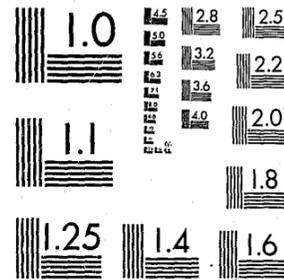


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Dear Mr. Rosenblum:

Enclosed is the final report on Grant No. 78-CA-AX-0104 describing the accomplishments of the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project. This program was funded by LEAA from November 1, 1978 through December 31, 1980.

We have appreciated the opportunity to work with LEAA in this innovative program to reduce crime and the fear of crime among older persons in our community.

Our H-1 Report and the unexpended funds will be forwarded to LEAA by March 31, 1981.

If you need additional information, please contact our office at (313) 926-5365.

Sincerely,

Ellen Preisman
Assistant Director

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<p>OBJECTIVE #1: <u>Conduct crime prevention activities at the three Reuther Senior Centers</u></p> <p>During this quarter workshops were conducted at each center to familiarize seniors with the use of the "911" telephone system for reporting crimes and with the use of the City's new Telephone Crime Reporting System. In December workshops on "Holiday Crime Prevention Tips" were conducted at each center. On October 17 a community conference on "Crime and the Elderly" was conducted in cooperation with the Gerontology Program of Wayne County Community College. (Additional details on this conference can be found in Attachment A, which describes program activities during October, and in the September issue of the <u>Community Crime Prevention Newsletter</u>, which is included in the final report.)</p>			
<p>OBJECTIVE #2: <u>Provide funding and technical assistance to four neighborhood organizations to carry on crime prevention activities as subcontractors</u></p> <p>Of the four subcontractors in the second year of the Crime Prevention Project, only the Neighborhood East Area Residents (NEAR) failed to complete its objective of installing better security devices in the homes of 200 residents. During the first year NEAR provided devices for 79 of the 100 homes it had set as its goal. During the second year it provided devices to an additional 78 homes, making its total for two years 157 (of 200). Additional information on NEAR's project are to be found in the final report of the Project. All other subcontractors carried on their activities according to their action plans.</p>			
<p>OBJECTIVE #3: <u>Conduct crime prevention education and organizing activities at 15 senior citizen sites</u></p> <p>Crime prevention workshops were conducted at 23 sites during the quarter.</p>			
<small>NOTE: No further monies or other benefits may be paid out under this program unless this report is completed and filed as required by existing law and regulations (FMC 74-7; Omnibus Crime Control Act of 1976).</small>			
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PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: OCTOBER, 1980

In an effort to reach isolated seniors who do not participate in activities at senior centers, nutrition sites, and housing sites, the Crime Prevention Project worked with WXON-TV in producing three 30-minute television programs which were broadcast as part of that station's public affairs program "Senior Journal". The Project was also featured on WKBD-TV's news program "Detroit Today" and was praised for its work in an editorial which appeared in the Detroit Free Press. (A copy of this editorial is included in the Project's final report.)

A comprehensive final report on the Project was prepared in December. A copy of this report is included with Categorical Grant Progress Report No. 9.

More detailed information on the Project's activities during the final quarter of the grant period can be found in the following attachments:

Attachment A - Program Activities: October, 1980

Attachment B - Program Activities: November - December, 1980

1. REUTHER SENIOR CENTERS

The Project conducted a community conference on "Crime and the Elderly" on October 17. Approximately 120 senior citizens participated in the program, which included: (1) panel discussions involving representatives of the Criminal Justice and the Elderly Project, the WSU-UM Institute of Gerontology, the Detroit Police Department, and the Gerontology Program of Wayne County Community College, and (2) workshops on crime prevention techniques conducted by the Detroit Police Department's Crime Prevention Section, Mini-Station Administration Unit, and Communications Section, and the Michigan Anti-Car Theft Campaign Committee. The cost of the conference was partially defrayed by contributions from businesses and community leaders.

Workshops on the State of Michigan's Crime Victims Compensation Program were conducted at the three Reuther Senior Centers.

4,000 copies of the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter were distributed to senior centers, community agencies, neighborhood organizations, police precincts and mini-stations, Neighborhood City Halls, and individual residents.

2. SUBCONTRACTORS

A. Neighborhood Information Exchange - NIE prepared and distributed 225 copies of two issues of The Exchange to neighborhood organizations and public and private agencies in the community. 158 calls were logged on the telephone "hotline".

B. Community Resource and Assistance Center - CRAC provided 539 escorts to senior citizens and logged 1295 miles on the SCAT van.

C. Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development - LA SED's Community Worker installed security devices in the homes of two more senior citizens and translated Action Guides No. 1 and 2.

D. Neighborhood East Area Residents - NEAR installed security devices on 5 homes during the month, bringing the total homes serviced this year to 73 and the total for the entire grant period to 152.

3. OUTREACH

Crime Prevention workshops were conducted at the following locations this month: the Mid-City Concerned Citizens Council, St. Stevens A.M.E. Church, the Island View Association, the Michigan Avenue Community Organization, St. Patrick's Senior Citizen Center, the Regent Park Homeowners Association, Faith Lutheran Church, Resurrection Lutheran Church, and the Harriet Tubman Service Center.

The director participated in a conference on "Crime in the Central Business District" conducted by New Detroit, Inc. and the Webber Foundations and in a panel discussion at a national conference conducted by the National Institute on Police-Community Relations.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 19801. REUTHER SENIOR CENTERS

In November, workshops were conducted at the three centers to familiarize seniors with the "911" emergency telephone system and Detroit's new Telephone Crime Reporting System. The sessions were conducted by a supervisor from the Police Department's Communications Unit.

In December, workshops were conducted at each center to familiarize seniors with special "Holiday Crime Prevention Tips". The Project also conducted an evaluation survey at each center to determine if any of the center members had been victimized in the past two years and to determine how successful the Project had been in reducing their fear of crime.

The Project worked with WXON-TV in producing three 30-minute segments of "Senior Journal", a public affairs program devoted to activities and issues of interest to senior citizens in the Detroit area. The programs were based on the eight "Action Guide" brochures and included presentations and discussions by the Detroit Police Department's Crime Prevention Section, the Department's Communications Unit, the Southwest Detroit Community Mental Health Services, Detroitbank Corporation, and the Michigan Anti-Car Theft Campaign Committee.

3,500 copies of the final issue of the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter were distributed in the community.

The Project met with a member of the City Planning Commission's staff to continue the development of the agency's proposal to use block grant funds in 1981 for a Senior Citizens Home Security Improvement Program.

The staff arranged for the closing down of the Crime Prevention Project office on December 23. After that date crime prevention activities are to be handled at the agency's Administrative Office.

2. SUBCONTRACTORS

A. LA SED - LA SED's Community Worker installed security devices in the homes of two more senior citizens, bringing the total this year to 34 and the total for both years to 39. He also prepared the agency's final report and evaluation of the two-year program.

B. NIE - NIE published two issues of The Exchange and distributed 225 copies to neighborhood organizations, agencies, and leaders. 116 calls were logged on the hotline, bringing the total this year to 1,312.

C. NEAR - NEAR installed security devices in 5 homes in the community, bringing this year's total to 78 and the total for both years to 157.

D. CRAC - CRAC provided 578 escorts to senior citizens and logged 1,639 miles on the SCAT van.

3. OUTREACH

Crime prevention workshops were conducted at the following locations: Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Peoples Community Church, the Fifteenth Precinct Community Relations Committee, the Wayne State University East Center, Gamma Phi Delta House, Goodwill Community Chapel, the Snow Senior Center, Virginia Park Community Center, the Parkside Project, the Clark Park Senior Center, the Johnson Recreation Center, the Fairview Baptist Church, St. Patrick's Senior Cooperative Apartments, and the Island View Association.

In response to an editorial in the November 28 edition of the Detroit Free Press and an announcement in The Exchange, the Project supplied copies of Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide and the eight brochures to these groups: Forest Park Citizens District Council, Wisconsin-Illinois-Kentucky Community Block Club, Outer Drive-Chandler Park Neighborhood Council, the North Central Neighborhood City Hall, the (Flint, Michigan) Senior Citizens Law Center, and the Fitzgerald Community Council.

On December 12, the Project Director was interviewed on WKBD-TV's news program "Detroit Today" and explained the activities of the Project since November, 1978 and the services it will still provide to the community during 1981.

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INTRODUCTION

The Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers, Inc. was funded in 1978 by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration to conduct an extensive crime prevention program to reduce both the criminal victimization of senior citizens and the fear of crime among older persons in Detroit. The agency's Crime Prevention Project began on November 1, 1978 and concluded on December 31, 1980.

The program was funded by Grant No. 78-CA-AX-0104 awarded by LEAA as part of its Community Anti-Crime Program.

Even before the start of this program the Reuther Senior Centers, the President of whose Board of Directors is Odessa Komer, developed and participated in many activities aimed at reducing crime and the fear of crime, problems repeatedly noted within the agency's network of senior centers and among many community groups in Detroit. The organization's efforts have been based on the belief that only by total community involvement can real progress be made in dealing with these problems. The Crime Prevention Project was funded to concentrate on mobilizing senior citizens and others to become involved in crime prevention activities in their respective neighborhoods.

Three types of activities were carried on:

1. developing and coordinating crime prevention programs in the three senior centers operated by the organization. The centers are located at the Tindal Recreation Building (10301 W. Seven Mile Road), the eastside YMCA (10100 Harper Avenue), and the Kronk Recreation Building (5555 McGraw);
2. providing funding and technical assistance to six neighborhood-based groups which conducted specific prevention activities within their communities: Latin Americans for Social & Economic Development (LA SED), Neighborhood East Area Residents (NEAR), the Neighborhood Information Exchange (NIE), the Community Resource and Assistance Center (which operates the Senior Citizens Area Transit), St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church, and the Motor City Consumers Cooperative;
3. an outreach program in which staff members worked with other senior centers to mobilize older adults who are active in smaller block clubs and neighborhood groups.

This program was developed by the Reuther Senior Centers in consultation with the Detroit Police Department, a number of community-based organizations and service agencies, and concerned individuals in the community.

The final report is divided into five sections. Section I examines the problems the Project was designed to address. Section II restates the goals and objectives of the Project as they appeared in the original grant proposal and in the continuation proposal for the second year's operation. Section III lists the major activities and accomplishments of the Project. Section IV examines a few problems encountered by the Project and describes how these problems were handled. Section V analyzes the overall impact of the Project in addressing the problems listed in Section I.

Attached to this report is a copy of Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide, the resource kit which was prepared by the Project and used extensively in working with neighborhood groups, community organizations and agencies, and individuals during the two year program.

Additional information on the Crime Prevention Project can be obtained by contacting the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers, Inc., 8731 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48214, (313) 926-5365.

William G. Yagerlener, Director
Crime Prevention Project
December 15, 1980

I. PROBLEMS ADDRESSED

The Reuther Senior Centers has addressed several problems relating to crime and the fear of crime on the part of older persons in Detroit:

1. Lack of Targeted Programs

Until the Reuther Senior Centers launched its Crime Prevention Project in November of 1978, there were few crime prevention programs and services aimed specifically at senior citizens. Many of the crime prevention programs that existed were directed at the broader community and did not take into account the special concerns and needs of older persons. There was no central resource center in Detroit for gathering information on the nature of the problem of crime and the elderly, for utilizing this information to develop crime prevention strategies and techniques, and for making these resources available to community agencies and organizations which work with older persons.

The following are examples of the lack of targeting. Although the Detroit Police Department had developed some senior programs as part of its overall community crime prevention efforts, it lacked the personnel to develop and maintain contacts with the many multipurpose senior centers, senior nutrition sites, and senior housing sites, all of which are focal points of services for older persons in the community. In some cases, although they were genuinely concerned and enthusiastic, police officers lacked the training and experience needed to work effectively with senior citizens. Much of the crime prevention literature and audio-visual aids available from the Police Department did not take into account visual and audio impairments experienced by many older persons.

2. Poor Coordination of Services

By mid-1978 several programs were undertaken by local, state, and national agencies and organizations aimed at the problem of the criminal victimization of the elderly. However, there was little coordination of these efforts so that the actual delivery of crime prevention services to older persons in Detroit was marginally effective.

At the national level, for example, the National Retired Teachers Association/American Association of Retired Persons, the National Council of Senior Citizens, the National Council on the Aging, the Administration on Aging, and the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Aging were examining the problem and developing recommendations, programs, and services to meet the needs they identified. The State of Michigan's Office of Services to the Aging was charged by the Governor with administering a Task Force on Crime Prevention for the Elderly to examine the problem in Michigan and to make recommendations. The Wayne State University - University of Michigan Institute of Gerontology was conducting extensive research into the criminal victimization of the elderly. However, there was no system in Detroit for linking community organizations and service agencies with these resources and for making use of the research and information to develop effective crime prevention programs.

3. Special Problems in Selected Neighborhoods

Within the broader community, several community-based groups had identified specific problems in their neighborhoods which they felt needed attention.

A. Language Barriers - In several neighborhoods in Detroit there are a significant number of non-English speaking residents. Many of these people are older persons who immigrated to the United States several decades ago and never became fluent in English as a primary language.

Others are recent immigrants - both young and old - who are not yet accustomed to English. This language barrier prevents these persons from taking advantage of human services in general and, in this case, from participating in community crime prevention activities since the Police Department lacks the bilingual personnel needed to service all ethnic groups in Detroit.

Although there are many ethnic groups which experience this problem, at the time the Reuther Senior Centers was developing its Crime Prevention Project two community organizations asked to be included in the program: Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED) and St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church.

- B. Lack of Essential Transportation - In most neighborhoods in Detroit in 1978 there was no "essential transportation" service for the elderly and the physically impaired. Those persons who lacked their own cars or did not have access to personal transportation in high-crime areas had few reasonable alternatives: (1) they could walk to take care of routine errands and run the risk of being victimized on the street; (2) they could pay for cab fare or a jitney, at the expense of meeting other obligations; or (3) they could remain isolated in their homes.

In one eastside neighborhood a series of brutal muggings of senior citizens had resulted in a widespread fear of crime and the social isolation of many older persons. In a neighborhood on the southwest side, a similar problem was complicated by the fact that most of the seniors were fluent in Ukrainian but not in English.

- C. Inadequate Home Security Hardware - In many neighborhoods in Detroit, older homes lack adequate security features. As part of its burglary prevention program, the Detroit Police Department conducts home security surveys to help residents analyze the security features of their dwellings. In almost every instance, Crime Prevention Officers recommend the replacement of obsolete locking devices with more adequate devices (such as single- and double-cylinder deadbolts). Although some of the recommendations can be implemented at little or no cost (property engraving, the pruning of shrubbery, the use of the "drop pin" for securing windows, and the use of porch lights and timing devices), many senior citizens on fixed incomes are financially unable to replace door locks and/or install protective grates over door windows. As a result, many seniors do not implement any of the officers' recommendations. In some instances, older persons are more fearful of being victimized when it is pointed out how vulnerable their homes are.

One eastside neighborhood was experiencing the highest burglary rate in the city. Although the Police Department had initiated a program in which persons over 65 years of age could have some home security improvements undertaken, the need far exceeded the department's resources and the department restricted the program to a small target area and required that senior citizens participate in Neighborhood Watch in order to qualify for the security improvements. As a result, seniors under 65 years of age living in blocks which had not organized a Neighborhood Watch were unable to take advantage of this service. Moreover, seniors living in other areas of the city were not eligible for the service.

- D. Inadequate Organizing Resources - Although many neighborhood organizations are concerned about the impact of crime on their communities, they lack some of the resources needed to mobilize residents to participate in crime prevention programs. Without any system for organizing volunteers and marshalling resources, their interest and initial enthusiasm turns to despair and pessimism.

In one eastside community, the members of the Motor City Consumers Cooperative felt that if they had some "seed money" to hire several part-time community workers, pay for the printing of crime prevention literature, and operate a small-scale office, they could work effectively with the nearby residents and businesses to carry on an intensive community crime prevention program.

- E. Inadequate Access to Information - Many neighborhood organizations in Detroit find it difficult to obtain and make effective use of information on activities and issues affecting their revitalization programs. They lack the time and personnel to monitor City Council hearings, to participate in the many public hearings, discussions, workshops, and conferences aimed at community groups and leaders, to track legislation, and to take advantage of funding, advocacy, and community development opportunities. In the absence of a mechanism for acquiring essential information, the stabilization and revitalization efforts of neighborhood groups - and their crime prevention programs - are difficult to sustain over time.

Recognizing this problem in 1978, a coalition of neighborhood groups organized the Neighborhood Information Exchange to serve as a communications and information-sharing network. The organization, however, lacked the resources to provide its newsletter and information services to smaller groups, which found it difficult to contribute the annual fee to participate in the network.

II. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Crime Prevention Project of the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers had one goal: to reduce crime and the fear of crime among older persons in Detroit.

To accomplish this, the Project established three objectives:

1. To organize crime prevention activities at each of the three multi-purpose senior centers operated by the grantee
2. To provide funding and technical assistance to the neighborhood-based organizations which would carry on specific programs as subcontractors
3. To organize crime prevention activities at other multipurpose senior centers, senior nutrition sites, and senior housing sites in the community

To accomplish these objectives, the Reuther Senior Centers employed a Project Director, three Community Workers, and an Administrative Assistant, all of whom were based in an office which was accessible to all parts of the target community. During the first year of the Project each Community Worker was responsible for organizing crime prevention activities at one of the agency's three senior centers. Each worker was also responsible for assisting one or more of the subcontractors when that help was requested and for acting as a liaison with the subcontractor. Most of the Project's activities in the first year were concentrated on developing and testing programs and materials at the agency's senior centers. Each subcontractor was responsible for carrying on its own program and reported to the agency each month on the progress being made and the problems encountered.

An Advisory Board was assembled to assist in the coordination of the program and to provide links among the subcontractors and between the Project itself and community agencies, leaders, and residents.

During the second year more emphasis was placed on working with older persons at other senior centers, senior nutrition sites, and senior housing sites. Because of the reduction in LEAA funds, one of the full-time Community Worker positions was replaced with two part-time positions which were filled by senior citizens who had participated in the training and organizing program during the first year.

During the second year two of the subcontractors were replaced in the Project by a smaller subcontractor when LEAA funds were reduced.

III. MAJOR ACTIVITIES

In addressing the problems outlined above, the Reuther Senior Centers carried on a wide range of activities during the two years of the Crime Prevention Project. These activities fell into three categories, corresponding to the three objectives of the program.

A. Crime Prevention Activities at the Three Multipurpose Reuther Senior Centers

1. Targeted Programs and Home Security Improvements - During the first grant period (1978-79), the Crime Prevention Project conducted a 9-part series of workshops at each center to introduce senior citizens to basic crime prevention techniques and strategies. The workshops covered home security improvements, property engraving, Neighborhood Watch, personal safety, sexual assault prevention, con games, auto theft prevention, and how to report crimes. Each session covered a different topic and made use of the services of the Detroit Police Department's Crime Prevention Section as well as speakers from Detroitbank Corporation (on con games and direct deposit) and the Minority Anti-Rape Task Force and the Southeast Michigan Anti-Rape Network. The purpose of the workshops was to demonstrate many practical crime prevention techniques and to link seniors to several resources in the area which could be used by them in organizing crime prevention programs in their respective neighborhoods.

As a result of the workshops, seniors began participating in Operation Identification and undertook basic home security improvements. (A portion of the grant was budgeted for the purchase of a limited number of security devices, which were provided to seniors who participated in the workshops. By the end of the second grant period 225 seniors had been provided with some type of home security improvement through the workshops at the Reuther Senior Centers and those conducted at other senior sites.)

After the initial series of workshops, the Crime Prevention Project arranged for instructors from Wayne County Community College to conduct 8-week courses on self-defense at each center.

During the second grant period, a 4-part "refresher" series of workshops was conducted at each center. In addition, the Project organized sessions on Michigan's Victim-Witness Assistance Program, on sexual assault prevention, and on Detroit's "911" system. The goal of these sessions was to link seniors with the public and private agencies which were involved in the delivery of important crime prevention and victim assistance services. It should be noted that many older persons were not taking advantage of the Victim-Witness Assistance Program because they were not aware of its existence. In October of 1980 the Detroit Police Department began a new Telephone Crime Reporting System, in which many misdemeanor reports are taken by phone instead of by an officer in person. The department welcomed the opportunity to explain the new system to seniors and to explain how citizens can use the "911" system more effectively.

In further addressing the problem of untargeted crime prevention programs, the Reuther Senior Centers prepared a resource kit of materials which can be used by agencies and organizations working with older persons. Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide consists of a series of in-depth articles which provide important information on crime prevention

but which had not been widely circulated to key groups and individuals who work in the aging field. The kit also includes a set of eight brochures developed especially for older persons and a group leader's guide explaining how to organize a crime prevention program for older persons. It should be noted that the materials in the kit were designed so that they can be easily reprinted and adapted to local conditions. By the end of 1980, 2,500 copies of the resource kits had been distributed and 5,000 sets of the brochures had been used in conducting workshops and seminars.

Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide is the only comprehensive training package known to the Project dealing exclusively with crime and the elderly. The Project has received requests for this material from many organizations and agencies throughout the United States and has made it available to them at cost.

2. Coordination of Services - To provide for better coordination of crime prevention programs at the state level, the Reuther Senior Centers participated in the Governor's Task Force on Crime Prevention for the Elderly. The goal of the task force was to assess the problems in the delivery of crime prevention services to Michigan's senior citizens and to develop recommendations for use by the governor in improving these services. Because of its long history of developing programs for the elderly and because of its involvement in the Crime Prevention Project, the agency played a key role in developing the task force's recommendations. Through the task force the agency also shared with other organizations and agencies in the state its materials on crime prevention.

To improve the coordination of crime prevention services at the local level, the Reuther Senior Centers participated in the Detroit Police Department's Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, which included representatives of local businesses, government, community agencies, and neighborhood organizations. The committee met on a regular basis with the Chief of Police to help the department maintain contacts with key groups in the community.

To make organizations and agencies working with older persons more aware of the resources available for elderly crime prevention programs, the Reuther Senior Centers published the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter. The newsletter was distributed each month to police precincts, mini-stations, Neighborhood City Halls, social service agencies, neighborhood organizations, and individuals in the community. The monthly circulation grew from 2,000 in February, 1979 to 4,000 in November, 1980.

B. Crime Prevention Activities of Subcontractor Organizations

During the first grant period (1978-79) funding and technical assistance was provided to five community-based subcontractors, each of whom carried on an activity designed by it to meet a particular crime prevention need. During the second grant period (1979-80) four subcontractors were funded.

1. Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development - Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED) employed a bilingual Community Worker to translate into Spanish the crime prevention literature used by the Detroit Police Department. The worker also prepared a bilingual news-

letter which included crime prevention information along with information on other community programs. He served as the liaison between the local police precinct and the Spanish-speaking population served by the agency. (It should be noted that the Police Department has very few Spanish-speaking officers.) The worker also conducted crime prevention workshops in both Spanish and English at the LA SED Senior Center. During the second year of the program the subcontractor installed better home security devices - primarily deadbolt locks - in the homes of 39 senior citizens.

2. Community Resource and Assistance Center - Originally known as Project Retree, CRAC used LEAA funds to purchase an 8-passenger van for use in providing escorts to senior citizens in a high-crime neighborhood on the city's eastside. CRAC established a base of operations for the Senior Citizens Area Transit in a police mini-station in that community and used a CETA driver and three VISTA volunteers to conduct the program. Senior citizens in the target community could call a day in advance to have the van drive them to nearby stores, medical appointments, banks, and social visits. During the second year of the grant, funds were provided only for the purchase of fuel and for routine office expenses.

CRAC provided an average of 475 escorts each month during the second year.

3. Neighborhood East Area Residents - NEAR was funded over two years to improve the security features on 200 homes in its eastside neighborhood. That area was experiencing the highest burglary rate in Detroit. As was noted earlier, the Police Department had targeted that community for an intensive Neighborhood Watch campaign and was offering to provide senior citizens who participated in the program with deadbolt locks and window guards. NEAR was able to extend this assistance to others in the community who were not eligible under the guidelines of the department.

After two years, the subcontractor had serviced 157 homes at a total cost of \$6,392.50. It failed to reach its goal of 200 homes primarily because it is an all-volunteer organization and the leadership responsible for the project changed several times during the grant period. Its progress was also slowed at the beginning of the second year by a dispute with the locksmith it was using to install the devices.

4. St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church - The subcontractor was funded during the first year of the grant to provide a weekly escort service for senior citizens in the neighborhood surrounding the church on the city's southwest side. The part-time Community Worker also translated some of the Police Department's crime prevention literature into Ukrainian. This program was terminated in 1979 when LEAA funds were reduced for the second year of the grant.
5. Motor City Consumers Cooperative - This subcontractor had a long history of organizing self-help programs and used its expertise in recruiting volunteers to conduct a campaign to organize a Neighborhood Watch program in conjunction with the Outer Van Dyke Homeowners Association and the Van Dyke - Seven Mile Business Association. The subcontractor also worked with senior citizens to organize an Apartment Watch at the 550-unit River Towers Apartments. By the end of the program, the subcontractor had involved 53 blocks in Neighborhood Watch.

During the second year of the grant, a part-time Community Worker from the Reuther Senior Centers continued to work with the neighborhood association in organizing a Citizens Patrol.

The subcontractor was not included for funding in the second year of the Project because of the reduction in LEAA funds.

6. Neighborhood Information Exchange - NIE had been organized in 1978 as a communications network for neighborhood groups. Its purpose is to help neighborhood organizations obtain and make effective use of information on revitalization activities and issues.

During the second year of the Project, NIE was provided with a small amount of funds to establish a telephone hotline to supplement its twice-monthly newsletter and to provide the newsletter at no cost to neighborhood groups (such as block clubs) which could not afford to pay the annual fee of \$15. By the end of the Project, approximately 135 phone calls were logged each month and 225 organizations and agencies were participating in the network.

C. Crime Prevention Activities at Other Senior Sites

During the first year of the Project, the Community Workers organized crime prevention activities at Operation Get-Down, a community-based organization which provided some services to senior citizens as part of its broader community service program. Most of these activities paralleled those which were organized at the three Reuther Senior Centers.

During the second year, much of the Project's activities were devoted to organizing crime prevention activities at other multipurpose senior centers, senior nutrition sites, senior housing sites, and community centers. By the end of 1980, workshops had been conducted at 72 different locations in the community and approximately 5,000 senior citizens had participated in the programs. Depending on the size, needs, and interests of each group, the Community Workers conducted either a single 90-minute session or a series of four workshops. The workshops stressed many practical crime prevention techniques and strategies older persons could use to reduce the risk of victimization.

It is noteworthy that many of the programs which were conducted for block clubs and neighborhood councils were arranged as the result of contacts made with persons at the sessions conducted at the various senior centers.

It should also be noted that for most of the persons participating in the sessions this was the first time they had come into contact with an organized crime prevention campaign.

D. Other Activities and Achievements

The Crime Prevention Project took advantage of several unique opportunities to reach both isolated senior citizens and others in the community and other organizations and agencies involved in crime prevention.

In 1980 the Project worked with WXON-TV to produce eight 10-minute programs

which were broadcast as part of "Senior Journal", the only locally produced public affairs program devoted exclusively to activities, issues, and services of interest to senior citizens. The original eight programs were broadcast four times over a period of six months. A second series of three 30-minute programs were produced later in 1980. Through this program the Project reached older persons who were not participating in activities at senior centers. The television series also served as a "refresher course" for those who had participated in the crime prevention workshops.

The Project also participated in the 1980 annual meeting of the National Council on the Aging and demonstrated how senior centers can be used in community crime prevention programs. At the annual conference of the National Institute on Police-Community Relations the Project's materials and experience were shared with police officers and representatives of community organizations from several parts of the United States.

In addition to conducting two community conferences on "Crime and the Elderly" in 1979 and 1980, the Project assisted in organizing Michigan Crime Prevention Conferences, which were part of the campaign of the National Crime Prevention Coalition campaign. The Project also distributed 1,000 copies of the booklet "Take a Bite Out of Crime" to individuals, groups, and agencies in Detroit.

The Project provided copies of Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide to the Detroit Police Department and the Ann Arbor (Michigan) Police Department for use in their crime prevention training programs.

IV. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

A. Statistical Evidence

Because of the approach taken by the Reuther Senior Centers - namely, working with older persons who participate in activities at senior centers, nutrition sites, housing sites, and community centers and working with community-based subcontractors - it was difficult to monitor the impact of the program statistically.

Although the program was received enthusiastically at these centers, the persons who participated in training workshops came to those centers from throughout the city, making it impossible to monitor the success of a program in specific centers. Since the workshop participants did not live in one or two police precincts, the Project could not use the Police Department's Monthly Crime Reports to monitor needs and successes of its program. The data supplied by the Department was useful however, in responding to general trends in the broader community.

It should also be noted that differences in the definition of "senior citizen" made it difficult to evaluate the impact of the program. The Police Department defines a senior citizen as being 65 years of age or older, while the Reuther Senior Centers and many other agencies offer their services to persons who are at least 55 years of age. Thus, many of the persons who participated in the program were not classified by the Police Department as "seniors"; and thus the police statistics were not a true measure of the needs, successes, or weaknesses of the program.

To address this problem, the Project developed a survey which it attempted to have each group complete before the workshop series began at a center. The Community Workers also usually visited each site personally before conducting the programs in order to become more familiar with the needs of the group. The staff also kept track of media reports of crime against seniors so they could better respond to the interests and concerns of the groups. To help monitor the impact of the program, the Project sent an evaluation form to every senior who received a home security improvement asking if the person was less fearful of crime as a result of participating in the program. An evaluation form was also sent to the director of each workshop site to help critique each program. In November, 1980 the Project also conducted a survey at each of the three Reuther Senior Centers to determine if any of the respondents had been the victim of a crime since participating in the program and to determine how fearful they were of crime now compared to two years ago. (The results of these surveys are discussed in the following section.)

B. Use of Volunteers by Subcontractors

Several community-based subcontractors who depended exclusively on volunteers for implementing their programs experienced much difficulty in carrying out their activities.

At the start of the Project in late 1978, Project ReTree (later reorganized as the Community Resource and Assistance Center) planned to use volunteers to operate the office of the Senior Citizens Area Transit. It also planned to use a CETA worker as the driver of the van. The director of the program was also a volunteer. Because of expanded work responsibilities, he resigned. The position was filled with another volunteer who also resigned a few months later.

In the meantime, nobody from Project ReTree was available to supervise the office volunteers and the CETA driver and to develop the program.

Most of the subcontractor's program management problems were resolved when Project ReTree was reorganized as CRAC and a full-time staff member was hired through CETA to direct this and other programs.

A similar problem developed at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church. The person who had served as a volunteer community worker at the church for several years appeared to find it difficult to function as a part-time paid staff person. She had previously been free to develop her own programs and was not directly accountable to anyone in particular. As a paid worker for a subcontractor, she was ultimately accountable to the Project and found it difficult to make the adjustment. Moreover, she was paid for part of her time and volunteered for part of her time.

Neighborhood East Area Residents (NEAR) relied exclusively on volunteers to coordinate its program of upgrading the security features of 200 homes. Since the volunteers worked during the daytime, they were difficult to contact and found it difficult to participate in daytime activities of the Project. In addition, the leadership of the organization itself and the committee responsible for this activity changed during the course of the Project.

These three subcontractors appeared to lack the organizational experience needed in programs which depend heavily on volunteers for their success.

It should be noted that none of the organizations which experienced problems in using volunteers had any previous experience in the process of federal grantsmanship. Previously each was accountable only to itself for the success or failure of a program. The LEAA funding provided them with an opportunity to develop this experience and program management skills.

In the course of the two-year Project, the Reuther Senior Centers conducted three sessions with the assistance of the Center for Community Change to help all of the subcontractors become more familiar with the federal grant process and their contractual responsibilities and to help them develop or improve their planning, organizing, and management skills.

V. FINDINGS AND RESULTS

A. Targeted Programs

The Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project was the first community wide effort at coordinating and mobilizing a variety of resources to have an impact on the criminal victimization of the elderly.

Over a two-year period the Project worked with approximately 5,000 older persons in the community to help them initiate individual crime prevention steps (such as engraving their personal property and undertaking home security improvements) and to become involved in community crime prevention programs (such as Neighborhood Watch and senior escorts).

