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# Introduction

In some way, crime touches the lives of every American – whether as a victim, a witness, a jury member, or even from shouldering a financial burden through increased taxes.

This guide is designed to offer ideas, resources and programs for furthering community service projects involving crime and fire prevention. Within these pages Exchange Club members can find ideas and suggestions to expand the crime prevention efforts in their communities.

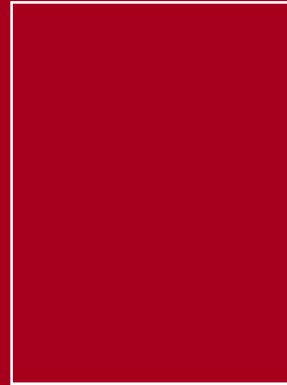
Crime can take on many forms including:

- ◆ predatory lending
- ◆ workplace violence
- ◆ petty theft
- ◆ property theft
- ◆ robbery
- ◆ arson
- ◆ murder
- ◆ discrimination
- ◆ hate and countless other acts.
- ◆ computer viruses
- ◆ email scams
- ◆ pornography
- ◆ date rape
- ◆ road rage
- ◆ drunken driving
- ◆ identity theft
- ◆ assault

John A. Calhoun, president of the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), outlined seven trends shaping the work of crime prevention for the new millennium:

1. Overreliance on prisons as the answer to crime;
2. Spending more on prevention than the “cure” of penalties;
3. Crime collapsing communities;
4. Crime policies that don’t work;
5. Prevention works;
6. Political acceptance of prevention; and,
7. Measures of success are changing.

The significance of Calhoun’s comments is that he focused on “... *the belief that crime is a community-wide problem whose solution rests with the community.*” He offered five challenges we must meet to successfully prevent crime in America.



Those challenges are:

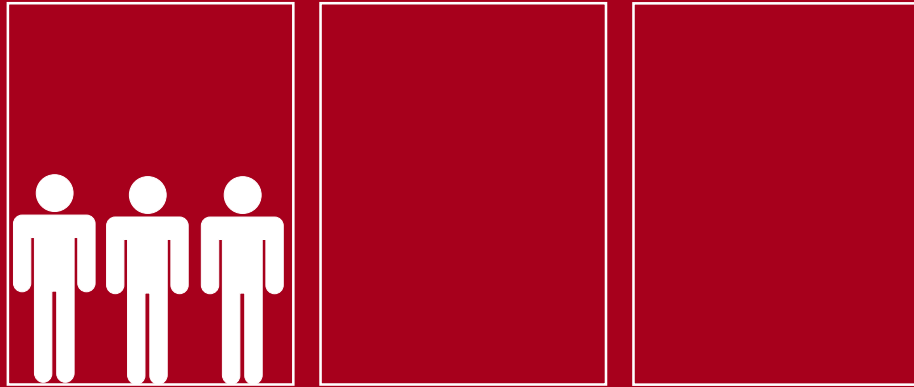
1. To recognize that crime is a community-wide problem;
2. To bring teens into civic life;
3. To change gun policies;
4. To put prevention on the policy map; and,
5. To sustain and celebrate personal values.

To be effective in reducing crime in communities, Exchangeites need to make specific commitments to work with government officials and other groups to meet a community's needs. We need to find more ways to build a stronger community spirit, protect public safety, support families, encourage healthy youth, and improve the quality of life for every resident.

Calhoun and the National Crime Prevention Council offer these suggestions:

- ◆ Make prevention a part of state policy and practice
- ◆ Educate the public about crime
- ◆ Empower the community
- ◆ Activate youth
- ◆ Establish police/community partnerships
- ◆ Create safe public places
- ◆ Prevent violence
- ◆ Prevent crime

Any club searching for a program with a clear commitment to community safety will find these crime and fire prevention programs ideal. These programs have three primary objectives, which are very much in line with the National Crime Prevention Council suggestions: 1) educate the public, 2) eliminate crime and the causes of fires and, 3) teach people how to safeguard themselves against the dangers around them. To aid you and your club in conducting these programs, a comprehensive listing of contacts and resources is included on pages 20-22.



# Selecting a Committee

The success of your programs depend a great deal upon having an enthusiastic and dedicated committee to plan and implement them. Therefore, the club president should devote considerable time to assigning a crime prevention chairperson, as well as the selection of the committee members. The ideal chairperson should be able to delegate responsibility and follow through to make certain the goals of the project are achieved. He or she should be capable of obtaining the cooperation of other key members of the community.

Having several committee members who are skillful public speakers is another important consideration. Exchangites, who because of their experience or business contacts are especially interested in crime or fire prevention, frequently make enthusiastic, hard-working members. These individuals may be members of local fire and police departments, casualty insurance agents, crime commissioners, safety engineers, school administrators or teachers.

## Responsibilities of the Committee

1. Consult with local fire department officials and police departments to help determine how your Exchange Club can best meet your community's needs.
2. If projects are currently in place, investigate ways your club could expand or supplement them, making the projects more effective. Always keep in mind that your club should be clearly identified with the project.
3. Gather available educational information and determine what materials can be obtained for local distribution.
4. Decide what specific activities your club will concentrate on, and devise a comprehensive plan outlining your activities and desired objectives. (Consult the Public Relations Resource for a sample planning calendar.)
5. It is imperative that the publicity committee does a thorough job of promoting each phase of your club's crime and fire prevention efforts.
6. The committee should make sure that as many club members as possible are involved in some aspect of the projects.



# Child Safety

Children need to know they are special and they deserve to feel safe. For years, Exchangites have worked with the Junior Police and Child ID programs to prevent crimes against children. These programs remain as viable options today, but we should continue to update our efforts as new ideas and resources become available.

