



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



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•Crime Prevention Unit
805-781-4547

• Neighborhood/
Business Watch
805-781-4483

• Rural Crime
Ranch/Farm
Watch
805-781-4578

Ctrl -Click on the
SLO
County Sheriff's
Website Link below for
more
Crime Prevention
Information
<http://www.slosheriff.org>

GREAT EVENT!!



COME JOIN US!!

Check out SLO Sheriff's Website

Check out SLO Sheriff's Website for a wealth of information. Not only can you check out what types of crime are occurring in your neighborhood by clicking on "Crime Map", but you can see who is in custody. There are links to Crime Stoppers, the Megan's Law Website, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Vine Link, a victim's advocacy website which allows citizens to be alerted regarding release of inmates. By clicking on Community Programs and then Crime Prevention, you can retrieve past and present issues of Crime Prevention Insider.

All past and present press releases are available from the Home Page of the

site. New to the website is Neighborhood Watch Interactive; just click on Neighborhood Watch , learn how you can start your own group and improve the quality of life in your neighborhood.

The Department's Crime Prevention Unit is still available to assist with establishing your group, facilitating meetings, or other needs you may have. The Unit also offers free residential or business security surveys, to assist in pointing out areas that may be vulnerable to break-ins at your home or business.

Please call the Crime Prevention Unit for more information.

SHERIFF'S DAY AT THE RANCH

HOSTED BY:



**SLO County Sheriff's
Advisory Council**

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**Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 10am– 4pm at the
Madonna Inn field, next to Highway 101**

Come join us for a free family day at the ranch where there will be law enforcement and emergency displays and demonstrations by the Sheriff's K9 Unit, Sheriff's Posse, County Bomb Task Force, Sheriff's SED Team, California Highway Patrol, County Fire Chief's Safety House, and Jaws of Life!

Tri-Tip sandwiches, soft drinks and water will be available for purchase. Hot dogs and soft drinks are FREE to children under 12 years of age.

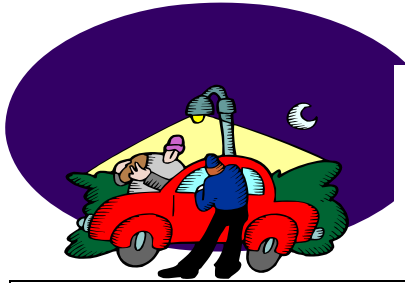


Back to School

School is back in session, which means more vehicle as well as pedestrian traffic. Allow some extra time to reach your destination, take extra precaution in school zones, and when busses are loading or unloading passengers.

This is also a good time to talk to your child about not accepting rides from people without your prior permission, or making unplanned stops on their way home from school or the bus stop. Remind your child that school personnel will be made aware if there is a change in plans regarding who will be providing their transportation home from school.

Child safety presentations for your school or organization are available from our Crime Prevention Unit. For more information call: (805) 781-4483



Vehicle Burglary Alert!

**Report suspicious persons
Or activity immediately!**

Non Emergency 781-4550

**Please help us reduce crime in your community
by taking the following prevention steps:**

- Lock and secure all doors and windows even if you are gone for only a few minutes.
- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle. If you cannot take them with you, conceal them from view in your trunk prior to arriving at your destination.
- When parking outside of your garage, treat your garage door opener as if it were a key to your home and remove it from your vehicle.
- If your vehicle has an alarm, activate it!
- Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area.

Mounted Posse

One of the oldest auxiliary units is the Sheriff's Posse. Dating back to the 1940's, the unit consists of volunteers on horseback who represent the Sheriff's Department in parades, perform searches, and provide event security. Each of the 28 members is required to provide and maintain their own horse and equipment.

The Posse is divided into two teams. These teams include the Search and Rescue Team, and the Ceremonial Team.

***If you are interested in
volunteering, or would like
more information regarding
the Sheriff's Posse, contact:
Deputy Ed Bryant:
805-434-4290***



Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteer Patrol

Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteer Patrol (SAVP) is a team of citizens who enhance vital crime prevention services through proactive law enforcement principles. Members of SAVP take no enforcement action, do not carry weapons, nor make arrests. SAVP is designed for the citizen who has an interest in helping law enforcement and the community.

Sheriff's Citizen Academy

The Sheriff's Citizen Academy (SCA) provides community members with an inside look at the Sheriff's Department and all facets of law enforcement. Participants will tour the Jail, Court Services, Dispatch/911 Center, and the Crime Lab. Generally SCA spans over 10 weeks.

**For further information regarding SAVP or SCA please contact:
Marsha Mann at the Crime Prevention Unit:
(805)781-4483**



Rural Crime Prevention

Preventing Metal Theft

Unfortunately, criminals will take advantage of nearly every opportunity available to them. As scrap metal prices rise, so does the theft of these items, especially copper. With new laws requiring improved documentation of transactions by scrap yards we can better deter these crimes, but we also need your help.

Tips to help combat metal theft:

- Keep residence well lit at night with motion sensor lighting.
- Consider marking your metals and other equipment with an Owner Applied Number (OAN). For further information on this identification and recovery program, contact the Rural Crime Unit at the Sheriff's Department.
- Report all thefts to law enforcement immediately.
- Call for a free Security Survey from the Sheriff's Department so that vulnerable areas of your property or storage location can be improved.

HOW TO SPOIL A CRIMINAL'S DAY

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Live on a ranch?

Tell thieves that you're on alert by lighting all of your facilities.



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