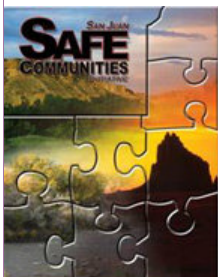


# Safe Communities Connection

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for a safer community**

## San Juan Safe Communities, Inc. Newsletter

September 2008

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### UMattR Selections



Well, it's that time again! The UMattr Selection Committee has located our 2008-2009 participants! After more than two days of interviews, the Selection Committee is proud to present the following for this year's program:

Tyne Baade  
(PVHS)  
Darrah Blackwater  
(FHS)  
Carly Bloomfield  
(KCHS)

### Greetings!

Welcome aboard to a new opportunity to not only talk about activities that the San Juan Safe Communities, Inc. is involved in, but also the opportunity to report events that are taking place within your organization. We really need to do as much as possible to let the public know the resources we are mustering to help attack the serious problems within our communities. We know certain surveys conducted within the community show that crime, drugs, DWI, gangs, and domestic violence are some of the top countywide concerns.

Let us continue to work together in unity to do our part to help our citizens feel safe in our cities and counties.

Sincerely,

Dr. Henderson, President  
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### Director's Corner



I just wanted to give everyone an update on our Safe Communities DVD project. For the past month we have been busy writing, producing and shooting an informational DVD to tell

Chelsea Chance  
(AHS)  
Anna Marie Doherty  
(Home School)  
Nicholas Elsbury  
(AHS)  
Eli Finch  
(PVHS)  
Kelsey Frazzini  
(KCHS)  
Greg Guterrez  
(AHS)  
Jackson Koewler  
(FHS)  
Seth Mason  
(BHS)  
Kaitlin Tidwell  
(PVHS)

Congratulations goes out to all of these Seniors. Should you or your organization wish to schedule a presentation from the UMattR program, please contact Opal Tidwell at Monarch Marketing - (505)320-5620.

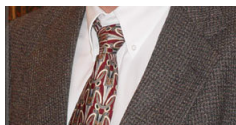


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our story. We plan on using this DVD to include in grant applications, to show to potential donor organizations, or to members of the public and at various civic group meetings. Our story is a good one and we would also like to share it with surrounding counties and communities to provide a model of successful programming.

We contracted with a production company out of California called Kinetic Illusions and have been collaborating with their director, Karl Alexander, and local photographer Tony Bennett. They have produced over 40 hours of footage and interviews which we are combing through to edit down to a 9 minute final production. Once this stage has been completed, we will complete the project by adding in the voice-over, using local celebrity Scott Michlin.

It looks as if we can have a finished product to show at the October board meeting. On behalf of the production people and Safe Communities staff, we would like to thank each of the board members who helped make this DVD happen.

As always, if anyone has questions, please feel free to call me at (505) 320-8530, email me at [dandarnell@msn.com](mailto:dandarnell@msn.com), or drop by and see me at 100 W. Broadway, Farmington, at the Downtown Centre. Dan D.

## Prevention Housing

### Random Drug Testing in Schools



Have you ever wondered about random drug testing in the public school setting? Here's a publication from the Office of National Drug Control Policy that will get you started. ECHO, Inc. has begun working with the Rural Community

Assistance Corporation, a non-profit providing technical assistance, as ECHO completes the requirements to become a Community Housing Development Organization. They will assist with housing projects planned by ECHO. We are excited to have their professional expertise and look forward to

94% of Arizona teens now see great risk in trying meth. progress on houses to be built in our area. We've also been consulting with Evert Oldham of Animas Land and Water. We compared to a 29% decline nationally. We are hopeful of acquiring lots in that development to build

workforce housing. Other developers are interested in wanting to know more about Meth Projects. Click below to see working ECHO and we look forward to these partnerships that can benefit housing needs in the area.

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San Juan County stepped forward to sponsor the CDBG Planning Grant that will fund the strategic housing plan for



- SJSCI Board Meeting - 9/11/08 8:30 am at the Civic Center.
- First Time Homebuyer Education Class - Oct. 1-2 6pm - 9pm @ SJC Rm. 1910. Call 566-3214 for more.
- Sexual Assault Services of NWNM - Volunteer Advocate Training - 10/25-26 & 11/1-2. Call Leah @ 325-2805 for more.
- Affordable Housing Alliance meeting - October 29th 3pm -pm - Room 127 of the Family Resource Center.

the area. The County has also agreed to provide \$5,000 in matching funds to support the plan. The grant is being written by Sherri Grona of the Council of Government. An RFP for the strategic housing plan will be issued once the grant is approved. As this process is completed later in the year San Juan County will be prepared to address the specific needs identified by the plan. As a Community Housing Development Organization ECHO will bring in needed funding for the identified needs.

Our next homebuyer education class in October 1st and 2nd from 6-9pm at San Juan College. Details are found on the SJSCI web-site. From those attending this class and previous classes we will be pre-qualifying families and individuals for homes to be built in the coming months. Interested individuals may also call ECHO or come by our office for an application. We will also be setting up a counseling program to assist those needing credit repair and financial planning.

## **Suppression**

### **Weed and Seed Update**

As of the writing of this newsletter, the Weed and Seed grant has just been submitted and is awaiting review at the federal level. Members from the local law enforcement agencies, our partners, and our staff grant writer completed many long meetings obtaining all the required information to make this submission possible.

### **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**

Over the years, the Federal Government has assisted at the local levels through various programs. One of the instrumental programs has come from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) division. According to their web-site:

"The COPS Office awards grants to tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS Office funding provides training and technical assistance to advance community policing at all levels of law enforcement, from line officers to law enforcement executives, as well as others in the criminal justice field. Because community policing is inclusive, COPS Office training also reaches state and local government leaders and the citizens they serve.

