



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Crime Prevention Insider

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!!

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office has updated its website. The new and improved website is user-friendly with added features like on-line crime reporting, real-time crime mapping, expanded sections on community programs/resources, and a search function to make navigating the site a snap. The Sheriff's Office is dedicated to our community and this new website is one more way for us to better serve you.

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office... Lead The Way.

- Crime Prevention Unit
805-781-4547
- Neighborhood/
Business Watch
805-781-4483
- Rural Crime
Ranch/Farm
Watch
805-781-4578

Ctrl + Click on the SLO County Sheriff's Website Link below for more Information
<http://www.slosheriff.org>



CRIME MAP



WHO IS IN CUSTODY



MAKE A REPORT



ANNUAL REPORT



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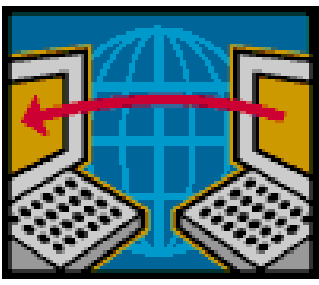
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Next Sheriff's Citizen Academy to begin: September 3rd, 2014

The Sheriff's Citizen Academy (SCA) provides community members with an inside look at the Sheriff's Office and all facets of law enforcement. Participants will tour the Jail, Court Services, Dispatch/911 Center, and the Crime Lab. The Academy also provides the opportunity to learn about the Bomb Task Force, Special Enforcement Detail, Narcotics and Gang Task Forces.

For More Information Contact: Marsha Mann at (805) 781-4483



BOMB TASK FORCE



HIGH RISK TRAFFIC STOP DEMO



911 DISPATCH CENTER



FIREARMS TRAINING SIMULATOR



The Sheriff's Office partners with Friday Night Live (FNL) to encourage the youth in SLO County to make a choice to live a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free life ... while learning important leadership skills to build a better future.

Friday Night Live Board of Directors Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at:

Drug and Alcohol Services 2180 Johnson Ave. SLO
5:30 – 7:00 pm

For more information call: 781-4289 or e-mail:mail@slofnl.com

PROMOTING A HEALTHY YOUTH LIFESTYLE FREE OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO & OTHER DRUGS

Congratulations New Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteer Patrol Members!!

We are pleased to announce that the Sheriff's Office has 14 new SAVP's.

The new members graduated on March 15th, 2014



Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteer Patrol (SAVP) is a team of citizens who enhance vital crime prevention services through proactive law enforcement principles. Members of SAVP take no enforcement action, do not carry weapons, nor make arrests. SAVP is designed for the citizen who has an interest in helping law enforcement and the community. For further information about SAVP – Contact :

Crime Prevention Specialist, Marsha Mann at 781-4483

SEARCH & RESCUE (SAR)

The SLO Sheriff's SAR Unit is made up of trained volunteers. Unit members provide the manpower, knowledge, and skills to conduct searches for missing people. Our SAR Unit is the largest specialized unit for the Sheriff's Office and is 100 percent volunteer effort.

For More Information Call:

781-4553



There are other Volunteer Opportunities Available...

Cntrl – Click on the Sheriff's Office Website Link Below to Check Them Out

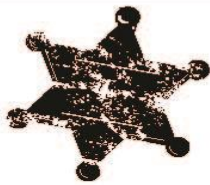
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HOW TO SPOIL A CRIMINAL'S DAY

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**Live on a farm? Start a
Ranch/Farm Watch in
your community.**



**SLO County Sheriff's
Advisory Council**

www.slosheriff.org

Start a Ranch Watch

Remote and rural areas have always faced a special vulnerability to crime due to relatively unprotected high valued equipment, livestock, produce, and infrequent patrols in some areas. This growing problem signals a need for positive crime prevention measures on our farms, ranches, and in our rural communities.

