

CRIME STOPPERS REPORT



Angela Turner of Manuel & Thompson law offices and Marian Terry, Crime Stopper Administrator, help attendees learn how to protect themselves from becoming victims.

National Night Out Against Crime is a nationwide crime prevention program that promotes neighborhood spirit as well as the partnership between the community and local law enforcement agencies. The Panama City Police Department, Bay County Sheriff's Office, Naval Support Activity Panama City and other local emergency services agencies hosted this very successful event.

From the mind of cartoonist Garey Mckee comes

POLICE LIMIT



WHY YOU TAKIN' MY BOY? HE'S TRYIN' TO RAISE HIMSELF UP!

RAISE HIMSELF UP? AS HIS MOTHER, ISN'T THAT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY?



HELL NO! I CAN'T EVEN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.



AND SO THE CYCLE CONTINUES.

The Florida Gang Investigator's Association

The Florida Gang Investigator's Association was formed in 1993, by criminal justice professionals, to Combating Gangs, promote and facilitate the exchange of gang intelligence and information among those professionals actively involved in the investigation and prosecution of criminal street gangs, prison gangs, extremist groups, supremacist groups and their membership. The main goal of the Association is to effectively and positively impact and ultimately eliminate the effects of gang violence and gang related crimes perpetrated by gang members whose actions adversely affect and constitute a threat to the public.

The Florida Gang Investigator's Association will hold their 17th Annual Gang Training Conference on August 10th -13th, 2010. The Conference will be held at the Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort Panama City Beach, FL

Prior to this conference the Florida region one Multi Agency Gang Task Force (MAGTF) will have a meeting at the Edgewater Resort. This group is part of the Attorney Generals task force to combat gangs throughout the state. Both groups work hand in hand to enhance the fight against gangs.



Crime Stoppers Gang Initiative

Gangs in Panama City? You had better believe it. Although many people think that the gang problem is a big city or far away problem it is something that has seriously effected the safety of our local communities. The initiation incident in one of our local schools was real. This is how it starts. Most of the local shooting crimes are gang related. Rather than hide their heads in the sand our local law enforcement agencies are attacking the problem head on and doing something about it. (see other article this issue)

Panhandle Crime Stoppers is also taking a hand in this fight. In cooperation with the Bay County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies Crime Stoppers is an active member of the team. They are represented on the Multi Agency Gang Task Force. One of their members is co-chair of the region one Prevention and Intervention committee under the Attorney Generals Gang initiative.

Crime Stoppers Media representative Debra Peel (the Crime Stopper Lady) and Sheriff Frank McKeithen have teamed up to place local billboards. Funding for the effort is entirely out of Crime Stopper trust funds. Crime Stoppers is also running a TV commercial against gangs and how they want to take your kids.

With the new school year starting Crime stoppers will be making a major effort to make students aware of how they can make their school community a safer place. Procedures in schools will be the same as those in the local community. NO ONE will know your name when providing information. All of these local efforts are funded from the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund. This fund is made up of fees assessed against law breakers upon conviction of a crime.