



April, 2007

Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association

Meeting Location – St Mary's University - **Tuesday April 17th 11:30 A.M.**

AT&T Building, Room 45

One Camino Santa Maria

San Antonio, Texas

Enter campus from the intersection of Culbera & Memorial (traffic light)

Membership meeting: 11:30 – 12:00 noon

Training session # 1 – April 17, 12 – 2 P.M. (Tuesday – following the membership meeting)

Basic Life Support – BASIC FIRST AID, Part 1

Training session # 2 – April 18, 4-6 P.M. (Wednesday)

Basic Life Support – BASIC FIRST AID, Part 2

Instructor: Juan Ostequin

4 Hours TCLEOSE credit

(Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officers Standards & Education)

Food each day provided by



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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Maps & Directions available on our web site: [AACPA.NET](http://aacpa.net)



UNIVERSITY POLICE CAMPUS WATCH REPORT

February 2007 - <http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterFeb2007.pdf>

March 2007 - <http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterMar2007.pdf>

April 2007 - <http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterApr2007.pdf>

➤ Support The 100 Club of Comal County on Friday, April 6

The McDonald's restaurants in Comal County will donate a portion of their proceeds between 11 am and 2 pm this Friday, April 6 to The 100 Club of Comal County. The 100 Club of Comal County is a benevolent organization that provides immediate significant financial aid to the families of any law enforcement officer, firefighter, EMS responder, or jail officer in Comal County who dies in the line of duty. Help support this very worthwhile effort by visiting your local McDonald's this Friday between 11 am and 2 pm. Be sure and say "thank you" to the McDonald's employees for their support to The 100 Club.

If you would like more information about the non- profit 100 Club of Comal County

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New Braunfels, TX 78130
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Cpl. Tim Kolbe, Crime Prevention/ Community Services
Co- Coordinator, NB/ Comal Co. Crime Stoppers
Comal County Sheriff's Office, 3005 W. San Antonio, New Braunfels, TX 78130, (830)-620-3400

➤ Comal Co. Crime Stoppers has a new website: <http://www.ComalCrimeStoppers.org>

On it you will find lots of great info about how the program works and a new way to send in tips, electronically. Of one important note is the upcoming annual Fun Run, and Rockfest. Both events are designed to raise funds for the daily operation of the program. If you like rock, join us for Rockfest. If you own a motorcycle or a car (who doesn't), come on the Fun Run with us. A flyer in different formats is below.

Due to size restrictions enforced as a standard by email servers, I uploaded Fun Run poster documents to website for permanent archival as well as so that you or anyone who needs to print these can do so by going to this link: <http://comalcrimestoppers.org/docs/>

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➤ April's Child Abuse Prevention Month activities

Child Abuse Prevention Press Conference

The Child Abuse Prevention Press Conference will be held April 2 at 10 a.m. at Child Protective Service, 3635 S.E.Military Drive, Room 3D66. Mayor Phil Hardberger and Judge Nelson Wolf will introduce the Public Service Announcement "Who Knew" and "Why Not Me?"

Child Abuse Prevention Conference

The Child Abuse Prevention Conference will be held April 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Army Community Service, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. In session one, Col. Elisabeth Stafford and Maj. Keith Lemmon, Brooke Army Medical

Center, will present “Recognizing Increased Support Requirements in High Stress Deployed Military Families – A Critical Role for Child & Youth Serving Professionals.” In session two, Melissa Jijerina will cover “Strengthening Families: Preventing Abuse Before It Happens.”

Child Abuse Prevention Education Day

Child Abuse Prevention Education Day will be held April 27 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the University United Methodist Church, 5084 DeZavala Road, at Vance Jackson Road. The panel discussion will be “Child Abuse Prevention and Medical Issues, and the roles of the Faith Based Communities – Help us help you – To help them.”

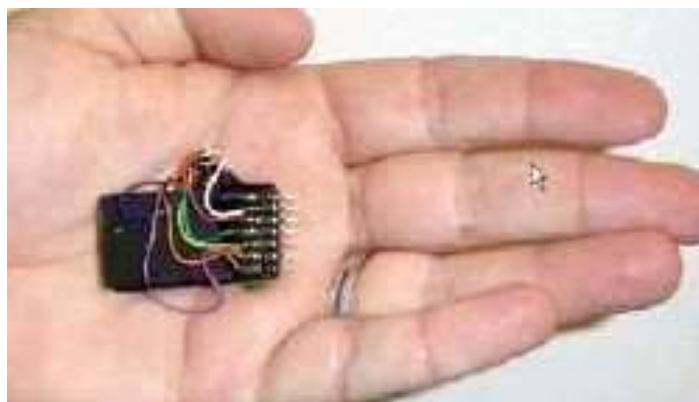
‘Blue Sunday’ Prayer Service

A “Blue Sunday” prayer service will be held April 29 from 3 to 4 p.m. at Sea World. Many pastors, including Chaplain James Benson from Fort Sam Houston, will pray for abused children, children in foster care and parents who are facing difficult situations. All faith communities around San Antonio will take a brief moment to pray for abused children. The goal of “Blue Sunday” is to provide tickets to Sea World, with meals and transportation included, for the 2,250 children