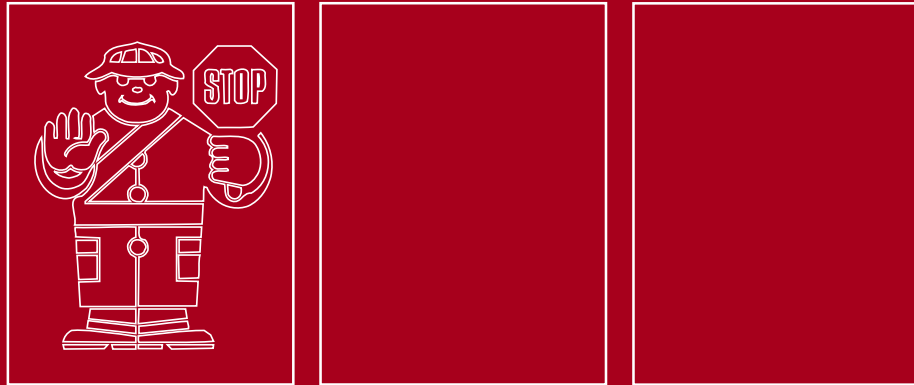
## Child Abuse Prevention

To help prevent child abuse, The National Exchange Club Foundation offers programs and suggestions on prevention awareness, including the Blue Ribbon Campaign, Shaken Baby Syndrome Campaign, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Campaign, Sir Care-a-Lot, Time Out Teddy, Report Card Insert Program, Blue Candle of Hope, and Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Centers throughout the United States. For more information on any of these programs contact The National Exchange Club Foundation.

## SafeHouses

Similar to Neighborhood Watch programs, SafeHouses gives children a way to easily and quickly identify homes that are safe for them to enter, without knocking or waiting for someone to answer the door, if they are being chased, threatened, or stalked. SafeHouses are places where a responsible adult will be found to offer protection to the child.

Exchangites can work with area law enforcement personnel, security companies and



local schools to develop a SafeHouses program in their community and a screening process for adult volunteers, including fingerprints and criminal and background checks if necessary. These adults must be willing to provide refuge for children who enter their home for safety, and must know how to handle the crisis in a way that reduces or eliminates the threat and keeps the child safe.

Adults passing the screening process will be instructed on how to display a SafeHouses sign whenever they are home, removing it when they leave so children do not face an empty or locked house. The SafeHouses sign is highly visible with an orange blaze and black cross. The sign is a symbol once used by hoboes to show a home where people were always welcome.

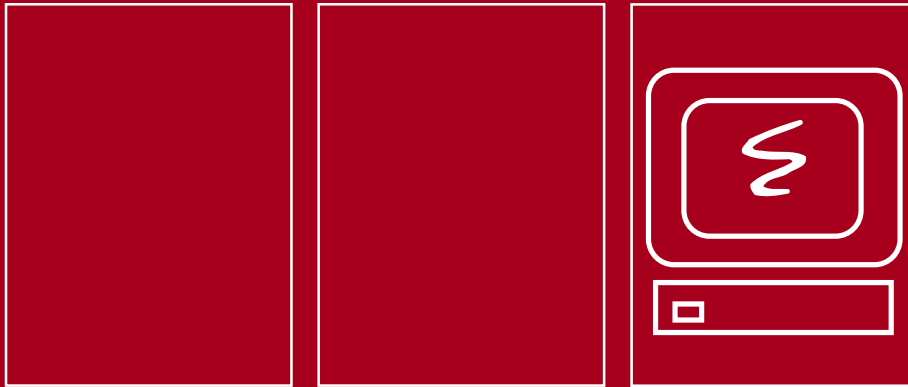
Exchangites can work with law enforcement agencies to conduct random checks on homes where the SafeHouses signs are displayed. Consistent monitoring of SafeHouses is important to ensure that children know the home is truly safe.

Local media coverage of the program can also reinforce the message and may help reduce or prevent child abductions. For more information contact The National Exchange Club.

## Junior Police

This well-established, long-standing program of The National Exchange Club brings police officers together with third through seventh grade students in the classroom. Junior Police is a powerful, proven program that lets youngsters get to know police officers in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Your Exchange Club explains the program to the targeted school administration, the local police department, and the school's police liaison officer to gain everyone's support and participation for a successful program. Then, three visits are scheduled in the classroom with one or two police officers presiding.



With Exchange Club volunteers helping in the classroom, students are encouraged to ask questions and learn about the officers and their work. During the final visit each student receives an official Junior Police ID card and a specially designed badge sticker.

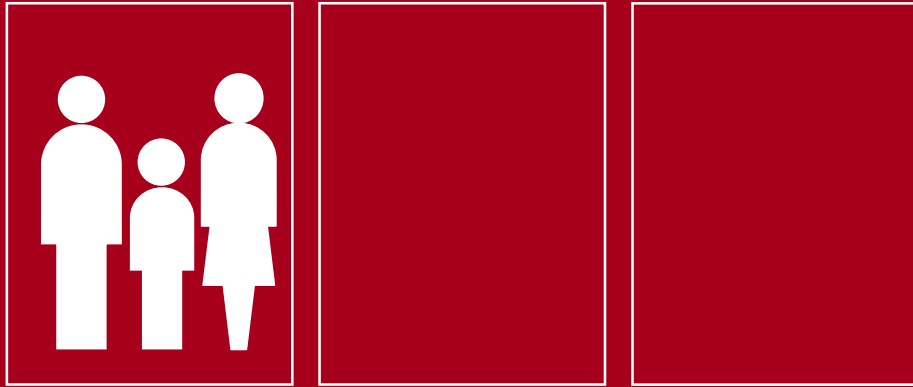
Your club should continue taking part in school by forming police partnerships and developing new program ideas that fit your community and its schools. Please share successful programs with your National Exchange Club Headquarters, so other Exchangites can benefit from them as well. Contact your National Exchange Club headquarters for further details on this program.

