



## Category A

### Outstanding Crime Prevention Organization

This award recognizes the outstanding efforts of a local or regional crime prevention association, non-profit organization, government agency or private business that has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the area of crime prevention and crime prevention education.

#### Eligible:

- Any crime prevention association, either local or regional
- Any Non-profit organization
- Any government agency
- Any business who's main area is crime prevention

#### Nomination Criteria:

- Any local or regional crime prevention association, non-profit organization, government agency or private business whose function is to serve the crime prevention professionals and the communities of any given area within the State of Florida can be nominated.
- The nomination can be made by a member, an executive or officer of that organization or by someone from outside the organization who has knowledge of the group's accomplishments.
- The nomination must include:
  - Name and address of the organization
  - Name of the Officers and Board of Directors
  - Geographical area covered
  - Agencies and/or businesses the organization represents
- Nomination must include the accomplishments of the organization from October 2013 to September 2014 entitling them to this nomination.
- ***Nomination must include at least one (1) letter of recommendation from someone, not a member of the organization, who has knowledge of the organization's accomplishments.***



## Florida Crime Prevention Association 2014 Awards Packet

A copy of the "Award Nomination Categories" page and the "Nomination Contact Information" page must accompany EACH nomination.

### Award Nomination Categories

Check one:

- ☒ Category A  
**Outstanding Crime Prevention Organization**
- ☐ Category B  
**Outstanding Crime Prevention Program**
- ☐ Category C  
**Crime Prevention Volunteer of the Year**
- ☐ Category D  
**Crime Prevention Unit of the Year**
- ☐ Category E  
**Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year**
- ☐ Category F  
**New Horizon Award**
- ☐ Category G  
**Lifetime Achievement Award**
- ☐ Category H  
**President's Award** (*This award is presented by the FCPA President for outstanding commitment to the area of crime prevention. No nominations are accepted. See Category H, page 12, for additional information about this award*)



## Nomination Contact Information

### Name of Person or Group Being Nominated

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Since taking office Sheriff Michael A. Adkinson Jr. has been committed to being more service oriented toward the residents and visitors of Walton County. Some of the new programs he has started have paid great dividends for the county in the crime reduction, response time, and the solvability of the crimes that have occurred.

In the past year Sheriff Adkinson has had the Crime Prevention unit, as well as other bureaus, look for newer and cutting edge ways to combat the crimes that we have designated as frequent and on-going. Some of those are "Operation Avalanche" where the Agency, along with the States Attorney's Office, worked tirelessly to shut down meth labs and prescription drug abuse throughout the county.

To date, 30 arrests have been made in Operation Avalanche. This investigation is still on-going and more arrests are pending.



## **WCSO Makes More Arrests in Connection to "Operation Avalanche"**

Posted by [Catherine Rodriguez](#) on Wednesday, 02 July 2014 in [Press Releases](#)



Glen Hunter, Brittany Via, Charlie "CJ" Rhodes and Sabrina Thompson



Some of the other programs he has started have been the “Hide Lock Take” for vehicle burglaries in the county. The county has over 400,000 visitors a year to the beaches of Walton County. With the large influx during Spring Break and the summer months we knew that these crimes of opportunity would have to be addressed through new patrol and education procedures.



