

# Kern County Sheriff's Office

Crime Prevention Unit (661) 391-7559

*Outreach to residents of Kern County in an effort to educate and inform our community how to stay safe and improve one's quality of life.*



## **Presentations**

**Anti-Bullying Presentation** - (30 minutes) Ages: Kindergarten - 5th grade

This Power Point presentation includes basic information for school age kids on the dangers of bullying how to stop bullying in their school. This presentation covers the different types of bullying among children, how to stand up to a bully, how to prevent bullying, not being a bystander, and what to do if YOU are or have been the bully in the past. The presentation ends with a fun cartoon of McGruff the Crime Dog.

**The Crime Prevention Unit** - (20 minutes) Ages: Teen - Adult

This presentation was created due to the overwhelming request of the community asking the questions of "what exactly IS the Crime Prevention Unit and what services do you offer the public?" We take pleasure in talking about what we do by providing a fun slideshow of all the free services, charities, children's events, and outreach efforts we offer to everyday people. This is a great presentation for quick lunch time meetings, for charitable organizations, community partnerships, or any group interested in the Kern County Sheriff's Office and our outreach to the community.

**Crime Scenes & Fingerprints** - (45 minutes) Ages: 6 - 12

Originally created for Boy scout/Cub scout groups needing information on Crime Prevention, Crime Scene Preservation, and Fingerprinting, this presentation was created by one of our very own Crime Scene Evidence Technicians and is available to all children. This presentation covers crime scene evidence/preservation and what really goes on when that yellow crime scene tape goes up. This presentation also covers various ways kids can help Law Enforcement by playing an active part in their community. The presentation ends with evidence collection techniques and information about fingerprints—complete with a fingerprint lifting demonstration and cards for each child to take home their own fingerprints.

**Domestic Violence & Teen Dating Violence** - (45 minutes) Ages: Adults and/or Teens

Domestic Violence or Teen Dating Violence can take many forms and does not discriminate. his presentation covers Domestic Violence and the different types of abuse, the link between DV and alcohol/drug abuse, warning signs, the cycle of abuse, the victims of Domestic Violence, and the resources available within our county for those needing to seek services. This presentation covers in depth the cycle of abuse and the importance of education and outreach on this topic. Many of the warning signs and indicators of an abusive relationship are visible very early on in life when teens are first forming dating patterns. By bringing light to this subject and empowering teens and adults through education, we hope to make a difference in the lives in Kern County.

**Hug-a-Tree Program** - (20-30 minutes) Ages: 5-12

Presented by the Kern County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue volunteers, this educational program is designed to teach children very basic principles for staying safe in the wilderness. A curriculum originally created by Border Patrol Agent Ab Taylor and renowned tracker Tom Jacobs, the program derives its name from it's primary message: If you are lost, stay put and hug a tree until help arrives. In addition to the presentation, our trained Search and Rescue staff can also answer interesting Search and Rescue questions and provide activity and coloring books. On special occasions a Search and Rescue canine may accompany the presentation

**Identity Theft** - (30 minutes) Age: Adult and/or Adults

Identity Theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the US and costs Americans over 10 billion dollars every year. In this presentation, we cover many useful and practical tips to prevent being a victim of identity theft. We also present information for those who have been victims and the resources that are available to help.

**Internet Safety for Parents, Teachers & School Staff** - (45 minutes) Age: Adult

This presentation was created to increase awareness and close the gap between the activities of pre-teens/teens on the internet and supervising adults. Kids sometimes have access to cyberbullying, chatting with strangers online, posting personal/sensitive information, or involvement in sexting/online sexual relationships simply because adults are not aware of the trends in which the teens are participating. This presentation is meant to simply inform parents/teaching staff of red flags to look for in kids who may be involved in potentially dangerous activity online and what the resources out there are for concerned adults.

**Internet Safety for Teens & Pre-Teens** - (45 minutes) Ages: 6th Grade—12th Grade

This presentation is meant to inform teens of the dangers of risky online behavior. This Internet Safety presentation covers online predators, social media dangers, posting sensitive or personal information online, cyberbullying, sexting, and many other dangers teens can encounter knowing or unknowingly by their actions via technology. Internet Safety for Teens includes videos that are meant to "hit-home" with students and show just how long lasting their actions in cyber world can be. Previous cases of cyberbullying and predators are discussed as well as the permanent footprint teens now have to deal with and the lifetime consequences of one-time mistakes made online.