## Cyber Tipline Program

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) works with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Customs Service, and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, to prevent sexual abuse of children. They have established the national Cyber Tipline and the national Child Pornography Tipline at 1-800-843-5678 (800-THE-LOST).

The Cyber Tipline Program is one way for Exchangites to help prevent incidents of sexual approaches or solicitations towards children while online. The National Exchange Club has available Cyber Tipline posters, brochures and a Power Point presentation for clubs to get involved with this program. Clubs are encouraged to distribute brochures to parents throughout the community and place posters in high traffic areas in an effort to protect children from online pornography.

Exchange Clubs can work with schools, parent organizations, or youth-oriented organizations to distribute software, such as Filterworx, designed to filter out pornographic web sites. Clubs could distribute the software free or obtain a sponsor. Clubs could also ask a representative from an Internet Service Provider to speak about filtering systems at a workshop or meeting. For more information contact The National Exchange Club Foundation.



## Child Identification-Fingerprinting (Child ID)

The FBI estimates that more than 2,300 children are reported missing every day. Unfortunately, police can do little to prevent children from disappearing, but they are often responsible for finding them. The Child ID program was designed to help parents assist police in locating missing children. This project involves the collection of information about children, such as name, age, address, height, weight, hair color, etc., in a format that is easy for parents to keep and turn over to police in the unfortunate event their child is missing.

In many communities, Child ID programs are already in place through area law enforcement agencies. If this is the case in your community, your Exchange Club can get involved by supporting the existing program with volunteers or financial donations.

If your community does not have an existing program, these steps are designed to help get your club started. The first step to setting up this program is to arrange a meeting with area law enforcement agencies and gain their cooperation. Factors to discuss include:

- ◆ Target age range (infancy up to 16 years of age, but open to anyone)
- ◆ Signed parental or guardian consent for fingerprinting
- ◆ Liability waivers for Exchange Club and other participants
- ◆ Hours of operation and volunteers needed to handle the volume
- ◆ Whether to take photographs and how to pay for them
- ◆ Whether DNA samples should be obtained, and how
- ◆ Charging for the service, if at all

With the cooperation of law enforcement agencies, Exchange Clubs work with schools, churches, shopping malls, community festivals or other areas to arrange for a Child ID event. Utilizing school or church newsletters is an effective way to promote your Child ID event as well as involving the media in this community project.

Child ID is an ongoing task for Exchange Clubs, since children are constantly growing and forms should be updated annually, although every six months is preferred.

Every effort should be made to protect the privacy of the parents and their children in conducting this project. Completed forms or computer disks should be given to parents only, with no copies made or kept on disks or hard drives. It is up to the parents to safeguard this information and relay it to the proper authorities should the need arise. For more information contact The National Exchange Club.



# Young Adulthood

Young adulthood can be a difficult time. The teenage years are often filled with indecision, peer pressure, new priorities and the desire to “fit in.”

The following ideas and programs are designed to help teenagers and other young people avoid making harmful choices, resist negative peer pressure and help provide an alternative to possible drug or gang activity.

## School Violence Prevention

Our nation’s schools provide our children with an education. While much is gained from the classroom experience, children also learn from each other. They learn about acceptable behavior in different groups of friends, how to treat each other, and respect for others and their property.

When this learning environment includes racial bias, hatred towards a different social status or the use of drugs and alcohol to influence attitudes or behavior, then school violence may become an issue. Teachers and administrators can help create a safe environment, but in many cases school faculty and staff lack the disciplinary authority, time or proper training for potentially dangerous situations. The following two project ideas enable Exchange Clubs to help meet the challenge of school violence.

## Adopt-A-School

Adopt-A-School involves Exchange Club members identifying a school in need through the school administration, city officials or local law enforcement agency and working with the targeted school as volunteers.

The extent of the volunteer work depends on the level of commitment and time by members and the needs of the school. Adopt-A-School activities could involve playground or classroom monitoring, classroom reading, lunchroom supervision, or even private tutoring. Contact the National Crime Prevention Council for more information and ideas.



## Sensitivity Training

Sensitivity Training also involves working with targeted schools to identify needs and arrange crime prevention sensitivity training for parents, students, faculty, staff, administration, or the general public.

Issues for sensitivity training could include dating relationships, awareness of gangs and criminal activity, hate or racial bias, and parental abuse. The intent of the program and training is prevention. There are numerous community resources available, such as United Way, the local Chamber of Commerce, the district attorney's office, social service agencies and others to guide you in selecting speakers, trainers or seminar topics related to your community. Contact the National Crime Prevention Council for more information and ideas.

## Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

Parents are considered the primary role models for educating children about drug and alcohol use. There are times, however, when parents need help.

D.A.R.E., a well-known, national program, is a cooperative venture between educators and law enforcement officials that teaches young people about the dangers of drug abuse. The D.A.R.E. program has been found to be most effective with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade level students.

