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Monthly Meeting Location

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### Crime Prevention Tips

#### ATM Safety

Be aware of your surroundings, especially between dusk and dawn.

If you notice anything suspicious - a security light out, someone loitering nearby - consider coming back later or using an ATM inside a supermarket or convenience store.

- If using the ATM at night, take someone with you.
- Park in a well-lit area as close as possible to the ATM.
- At a drive-through ATM, be sure the doors are locked and the passenger windows are rolled up.
- If you withdraw cash, put it away promptly; count it later, in private.
- Put your ATM card and receipt away promptly; never leave your receipt at the ATM.
- Keep your PIN secret - don't write it down, and don't share it with anyone you don't trust absolutely. Your PIN provides access to your account.
- Shield the keypad when entering your PIN to keep it from being observed.
- Avoid being too regular in your ATM use - don't repeatedly visit the same machine at the same time, the same day of the week.

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Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association  
Minutes, General Membership Meeting on August 15, 2006

Grandy's, Fredericksburg Rd., San Antonio, Texas  
Start Time: 1155 hours, 14 members present, 3 guests  
Welcome, Introductions & Roll Call  
No Speaker due to unforeseen duty commitments

President's Report:

- Linda Furlow resigns as Treasurer
- Expenditures for Summer Conference. \$880.49, voted: excepted
- TCPA President might come down to our meeting to go to Kerrville. Might change AACPA meeting change to Thursday or Friday to accommodate him.
- Still looking for FREE instructors if possible...Any ideas...? Please contact Lora Tobias at 210-381-7995

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:

- Summer Conference had great classes. Detailed report on the website.
- October 3-5, 2006 will be National Conference on Crime Prevention in Georgia.
- Need Instructors for Mid Winter Conference, Jan. 14-17
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President with be Chair for conference
  - TXDot and Amber Alert confirmed
  - Registration on website
  - Sign up for scholarships

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: - No Report

Treasurer:

- Income- \$38.00, Expenses - \$78.07; Balances: CHK: \$5041.41, CASH: \$1901, TOTAL NET: \$5060.42

Secretary:

- Minutes of July's meeting are on the website (*aacpa.nrt*), nothing else to report.

Civilian Report:

- Don did great on the newsletter.
- Child ID in Middle Schools
- COP – 11 graduates
- Graffiti – starts in Middle School
  - Edgewood ISD encouraging students to turn in others

Law Enforcement Report:

- Stated summer conference was good.
- Discussed the neighborhood Watch tool kit.

Military Report: - None

Old Business:

- Crime Scene Cleaners
  - Talked about their business, teaching classes and party rentals.
  - Given plaque from AACPA for outstanding work.
  - [www.crime-clean.com](http://www.crime-clean.com)

New Business:

- 100 Club-Gala and Golf Tournament, sold 3500 spaghetti dinners
- VIP 15 minute power point discussed
- Budget cuts at San Antonio PD, Head VIP civilians let go. "Beth Hish" is one of them.
- All officers of Precinct 2 went to National Night Out events.
- Send NNO pictures to Don.

Meeting Adjourned

1247 hours.



## NEWS RELEASE

## Comal County Sheriff's Office

August 15, 2006

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT- COMAL COUNTY

2006 marks the eighth year that the Comal County Sheriff's Office officially sponsored National Night Out Against Crime, now in its twenty- third year across the United States. Sheriff officials, consisting of Patrol, Investigative, Detention Divisions, Fire Marshall's Office, and Constables, visited thirteen block parties in various areas of Comal Co. Citizens took advantage of the August 1st NNO date to lock their doors, switch on their porch lights, and turn out to attend neighborhood activities designed to show community solidarity against crime.

Food and refreshments were in abundance at the parties this year, and folks seemed to thoroughly enjoy the chance to meet and greet their neighbors. All of the parties were outside this year, found in cul- de- sacs of subdivisions, front yards, driveways, and community parks. Cool drinks and fans were employed to keep attendees cool as temperatures were well into the nineties. Thirteen block parties were visited this year, and action reports submitted by personnel indicate that over 450 persons were reached in the NNO initiative. Cpl. Tim Kolbe, Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Deputy, said that although the number of block parties fell slightly from last year, the attendance was up at most. "We had parties of over 80 persons at several, and overall very well attended. My thanks to the hosts and guests for organizing to observe this worthwhile event."