*Linda Furlow-Patty, 210-221-9686 (DSN 471),
Provost Marshal Office, 2404 N. New Braunfels Avenue, Stop 38
Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234, Fax 210-221-9173 (DSN 471)*

📌 Credit Card Skimming at Gas Pumps

The US Attorney’s Office in the Western District of Arkansas reported authorities have recently discovered a state of the art credit card skimming device in a gas pump of a major supplier in a large metropolitan area in North Texas. The suspects have master keys to more than one brand of gas pumps. They simply unlock the pump cover and install the device. The device is estimated to hold the data of 2,500 to 3,000 credit cards. The suspects can also access the device remotely. It would appear only high volume facilities would be targeted.



Also, the only known means of location is personal inspection or the identity of the compromise point for a large number of fraud complaints

Bcc:NETWORK,

Urbanek, Richard (USATXW) [mailto:Richard.Urbaneck@usdoj.gov]

📌 Greeting from Cowtown!

To all Texas Crime Prevention Association members.....I need your help!

As many of you know, we (TCPA) have been discussing a change in participation in National Night Out, held the first Tuesday night in August each year.

To make a long story short, my city (Fort Worth) will not be participating in NNO this year, but we will be having a similar event on an evening in October (Crime Prevention Month). We are doing this in hopes that enough other cities will do the same and this will develop into a statewide event. We all know why August is not a good time to be outside in Texas! By changing it to October, we have no doubt participation will increase.

Just FYI, Arizona did this about seven years ago and their event in October has been very successful.

After much discussion, we in Fort Worth came up with a name and date....Crime Prevention Night in Texas and October 16th. Little did we know at the time, our Chief has a conflict with this date!

So here's where I need your help.....My Chief wants the following information before he will agree to another October date. He also want to make sure that we have enough agencies/cities agreeable to this change to make it a Texas event.

Please reply to the following questions as quickly as possible:

- 1) Will your agency/city be participating in National Night Out in August?
- 2) If not, will your agency/city be replacing NNO with a like event?
- 3) And if so, what date and name have you chosen for your event?

I guess I have become the "unofficial" leader of the Texas night out event. Please feel free to call me if you want to discuss this more.....817-392-4125 or email me at martha.mabry@fortworthgov.org.

I appreciate your time and input.

Martha Mabry, Crime Prevention Coordinator, Fort Worth Police Dept.

Texas Chisholm Trail Crime Prevention Association

Meeting Reminder, Our Next Meeting is

Thursday, April 12th at 11:30 AM

Neldas (Mexican food), 2880 Highway 157 N, Mansfield, TX, (682) 518-7007

We have a 40 Hour Basic Crime Prevention School scheduled for May 21 - 25 at Tarrant County Sheriff's Academy. We still need instructors. If you are will to assist, please contact our Training Director Maranda Jordan or me to volunteer.

National Night Out Update

As you may know, there has been discussion about trying to get the date for National Night Out changed or creating our own similar event later in the Fall when the temperature is cooler. Fort Worth PD has decided to go ahead this year and do our own event. After much discussion, we have decided on Tuesday, October 16th. You are welcome to join in with us on our new night. We are still working on a name for the night. We will update you at the April meeting on our plans.



The Colleyville Police Department, the Colleyville Heritage PTSA and CHHS Counselors have arranged to have a representative from the Texas Attorney General's Office, Sgt. Kimberly Bustos, to make a presentation on Internet Safety on Thursday, March 29 at 7pm. This is open to all who would like to learn more about keeping children safe while on the Internet. If you would like to attend the location is Colleyville Heritage High School, Library, 5401 Heritage Drive, Colleyville, 76034.

No pre-registration is necessary. Police Officers are invited and if you have been re-assigned out of crime prevention please pass this on to your replacement.

Thanks for your interest.

Bill Hudgins, Community Services Officer, Colleyville Police Department

▶ From TCPA President

Hello Everyone,

I have attached the Awards Nomination packet for your review. I encourage you to submit an entry to Dickie Thomas (his contact information is in the packet). Too often, our members go above and beyond in their jobs with little or no recognition for their efforts. This can even happen to agencies as a whole. (Editors note: Attachment can be found on our web site at: <http://aacpa.net/downloads.htm>)

I have spoken with Dickie Thomas and he has his committee in place for what we hope is a great response. Also, if please help disseminate this email to those that might not have received it.

