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March 2009 Update

Working Together to Make Memphis and Shelby County Safer

Ways you can help!

Keep truant children
out of court and in school

Memphis City Schools Truancy Hotline is 416-8111.

Citizens of Memphis are encouraged to call if you see school-aged students not in school.

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

Juvenile Court is looking for volunteers! Contact [Judy McEwen](#) for more information.

Sign up for [Cyberwatch!](#) Cyberwatch, developed by [MPD](#), emails reported incidents, sex offenders and outstanding arrest warrants daily. Additionally, users can report suspicious activity to the police.

Public Nuisance Property List Available Online

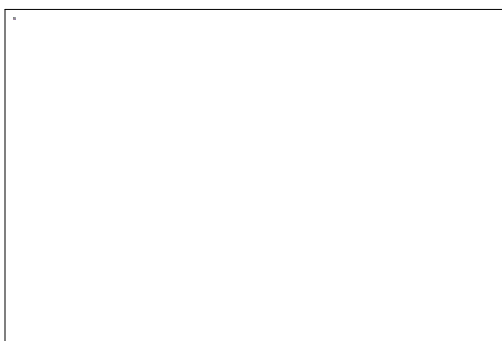
The Shelby County District Attorney General's Office has provided a [list of nuisance properties](#) since 2002.

Operation: Safe Community (OSC) is a roadmap to make Memphis and Shelby County

TOP NEWS

Strategy 6: Design and implement a comprehensive gang intervention strategy.

Team Leader: Dr. Richard Janikowski



l to r: Dr. Janikowski, General Gibbons, Director Godwin, Councilman Collins and Mr. Ledbetter introduce Project SAFEWAYS.

Project SAFEWAYS was introduced at a press conference March 23, 2009. This pilot program at Autumn Ridge Apartments a partnership between businesses and law enforcement to target crime in apartment communities.

Supported in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Project SAFEWAYS is a data-driven strategy utilizing state-of-the-art surveillance equipment connected to the city's Real Time Crime Center.

TUNE IN

At the end of each month, OSC is featured on WREG Channel 3's "Live at Nine" hosted by Mary Beth Conley and Alex Coleman. Tune in this Friday to hear Pierce Ledbetter, CEO and president of LEDIC Management Group, discuss Project SAFEWAYS.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

15th Annual Crime Victims' Rights Dinner

Tuesday, April 28th
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Holiday Inn - University of Memphis

Guest speaker for the evening will be Jamar Banks. Mr. Banks is the Director of the Center of Student Involvement and Leadership at

one of the safest communities of its size in the nation by the end of 2011.

Utilizing 15 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:

U.S. Acting Attorney Larry Laurenzi, District Attorney Bill Gibbons, Police Director Larry Godwin, Sheriff Mark Luttrell, City of Memphis Mayor W. W. 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 all the cities in Shelby County support **Operation: Safe Community.**

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

STAY CONNECTED!

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

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

Appalachian State University in Booneville, N.C. He has worked in the field of violence prevention for more than seven years and prides himself on being a man of responsibility and accountability. "I know the difference between blame and responsibility...do you?"

For more information or to make reservations for the 15th Annual Crime Victims' Rights Week Dinner please call the Shelby County Crime Victims Center at 901.545.HELP (4357).

**Town Hall Meeting hosted by
Dist. 4 Memphis City Councilwoman Wanda Halbert**

Thursday, April 9, 2009
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Hamilton Community Center
1363 Person, Memphis, TN 38106

Come out and voice your concerns. Join City Government Representatives from Public Works, MPD, MFD, The Division of Community Enhancement, Operation: Safe Community and others. For more information please call 901.947.6417.

Clean Memphis - Summer/Holmes

Saturday, April 18, 2009
8:00 a.m.

Join Mayor Herenton and Memphis City Beautiful for a clean-up in the Summer/Holmes area. For more information call 488-6786 or email janet@cleanmemphis.org.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Strategy 3: Toughen state gun-crime laws led by State Rep. John DeBerry and State Sen. Mark Norris.

**[SB 0929 by Sen. P. Stanley \(HB 1194 by Rep. B. Rich\)](#)
AKA "Street Terrorism Bill"**

Provides sentencing enhancements for certain crimes of force or violence if committed collectively by three or more individuals.

Those crimes include, second degree murder, attempted first degree murder, attempted second degree murder, especially aggravated robbery, aggravated robbery, robbery and carjacking.

SB Current Action: Passed 2nd consideration, ref. to S. Judicial Committee

HB Current Action: Assigned to subcommittee - Criminal Practice and Procedure of JUD

**[SB 0928 by Sen. P. Stanley \(HB 1195 by Rep. B. Rich\)](#)
AKA "Crooks with Guns Bill"**

Adds additional offenses to the definition "dangerous felony" for which there are enhanced sentences for

WANT MORE INFO?

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employing or possessing a firearm during the commission of a crime.

Those felonies include second degree murder, aggravated assault, aggravated robbery, aggravated arson and burglary.

SB Current Action: Passed 2nd consideration, ref. to S. Judicial Committee

HB Current Action: Assigned to subcommittee - Criminal Practice and Procedure of JUD

Strategy 4: Reduce the caseload per prosecutor in the D.A.'s office for more effective prosecution led by State Sen. Jim Kyle and County Commissioner Mike Carpenter.

[SB 0838 by Sen. R. McNally \(HB 1402 by Rep. C. Fitzhugh\)](#)

AKA "DA Staffing Bill"

This legislation, as amended, would create additional assistant district attorney general positions statewide by October 1, 2009.

SB Current Action: Passed 2nd consideration, ref. to S. Judicial Committee

HB Current Action: Assigned to subcommittee - Criminal Practice and Procedure of JUD

Strategy 7: Establish a comprehensive school safety initiative led by Superintendent Kriner Cash.

[SB 0723 by Sen. R. Tate \(HB 1645 by Rep. Jones U\)](#)

AKA "MCS Police Force"

Permits MCS to establish and operate a police force for the school system.

SB Current Action: Passed 2nd consideration, referred to S. Judicial Committee

HB Current Action: Assigned to subcommittee Criminal Practice and Procedure of JUD

HB Current Action: Placed on subcommittee calendar K-12 of Education to 4/1/2009

Strategy 12: Implement coordinated problem properties strategy led by Director Earnest Dobbins.

HB 1847 by Rep. Miller L (SB 1830 by Sen. J. Kyle)

AKA "Neighborhood Preservation Act"

Addresses the issue of vacant, neglected and abandoned properties that are a source of blight in Memphis and Shelby County.

SB Current Action: Passed 2nd consideration, referred to S. Judicial Committee

HB Current Action: Placed on calendar for State and Local Government for 3/31/2009

HB 2193 by Rep. DeBerry J (SB 2115 by Sen. M. Norris)

AKA "Bill Enhancing Penalties for Repeat Aggravated Burglary Offenders"

All aggravated burglaries a defendant commits within a 24-hour period count as separate prior convictions for purposes of determining if the defendant is a multiple, persistent, or career offender under the criminal sentencing reform act.

SB Current Action: Placed on State Judicial Committee calendar for 04/01/2009

HB Current Action: Assigned to subcommittee - Criminal Practice and Procedure of JUD

For a complete list of bills currently before the General Assembly, Senate and House floor session schedules or to view videos of the Legislative Days during Tennessee's 106th General Assembly visit www.legislature.state.tn.us/

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