Programs such as Crime Stoppers and the "Most Wanted" pages of several area newspapers were spotlighted for citizens. Not only does Crime Stoppers pay cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and grand jury indictment of individuals responsible for criminal acts, but it has a "Quick Two Hundred" program, which pays rewards for information leading to the arrest of wanted felons. The "Most Wanted" program is nearing its fifth anniversary, and three hundred twenty- two people profiled since its inception have been arrested. This program continues to enjoy success in removing wanted persons from our communities.

In light of the events of September 11, 2001, the Spain train system, London subway/ transit bombings, and the emergence of global terrorism, Neighborhood Watch has taken on the new role of national security. Citizens are asked to help our governments keep watch on the public infrastructure, such as bridges, dams, pipelines, etc. News reports have informed us that terrorists live and prepare for acts right here in our country, in our communities. For more information, go to the National Sheriff's Association sponsored website: [www.usaonwatch.org](http://www.usaonwatch.org) .

Agency contact information was again distributed to citizens this year.

The request for services/comments reply form seems to be a winner, in terms of eliciting community feedback, helpful in tracking the validity of Sheriff's Office programs and services.

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Some of these programs are:

Neighborhood/ Business Watch  
Home Security Surveys/ Insurance Reductions Inspections  
Business Security Check Program  
DARE Program  
COYN (Check On Your Neighbor)  
Operation Identification

### **HEAT (Help End Auto Theft) Program**

Comal County Sheriff's Office supports the Crime Stoppers Program  
Citizens Sheriff's Academy  
VINE (Victim Information Notification Everyday)

Comal County Sheriff Bob Holder attended this year's event, supporting his agency's involvement in programs like National Night Out. When asked about the citizen/ law enforcement partnership in community policing, he had this to say. "It is a fact that law enforcement must have the support and assistance from our local citizens if we are to be successful in keeping our crime rate down. Our level of safety within our community is directly related to the combined efforts of law enforcement personnel and the citizens of our community. By 'joining hands', we will succeed where others fail. This attitude of cooperation is just one of the many things that makes our county such a great place to live."

Contact the Comal County Sheriff's Office by calling (830) 620-3400, or 885-4883, or 609-3921. Access to the CCSO web page is through the Comal County web site, at <http://www.co.comal.tx.us> ◀

## **CRIME STOPPERS**

Special News Release

August 16, 2006, Comal County Sheriff's Office  
Cpl. Tim Kolbe, Co- Coordinator, NB/ Comal Co. Crime Stoppers, 830-608-8260

### ***"Quick One Hundred" becomes the "Quick Two Hundred" Program***

Crime Stoppers has a long- running program, which pays cash rewards for information leading to the arrest of persons wanted on felony charges. This program, originally known as the "Quick Fifty Program", was featured in a March 2003 Crime of the Week as upgrading to the "Quick One Hundred Program". In March of that year, the Crime Stoppers board voted to increase the award from Fifty to One Hundred Dollars.

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During the past July 2006 meeting, the current Comal County Crime Stoppers Board, voted to increase the award amount again, to Two Hundred Dollars, for information leading to the arrest of wanted felons. The reason for the increase has historical implications.

In the fall of 2001, Comal County Sheriff Bob Holder, in cooperation with two area newspapers, established a program coined the "Comal County Most Wanted" page. The purpose of the program was to provide information to the public, about those wanted persons who hide from authorities right out in the open, with the rest of the law-abiding citizens in our communities. Featuring pictures of wanted persons in area publications denies a criminal the chance to hide out. The public is informed and provided the opportunity to alert authorities, if the wanted felon is seen.

