

## NEXT MEETING & LOCATION

**TUESDAY, June 20, 2006, 11:30 A.M.**

## **JACALA MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

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San Antonio, Texas

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## Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association

### Minutes

General Membership Meeting-May 16, 2006,  
Jacala Mexican Restaurant, 6060 West Ave.  
San Antonio, Texas  
Start Time: 1130 hours,  
11 members present, 2 guests

#### Welcome

#### Introductions

#### President's Report:

Advised members he will be on WOAI 5-17-06 on how to prevent burglaries. Summer Conference in July will be in Dallas, will need to know who is planning to go from this area.

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

May 4, 2006, Training class on Blood Born Pathogens was a success. (2 hour TECLOSE credit) Encourages members to attend training classes. A big thanks to Crime Scene Cleaners. Special Thanks to AACOG for helping with TECLOSE credit paper work.

Other classes coming soon. CPR, Basic First Aid, and Bike patrol Maintenance so keep checking our website for future classes. Request members to e-mail or call with class suggestions.

Mid-Winter Conference dates are Jan. 14-17, 2006. Anyone interested in planning and execution of conference please contact Laura at 210-381-7995 or radgirl@satx.rr.com.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:

No Report

#### Treasurer:

March and April reports and bills for newsletter were accepted.

#### Secretary:

Minutes were accepted from April's meeting, nothing else to report.

#### Civilian Report:

Talked about Cellular on Patrol has not had as much participants due to high gas prices. Is starting Nosy Neighbor Program. Use of 311.

#### Law Enforcement Report:

National Police Week and Police Officer's Memorial Day Discussed.  
Crime Stoppers Conference in San Antonio.

#### Military Report:

Discussed Security Force in Air Force and Department of Defense k-9 program.

#### Old Business:

None.

#### New Business:

Olmas Park PD has never gotten with Gilbert De La Portilla to teach 2 week Crime Prevention class in May.

Crime Prevention class will be given at AACOG. Motion given to set aside \$2000 in an account in case it is needed for mid-winter conference for quick cash. TCPA will reimburse.

SAPD Officer M. Burnett introduced Judy Jordan from NW Neighborhood Against Crime Unit. She asked for funds for radios that cellular on patrol uses. She told us how this has helped deter and stop crime and with help of officers take criminals off the streets. Motion was given to give them \$500. It was accepted by members.

#### Meeting Adjourned

Time adjourned: 1224 hours.



# Crime Stoppers - New Braunfels/ Comal Co.

News Release - May 3, 2006

New Braunfels/ Comal Co. Crime Stoppers held its eighth annual Fun Run (formerly Poker Run) on Saturday April 29th, 2006. Approximately seventy motorcyclists and riders showed up at the New Braunfels Police Dept. for registration, and refreshments, before heading out along the scenic hill country back roads of Comal and Kendall Counties. This year's route visited some bygone communities with historical footnotes added to the run directions. Correctly answering a question on the notes, netted one observant rider a special prize.

Riders ended up at the historic Saengerhalle Dance Hall for a delicious BBQ meal, provided by Granzin's Bar B-Q. Numerous door prizes were awarded to lucky riders, and special gifts to the winners of the prize drawings.

These prizes were generously donated by area businesses. Without their support, this event would not be the developing success that it has been for the past three years. Crime Stoppers wishes to thank all those who contributed for this worthwhile cause. The continued success of the Crime Stoppers program in New Braunfels and Comal County depends on the support of the community it serves. If you wish to learn more about Crime Stoppers, call 620-TIPS, or 1-800-640-8422, or visit the sponsoring Crime Stoppers website at:

[http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Crime\\_Prevention.htm](http://www.co.comal.tx.us/Crime_Prevention.htm)

New Braunfels/ Comal Co, Crime Stoppers





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Bexar County Sheriff's Office **D.A.R.E. Unit** (San Antonio, Texas - Sheriff Ralph Lopez)