As a measure of the number of seniors with whom the Project came into contact, during 1979 and 1980 1,920 aerosol shriek alarms and 1,200 whistles were distributed in the community. Approximately 2,500 copies of Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide and 5,000 sets of the eight crime prevention brochures prepared by the Project were distributed at senior centers and at community meetings conducted at 74 different locations. (See Attachment A-1 for a map of the sites at which these workshops and training programs took place.)

Although some of these individuals may eventually have interacted with the Detroit Police Department and taken advantage of its crime prevention services, the Project expedited this process and brought about the initial contact between the department and many older persons who would otherwise not have been reached.

B. Home Security Improvements

The Reuther Senior Centers provided home security improvements for 200 senior citizens in the community over the two years of the Crime Prevention Project. Subcontractor LA SED was responsible for 39 of these homes. Subcontractor NEAR provided this service to an additional 170 homes.

As was noted earlier, without this program few - if any - of these improvements would have been undertaken because of the income limitations of the individuals who received this service.

It should also be noted that one of the principal goals of this activity was to encourage seniors to participate in crime prevention programs and to reduce their fear of crime. Although only 5% of the 5,000 persons who participated in the workshops and seminars conducted by the Project were actually provided with home security improvements, the fact that some assistance was available appeared to encourage people to participate. Of the 76 people who voluntarily responded to a survey sent to each person who received this assistance, 72 indicated that they felt less fearful of crime, and only 4 indicated that they were still as fearful as before.

C. Coordination of Services

During the two years of the Project, the Reuther Senior Centers participated in the Governor's Task Force on Crime Prevention for the Elderly in an effort to improve the coordination of Michigan's crime prevention and other human services aimed at older persons. In 1980 the task force submitted to the governor a set of recommendations that it felt could have a significant impact on the criminal victimization of the elderly. However, shortly after the final report was issued, the LEAA funding for the state-run program ended, and no action was taken on the recommendations because of the fiscal crisis faced by the State

of Michigan at the end of 1980.

It should be noted, however, that by participating in the task force, the Reuther Senior Centers shared its expertise and training materials with other senior and criminal justice agencies throughout the state.

As an active participant in the National Council on the Aging and the National Institute of Senior Centers, the Reuther Senior Centers also shared its resource materials with approximately 400 other senior centers and senior-oriented agencies throughout the country.

During 1979 and 1980 the Crime Prevention Project participated in the Detroit Police Department's Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, a program that was partially supported by a grant from LEAA. The purpose of the committee was to assist the department in analyzing the crime prevention needs of the community and to assist in the implementation of community crime prevention programs. The Reuther Senior Centers again shared its expertise in working with older persons and its crime prevention resources with the committee, which included representatives of several businesses, neighborhood groups, and public and private agencies. The Reuther Senior Centers made use of some of the committee's resources in conducting its training workshops and in producing a series of television programs on crime and the elderly.

Since the state and local governments' programs were supported to a large extent by LEAA funding, when this funding ended in 1980, these initiatives began to slow down. By the end of 1980, the State of Michigan's Office of Services to the Aging had ended its crime prevention program. The Police Department's Crime Prevention Advisory Committee is supported by business contributions.

It seems unlikely that the coordination of community crime prevention programs at the state and local levels will continue in the absence of significant public and/or private funding.

D. Bilingual Crime Prevention Programs

The Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project provided funding and technical assistance to two community-based subcontractors to carry on crime prevention programs for non-English-speaking residents: Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED) and St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church.

LA SED employed a full-time Community Worker who translated nine brochures from English into Spanish and distributed 1,000 copies of each to churches, businesses, service agencies, police precincts and mini-stations, and individual residents of the Latino community on the southwest side of Detroit. (Copies of these brochures are found in the attachments to this report.) The worker also assisted police officers from the Fourth Precinct in organizing programs aimed at the youth and businesses of the Latino community. He also conducted five workshops for senior citizens at the agency's senior center and during the Project's second year installed security devices in the homes of 39 senior citizens.

This program was the first organized effort at providing Spanish-speaking residents of Detroit with crime prevention assistance. Although this program ended in December when the LEAA funding terminated, the bilingual material will be available for use in the future should funding be developed for its printing and distribution. It should also be noted that unless funds are available for bilingual personnel to act as a liaison between the Police Department and the

Spanish-speaking community it will be virtually impossible to maintain an effective crime prevention program in this community.

The program conducted by St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church was marginally successful. A part-time Community Worker was employed by the church to coordinate a weekly escort service for senior citizens in the community surrounding the church on the city's southwest side and to serve as a liaison between the Slavic-speaking senior citizens and the police department. The principal weakness in this program was that too much was attempted with the limited financial resources. Given the part-time nature of the program, the church should have concentrated either on the weekly escort service which involved the use of one of its school buses or on the development of bilingual crime prevention materials and programs. As was noted earlier, the Community Worker operated with little supervision from the church and failed to develop an adequate plan for the use of the limited resources. When LEAA funding for the Crime Prevention Project was reduced in the second year, this subcontractor was dropped.

E. Essential Transportation for Seniors

The Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project provided funding and technical assistance to the Community Resource and Assistance Center (CRAC) over a two-year period to operate the Senior Citizens Area Transit (SCAT). SCAT provided senior citizens in two eastside neighborhoods with a daily escort service. Seniors were able to call one day in advance and arrange for a van to pick them up at their homes and escort them to nearby businesses, banks, and medical facilities for routine errands. CRAC used LEAA funds to purchase an 8-passenger van and to establish a base of operations in a police mini-station in the community. During the second year, LEAA funds were used to purchase fuel and to maintain the van; a small amount of funds were used for the operation of the base (printing, office supplies, telephone). CRAC used CETA and VISTA personnel to operate the base and to drive the van.

By the end of the second year, the van had been driven approximately 35,000 miles. CRAC plans to continue this service for two more years, assuming it can raise the necessary operating funds from within the community and assuming that CETA and VISTA personnel will still be available.

F. Organizing Assistance

During the first year of the Crime Prevention Project the Reuther Senior Centers provided funding and technical assistance to the Motor City Consumers Cooperative to organize a crime prevention program in the neighborhood surrounding its office on the city's eastside. Drawing on its years of experience in organizing self-help activities, the Cooperative used the LEAA funds to hire part-time community organizers to help the VanDyke - Seven Mile Business Association and the Outer VanDyke Homeowners Association develop Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, and Operation Identification programs. The Cooperative developed a packet of materials to educate the community about basic crime prevention techniques and to assist Crime Prevention Officers from three nearby precincts in working with the residents and businesses of that community. (Representative samples of this material are included in the attachments to this report.) The Cooperative also helped to organize an Apartment Watch for the 550-unit River Towers Senior Citizens Apartments. Without the assistance of the Motor City Consumers Cooperative, it is doubtful that the police department would have been able to reach these communities as effectively.

Although the Cooperative was not included for funding in the second year of the Project, a part-time Community Worker from the Reuther Senior Centers continues to work with the residents of the neighborhood during 1980. The crime prevention activities of the Cooperative, the Outer VanDyke Homeowners Association, and the VanDyke - Seven Mile Business Association will very likely continue for the next few years.

G. Community Information Service

During the Project's second year, the Reuther Senior Centers provided funding and technical assistance to the Neighborhood Information Exchange (NIE) to help neighborhood organizations and neighborhood-oriented agencies obtain and make effective use of information on activities and issues affecting their revitalization efforts. NIE published The Exchange twice a month and circulated it to 225 organizations, agencies, and community leaders and operated a 24-hour telephone hotline to supplement the newsletter. By November 30, 1980 1,312 calls to the hotline were logged, an average of 120 per month. (A representative sample of the newsletter is included in the attachments to this report.)

This program helped neighborhood organizations to carry on their crime prevention and other self-help activities more effectively.

In late 1980 the Michigan Housing Coalition conducted a survey of the neighborhood organizations which were receiving community development funds to determine their need for essential information. A significant number of respondents indicated that NIE was already meeting this need.

H. Impact of the Project

(1) Reduction in Crime

One of the goals of the Project was to reduce crime against senior citizens in Detroit. As was noted earlier, it is difficult to determine the effect of the Crime Prevention Project on the number of crimes committed against older persons in Detroit for several reasons. The Detroit Police Department prepares only an annual citywide report of the crimes in which senior citizens over 65 years of age were victims. Although data for 1978 and 1979 are available, the report for 1980, which would indicate the impact of the Project more fully, has not yet been prepared. The crime reports available on a precinct and scout-car basis do not include data on the number of senior victims, making it difficult to evaluate the Project's impact on those seniors who live in communities in which the program concentrated. Moreover, the statistics for senior victims include only persons over 65 years of age, while the Project worked with many older persons who were 55 years of age and older.

Taking into account these factors, the Detroit Police Department's Crime Prevention Section reports the following statistics on the victimization of people 65 years of age and older for 1978 and 1979:

	1978	1979	Change	*Change for all Age Groups
Homicides	27	22	-22%	-9%
Rapes	22	26	+15%	+6%
Robberies	1,169	1,167	-.1%	-7%
Assaults	207	163	-27%	+3%
Breaking and Entering	3,039	3,062	+7%	+4%
Larcenies	1,846	1,802	-2.4%	-4%
Auto Theft	741	1,075	+32%	+10%
TOTAL	7,051	7,317	+2.8%	+1%

* This information is included for purposes of comparison.

Although the 1980 report on senior victimization will not be ready until early 1981, the Detroit Police Department's report Total Part I Crimes for all age groups through September shows a 14% increase for the first nine months of 1980 over the same period of 1979. It should not be surprising if a similar increase in senior victimization is noted in spite of the efforts of the Crime Prevention Project.

In December, 1980 the Crime Prevention Project conducted a random survey of senior citizens who had participated in the Reuther Senior Centers crime prevention activities since 1978. One purpose of the survey was to determine if any of these persons had been a victim of a crime since participating in the program. Of the 65 seniors who responded, only 7 (11%) indicated that they had been victimized in the past two years. By contrast, when the Project conducted a survey of 156 senior citizens at the agency's three centers in January 1979, 70 (45%) indicated that they had been the victim of a Part One Crime in the past year. This survey appears to indicate that the Crime Prevention Project has been quite successful with those persons with whom it has worked on a regular basis over the past two years.

(2) Reduction in the Fear of Crime

The second major goal of the Crime Prevention Project was to reduce the fear of crime on the part of senior citizens in the community.

According to a statewide survey conducted in April, 1980 by Michigan's 13 area agencies on aging, in the Detroit-Wayne County area the fear of crime outranked all other senior issues. However, a random survey of the senior citizens who participated in crime prevention activities at the three Reuther Senior Centers in 1979 and 1980 shows that 40 (62%) of the 65 respondents felt less fearful of crime than before the Project began. 8 (12%) persons indicated that they were as fearful as before, and 5 (8%) indicated they were more fearful. (On the remaining surveys, no response was given to this question or contradictory responses were given.)

As was indicated earlier, 72 (95%) of the 76 persons who responded to the survey conducted among the senior citizens who received some type of home security improvement through the Project indicated that they felt less fearful of crime. Only 4 (5%) indicated they were still very fearful.

By contrast, of the 138 senior citizens who were surveyed in January, 1979, 104 (75%) indicated that they were either "very fearful" or "somewhat fearful" of crime.

These surveys appear to indicate that: (1) senior citizens in Detroit still consider crime to be their major concern, but (2) a sizable majority of those seniors who have participated in the Crime Prevention Project are less fearful of crime as a result of their participation in the program.

The Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project was funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration from November 1, 1978 through December 31, 1980 to mobilize older persons and others in the community to become involved in crime prevention activities in their neighborhoods.

The goal of the Project was to reduce crime and the fear of crime among senior citizens in Detroit.

To accomplish this, the Reuther Senior Centers carried on three objectives:

1. It organized crime prevention activities at each of the agency's three multi-purpose senior centers.
2. It provided funding and technical assistance to six community-based organizations to carry on specific crime prevention activities as subcontractors.
3. It organized crime prevention activities at other senior centers, housing and nutrition sites, and among smaller neighborhood groups and block clubs.

Reuther Senior Centers

As a result of the crime prevention workshops and training programs conducted at the three multipurpose Reuther Senior Centers, the seniors who participated in these activities and took advantage of the home security improvements offered through the Project indicated that they were less fearful of crime and better able to deal with the problem of crime. Almost every senior citizen who participated in one or more crime prevention activity (e.g., a workshop or a self-defense class) indicated that he or she had taken at least one positive action to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of a crime. Examples of positive action included: engraving personal property, requesting that police officers conduct a home security survey and implementing some of the recommendations, helping to organize a "community watch" program, varying personal routines in taking care of errands that require moving about in the community, and the direct deposit of Social Security and pension checks.

Although the Detroit Police Department's 1980 annual report on the number of senior victims will not be ready until early 1981, the success of this intensive program at the three Reuther Senior Centers can be illustrated by comparing the results of surveys conducted at the start and the end of the Project. In January, 1979 70 (45%) of 156 seniors who were surveyed indicated that they had been the victim of a Part One crime in the previous twelve months. In December, 1980 only 7 (11%) of 65 seniors reported that they had been similarly victimized. In January, 1979 104 (75%) indicated they were "very fearful" or "somewhat fearful" of crime. In December, 1980 62% of the respondents said they were less fearful of crime, 12% said they were about as fearful as before participating in the program, and 8% indicated they were more fearful. (On the balance of the 1980 surveys, no answer or contradictory answers were given to this question.) 95% of the seniors who received some type of home security improvement indicated they felt less fearful of crime.

Community-Based Subcontractors

Each of the six community-based subcontractors undertook a special activity designed to meet a special need it had identified.

Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED) developed bilingual crime prevention materials and programs for Detroit's Latino community. Although such a program will require funding for bilingual personnel if it is to be continued after 1980, the organization had bilingual materials ready for printing should funding be developed in the future. Prior to this time, there was no crime prevention literature available in Spanish.

Neighborhood East Area Residents (NEAR) replaced obsolete security devices in homes in its community. In the absence of the funds provided through this Project, it is likely that few of these improvements would have been made because of the income level of many of the recipients of this service. Moreover, this activity helped NEAR to encourage residents to participate in other crime prevention and neighborhood revitalization activities.

The Community Resource and Assistance Center (CRAC) developed a senior citizens escort program, which will continue for at least another two years. Because of the high start-up costs involved in purchasing a van and the other equipment needed for such a program, without the "seed money" provided through the Crime Prevention Project, this activity would not have been possible. Its continuation will depend on CRAC's ability to expand the community's support for the program and the availability of personnel through VISTA and CETA.

St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church was funded in 1979 to provide a weekly escort service for senior citizens and to serve as a liaison between Slavic-speaking seniors and the Police Department in the community surrounding the church on the southwest side of Detroit. This program ended after the subcontractor was dropped from the Project when LEAA funds were reduced.

The Motor City Consumers Cooperative carried on an intensive campaign to organize Neighborhood Watch and Apartment Watch programs on the city's eastside. The cooperative served as an effective mobilizing and linking force in the community. Although the cooperative was not funded in the second year of the Project, the momentum of the campaign continued and the materials developed by the cooperative will continue to be used in the community for the foreseeable future.

The Neighborhood Information Exchange (NIE) was funded during the second year of the Project to provide community organizations with information on activities and issues affecting neighborhood revitalization. NIE published and distributed its twice monthly newsletter to approximately 225 neighborhood organizations, public agencies, and community leaders and established a telephone hotline to supplement the newsletter. Without the funding provided through the Crime Prevention Project, most of the smaller neighborhood groups (such as block clubs) would not have been able to receive the newsletter, and the telephone hotline would not have been established.

Outreach Activities

During the second year of the Project, special emphasis was placed on an extensive campaign to reach senior citizens and older adults at other senior centers, nutrition sites, and housing sites and to work with block clubs and neighborhood groups in which seniors are active. In 1980 crime prevention workshops were conducted at 74 locations in the community.

The Project also developed Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide, a

resource kit for use by Detroit-area community organizations in conducting a crime prevention program. During 1980 2,500 copies of this kit were distributed. Another 2,500 copies of the eight crime prevention brochures were also distributed through the workshops and at seminars and conferences.

The Project worked with WXON-TV to produce an eight-part series and a three-part series of television public service programs on crime prevention for senior citizens. This activity enabled the Project to reach more seniors in the community, especially those who did not participate on a regular basis in activities at senior centers, nutrition sites, and housing sites.

Conclusion

In a prevention program such as that undertaken by the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project it is difficult to evaluate the impact of a program in quantitative terms. For over two years the Project worked closely with several public and private agencies, organizations, and businesses in initiating a program to meet some of the crime prevention needs of senior citizens in Detroit. It must also be noted that, while the two-year effort appears to have made significant headway and has developed some of the resources needed to meet the crime prevention needs of older adults, crime continues to be the major concern of Detroit's senior citizens. The problem of crime, unfortunately, appears to be becoming more serious in Detroit as the community is faced by serious economic troubles. It is hoped that those persons with whom the Project has worked will be better able to develop effective prevention strategies in these troubled times.

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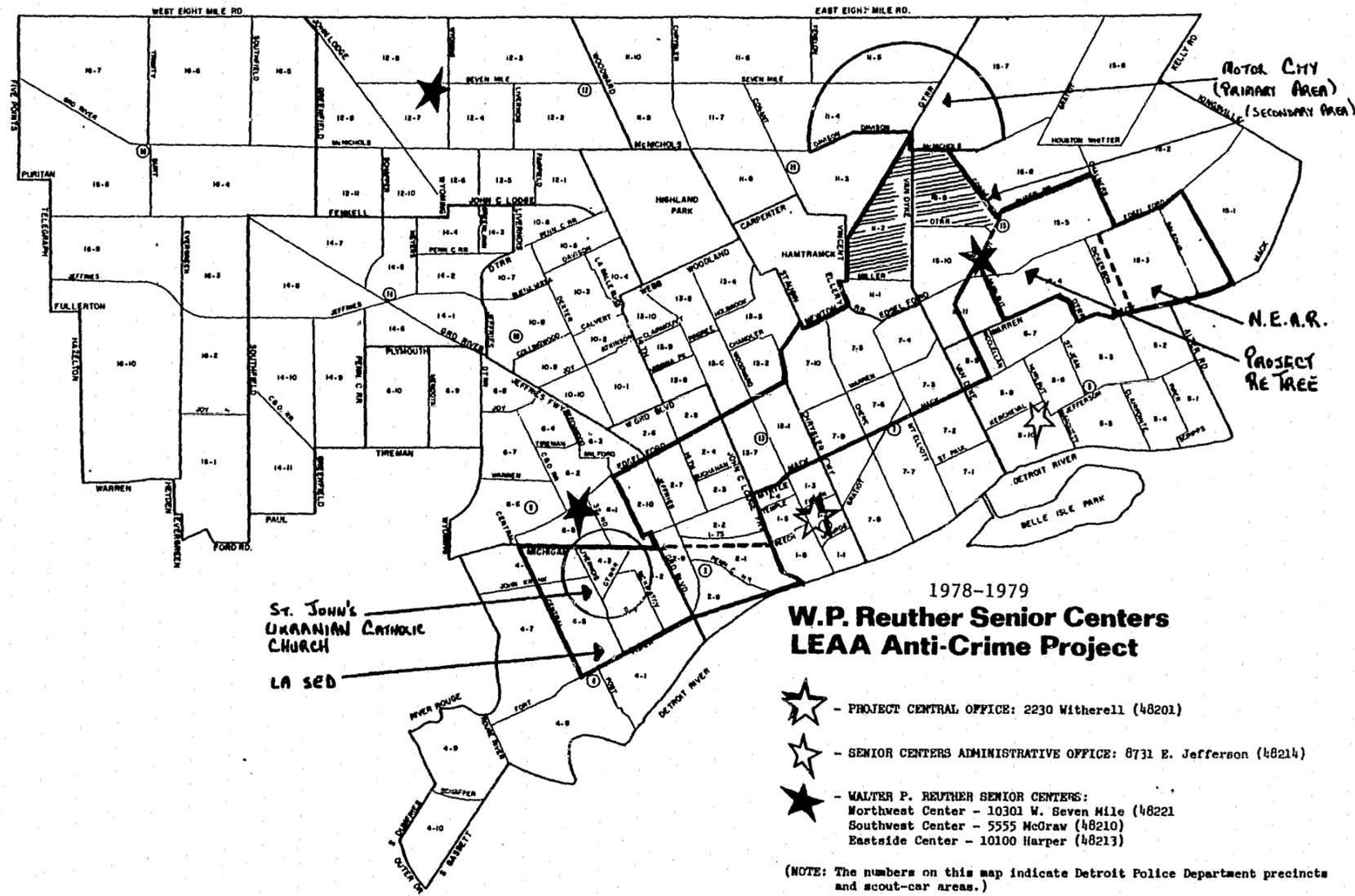
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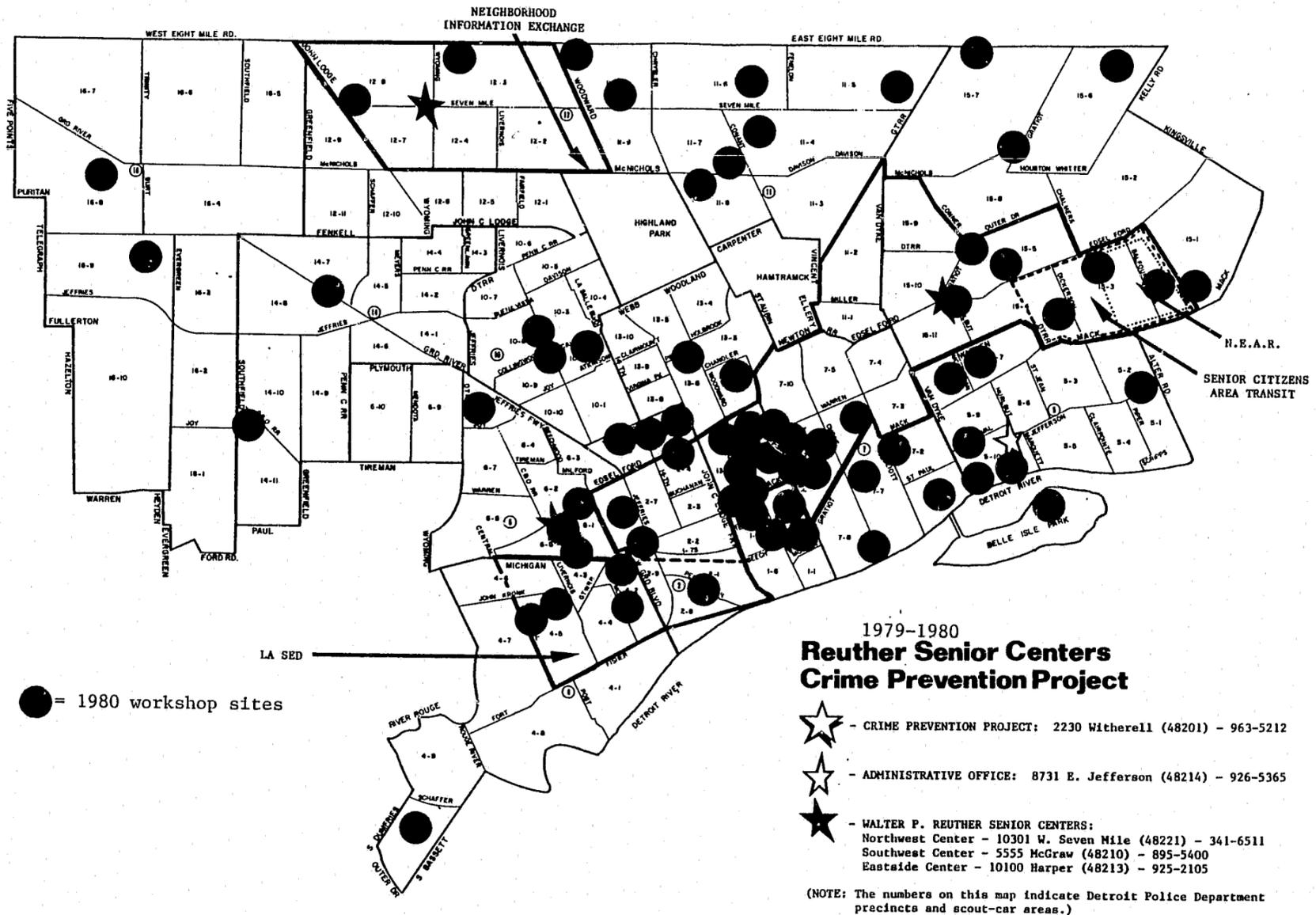
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ATTACHMENTS AND PRINTED MATERIALS

- Attachment A - Maps of the areas serviced by the Crime Prevention Project
A-1 shows the areas serviced during the first year of the Project.
A-2 shows the areas serviced during the second year. Crime Prevention workshops were conducted at 74 senior centers and community centers for approximately 5,000 people during 1980.
- Attachment B - Media Log
This log lists the extensive local and national media coverage of the activities of the Crime Prevention Project. This coverage helped the Project reach more seniors and organizations working with seniors. Included are copies of several news articles:
B-1 - Michigan Chronicle, December 2, 1978
B-2 - Detroit Free Press, January 8, 1979
B-3 - Perspective on Aging, September, 1979
B-4 - CJE Newsletter, Winter 1979-80
B-5 - Detroit Free Press, November 28, 1980
- Attachment C - Community Crime Prevention Newsletter
This monthly newsletter was distributed to neighborhood organizations, senior centers, service agencies, community leaders, police precincts and mini-stations, Neighborhood City Halls, and individual residents. The circulation increased from 2,000 in February, 1979 to 3,500 in December, 1980. The newsletter was very helpful in keeping the community informed about the activities of the Crime Prevention Project and involving more people in the program.
- Attachment D - Motor City Consumers Cooperative Literature
These are samples of the crime prevention literature prepared by the cooperative and used extensively in organizing community watch programs in the 7th, 11th, and 15th Police Precincts.
- Attachment E - LA SED Literature
LA SED distributed 1,000 copies of each pamphlet and announcement to individuals, agencies, businesses, and police precincts in the Latino community on the city's southwest side.
- Attachment F - NIE Literature
This is a sample issue of the newsletter prepared by the Neighborhood Information Exchange and distributed twice a month to 225 neighborhood organizations, agencies, and community leaders. The final issue for 1980 lists NIE's major activities this year.
- Attachment G - Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide
2,500 copies of this resource kit were produced and distributed to neighborhood organizations and community agencies during 1979 and 1980. An additional 2,500 copies of the eight brochures were distributed through crime prevention workshops and conferences. Response to this kit was so favorable that additional copies were printed for use in crime prevention programs which will be conducted in 1981.





MEDIA LOG

DATE	DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE
November 21, 1978	WXYZ-TV reported the announcement of the program by Freida Gorrecht at the monthly "Community Meeting" of Detroit's City Council.
November 21-22, 1978	WWJ-Radio reported the announcement.
December 2, 1978	The <u>Michigan Chronicle</u> reported the awarding of the grant and the beginning of the project.
January 1, 1979	The <u>Exchange</u> , newsletter of the Neighborhood Information Exchange, announced the project and notified community groups in the target area to contact the project office.
January 7, 1979	WDIV-TV reported the beginning of the project ReTree "SCAT" program.
January 8, 1979	The <u>Detroit Free Press</u> covered the "SCAT" program.
February, 1979	The Project is represented on the Chief's Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.
February 15, 1979	The <u>Exchange</u> , newsletter of the Neighborhood Information Exchange, includes the Project newsletter in its "Help Yourself..." column.
March 1, 1979	The <u>Exchange</u> publishes the schedule of the Crime Prevention Workshops
April 24, 1979	WXYZ-TV coverage of final workshop at Northwest Center; carried on 6 P.M. news that evening.
June 15, 1979	The <u>Exchange</u> noted that whistles and aerosol alarms can be obtained from the project.
July 30, 1979	Bill Yagerlener appeared on "Detroit Today" (WKBD-TV) to explain the project and offer "tips" to viewers on crime prevention.
July 31, 1979	Leslie Roberts appeared on "Kelly & Company" (WXYZ-TV) to provide information on sexual assault prevention.
July 12, 1979	The <u>Northeast Detroiter</u> describes Motor City project.
August 15, 1979	The <u>Exchange</u> reports on 1979-80 continuation plans.
August 23, 1979	The <u>Northeast Detroiter</u> reports on Motor City project.
October 1, 1979	The <u>Exchange</u> reports on plans for crime prevention conference.
November 7, 1979	WGPR-TV covers crime prevention conference. CKLW-Radio (Windsor) covers crime prevention conference.
November 15, 1979	The <u>Exchange</u> reports on the availability of the Project's <u>Crime Prevention Action Guide</u> .
November 17, 1979	Freida Gorrecht & Bill Yagerlener are interviewed on WXON-TV regarding Crime Prevention Project
November, 1979	The <u>Jefferson-Chalmers News</u> explains how SCAT operates and is funded.

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DATE	DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE
September-October, 79	The Crime Prevention Project is featured in <u>Perspective on Aging</u> , published by the National Council on the Aging.
December, 1979	The Project is described in the <u>Community Crime Prevention Letter</u> , a national newsletter on crime prevention.
December, 1979	Motor City program featured in "Hi Neighbor", publication of Outer-Van Dyke Home Owners Association.
February 6, 1980	Workshops announced on WDET-FM.
February 12, 1980	WXYZ-TV reports on workshop at Northwest Reuther Senior Center.
February 13, 1980	WXYZ (radio) reports on workshop series and availability of Action Guides
January 19 - March 8	WXON-TV featured "Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens" on "Senior Journal" public affairs program.
February, 1980	<u>Retiree News</u> , published by UAW Region IE, included an announcement of the "Senior Journal" series.
March, 1980	<u>Seniority</u> , the national newsletter of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, announced the television program and the availability of the brochures.
March, 1980	The <u>Wonderful Times</u> , monthly publication of the Bay City (Michigan) Office on Aging, reprinted parts of <u>Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide</u> .
March, 1980	<u>CJE Newsletter</u> , national publication of the National Council of Senior Citizens Criminal Justice and the Elderly Project, featured the Project in a 3½ page profile.
November 15, 22, & 29	WXON-TV provided 3 30-minute editions of "Senior Journal" devoted exclusively to "Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens".
November 28, 1980	<u>Detroit Free Press</u> editorial published the availability of crime prevention materials and urged the continued funding of the Project.

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New Crime Prevention Project Starts

Innovation born from necessity will provide new approaches to the prevention of crime. That is one of the hypotheses being tested by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) through its Community Anti-Crime Program.

Using a \$200,000 grant from this U.S. Department of Justice agency, the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers recently launched its Crime Prevention Project to establish crime prevention programs in the organization's network of senior centers and to coordinate the efforts of several neighborhood-based groups.

THE GOAL: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN CRIME PREVENTION

LEAA was established in 1968 to administer a variety of programs aimed at improving the nation's criminal justice system. In the past, the focus of LEAA activities at the state and local level was on such programs as the training of law enforcement personnel and improving the operation of police agencies, court systems, and treatment facilities.

In recent years local law enforcement officials and community leaders began to recognize that the control of crime was not exclusively the responsibility of the police and the courts. Although for a number of years community-based groups have been actively involved in crime prevention and have worked closely with local police officials, they have been frustrated by the lack of adequate funding for their programs.

In the Crime Control Act of 1976, Congress established a special Office of Community Anti-Crime Programs within LEAA to administer a \$15 million per year program aimed specifically at crime prevention at the community level. Representative John Conyers, from the First Congressional District in Detroit, was the principal author of the legislation creating the program, a significant federal endorsement of strong citizen involvement in crime prevention efforts.

The objective of the program is to assist community organizations, neighborhood groups, and individuals to become involved in activities designed to prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime, and contribute to neighborhood revitalization.

By ensuring that funds get to the neighborhood level, LEAA hopes that residents will be mobilized into effective self-help organizations which can develop and conduct anti-crime programs aimed at the special needs of the community.

CRIME RATE, FEAR OF CRIME RELATED

Police officials point out that the crime rate in any given community is directly related to the fear of crime. The isolation of neighborhood residents from one another both results from and contributes to the fear of crime and destroys the feeling of "community" necessary for social order. In this kind of environment crime flourishes.

But the fear of crime can also motivate citizens to interact with each other and develop new approaches to reducing crime. It is the strategy of the LEAA Community Anti-Crime Program to support formal and informal neighborhood and community groups which are able to carry on effective crime prevention programs.

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REUTHER CENTERS: CRIME PREVENTION ADDED

Since 1953 the Reuther Senior Centers has been providing health, legal, nutrition, education, recreation, and social programs for senior citizens through a network of "drop-in" centers. The centers are located at 10100 Harper Avenue, 10301 West Seven Mile Road, and 5555 McGraw. The services are available at no charge to all senior citizens over the age of 55.