The Crime Stoppers "Quick Two Hundred Program" provides the added incentive for citizens to call in anonymously, provide information, and receive a cash reward. "Whether people call in because of civic duty, revenge, competition, or for financial gain is insignificant", said Crime Stoppers Co-coordinator Tim Kolbe, of the Comal County Sheriff's Office. "The simple fact is that the program works... and works very well." In fact, CCSO Warrants Division Sergeant Max Wommack states that since its inception, the program has netted over 332 wanted felons featured in the Most Wanted page. "Since Crime Stoppers began offering rewards on the Ten Most Wanted, we have done real well getting these people arrested", Wommack said. In addition to the Quick Two Hundred, Crime Stoppers stills pays Fifty Dollars for information leading to the arrest for those wanted on Class A or B misdemeanor warrants in Comal Co.

The Comal County Sheriff's Office works with Crime Stoppers to make the program work on a twenty-four-hour basis. Although an answering service is currently in use, information about the location of wanted persons is time sensitive, says Crime Stoppers Chairperson Teresa Nitschke. "We want to react as quickly as possible on these tips, to apprehend the wanted person. All the tipster on a wanted person need do is to call the Sheriff's Office anytime, night or day." The program works the same way the regular tip system does, with the tipster assigned and identified only by a code number. If the tip leads to an arrest, the reward is made available. All the tipster needs do is call Crime Stoppers back to make arrangements for payment.

Tips received by the Sheriff's Office which require Crime Stoppers consideration, will be forwarded to the program administrator and the CCSO warrants division, for timely action. The Comal Co. Sheriff's Office can be reached at 830-620-3400, or 830-885-4883, twenty-four hours a day. Crime Stoppers takes it from there. See the "Most Wanted" page of your local paper (New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung, or the Canyon Lake Times Guardian).

On all other offenses, Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and grand jury indictment of the persons responsible for the commission of any felony crime. Lesser amounts available on misdemeanor or school campus tips. All calls are confidential and the caller will remain anonymous.

Call 830-620-TIPS or 800-640-8422, New Braunfels / Comal County Crime Stoppers ◀

**NCPC Youth Gang Prevention Webinar**

Date: September 14, 2006

Time: From 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

To register, go to [www.nationaltcc.org](http://www.nationaltcc.org)

The Teens, Crime, and the Community Initiative (TCC) of the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) is sponsoring a free Youth Gang Prevention webinar that will include presentations by two recognized gang specialists. *Community Works*/TCC sites are encouraged to participate.

Webinar participants will follow the workshop on their computers, interacting with the speaker by telephone and chat room. Both presentations will include PowerPoint slides and new NCPC fact sheets for educators and youth. The webinar will be held September 14, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The first presenter, Wayne Sakamoto, is the lead coordinator for the San Diego County Office of Education; he has more than 15 years of experience in the field of school and community safety. Mr. Sakamoto will take a prevention approach to youth gangs-how to prevent them, what to do when they occur, and the role of various stakeholders.

The second presenter, Gabriel Albornoz, is the deputy director for Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers, a part of the Latin American Youth Center of Washington, DC. His efforts in advocacy and public policy contributed to the creation of successful gang prevention and intervention partnerships in the metropolitan Washington, DC, area. Mr. Albornoz will present ways communities are working together to prevent gang involvement while engaging youth in their communities. He will share the approach used by Prince George's County, MD, and Montgomery County, MD, to build a comprehensive gang prevention model.

The webinar is free and space is limited. To register, go to [www.nationaltcc.org](http://www.nationaltcc.org). If you have any questions, please contact me at [bpereira@ncpc.org](mailto:bpereira@ncpc.org), or 202-261-4152.

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**Save this date!**8<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Preventing Crime

October 3-5, 2007

Atlanta, Georgia

[ncpc.org/NationalConference2007](http://ncpc.org/NationalConference2007) ◀

Hello Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association,

We will occasionally send you news about changes and additions to <http://codeamber.org>

### **Safety N.E.T. Kids live seminars now available in your area.**

Glenn Olsen, the founder and producer of the Safety N.E.T. Kids program and producer of the DVD is now available to present this life saving program in person in your area. If you are interested in hosting a Safety N.E.T. Kids seminar in your area you may contact Glenn at <http://codeamber.org/events.html> .

Code Amber has fully endorsed the Safety NET Kids video since we first reviewed it in November 2003. You can read more about it on our Featured Sites ( <http://codeamber.org/featured.html> ) page as well as some other reviews and endorsements.