From: Paula Martinez [mailto:Paula.Martinez@oag.state.tx.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:03 AM  
Subject: Retired San Marcos police officer killed in Iraq

Retired San Marcos police officer killed in Iraq Former officer had been in Iraq for about a month.  
By Miguel Liscano

AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF

Tuesday, May 09, 2006

SAN MARCOS \* Police officer Rudy Mesa knew heading for Iraq to train police after his retirement would be dangerous, Police Chief Howard Williams said. He'd seen the near-daily reports of death in the country. But, Williams said, Mesa felt he owed it to his country to offer his expertise in a time of war. "He understood the risks involved," Williams said. "He just felt like the mission was important enough that it was worth the risk he was going to have to take."

On Monday, Mesa, 56, of Maxwell, was killed by a roadside bomb near Rustamiyah, Iraq. He had been in the war-torn country for about a month, after accepting a position with DynCorp International, a company training Iraqi police officers.

Mesa retired from the San Marcos Police Department on March 25 and traveled to Iraq a few days later, according to a DynCorp news release.

The U.S. military convoy he was riding in Monday was struck by an "improvised explosive device," according to the release. One U.S. soldier was killed in the attack, the release said, and three U.S. soldiers were wounded.

Mesa was working as an international police liaison officer. He was one of about 500 members of a U.S. contingent sent to train the 135,000-member Iraqi police service, the release said.

For Mesa, it seemed like a job he'd been training for much of his life. "We really hated to see him go when he said he wanted to go to Iraq and train, but that's what he felt he was called to do," Williams said. "He felt that he was just specially equipped to go over there and try to help train Iraqi police officers."

Mesa served in the Army from 1967 to 1970 and 1974 to 1992, said Melissa Millecam, a city spokeswoman. During that time, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam and earned a slew of medals and commendations, including a Bronze Star, a Meritorious Service Medal, an Army Commendation Medal, an Army Achievement Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with seven service stars. He retired from the military in 1992 as a sergeant first class and worked for the Bexar County sheriff's department for a year. Mesa joined the San Marcos police in 1994, serving as an officer while living in nearby Maxwell with his wife, Velia.

On the force, Williams said, Mesa earned a reputation as an officer who knew his community well. He was a calming presence, Williams said, and someone you wanted to see when a situation turned rough.

Millecam said Mesa had a folder about an inch thick filled with commendations, some from tourists he helped.

"Everybody looked up to him," Williams said.  
"When things were at their worst, he was at his best."



## Western states tops in car theft

**Auto theft rate dropped nationally last year. West had highest rates of theft in U.S.**

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**NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) - The West has the highest rates of auto theft in the United States, according to an analysis of auto theft data by the National Insurance Crime Bureau.**

All of the top ten metropolitan areas for auto theft last year were in California, Nevada, Arizona and Washington state.

Auto theft dropped nationally by 2.1 percent during the first half of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004, according to the NICB. That was the second consecutive year of decline in the national auto theft rate.

The nation's western states saw their second consecutive increase in the auto theft rate, however, said NICB spokesman Frank Scafidi.

The NICB reviewed data supplied by the National Crime Information Center for each of the nation's 360 metro areas. The theft rate was calculated as the number of auto thefts per 100,000 inhabitants.

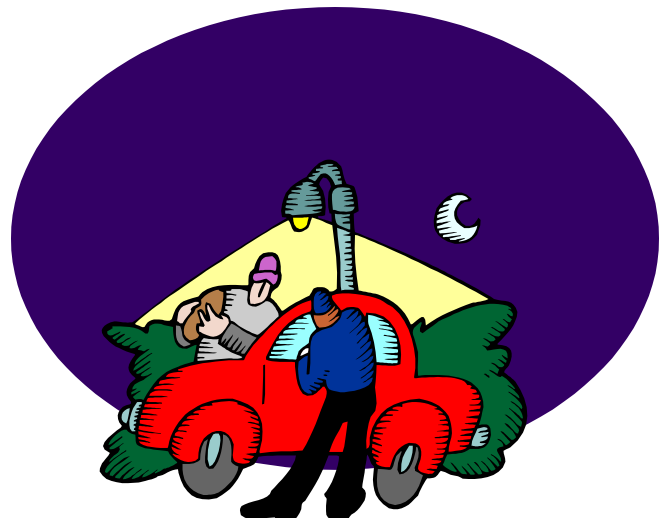
Reasons for the increasing rate of auto thefts in the west are unknown, said Scafidi.