A part of the LEAA funds is being used to establish programs at the centers to keep the elderly from becoming victims of crime and to reduce their fear of crime. These include a telephone reassurance program, a move-about program, and programs aimed at increasing the involvement of senior citizens in Neighborhood Watch and Operation Identification.

A second part of the Crime Prevention Project focuses on the needs of four neighborhood-based groups; Neighborhood East Area Residents (NEAR), Project ReTree, Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED), and St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church. As subgrantees, they receive funds to conduct their own crime prevention projects.

NEAR: RESIDENTIAL SECURITY

This eastside group is receiving \$5,300 to improve the security features on homes in a target area bounded roughly by Alter Road, Mack Avenue, East Outer Drive, and Harper Avenue. Parts of this area have been especially hard-hit by burglaries in the past year. The residential security project supplements other crime prevention activities such as Neighborhood Watch and Operation Identification. Under the program, many of the neighborhood's residents - especially the elderly - will have such items as peepholes and door- and window-locks installed or improved in their homes. Many of these people could not otherwise have afforded these basic home security improvements.

PROJECT RE-TREE: "SCAT"

The Senior Citizens Area Transit (SCAT) was established by Project ReTree for the elderly residents of the eastside area bounded by Warren Avenue, Dickerson Street, Mack Avenue, and Balfour Street. Residents over the age of 55 call the SCAT office and request that an 8-passenger van drive them to and from medical appointments, business, and recreational-social services in and around that neighborhood. There is no fee for this service.

This transportation service enables the elderly to move about more freely in their community and breaks down their isolation from one another.

The SCAT office is located in the Fifteenth Precinct Mini-Station at 16334 East Warren. The telephone number is 885-7123. Calls are taken from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the van makes pick-ups and deliveries until 5 p.m. on weekdays.

LA SED: BILINGUAL CRIME PREVENTION

LA SED, on the southwest side of the city, is using its LEAA funds to establish a bilingual crime prevention program. Since many of that area's residents - especially the elderly - speak only Spanish, a community worker has been hired to translate crime prevention literature, most of which has been available only in English. The worker also acts as a liaison between the community and the two police precincts in that part of the city.

ST. JOHN'S: SENIOR TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSLATION

The program undertaken by St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church in the city's southwest community is a combination transportation-translation service.

The church is using its funds to operate a school bus to escort senior citizens around the Michigan-Livernois community. Before this service was launched, many of the elderly residents were shut-ins and found it difficult to carry on such routine activities as shopping and banking.

Because many of the seniors immigrated to this country from eastern Europe, a community worker has been hired to translate crime prevention material into Ukrainian, Polish, and Russian.

The REUTHER SENIOR CENTERS CRIME PREVENTION PROJECT has been funded by LEAA for one year. The project's five-person professional staff, assisted by student interns from Wayne State University Criminal Justice Program, operates from an office at 2230 Witherell Street in the downtown YWCA. The telephone number is 963-5212.

CRIME PREVENTION ACTION GUIDE

"911"

In Detroit, police officers - as well as fire fighters and emergency medical crews - can be summoned quickly by simply dialing "911".

Every day an estimated 5,000 calls are made to the emergency telephone system. But because not all of these calls involve real emergencies and because some callers do not give enough accurate information, police officers cannot always respond quickly to those situations in which a crime could be prevented or acted upon.

The "911" emergency telephone system can be a useful tool in the prevention of crime when it is used properly.

Here are a few important reminders.

WHEN SHOULD "911" BE USED?

The system should be used only to in an emergency to report a crime, a suspected crime, or an interrupted crime. All other calls for police service should be directed to the local precinct or to the appropriate section of the department.

- IF YOU WITNESS A CRIME OR ARE THE VICTIM OF A CRIME, CALL "911".
- IF YOU SUSPECT THAT A CRIME IS BEING COMMITTED OR IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN, CALL "911". (Your "hunch" may prevent the crime from actually happening.)
- IF YOU SEE A CRIME BEING STOPPED OR INTERRUPTED, CALL "911". (An unsuccessful criminal will probably try again later - in a few days or a few minutes.)

Unless the police are notified in these cases, they cannot work effectively with you and your community to prevent crime.

HOW SHOULD "911" BE USED?

- REMAIN CALM.
- STAY ON THE LINE IF YOU ARE ANSWERED BY A RECORDED MESSAGE. (You will waste valuable time if you hang up and re-dial.)
- TELL EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING. ("Two men have just broken into a house across the street from me...")
- TELL EXACTLY WHERE THE POLICE ARE NEEDED. ("...at 1641 Main Street between Second and Third Streets.")
- ANSWER THE OPERATOR'S QUESTIONS. (To determine how to handle your call and to give the officers the correct information, the operator must have an accurate report of what is happening.)
- TELL WHERE YOU ARE CALLING FROM. (Sometimes the "action" has moved from the original location and the police need to talk to the person who called.)

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE ELDERLY

CJE, a program of the National Council of Senior Citizens, focuses on the issues, resources, legislation, programs, and proposals affecting senior citizens and the criminal justice system. The project is supported by grants from LEAA, HUD, the Community Services Administration, the Administration on Aging, and the Ford Foundation. The organization publishes the quarterly CJE Newsletter. For additional information and a free newsletter subscription, contact: Criminal Justice and the Elderly, National Council of Senior Citizens, 1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 540, Washington, D.C., 20005, (202) 638-4848.



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Workshops for Seniors Under Way

A nine-week series of crime prevention workshops for senior citizens has begun at the Reuther Senior Centers as part of that organization's Crime Prevention Project.

The workshops focus on steps seniors can take to reduce their chances of becoming victims of crime and on organizing volunteers to coordinate crime prevention activities in each center and in the surrounding neighborhoods.

As is the case with the nutrition, health, legal, social, recreational, and educational services provided at the three drop-in centers, the crime prevention workshops are offered at no charge to persons over 55 years of age.

The workshops are also being offered at Operation Get-Down on the city's eastside.

Each 90-minute session emphasizes a different aspect of crime prevention. Although individuals are encouraged to participate in all nine workshops, they may join at any point in the series. The staff of the Crime Prevention Project hopes that senior citizens who are active in block clubs and other neighborhood organizations will be able to attend.

The workshops feature presentations by crime prevention specialists, such as police officers, victim assistance counselors, self-defense instructors, and individuals who are involved in neighborhood anti-crime programs. Workshop members also participate in group discussions, demonstrations, and follow-up activities.

WORKSHOP TOPIC	SOUTHWEST CENTER 10 A.M.	NORTHWEST CENTER 12:30 P.M.	EASTSIDE CENTER 10 A.M.	OPERATION GET-DOWN 12:30 P.M.
Community Effort: The Key to Crime Prevention	Feb. 26	Feb. 27	March 1	March 1
Residential Security: Community Action	March 6 (12:30 p.m.)	March 13	March 15	March 15
Residential Security: Individual Action	March 15	March 6	March 8	March 8
Personal Safety	March 21	March 20	March 22	March 22
Self-Defense	March 30	March 27	March 29	March 29
Crimes of Greed (Part 1)	April 9	April 3	April 5	April 5
Crimes of Greed (Part 2)	April 18	April 10	April 12	April 12
Reporting Crimes	April 3 (12:30 p.m.)	April 17	April 19	April 19
"Wrapping Up"	April 26	April 24	April 26	April 26

Southwest Reuther Center - 5555 McGraw (Kronk Recreation Building) - 895-5400
Northwest Reuther Center - 10301 W. Seven Mile (Tindal Recreation Building) - 341-6511
Eastside Reuther Center - 10100 Harper (Eastside YMCA) - 925-2105
Operation Get-Down - 9980 Gratiot (at Harper) - 921-1075

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CRIME PREVENTION HANDBOOK FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Published by the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (a division of LEAA), the 53-page handbook describes practical steps that can be taken by senior citizens - or anybody - to keep themselves reasonably safe. The handbook is especially useful for community leaders and workshop instructors.

Available at the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) Bookstore in the McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue (at Cass). \$2.10. (Stock No. 027-000-00589-00)



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Senior Workshops Continue

"No man is an island, entire of itself. Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the whole."

Henry Coward, a member of the Northwest Reuther Senior Center and the President of the Buena Vista #1 Block Club, used this familiar quote to help set the theme for the series of crime prevention workshops which are currently being conducted by the Crime Prevention Project. The 9-week series began in late February and will continue through April at the three Reuther Senior Centers and at Operation Get-Down.

The workshops have stressed the importance of community involvement in the prevention of crime and are also helping senior citizens develop and strengthen their individual crime prevention skills. The first sessions have focused on Neighborhood Watch, Operation Identification, Home Security Measures, and Self-Defense Techniques. The programs in April will deal with such topics as Redlining, Con Games, Consumer Fraud, and the use of "911" to report crimes.

Workshop participants, notes Community Worker Leslie Roberts, are receiving at least 13½ hours of intensive training. By comparison, she told the members of the Southwest Center, until recently crime prevention was not a part of a police officer's formal training. Now all new officers receive 4 hours of training in prevention, mini-station officers receive 16 hours, and officers in the Crime Prevention Unit receive at least 40 hours of training. Roberts told the audience that they will be as well trained in crime prevention as many police officers and, in some cases, better trained.

The need for the workshops can be seen in the attendance statistics. During the first week 120 persons took part. By the third week, enrollment had grown to 200.

When the current 9-week series is completed, there will still be much activity taking place. Workshop members will be completing their own engraving for Operation Identification. Their homes will be surveyed by crime prevention officers who will recommend ways of improving the security features. Those seniors who request it will then be eligible to receive security hardware recommended by the police officers. Several workshop members have already begun organizing Neighborhood Watches. Crime Prevention Committees will be organized to keep these and other anti-crime activities going.

Plans are also being drawn up for a series of seminars on the Criminal Justice System and for workshops to help block club members strengthen their organizations. A Wayne County Community College course on Self-Defense is also planned.

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Task Force Studies Seniors' Needs

Recognizing that crime is a major concern of Michigan's elderly population, last May Governor William Milliken created the Task Force on Crime Prevention for the Elderly.

In establishing the 14-member panel, the Governor noted that the fear of crime can cause the elderly to become prisoners in their own homes. He also pointed out that because of the limited incomes of many older adults, the economic impact of crime may be greater for them than for younger people.

The Task Force has been evaluating present efforts at crime prevention for the elderly as well as the training received by law enforcement personnel and others working with aging programs. Its preliminary report was sent to the Governor in September.

A major concern of the panel is that there is no statewide, uniform system for recording and reporting crimes against the elderly. Although the Detroit Police Department compiles this type of information, many out-state communities do not. The lack of such a data base makes it difficult to monitor the prevention needs of the elderly and to develop effective programs.

The Task Force is staffed through the State Office of Services to the Aging, which is working with the Office of Criminal Justice Programs on two pilot crime prevention programs in Detroit and Ingham County.

The Reuther Senior Centers is represented on the Task Force by Freida Gorrecht, the organization's Executive Director. Bill Yagerlener, Director of the Crime Prevention Project, serves on the panel's Technical Assistance Team.

The Task Force is currently refining the recommendations made in its initial report and is developing a plan for their implementation.

Self-defense Course Begins

An 8-week course on self-defense geared toward the special needs of the elderly has begun at the Southwest Senior Center.

The course is offered through the Community Services Division of Wayne County Community College. Joanne Spiro, the instructor, has conducted self-defense classes throughout the Detroit area for the past several years.

The course stresses practical actions that can be taken to prevent an attack as well as steps to take in the event of an assault. Spiro is the author of Women's Self-Defense - 22 Commonly Asked Questions.

A unique feature of this series is that several of the students are physically impaired. Of the first 15 Center members who enrolled in the class, 2 are totally or partially blind, 2 have arthritis, and 1 has a heart condition. These students will be assisted by the Project Restore therapist assigned to the Southwest Center.

As with other WC³ courses, there is no charge for the self-defense class for persons over 55 years of age.

The course will begin at a later date at the Northwest and Eastside Reuther Senior Centers. For registration information, contact the Crime Prevention Project office at 963-5212.

Thank You!

Here, for the record, are some of the people who have helped to make the Crime Prevention workshops such a success.

This list includes only those who volunteered for the first three sessions. They - and those who helped with the other sessions - will be honored with special awards during the week of April 24: Rev. Herman Hutson, a member of the McClellan and Gratiot Involved Citizens (MAGIC).....Henry Coward, member of the Northwest Reuther Senior Center and President of the Buena Vista #1 Block Club.....Denise Beumer, Crime Prevention Coordinator for Neighborhood East Area Residents (NEAR).....James Moore, member of the Northwest Reuther Senior Center.....Ruth Ford of the Whitcomb-7 Mile Block Club and the 12th Precinct Community Relations Committee.....Ruby Edwards of the Hartwell Block Club.....Jan Williams and Edna Delaforce of the Crary-St. Mary's Community Council.....Harry James, the Northwest Center member who helped with the photography.

CRIME PREVENTION ACTION GUIDE

Whistles & Shreak Alarms

Whistles and aerosol "shreak" alarms can be an effective crime deterrent when used properly. Like other prevention activities (such as home security surveys and Operation Identification) these alarm programs can be useful for individuals and even more effective when they are part of an entire community's crime prevention strategy.

HOW THE PROGRAMS WORK...

- An individual carries a whistle or alarm wherever he or she goes and keeps it handy when at home.
- If the person is confronted on the street, witnesses a crime, fears trouble, or needs emergency assistance, he/she blows the whistle or sets off the alarm when it is safe to do so. This noise startles the criminal and alerts others that someone needs help. It may also bring out more witnesses who can provide the police with valuable information.
- The people who hear the noise rush to find out what's happening, while others call "911" to summon help.

REMEMBER THESE TIPS...

- If you need help, move to the middle of the street or to an open area where others can see you when you blow your whistle or set off your alarm.
- Keep making noise until help arrives. Criminals don't like to attract attention.
- Carry your whistle or alarm in your hand - not in your pocket or purse. You need to get to it quickly. (Some people carry a whistle on a key ring.) Besides, if you are holding an alarm in your hand, you're more likely to pay attention to what's going on around you.
- If you hear a whistle or alarm, determine where the sound is coming from. Take your alarm with you as you move toward the sound so you can alert other neighbors. In an organized community, some neighbors will call "911" while others are rushing to help.

YOU CHOOSE...

- A whistle is easy to carry on a key ring or on a thin neck chain. But it may be difficult for you to blow it if you are physically involved in a crime or lose your breath in the excitement. In some areas whistles are a popular fad with youths.
- An aerosol shreak alarm gives off an ear-piercing noise without much effort. But you may be tempted to carry it in your purse or pocket rather than in your hand.

Whichever alarm you choose, use it properly. Get your neighbors involved too! Crime thrives when a community is silent.

Senior citizens can obtain whistles and shreak alarms at the three Reuther Senior Centers, which are located at 5555 McGraw (in the Kronk Recreation Building), 10100 Harper (in the eastside YMCA), and 10301 West Seven Mile (in the Tindal Recreation Building).

A donation of \$1 is requested for whistles and \$1.50 for shreak alarms. Seniors who participate in the Crime Prevention Project are provided an alarm or whistle at no charge.

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THE EXCHANGE

The newsletter of the Neighborhood Information Exchange is published twice a month to alert NIE members about activities, programs, resources, proposals, and issues affecting neighborhoods throughout Detroit. NIE is a non-profit, tax-exempt association of the city's neighborhood-based organizations and individuals interested in neighborhood developments. An annual membership fee of \$15.00 is required.

To request a membership brochure and sample newsletter, write: NIE, 742 W. McNichols Road, Detroit 48203.



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First Phase of Project Completed

At the April 24 "Wrapping Up" session at the Northwest Reuther Senior Center 59 workshop participants and volunteers received certificates acknowledging their roles in the 9-week Crime Prevention Workshops.

Northwest Center President Al Smith also presented a special Service Award to the Detroit Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit in recognition of the cooperation and assistance provided by the unit. The award was accepted on behalf of the Department by Mayoral Aide Alex Duvall and Inspector Jim Humphrey. (A similar award was presented to the officers of the Crime Prevention Units in the Sixth, Twelfth, and Fifteenth Precincts.)

Mr. Duvall - to the audience's surprise - presented a "Key to the City" to the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project on behalf of Mayor Coleman Young. Al Smith accepted the key in the name of the centers and noted that it symbolized the Mayor's interest in the needs of Detroit's senior citizens.

On April 25, 53 workshop participants and volunteers at the Southwest Center received their certificates. The ceremony was repeated on April 16 at the Eastside Center, where 75 certificates were presented.

The series of workshops began on February 26 and were held four times each week through April. The sessions stressed practical steps individuals can take to reduce their chances of becoming victims of crime. Special emphasis was placed on the needs of senior citizens and on the importance of community involvement in crime prevention.

In their congratulatory remarks at the final session, Community Workers Ramzey Jize, Alvin Sims, and Leslie Roberts pointed out that workshops were the first phase of the Crime Prevention Project. They will be working closely with the workshop participants in the next few months to expand the Neighborhood Watch and Operation Identification programs. (The WhistleSTOP program is already moving along rapidly. To date almost 300 shriek alarms and 200 whistles have been distributed through the three Reuther Centers.)

Future activities under consideration include leadership training workshops for seniors who are active in neighborhood groups and the development of a "mini" series of Crime Prevention workshops for other senior centers, church groups, and block clubs.

Whistles, Alarms, & Engravers

Whistles and personal "shriek" alarms can be obtained at the Reuther Senior Centers. The whistles, along with an information packet on the WhistleSTOP program, can be purchased for \$1 each. The aerosol alarms sell for \$1.50.

Seniors who want to purchase these crime prevention devices or borrow an Operation Identification engraver should contact the Crime Prevention Project office for further details. The telephone number is 963-5212.

Neighborhood Assistance Proposed

State Representative Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing) has introduced House Bill 4371 to establish a Neighborhood Assistance and Partnership Fund within the Bureau of Community Services of the Department of Labor. The purpose of the fund is to encourage neighborhood organizations and businesses to engage in such neighborhood revitalization projects as job training, community services, and physical rehabilitation.

Crime prevention would be an eligible activity under the proposed legislation.

According to the proposal, a neighborhood group would develop a project and submit its plans to the Labor Department for approval. Upon certification by the department, the organization would then enter into a "partnership" with one or more businesses to provide funding or professional services for the project. The business, in turn, would be eligible to receive a rebate from the state for up to \$50,000 for the first year of the project. The rebate would be increased by up to \$50,000 for each additional year of the project up to a maximum annual rebate of \$250,000.

Supporters of the bill hope that the program will encourage businesses to support neighborhood projects on a long-term and continuing basis.

A similar program was adopted in 1967 in Pennsylvania and has since been adopted in New Jersey and Missouri. Under Pennsylvania's Neighborhood Assistance Program, three thousand contributors have invested close to \$17 million in that state's communities.

The Michigan proposal resulted from the report of the Urban Action Group, a task force appointed by Governor Milliken in 1977 to analyze the problems facing the state's urban areas.

Comments and inquiries can be directed to Rep. Stabenow or to Rep. William A. Ryan (D-Detroit), whose Urban Affairs Committee is currently considering the bill. They can be reached at the State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

"Open House" Scheduled

The three Reuther Senior Centers have scheduled "Open House" programs for May 23 (Northwest Center), May 30 (Eastside Center), and May 31 (Southwest Center).

The public is invited to visit the multipurpose centers and learn more about the many services and activities aimed at the community's senior citizens.

Since 1953 the centers have been providing nutrition, legal, health, education, social, and recreation services for persons over 55 years of age. (No fees are charged for these services, nor is there any income requirement. You don't have to be retired - or a union member.)

Using a grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the centers recently developed a program to help individuals and groups carry on crime prevention activities. During the "Open House", the staff of the Crime Prevention Project will be available to discuss the program, provide information, and demonstrate anti-crime techniques.

The Northwest Center is located in the Tindal Recreation Building at 10301 West Seven Mile Road (near Wyoming). The Eastside Center is in the eastside YMCA, 10100 Harper Ave. (near Gratiot). The Southwest Center is housed in the Kronk Recreation Building, 5555 McGraw (at Junction).

The centers hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays.

Why not drop in during the Open House - or any day!

Coming Up...

In the next few issues of the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter you'll find information on the Detroit Police Department's Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, the Minority Anti-Rape Task Force, and the Community Revitalization Conference scheduled for July in Detroit...and other useful information.

CRIME PREVENTION ACTION GUIDE

Apartment Security

In many respects an apartment building is a small neighborhood. Instead of being spread around in homes on a city block, apartment residents are "squeezed together" into a small area. By working together, the residents of apartment buildings can make their community safe and pleasant.

ORGANIZE AN APARTMENT WATCH ...

This program is similar to the Neighborhood Watch system. Residents of a building exchange names and telephone numbers and select a Building Security Chief. If they notice something "out of the ordinary" going on in their building they contact each other and notify "911" if they feel police assistance is needed.

More details on Apartment Watch and help in organizing this program can be obtained from the Detroit Police Department's Crime Prevention Section, 224-4030. Officers will also conduct a security survey of your apartment and building.

USE THE BUZZERS PROPERLY ...

In many buildings, residents can "buzz" open the front and/or back doors to admit visitors. Unfortunately, some residents automatically open the doors without knowing for sure who is being admitted. It could be a friend, a delivery person ... or a thief!

- When your doorbell rings, ask: "Who is it?" (Don't ask: "Is that you, Fred?" Almost anybody can say "Yes" to that question.)
- If you don't hear an answer, don't buzz the door. Tell the caller to wait until you come to the door.
- Don't buzz open the door to anyone (including delivery persons, letter carriers, news carriers, and utility company personnel) until you are absolutely certain they have legitimate business in your building.
- Encourage your neighbors to be as careful as you are. One careless resident can make all the apartments in your building more easy to burglarize. (In some buildings, the buzzers have been disconnected entirely or shut off at certain times of the day or night.)

KEEP YOUR DOOR LOCKED ...

Lock your door whenever you're inside and whenever you leave.

- When you go down the hall to visit a neighbor, lock your door.
- When you go to pick up the mail or dump the garbage, lock your door.
- When you go to the lobby to admit a delivery person or to the basement to check on your laundry, lock your door.

IF YOU RENT ...

You should insist that the lock to your apartment be changed when you move in, that all outside doors are secure, that the lighting around and inside the building is adequate and that your intercom system works properly. These are the landlord's responsibility.

Information about tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities can be obtained from the Landlord-Tenant Clinic, which is located on the 2nd floor of the Lafayette Building, 149 Michigan Avenue. The telephone number is 963-1375.

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Child Abuse & Neglect: A Community Problem

This brochure has just been published by the City's Department of Public Information for the Mayor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect.

The pamphlet explains the legal definitions of "abuse" and "neglect" and outlines the requirements imposed on medical personnel, social service providers, educators, and law enforcement officials for reporting abuse and neglect.

Also included are the phone numbers of agencies to which such cases can be reported as well as agencies providing counseling and shelter.

For free copies, contact the Child/Family Center, 7737 Kercheval 48214. The phone number is 571-1780.



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LA SED Develops Bilingual Program

"Atención! Está Usted interesado/a en la prevención del crimen en su comunidad? Quiere saber cómo hacer su casa más segura y como proteger sus cosas de valor? Si su respuesta es sí, debe asistir a un interesante programa de prevención del crimen. El programa destacará películas educativas, policías para contestar sus preguntas en Inglés y Español, exhibición de artículos útiles para seguridad del hogar... todos están invitados a asistir a esta presentación."

Most Detroiters seeing an announcement like this would not understand what the message means and would obviously not respond to this invitation to attend a crime prevention meeting featuring a film, police officers to answer questions in English or Spanish, and a display of home security items.

THE LANGUAGE BARRIER

On the other hand, if you are among the estimated 13,000 residents who understand only Spanish, all of the crime prevention material available from the Police Department and from a growing number of public and private agencies means nothing to you. According to Raymond Lozano, Director of Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED), there are approximately 25,000 Latinos living in southwest Detroit. Well over 50 percent of these people, he notes, are exclusively Spanish-speaking. Compounding the problem is the fact that many people who speak only Spanish are also poor, elderly, and/or recent arrivals to this country - the very people most in need of basic human services.

The problem was demonstrated at the Crime Prevention Meeting held on June 5 at the LA SED Senior Center. In introducing the program, Community Worker Jessie Molina asked the audience of approximately 50 seniors how many understood English. Only 8 people raised their hands. Police officers from the Fourth Precinct responded to questions in both Spanish and English and explained the importance of citizen cooperation with the police in preventing crime. The program also featured a film to illustrate common-sense ways of preventing crime. Although the film was in English, LA SED's Director explained that the Spanish-speaking audience could understand the general idea being presented. But, he noted, several points could easily be misinterpreted unless a person understands English.

BILINGUAL PROGRAM STARTED

In an effort to address this problem, LA SED has been funded under the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project to develop a bilingual program. Among the activities LA SED is carrying on are the publication and distribution of crime prevention literature in Spanish and the organizing of such programs as Neighborhood Watch and Operation Identification in the Latino community on Detroit's southwest side.

Lozano notes that the material LA SED prepares will also be distributed to Spanish-speaking communities in other cities throughout the United States.

Additional information on this phase of the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project can be obtained from the project office at 963-5212 or from LA SED, 4138 W. Vernor (48209). LA SED's telephone is 554-2025.

Self-Help Conference Coming

The Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project is cooperating with the Neighborhood Information Exchange, the Neighborhood Service Organization, New Detroit, Inc., the National Bank of Detroit, and Manufacturers National Bank in developing a Neighborhood Self-Help Conference.

The conference will focus on the many issues affecting neighborhoods throughout the city. Leaders of neighborhood groups will be able to meet with representatives from several public and private agencies which have an interest in neighborhood stabilization and revitalization. Another goal of the conference is to assist neighborhood organizations in developing or improving the skills they need to manage community programs effectively. The conference planners hope that a Self-Help Handbook - similar to one developed for neighborhoods in New York - will result from the program.

The conference is planned for late October. The exact date will be announced shortly.

NAHRO Meeting in Detroit

The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officers (NAHRO) will hold its National Conference on the City in Detroit beginning July 24. The conference will deal with strategies and programs that are generating new economic and social life in America's cities.

Several of the conference sessions will focus on neighborhood revitalization issues: "How to Develop Long-term Marketing Strategies that Support and Sustain Neighborhood Revitalization", "How to Deal with the Problems and Conflicting Interests of Displacement and Maintaining Investor Interests", "The Role of Non-profit Organizations in Neighborhood Revitalization", "Using Historic Preservation as a Catalyst to Private Revitalization Efforts", and "New Resources in Citizen Participation".

The four-day conference will take place at the Radisson-Cadillac Hotel. The registration fee for non-members is \$170. Additional information can be obtained by writing NAHRO at 2600 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20037.

Because the registration fee will keep many neighborhood groups from participating in the conference, Detroit's Neighborhood Information Exchange has asked NAHRO to make the workshop materials available to it. For details contact NIE at 742 W. McNichols (48203).

Updates...

The Neighborhood Assistance Act (HB-4371) was unanimously approved by the Urban Affairs Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives and has been sent to the House Appropriations Committee. The House is expected to approve the measure before it begins its summer recess in July. Action by the Senate is expected in the fall. For details about the legislation, consult the May issue of the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter or contact Rep. William Ryan at (517) 373-1776.

The Governor's Task Force on Crime Prevention for the Elderly has listed as its primary recommendation the establishment of a statewide uniform crime reporting system in which police agencies would be required to report such information as the age and sex of crime victims. The task force feels that such statistical information is essential if crime prevention agencies are to be successful in their programs. Currently police agencies are not required to provide the State Police Department with this information.

Governor Milliken has signed into law Public Act No. 11, which provides that persons found to be in possession of stolen property can be prosecuted under a law prohibiting the buying, selling, or aiding in the concealment of stolen goods. The Michigan Supreme Court had earlier held that a person who steals property cannot be properly prosecuted under the "concealment" law. This decision caused a problem because possession of stolen property is often easier to prove than the actual theft.

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Information Sources

Community groups which are involved in such neighborhood revitalization activities as crime prevention, housing rehabilitation, and commercial strip improvement may find it helpful to register with these agencies and organizations. Many of these agencies, as well as the offices of elected officials, publish directories, newsletters, brochures, bulletins, and media releases with useful information on programs and activities affecting neighborhoods.

A letter explaining briefly the purpose of your organization is the most effective way of requesting that you be added to the mailing lists of these information sources.

DIRECTORIES

These directories are helpful in contacting elected and appointed officials and many public agencies.

- A Citizen's Guide to Elected Officials and The Detroit Public Schools Mini-Directory are published by the League of Women Voters, 2230 Witherell, Detroit 48201, 962-0580.
- The City of Detroit Directory of Officials is compiled and published by the City Clerk, 304 City-County Building, 48226, 224-3270.
- The Wayne County Directory is published by the County Clerk, 201 City-County Building, 48226, 224-5525.
- The Michigan Government Directory is prepared and distributed by State Rep. Perry Bullard, State Capitol, Lansing, 48909, (517) 373-2577.
- Neighborhood Problem-Solving and City of Detroit Services is compiled and published by City Council's Division of Research and Analysis, 1340 City-County Building, 48226, 224-4543.

CITY OF DETROIT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

- Planning Department, 3400 Cadillac Tower (48226), 224-4556. The Department compiles a mailing list which is frequently used by a number of other City Departments.
- Planning Commission, 1320 City-County Building (48226), 224-6225
- Community and Economic Development Department, 150 Michigan Ave. (48226), 224-2560
- Board of Zoning Appeals, 735 Randolph Street (48226), 224-3595
- Neighborhood City Hall (for the correct NCH, contact the Administrative Office, 1120 City-County Building 48226, 224-3450)
- Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, 1300 Beaubien Street (48226), 224-4030 (each precinct also has a Crime Prevention Unit and a Community Relations Committee)
- Public Information Department, 608 City-County Building (48226), 224-3755. The Department sends media releases to groups which publish newsletters.

(NOTE: Next month's issue of the newsletter will include several state and federal agencies and non-profit groups which provide information useful in neighborhood programs. Additions and/or corrections to this list are welcomed.)

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Citizens' Action Guide to CETA

This 40-page publication of the Center for Community Change describes the programs, priorities, and procedures of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act and explains how citizen groups can intervene in the CETA process, influence key decisions, and work effectively to have the jobs and training benefit their communities.

The guide is available at no cost to nonprofit community organizations with limited budgets. Those which can afford the fee are asked to pay \$1.50.

Send requests to: Director of Publications, CCC, 1000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20007. (202) 338-3565.



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Motor City Stresses "Watch"

"Unless we start looking at each other as neighbors, we're in trouble. The key to successful crime prevention programs is the neighborhood. There's no question in my mind."

This was the message of John D'Agostino, president of Motor City Consumers Cooperative, at the June 23 Crime Prevention seminar. D'Agostino told the audience of eastside neighborhood leaders that Motor City was working with the Reuther Senior Centers to assist community groups in that part of the city to carry on more effectively their crime prevention activities. "Motor City", he said, "wants to work with, through, and for the community in this effort."

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: A PRIORITY

The Cooperative is one of five neighborhood-based organizations which are funded as part of the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project. The Motor City Program is operating out of the organization's credit union located at 17950 Van Dyke Avenue, just north of McNichols Road. The major thrust of its activities is assisting the block clubs and home-owners associations in the Eleventh and Fifteenth Precincts in organizing Neighborhood Watch. Its organizers are also working with the residents of the River Towers, a senior citizen apartment complex on East Jefferson, in establishing Apartment Watch.

The importance of Neighborhood Watch in reducing and preventing crime was demonstrated to the audience by Inspector Jim Humphrey, the commanding officer of the Police Department's Crime Prevention Section. Humphrey noted that the department selected a westside neighborhood for an intensive organizing program. The goal, he said, was to involve 155 blocks in Neighborhood Watch. After one year, crime had dropped fifty percent. "We know that it works. We know that, when a community takes the stand that it will not be intimidated and is willing to stand up and be counted, we can impact on crime. The police and the community working together - that's what it's all about."

Police Officers Edwin Kaler and Henry Wellams, who are assigned to the Eleventh Precinct's Crime Prevention Unit, told the eastside leaders that a year ago only five blocks in the precinct were involved in Neighborhood Watch. Currently there is such an interest in the program, they said, that they are having trouble keeping up with the demands for their assistance. They noted, however, that in the area immediately surrounding the credit union there were only a handful of organized groups. They welcomed Motor City's offer to help in organizing Neighborhood Watch.

