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Putting Meth Users Behind Bars Via Text Message

Mobile County Sheriff Sam Cochran announced last week the creation of an initiative empowering citizens to take action against the use and manufacture of methamphetamine.

The program targets meth users through three areas of focus: Enforcement, Compliance and Education. It also includes a brand new crime-fighting technology: text messaging.

The enforcement arm will utilize 30 specially-trained deputies to closely monitor every drug store and every convenience store in Mobile County – a total of 96 pharmacies and over 400 convenience stores listed as sellers of meth precursor ingredients. A former federal drug agent, hired to head the program, will lead the team in monitoring businesses to ensure that they are in compliance with state and federal laws.

Another component of the program is the use of cutting-edge technology. Tipsters are able to send information immediately and anonymously to investigators through mobile phone text messaging. Citizens who observe suspicious activity can text the word "Meth" to 839863 ("TextMe") and report any meth-related incidents to a secure database.

"We've seen the violent effect that methamphetamine use has on our community – and we are working aggressively to put an end to it," said Sheriff Cochran. "When you see something that looks suspicious, you now have the power to help fight meth production with just one finger - send it to end it," said Sheriff Cochran.



For more information on the new Meth Initiative visit www.methtext.com

Forest Hill Elementary Students Learn About Water Safety



"Throw, don't go," repeats Flotilla member, Rick Drews, during his demonstration about how to help someone in trouble and keep yourself safe in a water-related accident.



A Forest Hill Elementary School student shows off her new Junior Deputy badge to the camera.

A Message from the Sheriff...



Dear Friends,

With the growing popularity of off-road vehicles, Mobile County Sheriff's Deputies will be out in force, particularly during the summer months, issuing citations to offenders operating All-Terrain Vehicles in a reckless, illegal manner.

In an effort to eliminate the destruction of land and crops, new enforcement efforts will be aimed at those trespassing on private property. Due to citizen complaints, deputies on directed patrol will be enforcing responsible driving in areas irresponsible riders are known to frequent.

Negligent motor vehicle drivers are putting themselves at risk as well as others on the road, and we will continue to issue citations to violators until this issue is resolved.

We'd like to remind ATV owners that they are obligated to obey all the rules of the road—if any illegal ATV activity is observed, I encourage you to call the Mobile County Sheriff's Office at 574-8633, log on to www.mobileso.com to file an anonymous complaint, or visit your local Sheriff's Office.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Sam Cochran

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