

Crime Prevention Is:

“The anticipation, recognition, and appraisal of a crime risk and the initiation of action to remove or reduce it.”

PROGRAMS

- **Neighborhood Crime Watch**

Designed to bring neighbors together to help deter crime; Crime Watch operates under two principles: *know your neighbors*, and *report suspicious activity*. This program is designed to help organize neighborhoods and keep them informed about current crime trends and prevention techniques.



Crime Watch Signs

- **Law Enforcement Explorers**

Law Enforcement Exploring, for young adults ages 14 to 20, is a part of the Boy Scouts of America Learning for Life organization. The goal is to acquaint young people with the nature and complexity of law enforcement.



- **Vacation Safety School**

A summer program for Plano children, ages 6 to 9, designed to teach various safety issues. The five day school is offered during the morning hours of summer vacation months and is free of charge.



SERVICES

- **Educational Safety Presentations**

An Officer will attend community events, schools or gatherings to give a presentation on crime prevention subjects. Attendance of 10 or more is required.

- **Home Security Assessment**

At no cost, your home can be inspected by a Crime Prevention Officer to help you make your family and your property more secure against burglars and vandals. The *first* purpose of a Home Security Assessment is to identify features in your home or the daily routines of your family which might make your home an easy target for a burglar. The *second* purpose is to advise you what steps can be taken to eliminate or reduce those hazards. The inspection report and recommendations are left entirely with you, and all aspects of the inspection are kept confidential.

- **Child Fingerprinting**

Fingerprinting services are available for children ages 5 to 12 free of charge. The fingerprint cards are to be kept by parents for their files.

- **Business Security Assessment**

A Crime Prevention Officer will come to your establishment and evaluate its physical and procedural security measures. You will be informed as to how your particular business may be most susceptible to crime, and which factors may be making your business an attractive target to prospective criminals. The officer will complete the survey by offering specific suggestions as to how you can lower the potential for your business and employees to become crime victims. All information discussed during the survey is kept strictly confidential.

- **Operation I.D.**

Check out an engraver from the Crime Prevention Unit to etch property with your driver's license number and state abbreviation.

SERVICES

- **Take-Me-Home Program**

The Take Me Home system is a database that is maintained at the Plano Police Department of persons who may need special assistance if they are alone. The system includes a picture, demographic information and caregiver contacts. If a person in the Take Me Home system is encountered by a Plano Police Officer, the officer can query the Take Me Home system by name or by the person's description to locate the person's Take Me Home enrollment record. With the information at hand the officer can appropriately assist the person.

- **Crime Prevention Rental Equipment**

- Engravers for Operation I.D. – Deposit Required.
- Fingerprint Boards for group fingerprinting events.

- **Citizens Police Academy (CPA)**

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is led by the Crime Prevention Unit, with all lectures and activities taught by police officers whose current assignments are directly involved in the policing activities covered in their segment of the Academy. The CPA is conducted at the Plano-Richardson Police Training Center where the Plano and Richardson Police Agencies conduct their training. The equipment used during the CPA is the same equipment used to train police officers.

- **Community Camera Program**

Residents and businesses in the City of Plano register their privately owned surveillance camera systems. The Department may be able to use the information or footage gathered from the security cameras to assist in the apprehension and prosecution of the criminals involved. This is an example of community-police partnerships.

EVENTS



National Night Out
Plano Balloon Festival • Kids Night Out

communitycrimemap.com

Provides searchable neighborhood crime data.

Offenderwatch.com

Provides information, mapping and tracking alerts for registered sex offenders living in Collin County.

[Police Reports.US](http://PoliceReports.US)

Allows citizens and insurance companies to access crash reports for a fee.



The GOAL of the Crime Prevention Unit is to maintain strong police-community relations through information and educational programs geared to all ages in an effort to reduce crime and enhance the quality of life in the City of Plano.



Contact the:

– Crime Prevention Unit –

to make appointments for all services and for more information regarding programs.

Safety brochures are available to the public in limited amounts.



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Services & Programs

Get Over the Hump
Cub Scout Saturday
October 20, 2012 - 7:00 pm - 4:00 pm

In partnership with the community

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