AN EFFECTIVE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Earlier in the seminar a neighborhood leader indicated that some people are afraid to report crimes and participate in Neighborhood Watch because they fear reprisals from the suspects. Inspector Humphrey noted that such threats are treated by the police as "simple assaults" and that few threats are actually carried out. He pointed out that in a well organized community neighbors are watching out for each other. The fact that Neighborhood Watch signs have not been vandalized, he said, shows that would-be criminals stay clear of organized areas.

The Motor City Crime Prevention Program has been working closely with the LaSalle College Park Homeowners Association and the Outer-Van Dyke Homeowners Association. Neighborhood groups in the Eleventh and Fifteenth Precincts which are interested in learning how Motor City can work with them should contact the Co-op at 366-8460.

JOLT is Suspended in Michigan

JOLT (Juvenile Offenders Learning Truth), a program aimed at deterring youths from committing more crimes by showing them life at Michigan's Jackson State Prison, has been suspended because it didn't work. The program, sponsored by the prison chapter of the Jaycees, had been in operation since May, 1978.

The idea of the program was to show juvenile delinquents, first hand, what prison life is like and persuade them to change. The program was similar to the "Scared Straight" program in New Jersey which was analyzed in the television documentary of the same name broadcast earlier this year on WTVS, Channel 50.

A total of 227 cases were involved in the Michigan experiment. Half were assigned to the program and the other half were used as a control group. Program participants did not commit a significantly lower number of crimes according to the state's evaluation.

In the "Scared Straight" documentary 17 juvenile delinquents were observed interacting with prisoners who were serving life sentences at Rahway State Prison in New Jersey. It appeared as though the juveniles had, in effect, been "scared straight" by the brutally frank interaction and obscene language used by the inmates.

The television program closed by stating 80%-90% of the juvenile participants had gone straight.

Dr. James O. Finchenauer, of Rutgers University, researched the validity of the "Scared Straight" program on behalf of the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives and found that only 8% of those that participated in the program had a high-probability of delinquency.

Further investigation showed that those who did not participate had about the same delinquency rate as those who did. This conclusion was also reached in the Michigan study and was the basis for suspending the program.

Vince Brown

Insurance Problem Cited

An estimated 15 million of the 23 million Americans 65 and over have at least one insurance policy to supplement Medicare according to a just-released report of the House Select Committee on Aging. Almost one-quarter of that huge total have more than one policy, and some have three, four, or more.

This is despite the fact that most policies include a "coordination of benefits" clause which means that in cases where the coverage of the policies overlaps, only one will pay off. Rep. Claude Pepper of Florida says that the truth is that there is no policy that will plug all of Medicare's gaping holes and provide the elderly with the comprehensive coverage they desperately want.

The exploitation of the elderly in the sale of health insurance policies to supplement Medicare has been under investigation by the House Select Committee on Aging for more than a year. Several options are open to the federal government to help meet the problems underlined by the investigation. At the top of the list is broadening the scope of Medicare's coverage to fill the major gaps and uncovered services.

Rep. Claude Pepper and 222 of his colleagues in the House are sponsoring a bill to provide a system of certification for health insurance policies sold to supplement Medicare. The program would be voluntary, but policies that met certain standards could be advertised as government approved. The bill also would impose penalties of up to 5 years in prison and fines up to \$25,000 for false statements. There is also encouraging evidence that the government may be willing to acknowledge responsibility for giving the elderly some guidance in buying Medi-Gap insurance.

(In the next issue of the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter, the Project's staff will pass along some more advice to senior citizens from syndicated columnist Sylvia Porter about purchasing health insurance. The information in these articles is based on columns which appeared in the July 8 and July 10 issues of the Detroit Free Press.)

Carolyn Jones

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Information Sources-II

In the June issue of the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter, the "Action Guide" listed some directories community groups will find useful and some of the City of Detroit departments with which they should register in order to obtain information on activities affecting neighborhood revitalization.

Here are several state, federal, and private agencies which publish newsletters, brochures, bulletins, and media releases with useful information on neighborhood-related programs.

A letter explaining briefly the purpose of your organization is the most effective way of being added to the mailing lists of these information sources. If your group publishes a newsletter, be sure to mention this in your letter.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

- Housing Development Authority, P.O. Box 30044, Lansing 48909, (517) 373-8370
- Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 30224, Lansing 48909, (517) 373-8674. The Department's Financial Institutions Bureau provides information on mortgage redlining.
- Department of Labor, P.O. Box 30015, Lansing 48909, (517) 373-0890. The Department is developing plans for a State Office of Neighborhoods.
- The State House of Representatives publishes The Legisletter each month. The newsletter can be requested from your State Representative, Lansing 48909.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS

- HUD Office of Neighborhood Development, Washington, D.C. 20410. The Office is preparing material on neighborhood self-help opportunities.
- The LEAA Newsletter is published 10 times a year. It can be requested from LEAA, Washington, D.C. 20531.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Consult the directories listed in the June "Action Guide" for the names and addresses of your community's City, County, State, and Federal officeholders. Request that your group be added to their mailing lists.

PRIVATE AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

- The Michigan Committee on Law and Housing and The Fair Housing Center, 23 E. Adams, Detroit 48201. (MCLH publishes the Law & Housing Bulletin)
- The Neighborhood Information Exchange, 742 West McNichols, Detroit 48203. (NIE publishes The Exchange twice a month. A \$15 subscription fee is charged)
- Urban Resources Monitoring Project, New Detroit, Inc., 1010 Commonwealth Bldg., Detroit 48226. (New Detroit publishes The Urban Agenda newsletter periodically)
- National Trust for Historical Preservation, 748 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (publishes the Conserve Neighborhoods newsletter)
- The Center for Community Change publishes several newsletters to assist low-income communities: Action Line, Catalyst, and Monitor. For details, write CCC, 1000 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007, (202) 338-4712.

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Grantsmanship Center News

The magazine is published six times a year by the Grantsmanship Center, a nonprofit, tax-exempt educational institution based in Los Angeles. The publication focuses on a broad range of issues affecting community groups and stresses the skills they need to manage their programs.

Subscriptions are \$15 for one year.

Order from the Grantsmanship Center, 1031 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90015.
(213) 749-4721.



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Escort Goal: Reduce Fear & Isolation

In some Detroit neighborhoods, older persons are unable or unwilling to move about freely to carry on such routine activities as shopping, banking, visiting friends, and keeping medical appointments. The fear of harassment and assault in high-crime areas - coupled with the lack of a transportation program designed to move people for short distances quickly - has kept many senior citizens isolated in their own homes.

As part of the Crime Prevention Project, two community-based transportation services are providing escorts for older persons on Detroit's eastside and southwest side.

S.C.A.T. - THE EASTSIDE ESCORT

The Senior Citizens Area Transit (SCAT) is the free, door-to-door, transportation service available to eastside senior citizens in parts of the high-crime 15th precinct. The service provides rides to senior citizens on an appointment basis. Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance. The program is based in the mini-station at 16334 East Warren Avenue.

The SCAT program is aimed at reducing crime, specifically the harassment and assault that seniors citizens have been subjected to. The SCAT service eliminates the necessity of senior citizens having to walk long distances to bus stops and stores by picking them up at their homes, thus reducing both the fear of and the opportunity for criminal victimization.

The SCAT program, at present, services the area bounded by Conner (west), I-94 (north), Outer Drive and Whittier (east), and Mack (south). Some doctors' offices, the 7-Mack Shopping Center as well as St. John's, Bon Secours, and Cottage Hospitals are included in the service area. Senior citizens may use the free transportation service for a variety of reasons ranging from social visits and grocery trips to transportation to and from medical appointments. There is no income limitation in the SCAT project, as is the case in some other transportation programs.

Since the program's inception in January, the van has logged over 9,000 miles. Van ridership has increased at a steady pace to the present average of over 300 riders a month.

VISTA volunteer Wanda Phillips coordinates the volunteer group that answers phones and schedules appointments at the SCAT office. Ms. Phillips and her volunteer staff have devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to the program. However, she notes that more volunteers are needed to answer phones and make appointments. Volunteer information can be obtained at the SCAT office (885-7123).

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH - THE SOUTHWEST ESCORT

St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church has also subcontracted with the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project to provide a weekly transportation service for senior citizens. On Thursday mornings from 9-12 a bus is available, free of charge, in the Michigan-Livernois area for shopping and basic transportation needs. Information on St. John's escort program can be obtained by contacting Anastasia Volker, the coordinator, at 897-8282.

Self-Help Conference Postponed

The Neighborhood Self-Help Conference which had been planned for November 3 has been postponed until the spring.

The conference is being planned by the consortium consisting of the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project, the Neighborhood Information Exchange, the Neighborhood Service Organization, the Planning Department, National Bank of Detroit, and New Detroit, Inc.

At the July 31 meeting of the task force which has been coordinating the project, it was agreed that there is too little time left to plan an effective conference. Rather than risk failure by rushing to line up financial and personnel resources for an autumn event, the task force decided to aim for a date in early spring. By that time the funding and logistics will be "in place".

Although some of the members of the task force were disappointed at having to postpone again the conference, Tony Rothchild of NSO notes that this time a more structured proposal has already been developed.

The conference will stress the development and improvement of basic skills needed by neighborhood organizations in carrying on their programs, including identifying a group's goals and objectives, problem-solving techniques, proposal writing, conducting meetings, and publishing newsletters.

Community groups with ideas or comments are urged to contact Bill Yagerlener or Leslie Roberts at 963-5212. The task force will meet again in early September to refine plans further.

"Correct Count" - 1980 Goal

One part of the City's strategy to ensure a more accurate census next year is the identification of active organizations in each census tract in the city. The organizations will work closely with the City and the U.S. Census Bureau in eliminating some of the factors which resulted in an undercount of Detroit's population in the 1970 Census.

On July 11 some 75 individuals representing 45 community organizations attended an informational meeting convened by the Mayor's Office. Representatives from the Planning Department and the Census Bureau noted that approximately 67,000 Detroiters were not counted in 1970. The undercounting resulted in the loss of \$52 million from revenue-sharing programs that use population data in their distribution formulas. Almost every City department is affected by this undercount.

Francine Pegues, Special Assistant to the Mayor, has been designated as the City's coordinator for all Census activities. Pegues told the audience that the formation of the Mayor's Correct Count Committee will be announced in September. One function of the committee will be the identification of the organizations to serve as liaisons in each census tract.

The Reuther Senior Centers is cooperating in this effort. Neighborhood-based groups which are interested in assisting in the Correct Count Campaign are asked to contact Francine Pegues, 3400 Cadillac Tower (48226), 224-3468.

Senior Transportation

Here is a list of some transportation services available to Detroit senior citizens. Each program has some limitations (area served, income requirement, user eligibility, ability to respond):

- Senior Citizens Area Transit - 885-7123
- St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church - 897-8282
- Neighborhood Service Department - 224-6800
- Wayne County Advanced Registration Transit (WAYCART) - 542-1310

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Buying Medicare Supplement Policies

The July issue of the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter featured an article explaining how some insurance companies prey on the elderly by selling them policies which are advertised as supplementing Medicare coverage. In some cases seniors have been bilked out of limited resources in the purchase of worthless policies.

The staff of the Crime Prevention Project has compiled this list of tips from columns by Sylvia Porter and Peter Weaver which appeared in the Detroit Free Press on July 8, 10, and 25.

- It's a good idea to make a rational review of your Medicare supplemental needs before you buy extra insurance. Don't make a hasty decision.
- It might be wise to wait awhile before you buy supplemental insurance. Weaver notes that by this time next year Congress may have established a National Health Insurance Plan.
- Policies paying service benefits are more valuable than those paying indemnity benefits. Service benefits keep pace with rising costs, while indemnity benefits pay a flat fee per day and may not start until a hospital stay has lasted a long time.
- Most health policies bought on an individual basis will not provide benefits right away for an illness or condition that existed when the policy was issued. Find out how far back in your medical history a company will go in searching for pre-existing conditions.
- Some mail order insurance companies tend to deny more claims and make heavy use of "pre-existing condition" exclusions.
- As with any contract, read the small print before you sign. If you don't understand the terms of the policy, don't sign it.

Additional information can be obtained free from:

- Information on Medicare & Health Insurance for Older People, published by the American Association of Retired Persons, P.O. Box 2400, Long Beach, CA 90801
- A Shopper's Guide to Supplemental Medical Insurance, published by the National Senior Citizens Law Center, 1424 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036
- State of Michigan Insurance Bureau toll-free "hotline" 1-800-292-5943. The bureau publishes consumer bulletins and can tell you if an insurance company is properly registered to sell policies in Michigan.

Information and advice on preventing consumer fraud is contained in:

- Target: The Elderly, published for \$1 by the Consumer Affairs Foundation, c/o Suffolk University, 47 Mount Vernon St., Boston, MA 02108

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CITY OF DETROIT DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS

The 1979 City of Detroit Directory of Officials is now available from the City Clerk's Office. The directory lists the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of many of Detroit's elected and appointed officials.

Neighborhood organizations which need to keep in touch with these individuals and departments will find the publication very helpful.

Single copies can be obtained from the Clerk's Office, 1304 City-County Building, (48226), 224-3260.



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Home Security Reduces Crime, Fear

According to data collected by the National Crime Survey, senior citizens are not any more likely to be victims of residential burglary than the general population. But the fear of a break-in and a possible - perhaps violent - confrontation with a burglar can be a serious problem for older persons. The loss of personal property, some of which may have important "sentimental" value or which may be too expensive for a person on a fixed income to replace, can be particularly traumatic.

The Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project has been addressing this problem through its Residential Security Improvement Program.

N.E.A.R. - 100 EASTSIDE HOMES

Working closely with the Police Department's Crime Prevention Section, the Project has allocated \$12,380 to upgrade the security features of approximately 250 eligible residences in the Project's target community. Neighborhood East Area Residents (NEAR) has been allocated \$5,300 of this amount for improvements on at least 100 homes. The balance is being distributed through the three multipurpose centers operated by the Walter Reuther Senior Centers.

NEAR's program is concentrated in the neighborhood bounded on the north by I-94, on the east by Outer Drive, on the south by Mack, and on the west by Alter Road. This part of the Fifteenth Precinct has recorded an unusually large number of residential burglaries in the past. In 1978 283 B & E's were reported in Scout Car Area 15-1; in the same year 741 were reported in 15-3.

Part of the problem in this community, say NEAR leaders, is that many of the area's homes need some basic security improvements, such as the closing of milk chutes. (Last December the Police Department "cracked" a burglary ring in the area. The gang would have small youths slide through milk chutes in older homes and open the doors from the inside for the rest of the gang.) NEAR residents can also have basement windows secured with a steel bar, and have "deadbolt" locks installed on exterior doors. By the end of August, these improvements have been completed on 50 homes.

BURGLARIES CUT 10%

In the first seven months of 1978, 157 B & E's were reported in 15-1 and 419 in 15-3. For the same period of 1979, 519 burglaries were reported (148 in 15-1 and 371 in 15-3), a 10% reduction. It should be noted, that the Police Department's Crime Prevention Section has also been working in the eastside area with neighborhood leaders. The department has helped groups organize 27 Neighborhood Watch programs and has also provided home security hardware to 60 eligible senior citizens.

Paul Louisell, NEAR's Home Security Coordinator, notes that participants in his group's program have been very enthusiastic and are becoming more involved in other crime prevention measures as they see the security program move along in their community. Up-to-date security devices, he notes, help to reduce the fear of crime and also stimulate involvement in other neighborhood stabilization activities.

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THE REUTHER CENTERS PROGRAM

Senior citizens at the three Reuther Senior Centers are also participating in the Home Security Improvement Program.

To be eligible for the improvements, a senior must be a member of one of the centers and must have his or her residence "surveyed" by a Crime Prevention Officer from the Police Department. Membership is open to all persons who are at least 55 years of age; there is no membership fee.

Beginning last March, members participated in workshops which stressed practical methods of making their residences less vulnerable to burglaries. Members were encouraged to have Crime Prevention Officers conduct a "security survey" to analyze potential problems. Using the Police Department's recommendations, security improvements are being undertaken. In some cases, the installation of dead-bolt locks is provided at no cost. In some homes plexiglas is installed behind a door's glass window to prevent an intruder from breaking through the glass to unlock the door.

Since center members come from all over Detroit, it would be impossible to analyze crime statistics to measure the effect of this part of the program on residential burglaries. But, as is true in the NEAR community, seniors who are participating in the Residential Security Program are very enthusiastic about the project. "It's a visible sign that someone cares about their problems," notes Jane McCall, director of the Northwest Reuther Senior Center.

Information on the eligibility requirements for home security improvements can be obtained from:

- The Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project - 963-5212
- NEAR - 4827 Bedford, Detroit 48224
- Detroit Police Department Crime Prevention Section - 224-4030

Profits from Crime, Family Violence

Community groups and individuals involved in crime prevention may want to follow the progress of two bills which are currently being considered by the state legislature.

A bill approved by the Michigan House of Representatives would enable a judge to seize any profits a criminal makes by selling personal details of his crime for use in books, magazines, newspapers, television, radio or movies, and hold the money to pay claims by victims of the crime or their survivors.

There have been a number of cases in which notorious criminals, usually mass murderers, have been offered large sums of money for personal information on their crimes.

Under the bill (HB 4529), which has been sent to the Senate, the court could order such profits held in escrow if a civil action for damages is filed against the criminal by victims of the crime.

The Senate also has under consideration a House bill (HB 4216) to increase the number of members on the Domestic Violence and Treatment Board, so that it would better represent those agencies and citizens concerned with domestic abuse. The board was created by the Legislature last year to provide assistance, counseling and protection for victims of spouse abuse and their children and to seek ways to prevent domestic violence.

Whistles, Alarms, & Engravers

Whistles and personal "shriek" alarms can be obtained at the Reuther Senior Centers. The whistles, along with an information packet on the WhistleSTOP program, can be purchased for \$1 each. The aerosol alarms sell for \$1.50.

Seniors who want to purchase these crime prevention devices or borrow an Operation Identification engraver should contact the Crime Prevention Project office for further details. The telephone number is 963-5212.

CRIME PREVENTION ACTION GUIDE

"Con Games"

In the past month the Detroit Police Department arrested a "con artist" team which was using a scheme aimed at recently widowed women.

According to the department's Special Investigations Section, the scheme worked like this: A con artist watched newspaper obituaries and death notices and then telephoned the widow. He identified himself as being with an insurance company and told the widow her husband had a life insurance policy they wished to settle.

The next day, another con man would call on the woman, posing as a detective. He would tell the widow the "insurance man" was a phony working with the manager of the widow's branch bank to steal her money.

The "detective" would tell the widow her help was needed to catch the thieves.

Then a woman appeared, posing as a police officer, with a badge and what appeared to be a police radio. She would tell the widow to withdraw money from her bank in the hope that the bank manager's fingerprints would be on the currency. The "police officer" would tell the woman she would be arrested if she refused to co-operate.

The con artists would then accompany the woman to the bank as she withdrew the money. (In this recent case, the Detroit police officers were alerted by a suspicious neighbor and arrested the phony "officers" as they stood in line with a would-be victim.)

HOW TO AVOID THIS SWINDLE...

The Detroit Police Department and Detroit Bank and Trust Company offer these suggestions on avoiding this type of swindle:

- Do not discuss personal finances with strangers or casual acquaintances.
- Do not withdraw money on the advice of strangers.
- REMEMBER: Under no circumstances will a bank official, police officer, FBI agent or any official ask you to withdraw money from your bank account for any reason.
- Report to the police or the Loss Prevention Section of your bank anyone who represents himself or herself as a police officer or bank examiner and who asks you to withdraw your money. Tellers have been trained to question people, especially senior citizens, who withdraw large sums of money.

LEARN MORE ABOUT "CON GAMES"...

Con artists take advantage of an individual's ignorance. To keep yourself from becoming a victim of con games, learn more about how these swindles take place.

Here are a few good sources of information:

- Target: The Elderly, a booklet published for \$1.00 by the Consumers Affairs Foundation, 47 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, MA 02108
- "Slick Swindles", a free brochure available from Detroit Bank and Trust Company, 211 West Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48226

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PUBLICITY HANDBOOK

Neighborhood organizations seeking publicity for their programs and activities may want a copy of the 36-page "Publicity Handbook" published by the Consumer Affairs Department of the Sperry and Hutchinson Company.

The handbook offers a guide for establishing a publicity campaign and provides information on writing press releases, setting up news conferences, and dealing with the media.



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Conference Set for November 7

On Wednesday, November 7 the Crime Prevention Project of the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers will conduct a day-long conference to help senior citizens develop or improve their skills in conducting crime prevention and neighborhood revitalization activities.

The conference will take place at Barth Hall in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Avenue (at Warren Avenue).

The conference will consist of four workshops, two of which emphasize involvement by older adults in crime prevention. The two other focus on improving the organizing skills of seniors who are active in neighborhood groups.

Registration for the conference is limited to 200 persons. There is no fee for the conference, but pre-registration is required.

The objective of the conference is to train 200 key staff members and volunteers from senior centers and neighborhood organizations in basic organizing techniques and to demonstrate practical steps senior citizens can take to reduce their chances of becoming victims of crime. It is expected that these staff persons and volunteers will pass along the information and skills to their respective communities. For this reason, an effort is being made to attract conference participants from throughout the city.

Chartered bus service will be provided to enable seniors to get to and from the conference more easily.

Invitations have been mailed to several hundred groups and senior centers across the city.

If an agency or neighborhood group has not already received the registration material, it should contact Claudia Hohensee of the Crime Prevention Project at 963-5212.

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

Home Security Devices Available

As was explained in the September issue of the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter, one of the objectives of the Crime Prevention Project is to install good security devices in 100 homes in our target community. Another 100 homes are being serviced by the Neighborhood East Area Residents (NEAR).

As our Project nears the end of its first year, we can provide security devices for a few additional homes at no charge.

To qualify for this free service, the following criteria must be met:

- An individual must be a senior citizen (at least 55 years old) and a resident of Detroit.
- The person's residence must already have been surveyed by the Police Department's Crime Prevention Section.
- A copy of the survey and recommendations must be sent to our office at 2230 Witherell (48201). The office is located in the downtown YWCA.

A Community Worker will contact the individual requesting the devices and after reviewing the Police Department's recommendations will arrange with our locksmiths to have some of the recommended equipment installed.

Rape - A Brutal Crime!

(Note: The following editorial appeared in the September 29, 1979 edition of the Detroit Free Press.)

Maybe it would help if our schools offered courses in "rape awareness". People could be taught early that rape is closer in spirit to a kick in the belly than to normal sex. Maybe juries wouldn't be so quick, then, to brush off rape charges because the defendant seems a "good guy", or so reluctant to believe rape victims suffer real harm.

But rape awareness is still limited, despite Michigan's landmark criminal sexual conduct statute, while convictions for it have dropped in Wayne County. Such a decline now is ironic. Reports of rape are increasing, and the new law was designed to make convictions easier. Women no longer must prove they resisted to the utmost or had spotless reputations before the assault. One huge stumbling block remains, though, and it will be difficult to remove. It's the way jurors, and many other citizens, view rape.

Juries, according to one Recorder's Court judge, are apt to think a woman hasn't had a bad time unless she comes to court battered and bruised. Even when they convict a rapist, this judge contended, it is usually because of other crimes committed during the course of the rape. Sexual assault, in other words, isn't taken seriously. But why?

The feminists would say it's because we live in a society where women are considered walking sex objects whose primary aim in life is to tempt men. If some man, now and then, yields to temptation and snatches an appetizing woman it's not really his fault. The poor guy was just driven mad by the sight of too many rolling hips. So he did what any red-blooded male might do. Why send him to jail for anything from a maximum of 15 years to life? But even a cursory reading of rape case histories gives the lie to such arguments.

A woman in her 80s is raped five times by the same man. An 11-year-old girl is raped by two young men. The girl is attacked so brutally she requires hospitalization. Are such assaults triggered by lust? We doubt it. Psychologists stress that rape is most often an act of violence and hostility toward women. The assailant wants to frighten and hurt his victim, not enjoy her sexually. Some counselors, in fact, advise victims not to resist, since compliance turns off many rapists.

The harm to the rape victim is both physical and psychological. Her privacy, her very body, has been invaded; she may feel she has lost control of her life. The men she knows may turn against her, accepting the popular notion that rape victims somehow deserve what happens to them. They may, if their assailant escapes conviction, become fearful of future retaliation, fearful of going about the daily routines of life.

Rape is serious. And damaging. And frightening. And anyone who treats it lightly helps perpetuate it.

'Rape and Older Women' Published

Rape and Older Women: A Guide to Prevention and Protection has been issued by the National Center for the Prevention and Control of Rape. Based on a study conducted by the Philadelphia Geriatric Center, the guide indicates that although older women may not become victims of rape as often as their younger counterparts, they are affected profoundly by a constant fear of victimization which often reduces their social activities, independence and general life satisfaction.

The Guide suggests specific activities to reduce the likelihood of victimization. Community involvement, the creation of a "human security system" is stressed as an important part of a complete rape prevention program. Resources for education and training are provided for those seeking audiovisual and written aids for further information on existing prevention and crisis intervention programs.

Rape and Older Women: A Guide to Prevention may be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at \$3 per copy. The GPO stock number is 017-024000849-4. (A GPO bookstore is located in Detroit's McNamara Federal Building, 405 Michigan Avenue.)

CRIME PREVENTION ACTION GUIDE

10 Ways to Protect Your Home

More than 3 million residential burglaries are committed in this country every year. That's 1 every 10 seconds.

You can reduce your chances of becoming a target for burglaries by using a little extra care and a little extra thought about the security of your residence and your neighborhood.

Here are a few things you as an individual can do to improve the security of your home or apartment:

1. Get new locks or have the tumblers reset when you move into a previously occupied dwelling. You have no way to know who might have keys to your door.
2. Don't hide a key outside the door (under mats, in flower pots, over moldings). If you can hide it, a burglar can find it. If you want an extra key nearby, leave one with a trusted neighbor.
3. Have good, safe locks on all doors. Use auxiliary deadbolt locks on all exterior doors. LOCK THE DOORS when you go out - even for just a minute.
4. Install an alarm that can be used to detect entry or smoke. Post signs on doors and windows that your residence has an alarm.
5. Don't let strangers into your home. Use a peephole or talk-through device. Ask for identification. People on legitimate business will be glad to show identification.
6. Report broken street lights in your neighborhood. Well-lit areas discourage burglars by taking away their hiding places.
7. Don't leave house and car keys together with attendants at public parking lots. Your house keys can be quickly duplicated and your address obtained from your plate number.
8. Don't give information to strangers on the telephone. On wrong-number calls don't tell the caller your number. Report continued wrong numbers to phone company.
9. Use metal grillwork on glass in entrance doors and decorative side glass to prevent burglars from breaking the glass and reaching inside to open the door.
10. Report to police any strangers loitering in your neighborhood or people asking strange or vague questions about your neighbors and their whereabouts.

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A POCKET DIRECTORY OF CITY OF DETROIT SERVICES

The Public Information Department has just issued A Pocket Directory of City of Detroit Services, a publication which will be of particular interest to individuals and organizations involved in neighborhood problem-solving.

The directory lists the phone numbers and addresses of frequently called City departments as well as other local agencies and services.

Copies can be obtained from the Public Information Department (224-3755) and Neighborhood City Halls.



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First Year of Project a Success

On November 30 the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project completes the thirteenth month of its first grant period.

The Project was launched on November 1, 1978 using a grant provided by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's Office of Community Anti-Crime Programs. The goal of the Project's first year was to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the target community by making better use of crime prevention resources and by mobilizing the community to become actively involved in crime prevention programs.

MOBILIZING SENIOR CITIZENS STRESSED

Unlike the other two LEAA-funded crime prevention programs operating in Detroit, the Reuther Senior Centers targeted its program on older adults. Whereas the Michigan Avenue Community Organization (MACO) and the North Central Seven Community Organization concentrated on organizing the residents of their respective neighborhoods, the Reuther Centers emphasized the training and mobilizing of older persons who are active in the organization's three multi-purpose senior centers. The Project recognized that senior citizens can be provided with crime prevention services in a more effective manner through senior centers and that older adults are important resources in their own neighborhoods and can be very effective in mobilizing and organizing their neighbors to become involved in crime prevention activities.

Here is a list of some of the successes of the Project's first thirteen months:

- Following a 9-week series of training workshops, Crime Prevention Committees have been organized at the three Reuther Senior Centers to maintain the involvement of seniors in crime prevention activities such as Operation Identification, Neighborhood Watch, and personal safety.
- Basic security improvements have been made in almost 200 homes by the Reuther Centers and the Neighborhood East Area Residents, one of the subcontracting groups involved in the Project.
- The Motor City Consumers Co-operative, another subcontractor, organized 54 Neighborhood Watch and Apartment Watch programs on the city's eastside and conducted training programs which reached several thousand eastside residents.
- The Senior Citizens Area Transit was organized by the Community Resource and Assistance Center (CRAC) to provide daily van-escorts to senior citizens in its eastside target area.
- A more limited escort service was organized by St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church on the city's southwest side.
- Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED) prepared crime prevention materials in Spanish in order to help it conduct more effective programs in the city's Latino community.

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- A successful citywide crime prevention conference was held on November 7. Almost 200 persons - most of whom were senior citizens - participated in the program.
- A kit of crime prevention resource materials has been prepared, 400 copies of which have already been distributed in the community.

As the first grant period ends, the Reuther Senior Centers extends its thanks to the many individuals, agencies, and community groups which have cooperated in this program. We look forward to another successful activity-packed year.

Additional information on the Project's activities can be obtained from these organizations:

- + Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project - 963-5212
- + LA SED (Jessie Molina) - 554-2025
- + Motor City Consumers Co-operative (Ken Gidner & Ralph Bathanti) - 366-8460
- + Senior Citizens Area Transit (Sally Repeck) - 885-7123 or 343-0103
- + Neighborhood East Area Residents (Paul Louisell) - 343-0943
- + St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church - 897-7300

With this issue of the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter we introduce Thelma Thwartum, the newest "member" of our Project's staff.

Thelma is a cartoon strip developed by the National Retired Teachers Association/American Association of Retired Persons to depict crime prevention techniques and messages. The strip's continuing characters are Thelma Thwartum, an alert, civic-minded older woman who motivates her community to practice crime prevention through tips provided by Sgt. "Tip" O'Leary, of her local police department.

The crime types that bother most people are so opportunistic that simple crime prevention techniques can often reduce these crimes by reducing opportunity. As an example, the National Crime Surveys revealed that in 1977 almost 1,200,000 vehicles were stolen. The National Auto Theft Bureau estimated the resultant economic loss to be about \$1.9 billion. In Boston, where auto thefts were among the highest in the nation, auto theft was reduced 48% over a period of two years as a result of public service media campaigns asking auto owners to take their keys and lock their vehicle doors. Similarly, residential burglary is one of the most responsive crimes to crime prevention practices. Fraud is a crime over which the victim has control, since one cannot be swindled unless one cooperated with the swindler. Crime prevention practices can thwart the con man.

As part of its continuing efforts to promote citizen involvement in crime prevention, the Reuther Senior Centers hopes Thelma's common-sense, often overlooked tips will prove to be worthwhile.

Community organizations interested in obtaining camera-ready copies of the 25 cartoon strips currently available should contact George Sunderland at NRTA/AARP, 1909 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20049, (202)872-4700. A new series will be available for publication in 1980.

THELMA THWARTUM -- By Alex



CRIME PREVENTION ACTION GUIDE

Security Tips for Homeowners

Residential burglary is the crime most frequently reported by older persons to the Detroit Police Department. (In 1978, 4,497 senior citizens were burglary victims. This represents a 7.8% decrease from the previous year.)

Residential security does not have to be expensive or elaborate. Here are 10 "common sense" tips homeowners of any age group can follow to make their homes less vulnerable.

