

Crime Prevention Is:

“The anticipation, recognition, and appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of action to remove or reduce it.”

PROGRAMS

- **Neighborhood Crime Watch**

Designed to bring neighbors together to help deter crime; Crime Watch operates under two principles: *know your neighbors*, and *report suspicious activity*. This program is designed to help organize neighborhoods and keep them informed about current crime trends and prevention techniques.



- **McGruff House**

A McGruff House is a temporary safe house for children who find themselves in emergency or frightening situations. A sign placed inside the front window of a volunteer participant's home designates a McGruff House. Participants must agree to a criminal history check as part of the application process.



- **Law Enforcement Explorers**

Law Enforcement Exploring, for young adults ages 14 to 20, is a part of the Boy Scouts of America Learning for Life organization. The goal is to acquaint young people with the nature and complexity of law enforcement.



- **Vacation Safety School**

A summer program for Plano children, ages 6 to 9, designed to teach various safety issues. The five day school is offered during the morning hours of summer vacation months and is free of charge.



SERVICES

- **Educational Safety Presentations**

An Officer will attend community events, schools or gatherings to give a presentation on crime prevention subjects. Attendance of 10 or more is required. Participants must be at least 5 years of age.



- **Home Security Assessment**

At no cost, your home can be inspected by a Crime Prevention Officer to help you make your family and your property more secure against burglars and vandals. The *first* purpose of a Home Security Assessment is to identify features in your home or the daily routines of your family which might make your home an easy target for a burglar. The *second* purpose is to advise you what steps can be taken to eliminate or reduce those hazards. The inspection report and recommendations are left entirely with you, and all aspects of the inspection are kept confidential.

- **Business Security Assessment**

A Crime Prevention Officer will come to your establishment and evaluate its physical and procedural security measures. You will be informed as to how your particular business may be most susceptible to crime, and which factors may be making your business an attractive target to prospective criminals. The officer will complete the survey by offering specific suggestions as to how you can lower the potential for your business and employees to become crime victims. All information discussed during the survey is kept strictly confidential.

- **Texas State Insurance Inspection**

Receive a 5% to 20% discount on your homeowners' insurance premium by meeting minimal security standards. A Crime Prevention Officer will conduct an inspection to qualify your home. Check with your insurance agent to find out whether they participate in this offer.

- **Operation I.D.**

Check out an engraver from the Crime Prevention Unit to etch property with your driver's license number and state abbreviation.

- **Child Fingerprinting**

Fingerprinting services are available for children ages 5 to 12 free of charge. The fingerprint cards are to be kept by parents for their files.



- **H.E.A.T. – Help End Auto Theft**

H.E.A.T. is a statewide program designed to reduce auto theft. Vehicle owners sign an agreement allowing peace officer to stop and verify ownership between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. if the officer observes the vehicle being used.

- **V.I.N. Etching**

Every car has a unique Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) that is kept in databases that can be accessed by law enforcement agencies. VIN etching is a process where the car ID number is etched onto all of the car windows. This provides a strong visual deterrent to thieves, who would have to replace all the windows of the car before reselling it.



- **Anonymous Drug Testing**

Suspicious substances, such as powders and pills, can be tested by the Crime Prevention Unit using a “Field Drug Test Kit.” This is an anonymous service and no personal identification is required.

- **Crime Prevention Rental Equipment**

- Engravers for Operation I.D. – Deposit Required.
- Fingerprint Boards for group fingerprinting events.

EVENTS

- National Night Out
- Super Safety Saturday
- Cub Scout Saturday
- Plano Balloon Festival
- Kids Night Out



CrimeReports.com

Provides searchable neighborhood crime data.

Offenderwatch.com

Provides information, mapping and tracking alerts for registered sex offenders living in Collin County.

Police Reports.US.

Allows citizens and insurance companies to access crash reports for a fee.



The GOAL of the Crime Prevention Unit is to maintain strong police-community relations through information and educational programs geared to all ages in an effort to reduce crime and enhance the quality of life in the City of Plano.



Contact the:
– Crime Prevention Unit –
to make appointments for all services and for more information regarding programs.

Safety brochures are available to the public in limited amounts.



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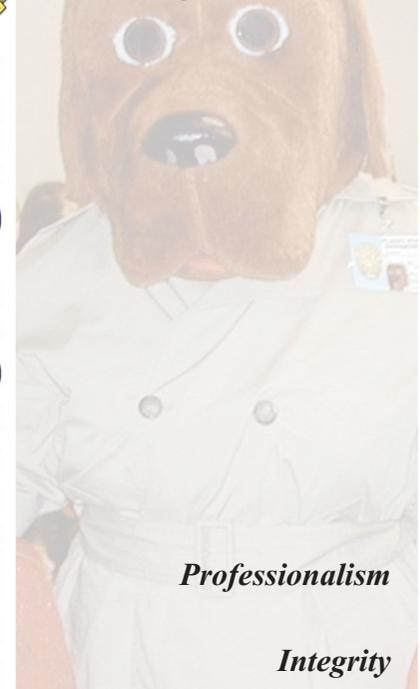
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