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Crime Prevention Month Activities From Maryland's Community Crime Prevention Institute

Towson, MD (October 5, 2010)--- Since 1984, when the National Crime Prevention Council designated October as Crime Prevention Month, communities across the country have been highlighting the importance of awareness and education in stopping crime before it happens. While they offer classes year-round on crime prevention, Maryland's Community Crime Prevention Institute (MCCPI) is involved in many pro-active crime reduction efforts this October that range from senior citizen specific topics to gang and bullying awareness.

A division of the Police and Correctional Training Commission, under the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, MCCPI specializes in crime prevention education for law enforcement, as well as community groups and citizens. During FY10 their staff trained/educated more than 4,000 people. They are also a resource center for crime prevention materials and have youth, drug and community specialists who can help organizations develop strategies for their own prevention activities.

You can find MCCPI and their specialists at the following seminars/presentations during Crime Prevention Month:

Law Enforcement Training/Seminars:

- October 4-7 - Residential Crime Prevention Training - for law enforcement officers – Public Safety Education and Training Center, Sykesville
- October 12-15 - Maryland Crime Prevention Association Annual Training Conference – for law enforcement and community crime prevention representatives – Paradise Hotel, Ocean City
- October 27 - Maryland Triad/SALT (Seniors And Law enforcement Together) Training Conference – for senior citizens, service providers, law enforcement, etc. – Bethesda Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, Bethesda

Youth Crime Prevention presentations:

- October 12 – Bullying Awareness - Woodhome Elementary/Middle School (Baltimore City)
- October 18 and 21 - Bullying Awareness - Powhatan Elementary School (Baltimore County)
- October 25 – Drug Awareness (for adults) - Fort Detrick for National Red Ribbon Week (Frederick County)
- October 25 - Bullying/Drug Awareness - Johnnycake Elementary School Family Night (Baltimore County)
- October 26 – Drug Awareness (for youth) - Fort Detrick for National Red Ribbon Week (Frederick County)
- October 29 – Personal Safety/Drug Awareness - Gethsemane United Methodist Church (Prince George's County)

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Community Crime Prevention presentations:

- October 5 – Gang Awareness and Prevention – Western Maryland Hospital staff, Hagerstown
- October 7 – Personal Safety and Home Security – for Howard County Police Department personnel
- October 8 – Two sessions on Financial Exploitation/Fraud & Bunco – for community members – Hood College, Frederick
- October 20 – Financial Exploitation – community members – in conjunction with the Delaware Attorney General’s Office, Dover, DE
- October 21 – Sexual Predators & Cyber-bullying – community workers – McDaniel College
- October 21 – Financial Exploitation – community members – Eldersburg Library
- October 26 – Financial Exploitation – community members – North Carroll Library
- TBD – Financial Exploitation – for community members – Taneytown Library

For more information on attending one of these seminars, or if you are interested in setting up a presentation for your organization/community group, please contact MCCPI Director Patricia Sill at 410-875-3421 or psill@dpdcs.state.md.us.

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