



**AACPA NEWS**

Crime Prevention

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## **Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association**

**Meeting Location – Kerrville PD – Tuesday August 21st, 11:30 A.M.**

429 Sidney Baker St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Kerrville, TX

### **LUNCH PROVIDED**

Membership meeting: 11:30 – 12:00 noon

“Survival Spanish” - TCLEOSE Training 12:00 – 14:00 (2 P.M.)  
Instructor: Officer Paul Gonzales, Kerrville PD

**VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

**Maps & Directions available on our web site: [AACPA.NET](http://aacpa.net)**

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### **UNIVERSITY POLICE CAMPUS WATCH REPORT**

February 2007 - <http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterFeb2007.pdf>  
March 2007 - <http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterMar2007.pdf>  
April 2007 - <http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterApr2007.pdf>  
May 2007 - <http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterMay2007.pdf>  
June 2007 - <http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterJune2007.pdf>  
July 2007 - <http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterJuly2007.pdf>  
August 2007 - <http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterAug2007.pdf>

## CERT Train the Trainer

Dear Fellow Instructors and Council Members:

The Texas Association of Regional Councils is providing Bexar County with one CERT Train the Trainer Course this year. The class has been scheduled for late September. Please see the information below and forward to anyone you feel may be interested in attending this training. The class was posted online a week ago and is starting to fill up. Please encourage anyone who is interested to apply as quickly as possible to ensure getting a spot in the class. As always, should you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Below are the specifics:

CERT Train the Trainer  
Instructed by TEEEX  
September 18-21, 2007  
8 am to 5 pm (Tuesday thru Thursday) and half day Friday  
San Antonio Fire Training Academy  
300 S. Callaghan Rd.  
SA, TX 78227

Register online at [http://www.txregionalcouncil.org/cc\\_cert/](http://www.txregionalcouncil.org/cc_cert/)

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## Texas Motor Vehicle Theft Survey

Good afternoon, I have been asked to send out this Texas Motor Vehicle Theft Survey to all licensed peace officers in order to gauge auto theft across the state. This survey is part of a much larger auto theft study commissioned by the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority. Feel free to pass along the survey to fellow officers; the more surveys completed the better. Thank you for taking the time to complete and submit the survey.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Z4I4KLO8vs9PMkz2ujpO\\_2bg\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Z4I4KLO8vs9PMkz2ujpO_2bg_3d_3d)

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## ☛ Telephone Number Search:

Google has implemented a new feature which enables you to type a telephone number into the search bar and hit enter and you will be given the person's name and address. If you then hit MapQuest, you will get a map to the person's house. Put your Phone # under quotes ( "1-586-000-000" ) it works I just tried it and map quest showed where I live

Everyone should be aware of this! It's a nationwide reverse telephone book. If a child gives out his/her phone number, someone can now look it up to find out where he/she lives. The safety issues are obvious, and alarming. Note that you can have your phone number removed or blocked. I tried my number and it came up along with the mapquest and directions straight to our house. I did fill out the removal form for myself, and encourage all of you to do the same. Quite scary

Please look up your own number. In order to test whether your phone number is mapped, go to: Google

<http://www.google.com/>

Type your phone number in the search bar (i.e. 555-555-1212) and hit enter. If you want to B L O C K Google from divulging your private information, simply click on your telephone number and then click on and fill out the Removal Form. Removal takes 48-hours. Check your own number and although this may not apply to you if you have an unlisted number or cell phone as primary contact, but you may know someone who needs to know this.

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## ☛ Comal County Sheriff's Office Release:

On Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, the New Braunfels/ Comal County Crime Stoppers Board presented its 2007 Investigator of the Year Award to Sheriff's Investigator Rex Campbell. The Nomination from Campbell's supervisor, Sgt. Tommy Ward, is attached below.

The award was presented at a luncheon hosted by Crime Stoppers as the annual Investigators Appreciation Luncheon. Criminal Investigators from all the law enforcement agencies in Comal County were invited to attend. Approximately 60 persons were in attendance.

The annual award is given to the law enforcement agent who solves or makes a significant contribution to the solution of a criminal case using the Crime Stoppers program.

Crime Stoppers is a non- profit, community- based program, designed to receive anonymous tips from informants about crimes or wanted persons in the community. Those tips are forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency for follow up. The means of receiving tips is a non- recorded phone line, and recently the addition of a website: [www.comalcrimestoppers.org](http://www.comalcrimestoppers.org) .