1. STORE LADDERS INSIDE. Don't leave them loose outside. If you can't put them safely inside, lock them securely. Urge your neighbors to follow this rule.
2. PUT THINGS AWAY. Don't leave articles - bikes, tools, mowers - on sidewalks, the lawn, the porch, or in areas easily accessible to the general public even for a few minutes.
3. BE ALERT for unusual activities. If you see unfamiliar persons loitering in or around a neighbor's yard, don't be afraid to check their identity with your neighbor by phone.
4. CLOSE GARAGE DOORS when you are at home or away. Opened doors and an empty garage usually indicate an empty home, and often allow easy access to cellar or entryway, unseen from the street.
5. WHEN WORKING IN ATTIC OR CELLAR or anyplace away from the main area of the house - lock up!
6. SECURE ALL ENTRANCES at night and when leaving - including cellar doors and windows, garage doors, sun deck and porch doors.
7. SECURE PATIO DOORS. They should lock from the inside - but a strip of wood placed into the inside track will prevent sliding the door open from outside.
8. USE LIGHTS EFFECTIVELY. Leave several burning in different parts of the house when you go out. Outside entrance lights and post lights illuminate possible hiding places around your house.
9. HAVE EFFECTIVE WINDOW LOCKS. A safe, inexpensive, and unobtrusive lock can be made by drilling through the top of the bottom window sash and the bottom of the top sash and inserting a small nail into the hole.
10. VARY YOUR ROUTINE. If you follow the same routine week in and week out, a would-be burglar could watch your movements and know when your house is likely to be empty.

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ECONOMIC CRIME PROJECT PAMPHLETS

The National District Attorneys Association has published a series of six pamphlets designed to educate the public on how to keep from being victimized by "economic" crimes. The six titles are Senior Citizens, Protect Yourself Against Economic Crime, Home Improvement Frauds, Charity Frauds, Auto Sales and Repair Frauds, Business Opportunity Frauds, and Merchandising Frauds. Single copies are available from the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project. For bulk orders, write to the N.D.A.A., 666 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611.



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Project Starts Second Year

The Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project has been funded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's Office of Community Anti-Crime Programs to continue its Program for another year. The Project, which was launched in November of 1978, will now operate through November of 1980.

During its first year the Project concentrated its efforts on training and mobilizing older adults who are active in the network of multipurpose senior centers operated by the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers and on assisting five neighborhood-based groups to conduct crime prevention activities in their respective communities.

MORE CRIME PREVENTION WORKSHOPS PLANNED

During the second year the Project plans to expand its program to other multipurpose senior centers and senior housing and nutrition sites. The Project's staff will work with the staff and volunteers of at least 15 such sites throughout the city. The goal is to help these agencies mobilize other senior citizens to organize and become actively involved in crime prevention programs in their own neighborhoods. This will be accomplished by conducting a four-part series of workshops at each site. The persons who participate in the workshops will be encouraged to organize such activities as Operation Identification and Neighborhood Watch in their own communities.

A schedule of workshops is currently being developed by the Project. Neighborhood groups and community agencies which would like to be included should contact the Project's office at 963-5212.

NEIGHBORHOOD-BASED SUBCONTRACTORS

During its second year the Crime Prevention Project will provide funding to four neighborhood-based groups, which will carry on specific activities as subcontractors.

Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED) will continue to provide bilingual crime prevention services in the Latino community on the city's southwest side. During the first year, LA SED concentrated on translating crime prevention brochures into Spanish and on serving as a liaison between the Latino community and the Detroit Police Department.

The Community Resource and Assistance Center (CRAC) will be funded to continue operating the Senior Citizens Area Transit, the escort service for older adults in the area bounded by I-94, Outer Drive, Mack Avenue and Conner Road. The Reuther Senior Centers provided the funds for CRAC to purchase and operate an 8-passenger van for the program during the past year. CRAC has organized volunteers to staff the SCAT office and obtained CETA funds to employ a driver for the van.

Neighborhood East Area Residents (NEAR) will continue its program of improving the security features on homes in the area bounded by I-94, Outer Drive, Mack Avenue, and Alter Road. During the first year, 70 homes participated in this program. The goal for the second year is to involve 100 more homes in the residential security program.

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The Neighborhood Information Exchange (NIE) will be funded during the second year of the Crime Prevention Project to establish a 24-hour telephone "hot line" providing pre-recorded messages on such activities as the Police Department's Crime Prevention Meetings, hearings conducted by City Council, the Reuther Centers' crime prevention workshops, and other programs affecting neighborhoods in the target community. NIE will also provide its newsletter - The Exchange - to at least 150 neighborhood organizations at no charge.

More detailed information on all of these activities can be obtained from the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project, which is located at 2230 Witherell Street (in the downtown YWCA). The telephone number is 963-5212.

Compensation for Crime Victims

In 1976 the Michigan legislature established a State Crime Victims Compensation Board to provide financial aid for injured victims of crimes.

As of August, 1979 the Board had made awards of 912 claims totaling more than \$1.3 million. The average award was \$1,484.

In its first full year of operation, the Board made 235 awards to Wayne County residents, totaling \$332,883.

Although the program has been very successful, there are undoubtedly many crime victims who are eligible for the compensation payments but do not apply for them.

The Crime Victims Compensation Board was created to assist victims and persons attempting to aid victims of crimes who, through no fault of their own, suffer actual bodily harm as a direct result of the crimes.

This assistance includes compensation for out-of-pocket loss for medical care, non-medical remedial treatment, or other necessary services including funeral benefits, and loss of earnings or support resulting from injury. Loss or damage to personal property is not covered. Except in unusual circumstances, the assistance of an attorney is not necessary since the Board provides staff assistance to investigate the facts of each claim.

A claimant may file for an award in person or by mail, no later than 30 days after the occurrence of the crime or 90 days after the death of the victim. Both periods are extendable for good cause.

The Board can make an award to as much as \$15,000. Payments a victim receives from insurance or public assistance will reduce the amount of the award. A claimant may receive emergency aid up to \$500 if it is likely the claim will result in an award and undue hardship will result if immediate compensation is not given.

The Compensation Board has an office in Detroit in the Michigan State Plaza Building, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 467. The phone number is 256-9647. Free assistance is also provided by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office (224-5858), police precincts, courts, and the Secretary of State's offices.

The Board publishes an informational brochure describing the program. Neighborhood groups and community agencies will find it useful to obtain and distribute copies to their members and clients.

Engrave Your Holiday Gifts!

'Tis the season to be jolly - and to take a basic crime prevention step aimed at protecting the holiday gifts you give and receive this time of the year!

Operation Identification is the property engraving program in which a person etches a number onto his or her belongings to discourage a thief from stealing them and so they can be traced to their correct owner if they are stolen and recovered. The number which is most readily traced is a person's driver's license number or personal identification number issued by the state police. In addition to engraving their valuable items, persons participating in Operation Identification are encouraged to maintain an inventory of their property so a description can be quickly given to the police in the event of a burglary.

Complete information on Operation Identification - including engravers and inventory forms - can be obtained from the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project, 963-5212.

CRIME PREVENTION ACTION GUIDE

Security Tips for Apartment Residents

Here are a few common-sense safety tips that will help residents of apartment buildings keep themselves and their belongings secure:

- A SINGLE WOMAN should never place her full name on the mailbox or apartment directory. The first and middle initial should be used, rather than "Miss", "Mrs.", or "Ms."
- KEEP THE OUTER MAIN DOORS LOCKED. Cooperate with other tenants to see that the door is not "buzzed" open until the person requesting entrance is properly identified.
- CHANGE THE LOCKS on your unit when you move in. You never know who may still have a key.
- NEVER GIVE KEYS to delivery persons or repair persons.
- NEVER ADMIT STRANGERS to your apartment. Refer salespersons, solicitors, information seekers, and repair persons to the building manager.
- DON'T OPEN YOUR DOOR unless you know for sure who is knocking. Have a peephole installed in your door so you can see who is on the other side.
- DEVELOP A "BUDDY" SYSTEM with your neighbors. Be alert for suspicious-looking strangers, sounds, or actions in the hallways, and notify the building superintendent at once.
- SUPPLEMENTAL LOCKS should be placed on windows that open onto fire escapes, and on doors that open onto terraces and balconies.
- KEEP FEW VALUABLES in your apartment. Money, jewelry, and furs are safer in a storage vault or safe deposit box.
- KEEP YOUR MAILBOX EMPTY. If you are away, arrange with a neighbor or the building manager to have your mail and any circulars taken out of the box.
- DON'T LET NEWSPAPERS PILE UP in front of your door. Arrange with your neighbors or the building manager to have them taken inside or pushed under your door. (This is especially important if the newspaper is delivered after you leave in the morning or before you return in the evening.)
- LEAVE A LIGHT BURNING and a radio playing quietly when you go out to give the impression that someone is at home.
- DON'T ENTER OR LEAVE YOUR BUILDING if you notice strangers loitering in the entranceway.
- AS YOU ENTER OR LEAVE, make sure the lobby door is closed behind you.

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Senior Workshop Series Begins

In an effort to mobilize more senior citizens in the community to organize and participate in crime prevention activities, the Reuther Senior Centers will be conducting a 4-part series of workshops at 15-20 multi-purpose centers, nutrition sites, and senior housing sites in Detroit in the coming months.

Although the complete workshop schedule is still being developed, the Project will start the series at Butzel Family Center, 7737 Kercheval, on Thursday, February 7 and at the Franklin-Wright Settlement, 3360 Charlevoix, on Friday, February 8. At least two centers on the city's westside will host the workshops during March. During February, a series of "mini" workshops will be held on Tuesday mornings at the Northwest Reuther Senior Center. (Seniors at that center participated in a 9-week workshop series last year)

OBJECTIVE: TRAIN & MOBILIZE SENIORS

The objective of the workshops is to train the staff, key volunteers, and members of each center in basic crime prevention techniques and strategies and to help them organize and carry on crime prevention activities in their respective communities. This effort is based on the realization that older adults are important resources in their neighborhoods and can be very effective in mobilizing others in the community. It also emphasizes the important role of senior centers as focal points of services for older adults.

Each workshop will cover a different topic. The first session will present an overview of Crime Prevention and the Elderly. The second session will cover Residential Security, Operation Identification, and Neighborhood Watch. Personal Safety will be stressed in the third session. The final session will be devoted to a discussion of Con Games and a demonstration of How to Report Crimes.

The workshops will stress the importance of taking "common sense" prevention steps and of group action and community involvement in crime prevention.

Here is the workshop schedule for February:

- Northwest Reuther Senior Centers, 10301 West Seven Mile (near Wyoming): a special 5-part mini-workshop series, each Tuesday, 10 a.m., beginning February 5
- Butzel Family Center, 7737 Kercheval (at Van Dyke): each Thursday, 10 a.m., beginning February 7 (224-7057)
- Franklin Wright Settlement, 3360 Charlevoix: each Friday, 10 a.m., beginning February 8 (579-1000)

Organizations and agencies interested in scheduling the workshops at their sites should contact the Crime Prevention Project at 963-5212.

CRIME PREVENTION ACTION GUIDE

How to Prevent Auto Theft

Here are some inexpensive steps you can take.

Increase your car's visibility.

- Park in an area that is well lighted and heavily used both day and night.

Make it more difficult to enter your car.

- Replace the standard door buttons with tapered buttons. Keep the windows shut tight all the time — even in warm weather.

Don't "hide" spare keys in the car. A professional thief knows all the "hiding" places.

Park with your front wheels turned toward the curb. This makes it more difficult to tow your car from behind.

If you park in a driveway, park as close to the house as possible. You might consider parking with the front toward the street: anybody tampering with your car's engine can be seen from the street.

Don't leave valuable items in your car. If you must carry packages, tools, or equipment with you, keep them out of sight in the trunk. But don't store them there permanently.

Anti-theft devices foil the amateur and hamper the pro.

There are many such devices from which to choose, and they range in price from \$10 to \$100.

► Consult the May, 1979 issue of *Consumer Reports* for the Consumers Union ratings of the more popular devices.

► Have an expert install them. Do-it-yourself jobs are easy to defeat.

**REMEMBER: Use common sense to outsmart a car thief!
Lock your car and take your keys!**

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Crime Prevention Featured by WXON

"Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens", an 8-part program designed by the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers in cooperation with WXON-TV, will be broadcast on Channel 20 beginning Saturday, January 19, and continuing each week through March 8.

The television program will be a special feature of "Senior Journal", a weekly public affairs program produced by Channel 20 to inform the community about activities, issues, and services of interest to senior citizens in the Detroit area. "Senior Journal" produced by Betty Andrews and hosted by Liz DiIorio, is televised on Saturday mornings at 9:30.

For the next eight weeks, ten minutes of each telecast will be devoted to discussions and demonstrations of practical steps older persons can take to reduce their chances of becoming victims to crime. Each week a different topic will be covered. The schedule for the series is:

January 19 - "Operation Identification"
January 26 - "Residential Security"
February 2 - "Neighborhood Watch"
February 9 - "Personal Safety"
February 16 - "Sexual Assault Prevention"
February 23 - "Con Games"
March 1 - "Auto Theft Prevention"
March 8 - "How to Report Crimes"

The Reuther Senior Centers hopes that the television program will help the Crime Prevention Project reach more senior citizens - especially those who are home-bound or otherwise unable to participate personally in the workshops. The Project will be happy to provide viewers with copies of the eight brochures on which the series is based. Interested individuals and community groups, particularly those working with older persons, should direct their requests to the office of the Crime Prevention Project, 2230 Witherell Street, Detroit 48201. The telephone number is 963-5212.

"Hotline" Now in Service

The Neighborhood Information Exchange, one of the programs funded by the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project, is pleased to announce that its 24-hour telephone "hotline" is now in service.

The new service consists of a taped message which contains the date, location, and purpose of neighborhood-oriented activities and the name and telephone number of the sponsoring agency. The message is updated several times each week as new calendar information becomes available.

The "hotline" is intended to supplement The Exchange, the newsletter NIE publishes to notify neighborhood groups about upcoming activities twice each month. During the two years in which it has published the newsletter NIE noticed that it was very difficult to print notices of some activities of interest to neighborhood organizations because the information was not available when The Exchange went to press. Sometimes a public hearing or meeting was scheduled to take place on the day after the newsletter would be printed and it would be useless to list it on the NIE calendar since it would be over by the time the newsletter was received by subscribers. Another problem involved in publishing some calendar information was that sometimes an activity would be cancelled or postponed after the initial information was printed in The Exchange. (This was particularly true of City Council discussions.)

The "hotline" will help neighborhood organizations in Detroit keep better track of public hearings, community meetings, workshops, and conferences that have an impact on the many programs in which they are involved. It will also help several public agencies and community-oriented groups to reach more neighborhood organizations and to stimulate their participation.

The number for the NIE "hotline" is 861-3024. Pass it on!

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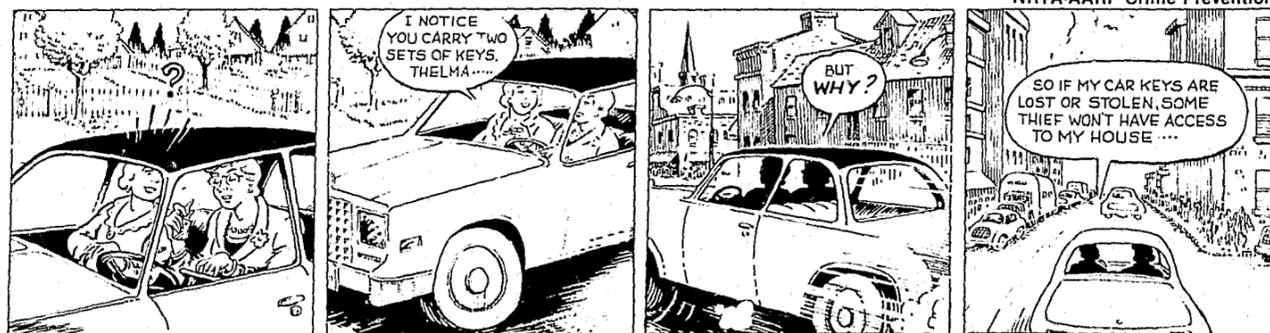
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Crime Prevention Ad Campaign Begins



TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME
A message from the Crime Prevention Coalition, this publication and The Ad Council
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Local crime prevention efforts are getting a boost with the help of a long-eared detective dog who offers advice on how to "Take a Bite Out of Crime."

The campaign is being conducted by the Advertising Council in cooperation with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. Public service announcements urging people to work together in preventing crime have begun appearing on television and radio, in newspapers and magazines, and on billboards and bus cards.

The advertisements, donated as a public service by the Dancer Fitzgerald Sample agency of New York City, include reminders of simple precautions that can be taken against crime and an invitation to write for free booklets on crime prevention.

The title of the first free booklet is "Got a Minute? You Can Stop a Crime," and it offers special suggestions for older people and recommendations for action by citizen organizations. Copies can be obtained by writing to Crime Prevention Coalition, Box 6600, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

The campaign's concept is similar to the highly successful Smokey Bear forest fire prevention campaign, which is also conducted by the Ad Council. The trench-coat-wearing dog's message, "It's my job to teach you how to protect yourselves from crime," and the slogan "Take a Bite Out of Crime" are intended to become as much a part of the American culture as Smokey's "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires" message.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

The Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project will be conducting a four-part series of crime prevention workshops at three senior centers on Detroit's westside during March:

- Johnson Center, 8650 Chippewa (near Cherrylawn), beginning Thursday, March 6 (12:30 - 2 p.m.)
- Iler Center, 8401 Joy Road (near Joy), beginning Friday, March 7, (10:30 a.m. - 12 noon)
- Brightmoor Center, 14451 Burt Road (near Fenkell), beginning Tuesday, March 11 (10 - 11:30 a.m.)

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EDITORIAL

The editorial in this issue was written by Gerson Green, President of the Center for Community Organizations and Director of Research at VOLUNTEER for the Community Anti-Crime Project, funded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. Mr. Green has worked for 22 years in the field of community organization. He is the author of *Who's Organizing the Neighborhood?*, recently published by LEAA. Single copies may be ordered from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. The stock number is 027-000-00783-0. Price: \$2.20.

The popular image of the elderly residents of our big cities is a sad one—of older men and women barely getting by on fixed incomes, isolated, lonely, and afraid, leading "lives of quiet desperation," in Thoreau's phrase.

Those who have worked at organizing urban areas with high concentrations of elderly neighbors do not need any of the research data to confirm that upsetting impression of what it is to be an elderly city-dweller. But starting a few years ago, community organizers began reporting that the situation is ripe for change—is already changing. Two of their major findings directly challenge the old, common stereotypes of the urban elderly:

- Older people do not passively accept the degrading conditions of their lives.

- The elderly have many legitimate grievances on which they are prepared to act. Near the top of that list, always, is crime. And whenever anyone tries to tell the elderly that the crime rates affecting their age group are low, and so crime need not be a priority concern, that person is told that he is wrong—that the elderly's good safety record is bought at a terrible price in altered lifestyles.

- The elderly are increasingly banding together to act on their grievances, crime included, at the national, state, and metropolitan levels. The results are easy to see and are impressive. Equally impressive but less publicized are the contributions older people are giving to, and getting from, neighborhood and community organizations around the country.

To someone like me, these reports are exciting. For it helps to explain what is behind the national revival of "community organizing" as a social force. A substantial part of the revived faith in participatory citizen action to meet a community's needs, we are learning, is attributable to the activist elderly.

We have observed the activities of statewide senior citizen federations—in New Jersey, Montana, and Delaware, as examples—and taken heart from their accomplishments, which range from property tax credits to nursing home inspection programs.

At least as successful have been the politically-oriented activities of local groups like Chicago's Metro Seniors in Action. New health clinics, new transportation services, new recreation programs—these and other

examples of reformed government services speak to a determination of the elderly to stop being passive and isolated.

But, to me, the most encouraging evidence that the old stereotypes about seniors are crumbling comes from city neighborhoods where their problems are most acute. Here, the elderly are working with neighbors of all ages in self-help groups. Here, too, the issue of crime is felt most strongly and acted on most frequently.

I obtained some unexpected insights on the involvement of the elderly in community-based anti-crime campaigns through a survey conducted this past year. It covered 45 democratically-run, multi-issue organizations operating at the block, neighborhood, or community level.

The survey asked these organizations to indicate which issues were of concern to them. "Senior citizen needs" ranked tenth of 54 on the respondents' list, which suggests that the elderly are very much a part of these organizations and elderly concerns are being felt by them. (Incidentally, only two of the 45 organizations could be characterized as being primarily concerned with the elderly.) By these groups' lights, the elderly's needs were of greater concern than such serious issues as education, unemployment and health.

The impression that the "forgotten" elderly are *not* forgotten by community organizations is reinforced when one examines the crime-focused concerns in the survey. Out of a list of seven types of crimes, elderly crime was ranked third as an issue of importance behind burglary and vandalism, but ahead of juvenile crime, rape, crimes against business, and auto theft.

A vivid example of this activism was described in the last issue of the *Newsletter*. The story told of how the Senior Citizens Coalition in Cleveland, through long months of planning, negotiation, and a well-publicized march on City Hall, finally got squads of police officers especially assigned to take on crimes against older persons. I was well acquainted with some of the senior organizers of this campaign and their younger allies. Their cause was just and, equally important, their techniques were remarkably sophisticated.

But two sentences in the article about this display of "senior power" made me pause: "...it cannot be encouraging to the advocates [of special police units for the elderly] that it took 500 demonstrators to overcome police resistance to the proposal. Such organized displays of the elderly's concerns are very unusual, and, say the organizers, very difficult to mobilize."

I think that this comment on the Cleveland example raises the old question of whether the glass is half empty or half full: should one be more impressed by the difficulty of mobilizing that kind of civic action or by the fact that it was successfully accomplished?

To me, the glass is half-full and getting fuller. The growth of community organizations as a vehicle to attend to human needs is extremely healthy. The elderly are especially effective activists in this fight, are enjoying it, and are winning in the process their claim for a safer, more humane environment in which to live.

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When You're "Out and About"

Here are a few tips older people should remember when using public transportation:

- While waiting for a bus, STAY ALERT and be aware of things going on around you.
- Try to keep at least one arm free of packages and a purse. If you're "loaded down", you may not be able to move as quickly or easily to avoid a dangerous situation.
- Carry a whistle or shriek alarm with you. Keep it handy and ready to use at all times.
- If someone pulls up in a car to ask for directions while you're waiting at the bus stop, stay a few feet away so you will be out of reach.
- If other bus passengers are bothering you, ask the driver to help.
- Never give information about yourself to a stranger sitting next to you on the bus - even if he or she seems friendly enough.
- When there are few or no other persons on the bus, sit close to the driver.
- As you get off the bus, be careful. If something looks unusual or suspicious, don't get off there: go to the next stop.

Here are a few reminders when you are driving or riding in a car:

- Before getting into the car, look in the back seat to be sure nobody is hiding there.
- After you enter the car, lock all the doors.
- Don't pick up strangers, hitchhikers, or stranded motorists. If you see someone in need of assistance, go to the nearest telephone and call for help.
- If your car should break down, don't let a stranger pick you up. As the person approaches your car, roll your window down a little and ask him or her to telephone for road service. Wait inside your car until the police or service truck arrives.
- When parking in a lot where you must leave your keys with the attendant, leave only the ignition key. Don't leave the key to your trunk or your house keys.
- When driving by yourself, keep the window on the passenger side rolled up and the door locked. This will prevent somebody from reaching inside or opening the door.

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Crime Prevention Workshops Continue

As part of its program to mobilize senior citizens in Detroit to become involved in and to organize crime prevention activities in their respective communities, the Crime Prevention Project has been conducting workshops at senior centers for the past two months. By the end of March, 33 sessions will have been completed at 9 sites and the Project will have involved approximately 450 seniors in such crime prevention activities as Operation Identification, Neighborhood Watch, and in improving the security of their homes.

The series consists of four 90-minute sessions. In the first session property engraving is discussed, and seniors are provided with property inventory forms and engravers. The second session is devoted to residential security. A police officer demonstrates several types of locks and explains why deadbolt locks are recommended for exterior doors. The Project's Community Workers demonstrate the "drop pin" method for securing windows and explain how seniors can obtain some security devices at no charge. In the third session, workshop participants concentrate on personal safety tips. The final session covers con games and the reporting of crimes.

The Project has been concentrating on multi-purpose senior centers because they are already the focal point of other services for older persons. The goal of the workshops is to incorporate crime prevention programs as another service for seniors provided by these centers in the community.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

During April, the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project will be conducting a four-part series of crime prevention workshops at several multi-purpose senior centers and Food-and-Friendship sites in Detroit:

- State Fair Food and Friendship, 1231 West State Fair, Wednesdays beginning April 2, 1:30 p.m.
- Lipke Senior Center, 19230 Van Dyke, Thursdays beginning April 3, 10 a.m.
- Belle Isle Senior Center, in the Casino, Mondays beginning April 7, 1 p.m.
- Calvary Senior Center, 4950 Gateshead, Wednesdays beginning April 9, 1 p.m.
- Wheeler Senior Center, 637 Brewster, Fridays beginning April 11, 1 p.m.
- American G.I. Forum, 6705 West Lafayette, Tuesdays beginning April 15, 11 a.m.

One-session workshops will also be conducted at several locations.

For more information and to obtain a set of the eight crime prevention brochures used in the workshops, contact the Project at 963-5212.

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Neighborhood Conference to be Held April 19

On Saturday, April 19, the first citywide Neighborhood Leadership Conference will take place at Cobo Hall. The goal of the conference is to help the leaders of Detroit's many neighborhood organizations develop or improve the skills they need to carry on effective programs.

The conference is a joint effort of New Detroit, Inc., National Bank of Detroit, the City of Detroit, Neighborhood Service Organization, and the Neighborhood Information Exchange.

Several workshops will be of special interest to the many senior citizens who are already involved in neighborhood organizations or who want to organize or strengthen their groups as a result of their involvement in crime prevention programs. Whether it's a Neighborhood Watch, a block club, or a larger neighborhood council, attracting and keeping members is an important task for any community group. The recruiting and effective use of volunteers will be covered in one of the conference's ten workshops.

Although no fee is required for the conference (which includes a free luncheon), pre-registration is required. Registration forms have been mailed to all the groups registered with the Chamber of Commerce's "Pride" program and the Neighborhood Information Exchange. Additional forms can be obtained by contacting New Detroit, Inc. at 961-9160.

Mail Fraud Crackdown Intensified

Postal fraud has become a serious problem in the past few years - so serious that the Postal Service has intensified its campaign to educate the public and to encourage victims to report frauds.

According to Postal Inspector Steven D. Lokken, who is responsible for the public education campaign in Michigan and Indiana, 204,000 fraud complaints were filed last year nationwide. 74,000 of these complaints involved investment frauds; 23,000 involved the failure to receive merchandise; and 18,000 complaints involved insurance fraud. Lokken notes that many people don't report mail fraud out of embarrassment or because the amount of money involved seems insignificant, usually under \$10.

In talking with senior citizen groups, Lokken points out that some mail fraud schemes are especially aimed at older persons. He cites as an example the work-at-home scheme, in which a person supposedly can earn hundreds of dollars each month by addressing envelopes without leaving the comfort of home. Because the advertisements for this scheme appear in reputable newspapers and magazines, many people assume they are legitimate.

According to Lokken, older persons are targets for chain letters, insurance frauds, and health scams - all of which appeal to an individual's concern for his or her income and health.

The Postal Service notes that most mailers are honest, legitimate, ethical, and stand behind their products and services. But in 1979 alone postal inspectors obtained \$15 million in restitution from the "rotten apples" that take advantage of uninformed mail customers.

As part of its public education campaign, the Postal Service publishes "Postal Inspectors Protect Customers", a pamphlet which can be obtained locally by contacting Inspector Lokken at P.O. Box 33XX, Detroit 48232. The telephone number is 226-6745.

WHISTLES, ALARMS, ENGRAVERS . . .

Whistles and personal "shriek" alarms can be obtained at the Reuther Senior Centers. The whistles, along with an information packet on the WhistleSTOP program, can be purchased for \$1 each. The aerosol alarms sell for \$1.50.

Seniors who want to purchase these crime prevention devices or borrow an Operation Identification engraver should contact the Crime Prevention Project office for further details. The telephone number is 963-5212.

CRIME PREVENTION ACTION GUIDE

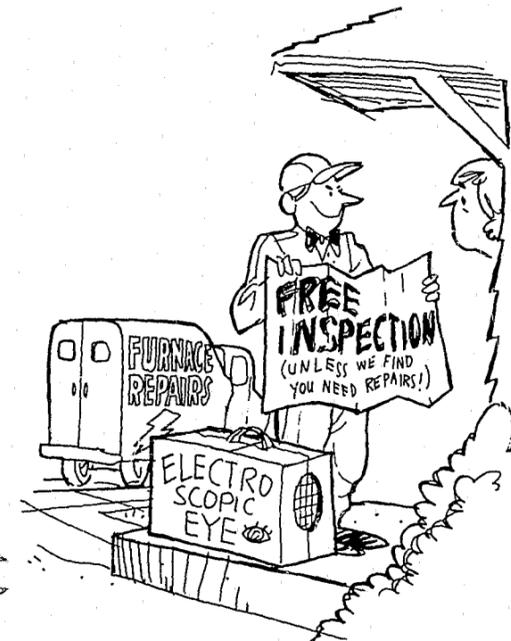
Preventing Home Improvement Fraud

As spring arrives, many people will be undertaking some repairs or improvements on their homes. This is a good time to review some common-sense tips for avoiding home improvement frauds.

The most important point to remember, according to the Economic Crime Project of the National District Attorneys Association is "You're the boss. You make the decisions!"

You'll be "ripped off" for sure if you:

- * hire a high-pressure, door-to-door sales person,
- * insist on a verbal contract, read nothing, and sign every form he or she gives you,
- * pay cash in advance,
- * go on vacation while the job is in progress,
- * ignore lien statements you receive,
- * are too embarrassed to complain to your local district attorney if you feel you're being "taken".



Although most of those in the home improvement business are honest, an alarming number use lies and deception to defraud millions of dollars from unsuspecting consumers every year. To help prevent this type of economic crime, the National District Attorneys Association offers these suggestions:

- **KNOW WHAT YOU WANT DONE.** The contractor works for you. Beware of contractors who want to sell you improvements you don't want or need. Plan ahead.
- **BEWARE OF THE CONTRACTOR WHO TRIES TO SELL YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN AFFORD** or who will not put your total costs in writing.
- **KNOW WHOM YOU'RE HIRING.** You're the boss: demand references. Ask to see the contractor's license. Beware of the contractor who is reluctant to talk about his or her business or former customers. Ask for references in your neighborhood so you can actually see the type of work the contractor performs.
- **KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SIGNING.** Is it a mortgage? a loan contract? a promissory note? a job contract? a completion certificate? It's your contract, so be sure it contains everything you think is important. Take your time: you don't have to sign today.
- **BEWARE OF THE CONTRACTOR WHO WANTS BIG PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE.**
- **CONTROL THE JOB.** Know who's actually doing the work. Check with all the subcontractors, laborers, and material suppliers to be sure they're getting paid. Get a lien waiver from subcontractors before you make the final payment to the contractor.

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Those who have never visited the three multipurpose centers located on the city's eastside, southwest side, and northwest side will be pleasantly surprised to learn about the wide range of recreation, nutrition, education, health, counseling, legal, and crime prevention services and activities offered.

Here is the "Open House" schedule for each center:

- May 21, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Northwest Reuther Senior Center, 10301 West Seven Mile (west of Wyoming) in the Tindal Recreation Building, 341-6511
- May 28, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Eastside Reuther Senior Center, 10100 Harper (at Cadillac) in the Eastside YMCA, 925-2105
- May 29, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Southwest Reuther Senior Center, 5555 McGraw (at Junction) in the Kronk Recreation Building, 895-5400

To obtain a more detailed calendar of events at each center, contact the Reuther Senior Center near you, or phone 926-5365.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

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Governor Appoints Crime Prevention Advisory Group

In mid-March Governor William G. Milliken announced eight appointments to the Crime Prevention for the Elderly Advisory Group and named Harvey Clark of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging as chairperson. Clark is the director of the office's Crime Prevention for the Elderly Project.

In 1978, Milliken appointed a 15-member Crime Prevention for the Elderly Task Force, which was charged with the responsibility of researching the nature and scope of the problem of crime against the elderly, and recommended actions to be taken to reduce the victimization of older people and their fear of victimization.

The task force completed its work in 1979 and submitted nine recommendations to the Governor. The new advisory group has the responsibility of monitoring and assisting in the implementation of the recommendations.

Among the recommendations was the establishment of a uniform, statewide system for recording the characteristics of victims of crime, including age, sex, and race. The task force felt that this information was needed in order to plan effective crime prevention programs aimed at the state's senior citizens. Currently each municipality has its own system for recording this information.

The task force also recommended that school programs be designed to promote greater intergenerational understanding between the elderly and youth. The task force noted that the lack of contact and communication between the two groups may contribute to increased violence toward the elderly by youthful offenders.