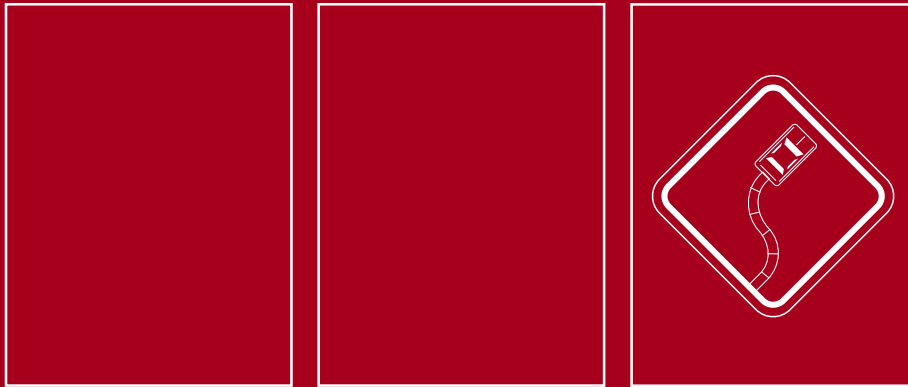
If your community does not have a D.A.R.E. program, your Exchange Club can help get the process started by addressing the issue and assisting schools and law enforcement agencies through funding or volunteers. Since all D.A.R.E. materials are issued only to school districts and local police agencies, clubs must work with these agencies to implement this important program. For more information contact D.A.R.E. America.

## Stand Against Date Rape

The U.S. Department of Justice reports that 60 percent of rape or sexual assault victims state the offender was someone they knew – an intimate, relative, friend or acquaintance.

Women between the ages of 16 and 24 are the most likely victims of date rape. The effect of this crime is far-reaching as it occurs to more than half of the female population, according to the National Crime Victimization Survey.

Exchange Clubs can Stand Against Date Rape by working with school administrators, student governments, and parents' groups to sponsor a workshop on date rape and



sexual stereotyping for middle and high school students. The goal is prevention by beginning this education and awareness training during the early years of relationships and dating. The National Crime Prevention Council recommends working with a local hotline or crisis center when developing the workshop. For more information contact the National Crime Prevention Council.

## Safe Driving Road-ee

Teenage drivers are at the highest risk for accidents and motor vehicle fatalities, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Most do not have adequate behind-the-wheel experience for dealing with traffic-related problems.

Teen Safe Driving Road-ees give Exchangeites a way to provide a safe and fun learning environment for teenage drivers. In the Road-ee setting, young drivers get critical hands-on driving experience in a controlled environment with immediate feedback from professionals. Promoting and presenting awards and recognition for good driving skills is another way to enforce the importance of the skills learned.

Exchange Clubs can work with the local or regional office of your state's Department of Transportation (D.O.T.), local driving schools, law enforcement officials, and schools to conduct a Teen Safe Driving Road-ee. For more information contact The National Exchange Club.

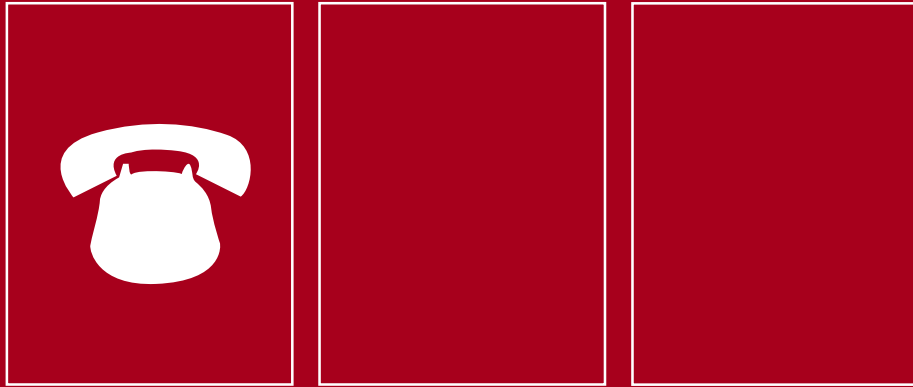
## My Day in Court

Since crime prevention requires an early understanding of America's complex justice system, an awareness of the laws, and the consequences of breaking those laws, My Day in Court provides a hands-on learning experience of our judicial system.

Limited to sixth grade students, My Day in Court allows students to sit in a courtroom while a judge hears arraignments on a variety of criminal matters. After the court session, the students are seated in the jury box and are able to ask questions, and view the courtroom from the judge's seat.

The program requires the cooperation and participation of a judge who hears both misdemeanor and felony cases, the municipal or county court system and the local schools.

To expand the program, students can write essays on their experiences in My Day in Court. The essays could be published in the local media or judged for awards. There are many ways to expand upon this program to increase its impact and effectiveness with the students. For more information contact The National Exchange Club.



## Teen Court

Designed as an expansion of The National Exchange Club's My Day in Court program and juvenile court programs around the country, Teen Court shows young people how the American justice system works and its importance in everyday life.

Exchangites work with law enforcement officials, municipal or county courts and local schools to educate the participants on the American legal system. Once the teens have gained sufficient knowledge of the judicial system, they are ready to establish a mock court.

Teen Court places young people in the roles of prosecuting attorney, defense lawyer, judge, bailiff, clerk, court reporter, and jury members. The program can be set up to simply provide the participants with experience in courtroom scenarios, using a mock trial format where a model case is used to prepare the prosecution and defense, or it can become a regular program for teens.

The regular Teen Court becomes a true peer justice system. A teen accused of a "crime" – talking during class, starting a fight, running in the hall, etc. – is "sued" and taken to court. A teen "attorney" prepares the defense. Another drafts the prosecution. The case then goes through Teen Court with young adults filling the roles, including judge and jury. A key to a successful program is assuring the "criminal" abides by the outcome of the trial.

Adults, especially those with the real-life roles, should be present to supervise and offer suggestions to teen participants, but let the teens run the program. The program should be run at least once a month, and more often if possible. Contact the National Youth Court Center for more information.

