

## Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

### Crime Prevention Unit

### Community Initiatives

#### **Gun Safety and Locks**

Training the community on current gun laws and proper storage of weapons  
Distribution of FREE gun locks at the end of each training

#### **Home and Business Security**

Training the community on burglary prevention techniques for their home or business  
FREE security evaluation of home or business by certified Crime Prevention Specialist  
Distribution of FREE security kit at the end of training  
(Kit would includes 6-3" inch screws for door strike plate and hinges, secondary window locks, and a strike plate for door knob and dead bolt)

#### **Neighborhood Watch**

Educating the community on the benefits, creation and implementation of the Texas Neighborhood Watch Program  
For their area  
Training on surveillance techniques and proper documentation of incidents

#### **Child Identification Kits**

Educating the community on the importance and effectiveness of child I.D. kits  
Distribution of FREE identification kits  
Training on the proper completion of kit  
(Child I.D. Kit includes space to fill in child description, child's finger prints, current photo, baggie for DNA sample)

#### **Disaster Preparedness**

Educating the community on how to be prepared and self sufficient, during a time of crisis or disasters  
Distribution of FREE Emergency Preparedness Kits  
(Kit includes a ready to eat meal, flashlight, can opener, rain poncho, duct tape, note pad, batteries, whistle, lighter, matches, candle, hand sanitizer, Ziploc bags, and small game)

#### **Donuts With Deputies**

Educating the community on the laws pertaining to elderly abuse and fraud against elderly  
Training on how to identify the signs of abuse and how to protect against fraud

#### **Honorary Deputy**

Identifying a youth who has displayed courage, scholastic excellence, or humanitarianism  
Recognition of the youth at headquarters by sheriff, which includes a ceremonial swearing in, badge, gift and tour.

#### **Religious Community Outreach**

Providing training for church/ parish employees and members  
Evaluation of church or parish location by HCSO Crime Prevention Specialist  
Providing security detail and traffic control, during ceremonies and community events

#### **Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Support**

Working with community rehab organizations to provide support for recovering addicts in their successful transition back into the workplace and society.  
(Support would include assistance with food and the purchase of clothes for job interviews)

**If you would like the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit to present at your school, business or community meeting, please send a request to [crimeprevention@hidalgo.org](mailto:crimeprevention@hidalgo.org) or call us at 956-292-7070.**