Appointed to the advisory group for terms expiring at the pleasure of the Governor were: Charles Davoli, director of the Michigan Office of Criminal Justice; Abraham Takahashi, deputy director of the Michigan Department of State Police; Muriel VanPatten, acting director of School Program Services of the Michigan Department of Education; Robert Cahow, executive director of the Michigan Community College Association; Melford Wheatley, manager of training for the Macomb County Community College School of Criminal Justice; John Russell, a former member of the Crime Prevention for the Elderly Task Force; and Marie Wentela, also a former member of the task force.

For additional information, contact the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, 300 East Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Some Crime Prevention Aids

Community organizations, neighborhood councils, and agencies which are involved in crime prevention activities or which work with older persons may want to take advantage of the services of two national programs.

The National Council of Senior Citizens publishes Criminal Justice & The Elderly, a quarterly newsletter which focuses on successful crime prevention and victim assistance programs aimed at older persons. For a free subscription, contact the CJE Project at 1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 540, Washington, DC 20005. The telephone number is (202) 638-4848.

The National Crime Prevention Campaign, a coalition of national organizations which is coordinating a major program to involve citizen groups in reducing crime, publishes a very informative booklet entitled "Got a Minute? You Could Stop a Crime". The booklet is part of the coalition's advertising campaign based on the theme "Take a Bite Out of Crime". Organizations can order up to 50 copies at no charge by writing the Coalition at Box 6700, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Although no more than 50 copies can be requested in a single order, there is no limit to the number of requests a group can make.

Neighborhood and community organizations in Detroit can obtain single copies of Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide, a resource kit prepared by the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project. The kit includes background material on crime and its impact on older persons and a set of eight brochures offering practical crime prevention tips. The kit is available at no charge to organizations and agencies in Detroit. Out-of-city orders should include \$2.00 to cover postage and handling.

A CONTEST TO NAME THE CRIME PREVENTION DOG



The National Citizen's Crime Prevention Campaign is an ambitious effort designed to involve citizens from all walks of life in methods to better protect themselves and their communities from crime, through individual and collective action. The Campaign is being conducted by the Crime Prevention Coalition, a group of business, religious, civic and law enforcement organizations, such as the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, The National Exchange Club, and The National Sheriffs Association.

The goal of the campaign is to involve citizens from all walks of life in methods to better protect themselves and their communities against crime through individual and collective action. The national campaign is utilizing a multi-million dollar public service media campaign mounted by the Advertising Council—the public service arm of the advertising industry. Creative development of the advertisements for the campaign has been donated by Dancer Fitzgerald Sample, one of the nation's top advertising agencies. The public service ads are designed to encourage individuals to learn methods to better protect themselves from common crimes and to become involved in community-wide crime prevention programs.

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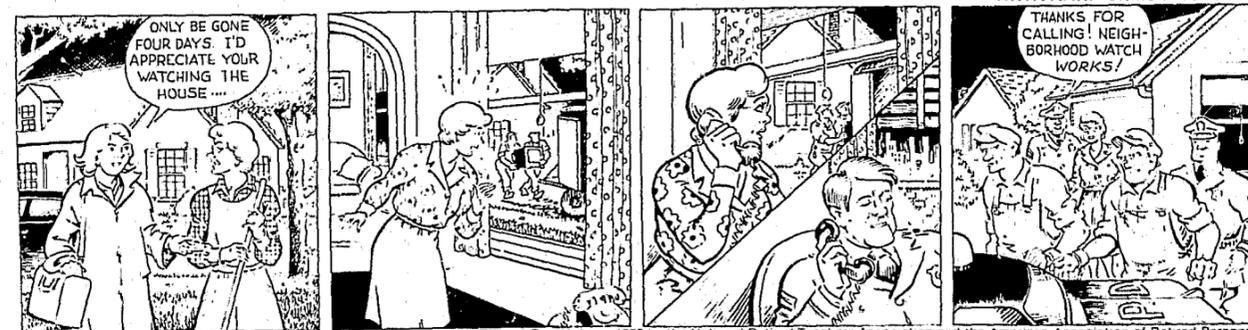
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Anti-Crime Funds May Be Cut

The innovative crime prevention programs being carried on by 160 community-based organizations across the country are faced with the cut off of the federal funds supplied by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration under its Community Anti-Crime Program. If Congress agrees with the recommendations of President Carter, LEAA would not be able to provide any grants to support the law enforcement programs of state and local governments and the crime prevention projects of neighborhood-based organizations.

Four groups in the Detroit area would be directly affected by the elimination of LEAA funds: the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers, the Michigan Avenue Community Organization, the North Central Seven Community Organization, and the Citizens District Council of Highland Park. But since most of these organizations contract with other neighborhood and community groups to carry on a variety of programs, more groups would actually be affected by the elimination of LEAA funds.

At the heart of the problem is the President's proposal to control inflation by balancing the federal budget in fiscal year 1981, which begins October, 1980. According to Jack Watson, Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs, the President proposed reductions "in virtually every area of the budget". The President's recommendations on the LEAA program would eliminate the major financial assistance programs authorized by the Justice Improvement Act of 1979, including the Community Anti-Crime Program.

The U.S. House of Representatives agreed with this proposal when it adopted its budget resolution. The Senate, on the other hand, included funding for LEAA and other federal grant programs in its budget resolution. As of May 15, the differences between the two proposals had not been worked out by a conference committee.

The National Campaign for the Community Anti-Crime Program, chaired by Father John Nowlan of Detroit, has been coordinating a program to save the CACP.

The Campaign notes that many special interest programs have not been subjected to the same budget reductions as the human service and neighborhood programs. Nowlan points out that while Congress proposes to cut funding for social programs, public service jobs, urban grants, and income security programs, funding for tobacco price supports and water projects would be continued. Says Nowlan, "The rhetoric that everyone must share the burden of the budget cuts does not match the reality."

According to the Campaign, the CACP has been very effective in addressing both the symptoms and the causes of crime at the block, neighborhood, and community levels. Over 150,000 volunteers have been mobilized, and in the process of addressing common problems, many new leaders have emerged from among neighborhood residents. Neighborhood residents have focused on controlling the occurrence of crime and on solutions to the major social problems behind criminal activity, including job development for youth and housing code enforcement.

Nowlan urges individuals and organizations to work with the Campaign to reinstate the CACP, which he admits will be a long process. (Congress's final budget resolution is due on September 15.)

The Campaign can be contacted at St. Rita's Parish, 1100 E. State Fair, Detroit 48203.

A Funny Thing Happened . . .

Bold headlines announcing a shocking, sensational, or especially brutal crime are commonplace in today's newspapers. Many newspapers take advantage of the public's fear of crime, its morbid curiosity, and/or its sense of moral outrage to help boost circulation. Crime is "hot stuff" for the media. The public has come to expect the print and broadcast media to cover the topic. And the media meets the demand.

Lately even the "funnies" are capitalizing on our perception and fear of crime.

During the past few months several comic strip characters have found themselves involved in very credible crime situations. Dondi, the all-American boy, came to the aid of Midville's senior citizens who were repeatedly victimized by the same youth, whom the local courts could not or would not handle. Fenton Goosemeyer was robbed at gunpoint in broadlight at a crowded bus stop. Kathy's apartment was burglarized. Brother Juniper encountered a "hit man" at almost the same time that Broomhilda and Ziggy were being robbed. Herman, on the other hand, tried to rob a bank but handed the teller a shopping list instead of the traditional note demanding cash.

Where are Dick Tracy and Clark Kent when you really need them?

DONDI By Gus Epsen and Irwin Hasen



Workshop Schedule for June

During June and July, the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project will be conducting a four-part series of crime prevention workshops at several multi-purpose centers and Food-and-Friendship sites in Detroit:

- Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, 13881 Joseph Campau (near Davison), Mondays beginning June 2, 11 a.m.
- Brewer Recreation Center, 4535 Fairview (near East Warren), Thursdays beginning June 5, 10:30 a.m.
- Latin American Senior Center, 4300 West Vernor (near Clark), Thursdays beginning June 19, 1 p.m.
- Adult Service Center, 15065 Grand River, Wednesdays beginning July 9, 12:30 p.m.

One-session workshops will also be conducted at several locations.

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(This editorial is reprinted from the Winter, 1980 issue of CJE Newsletter, published by the Criminal Justice & the Elderly Project of the National Council of Senior Citizens.)

EDITORIAL

The editorial in this issue was written by U.S. Rep. Claude Pepper (D-Florida). Mr. Pepper, who served in the U.S. Senate from 1937 to 1951, returned to Congress in 1962 representing a district that includes Miami.

During my service as chairman of the House Select Committee on Aging, I have become increasingly concerned about the frequency with which senior citizens find themselves the unsuspecting victims of a host of swindles. Most recently, the committee uncovered numerous incidences of abuses in the sale of insurance specifically designed to cover costs not paid by Medicare.

In the course of its investigation into the sale of such insurance to the elderly, commonly referred to as "medigap insurance," we found that many senior citizens were being sold unnecessary and duplicative policies by fast-talking insurance salesmen. Unfortunately, many older persons buy policies without knowing what they are buying, what they will be covered for, and what they will not be covered for.

They are told they cannot cancel newly-bought policies, when in fact most states have a grace period after purchase when a policy may be cancelled without penalty.

They are sold policies with duplicate coverage already held in other policies despite the fact that such policies contain restrictive clauses they say only one insurer will pay.

At the very heart of these abuses is confusion about the Medicare program and ever-shrinking benefits it pays. Although senior citizens are well advised to buy one medigap policy to cover those costs not borne by Medicare, it is fear which motivates them to buy two or more. Furthermore, senior citizens have virtually no way of telling a good company and policy from a company that offers policies as a means of ripping them off.

To address this problem, I drafted legislation, joined by Reps. Henry Waxman (D-Ca.) and James Scheuer (D-N.Y.) and Sens. Max Baucus (D-Mt.) and John Culver (D-Iowa), to create a program of voluntary certification so that insurance companies offering policies that meet federal minimum standards could receive a kind of "good house-keeping" seal of approval. In turn, the seal would indicate to the elderly consumer that the policy adequately fills in Medicare's gaps.

Second, our legislation would make it unlawful for agents to represent themselves as employees of the Medicare program or to knowingly sell older persons duplicative insurance.

Lastly, our bill would help the states control mail-order insurance by requiring that insurance policies sold through the U.S. mail first be filed with and approved by the appropriate state insurance commissioner before they could be sold in the state.

It is a pleasure to report that the Senate has already approved this important measure, HR 4000, and we are now awaiting its consideration in the House. The speed with which this bill has moved through the Congress is indicative

of our nation's increasing desire to discourage frauds against older Americans in today's marketplace.

But depriving older persons from securing the health insurance coverage they need and bilking them of their dwindling savings are not the only acts of cruelty perpetrated against the elderly. Every year thousands of older Americans are paying billions of dollars for phony medical devices, worthless medications, useless diet supplements, and other alluring products and services that make misleading promises to reverse the aging process, cure cancer, or even end the pain of arthritis. Because our elderly have less money, and greater need for medical assistance, they are quick to reach out for the swift cure and other shortcuts to expensive medical treatment.

Quacks and con-men victimize our elderly in subtle as well as obvious ways. In the area of housing, the committee has found that approximately 8.3 million elderly are living in homes or apartments which are desperately in need of repair. It is the inability of most older persons to afford these costly repairs which makes them easy prey for a variety of home improvement frauds.

Many other fraudulent schemes are perpetrated on our elderly: nursing home frauds, investment swindles, funeral schemes, and phony land sales are a few. Conservative estimates reveal that senior citizens are being taken for at least a billion dollars a year.

Although such frauds against the elderly exact a devastating financial toll, the psychological cost incurred is immeasurable. Those elderly that are duped are not only robbed of their hard-earned savings, but they are robbed of their dignity. Unable to recall the identity of the con artist, lacking funds to seek judicial remedies, or fearing retaliation, a great many older victims are reluctant to report they have been conned.

The committee is concerned about the vulnerability of the elderly to confidence schemes and believes the Congress should do more to protect its older Americans seeking necessary services in today's marketplace. I have always felt that the greatest savings we can make in the allocation of our federal dollars is in the area of prevention. One way to prevent frauds against the elderly is by providing them with the information they need to make an intelligent investment. More importantly, we need to shed more light on the magnitude of the problem.

For this reason, the Select Committee on Aging has commenced an investigation into frauds against the elderly in an effort to catalog the types of schemes the elderly may encounter and to develop a plan of action to protect them. To help accomplish this task, we are hopeful that all information relating to frauds against the elderly, either personal experiences or suspected wrongdoing, will be brought to the committee's attention at 3269 House Office Building Annex II, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

The Congress, concerned organizations, and individuals must work together to assure the aged, and the American people, their right to independence, security, and dignity in their later years.

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Senior Citizen Festival Coming July 23-25

It's that time of year again: summer carnivals, festivals, art fairs, and a variety of other gala outdoor events.

One in particular will be of special interest to senior citizens in the community - the Sixth Annual Senior Citizens Festival, which is scheduled for July 23-25 at the Kern Block in downtown Detroit. The festival has been developed by the Concerned Citizens Council in cooperation with the Senior Citizens Department to help older persons learn more about the many programs available to them. Information booths and displays will be set up in the Kern Block by several agencies serving senior citizens, including the Crime Prevention Project of the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers, the American Red Cross (which will administer blood pressure exams), and the Detroit Police Department's Crime Prevention Section. The Health Department's Food and Friendship program will conduct a workshop on nutrition, and representatives from the Legal Aid and Defenders Association and the Social Security Administration will be available to answer seniors' questions.

The festivities will begin on July 23 at 11 a.m. with a parade down Woodward Avenue from the Fisher Freeway. Colorfully decorated vans from churches in the community will be available for those who wish to participate in the parade.

Additional information on the festival can be obtained by contacting Mr. Adams or Mrs. Morgan at 963-3944.

Workshop Schedule for July

During July, the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project will be conducting a four-part series of crime prevention workshops at several multi-purpose centers and Food-and-Friendship sites in Detroit:

- St. Peter Claver Community House, 450 Eliot, Mondays beginning July 7, 11 a.m.
- Dexter-Elmhurst Senior Center, 11825 Dexter, Tuesdays beginning July 8, 2 p.m.
- Adult Service Center, 15065 Grand River, Wednesdays beginning July 9 12:30 p.m.
- East Lake Baptist Church Food-and-Friendship, 700 Conner, Thursdays beginning August 7, 1 p.m.

A workshop on "Preventing Sexual Assault" is scheduled for Thursday, July 31 at the Southwest Reuther Senior Center, 5555 McGraw (in the Kronk Recreation Center). The workshop will begin at 10 a.m.

For more information or to schedule this program for your group, phone 963-5212.



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Fear Keeps Seniors From Parks, Centers

Fear of crime among the elderly is a major factor preventing them from using public parks and recreation/senior centers, a recent study of some 4,500 seniors concludes.

A study by Dr. Geoffrey Godbey of seniors living in large east coast cities shows that one out of four respondents who would frequent parks avoids them out of fear of being victimized. One out of ten avoids recreation or senior centers for the same reason.

The report further states that the pervasive fear of crime found among persons surveyed is well-founded: nine percent of those surveyed reported being a victim of crime over the 12 months preceding the study. Those seniors who had been victims themselves were especially fearful, the study says.

Due in part to their fear of crime and their fear of meeting teenagers on the street, most seniors interviewed said they drive their cars to parks and centers when they do go. A very small percentage go to centers on center-run vans or buses, the study says.

The sample for this study, sponsored by the Andrus Foundation, consisted of members of the American Association of Retired Persons living in east coast cities of over 100,000 in population. According to the authors, the AARP sample is not particularly representative of the urban elderly, however. More than 90 percent were white; respondents were in better health than most seniors and were better educated, with 35 percent having attended college. They were also more affluent and more actively involved in recreation and community affairs than the average retiree.

The high levels of fear of crime reported by this population are especially significant in light of recent findings of the National Victimization Surveys conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. That survey found that among seniors, who are the age group most fearful of crime, blacks and lower-income elderly are more afraid of crime than are whites and more affluent and educated seniors.

Also of note is an earlier study on victimization and fear of crime among AARP members and elderly welfare recipients in Florida. In this study, too, the AARP membership was largely white and relatively well off. But while 31 percent of the welfare group reported being victims of property theft, more than 60 percent of the 1,808 AARP members reported being victims.

The latest study recommends changes in public parks to provide more passive recreation for seniors, and hints that age-segregated parks with on-site supervision may help seniors feel more at ease when using public parks.

For a copy of this study, contact:

Frederick J. Ferris, Administrator
Andrus Foundation
1909 K Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20049
(202) 872-4841

Crime Prevention Assistance Available

Whistles and personal aerosol "shriek" alarms can be obtained at the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project office, which is located at 2230 Witherell Street in the Downtown YWCA, or at any of the three multipurpose centers operated by the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers, Inc.. The centers are located at 5555 McGraw (in the Kronk Recreation Building), 10100 Harper (in the Eastside YMCA), and at 10301 West Seven Mile Road (in the Tindal Recreation Building).

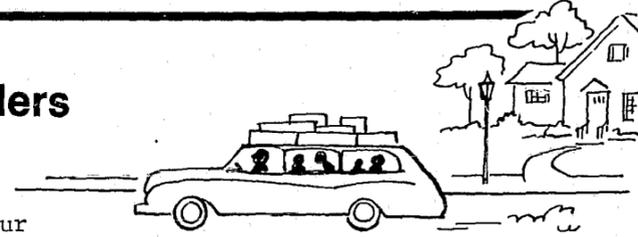
The whistles sell for \$1, and the shriek alarms sell for \$2 (much lower than the retail price in most stores).

Seniors can also borrow property engravers and obtain other crime prevention help at the Reuther Centers.

The staff of the Crime Prevention Project is also able to conduct crime prevention workshops for senior centers and neighborhood groups on such topics as residential security, personal safety, con games, and how to report crimes. The Project works very closely with the Detroit Police Department in presenting these workshops.

CRIME PREVENTION ACTION GUIDE

Some Vacation Reminders



With the arrival of summer, many people are making vacation travel plans. Whether your vacation will be several weeks long or will consist of a short weekend trip, you should include some home security crime prevention in your plans.

Here are a few vacation security tips to remember:

- Make sure your home or apartment looks like you're there even if you're not. You can do this several ways:
 - + Don't let newspapers and handbills accumulate on your porch or in front of your apartment door even over the weekend. Have a trusted neighbor or relative pick up your mail and papers promptly every day.
 - + If you plan to be gone for several weeks, be sure to stop the delivery of your newspaper all together. You might be better off calling the newspaper's subscription department rather than telling the carrier that you will be away.
 - + Ask a neighbor to keep your lawn mowed and watered. You can return the favor when your neighbor plans to be away.
 - + Use timing devices to turn lights on and off at different times and locations in your home or apartment. Don't leave your lights on 24 hours a day!
 - + Ask a neighbor or relative to change the position of your drapes or blinds from time to time.
- If you plan to be gone for an extended period of time, notify your local police precinct and ask them to give your home some special attention.
- Leave information with a trusted neighbor or relative about how to contact you in case of an emergency.
- Turn the bell on your telephone down to "low" so that if it rings often or continuously passersby won't be able to hear it.
- Ask a neighbor or relative to look inside your home or apartment to make sure nothing has been disturbed.
- If you're going to be away for some time, store valuable items (such as power tools and appliances) away from your home. Store jewelry in a safety deposit box.

Most of these suggestions will cost you little - if any - money. But think how expensive it would be to replace your belongings in your residence were broken into because you didn't plan ahead!

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Training Conference Slated for September 6

The Michigan Crime Prevention Conference Committee and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency are coordinating two training conferences aimed at helping key community leaders in Michigan develop or improve their crime prevention programs. The conferences will take place on Thursday, September 4 at Ferris State College in Big Rapids and on Saturday, September 6 at the Austin Center of Wayne County Community College in Detroit.

The Michigan Conference Committee is a joint venture of the Crime Prevention Task Force of the Michigan Commission on Criminal Justice, the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, and the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan. The National Council on Crime and Delinquency serves as the coordinator of the Crime Prevention Coalition, a nationwide effort to inform the public about crime and to stimulate citizens to take active roles in assuring the safety of themselves and their neighborhoods.

The statewide training conferences are part of the Coalition's program, which includes an advertising campaign based on the theme "Take a Bite Out of Crime" and a series of Citizens Awards to recognize outstanding achievements and distinguished contributions to the field of community crime prevention.

Additional details on the conferences are being mailed by the committee directly to the organizations, agencies, and individuals on the mailing list of the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

During August, the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project will be conducting a series of crime prevention workshops at several multi-purpose centers, senior housing sites, and Food-and-Friendship sites in Detroit:

- Central Towers, 2520 Central (at Pitt), Fridays beginning August 1, 2 p.m.
- East Lake Baptist Church, 700 Connor (at Freud), Thursdays beginning August 7, 11 a.m.
- Crowell Senior Center, 16630 Lahser, on Monday, August 11, 12:30 p.m.
- St. Paul Elderly Housing, 11421 Dexter (near Lawrence), Tuesdays beginning August 12, 1 p.m.

For more information, to obtain a set of the eight crime prevention brochures used in the workshops, or to find out how the series can be scheduled for your group, contact the Project at 963-5212.

ALERT SENIORS FOIL CROOKS!

It's sometimes difficult to measure the success of a crime prevention program, especially when there are so many factors contributing to crime and its prevention.

That's why it's encouraging to hear how two senior citizens who participate in the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project successfully thwarted a couple of would-be crooks.

A member of the Northwest Reuther Senior Center recently received a phone call in which she was told that she had won \$500 in gift certificates from businesses in the community. All she had to do, the woman caller said, was to send her a check for \$19.95. Recognizing this as a con game, the senior began to ask the caller for additional information. The con "artist" quickly hung up - and probably called someone who was not as knowledgeable about con games!

The second incident reported to the Crime Prevention Project involved a senior citizen who was participating in the crime prevention workshops at the American G.I. Forum. As he sat on his porch one day, he was approached by a man who flashed a badge and said he was from the Police Department and would be happy to check the locks in his house. Since he had just attended a workshop on Residential Security the previous day, the senior knew how police officers from the Crime Prevention Section act when they conduct home security surveys. After telling the "officer" he wasn't interested, the senior quickly went inside and called "911". Within minutes real police officers arrived and arrested the impostor, who was still in the neighborhood.

If you're keeping score, that's "2" for our side!

Con artists. They'll tell you the trip is free and then take you for a ride!

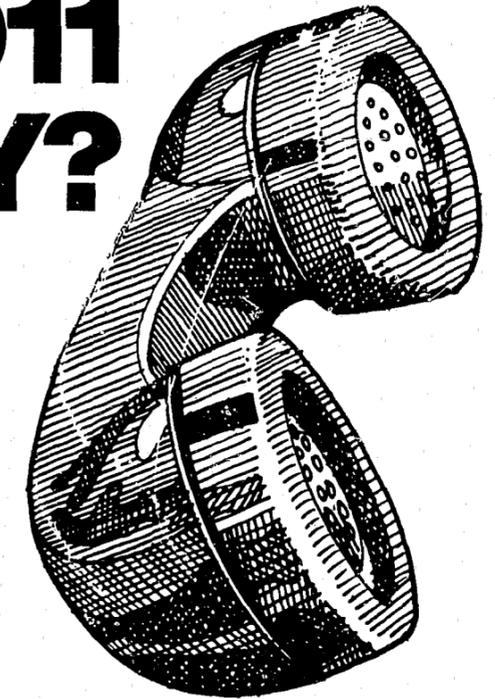


Funny thing about con artists. Every year, millions of people are talked out of their life savings. There are lots of ways to be conned. I think you should learn about them - so you won't be. Write to: Crime Prevention Coalition, Box 6600, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Help put these crooks out of business, and you'll be helping to...

TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

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WHAT IS A 911 EMERGENCY?



A 911 emergency is a **serious** health, fire or police matter that happens suddenly and demands **immediate** action.

1. HEALTH EMERGENCY which requires the immediate action of the EMS (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE).

- examples:**
- serious car accident
 - heart attack
 - serious home injury like a broken hip

2. FIRE EMERGENCY which requires immediate action by Detroit Firefighters.

- examples:**
- home, apartment or office building on fire
 - people trying to set fire to home or office

3. POLICE EMERGENCY which requires immediate action by the Detroit Police.

- examples:**
- stranger breaking into and entering or damaging a home or business
 - any person carrying a gun in public view
 - person taking money or valuables by force from anyone
 - any individual breaking into or stripping a car
 - person forcing a woman or child into a car
 - person calling for help or the police
 - if you have information about a holdup, burglary or the delivery of a drug shipment

Remember to stay on the line and wait for a 911 operator to answer your call, **do not hang up** and lose your turn.

DO NOT CALL 911 for non-emergencies like

- barking dogs
- children playing on your property
- reporting an abandoned car

For non-emergencies, call the Detroit Police Departments general information number (224-4400) or your local precinct:

1st Precinct	224-4010	6th Precinct	224-4060	12th Precinct . . .	224-4120
2nd Precinct . . .	224-4020	7th Precinct	224-4070	14th Precinct . . .	224-4140
4th Precinct	224-4040	10th Precinct . . .	224-4100	15th Precinct . . .	224-4150
5th Precinct	224-4050	11th Precinct . . .	224-4110	16th Precinct . . .	224-4160

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MINI-STATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"Give us one hour a week or even one hour a month!"

Officers from the Detroit Police Department's 51 mini-stations are fanning out through the community with that request in an intensive campaign to recruit volunteers to staff the stations.

Faced with personnel cutbacks, the department has reorganized the operation of the mini-stations. Until recently the stations' officers were assigned by each precinct and were responsible to their precinct's commander. Now the operations have been returned to the department's central Mini-Station Administration Unit located at Police Headquarters. A single officer is assigned to each station and is responsible for seeing to it that enough volunteers are recruited to keep his or her station open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Sgt. George Ruhana and Sgt. Bill Rice note that the more volunteers there are to staff each station, the more that station's uniformed officer spends patrolling the area and working with the neighborhood's residents and businesses. According to Ruhana, all mini-station officers will shortly receive basic crime prevention training so they can also help organize Neighborhood Watch, Apartment Watch, and Business Watch Programs and work more closely with groups in conducting other crime prevention activities.

Recognizing that senior citizens are an important resource in their neighborhoods, (cont. on next page)

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

During September, the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project will be conducting a series of crime prevention workshops at several multi-purpose centers, senior housing sites, and Food-and-Friendship sites in Detroit:

- Forest Park Place, 1331 E. Canfield (at Russell), Tuesdays beginning September 2, noon - 1:30 p.m.
- Sacred Heart Seminary Food-and-Friendship, 2701 W. Chicago (near Linwood), Wednesdays beginning September 3
- Bethel A.M.E. Church Food-and-Friendship, 5050 St. Antoine (near E. Warren), Thursdays beginning September 4, noon - 1:30 p.m.
- Four Corners Food-and-Friendship, 5300 Roosevelt (between Merrick and I-94), Mondays beginning September 8, noon - 1:30 p.m.

For more information, to obtain a set of the eight crime prevention brochures used in the workshops, or to find out how the series can be scheduled for your group, contact the Project at 963-5212.

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Ruhana and Rice have begun working closely with the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project to recruit them as volunteers.

They note that after receiving basic training and orientation, a volunteer is assigned to a station in his or her neighborhood for whatever time period is convenient for the individual. "Some volunteers offer to sign up for several hours a day", say Rice and Ruhana. "But we don't want to burn them out, so we ask them to give us an hour or two a week or whatever is convenient". They say volunteers like Josie Jackson are really outstanding - and welcome.

Mrs. Jackson, a senior who used to work as a Community Assistant at the Ruthruff School, has been working at mini-stations in the Tenth Precinct since March. She's the ideal volunteer in that she will work at whatever mini-station needs some help and sometimes puts in four or five hours each afternoon.

Mrs. Jackson notes that volunteers are instructed in how to take reports from citizens and how to summon help in an emergency. But many of the visitors to mini-stations are seeking information on a variety of community services and programs, says Mrs. Jackson. She would like to see her mini-stations used by more of the precinct's 220 block clubs - and hopes, of course, that more volunteers will be drawn from these organizations, in many of which senior citizens are very active.

Persons interested in working as mini-station volunteers or neighborhood groups desiring a speaker from the Mini-Station Administrative Unit should contact Sgt. Rice or Sgt. Ruhana at 224-4479.

**You're probably wondering
why your car was stolen.**



**You forgot
to lock it.**

Funny thing about your car. You left it, just for a minute, to run in for some dog biscuits. Next thing you know, you and the dog biscuits are standing on the corner, waiting for a bus. Maybe this hasn't happened yet. But if you keep leaving your car unlocked it probably will. So lock your car, and take your keys, every time you leave it. And don't leave tempting packages on the seats. Find out more about preventing crime. Write to: Crime Prevention Coalition, Box 6600, Rockville, Maryland 20850. That's one way to...

**TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME**

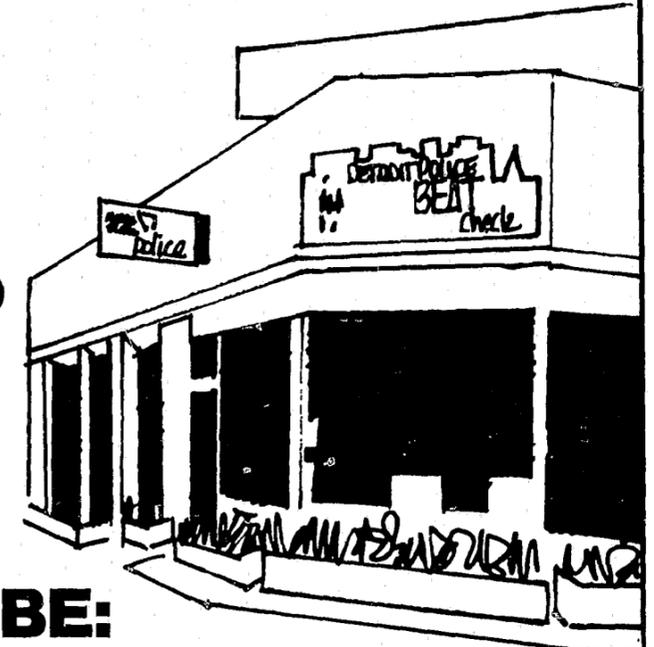
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What Is A DETROIT POLICE MINI- STATION?

Your Detroit Police Mini-Station is your local center for information and limited law enforcement protection and service right in your neighborhood.



A DETROIT POLICE MINI-STATION CAN BE:

- a place you can personally contact and get to know a Detroit Police Officer
- a source of general information about the many Detroit city services and Community Crime Prevention Programs
- a place to file and complete a police report
- a place to obtain a bicycle license

A DETROIT POLICE MINI-STATION IS **NOT**

- a full service Police Station
- a jail to hold or detain suspected criminals
- a place where lost or stolen property is stored
- a police emergency center where patrol cars are dispatched

THERE ARE 51 MINI-STATIONS IN DETROIT

- for the location of your neighborhood's mini-station
- to learn how you can become a mini-station volunteer

CALL 224-4479 — Your Help is Needed NOW!

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'CRIME AND THE ELDERLY' Conference - October 17

The Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project in cooperation with the Gerontology Program of Wayne County Community College will conduct a community conference on "Crime and the Elderly" on Friday, October 17. The all-day conference will take place at the college's Greenfield campus, located at 8551 Greenfield near Joy Road.

The purposes of this conference are: (1) to report to the community on the crime prevention needs of Detroit's older adults; (2) to report to care-givers and others working with older persons on the needs of senior citizens who are actual or potential victims of crime; (3) to introduce and review for senior citizens some basic crime prevention techniques and strategies; and (4) to recognize the contributions and assistance provided to the Crime Prevention Project by several organizations and individuals during the past two years.

Victoria Jaycox, director of the Criminal Justice and the Elderly Project of the National Council of Senior Citizens will be the keynote speaker. Two panel discussions will focus on the nature of the crime problem as it affects seniors and on how care-givers can best respond to the needs of older persons who are actual or potential victims of crime. Eight workshops will concentrate on specific crime prevention techniques for senior citizens.

