



NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

National Cyber Security Awareness Month: Our Shared Responsibility What Local Law Enforcement Can Do

Your job is to protect the citizens of your town; they look to you for security and guidance. Now that so many crimes are being committed via the Internet, it's important to educate yourself on cybersecurity so that you can continue to protect your citizenry. Consider doing the following during National Cyber Security Awareness Month:

- Post National Cyber Security Awareness Month posters (available at www.staysafeonline.org/content/posters-and-more) in police stations, precincts, schools, and other community locations.
- Review cybersecurity top tips at community meetings, during roll call and as part of training.
- Add NCSA's Top Tips to the Department's Web site or use a banner (available at www.staysafeonline.org/content/web-banners) to link to them.
- Print NCSA's Top Tips brochure (available at http://www.staysafeonline.org/files/NCSAM/PalmCard_FINAL.pdf) for public distribution.
- If citizens report cyber crimes that you don't have jurisdiction over (such as Internet fraud or identity theft), encourage them to report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (www.ic3.gov). Make this a standard written policy across the Department.
- Volunteer at your local school to present NCSA's CSAVE program to students. (For details and curriculum, visit www.staysafeonline.org/csave.)
- Ensure that all computers used by your department have updated security software (anti-spyware, anti-virus, and firewall), web browsers, and operating systems.
- Encourage all department computer users to change their passwords on a regular basis. Use long, complex passwords (letters, numbers, and symbols) to thwart hackers.
- Review and update the acceptable use policy of the Department's computers.
- Back up files on a regular basis.



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