Since 1995, the COPS Office has invested \$12.4 billion to help law enforcement advance the practice of community policing, and has enabled more than 13,000 state, local, and tribal

agencies to hire more than 117,000 police officers and deputies. Our online Resource Information Center (RIC) offers publications, DVDs, CDs, and training materials on a wide range of law enforcement concerns and community policing topics. To date, we have distributed more than 1.1 million of these knowledge resources.

Through this broad range of programs, the COPS Office offers support in virtually every aspect of law enforcement, making American safer, one neighborhood at a time."

Want to know more about this program and it's activities? Click below...

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## Juvenile Corner

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According to a recent survey of teens:

- Nearly three in four "tweens" (72%) say boyfriend/girlfriend relationships usually begin at age 14 or younger.
- 1 in 3 teenagers report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their partner.
- 62% of tweens (age 11-14) who have been in a relationship say they know friends who have been verbally abused (called stupid, worthless, ugly, etc) by a boyfriend/girlfriend. (Liz Claiborne Inc. study on teen dating abuse conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited, February 2008.)

This alarming trend in dating violence reflects the importance of implementing and offering educational programs that address domestic violence in our youth. "The number one predictor of youth violence is violence in the youth's home" (Kurt Fischer, Harvard/Brandies University Study, 2002).

Juvenile Probation and Parole recognizes the risks and effects of domestic violence on our clients and families, and is currently working with the FamilyCrisis Center in providing the Safe Dates program to all probation clients. Safe Dates is "program designed to stop or prevent the initiation of emotional, physical and sexual abuse on dates or between individuals involved in a dating relationship." Safe Dates will be required as a condition of probation, and will offer the educational tools, and preventative steps to decrease this negative behavior in our juveniles.

## Street Gangs

Recruitment of gang members for a street gang is the lifeline of any gang. Juveniles are typically the target and recruitment usually occurs at schools. Local area schools can fight gang activity by establishing the school as "neutral ground". Anything related to gang membership should be banned: weapons, violence, illegal activity, gang identified clothing, insignia and gestures. School personnel need to be aware and can expect to be tested constantly by the subtle changing forms of gang symbols, therefore staff needs to be educated and aware of the gang activity in their schools.

Administrators must communicate clear, consistent standards of discipline and enforce them. In a study of Ohio gang activity, Dr. Ronald Huff found that teachers who backed down in confrontations were more likely to be assaulted than teachers who were fair but firm. Enforce the school dress code for ALL students, and be consistent when disciplining violations.

To maintain "neutral ground", graffiti should be painted over immediately. Not only does this signal that school is not the gang's, it also discourages rival gangs from responding with more graffiti or worse, defacing their rival's symbols, which can lead to retaliation and violence.

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### **Grant Writing**

If you've been tasked to write a grant you are probably wondering a) what you've done to deserve such horrible treatment; b) where you start; and c) how to increase your chance of success. While I probably don't know you well enough to answer a, I can connect you with some answers for b and c.

#### **b. Where to Start**

Sun Tzu advises us to know the enemy, and while we shouldn't view potential funders as our enemy, we certainly should know how they think. It enables us to answer their questions before they ask, and this is how we build credibility for ourselves and our programs.

One organization, The Philanthropy Roundtable, produces guidebooks that identify successful giving programs and identifies strategic pitfalls in the areas of K-12 education, higher education, conservation, national security, and "helping people help themselves" (ending poverty). The books are designed to help donors look for strengths, weaknesses, gaps and waste in program proposals, in order to choose the

best of the bunch.

One Philanthropy Roundtable publication, Helping People to Help Themselves, A Guide for Donors, by Michael E. Hartman, addresses a myriad of social issues that SJSCI is also dealing with: money management, healthcare, personal responsibility, crime prevention, access to higher education, economic development, and drug and alcohol rehabilitation. The document can be found on the organization's website [http://www.philanthropyroundtable.org/store\\_product.asp?prodid=171](http://www.philanthropyroundtable.org/store_product.asp?prodid=171) .

c. How to increase your chance of success

After all your hard work crafting a proposal, the last thing you want to do is have it sent to the wastebasket before it is ever read.

Six things you can do to help your proposal make the first cut - by Martin Teitel, from GuideStar News: 1. Write a compelling summary. 2. List concrete, specific outcomes of your work. 3. Connect each step of your work with your goals. 4. Present a budget in standard form that is legible and patently sensible. 5. Get the proposal in early. 6. Offer to meet. Once.

Teitel also outlines five common mistakes made by applicants. This short article can be found online at [http://www.guidestar.org/news/features/do\\_this.jsp](http://www.guidestar.org/news/features/do_this.jsp) . Do This, Don't Do That: How to Get Your Proposal Funded, excerpt from "Thank You for Submitting Your Proposal": A Foundation Director Reveals What Happens Next by Martin Teitel

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### Interesting Articles

In previous issues, SJSCI has tried to include articles of interest to our subscribers. This month, we will make an attempt to include them in this one section for ease of access.



["Beer Goggles"](#)

["Household Permissiveness"](#)

["Negative Childhood Experiences"](#)

["Drug Violence and the Flow of Life"](#)

## Workplace Drug Use Awareness Presentations

SJSCI has recently developed a presentation geared toward helping managers deal with drug use in the workplace. The presentation generally lasts one hour. If you are interested in having our staff bring this presentation to your workplace, call us at (505)599-1490 or e-mail us at [dandarnell@msn.com](mailto:dandarnell@msn.com).

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