A recent change in the felony warrant program, will pay a reward of up to \$200.00 for information leading to the arrest of a wanted felon. Lesser amounts are available for Class B and A misdemeanors.

Wards nomination statement:

I, Detective Sergeant Tommy Ward wish to nominate Detective Rex Campbell, of the Comal County Sheriff's Office for the Crime Stoppers, Officer of the year. This nomination is based on the following information.

On Saturday the 20th day of January, 2007, Deputy Richard Smith took a report of a Burglary of a Habitation from Rose Gill, that occurred at a residence she owns located at 183 Fawn Drive, Canyon Springs Subdivision, Canyon Lake, Texas.

Rose Gill reported that this residence was a second residence of hers and that it was being used for injured military personnel returning from the war and who needed a place to relax near the Lake.

Rose Gill reported that she had purchased the residence after her own son had been killed in action while fighting the war in Iraq. In fact Rose Gill reported that some of the items that were stolen from the residence were irreplaceable ceremonial coins that had been given to her by the Department of the Navy as well as the Secretary of Defense.

Detective Campbell was assigned to investigate the case several days later, and found that there were no suspects or other information as to a possible suspect. On Tuesday the 30th day of January 2007, he contacted Cpl. Tim Kolbe and requested that a Crime Stoppers story be generated to assist in the investigation.

Detective Campbell also used the media to his advantage to relay the information to the public.

On Wednesday the 31st day of January 2007, the first tip came in to Crime Stoppers that gave only the first names of two (2) males.

Acting on just that information, Detective Campbell was able to identify one of the suspects in the case as a male that lived in the immediate area of the Burglarized residence.

On Friday the 2nd day of February 2007, another Crime Stoppers tip came in and identified two (2) females by name, and gave more specific information.

Detective Campbell was able to use the information that he had received through Crime Stoppers to not only make an arrest in this case, but to also recover property that was stolen and that could never have been replaced.

Detective Campbell with his vast knowledge of investigating burglaries and his effective use of the Crime Stoppers program and the media led to his solving this case and making arrests, in a case which had no suspects or other leads in which to follow. (end)

Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest of persons responsible for the commission of a crime. All calls are confidential, and the caller will remain anonymous.



**Call (830) 620-TIPS, or 1-800-640-8422  
New Braunfels/ Comal County Crime Stoppers**

CUT: New Braunfels/Comal County Crime Stoppers board presents award to Sheriff's Detective Rex Campbell as Crime Stoppers Investigator of the Year. L-R (back) Kirk Flippin, Arlan Schult, Det. Rex Campbell, Wilson Simpson, Olaf Haernes; L-R (front) SO Cpl. Tim Kolbe, Stephanie Garney, Pam Schult, Crystal Gottfried; (seated) Libby Rinehart and Teresa Simpson.

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## Identity theft scam

From the Fort Sam Houston Newsleader, 7 June 2007 (Source: American Forces Press Service)

WASHINGTON – The American Red Cross is warning military spouses about a new identity theft scam that targets family members of deployed troops.

The Red Cross was alerted of the scam earlier this month, said Devorah Goldberg of the Red Cross.



The scam involves a person with an American accent calling a military spouse, identifying herself as a representative of the Red Cross, and telling the spouse that her husband was hurt in Iraq and was medically evacuated to Germany. The caller then says that doctors can't start treatment until paperwork is completed, and that to start the paperwork they need the spouse to verify her husband's social security number and date of birth.

It is hard to determine how many spouses have been targeted by this scam, Goldberg said, as there are many ways for spouses to report problems like this. However, one confirmed report was enough for the Red Cross to act, she said.

"We know that it happened to one person; it was probably going to happen to others, and we wanted to be prudent and alert people," she said.

American Red Cross representatives typically do not contact military members or dependents directly and almost always go through a command or first sergeant, according to a Red Cross news release.

Military family members are urged not to give out any personal information over the phone if contacted by unknown individuals, including confirmation that their spouse is deployed.

In addition, Red Cross representatives contact military members or dependents directly only in response to an emergency message initiated by a family member, the news release said. The Red Cross does not report any type of casualty information to family members; the Defense Department will contact families directly about family members' injuries.

It is a federal crime, punishable by up to five years in prison, for a person to fraudulently pretend to be a member or, or an agent for, the American Red Cross for the purpose of soliciting, collecting, or receiving money or material, according to the news release.

