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### **Grass Valley Takes A Stand Against Crime and Violence Joining Communities Across the Country to Mark October As Crime Prevention Month**

**Grass Valley, CA** – The Grass Valley Police Department is taking a stand against crime and violence through its event that challenges the entire community to get involved in preventing crime.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, the Grass Valley Police Department will host the 2008 Open House and Crime Prevention Summit to show it makes crime prevention a priority. The event, which will take place at the Police Department - 129 S. Auburn St, will also be an opportunity to get to know and recognize those law enforcement and individuals who work tirelessly to eradicate crime and violence.

The Celebrate Safe Communities initiative is a new project designed to kick off Crime Prevention month by promoting successful local law enforcement and community partnerships. The initiative will begin October 2-4, 2008. The National CSC partners include National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), which is providing funding support.

Police Chief John Foster stated, "Crime prevention is a vital investment we must make. It is our promise to our community that we will work to reduce the number of people victimized by crime and that we will continue to make our City and its citizens safer from crime."

Communities across the country are hosting crime prevention events in neighborhoods, with schools, and in collaboration with local businesses. The Grass Valley Police Department has planned a variety of activities to mark the celebration that include:

- Static Displays of police equipment
- McGruff's Crime Prevention Tips
- Information on starting a Neighborhood Watch Program
- A Tour of Police Headquarters by police personnel
- And more!

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Since 1972, NSA has managed the Neighborhood Watch program and has acted as the primary source for information and technical assistance for local law enforcement agencies as it relates to Neighborhood Watch. NSA's USA on Watch (UOW) - Neighborhood Watch works to enhance, expand, and revitalize watch programs throughout the country. For over 36 years, NSA has provided support and resources to local law enforcement agencies and citizens about Neighborhood Watch.

In 1984, the National Crime Prevention Council, the nation's leader in preventing crime, designated October as Crime Prevention Month. The month-long commemoration reflects the adage that prevention pays off. NCPC strongly believes that citizen involvement in crime prevention can and has played a vital role in helping many communities stay safe.

Since 1980, McGruff the Crime Dog has been the icon of crime prevention and the symbol of NCPC's work nationwide. Together NCPC and McGruff have helped communities spread the prevention word through trainings, mass media, demonstration programs, conferences, publications, and numerous partnerships. Crime Prevention Month 2008 recognizes successful crime prevention efforts on the local, state, and national levels to generate interest and enthusiasm for prevention efforts to continue to grow even stronger and become more widespread.

NCPC, NSA, BJA and the Grass Valley Police Department are proud to work together to "Take A Bite Out of Crime."

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