## Community Mobilization

Exchangites can implement a Neighborhood Resolution in their communities. Neighborhood Resolution is related to the Community Watch effort. Residents should assess their neighborhood and band together to overcome any weaknesses by becoming involved with the following or similar efforts:

- ◆ Keeping watch over a neighbor's home.
- ◆ Volunteering to work with the youth or the elderly
- ◆ Donating time and talent to neighborhood projects

Establishing a Neighborhood Resolution is an excellent way to help people who would otherwise be overlooked or have no one to ask. For more information contact Illinois Office of the Attorney General's Gang Crime Prevention Center.



## Right Track Truancy Reduction Program

According to a report by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, truant students are at a higher risk of being drawn into gangs, violence, drugs and/or alcohol. Truancy costs school districts hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost federal and state funding that is linked to average daily attendance records.

The Right Track Truancy Reduction Program works with the families of elementary and middle school children to promote new, positive habits of school attendance before truancy becomes a problem. The goal is to help parents become more aware of the positive impact they can have on their children's school attendance. Right Track provides links to community resources so families can cope with the issues underlying the truancy problem.

For more information contact the Illinois Office of the Attorney General's Gang Crime Prevention Center.

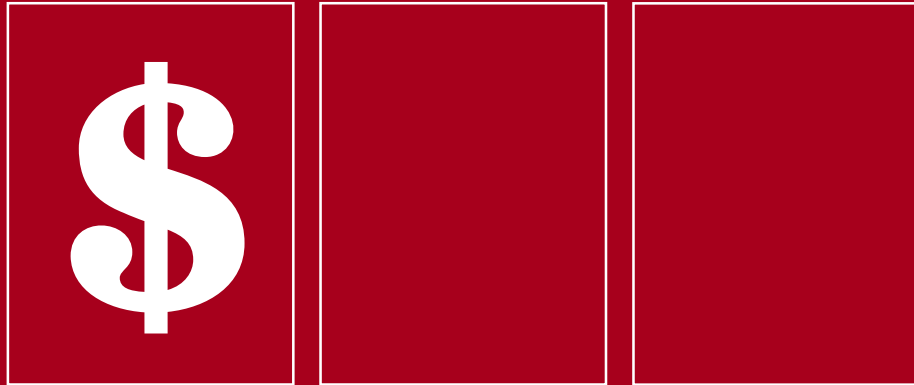
## Adult Awareness

While Exchange Clubs can have a strong influence on their community by offering child and young adult crime prevention programs, there are also programs that can exert that same influence among adults. Sports and workplace violence, identity theft, ATM theft, and other crimes that affect adults both young and old are addressed with Exchange's Adult Awareness section.

## S. C. A. M. - Preventing Identity Theft

In 1998, Congress passed the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act that provides a maximum sentence of 15 years, a fine, and criminal forfeiture for committing an identity theft that violates Federal law or constitutes a felony under state or local laws.

The U.S. Department of Justice, however, recommends that people remember the acronym S.C.A.M. to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft.



- ◆ **Stingy** – Be stingy about giving out personal information, including your driver’s license number on your personal checks, or your Social Security number.
- ◆ **C**heck your financial information regularly. Know what should and should not be on your statements.
- ◆ **A**sk for a copy of your credit report at least once a year.
- ◆ **M**aintain careful records of your financial and banking accounts. Know when your statements normally arrive, and when one is unusually late.

Exchangites can conduct a S.C.A.M. program to help educate consumers about the increasing number of identity thefts, and ways to avoid being victimized. For more information contact Call for Action, Inc.

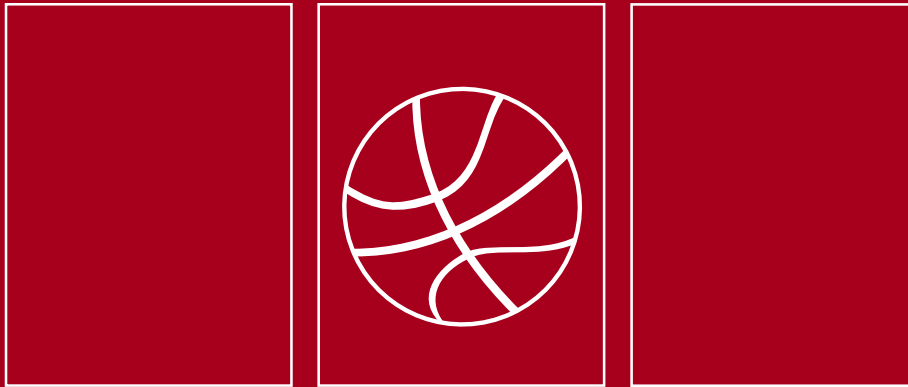
## ATM Theft Prevention

Robbery and identity theft can occur at Automated Teller Machines (ATMs), especially at those located in high traffic locations such as airports, shopping malls, and grocery stores. Criminals watch from secluded spots as customers use the ATM. They observe the PIN (Personal Identification Number) being entered, then devise a way to steal the credit or debit card, such as an “accidental” bump to distract the customer while an accomplice “lifts” the card from a pocket or purse.

Exchangites can get involved in deterring these crimes by working with banks, financial institutions, and ATM manufacturers to post consumer alert messages at ATM locations. The warning sign lists steps the user should take to prevent theft, such as shielding the screen when entering your PIN, using the ATM with a friend for extra security, etc. The financial institutions may want to send an informational piece with their monthly statements to educate consumers. Exchangites can provide the information that would go in the mailers.

The media can also be an excellent partner in spreading the word about preventing ATM crimes. Contact your local TV stations and print media, provide them with protection guidelines, and ask them to do a feature or news story on ATM safety techniques.