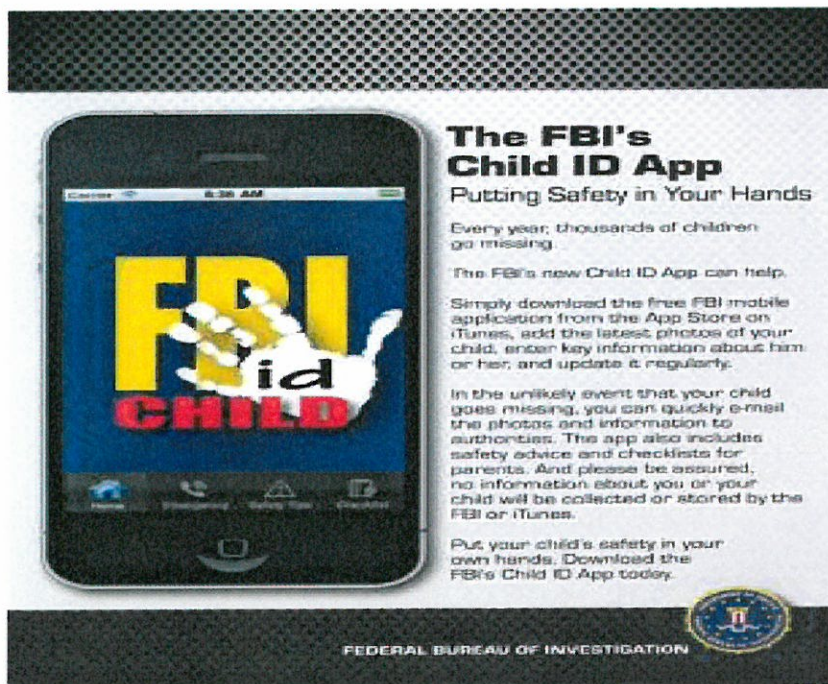
The Sheriff's Office Posse were able to blanket the residential areas with a door hanging version of the signage above which helped to reduce the local incidents for full time residents as well as the placement of the signs at the beach accesses for visitor traffic to be aware.





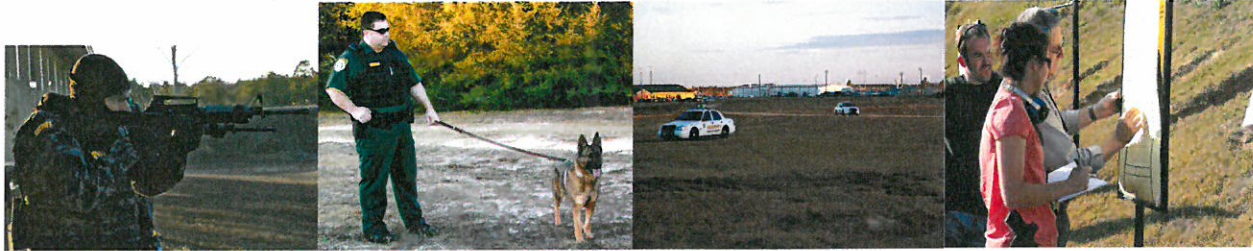
To keep our children safe we have kept up with the electronic and social media advantages for criminal activity and for the law enforcement community. We have utilized social media for Crime Stoppers Tips, Texting Tips, Education for parents of children and updated our website for residents and visitors ease to be able to find the latest trends for crimes and for sexual predators around the county.

This app is available through the Apple iTunes Store for iPhones and Google Play Store for Android devices. The app includes tips on keeping children safe as well guidance on what to do in those first crucial hours after a child goes missing. No information about you or your child will be collected or stored by the FBI or iTunes. The Agency put this on their facebook and web pages for greater reach in the community.



In October of last year the Walton County Sheriff's Office held the first "Citizens Law Enforcement Academy." This training was conducted over a 10 week time with 3 hours each week for the civilian students to get educated on the many facets of the local Sheriff's Office and each of the specified units. The topics covered were; Patrol, Arrests, Dispatch, Crime Scene processing, Criminal Investigations, Narcotics, Traffic Enforcement, K-9, School Resource Deputies, Firearms Safety, Crime Prevention, Crime Stoppers, Media and PIO, Emergency Management, Jail and staff, Defensive Tactics, RAD demonstration, SWAT, and Aviation.





This summer the Walton County Sheriff's Office decided to expand their annual Summer Camp to educate children at a young age about crimes, how to avoid being a victim and how to report those that they see. We did this primarily with the officers that they will see each day in the school to instill trust for the child. We did two weeks, instead of one, and still had a waiting list for the very popular hands on interactional program. Bike safety, pedestrian safety, anti-bullying, internet safety were just some of the training mixed into the fishing, pool, and zoo trips.



In conclusion this agency has, and continues to, work with the community and other law enforcement agencies to reduce the crime and improve the standard of living for the residents and visitors of Walton County Florida.

Sincerely Submitted,

*D/S Harold R. Shover #1417*

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Walton County Sheriff's Office

Crime Prevention Practitioner