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**Helping Law Enforcement Officers Educate Americans
of All Ages About Crime Prevention**

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How To Order NCPC Publications

When you are planning your next event, remember that NCPC has a wealth of free publications. NCPC publications can help! Order NCPC materials by visiting the [McGruff Store](http://McGruffStore.org) or calling 800-NCPC-911.

Featured Publication

NCPC's Internet Safety Trading cards are fun for kids and teach them valuable lessons about being safe on the internet. They are [available online](#). Larger quantities can be ordered by visiting the [McGruff Store](http://McGruffStore.org) or by calling 800-NCPC-911.

NEW McGruff Specialty Products Catalog

Need a coloring book on neighborhood safety, bicycle safety stickers, or a bag for all of those crime prevention publications? Visit the [McGruff Specialty Products Office](http://McGruffSpecialtyProductsOffice.org) to find these items and more ways to help support local crime prevention efforts.

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Celebrate Safe Communities

Celebrate Safe Communities Reaches 130 Events! There's Still Time To Register!

Even though we have more than 130 registered events for Celebrate Safe Communities it doesn't mean we want you to stop working to get events registered. DOJ, NCPC, and NSA appreciate everyone's hard work on CSC, but you know that crime prevention is an important topic that every person should be aware of and participate in. CSC is a great way to get people in your local community interested and involved in crime prevention. For more information visit www.celebratesafecommunities.org

Did you miss the free CSC webinars in July?

Don't fret, NCPC and the National Sheriffs' Association have you covered. Visit www.celebratesafecommunities.org and check out the "tools" to find all four webinars.

What's new on celebratesafecommunities.org?

In the left column of the CSC website you will find the addition of the CSC Electronic Press Kit with everything you need to talk to the media about your local initiative and Celebrate Safe Communities. In the kit you will find press release templates, interview requests, event notices, speaker advisories, talking points, post event releases, McGruff research, the 2006 *Fear of Crime Report*, and a Perception of Crime fact sheet.

Also new to the CSC website under the Tools section is the addition of a CSC poster and an event flier, both with room for localization. Download them for free and add your own picture to customize these tools.



**Would you like us to
highlight your McGruff
event? Email the details to
jbroderson@ncpc.org.**

McGruff in Communities

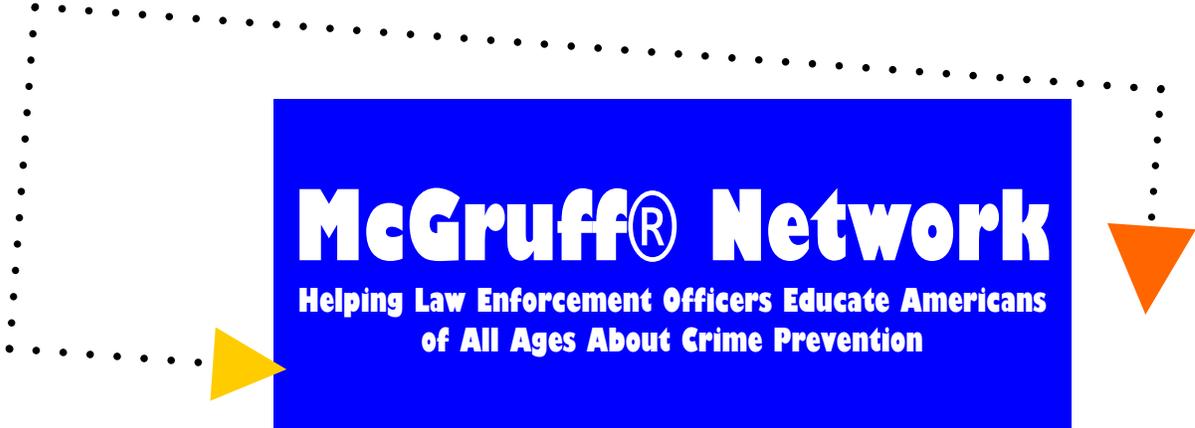
Play Ball with McGruff

On September 21, McGruff had the pleasure of attending the Washington Nationals' Child Safety Day for the fourth consecutive year. Each year McGruff brings important crime prevention information to the fans at the game and especially to the

children. This year McGruff will provide Internet and personal safety information for parents and children throughout the game. McGruff also turned in the line-up card and gave fans a chance to see McGruff's important public service announcements about cyberbullying and Internet safety on the new Nationals' Park

Jumbotron. Kids also got a chance to meet McGruff and received a McGruff and Screech coloring page along with crime prevention information.

Do you have an event you want to highlight?
Email jbroderson@ncpc.org



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News From the Field

[Protect kids from bullying](#)

Since school started the Miami Dade Crime Watch has received many inquires from parents and teachers who would like to know how to prevent bullying. Some parents are concerned because their children are entering middle school. Some parents have already experienced situations, and Executive Director Carmen Caldwell suggested to them to not only contact the school administration, but also the school resource officer. Here are some recommendations from the National Crime Prevention Council and from some of the training on violence prevention and bullying.

[Cities turn to curfews to quell violence](#)

HARTFORD, Connecticut (AP) -- Hartford police will detain anyone younger than 18 who violates the city's curfew in October in response to recent violence, including a weekend shooting that killed a man and wounded six young people, city officials said Monday.

[NYC hot lines accept videos, cell phone pictures](#)

NEW YORK - Tipsters to New York City's crime and complaints hot lines can now send photos and video from computers and cell phones, officials said Tuesday, September 9. It's believed to be the first U.S. city that can accept images for those services.

[Summer programs credited with reducing gang violence](#)

LOS ANGELES — Gang-related murders and aggravated assaults decreased between July 4 and Labor Day in the communities surrounding eight parks kept open late and providing youths with sports and arts activities, police and city officials announced Monday, September 8.

['Bait Bikes' Stolen 5 Times In 1 Hour](#)

WASHINGTON - District police are trying to crack down on bike thefts by using what are called "bait bikes."

News From NCPC

When Crime Strikes Your Community

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) has something new to help quell the fear of citizens if crime strikes their community. NCPC, best known for its icon McGruff the Crime Dog, today unveiled an initiative to help the media and law enforcement respond to crime situations and emerging crime trends.

As part of Crime Prevention Month in October, NCPC is getting the word out about its new rapid response initiative, which is aimed at helping communities address timely topics such as home invasion, school shootings, crimes against seniors, sexual assault, and property theft. The topics covered in the rapid response radio kit that accompanies this initiative can help the media, law enforcement, and NCPC, the leader in crime prevention education, respond quickly to a community situation with proven prevention tips. The kit features ten pre-recorded messages as well as live announcer scripts that let local media and law enforcement respond with personalized messages to their community when a crime takes place.

September Catalyst Is Online

Check out [this month's Catalyst newsletter](#) for the most recent crime prevention news and resources. You can also [sign up to receive Catalyst](#) free in your email.

Crime Prevention Month Resources Online

October is Crime Prevention Month, and it's right around the corner! We've collected resources for you [here](#).

NCPC Blog Update

NCPC has posted more than 300 crime prevention blogs on emerging trends since July 2006. [Blogs](#) cover topics as varied as digital TV scams and improving communication with deaf victims of sexual assault. Leave a comment, re-post our blog, or write about your personal experiences.