



# College Crime Watch

A Program of Youth Crime Watch of America

## Fact Sheet

**College Crime Watch (CCW)** involves college and university students in making their campus environment a safer and more hospitable place, conducive to peaceful living and learning.

**CCW** is an outgrowth of the Youth Crime Watch of America, which for more than twenty years has enlisted youth in crime reduction efforts in their schools and communities. Hundreds of thousands of YCW members have conducted patrols, reported crime, mentored, participated in action projects, and contributed to the overall improvement of their communities. YCWA has been funded by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Education, and has been recognized by various federal agencies.

**Mission** To mobilize and equip a student-led movement in colleges and universities in partnership with public and private institutions to create a safer environment free of crime, violence, and illicit drugs in order to foster good citizenship throughout the world.

### CCW's Goals

- ♦ Create a crime-free and drug-free campus environment that allows for safe learning and living.
- ♦ Instill positive values, foster good citizenship, and build self-confidence among students.
- ♦ Enable college and university students to become resources for preventing criminal and destructive activity both on campus and the surrounding community.

The first step in the creation of a CCW site is the formation of a Core Group. This group of concerned students introduces the CCW concept to the college community. Each site then implements selected portions CCW program, based on the particular school's needs. CCW mobilizes students to work with the faculty, staff and campus police in order to increase safety and security on campus.

### Components

Each college or university establishes the components it finds appropriate which include:

- ♦ Campus Watch
- ♦ Safety escort services and campus patrols
- ♦ Drug and alcohol abuse prevention
- ♦ Self-defense training
- ♦ Lifesaving (First Aid/CPR)
- ♦ Property protection
- ♦ Safe crime reporting
- ♦ Peer mediation and counseling
- ♦ Hate crime prevention
- ♦ Action projects

After choosing a focus, the core group will lead different initiatives to achieve their goals. For example:

- Highlight the community and campus resources available to students for health and safety
- Organize and participate in forums, dialogues and collaborative efforts to reduce violence, drugs, and crime
- Conduct Safety Orientations for new students, resident advisors, and parents
- Unite potential campus partners such as student government and residential life coordinators to devise solutions to specific problems
- Increase the availability of alcohol and drug-free social and recreational events for students
- Spread safety tips on personal and property protection through campus media outlets
- Provide training for interested groups on substance abuse, safety, self-defense, protection, and first aid
- Change campus norms by publicizing the voices of students who care about the welfare of the campus and the student body

CCW plans to expand through the same kind of positive involvement and results that has given the YCWA a foothold in 40 states, the District of Columbia, and Guam.