The awards application can also be downloaded from the webpage (www.tcpa.org) - along with the Summer registration - it's not too early!

Jon Matherne



The National Crime Prevention Council is looking to develop a new Crime Prevention Association. In order to make the Association as relevant and helpful as possible, we are looking for feedback from the law enforcement community on what you value in such an association. It would be greatly appreciated if you could spend no more than 4 to 6 minutes filling out this quick and easy survey that will help us meet your needs. There is no obligation to join once you are finished and your responses will be completely confidential. Thank you again for your participation; your views will better allow us to provide another resource to you in the prevention of crime.

Please click here to access the survey: http://www.NCPC.org/IMA_survey



The Irving Police Department is offering Crime Free Multi-Housing Training. This program is now in use both nationally and internationally. It can be tailored to fit the needs of your community. The program is designed to reduce the fear of crime in rental homes and displace criminals to live somewhere else.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please give them a call.

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The 1st Annual 4 for H.A.N.K. 4 mile /1mile Run on March 31st, 2007

Why Hank Nava?

Hank was a Fort Worth Police Officer who was fatally injured on November 29, 2005 while serving a parole violation warrant. He died two days later on December 1st, 2005 from his injuries. Hank's widow Teresa, formed H.A.N.K. (Helping Another Next of Kin) in honor of his memory and all other Tarrant County Police Officers killed in the line of duty.

What is the 4 for Hank 4 mile / 1 mile Fun Run?

This year's event will mark the first of an annual event to raise money for the H.A.N.K. foundation. The foundation will provide wills to graduating Recruits prior to hitting the streets, an annual scholarship to a police officer's child, monetary assistance for specialized equipment needed in specialized units, and a lump sum donation to the next of kin when an officer is killed in the line of duty.

Please please please please send this registration form out to everyone in your address book. AND please please please register yourself. My goal is 500 runners. Please help me make this foundation a HUGE SUCCESS!!!!

Thank you and I love all of you!!!!
Teresa Nava



Calling All Cars

We need your help! We are looking for as many agencies as possible to provide Police vehicles to participate in a parade in Gainesville, Texas on Saturday, March 31, 2007. The parade starts at 10AM. Line-up will start at 9AM at the Gainesville Civic Center, 311 South Weaver Street. This parade is an opportunity for Law Enforcement to show their support of our veterans and more specifically our Medal of Honor recipients.

Gainesville's Medal of Honor Host City Program was established in 2001 by a group of volunteers seeking unique way to show the community's respect and appreciation for the service of America's veterans. Activities supporting this program have been held annually. This year we are adding a parade to the list of activities.

If your agency can participate in this 1st annual event please respond to this email with the number and types of vehicles. The route for the parade is not very long and should not take more than an hour. After the parade everybody is welcome to partake in the other activities planned for the day.

Here are some links with more information:

About the Medal of Honor Program: <http://www.gainesville.tx.us/Historical/MedalofHonor.html>

2007 Activities: <http://www.gainesville.tx.us/Historical/Medal%20of%20Honor/Activities.html>

Press release 03-06-2007, <http://www.gainesville.tx.us/Homepage/News%20Updates/MOHProgram.html>

Don't let your agency pass up this opportunity to participate in this event. There will be several Medal of Honor recipients present for this event.

Thank you, Captain Mark Brazelton,
Gainesville Police Department, 201 Santa Fe Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240, 940.668.4760



The FWPD Auto Theft Unit has noticed some recent trends that officers should be aware of;

1. There have been several thefts from the freeways from cars broken down and it may involve unregistered wreckers, if you see a wrecker pulling a car from the freeways or loops, stop and check them.
2. Auto Theft actors have been stealing cars and placing them just a few blocks from the theft location to be picked up later. After taking the report, spend some time searching in a ten block area to see if they have left the stolen vehicle stashed nearby.
3. Motorcycle theft have started to creep back up as the weather is warmer. Some theft actors have begun using a by-pass harness to defeat the key system. If you stop a suspicious person that has one of the wiring harness, let the Auto Theft Unit know.
4. Be sure to run vehicles by VIN as well as the license plates. There have been several occasions when PD Pulled vehicle are checked in at the Auto Pound, the civilian staff has found outstanding stolen vehicles by just checking the VIN's.
5. A high percentage of vehicles (25-89%) are still being stolen with keys being left in vehicles. Either left warming up, left running at stores or keys in the vehicle, please be aware of those and issue citations.
6. A new way to defeat the keys locks has been noticed; drilling under the key lock. When you recover a stolen, please be sure to note any damage to the column on you report.

Billy Rudd,

817-994-6924

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