

Spring Crime Reporter
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New Look, New Beginning!!!!

The Crime Reporter has a new look. TRICOM is working more and more electronically and as a result this newsletter will be quarterly and available on the TRICOM website at: www.foxvalleyprevent.com
The Crime Reporter will still be distributed to local outlets, but in smaller numbers than in the past.
We have included a page on Most Wanted from are local Law Enforcement. We know that citizens reporting to police officials are vital in crime reduction, so we're giving you the heads up on who's Wanted.
Also included in this issue is an article about re:TH!NK's efforts on Social Host laws. These laws are designed to hold private citizens accountable for serving to underage drinkers.
We also are including a Kid's Page for our coloring readers.
This edition includes a report on the Crime Prevention Practitioners Association. TRICOM has several members that have been in leadership positions in the CPPA and they have developed a reputation as the source of Crime Prevention in Wisconsin. .
Check out the FREE HOME ALARM article below. You'll be thrille
Free Home Alarm System!

Officers throughout Winnebago County have done security surveys for home owners for a number of years and we have been routinely asked about home alarm systems. These alarm systems are very effective in both deterrence and detection; however many people just can't afford the installation and monitoring for such an alarm. Most of us already have a system that can be used in a similar way. Bring your car keys with you next time you go to bed. It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. (continued next page)

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until you turn it off, odds are the burglar won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

re:TH!NK Social Host Ordinance Effort.

re:TH!NK Winnebago's Healthy Living Partnership, housed in the Winnebago County Health Department, exists to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse while promoting healthy lifestyles. This community coalition has a multifaceted approach to prevention with one emphasis on policy change and advocacy.

The Advocacy Committee of re:TH!NK recently gained momentum and passed a Social Host ordinance in Winnebago County that now makes it illegal to furnish alcohol to minors on any "premises" as contained in Section 125.02(14)(m), Stats. regardless of whether said property is described in a license or permit. In other words, it was already illegal to provide alcohol to those under 21, but now it is also illegal to provide the venue (buy a hotel room, provide the beer at a party in the quarry or elsewhere).

When area high school students were asked in the 2009-2010 Youth Risk Behavior Survey where they obtained alcohol from, 34% said they got it from a friend, relative, or some other way.

re:TH!NK will roll out the 3rd annual Parents Who Host Lose the Most campaign this Spring to educate the community of the dangers related to underage drinking. Re:TH!NK Coalition Coordinator, Lisa Brown says "It's not a MINOR

problem. As adults, we should not tolerate our youth consuming alcohol, and in the same breath say we wish someone would do something about some guy getting his 10th OW! We are taking the necessary steps to change the mindset of parents of teens who say...we did it when we were kids. Well, being a teenager in the 21st century is quite different and the physical and emotional consequences are real." Brown goes on to say that parent education only goes so far, and then we have to hit them in their pocket books. "When a parent gets a large citation for hosting an underage alcohol party and the whole block starts buzzing about their irresponsibility, we will be doing our jobs".

Many TRICOM members are also on the re:TH!NK committees. Look them up on www.rethinkwinnebago.org

Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association

The Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association (WCPPA) had its start in the Fox Valley back in 1977. At the time, it was organized by a group consisting of local college instructors and police officers to support and further crime prevention efforts in the area. The association started small and had partnerships through the years with the juvenile officers association and the training officers association before breaking off on their own. Since its beginning, the WCPPA has been affiliated with the National Crime Prevention Council and was a founding member of the Crime Prevention Association of America.

The WCPPA is a unique association in that membership is open to both law enforcement and loss prevention/asset protection in the private sector. Presently, there are over 150 members in the association from throughout Wisconsin. The WCPPA has recently been involved in some unique programs aimed at improving the safety and security of Wisconsin residents. Some of these programs include the Good Drugs Gone Bad educational toolkit aimed at prescription drug abuse prevention and a partnership with the Home Depot stores to offer education and discounts on home security and safety related products. Both of these programs have received national attention as well.

The WCPPA's mission is to promote networking and collaboration among its members and educating its members on new trends. The WCPPA holds an annual training conference that is held each September at different locations throughout Wisconsin. This conference has featured several national speakers in recent years. In the spirit of collaboration and networking, the WCPPA has also recently been partnering with other organizations such as the US Attorney's Office, Center for Problem Oriented Policing and the Mid States Organized Crime Information Center to offer one day trainings on community policing, organized retail theft, scrap metal theft, media relations, severe weather spotter and identity theft.

For more information on the Wisconsin Crime Prevention Practitioners Association please visit their website www.wicrimeprevention.co.