#).

FEATURED PROGRAM

Neighborhood Watch Offers Training To Prepare for Pandemic Influenza

Formed in the late 1960s in response to rising crime rates, the National Neighborhood Watch Program, a partnership of BJA and the National Sheriffs' Association, is one of the oldest and best-known crime prevention concepts in the U.S. The program provides training, technical assistance, and support to law enforcement working with citizens on local crime and safety programs. To date, over 2,000 law enforcement officers from 1,200 agencies have been trained to work with nearly 20,000 registered programs. In 2002, the program was expanded beyond crime prevention to help neighborhoods with emergency response and disaster preparedness. More recently, the program is assisting Neighborhood Watch groups [plan for a pandemic flu outbreak](#). [Learn more](#)

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