Contact the National Crime Prevention Council for more information.



## Workpl ace Vi ol ence Preventi on

Violence in the workplace is increasing, ranging from disruptive behavior to personal assaults. More than 1,000 people are murdered at work each year. Homicides have now become the number two cause of workplace deaths, causing more than 40 percent of on-the-job fatalities for women. The number of supervisors murdered by employees doubled in the last ten years, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

Employers can no longer afford to take a “wait and see” approach toward workplace violence, they must also be concerned with “civil liability.” If an employer in your community offers a Workplace Violence Prevention program for employees, your Exchange Club could contact that employer and ask that a public workshop be offered. Exchange Club members could provide financial or volunteer assistance.

Contact the National Crime Prevention Council for more information.

## Good Sports Behavi or

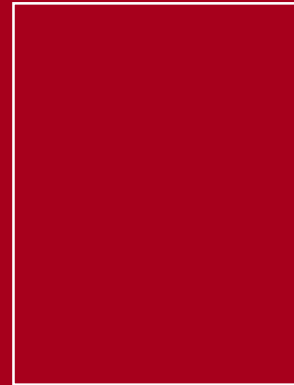
Sport-related violence and assault are on the increase and threaten the continuation of many community sporting events.

Exchangites can get involved in encouraging good sporting behavior in their communities in a number of ways:

- 1) Work with local sports organizations to arrange team presentations on the rules of the sport. Most sports officials have representatives that would welcome the chance to share their knowledge of the game, the proper way to interact with officials, and offer more enjoyment of the sport through a better understanding of the rules.

- 2) Encourage and work with these organizations to adopt a “No Tolerance” policy about unacceptable sports behavior from coaches, officials, players, parents, and fans. The guidelines for what is and is not acceptable should be clearly defined, as well as the consequences. This strict approach offers a strong measure of prevention.

- 3) Bring a respected sports role model into your community to talk about good sporting behavior, open the appearance to the public at a school or civic center, and promote the appearance to sports teams throughout the area. If you charge an admission fee, and raise enough money, you can use the funds to establish a “Good Sport” award in your community.



## Community Watch

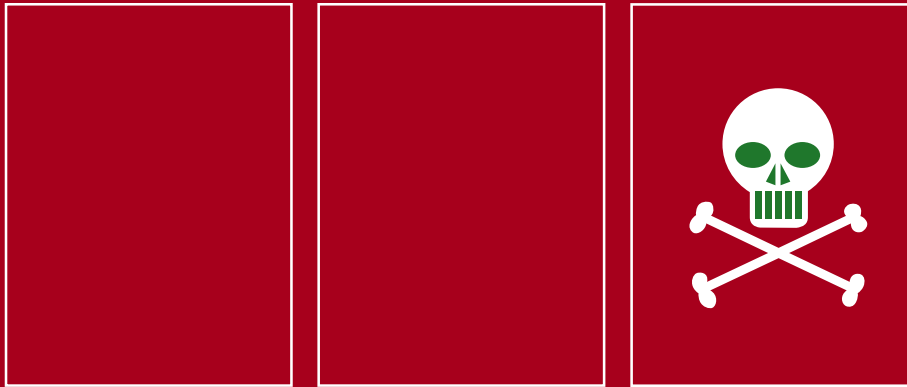
Community Watch expands the horizons of the Neighborhood Watch program. Exchanges work with civic leaders and the media to educate the community on how to be watchful neighbors. Publicize a law enforcement phone number for citizens to call and report suspicious activities or crimes. Coordinate a community-wide “Get To Know Your Neighbor” day for residents to get acquainted.

Residents of certain neighborhoods can schedule responsible adult volunteers to supervise area parks and playgrounds. Money can be raised to fund public supervision programs where law enforcement officers may be able to provide the training. Offer young people the opportunity to get involved in planning ways to make their community safer.

## Remembering When

Older adults, especially those over the age of 65, are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fires or falls than the rest of the population. Falls alone claim the lives of roughly one-third of adults past the age of 65, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Remembering When is a fire and fall prevention program developed by the National Fire Protection Association’s Center for High-Risk Outreach to help older adults live safely at home for as long as possible. Group presentations, home visits, or smoke alarm installation and fall intervention programs are potential methods for delivering Remembering When in your community.

To reach your local senior population with this safety and fall prevention program, your club can help organize a community coalition to provide the Remembering When program. For more information contact The National Fire Protection Association’s Public Education division.



# Safety & Fire

## Risk Watch

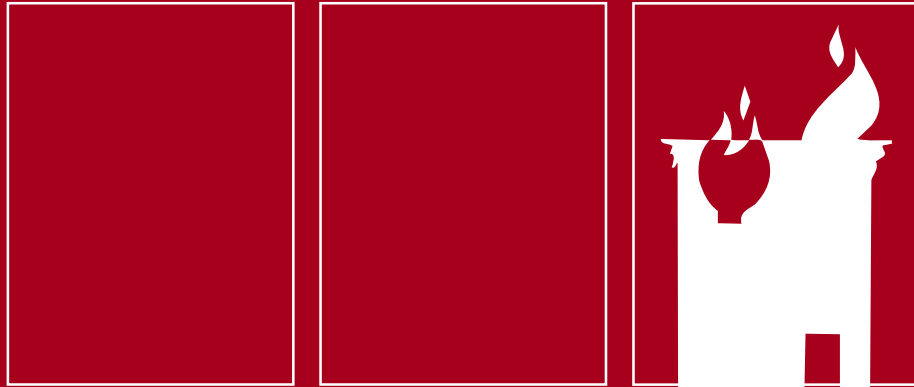
Risk Watch is a thorough injury prevention program that is available for use in schools. Developed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Risk Watch provides children and their families with the skills and knowledge they need to create safer homes and communities. Injuries are the number one health risk for children under the age of 14, with unintentional injuries killing more than 6,000 children and permanently disabling more than 120,000 children every year.