The video runs 30 minutes and covers topics such as how to recognize and avoid a dangerous stranger, what to do if a stranger comes to the door or calls while your child is home alone and much more.

For more information please visit <http://codeamber.org/video.html>

If you are interested in becoming a Certified Safety Net Kids instructor please contact Glenn Olson at [snk@codeamber.org](mailto:snk@codeamber.org) . Training seminars are being scheduled around the country now. Please include your address and phone number in the email.

### **Code Amber Dots - Permanent links to our Supporters and Sponsors**

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Visit <http://codeamber.org/dots.html> for more information and to order your "Dot" today.

### **Code Amber Sponsor Links - Special Offer**

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For a limited time we are offering a FREE Code Amber "Dot" to anyone who purchases an 8 week Code Amber Sponsor Link. This offer will end in a few weeks so take advantage now.

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In addition I would like to thank all of you who have shown your support through direct contributions and Link sponsorships as well as by buying a Code Amber Digital ID System or a Safety NET Kids video. The Code Amber project will continue to be a success as a result of the support of the Web community.

For additional information please visit <http://codeamber.org/support.html> .

For the video please visit <http://codeamber.org/video.html>

To make a direct contribution visit <http://codeamber.org/donate.html>

Thank you for your time and continued support.

Sincerely,

Bryant Harper, Founder, CodeAmber.org ◀

## Beware the 'Bump' Key

*As lockpicking gains traction as a hobby, a surprisingly easy new technique has been circulating online and among hackers.*



Photos by Sacha Lecca

Hack My Lock: Student lockpickers at a recent hackers' convention in New York

### WEB EXCLUSIVE

By Brian Braiker

Newsweek

Updated: 1:43 p.m. CT Aug 5, 2006

Aug. 2, 2006 - How many locks figure prominently in your daily routine? Maybe one or two to get you into your house or apartment? One for your office, your car and your mailbox? Once you turn the key, chances are you feel pretty secure. That's what locks do, after all, they keep things shut; they keep you protected. How naive.

A large majority of locks that open with a key, called **pin tumbler locks**, have structural weaknesses built into them that can be exploited with picks and practice. But a relatively new lockpicking technique known as "bumping" takes advantage of that weakness and requires no real understanding of how locks work. "You don't need expensive tools or anything," says encryption expert Barry Wels. "Any 15-year-old who's motivated can learn how to do it in 15 minutes on the Internet."



Sacha Lecca

Wels's group spreads picking know-how

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Wels ought to know. He heads The Open Organization of Lockpickers (TOOOL), which bills itself "the most well-behaved sporting association in the Netherlands." He picks locks, he says, not with criminal intent, but more in the spirit of puzzle-solving. One man's pin tumbler, it seems, is another's Rubik's Cube. In fact, lockpicking as a hobby has developed a substantial worldwide following in recent years, thanks mostly to the unprecedented availability of information online and geek charisma of polymaths like Wels (whose nickname is The Key, natch).

Enthusiasts share tips and engage in flamewars at lockpicking101.com; they attend Locksport International meetings and post videos on YouTube.

For more tangible evidence of sport-picking's growth, consider a recent Friday afternoon. Wels delivered a lecture on lockpicking last month at an occasionally occurring hackers' convention called HOPE (Hackers on Planet Earth) in New York's Pennsylvania Hotel. Despite seeming a little, well, analog for a hackers' convention, the lockpicking discussion felt perfectly in tune with the weekend's ethos. "Old school, new school: we do it all," says Eric Corley (also known by the hacker pseudonym Emmanuel Goldstein), the founder and editor of 2600 magazine, which hosts the conference. The three-day affair drew some 2,500 technology enthusiasts together to consider such diverse topics as "biometrics in science fiction," how to decipher barcodes with the naked eye and why Macromedia Flash "sucks for advertisers." But none of HOPE's lectures attracted quite the crowd that Wels's did.