Over this past year our rural community, has experienced a spike in thefts and burglaries...thousands of dollars in equipment and other items have been lost...this trend is still continuing. Keeping a look out for suspicious and/or unusual behavior...and reporting this, may prevent you or your neighbor from becoming a victim. Besides reporting this behavior...another option is to get together with your neighbors and form a Ranch/Farm Watch...this way you will keep informed of what is going on in your area and help each other out by reporting what you see and hear.

Posting "No Trespassing" signs on your property is also a good idea...The SLO Sheriff's Office offers these signs at no charge.

To Report Suspicious Behavior, Call Sheriff's Dispatch: 781-4550

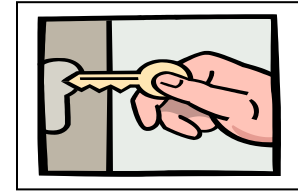
**To start a Ranch/Farm Watch in your area or request No Trespassing signs, contact:
Crime Prevention Specialist, Brandy Swain at (805) 781-4578.**

NEIGHBORHOOD / BUSINESS WATCH

Spring is here! With the great weather and daylight savings time, we all seem to have more time to enjoy ourselves. Unfortunately, burglars also enjoy these weather conditions, as people are more likely to leave windows open or perhaps have an unlocked screen door as the only barrier to their home. With the warm summer nights, prowlers are more likely to be out and about after dark, just looking for opportunities to easily transfer ownership of your possessions to themselves, or maybe vandalize property to leave their mark. Don't be an easy target!

To learn how to deter some of this activity, our Crime Prevention Unit would be happy to assist with a FREE Home/Ranch, or Commercial Security Survey. This survey consists of a Crime Prevention Specialist taking about one hour of your time, at your convenience, to do a basic walk-through of your home or business to see if there are vulnerable areas. You are not required to comply with the suggestions we offer, but you may find the recommendations helpful.

This is also a great time to get together with neighbors/adjacent businesses and form or have an update Neighborhood/Business, or Ranch Watch meeting. Contact the Crime Prevention Unit, we will provide crime prevention materials, and be happy to facilitate your meeting.



Some Helpful Tips:

- Lock up before leaving your home, even if you are only planning to be gone a short time.
- Install motion sensor lighting.
- Make your home look occupied whenever you are going on vacation.
 - Lights on Timers
 - Stop newspaper/ mail service
 - Have a neighbor "watch" your home.
- Request extra patrol or "vacation checks" from local law enforcement.
- Do not advertise that you are going away on Facebook or other social networking sites.
- Do not leave your vehicle unlocked, even if it is parked in the garage.
- Do not leave valuables on the seat or dash of your vehicle in plain view.

**Come Visit the SLO Sheriff's Office Booth
at the Mid-Sate Fair
July 16- 27, 2014**

Each year we have a booth at the Fair. It is a great time to hand out information related to Child Safety, Neighborhood Watch, and General Crime Prevention information. There will be plenty of coloring books, sticker badges, and other items that help children learn about safety in a fun way. School Resource Officers will be in attendance, along with Crime Prevention Specialists...come and check out all of the services the Sheriff's Office has to offer.

We hope to see you there!

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS...

✚ **SHERIFF'S FAMILY DAY @ THE RANCH- Saturday, 9/13/14 – 10 am – 4 pm** Madonna Field -SLO Admission is free! Come see the Sheriff's Office specialty units & equipment, including the Posse, K-9 Unit, Bomb Task Force, Special Enforcement Detail's- Bearcat, Search & Rescue's Humvee & Crime Prevention Unit / School Resource Officer Booth- Plus much more!!

✚ **FOOT PRINTER'S -COP'S "n" KID'S DAY- Sunday, 11/2/14 – 11:00 am – 3 pm** Soto Sports Field AG Several Law Enforcement Agencies are represented, including the Sheriff's Office, at this fun event- Admission is free & there is also a drawing for bicycles !!!

BOTH OF THESE EVENTS ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY & FREE OF CHARGE!