



2009 Training Conference

Austin, Texas

July 12th-17th

TEXAS CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

34th Annual Texas Crime Prevention Training Conference

The 34th Annual Texas Crime Prevention Training Conference is July 12th to the 17th in Austin, Texas. If you are taking a specialty class make sure to follow the additional registration requirements to attend that class. This will be a great time to network with neighboring agencies and share program ideas. That are ac-

tive in our in our communities. Other training topics include Dating Violence, Current Drug Trends, Security Lighting, Church Security, Public Speaking, Dangers without Intentions, There will be a 12 hour training class on Neighborhood Watch by the National Sheriffs Association. A 24 hour Certification

Course in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design with Steve Garst, and Rape Aggression Defense for Kids and Adults will be available.

Child Safety Seat



Certification Class

CIT training

Abloy Door Hardware

LoJack for Laptops

Internet Crimes

Asset Loss Prevention

Domestic Violence

Internet Crimes

Current CP Trends

New Texas Crime Prevention Association Website.

The Texas Crime Prevention Association website site has been under construction. The new look is ready for you to check out at www.tcpa.org The Website has some great new features. Look under Crime Prevention information for printable brochures that are ready for you or citizens to print and go. Under our members only area we have brochures you can add your contact information on and print. We are still producing more brochures for future use and want your ideas so if you have a special request let us know. This area will also have PowerPoint ready presentations and a training calendar! This website is a great addition to our association and we are finally providing citizens with crime prevention information on the web! User Id: Member Password: tcpa2009member

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Check this out!

Rocky Mountain Crime Prevention Association Board of Directors decides on a new name and logo change .

Congratulations!

It will take some time and a little money to get these changes on all of the TCPA literature but it will be coming.

Far West Texas Crime Prevention Association



Bringing Safer Communities Together

A letter from our President



Greetings to all of our members. I have to say it has been quite a year for us and I want to remind you that the work you are doing is so very important. I know we are all struggling with budget cuts and having to figure out how to accomplish more with less. When someone comes around asking you to justify your job and explain exactly why Crime Prevention shouldn't be cut out of the budget, it's hard to know exactly what to say. I say "why would you even consider it an option?" Crime Prevention and Community Relations is the true backbone of our agencies relationship with our community. Our work is sometimes hard to measure because the crime that we prevent is much harder to measure than those that are committed. We are out there everyday educating our community on what they can do to lower their chances of being a victim of crime. We sometimes contact hundreds at a time. Unfortunately no one tracks the people who were contacted to see if they in fact become a victim or not. I believe they would see that a large majority of those who take the recommended steps are much less likely to be a future victim of crime. I also point out that neighborhood watch programs and citizens police academy programs make community members proud of their local agency. That means they are more likely to vote in favor of supporting their local agency. There are hundreds of reasons why I feel Crime Prevention units are important and I can't possibly list them all. I want you to remember this. Our work is important and together we make our great State of Texas a safer place to live, work and play. I know you are out there making a positive difference everyday and I am proud to be a part of this great association and I am proud to serve as your President. I look forward to seeing you in Austin and to working with you to continue our crime prevention efforts in the future.

P.S. Don't forget to take a look at the website. I am proud of how it turned out!

Sincerely,

Tammy Snider, CCPS

President Texas Crime Prevention Association
Plano Police Department



Training

Active Shooter
Programming

Setting up a Citizen's
Police Academy in
your community.

▶ *Target and CODE
BLUE*

Make your room
Reservations


TCPA

Laugh a Little



Up Coming Events

Mid Winter 2010 will
be January 10th-13th
at the Great Wolf
Lodge in Grapevine.



Summer 2010 will be
July 9th-16th at the Crowne
Plaza on the River Walk in
San Antonio.

Join Us!

Continued....