The vast majority of these injuries are preventable. With education, motivation, and the support of caring adults such as Exchangees, children can learn valuable safety precautions.

Risk Watch is a school-based curriculum that links teachers with community safety experts and parents. The curriculum is divided into five age-appropriate teaching modules from preschool through eighth grade. The program targets eight major risk areas that kill or injure the most children each year:

- ◆ Motor Vehicle Crashes
- ◆ Fires & Burns
- ◆ Choking, Suffocation, & Strangulation
- ◆ Poisoning
- ◆ Falls
- ◆ Unintentional Firearms Incidents
- ◆ Bike & Pedestrian Hazards
- ◆ Water Hazards

Exchangees can sponsor Risk Watch in community schools by contacting the National Fire Protection Association's Public Education Division.



## Exit Drills At Work

In every building where business is conducted, whether it's a large factory, a high-rise office complex, a hospital, mall, restaurant, or small retail establishment, the potential exists for dangerous situations to develop, from fires, gas leaks, and explosions to terrorism attacks or nature's wrath. This idea is designed for Exchangites to provide general work evacuation information to businesses in the community, and work with those businesses to help train their employees so potentially hazardous situations can be minimized.

If office buildings or other businesses have an evacuation plan, Exchangites can help the employees of those companies learn the plan and participate in all fire or evacuation drills. Exchangites can work with the emergency management agency or local law enforcement agencies to help companies develop evacuation plans, if they don't have one. Larger companies have safety officers, who can help coordinate the program.

Part of the plan includes teaching employees about what warnings will be given, if any, and how to respond. Everyone should know the location of all building exits, and if the power is out, everyone may have to find their way out in the dark. Other parts of the plan should outline use of the stairs when there's a fire, never using an elevator during a fire, and that fire sprinkler systems protect their immediate area by extinguishing or containing fires, and will not flood the area. Contact the National Fire Protection Association for more information.

## Alarm for Life

This program continues an outstanding tradition of Exchange Clubs providing and installing smoke detectors free of charge. This important and valuable service is provided for those families or individuals who can not obtain or install the detectors themselves. Smoke detectors have been proven to significantly reduce the risks of dying in a fire.

Local churches, senior citizen groups, local, state, and federal agencies can assist clubs in determining home owners that qualify for smoke detector installations. Exchangites work with fire department officials to properly install the smoke alarms and provide basic instruction on use and care. Be sure to have the head of household sign a release before installation to clear your club of any liability. Contact your National Headquarters for more information.



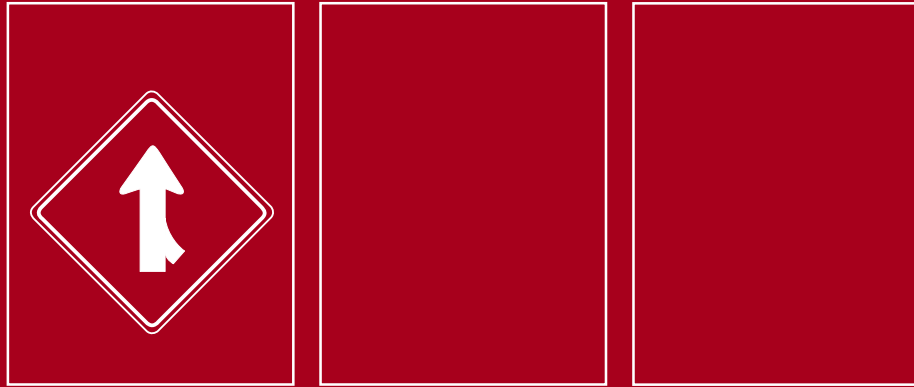
## Living With Fire

Living With Fire is a program developed for campus and student fire safety. Campus fire safety is a serious concern. According to National Fire Protection Association, more than 1,700 fires a year occur in dormitories and Greek housing, causing \$2.8 million in damage per year.

In addition to on-campus housing, students living off-campus in houses and apartments raise a significant concern. The U.S. Department of Education estimates that 2/3 of students enrolled full-time in four-year institutions live off-campus. Based on information compiled by Campus Firewatch, in the 18-month period from January 2000 to July 2001, 17 students were killed in off-campus fires.

Living With Fire was developed to provide campus fire safety material that is targeted at students. The program consists of a wide variety of promotional materials such as pizza box stickers, posters and newspaper advertisements, project ideas for practical hands-on activities like using a fire extinguisher, or learning the difference between putting out a stove fire and a waste-paper basket fire and promotional tri-fold brochures focusing on Alcohol and Fire Safety, Candles, Smoking and Fire Safety and other relevant issues are available.

The material available can be used in assembling your own programs unique to your local conditions. Contact The National Exchange Club or the U.S. Fire Administration for more information.



# Awards & Recognition

## Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Firefighter of the Year

For years, Exchangites have recognized the exemplary efforts of Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters through these annual award programs.

One of the keys to successfully recognizing the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and the Firefighter of the Year is to gain the cooperation of your municipality, its law enforcement agencies, and fire departments. This spirit of cooperation is necessary and adds credibility to the recognition program.

Once an annual selection is made, a detailed explanation of the reasons for the recognition and a biographical sketch of the honoree should be distributed to your local news media.

