

Upcoming Training You Just Can Not Miss!!

2nd Annual Citizen's Corps Symposium,

April 14th—16th, 2011

“Celebrating People in Action”

Seville Golf and Country Club,

6683 South Clubhouse Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85297.

This **FREE** training will bring together some of the most respected professionals, as well as some new voices, to share information on more than 20 different safety and emergency preparedness topics. Attendance is **FREE**, however you must register for your specific topics.

Some of these topics include:

1st Aid/CPR Certification
Drug Use and Identification
Social Norms and Behaviors
Mega Sheltering Operations

Crime Scene Preservation
AZ. START Triage
Crime Against the Elderly
Blood Borne Pathogens

You can find information about registering for this training by going to the website: <http://www.acpa.net/training-upcoming/RegistrationForm.pdf>. Please make sure you are following all directions for completing your registration.

Looking to securely shred your old tax documents? Here is your chance!

With the annual tax season just around the corner, it is a good time to purge those old documents. To do this in one quick swoosh, bring your file boxes to one of the upcoming Safety Forum and Expo's (as seen on page two). For your spare change, law enforcement and EZ Shred will personally and securely shred your personal documents— on the spot. All donations collected will be matched by Midfirst Bank. All proceeds will be used to provide training to law enforcement, corporate loss prevention and citizen's throughout the state. Staples, folders and clips are alright and if you have an old cell phone—you can turn that in and receive a tax deductible receipt. For additional information on the upcoming events, please click on adjacent box.

Inside this issue:

Upcoming Training and Shred-A-Thon 1

New training and product review 2

Using technology and Social Media to increase Neighborhood Watch communications 3

Your State Coordinator:

Vickie Owen, CPS
GILBERT PD
75 E. Civic Center Drive
Gilbert., Arizona 85296
(480)635-7521
vickie.owen@gilbertaz.gov



Upcoming FREE Training for Neighborhood Watch Coordinator's - with Free Breakfast and Lunch

Safety Forum and Exposition 2011!

Join Law Enforcement, the Arizona Crime Prevention Assoc., Inc., Maricopa County Attorney's Office and Arizona State Attorney General's Office for this **FREE** training. There will be a variety of safety prevention presentations and activities available for the entire family. There will also be **FREE** document shredding, Child Id and an area of safety related products and vendors to speak with during this training.

Click on below photo for info and to register for this event!



WEST SIDE: May 21st 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., 2011—Cross Point Church 8600 West Glendale Ave. Glendale

or

EAST SIDE: June 11th 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.—Word of Grace Church 655 E. University Dr. Mesa

Registration is required and space is limited. Kids over age 6 are also welcome and will have age appropriate presentations and activities to attend. Click on ACPA logo to the left to Register, or go to the website:

<http://www.acpa.net/Expo.htm>

Review of a new products—Fake TV by Officer Kory Sneed



Officer Kory Sneed: works in the Crime Prevention Unit of the Scottsdale Police Department. He is the Vice President of the ACPA, Inc.

Imagine a burglar is looking for an empty home at night. The burglar sees a home that he thinks may be empty. He approaches the home and sees the light from a TV shining through a closed window. Is someone home? . "I like Fake TV if it's used as part of a comprehensive plan to create the illusion that a resident is at home when they aren't really there. This could be done by several lights inside the home on timers, a Fake TV projector and a radio to create the sound. The negative to this product is that most burglaries occur during the day. A Fake TV wouldn't work during the day and the website doesn't recommend it.

To see more about this product go to the website:

www.faketv.com



Neighborhood Watch 2.0 by Officer Douglas Lynch

Are Neighborhood Watches keeping up with our tech-savvy society? Most Crime Prevention practitioners will tell you that communities are made safer by educating and empowering the citizens who live and work there. In my opinion, Neighborhood Watches are the most effective tool for accomplishing this goal. However, are your community watch groups running as efficiently as possible?

In the last decade, the use of cell phones, email, social media websites and more recently smart phones, tablets and pads has exploded. All this technology has allowed us to communicate infor-

mation more quickly and with a larger audience than ever before. A person can send out an electronic message to hundreds of people in the time it would take to place a single phone call. When an alert watch member sees a suspicious circumstance, that information can be shared almost instantly with other concerned neighbors via electronic media. Nowadays, cell phones are carried by a large portion of the population and most can now capture photographs and video to share with responding police. Forward thinking police departments are setting up social media websites to share infor-

mation in a timely fashion.

However, alarmist behaviors can also be spread faster than ever with these technologies. Imagine if the boy who cried wolf had his own website. We all have a responsibility to have fact checking mechanisms in place before sharing information.

As information sharing technology matures and its use by our population increases, we owe it to ourselves to look at every emerging trend and ask, "Can we use this to improve our Neighborhood Watches?"



OFFICER DOUG LYNCH: works in the Crime Prevention Unit for the Surprise Police Department. He currently serves as the Director of Training for the Arizona Crime Prevention Assoc., Inc. and will be a presenter at the upcoming Westside Citizen's Safety Forum and Expo. on May 21st.

Crime Data - Now available at a website near you!

As a result of advancements in computer technology, crime mapping is becoming increasingly popular and available. Nearly every police department is using some form of computer software that collects data about crime incidents and displays that information to the general public. This technology is being employed in an

attempt to identify emerging criminal activity and trends with a focus toward crime prevention. Usually these crime maps depict neighborhood streets and use icons to indicate the location of recent criminal activity. Neighborhood watch groups can benefit from this mapping by gaining access to this data which

is either posted on the agencies website or through a contracted company. Either way, knowledge is empowering and knowledge about crime patterns can be used to prevent victimization. It is a good idea to find out if and how to obtain this information from your own local police agency.

FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON
USING SOCIAL MEDIA,
CLICK BELOW