And few were as sobering. The bulk of the talk—which Wels cohosted with Marc Tobias, a lawyer, technical-fraud expert and author—was devoted to bumping. They explained how most locks can be bumped open with any key that fits that lock, but does not open it. If, for example, you live in an apartment complex, chances are your key will fit into (but not open) the doors to other units in your building. Similarly, if you open your mailbox with a key, your key will probably fit into other mailboxes not just in your building but on your block—even though postal locks are uniquely designed and protected under federal law. Wels and Tobias demonstrated that by modifying the key, that key could be used as a universal "bump key" for any lock it will fit into. To say nothing of breaking and entering, "this was made for identity theft," explains Tobias. "The U.S. Postal Service's worst nightmare is Ted Kaczynski with a bump key."

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12468200/site/newsweek/?bctid=176904515>

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#### **Washington Post Radio: Brian Braiker on 'bump' keys**

(A caveat for those taking notes at home: NEWSWEEK is intentionally omitting specific details about how to make, and use, bump keys. But as our reporter learned from the HOPE conference and interviews, they are very easy to make using readily available tools. No lock is perfect. Bumping, which takes its name from how the key actually undoes a lock, is simply easier to master than picking locks and, if done well, can leave very little trace behind. The principle that makes it possible is as old as Newtonian physics.)

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Tobias demonstrated the technique to the U.S. Postal Service, hoping to convey the potential threat to millions of mailboxes nationwide (and push for legislation that would outlaw shipping bump keys through the mail, which is currently legal). The Postal Service subsequently examined their inventory to see how vulnerable their locks are, according to spokesman Bob Anderson. "The engineering and inspection services have identified some security issues," he tells NEWSWEEK. "We see it as a potential threat. We have identified where the risks are, but we have no recorded incidents of people reporting a bumping." Anderson declined to elaborate what vulnerabilities were discovered and what steps were being taken to remedy them.

Others are less concerned, at least publicly. "We've been around for 26 years and this is not a problem," says Richard Hallabrin, corporate spokesman for Mail Boxes Etc., the world's largest franchisor of retail mailboxes. "If people continue to go out to the media and say, 'Here's how you break into any lock,' yeah, there's going to be an increase." Fair point, but the information is already available to anyone with an Internet connection. "Lockpicking information until very recently has been hidden not from the bad guys, but from us, the consumers," says security guru and author Bruce Schneier, a cryptographer with enough clout to get a little shout out in Dan Brown's "The Da Vinci Code." "There's no economic motivator for anyone to make a better lock because you, the consumer, don't know [how vulnerable your lock really is]."

There are ways to improve upon locks, says Schneier. He points to the auto industry, which has an incentive to build cars that are tougher to break into. "If your car is easier to steal, your insurance will be more [expensive]," he points out. So automakers have begun equipping cars with locks that open only with the swipe of a card or in close proximity to a radio frequency identification (RFID) chip.

Perhaps surprisingly, Clyde Roberson, the technical director at Medeco High Security Locks (which are praised by lock aficionados as being virtually unpickable), tends to agree with Schneier. "Bumping is real. It is a vulnerability," he concedes. "Do I think lots of guys are running around bumping locks to get into mailboxes? No. Do you publicize it knowing people may take advantage of it so that you can educate people? I don't know what the answer is."

It's an interesting ethical question. But while the experts ponder it, the curious can find the information they need with a quick Google search. The pressure, say Schneier and Tobias, should be on the lock manufacturers to do something about it.

### Security Flaw in Your Locks?

Brian Braiker created quite a stir with his article "[Beware the 'Bump' Key](#)" about the growing phenomenon of lockpicking as a hobby and an easy new technique that has been circulating online.

"A large majority of locks that open with a key, called 'pin tumbler locks,' have structural weaknesses built into them that can be exploited with picks and practice," Braiker writes. "But a relatively new lockpicking technique known as 'bumping' takes advantage of that weakness and requires no real understanding of how locks work." Readers respond:

"I am a retired locksmith, and your article was interesting, to say the least," writes W.M. from Yreka, Calif. "However, you really should have warned people that in some states it is a felony to have lock picks or other lock-bypassing equipment in your possession unless you are a registered locksmith. If all of these people are running around with lock-bypassing equipment, it must mean that law enforcement in some states are not doing their duty."

**Another locksmith** writes that Braiker did a "fine job" explaining this bumping technique. But, he argues, "I suggest you look at what you're putting out [to the public]. By doing this you only draw attention, and mostly to the wrong kind ... Leave this work to professionals like myself."