The actual recognition should be appropriate. Suggestions include an engraved watch, U.S. Savings Bond, or a plaque. Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year plaques can be ordered from The National Headquarters Supply Department.

## Blue & Gold Wounded in Service Award

Designed by The National Exchange Club, the Blue & Gold Wounded in Service Award is a fitting and proper way to honor those individuals who were wounded or killed in the line of duty. The award can also be given posthumously to the family of police officers or firefighters.

The award includes a certificate, a handsome bronze medallion suspended from a blue and gold ribbon and a military-type service ribbon that can be worn on a uniform.

Complete instructions for implementing the Blue & Gold Wounded in Service Award program are available from The National Exchange Club Headquarters.



## Resources used in this guide

The National Exchange Club Foundation  
3050 Central Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio 43606  
Phone: 800/924-2643  
Fax: 419/535-1989  
Web: [www.preventchildabuse.com](http://www.preventchildabuse.com)

National Neighborhood Watch Institute  
P.O. Box 4208  
Santa Fe, California 90670  
Phone: 888/669-4872  
Fax: 888/329-6694  
Web: [www.nnwi.org](http://www.nnwi.org)

National Crime Prevention Council  
1000 Connecticut Ave. NW 13th Floor  
Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: 800/937-7383  
Fax: 202/296-1356  
Web: [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org)

D.A.R.E. America  
P.O. Box 512090  
Los Angeles, California 90051-0090  
Phone: 800/223-3273  
Fax: 310/215-0180  
Web: [www.dare.com](http://www.dare.com)

Illinois Office of the Attorney General  
Gang Crime Prevention Center  
318 W. Adams Street, 12th Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Phone: 888/411-4272  
Fax: 312/793-2400  
Web: [www.gcpc.state.il.us](http://www.gcpc.state.il.us)

Call For Action, Inc.  
5272 River Road, Suite 300  
Bethesda, MD 20816  
Phone: 301/657-8260  
Web: [www.callforaction.org](http://www.callforaction.org)

National Fire Protection Association  
1 Batterymarch Park  
Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101  
Phone: 800/344-3555  
Fax: 617/770-0700  
Web: [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

National Youth Court Center  
American Probation & Parole Association  
P.O. Box 11910  
Lexington, Kentucky 40578  
Phone: 859/244-8215  
Fax: 859/244-8001  
Web: [www.youthcourt.net](http://www.youthcourt.net)



## Additional Resources

Lowe's Home Safety Council  
P.O. Box 1111  
North Wilkesboro, NC 28656  
Phone: 336/658-5634  
Web: [www.loweshomesafety.org](http://www.loweshomesafety.org)

U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001  
[www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov)

National Center for Missing & Exploited  
Children  
699 Prince Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
Phone: 800/THE-LOST  
Fax: 703/274-2200  
Web: [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)

United Way of America  
701 North Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
Phone: 703-836-7112  
Web: [www.unitedway.org](http://www.unitedway.org)

Tell-My-Mom.com  
P.O. Box 290  
Suamico, WI 54173  
Phone: 866/283-5566  
Fax: 419/535-1989  
Web: [www.tell-my-mom.com](http://www.tell-my-mom.com)

Filterworx  
2840 Plaza Place, Suite 103  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27612  
Phone: 919/789-0090  
Fax: 919/789-0102  
Web: [www.filterworx.com](http://www.filterworx.com)

U.S. Fire Administration  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
16825 S. Seton Ave.  
Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727  
Phone: 301/447-1000  
Web: [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov)

YWCA of the U.S.A.  
Empire State Building  
350 Fifth Ave., Suite 301  
New York, New York 10118  
Phone: 212/273-7800  
Fax: 212/465-2281  
Web: [www.ywca.org](http://www.ywca.org)

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug  
Dependence, Inc.  
20 Exchange Plaza, Suite 2902  
New York, New York 10005  
Phone: 800/NCA-CALL  
Fax: 212/269-7510  
Web: [www.ncadd.org](http://www.ncadd.org)



National Association of Town Watch  
P.O. Box 303  
Wynnewood, Pennsylvania 19096  
Phone: 800/NITE-OUT  
[www.nationaltownwatch.org](http://www.nationaltownwatch.org)

National SAFE KIDS Campaign  
1301 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Suite 1000  
Washington, D.C. 20004  
Phone: 202/662-0600  
Fax: 202/393-2072  
Web: [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)

Crime Stoppers International, Inc.  
P.O. Box 614  
Arlington, Texas 76004  
Web: [www.c-s-i.org](http://www.c-s-i.org)

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in  
Education  
3929 Old Lee Highway, Suite 91-A  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
Phone: 703/359-8973  
Fax: 703/359-0972  
Web: [www.ncpie.org](http://www.ncpie.org)

Turn Off The Violence  
P.O. Box 27321  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55427  
Web: [www.turnofftheviolence.org](http://www.turnofftheviolence.org)

The Children's Defense Fund  
25 E Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
Phone: 202/628-8787  
[www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org)

National Criminal Justice Reference Service  
P.O. Box 6000  
Rockville, Maryland 20849  
Phone: 800/851-3420  
Fax: 301/519-5212  
Web: [www.ncjrs.org](http://www.ncjrs.org)

National Family Partnership  
2490 Coral Way, Suite 501  
Miami, Florida 33145  
Phone: 800/705-8997  
Fax: 306/856-4815  
Web: [www.nfp.org](http://www.nfp.org)

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
P.O. Box 18749  
Denver, Colorado 80218  
Phone: 303/839-1852  
Web: [www.ncadv.org](http://www.ncadv.org)

U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
1615 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20062-2000 USA  
Phone: 202/659-6000  
Web: [www.uschamber.com](http://www.uschamber.com)