**Child Safety Seat
Certification 28hrs
and a 6 hour CEU Course
class will be available. You
must PRE-REGISTER for
these on the conference reg-
istration form AND by going
to [www.safekids.org/
certification](http://www.safekids.org/certification).**

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

www.texasattorneygeneral.gov

Law Enforcement Update Fugitive Unit Tallies 1,000th Child Sex Offender Arrest

Young Texans are literally the future of this great state. As law enforcement officers, we must do all we can to protect children. When it comes to convicted sex offenders who have been released and are back on the streets, we must be especially vigilant. There are far too many stories about sexual predators who get out of prison, only to strike again. These previously convicted offenders have already proven they are a threat to innocent children. So, it is critically important that law enforcement closely monitor these offenders – and react swiftly if they violate the terms of their release. To help crack down on sexual predators, I established a Fugitive Unit that locates and arrests sex offenders who either fail to register with local authorities or violate their parole conditions.

With the arrest of our 1,000th child sex offender last month, we reached an important milestone. Fugitive Unit officers arrested John Charles Dickerson, 46, for violating his parole after he reported to work in Houston without all of his mandatory monitoring equipment. In 1989, Dickerson was convicted of indecency with a child by exposure in Nueces County. His victims were four young children whose ages ranged from 8 to 11 years old.

Importantly, these 1,000 arrests would not have been possible without the close cooperation with police departments, sheriff's offices and other law enforcement agencies across Texas. That collaboration has been crucial to our successes – especially considering the fact that the Fugitive Unit had only five staff members when we created it in 2003.

In 2007, the Texas Legislature authorized additional funding that allowed the OAG to expand the Unit. With this funding, we established regional offices in the greater Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth areas, which allowed us to respond more quickly and effectively to protect children. Since opening the Houston office in 2007 and the Fort Worth office in 2008, these regional offices have improved our ability to protect Texas children. Thanks to coordinated efforts with local law enforcement, Fugitive Unit arrests increased more than 130 percent.

The Fugitive Unit's efforts are complemented by our Cyber Crimes Unity, which cracks down on child pornographers and sexual predators who use the Internet to prey upon children. To date the Cyber Crimes Unit has arrested more than 100 child predators.

Just as we partner with local law enforcement to crack down on criminals, we also partner with legislators to help ensure the law stays up with criminals. To adequately protect our fellow Texans, law enforcement must have the right legal tools. State Sen. Florence Shapiro and state Rep. Aaron Peña authored a law that would update state sex offender registration laws. If enacted, their legislation would require convicted sex offenders to provide their e-mail addresses, mobile telephone numbers, social networking aliases and other electronic identification information to the Department of Public Safety's sex offender registry. With access to this information, law enforcement can help ensure that offenders are complying with their parole requirements and make the Lone Star State safer for young Texans.



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New Booster Seat Law Clarified

There has been some confusion about a new state law that requires all children younger than eight (8) years old, **UNLESS** taller than 4'9" to be in child passenger safety seat system. ("Child passenger safety seat system" includes traditional car seats with harnesses *AND* booster seats – both high-back and backless versions.)

The law also requires all safety seats and booster seats to be installed according to the instructions of the manufacturer of the safety seat system.

Because of the changes of the wording in the law (SB61), the following legal interpretation should be applied:

- Once a child reaches eight (8) years old, they are **not legally** required to be in a child safety seat system.
- If the child is younger than eight years old, **BUT** they are already 4'9" tall, they are **not legally** required to be in a child safety seat system.
- If a child is eight years old or older, and not yet 4'9" tall, they are **not legally** required to be in a child safety seat system.

The law also requires that safety and booster seats be installed and used according to the manufacturer's instructions, including age, height and weight requirements and the placement in the vehicle. (Some manufacturers prohibit using their products on the front seats of vehicles.)

The other part of the law that may cause some confusion are the dates of when the law takes effect and when the enforcement phase begins.

The law will take effect September 1, 2009. Law enforcement officers may only enforce the new changes in the law with written or verbal warnings until June 1, 2010.

However, beginning on June 1, 2010, officers may then arrest or issue a citation/notice to appear to a person committing an offense.

A fine of not more than \$25 can be assessed for a first offense and no more than \$250 for the second or subsequent offenses.

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