Registration information and an agenda are inside this issue of the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

During October, the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project will be conducting a series of crime prevention workshops at several community centers in Detroit:

- Mid-City Concerned Citizens Council, 98 Garfield, Thursdays beginning October 2, 2 - 3:30 p.m.
- St. Patrick's Senior Citizen Center, 58 Parsons, Tuesdays beginning October 7, 1:15 - 3 p.m.
- Single-session workshops on Michigan's Victim-Witness Assistance Program will be held at the three Reuther Senior Centers -
 - October 8 - Northwest Center, 10301 W. Seven Mile (9:30 a.m.)
 - October 22 - Southwest Center, 5555 McGraw (10:30 a.m.)
 - October 29 - Eastside Center, 10100 Harper (10 a.m.)

For more information, to obtain a set of the eight crime prevention brochures used in the workshops, or to find out how the series can be scheduled for your group, contact the Project at 963-5212.

"CRIME AND THE ELDERLY"

On Friday, October 17, the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers, Inc. in co-operation with the Gerontology Program of Wayne County Community College will conduct its second community conference on the crime prevention needs of Detroit's senior citizens. The conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greenfield Center of Wayne County Community College, 8551 Greenfield (near Joy Road).

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Senior citizens who want to learn more about preventing crime
- Representatives of community organizations and agencies which work with older persons
- Representatives of neighborhood groups which want to organize crime prevention activities

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- There is no fee for the conference. There is a \$2.50 fee for the luncheon. (However, participants may also bring their own lunch or purchase lunch at the college's cafeteria.)
- Pre-registration is required. Fill out the form below and return it to our office.
- Registration is limited to 250 persons.

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

- Buses will be available at no charge to drive seniors to the college from eastside, northwest, and southwest locations. To reserve a seat, phone 963-5212.



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Please return this form to: Crime Prevention Project, 2230 Witherell, Detroit 48201

Name _____

Organization/Agency (if any) _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Please reserve a lunch for me. (I have enclosed a check or money order for \$2.50 payable to "Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers".)

Please reserve space for me on one of the buses.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. - Registration, coffee

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Welcome: Freida Gorrecht, Executive Director, Walter Reuther Senior Centers, Inc.

Keynote Address: Victoria Jaycox, Director, Criminal Justice & Elderly Project, National Council of Senior Citizens

11:30 - 12:30 p.m. - Choose either the panel discussion or one of the workshops.

- Panel Discussion: "What do we know about the criminal victimization of the elderly?"

Panelists:

- Victoria Jaycox, Criminal Justice & the Elderly
- Jersey Liang, Ph.D., WSU-UM Institute of Gerontology
- Mary C. Sengstock, Ph.D., WSU-UM Institute of Gerontology
- Insp. J. Humphrey - Detroit Police Dept., Crime Prevention Section

- Workshops on Crime Prevention Techniques

- #1 - Operation Identification
- #2 - Residential Security
- #3 - Neighborhood Watch
- #4 - Personal Safety

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. - Luncheon (Tickets will be mailed to conference participants who reserve a luncheon at \$2.50.)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Choose either the panel discussion or one of the workshops.

- Panel Discussion: "How do we help older persons who are potential or actual victims of crime?"

Panelists:

- Victoria Jaycox, Criminal Justice & the Elderly
- Freida Gorrecht, Walter Reuther Senior Centers, Inc.
- Ellen Preisman, Walter Reuther Senior Centers, Inc.
- Bill Yagerlener, Walter Reuther Senior Centers, Inc.
- Esther Howell, Wayne County Community College Gerontology Program

- Workshops on Crime Prevention Techniques

- #5 - Sexual Assault Prevention
- #6 - Con Games
- #7 - Auto Theft Prevention
- #8 - How to Report Crimes

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"Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens", an 8-part program designed by the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers in cooperation with WXON-TV, will be broadcast on Channel 20 each Saturday morning beginning October 11 and continuing through November 29.

The television series will be a special feature of "Senior Journal", a weekly public affairs program produced by WXON-TV to inform the community about activities, issues, and services of interest to senior citizens in the Detroit area.

Ten minutes of each segment of "Senior Journal" will be devoted to discussions and demonstrations of practical crime prevention tips.

The program is televised on Saturdays at 6:30 a.m. and again at 9:30 a.m..



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Elderly Anti-Crime Programs Must be Targeted

In designing comprehensive crime prevention programs serving the elderly, policy makers and service providers need to consider several demographic factors - not just the age of the target population.

This was one important piece of advice presented to the 120 persons who participated in the October 17 conference on "Crime and the Elderly" sponsored by the Reuther Senior Centers and the Gerontology Program of Wayne County Community College.

According to a report prepared by Jersey Liang of the Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology, and Mary C. Sengstock, of the Wayne State University Sociology Department, criminal victimization surveys indicate that the elderly are generally subject to less victimization than other age groups in the general population. Data derived from the National Crime Survey reveals, for example, that elderly are victims of violent crimes (such as rape, robbery, and assault) at an annual rate of 9 per 1,000 while the rate for the general population is 32 per 1,000. For household crimes (burglary, household larceny, and auto theft) the victimization rate for the elderly is 118 per 1,000 households while the general population has a rate of 235 per 1,000 households.

But when such other factors as the victim's race, marital status, and the size of the community in which he or she resides are considered, the victimization rates change

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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

During November, the Reuther Senior Centers Crime Prevention Project will be conducting a series of crime prevention workshops at several community centers in Detroit:

- Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Food-and-Friendship, 13560 E. McNichols (near Gratiot) Mondays beginning November 3, 10:15 a.m.
- Peoples Community Church, 8601 Woodward (at Pingree) on Wednesday, November 5, 12:30 p.m.
- WSU East Center, 3127 E. Canfield (near McDougal), beginning Thursday, November 6, 1:00 p.m.
- Gamma Phi Delta House, 2657 W. Grand Blvd., on Saturday, November 8, noon.
- Goodwill Community Chapel, 340 W. Seven Mile, on Wednesday, November 12, noon.
- Virginia Park Service Center, 7601 Rosa Parks Blvd., on Tuesday, November 25, 10:30 a.m.

For more information, to obtain a set of the eight crime prevention brochures used in the workshops, or to find out how the series can be scheduled for your group, contact the Project at 963-5212.

dramatically. The risk of victimization is much greater for nonwhites than whites, for men than women, for persons who have never married, are divorced or widowed than for married persons, and for city dwellers than for persons living in small towns.

"Gerontologists," note Liang and Sengstock, "should always be conscious of the wide variations in victimization rates among different subgroups of the aged population. It would seem premature to dismiss criminal victimization as a social problem for the elderly simply because they have the lowest overall average victimization rate among all age groups."

Additional information on the research conducted by Liang and Sengstock can be obtained by contacting them at the Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University, Detroit 48202. Their telephone number is (313) 577-2297.

Community Corrections Program Discussed

The Social Science Division of Marygrove College is hosting a public lecture series on "Community Involvement in Criminal Justice".

According to Kay Hoffman, Associate Professor of Sociology at the college, the purpose of the four-part series is to discuss with citizens one of the most critical issues of our day: effective responses to crime and offenders.

Hoffman notes that over the past ten years there has been intensive investigation and, in some cases, implementation of alternatives to prison. However, the focus of this discussion has been by correctional experts and academicians or professionals within the correctional system.

The purpose of the lecture series is to bring these discussions on correctional alternatives to local communities in order to explore the role residential treatment programs on communities.

The format of the evening program provides for the reaction of community residents to speakers through small group discussion.

The next discussion on Tuesday, November 18 will be devoted to community corrections and will include a panel consisting of Don Segler (the Director of Community Corrections in Minnesota), Ardemis Kolousdian (Director of Detroit's Project Transition), an ex-offender, and a community resident. The discussion will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Lecture Hall of Marygrove College, 8425 West McNichols Road.

For additional information, contact Kay Hoffman at 862-8000, extension 255.

Television Series Rescheduled

Because of a change in personnel at WXON-TV, the eight-part series of programs on crime prevention for senior citizens has been rescheduled.

In the last issue of the Community Crime Prevention Newsletter and in announcements circulated at several community centers, we indicated that the series would be included in Channel 20's "Senior Journal" program beginning near the end of October and continuing through early December. However, now the series will consist of three thirty-minute programs in which all eight crime prevention topics covered in our Action Guides will be covered.

For the dates on which these programs will be broadcast, contact the Crime Prevention Project at 963-5212 or WXON-TV at 355-2900.

In the meantime, "Senior Journal" is still worth your viewing. It's the only local public affairs program exclusively devoted to activities, programs, and services of interest to senior citizens in the Detroit area.

Copies of the eight brochures on which the series is based are available free to seniors in the Detroit area and can be obtained by phoning the Project office.

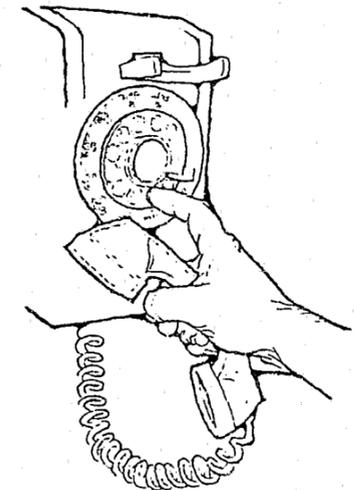


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TCR WILL SAVE TIME AND MONEY AND REDUCE RESPONSE TIME IN EMERGENCIES.

TCR WILL BE USED WHEN:

- (1) THE CRIME IS NOT IN PROGRESS
- (2) IMMEDIATE ARREST IS UNLIKELY
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TCR WILL HELP YOU TO MAKE A POLICE REPORT QUICKLY.



DIAL 911

TELEPHONE CRIME REPORTING



WILLIAM L. HART
CHIEF OF POLICE

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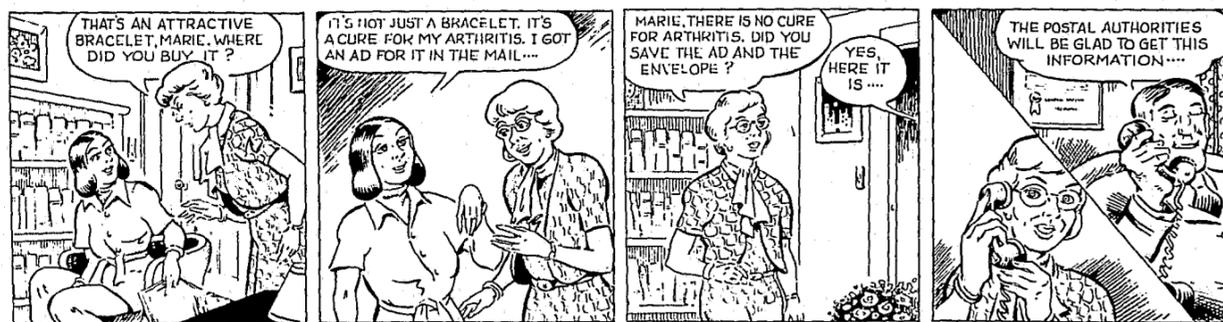
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SENIOR ANTI-CRIME PROGRAM ENDS

At the end of December the Crime Prevention Project of the Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers will come to an end when the funds provided by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration run out.

The Project was launched two years ago in November, 1978. The goal of the program was to reduce crime and the fear of crime among older persons in Detroit. To accomplish this, the Project carried on three types of activities. It developed crime prevention programs at each of the three multipurpose Reuther Senior Centers. It also carried on and extensive "outreach" program to involve older persons in crime prevention activities at other senior centers, senior nutrition sites, and senior housing sites. And it provided funding and technical assistance over the two year period to six community-based organizations, each of whom carried on a specific project to meet the crime prevention needs of the residents of their respective areas.

SENIORS TRAINED IN CRIME PREVENTION

One of the many achievements of the Crime Prevention Project was the preparation of Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide, a collection of resource materials which can be used by any community organization to develop a crime prevention program aimed at senior citizens. The kit contains reprints of articles with important background information on the nature of crime as it affects older persons and on crime prevention techniques. Also included is a group leader's guide offering suggestions on how to organize a community crime prevention program and pointing to other resources which can be useful in such a program. Eight brochures in the kit offer a number of practical crime prevention tips.

2,500 copies of Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens: An Action Guide and another 2,500 copies of the eight brochures were distributed during the two years of the Project. This material will continue to be used by the Reuther Senior Centers in programs during 1981. For information on obtaining copies, contact the agency at 926-5365.

The Project conducted crime prevention workshops at 72 community centers in Detroit and involved over 4,000 people in these programs. The sessions demonstrated a wide

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Crime Prevention Project's office in the downtown YWCA at 2230 Witherell will close on December 23.

After that time all inquires should be directed to:

Walter P. Reuther Senior Centers
8731 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48214

(313) 926-5365

We would appreciate your assistance in making this change on your mailing list.

variety of prevention techniques that older persons can use to reduce their chances of becoming victims of crime. The Reuther Senior Centers has sought funding through the city's "block grant" program so it can continue this important program during 1981.

Another aspect of the Crime Prevention Project involved improving the security features in the homes of senior citizens. During the two years of the program, the Reuther Senior Centers helped 225 seniors obtain better security devices, such as dead-bolt locks and door and window guards. An additional 200 homes were provided with this service by two of the Project's subcontractors. The Reuther Senior Centers has proposed that it be provided with funds from the city's "block grant" program to provide home security improvements for 500 senior citizens in Detroit during 1981.

COMMUNITY-BASED SUBCONTRACTORS

Although much of the Crime Prevention Project's efforts were directed at senior citizens who participated in programs at senior centers, nutrition sites, and housing sites in the community, the agency also helped six community-based organizations carry on important activities in the past two years. Almost one-third of the Project's funds were passed through to these groups.

Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development (LA SED) employed a bilingual community worker to translate crime prevention material into Spanish and to conduct crime prevention programs for the Spanish-speaking residents of southwest Detroit. During the second year of the Project, LA SED also improved the security features in the homes of 32 senior citizens.

The Community Resource and Assistance Center (CRAC) organized the Senior Citizens Area Transit to provide escorts to older persons in an eastside neighborhood. This service will continue in the coming year even though LEAA funds will no longer be available.

Neighborhood East Area Residents (NEAR) was provided with funds to provide home security improvements to 200 persons in its eastside community. This program was carried on in an area which was experiencing the highest burglary rate in the city.

St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church was funded during 1979 to provide weekly escort service for seniors living in the neighborhood around the church on the southwest side of Detroit. The church's community worker also translated some crime prevention materials into Ukrainian.

During 1979 the Motor City Consumers Cooperative conducted a crime prevention program in cooperation with the Outer Van Dyke Homeowners Association and the Van Dyke Seven Mile Business Association. Motor City also helped to organize an Apartment Watch at the River Towers Senior Citizens Apartments.

In 1980 the Neighborhood Information Exchange (NIE) was funded to provide its twice-monthly newsletter to block clubs and neighborhood councils and to establish a telephone "hotline" to supplement the newsletter. Using these organizing tools, neighborhood groups were better able to maintain their crime prevention and revitalization efforts.

THANKS FOR HELPING OUT!

To help make the Crime Prevention Project a success, early in 1979 an Advisory Board was created. The Board was made up of representatives of the three Reuther Senior Centers, the community-based subcontractors, and several agencies, organizations, and individuals with a special interest in crime prevention and services to older people.

The Reuther Senior Centers extends a special thanks to these organizations and agencies: Detroit Police Department Crime Prevention Section, City of Detroit Senior Citizens Department, Wayne State University Criminal Justice Program, Southwest Detroit Community Mental Health Services, Detroit Central City Community Mental Health, Inc., Detroit East Community Mental Health, Inc., Northeast Guidance Center, Minority Anti-Rape Task Force, Southeast Michigan Anti-Rape Network, Parents Anonymous of Michigan, UAW Retired and Older Workers Department, the Public Safety and Justice Division of New Detroit, Inc., and the Office of U.S. Representative John Conyers.

A Directory of Crime Prevention Resources

● Community agencies and organizations which need some help in conducting crime prevention programs may find these resources helpful:

- Crime Prevention Section, Detroit Police Department, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226, 224-4030
- Communications Section, Detroit Police Department, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226, 224-4430
- Mini-Station Administration Unit, Detroit Police Department, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226, 224-4479
- Rape Counseling Center, University Health Center, 4201 St. Antoine, Detroit, Michigan 48201, 832-2530
- Postal Inspection Service, U.S. Postal Service, P.O. Box 33XX, Detroit, Michigan 48232, 226-6705
- Michigan Anti-Car Theft Campaign Committee, P.O. Box 575, Dearborn, Michigan 48121, 222-5830
- Detroitbank Corporation, 211 West Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226, 222-3300
- WSU-UM Institute of Gerontology, 205 Library Court, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan 48202, 577-2287
- Criminal Justice & the Elderly Project, National Council of Senior Citizens, 1511 K Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 638-4848
- National Association of Retired Teachers / American Association of Retired Persons, 1909 K Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20049, (202) 872-4700
- National Crime Prevention Coalition, Box 6700, Rockville, Maryland 20850

● For information on the WhistleSTOP program contact:

Edgewater Community Council
1112 W. Bryn Mawr
Chicago, Illinois 60660
(312) 334-5609

● For information on ordering large quantities of aerosol shriek alarms contact:

P.H.I. Wholesale
14521 W. Lincoln
Oak Park, Michigan 48237
542-2300

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LEAA CRIME PREVENTION PROJECT
17950 VAN DYKE • DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48234
Phone: 366-8460



Greetings:

Here are several types of leaflets prepared by the Motor City Consumers Cooperative, Inc., LEAA Crime Prevention Project.

We, the coordinators of the Motor City Crime Prevention Committee, are proud of the work performed by each member who accomplished so much in such little time.

We are equally proud of the various activities by the many neighborhood block watch committees who have used these leaflets to help make their neighborhoods a safer place in which to live.

The success of our work would not have been possible without the full support of John D'Agostino, President of the Motor City Consumers Cooperative, Inc.

We trust that these leaflets will be of service to you in your fight against crime.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Gidner
Project Coordinator

Ralph Bathanti
Project Coordinator

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TAKE A STAND AGAINST CRIME

- Afraid of crime in your neighborhood?
- Think twice about going out after dark?
- Ever been ripped-off in your own home?
- Trouble with young punks?
- Wonder how you can prevent crime and safeguard your home?
- Ever feel nobody really cares what happens to your area?

Your Detroit Police Department DOES CARE and wants to help you do something about crime prevention in your neighborhood.

WHY NOT FIND OUT ABOUT Neighborhood Watch?

Contact:

Motor City Consumers Cooperative
LEAA Crime Prevention Project
17950 Van Dyke
Detroit, Michigan 48234
Phone: 366-8460
Ken Gidner or Ralph Bathanti

11th Detroit Police Precinct
Headquarters—3812 East Davison
Detroit, Michigan 48212
Phone: 224-4110 or 224-0488
Crime Prevention Officers:
Officer Ed Kaler
Officer Henry J. Wellams

7th Detroit Precinct
Mini Station - 7377 Kercheval
Detroit, Michigan 48207
Phone: 224-0428 or 244-0429
Crime Prevention Officers:
Officer Maryann Pawlak
Officer Roy C. Edwards

15th Detroit Police Precinct
Headquarters—11187 Gratiot
Detroit, Michigan 48213
Phone: 224-4150 or 224-4151
Crime Prevention Officers:
Officer Kim Mackie (Community Relations)
Officer Brenda Williams

**PROTECT YOURSELF,
YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

NEED A POLICE SQUAD CAR?



for
police
emergencies like:

- breaking and entering into a home or business
- robbery (person or business)
- destroying property
- physical assault with a dangerous weapon

CALL 911

for police non-
emergencies like:

- reporting abandoned cars
- suspicious persons in your neighborhood
- persons disturbing the peace
- other minor violations of the law

Call the Detroit Police General Information number 224-4400

Remember you can NOT obtain a squad car by calling your local Detroit Police Precinct or Detroit Police Mini-Station. Don't waste time, dial the right number and have help sent out right away!

What Is A DETROIT POLICE MINI-STATION?

Your Detroit Police Mini-Station is your local center for information and limited law enforcement protection and service right in your neighborhood.



A DETROIT POLICE MINI-STATION CAN BE:

- a place you can personally contact and get to know a Detroit Police Officer
- a source of general information about the many Detroit city services and Community Crime Prevention Programs
- a place to file and complete a police report
- a place to obtain a bicycle license

A DETROIT POLICE MINI-STATION IS **NOT**

- a full service Police Station
- a jail to hold or detain suspected criminals
- a place where lost or stolen property is stored
- a police emergency center where patrol cars are dispatched

IN YOUR COMMUNITY, DETROIT POLICE MINI-STATIONS ARE LOCATED AT:

15th Detroit Police Precinct Headquarters
11187 Gratiot—Detroit, Michigan 48213—Phone: 224-4150 or 224-4151

MINI-STATIONS:

5142 Conner—Phone: 224-0418 or 224-0419
8036 Harper—Phone: 224-0464 or 224-0465
14304 Gratiot—Phone: 224-0468 or 224-0469
16334 East Warren—Phone: 224-0480 or 224-0481

Threatened by young punks?

(juvenile offenders)

Don't Live In FEAR

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. File a Police report at your local Detroit Police Precinct and name the juveniles.
2. Be willing to follow through with the charges—don't make a police report just to scare the juveniles.
3. Special Detroit Police Juvenile Officers will investigate your charges. If the problem is serious enough, these officers will petition the juvenile court for a formal hearing.
4. Any corrective action (fines, penalties) will be handled by the juvenile court.

Be sure to protect yourself by filing a **complete** police report and talk with the police officer who will be in charge of your case.

Be sure to ask for the YOUTH BUREAU at:

7th Detroit Police Precinct
3300 Mack Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48207
Phone:
224-4070 or 224-4071

11th Detroit Police Precinct
3812 East Davison
Detroit, Michigan 48212
Phone:
224-4110 or 224-4111

15th Detroit Police Precinct
11187 Gratiot
Detroit, Michigan 48213
Phone:
224-4150 or 224-4151

Stand up for your rights!

filing a police report?

when?

- involved in minor traffic accident—no personal injuries
- report minor disturbance of peace (barking dogs, party, loud music)
- report minor trespassing (children or dogs running through yard)
- report abandoned car

how?

- file a written report at your local Detroit Police Precinct
 - stop by your local Detroit Police Mini-Station
 - Have a Detroit Police Squad Car dispatched to your home
- (non-emergencies call the Detroit Police general information number: 224-4400)

where?

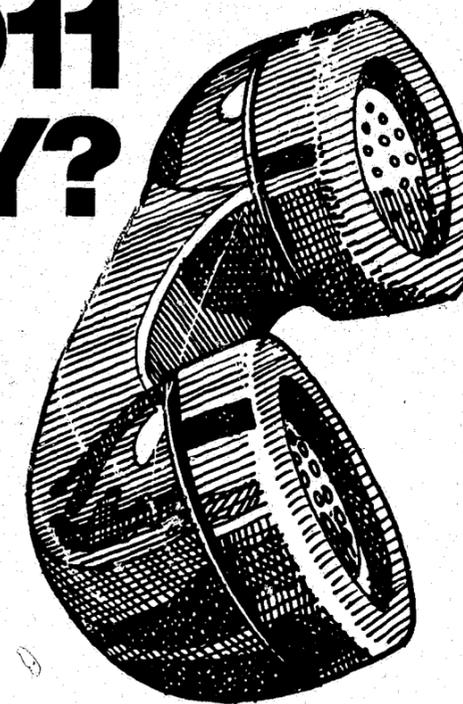
**7th Detroit
Police Precinct Headquarters**
3300 Mack Avenue—Detroit, MI 48207
Phone: 224-4070 or 224-4071

detroit police mini-stations

MINI-STATIONS:

7737 Kercheval—Phone: 224-0428 or 224-0429
630 Chene—Phone: 224-0462 or 224-0463
5706 Chene—Phone: 224-0448 or 224-0449

WHAT IS A 911 EMERGENCY?



A 911 emergency is a **serious** health, fire or police matter that happens suddenly and demands **immediate** action.

1. HEALTH EMERGENCY which requires the immediate action of the EMS (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE).

- examples:**
- serious car accident
 - heart attack
 - serious home injury like a broken hip

2. FIRE EMERGENCY which requires immediate action by Detroit Firefighters.

- examples:**
- home, apartment or office building on fire
 - people trying to set fire to home or office

3. POLICE EMERGENCY which requires immediate action by the Detroit Police.

- examples:**
- stranger breaking into and entering or damaging a home or business
 - any person carrying a gun in public view
 - person taking money or valuables by force from anyone
 - any individual breaking into or stripping a car
 - person forcing a woman or child into a car
 - person calling for help or the police
 - if you have information about a holdup, burglary or the delivery of a drug shipment

Remember to stay on the line and wait for a 911 operator to answer your call, **do not hang up** and lose your turn.

DO NOT CALL 911 for non-emergencies like

- barking dogs
- children playing on your property
- reporting an abandoned car

Call the Detroit Police Department's general information number 224-4400 or your local Detroit Precinct:

7th Precinct 224-4070 } for non-emergencies.
11th Precinct 224-4110 }
15th Precinct 224-4150 }

JOIN APARTMENT WATCH

protect your building against crime

An APARTMENT WATCH Crime Prevention Program includes:

- an apartment security survey
- operation identification
- a crime prevention training program
- inventory of all your valuables
- use of shriek alarm
- construction of your own safe
- assignment of "Floor Captain" (Security Chief) and your own "designator number"
- use of floor locator system (know your neighbors)

Don't give the criminal a chance, fight back before the mugger, robber or rapist strikes.

Your apartment building is **your** neighborhood, get to know it and your neighbors well—stick together, show your concern and pride in your neighborhood.

For further information about the Apartment Watch Program please contact:

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LEAA Crime Prevention Project
17950 Van Dyke
Detroit, Michigan 48234
Ken Gidner or Ralph Bathanti
Phone: 366-8460

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COMMUNITY ACTION GUIDE

Buying Medicare Supplement Policies

Beware of Medicare supplement insurance policies that will not provide the kind of protection you and your family may need in times of illness or injury. Several insurance companies have already taken advantage of many poor older persons who have lost a great deal of money by buying unnecessary health insurance policies. Don't let it happen to you!

The following list of consumer tips was adapted from a series of recent articles in the Detroit Free Press by writers Sylvia Porter and Peter Weaver.

- Before you buy extra medical insurance, be sure to take a good look at your real Medicare supplemental needs. Don't make a hasty decision.
- It might be wise to wait awhile before you buy supplemental insurance. Congress may establish a National Health Insurance Plan sooner than you think.
- Policies paying service benefits are more valuable than those paying indemnity benefits. Service benefits keep pace with rising costs, while indemnity benefits pay a flat fee per day and may not start until a hospital stay has lasted a long time. Check it out.
- Most health policies bought on an individual basis will not provide benefits right away for an illness or condition that existed at the time the policy was issued. Find out how far back in your medical history a company will go in searching for pre-existing medical conditions.
- Some mail order insurance companies tend to reject more claims and make heavy use of "pre-existing medical condition" exclusions.
- As with any contract, read the small print before you sign. If you don't understand the terms of the policy, don't sign it.

Additional information can be obtained free from:

- Information on Medicare & Health Insurance for Older People, published by the American Association of Retired Persons, P.O. Box 2400, Long Beach, CA 90801
- A Shopper's Guide to Supplemental Medical Insurance, published by the National Senior Citizens Law Center, 1424 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036
- State of Michigan Insurance Bureau toll-free "hotline" 1-800-292-5943. The bureau publishes consumer bulletins and can tell you if an insurance company is properly registered to sell policies in Michigan

Information and advice on preventing consumer fraud is contained in:

- Target: The Elderly, published for \$1 by the Consumer Affairs Foundation, c/o Suffolk University, 47 Mount Vernon St., Boston, MA 02108

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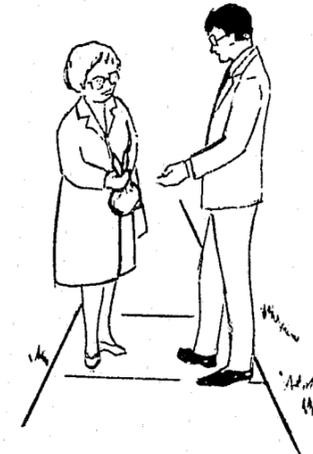


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Evite que otras personas resulten víctimas.

LOS AHORROS DE TODA LA VIDA DE LA POBRE VÍCTIMA, ASÍ COMO EL DESCONOCIDO, HAN VOLADO, COMO UNA PALOMA.

SI ALGUIEN VIENE DONDE USTED PARA REPARTIR DINERO O COSAS VALIOSAS ENCONTRADAS, EN LUGAR DE PONER DINERO, DENUNCIE A LOS ESTAFADORES A LA POLICÍA.

MUY AGRADECIDOS AL DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICÍA DE DETROIT LA SECCIÓN DE PREVENIR EL CRIMEN
224-4030, 224-4031

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¡ CONSERVE ESTA HOJA !

El comité para la seguridad en la vecindad ha preparado esta lista de números de teléfonos importantes para que ahorre tiempo cuando necesite ayuda.

PARA REPORTAR UN CRIMEN, SOSPECHA DE UN CRIMEN, O UN CRIMEN INTERRUMPIDO,
LLAME AL TELEFONO

911 (para emergencias, cuando la respuesta inmediata de la policía es necesaria)

Para reportajes no muy urgentes o para denuncias, llame al precinto número 4 al teléfono 224-4040, Dígale al oficial de donde está llamando, por qué llama, dé los detalles - domicilio, nombre, etc.

SI USTED ES VICTIMA DE UNA VIOLACION (ESTUPRO), O DE UN INTENTO DE VIOLACION, LLAME A LA POLICIA, ENTONCES LLAME AL.....

CENTRO DE ASESORAMIENTO (CONSEJOS) EN CASO DE VIOLACION:

224-4487 (de día)

224-0550 (de noche)

El centro, localizado en el Hospital Detroit General tiene un servicio de 24 horas con un personal de mujeres consejeras profesionales.

SI USTED TIENE ALGUNA QUEJA O ALABANZA ACERCA DEL SERVICIO POLICIACO,
LLAME AL NUMERO

224-4020 (segundo precinto) o 224-4040 (cuarto precinto)

Quejas sobre la mala conducta de algún policía individual pueden hacerse llamando al número 224-4235 (Reglas Profesionales de la policía)

--- Consejo de Acción para Ciudadanos del Parque Palmer ---
742 W. McNichols Detroit 48203 341-2383



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LA SEGURIDAD EN LOS EDIFICIOS DEBE SER PREOCUPACIÓN DE TODOS

Nunca abra la puerta del corredor del edificio a alguien que no se haya identificado apropiadamente -- aunque usted esté esperando a un amigo o una entrega a esa hora.

Cuando entre o salga de su edificio, nunca permita que entre ninguna persona que usted no conozca. Si la persona ha tocado el timbre de un vecino, deje que el vecino lo deje entrar al edificio.

Los trabajadores de las compañías de servicios públicos o de repartos de mercancía tienen a la vista identificación con ellos. Nunca admita a un trabajador de estas compañías a menos que esté autorizado/a por el administrador del edificio.

Cuando el timbre suene, pregunte "¿Quién es?" o "¿Quién toca?" -- no diga "¿Eres tú Alfredo?", etc. (Puede que el que esté en el corredor no sea "Alfredo".)

Cierre con llave y cerrojo (pasador) siempre que salga de su departamento -- aun si sale por varios minutos para ir a la lavandería (o tintorería) o al departamento de su vecino en el mismo edificio.

Mantenga la puerta cerrada con llave aun cuando usted esté en el departamento.

Si usted ve a alguien sospechoso en el edificio o por los alrededores, comuníquese con el administrador del edificio inmediatamente. Si no puede hacer esto, comuníquese con la policía y dígales que hay una persona sospechosa en el local. (Puede que esa persona haya acabado de cometer un crimen o tal vez esté a punto de cometerlo.)

USE EL NUMERO "911" APROPIADAMENTE

Use el "911" solamente para llamar a la policía, al departamento de bomberos o en caso de emergencias médicas. Cuando llame, infórmele a la operadora la localización exacta donde ocurre la emergencia: el domicilio y la calle, el número del apartamento, y las calles de travesía más cercanas. Asegúrese de incluir su número de apartamento en caso de que la policía necesite más información o direcciones.

Si es posible, descríbele a la operadora del número "911" la clase de emergencia. (Por ejemplo: "Hay un robo a mano armada". "Están tratando de forzar entrada en un automóvil". "Está una mujer pidiendo ayuda".)

RESPONDA AL SONIDO DE UN SILBATO

Si usted necesita ayuda en alguna emergencia, sople su silbato para atraer la atención. Siga soplando para que sus vecinos y la policía sepan exactamente donde se necesita la ayuda.