\* All presentations available in English and Spanish

**Neighborhood Watch** - (60 –90 minutes) Age: Adult

You, yes YOU can take back your neighborhood! Intended primarily to prevent property crimes and increase your quality of life, Neighborhood Watch has been an active program since the 1970's for one reason—because it WORKS. Law Enforcement cannot do our jobs without the participation and help of our community members. This in-depth training covers the three important aspects of Neighborhood Watch: 1) Neighbors organizing and coming together 2) How to detect suspicious activity, share it with one another proactively, and report that activity to Law Enforcement 3) Techniques and trends to protect your property more effectively and reduce the window of opportunity for crime. The Crime Prevention Unit will cover crime trends in your area, how to make a proper call for service, response time issues, vehicle theft, home security, and everything in-between. Many property crimes are easily preventable crimes—and it is our job to inform the residents of Kern County how to better protect property and reduce the crimes in Kern County neighborhoods.

**Sharing the Road—Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety** - (30 minutes) Ages: All

Pedestrians and drivers do not always see eye to eye. It is important to remind and refresh the community on ways to be safe regardless of which route is taken. This presentation covers information for drivers, walkers and bicyclists alike. Additionally, a bike signal, bike reflector, and bike helmet demo can be done at the end of the presentation.

**Personal Safety** - (30 minutes) Age: Adult

The best way not to become the victim of a crime or an accident is by preventing it from happening in the first place. This presentation reminds us to be prepared in any situation. Covering street precautions, vehicle/travel safety, home safety, office safety, bus safety - and what to do if you should become a victim, our presentation tries to incorporate many different aspects of life. This presentation is Crime Prevention 101 and provides useful information that can be used in everyday activities.

**Sheriff's Activities League (S.A.L.)** - (20 minutes) Age: All

For those looking to partner in the community, donate, volunteer, refer participants, or just interested in the programs the Sheriff's Office has to offer, this presentation gives a brief overview of the Sheriff's Activities League, a non-profit organization of local law enforcement working with youth. The Kern County Sheriff's Activities League has 4 different chapters located throughout Kern County - we love to taking the time to present to you about the staff (our very own beloved deputies), volunteers, and of course the amazing kids benefitting from this program. A slideshow is included to show the various field trips, activities, awards, community service projects, courses grants, teaching programs, and fundraisers that make the S.A.L. program so unique. S.A.L makes Kern County a better place to live while creating responsible youth.

**Stranger Danger** - (20 minutes) Ages: Kindergarten—4th Grade

A presentation for young children meant to supplement and reinforce what parents should be teaching in the home. Stranger Danger alerts kids that not all bad people LOOK bad—and uses examples that strangers may use to lure young children. “Good Strangers”, or people to turn to in a time of need, videos, engaging “what, if” scenarios, as well as suggestions for parent/child passwords, what to do if approached by a stranger, how to call 911 and report to a safe adult are all covered in the basic presentation for younger aged children.

**Senior Citizens—Scams and Frauds** - (45 minutes) Ages: Adult

The goal of this presentation is to inform, protect, prevent, and spread the word to educate our community on the crimes, primarily fraudulent, being targeted at Senior Citizens. As the demographics of senior citizens continue to grow, so do the many avenues for criminals to coerce, scam, defraud and deceive this specific age group. This presentation uses statistics and data from Kern County Sheriff's Office Detectives to educate our community on some of the more popular scams and hoaxes being used to commit crimes against senior citizens. Example handouts are also provided as a take-home resource.

**Water Safety** - (45 minutes) Ages: Adult

Unintentional drowning is the leading cause of death in children under age 5. In the county of Kern, with warm weather and abundant backyard pools in warmer months, along with the Kern River and other available recreational bodies of water, education and prevention of drowning and water related accidents is very important for parents. This water safety presentation states the statistics and risk factors for various age groups, and covers three main risk locations: in the home, in the pool, and natural bodies of water. Tips for proper supervision, creating barriers and knowing the signs are all covered as well in this Power Point presentation. During the warm weather months in Kern County, child vehicular heatstroke death is also an unfortunate, preventable tragedy that inevitably takes the lives of Kern County babies and children each year. At the end of this presentation, child heatstroke prevention is introduced, including a safety video and tips for parents to make sure they and any caregivers can prevent this tragedy.