

# OPERATION: **SAFE** COMMUNITY

## January 2009 Update

*Working Together to Make Memphis and Shelby County Safer*

### Ways you can help!

#### **Keep truants out of court and in school - be a Mentor!**

Learn more about [mentoring](#) at the [Shelby County District Attorney General's Office Website](#).

#### **Sign up for Cyberwatch!**

[Cyberwatch](#) is a program developed by the [Memphis Police Department](#) that emails reported incidents, sex offenders, and active local warrants around a location of your choice. Additionally, you can report suspicious activity to the police.

#### **Public Nuisance Property List Available Online**

The [Shelby County District Attorney General's Office](#) has provided a list [of nuisance properties](#) since 2002.

**Operation Safe: Community (OSC)** is a roadmap to make Memphis and Shelby County one of the safest communities of its size in the nation by the end of 2011. Utilizing 15

*With the new year brings a new and renewed commitment to making our community one of the safest communities in the country by the end of 2011.*

### TOP NEWS

#### **Strategy 10: Expand juvenile offender re-entry programs** **Team Leader: Judge Curtis Person**

As of July 31, 2008 the state of Tennessee opted not to renew its contract for hardware secured facilities for delinquent youth in Shelby County. Juveniles needing secured placement will be detained in DCS Corrective Facilities.

Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Court's transition from a juvenile re-entry program to an intensive case management program has been successful. Intensive care managers continue to provide the same services for juveniles without a re-entry component.

Juvenile Court of Memphis & Shelby County Volunteer Services Bureau is actively recruiting volunteers to assist with its hands-on community re-entry program for juvenile offenders.

**Available volunteer opportunities include:** [Read More >](#)

### Calendar of Events

#### **Town Hall Meeting, Saturday, February 7th**

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Crichton College Auditorium - 255 North Highland

Guests speakers including Memphis Police Director Larry Godwin, Shelby County District Attorney General Bill Gibbons and state

research-based strategies, the initiative is a guideline of how law enforcement and the citizens they serve can work together to make our community safe. It is a call to action for churches, neighborhoods, schools, government, business and the media. The 15 strategies start with law enforcement, but the success of the plan rests with each and every citizen.

Operation: Safe Community (OSC) is led by: Acting U.S. Attorney Larry Laurenzi, District Attorney Bill Gibbons, Police Director Larry Godwin, Sheriff Mark Luttrell, Memphis Mayor Willie Herenton and Shelby County Mayor A C Wharton.

The business leaders of Memphis Tomorrow are providing strategic support, coordination, and financial backing for the initiative.

The mayors of the cities in Shelby County support Operation: Safe Community.

Research and administrative support are provided by the University of Memphis's Center for Community Criminology and Research and the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission.

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legislators to discuss what can we do to reduce crime -- at our home and through the state legislature. General public is invited.

#### Operation: Safe Community in the News

"Chill. Don't Kill" OSC's engaging :30 television spot aimed at reducing domestic violence was recently featured on WREG News Channel 3. The spot "encourages a person who might be in a situation they can't handle, to chill, take a few minutes and take a deep breath," said program executive, Linda K. Miller. For the full news clip visit [wreg.com](http://wreg.com) [Read More >](#)

#### OSC TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

##### **Strategy 9: Launch the JustCare 180 program to "turn around" youth**

**Team Leader: Judge Curtis Person**

The City of Memphis recently awarded \$800,000 to Memphis Shelby Crime Commission to support Operation: Safe Community's JustCare 180 program. [Read More >](#)

##### **Strategy 7: Sustain and expand student safety initiatives in public school systems**

**Team Leaders: Supt. Dr. Kriner Cash & Supt. Bobby Webb**

The Truancy Hotline at 416-8111 and the Truancy Assessment Centers are two initiatives recently launched as part of Supt. Kriner Cash's truancy reduction plan to keep children in school and off-the-streets. [Read More >](#)

#### TUNE IN

**On the last Tuesday of each month, Operation: Safe Community is featured on Channel 3's "Live at Nine"** hosted by Mary Beth Conley and Alex Coleman. This month interim director, Jeune Wood, will be on hand to discuss JustCare 180, the "system of care" pilot program designed to redirect the paths of juvenile delinquents.

#### STAY CONNECTED

**Make sure your friends and business associates and neighborhood associations are connected to Operation: Safe Community!**

[Click here to sign up](#) to receive the monthly newsletter.

#### WANT MORE INFORMATION?

[Click here](#) for the OSC brochure

Help us spread the word that there is a plan in Memphis and Shelby County to reduce and prevent crime. If your organization would like a speaker regarding OSC, please contact:

for leading the implementation of  
OSC's 15 strategies.

## ARCHIVED E-MAIL

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