"Your article makes it sound like you're going to tell us who's committing these crimes," writes **another reader**, who did not give a hometown. "Your article tells us all about how to do it but not how we can protect ourselves from these bumpers." ◀

## Senior ALERT

### CONSUMERS SHOULD DO THEIR HOMEWORK BEFORE INVESTING IN GOLD COINS

FOR CENTURIES GOLD has been one of the world's most popular investments. And the recent surge in the price of gold continues to make it an attractive haven. But consumers who are considering investing in gold and gold coins should study the market carefully to avoid becoming victims of high pressure and unscrupulous sales tactics.

Recently we heard from a number of consumers who spent thousands of dollars each to purchase gold coins which they were assured by the "consultants" selling them that they were a wise investment. Often these high pressure pitches were directed at seniors who would use their savings or liquidate other assets to buy coins which they were often told would double or triple in value in a very short time.

However, when some of these consumers purchased the coins and took them to independent appraisers, they were informed that they paid three times or even more the fair market value of the pieces. Many of these consumers were unsuccessful in getting refunds.

Before making any investment, especially for a large sum of money, consult a trusted individual, such as a CPA or other professional who will offer you a realistic outlook on various investment options and their expected rate of return.

There are also several nonprofit associations of coin dealers, such as the American Numismatic Association at 1-800-367-9723, that can offer tips on selecting a reputable seller in your area who adheres to the association's ethics and arbitration guidelines. Be especially wary of those who want to sell you gold insisting that you make an immediate decision and who use scare tactics or make extravagant promises about how quickly these will rise in value.

Always compare prices with several dealers before making your selection. Also, before you buy make sure you get the seller's refund and all other terms in writing. You can also contact my office or the Better Business Bureau before making your purchase to find out if there are complaints against a particular seller.

If you believe you have been the victim of an unscrupulous gold coin seller or other investment scam, you should report it to my office at 1-800-252-8011.

Sincerely,



Greg Abbott  
Attorney General of Texas ◀

## Lawrence Mass. See Benefits of Crime Prevention Program

Boston.com – NECN – News | Feb 18, 2006

There have been no homicides in Lawrence Mass. In 18 months, a 30 year record for the city. NECN's Brad Puffer has been talking to police about the positive change. To see this report logon on to the internet and click on:

<http://video.necn.com/global/video/WorldNowASX.asp?ClipID1=687747> ◀

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### **Car Jacking**

Follow these tips to help reduce your chances of being car jacked. Walk with purpose, and stay alert.

- Approach your car with the key in hand. Look around and inside the car before getting in.
- Park in well-lighted areas, near sidewalks or walkways. Avoid parking near dumpsters, woods, large vans or trucks, or anything else that limits your visibility.
- Never leave valuables in plain view, even when the car is locked. Put them out of sight in the trunk.
- Keep doors locked and windows rolled up, no matter how short the distance or how safe the area.
- Look around, especially at places where you slow down or stop, such as garages and parking lots, intersections, self-service gas stations, and car washes, highway entry and exit ramps, and ATMs.
- When coming to a stop, leave enough room to maneuver around other cars, especially if you sense trouble and need to get away.
- Avoid driving alone, if possible. Travel with someone, especially at night.
- Don't stop to assist a stranger whose car has broken down. Help instead by driving to the nearest phone and calling police for help.
- Always keep your car well maintained, and make sure you have plenty of gas.

### **If It Happens To You**

- If a car jacker threatens you with a gun or other weapon, give up your car. Don't argue. Your life is worth more than a car.
- Get away as quickly as possible.
- Contact the police immediately. ◀

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## NEXT MEETING LOCATION

**Tuesday, September 19, 2006  
11:30 A.M.**



**St. Mary's University**

**One Camino Santa Maria  
San Antonio, Texas 78228**

**SBC Building # 45, Room 108**

**LUNCH PROVIDED**



**Funny Bone Defensive Driving  
Ruben Benavidez**

Enter campus from the intersection of Culbera & Memorial (traffic light)  
Park in lot U - in front of SBC Information Tech building

**VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**