Any military family member that receives such a call is urged to report it to their local family readiness group or military personnel flight. (SOURCE: American Forces Press Service)

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## ▸ Child Sexual Abuse: The Adults Role in Prevention

Last year over 26,000 children were sexually abused in Texas. In light of the ongoing media coverage of various child sex abuse cases, it's understandable that many parents may be feeling especially concerned about the safety of their children and may be wondering how they can protect their child from being sexually abused.

Wendell Teltow, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Texas, a non-profit organization whose mission is to prevent child abuse in all its forms, explains that parents should know that there is no single psychological profile of a sexual offender. "Myths suggest that only 'dirty old men' are sexual abusers, but the reality is

that anyone in a position of authority and with access to children can abuse a child, he said. The majority of sexual abuse perpetrators are people the child knows and trusts. Be particularly cautious about people who are close to your child who do any of the following:

- \* Treat children as property by grabbing them, forcing attentions and affection, tickling excessively, and generally showing disrespect for children's requests and privacy
- \* Relate to children in a sexual or seductive manner, for example, by commenting "She's a sexy little thing"
- \* Use gifts and favors as the main way of relating to children
- \* Entice children into their homes or into activities with them, or show excessive friendliness

Many sex offenders will not display any signs that indicate they are a danger to children. While the general public tends to pay a lot of attention to identified sex offenders in the community, it is important to realize that the majority of sex offenders that are living in communities have not been identified. Teltow explained, "we need to take steps to insure the safety of children in all aspects of their lives, realizing that the 'unidentified threat' is greater than the small percentage of people who have been identified as sex offenders."

According to Teltow, "while we can, and should, teach our children personal safety skills, we adults need to take primary responsibility for keeping children safe. The best strategy for prevention is for adults to supervise children and their relationships with others. Parents can't control everything having to do with their child, but they can be alert to potentially dangerous situations." The following are some of the things you can do to help prevent child sexual abuse.

- \* Teach your children about sexual abuse prevention just as you teach other safety guidelines. You can bring the subject of sexual abuse into daily life and make it part of ongoing talks with your children about safety, rather than presenting it as a one-time-only lecture which will scare them rather than educate and empower them.

- \* Encourage children to talk. Children should feel that they can come to you to discuss anything no matter how big or small. Children must be free to ask about adult behavior that confuses them, even when it is behavior not related to sexual abuse.

- \* Pay attention when children act "different" around certain people. You can use what you observe to start a conversation with children, such as: "I notice you get very quiet when Uncle John is around. Are you feeling uncomfortable around him? I want you to know that you can tell me any time you feel uncomfortable around someone and I will listen and try to help." Listen to children when they talk about babysitters or other people, paying attention to words as well as body language that may indicate a problem.

- \* Teach children the "First Rule of Safety", which is that before they can go anywhere they need to tell you where they are going, who they will be with and when they will be back.

- \* Supervise children's use of the internet. The internet can be used by offenders to form relationships with children who they then meet up with later.

- \* Make it clear to children how they can reach you or someone they trust at all times. Help each child identify a "safety network" of people they could talk to about feelings, especially feelings of being unsafe.

- \* Teach your children that there are things they can do if they feel unsafe. It may be helpful to play a "what if" game with children to clarify their feelings and practice ways to deal with a situation. For example, you can say "What if someone put his hand on your bottom?" Children can talk about what they could do about it (for example, say "I don't like that!" and run away and tell someone.)

- \* Trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, pay attention to your feelings and check into any situation that makes you feel uncomfortable.

For more information or to join our efforts, contact Prevent Child Abuse Texas by calling 1-800-CHILDREN or visit [www.preventchildabusetexas.org](http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org).

Visit here to watch their video: <http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/psa>

HOW FAR WOULD YOU WALK TO SAVE A CHILD?

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WALK TO ACTION, VISIT: <http://www.walktoaction.org/>>

Membership supports the services that PCAT provides for children and families.

TO BECOME A MEMBER NOW, VISIT

[http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/scan/fi=products/st=db/sp=donate\\_list/co=1/sf=prod\\_group/se=donations/op=rm/nu=0/bs=1/ml=20/tf=category/to=x/tf=price/to=n.html](http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org/scan/fi=products/st=db/sp=donate_list/co=1/sf=prod_group/se=donations/op=rm/nu=0/bs=1/ml=20/tf=category/to=x/tf=price/to=n.html)

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## **KSAT Nurse Aide Segment**

To view the video on KSAT go to <http://www.ksat.com/video/index.html> or [ksat.com](http://ksat.com) and click on videos and the SA nurse aide segment. thank you all who helped us get here.

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**INVITE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TO OUR NEXT MEETING**