Si usted oye un silbato, trate de determinar de donde procede el sonido. Llame al número "911" y díga a la operadora que hay una emergencia "Whistle Stop". Sople su silbato para atraer más atención y ayuda. Vaya hacia donde suena el silbato.

Lleve su silbato donde usted pueda usarlo rápidamente. No lo lleve en su cartera o en su bolsillo.

¿QUÉ ES UNA EMERGENCIA ?

¿CUÁNDO DEBE EL CIUDADANO LLAMAR AL TELÉFONO 911 ?

Marque el número 911 cuando usted vea lo siguiente:

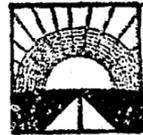
1. UNA PERSONA O VARIAS PERSONAS QUE ESTÉN HERIDAS O LASTIMADAS O QUE ESTÉN SANGRANDO Y QUE NECESITEN TRATAMIENTO MÉDICO O DE HOSPITAL INMEDIATAMENTE.
2. CUALQUIER ACCIDENTE DE AUTOMÓVIL DONDE HAYAN LESIONES SERIAS O HERIDAS GRAVES.
3. CUALQUIER PERSONA QUE ESTÉ INCENDIANDO ALGÚN EDIFICIO.
4. DESCONOCIDOS QUE ESTÉN ROMPIENDO O ABRIENDO LA VENTANA DE ALGÚN VECINO Y ENTRANDO EN LA CASA.
5. DESCONOCIDOS LLEVÁNDOSE LOS MUEBLES O CUALQUIER OTRO ARTÍCULO DE LA CASA DE UN VECINO.
6. ALGUIEN ARREBATÁNDOLE LA CARTERA O BOLSA A UNA SEÑORA.
7. UNOS DESCONOCIDOS USANDO LA VIOLENCIA CONTRA OTRA PERSONA PARA QUITARLE SU DINERO O COSAS DE VALOR.
8. UNA PERSONA EXHIBIENDO ARMAS DE FUEGO EN PÚBLICO.
9. ALGÚN DESCONOCIDO TRATANDO DE FORZAR SU ENTRADA EN UN AUTOMÓVIL.
10. CUALQUIER PERSONA SOSPECHOSA QUE ESTÉ SACANDO MERCANCÍA, ROPA O GASOLINA DE UN AUTOMÓVIL O DESMANTELANDO ACCESORIOS DE ÉSTE.
11. UNA PERSONA O PERSONAS QUE PAREZCA ESTAR FORZANDO A UNA MUJER O A UN NIÑO A ENTRAR A UN AUTOMÓVIL.
12. GRUPOS DE PERSONAS CON ARMAS - GARROTES (PORRAS), CADENAS, ARMAS DE FUEGO, CUCHILLOS (NAVAJAS), PREPARÁNDOSE PARA PELEAR.
13. PERSONAS ENTRANDO O SALIENDO SOSPECHOSAMENTE DE UN ESTABLECIMIENTO DE COMERCIO A HORAS DESACOSTUMBRADAS.
14. PERSONAS DESTRUYENDO VENTANAS O PUERTAS EN UNA CASA, EDIFICIO DE APARTAMENTOS O ESTABLECIMIENTO DE COMERCIO.
15. PERSONAS QUE ESTÉN USANDO MÁSCARAS O QUE PAREZCAN QUE ESTÁN ESCONDIENDO SUS CARAS.

MARQUE EL NÚMERO 911 SI USTED OYE....

1. UNA PERSONA GRITANDO O LLAMANDO A LA POLICÍA PIDIENDO AYUDA.
2. UNA EXPLOSIÓN FUERTE O UNOS BALAZOS.

3. EL SONIDO DE CRISTAL ROMPIÉNDOSE O RUIDO DE UNA PUERTA DE MADERA SIENDO DESTRUÍDA.
4. RUIDOS, SOSPECHOSOS PROCEDENTES DEL PRÓXIMO APARTAMENTO TALES COMO MUEBLES VOLTEÁNDOSE O CAJONES O GAVETAS CERRADAS DE GOLPE O ESTREPITOSAMENTE.
5. GRITOS FUERTES, OBSCENOS, RUIDOS DE GOLPES, ETC., QUE INDIQUEN UNA PELEA O RIÑA CALLEJERA.
6. LLAME AL 911 SI USTED TIENE INFORMACIÓN O HA OÍDO RUMORES ACERCA DE UN CRIMEN QUE SE ESTÉ PLANEANDO, TALES COMO UN ASALTO A MANO ARMADA, UN ROBO, UN CARGAMENTO O ENVÍO DE MARIJUANA (DROGAS) QUE VA A ENTREGARSE, ETC.

***** PARA LLAMADAS QUE NO SON DE EMERGENCIA, LLAME A LA ESTACIÓN DE POLICÍA DE SU LOCALIDAD O AL NÚMERO 224-4400 *****

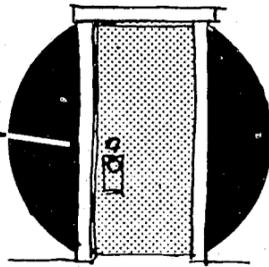


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PREVENCIÓN 
CONTRA EL ROBO

CERRADURAS DE UN SOLO CILINDRO.

PUERTAS SÓLIDAS



ILUMINE SU CASA POR FUERA Y MANTENGA EL INTERIOR ALUMBRADO POR LA NOCHE.

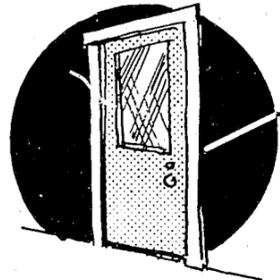
ILUMINACIÓN VISIBLE

OTRAS PRECAUCIONES

HAGA QUE UN VECINO VIGILE SU CASA MIENTRAS USTED ESTÁ AUSENTE.

PARTICIPE EN LA "OPERACIÓN IDENTIFICACIÓN".

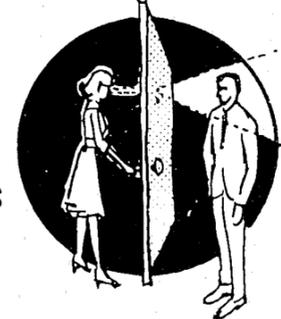
CONSIDERE LA UTILIZACIÓN DE SISTEMAS DE ALARMAS.



DEBIDAMENTE ASEGURADAS.

PUERTAS CON CRISTALES

VISOR DE ÁNGULO ANCHO PARA LAS PUERTAS SÓLIDAS



UNAS CUANTAS SUGERENCIAS MÁS . . .

NO DEJE NOTAS INDICANDO QUE USTED NO ESTÁ EN LA CASA O CUANDO REGRESARÁ.

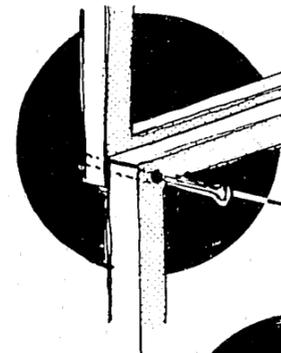
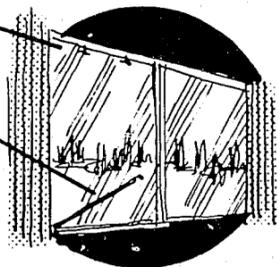
HAGA QUE LOS VENDEDORES, LOS REPARADORES, ETC. SE IDENTIFIQUEN DEBIDAMENTE.

CONOZCA LOS HÁBITOS DIARIOS DE SU VECINO Y HAGA QUE ÉL CONOZCA LOS SUYOS.

ACCIÓN PREVENTIVA

TORNILLOS PARA IMPEDIR QUE SE LEVANTEN. PIEZA DE MADERA O PASADOR PARA IMPEDIR EL DESLIZAMIENTO.

PUERTAS CORREDIZAS



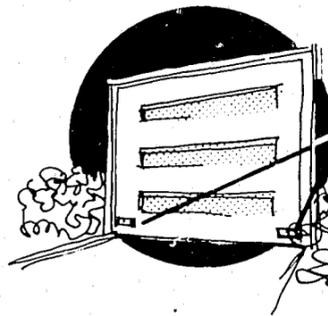
VENTANAS DOBLES

HAGA UN AGUJERO INCLINADO EN LOS MARCOS DE LA VENTA E INSERTE UN CLAVO.

REPORTE A LA POLÍCIA LAS PERSONAS SOSPECHOSAS Y/O CUALQUIER ACTIVIDAD INSÓLITA.

NO ESCONDA LAS LLAVES DE REPUESTO "DONDE A NADIE SE LE OCUERRIRÍA BUSCAR"

NUNCA ENTRE A SU CASA SI OBSERVA EVIDENCIAS DE UN ROBO.



ASEGURADAS POR AMBOS LADOS.

PUERTAS DEL GARAGE



EVITE AISLAR LAS ENTRADAS

Y FINALMENTE . . .

SI SE ENCUENTRA CON UN LADRÓN, DEJE QUE SE VAYA. MÁS VALE PERDER DINERO O PROPIEDAD QUE LA VIDA.



*Lista de sugerencias
para la seguridad
del hogar*

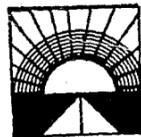
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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. ¿CERRADURAS DE SEGURIDAD DE UNO O DOS CILINDROS? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. ¿LAS PUERTAS CON CRISTALES DEBIDAMENTE ASEGURADAS? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. ¿PROTECCIÓN CONTRA LEVANTAMIENTO Y DESLIZAMIENTO EN LAS PUERTAS CORREDIZAS? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. ¿PUERTAS DEL GARAGE ASEGURADAS EN AMBOS LADOS? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. ¿CLAVOS ASEGURANDO LAS VENTANAS DOBLES? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. ¿LUCES EXTERIORES EN LAS ENTRADAS PRINCIPALES DE LA CASA? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. ¿CENTRAL AUTOMÁTICO PARA CONTROLAR LA ILUMINACIÓN CUANDO USTED ESTÁ FUERA DE SU CASA? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. ¿VISOR DE ÁNGULO ANCHO EN LAS PUERTAS SÓLIDAS? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. ¿LAS ENTRADAS PRINCIPALES VISIBLES DESDE LA CALLE Y DESDE LAS CASAS DE LOS VECINOS? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. ¿ALGUIEN QUE RECOJA SU CORREO, PERIÓDICOS, ETC. CUANDO USTED ESTÁ FUERA DE LA CIUDAD? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. ¿SU NÚMERO DE LICENCIA GRABADO EN LAS COSAS DE VALOR POR MEDIO DE LA OPERACIÓN IDENTIFICACIÓN? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. ¿SISTEMA DE ALARMA PARA INCENDIOS, ENTRADAS FORZOSAS Y GASES TÓXICOS? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ACTUE EN LOS PUNTOS QUE HA MARCADO "NO"

**PARALICE EL
TRIÁNGULO
DEL CRIMEN**



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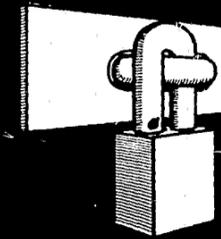
Genaro de Juan
ALCALDE
William S. Hart
JEFE DE LA POLICIA

OBTENGA LOS SERVICIOS
DE PREVENCIÓN DEL
CRIMEN POR LOS CUALES
SUS IMPUESTOS HAN
PAGADO

**Departamento de Policía
de la Ciudad de Detroit
Sección para la
Prevención del Crimen...**

AYUDENOS A PROTEGERLO

HE AQUÍ COMO PREVENIR EL CRIMEN



POLICÍA DE DETROIT

**SECCIÓN PARA
LA PREVENCIÓN
DEL CRIMEN**

224-4030

El crimen en nuestra sociedad siempre ha hecho necesario que las comunidades y las fuerzas policíacas trabajen juntas. Considérelas del modo siguiente: Cada vez que su acción personal en la prevención del crimen elimina la necesidad de que la policía investigue cosas como . . .

una cortadora de césped robada de garage abierto

un robo en una casa con cerraduras defectuosas

una bolsa robada dejada en el mostrador de una tienda

. . . usted nos ayuda a poner más atención a criminales conocidos y a crímenes que están en progreso. Haciendo usted lo más que pueda para protegerse y proteger su propiedad usted nos ayuda a trabajar mejor en su protección. Los agentes de policía para la prevención del crimen del Departamento de Policía de Detroit están listos para contestar sus preguntas acerca de los problemas mayores de crimen en su vecindad. Le diremos las mejores maneras para evitar que se convierta en una víctima.

En este folleto hemos hecho una lista de los servicios que ofrecemos. Estos servicios no tienen ningún costo — sus impuestos ya han pagado por estas ayudas.

Una meta principal que tenemos es la de organizar sistemas de "Neighborhood Watch" (Vigilancia del Vecindario) a través de todo Detroit. Y usted actúa como "los ojos y oídos del departamento de policía", y podemos aumentar las probabilidades de detener crímenes que se están cometiendo y de capturar a los criminales cerca de la escena de un crimen.

RECUERDE: Usted puede ser víctima de un crimen. CUALQUIER PERSONA es una posible víctima. Pero usted puede aumentar las posibilidades en su favor. Le enseñaremos cómo.

Estamos esperando por su llamada ahora mismo en la sección de prevención del crimen en el Departamento de Policía de Detroit. Marque el 224-4030.

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ROMPA EL TRIÁNGULO DEL CRIMEN - NIEGUE LA OPORTUNIDAD

UNÁSE A LA VIGILANCIA DE SU VECINDARIO

Victima
Deseo Criminal
Oportunidad

Nuestro mensaje es para personas de buena voluntad y responsables . . . se trata de protegerlo a usted contra aquellas personas que se aprovechan de usted o que abusan de usted y la hacen víctima de sus deseos egoístas.

Nosotros . . . su policía . . . trataremos de estar entre usted y el criminal. Pero usted tiene que entender el significado del "triángulo del crimen" ya que solamente usted puede romper este triángulo vicioso.

Examine el triángulo. El primer elemento que se necesita para que ocurra un crimen es, por supuesto, el deseo criminal. El criminal selecciona la víctima y entonces espera la oportunidad para actuar . . . para hacerlo a usted una estadística del crimen.

Usted puede romper este triángulo. Usted no puede controlar el deseo de un criminal para que no cometa un crimen . . . pero usted puede negar la oportunidad para que un crimen no ocurra. Y en realidad, usted es el único que puede negar la oportunidad.

Llame a la sección para la prevención del crimen de la policía de Detroit al teléfono 224-4030 para obtener la información por la que usted ha pagado.

REDUZCA LAS POSIBILIDADES DE QUE LE ROBEN, LO ATAQUEN, O DE QUE SE COMETA ALGUNA VIOLACIÓN EN CONTRA DE USTED, DE SUS PARIENTES O DE SUS VECINOS. UNÁSE A LA "VIGILANCIA DEL VECINDARIO".

Grupos de la "vigilancia del vecindario" actúan como "los ojos y oídos" del departamento de policía. Esta organización de vecinos que viven en la misma cuadra aumentará colectivamente su seguridad. Capitanes que son designados oficialmente para la Vigilancia del Vecindario reciben un número en clave de identificación (de cifra) para identificarse cuando estén reportando una actividad sospechosa o un crimen en progreso. La policía se asegura de que una llamada es legítima cuando se recibe de un representante entrenado en la Vigilancia del Vecindario.

Si usted vive en un apartamento, le enseñaremos como comenzar un programa semejante - Vigilancia de Apartamentos.

Pídanos que hagamos una presentación de la "Vigilancia del Vecindario" en su área. Como parte del programa, usted verá una película o una proyección de transparencias acerca de la prevención del crimen. El agente policiaco para esta prevención del crimen que hablará con usted adaptará su presentación a los problemas del crimen específicos en su área.



Si es solicitado, también demostraremos estos programas a diferentes negocios, agencias, grupos de iglesias, y a otras agencias interesadas.

AUMENTE LAS PROBABILIDADES DE QUE LA PROPIEDAD ROBADA LE SEA DEVUELTA. PARTICIPE EN LA "OPERACIÓN IDENTIFICACIÓN".

Muchas veces cuando la policía recupera mercancía robada, los ciudadanos no pueden identificar su propiedad debidamente "Operación Identificación" es una respuesta a este problema.

Y trabaja así: Usted toma prestado un grabador de su precinto de policía local o de una mini-estación. En su casa, use el grabador para marcar (o grabar) el número de su licencia de manejar en todas sus cosas de valor. Mantenga una lista de los números de serie de cada artículo marcado. Después, si confiscamos propiedad robada, sabremos si la propiedad le pertenece a usted.

Le daremos etiquetas o marbetes de "Operación Identificación". Los ladrones tienen menos deseos de robar artículos marcados porque estos son más difíciles de "vender" o de "traficar".



¿SABE USTED CUALES SON LAS MEJORES CERRADURAS? VISITE NUESTRA CAMIONETA DE PREVENCIÓN DEL CRIMEN.

Exhibiciones de varios tipos de cerraduras recomendadas que usted puede inspeccionar forman parte del equipo que usted encuentra en la vagoneta de prevención del crimen del departamento de policía de Detroit. También hay una exhibición de otras medidas de seguridad y de iluminación. La vagoneta, que mide 27 pies (aproximadamente 8 metros) puede sentar 10 personas para ver programas de transparencias sobre la prevención del crimen.

HAGA QUE LA ENTRADA DE UN CRIMINAL A SU HOGAR SEA DIFÍCIL. PIDA QUE HAGAMOS UNA INSPECCIÓN DE SEGURIDAD.

¿Vale su seguridad media hora de su tiempo? No nos tomamos más de ese tiempo para inspeccionar su casa, apartamento o negocio. Si encontramos que un criminal puede entrar en su casa fácilmente, le enseñaremos donde es que está la debilidad de sus puertas, donde están las cerraduras defectuosas o donde existen debilidades para su seguridad.

También ofrecemos este servicio a negocios pequeños, iglesias, agencias u organizaciones que tienen oficinas en edificios comerciales. Examinaremos la seguridad física del edificio. También evaluaremos sus métodos de manejar su dinero y a los visitantes para asegurarnos de que no está invitando el crimen.

HE AQUÍ COMO PREVENIR EL CRIMEN

PREPARADO POR EL DEPARTAMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN PÚBLICA / DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICÍA / 1978



LLAME AL PRECINTO DE LA POLICÍA EN EL QUE USTED VIVE Y PREGUNTE POR EL AGENTE DE PREVENCIÓN DEL CRIMEN

- SECCIÓN DE LA PREVENCIÓN DEL CRIMEN 224-4030
- PRECINTO #2 224-4020
- PRECINTO #4 224-4040
- PRECINTO #5 224-4050
- PRECINTO #6 224-4060
- PRECINTO #7 224-4070
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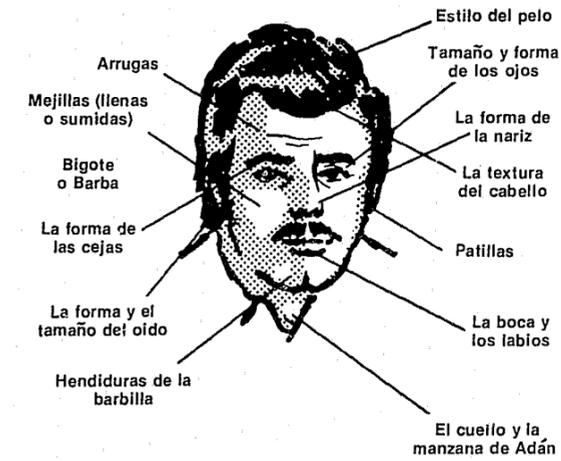


REPORTE EL CRIMEN

DESCRIPCIÓN DEL SOSPECHOSO

SEXO	RAZA	EDAD	ESTATURA	PESO	TIPO DE ARMA		
QUEDESE EN EL TELEFONO...			NO CUELQUE!				
						CABELLO/PELO EN LA CARA	SOMBRERO (color, tipo)
						LENTE (tipo)	CORBATA
						TATUAJES	ABRIGO
						TEZ (color de la piel)	CAMISA
CICATRIZES/MARCAS	PANTALONES/ZAPATOS						
MARCA DEL AUTOMÓVIL, MODELO, COLOR		NÚMERO DE LICENCIA	DIRECCIÓN O RUTA DEL ESCAPE	LA HORA DE LA PARTIDA			

ASPECTO FACIAL



ESCRIBA DETALLES ESPECÍFICOS DE LA CARASOLAMENTE LOS QUE USTED RECUERDA

¿QUÉ DIJO EL SOSPECHOSO?

OTROS DETALLES

1. CÓMPLICES: (número, descripción)

2. MÉTODO DE OPERACIÓN:

3. ARTÍCULOS ROBADOS:
(mercancía, dinero)

TESTIGOS

1 NOMBRE _____
DIRECCIÓN _____
TELÉFONO _____

2 NOMBRE _____
DIRECCIÓN _____
TELÉFONO _____

3 NOMBRE _____
DIRECCIÓN _____
TELÉFONO _____

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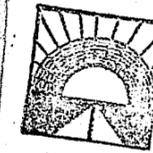
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EL CRIMEN Y EL CIUDADANO

NO DEJE SUS COSAS DE VALOR
DONDE PUEDAN TENTAR A
ALGÚN LADROÓN.



MANTENGA SU HOGAR
SEGURO. CUIDESE DE
PERSONAS DESCONOCIDAS.



NO SEA VICTIMA



CUIDE A SUS HIJOS.
NUNCA LES PERMITA QUE
JUEGUEN EN LUGARES
PÚBLICOS SOLITARIOS.



NO PERMITA QUE SUS
HIJOS PIDAN QUE LOS
LLEVEN EN AUTOMÓVILES
O QUE VISITEN LUGARES
DE PELIGRO.



SEA CAUTELOSO
EN LA CALLE.
CIERRE SU AUTO
CUANDO MANEJE.



APOYE LOS ESFUERZOS
PARA IMPLEMENTAR
LA LEY EN SU
COMUNIDAD.

SEA UN BUEN VECINO

CUIDE LAS CASAS
DE SUS VECINOS
CUANDO ESTÉN
AUSENTES.



APOYE LA PARTICIPACIÓN
DE LA COMUNIDAD...
LA UNIDAD COMUNITARIA
PUEDE REFRENAR
EL CRIMEN.



UNASE A SUS VECINOS
PARA PREVENIR
SITUACIONES QUE
AMENACEN LA PAZ Y
SEGURIDAD DE LA
COMUNIDAD.



INFORME A
LA POLICÍA
ACTIVIDADES
ILEGALES O
SOSPECHOSAS.



DÉ TODA LA
INFORMACIÓN
QUE USTED
SEPA A LOS
INVESTIGADORES.



ACTUE CONTRA EL CRIMEN



TESTIFIQUE
EN CORTE SI
USTED HA
PRESENCIADO
UN CRIMEN.



¡El ciudadano responsable es el peor enemigo del criminal!



Sea parte de la solución... no sea parte del problema.

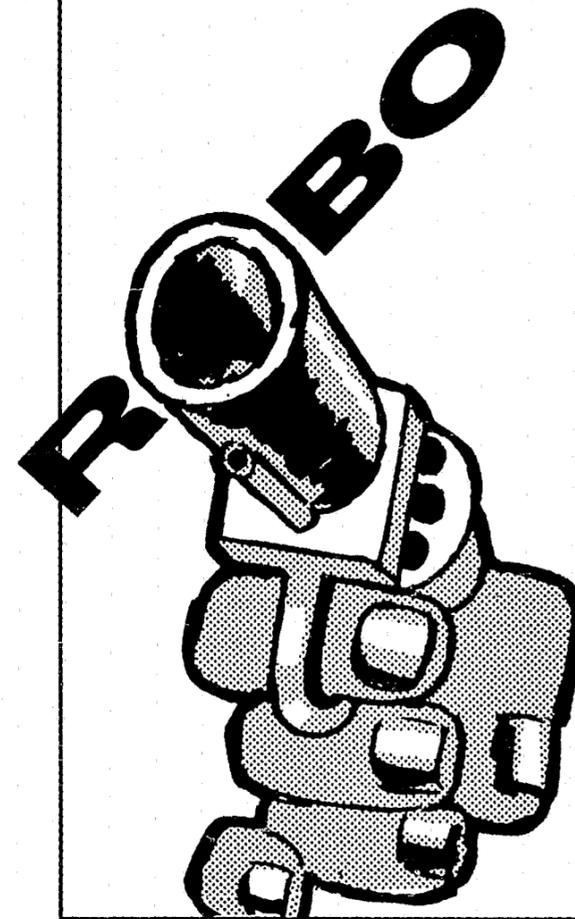
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antes de un robo:

TENGA BUENA ILUMINACIÓN A DENTRO Y AFUERA.

MANTENGA UNA BUENA VISIBILIDAD.

MANTENGA TODAS LAS PUERTAS TRASERAS CERRADAS. INSPECCIONE LOS BAÑOS ANTES DE CERRAR.

NO ADMITA A NINGÚN CLIENTE DESPUÉS DE HABER CERRADO.

ANUNCIE SUS MEDIDAS DE SEGURIDAD Y LA POLÍTICA DE MANEJAR EL DINERO EN EFECTIVO.

DELE INSTRUCCIONES DE SEGURIDAD A TODOS SUS EMPLEADOS.



NO SE RESISTA... OBEDEZCA INSTRUCCIONES.

PONGA EN ACCIÓN ALARMAS, ETC., SOLAMENTE SI ESTO NO PONE EN PELIGRO A NADIE.

DELE AL ASALTANTE LO QUE ESTÉ PIDIENDO Y NADA MÁS.

durante un robo:

OBSERVE AL ASALTANTE CUIDADOSAMENTE - NOTE ALGUNAS CARACTERÍSTICAS QUE LO PUEDAN IDENTIFICAR. ESTIME LA ALTURA DEL ASALTANTE DESDE UN PUNTO EN EL MARCO DE LA PUERTA.

TRATE DE OBTENER LA MARCA, EL MODELO, EL AÑO Y EL NÚMERO DE LICENCIA DEL AUTO FUGITIVO.

DETERMINE LA HORA EXACTA Y LA DIRECCIÓN DE LA FUGA.

después del robo:

LLAME A LA POLICÍA Y DELE TODA LA INFORMACIÓN.

PROTEJA EL LUGAR DONDE SE COMETIÓ EL CRIMEN (LA ESCENA DEL CRIMEN). NO TOQUE LA EVIDENCIA.

RETENGA A LOS TESTIGOS. INSISTA EN QUE PERMANEZCAN SI ES NECESARIO.

ESCRIBA TODOS LOS DETALLES ACERCA DEL CRIMEN... PERO NO COMPARE SUS NOTAS CON OTRAS PERSONAS.

PREPÁRESE PARA ACUSAR Y TESTIFICAR EN EN CORTE.



**precauciones
centra el robo...**

- | | SI | NO |
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| 3. ¿HA OBTENIDO USTED UNA LISTA DE IDENTIFICACIÓN DE ASALTANTES CON SU PRECINTO DE POLICÍA LOCAL? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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¡ACTÚE EN LOS ARTÍCULOS MARCADOS "NO"!



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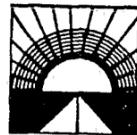


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PROTECCIÓN PERSONAL





EVITE LAS ZONAS OSCURAS, SOLITARIAS O DE ALTA CRIMINALIDAD.

ESPERE POR SU TRANSPORTE EN AREAS BIEN ILUMINADAS.



SEGURIDAD EN LAS CALLES

NO LE PIDA A DESCONOCIDOS QUE LA LLEVEN EN SU AUTOMOVIL.



SI ALGUIEN LA ESTÁ MOLESTANDO BUSQUE REFUGIO EN UNA TIENDA O RESIDENCIA PRIVADA.

EL GRITAR PUEDE ATRAER LA ATENCIÓN Y ASUSTAR AL ASALTANTE.



SELECCIONE ÁREAS DE ESTACIONAMIENTO VISIBLES Y BIEN ILUMINADAS.



HAGA QUE OTRAS PERSONAS LE ACOMPAÑEN A SU AUTOMOVIL.



TENGA LA LLAVE EN SU MANO.



REGISTRE LA PARTE DE ATRÁS DEL AUTO.



SEGURIDAD EN SU AUTOMOVIL

CIERRE CON LLAVE LAS PUERTAS Y SUBA LOS CRISTALES.



NO LLEVE A NINGÚN DESCONOCIDO A NINGÚN LUGAR.



TENGA BUENAS CERRADURAS EN TODAS LAS ENTRADAS.

TENGA CUIDADO AL HABLAR POR TELÉFONO.



SEGURIDAD EN SU HOGAR



HAGA QUE LOS QUE LLAMAN A LA PUERTA SE IDENTIFIQUEN DEBIDAMENTE.

NO HAGA SABER QUE USTED VIVE SOLA/O.



Durante un asalto sexual!

No hay normas ideales para cada situación. Cada asalto sexual es diferente. Solo usted puede decidir cual puede funcionar mejor. Un revolver u otra arma puede fácilmente usarse contra vd. Y además puede ser ilegal tener el arma. Es importante que coopere con el asaltante mientras busca una oportunidad para escapar o para incapacitarlo, especialmente si hay un arma de por medio. Esto requiere habilidad, pero puede hacerse si usted mantiene serenidad. El simular un desmayo, o un ataque epiléptico, o pedir que le deje usar el baño y entonces escapar, son ejemplos de tácticas para burlar y confundir a su asaltante. Si estas alternativas no existen, luche con la intención de incapacitar a su asaltante. No pelée ciegamente, sino que golpee directamente a los ojos y a la ingle. La acción debe incapacitar o sorprender al asaltante, permitiéndole a usted escapar. (SU DEFENSA PERSONAL DEPENDE DE USTED Y SOLO VD. PUEDE DECIDIR QUE ALTERNATIVA VA A USAR.)

Después de un asalto sexual!

- Concéntrese en la identidad de su asaltante... apariencia, altura, peso, etc.
- Informe inmediatamente a la policía del ataque.
- No se bañe o dé ducha.
- No tire a la basura ni lave la ropa que esté usando. Cualquier evidencia física puede ser útil para aprehender y enjuiciar al asaltante.
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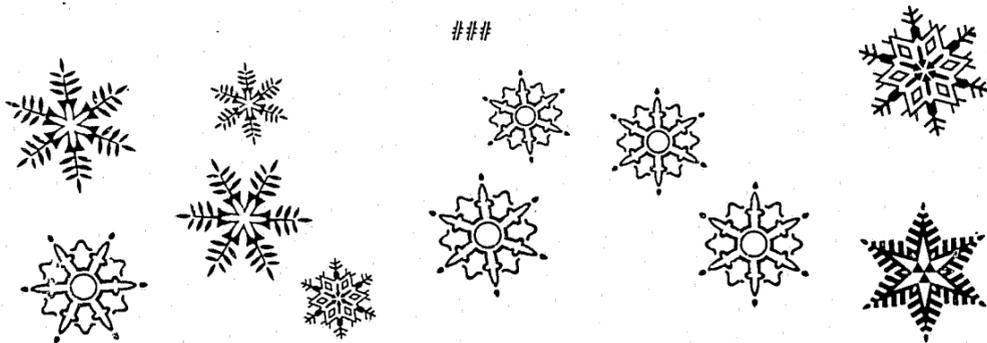
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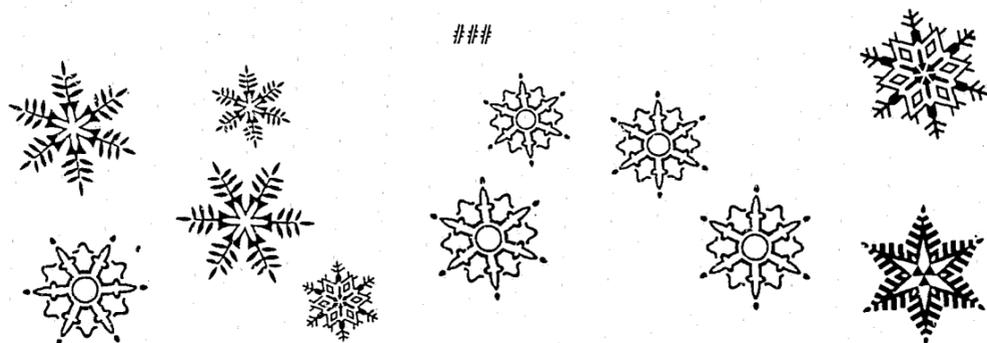
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