Currently most stolen cars are recovered. The rate of recovery is about 60 percent nationally, said Scafidi, but California claims a 90 percent recovery rate. Stolen cars are often recovered in "stripped" condition, missing many parts including body panels, said Scafidi.

### **Top ten places for auto theft**

1. Modesto, Calif.
2. Las Vegas/Paradise, Nev.
3. Stockton, Calif.
4. Phoenix/Mesa/Scottsdale, Ariz.
5. Visalia/Porterville, Calif.
6. Seattle/Tacoma/Bellevue, Wash.
7. Sacramento/Arden-Arcade/Roseville, Calif.
8. San Diego/Carlsbad/San Marcos, Calif.
9. Fresno, Calif.
10. Yakima, Wash.

*Source: National Insurance Crime Bureau*



# Theft — proofing your home — 5 Tips

**5 Tips Home Edition: Make it hard for burglars to get in. Here's how.**

By [Gerri Willis](#), CNNMoney.com contributing columnist

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NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) - Suntan lotion...check. Bermuda shorts...check. Now that you're packed and ready to hit the road, make sure your most valuable asset will remain safe and sound..

Today's Five Tips Home Edition will tell you how.

## 1. Know the stats

There were over 2 million burglaries nationally for the 2004 year, the latest year that stats are available, according to the FBI. Most burglaries happen in July and August - exactly when many homeowners are off on their summer vacations. In fact, most communities will experience a 10 to 18 percent increase in home burglaries during the summer, according to the Burglary Prevention Council. Southern states had the most burglaries, followed by the Midwest, the West and finally the Northeast. The average home loss totaled over \$1,600 dollars. The most common time for a burglary to happen was during daylight hours from 6 am to 6 pm. Burglars spend no more than 60 seconds breaking into a home, so you'll want to make it as hard as possible for them.

## 2. Unplug your garage door

Before you pull out of the driveway, disable the electric garage door opener and make sure the door is locked securely. If you have manual lock make sure you use it. While it might be rare, you don't want someone with a universal garage door opener gaining any access to your garage and your home.

In some cases, it's even easier to break into a garage than into the house. Remove the tools, the ladder, the sledgehammer or the ax you may store in the garage. If a burglar does make it into your garage, you don't want these tools making it easier for them to break into your house.

## 3. Make your yard burglar-unfriendly

Take a walk around the yard. If you see shrubs or trees that provide sufficient cover to a would-be burglar, you'll want to trim them. Keep these bushes far away from the house. You may also want to plant thorny bushes, like firethorns or rosebushes, closer to the windows.

Pay special attention to your first floor windows. Over 60 percent of burglars come through a window that should have been locked, according to the National Crime Prevention Council. People that break into homes usually find an opening that should have been closed, says Tom Kraeutler, host of the radio show, "The Money Pit."

## 4. Follow the light

Burglars want to blend in as much as possible. So consider investing in motion detector lights for the outside and light timers for the inside of your home.

With a motion-sensitive light, an intruder is bathed in light the instant he steps into your yard. You'll also want to use light-timers on lamps near the front and the back windows. This way you'll be able to create the impression the home is lived in. You can buy them for as little as \$20 to \$50.

## 5. It's not just thieves

While you're on vacation, the last thing you want to think about is coming home to what could be a disaster. Before you leave, turn off the main water valve, says Kraeutler. If a pipe bursts while you're away, you could return to a pool of floating furniture.

Make sure you also unplug your appliances, like your TVs, computers and toaster to avoid fire hazards. Even if you have these items turned off, the circuits are still active.

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