



Minot Police Department Crime Prevention Programs



1. **Adopt-A-Cop**. The Adopt-A-Cop Program is an informal program in which officers are assigned their own elementary school and actively participate in the school activities. They speak with the different classes on various topics or issues the students are encountering. The program provides education and incentives to the local elementary and middle school students. Several Minot Police Department officers are active in the program.
2. **8th Grade School Resource Program**. This is a five-day program, which is conducted in all of the Minot public schools in which 8th grade students are familiarized with city ordinance, traffic law, juvenile justice issues, and substance abuse.
3. **7th Grade School Resource Program**. This is a two-day program which covers tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, meth, and other drugs.
4. **6th Grade School Resource Program**. This is a two-day program. Selected topics of shoplifting, vandalism, bullying, and gangs are presented to students.
5. **CounterAct Program**. This program is designed for the 5th grade students in the Minot area schools. Officers talk to the students regarding self-esteem, substance abuse, and coping skills. The officers who are teaching in this program complete it on their own time and are compensated through monies from the Drug-Free Schools grant.
6. **McGruff House Program**. This program is designed to be a temporary haven for children who find themselves in a threatening or frightening situation, such as being followed, lost, bullied, or injured. Volunteers agree to go through a police background check in order to make the home as safe an environment as possible for the children. Volunteers agree to call law enforcement, fire personnel, or medical personnel in the event a child comes to their house asking for assistance. The Crime Prevention Unit visits local school children and provides education on the program and child safety tips.
7. **Operation ID**. This program is designed to provide a special number for persons joining the program so that they can engrave their property and other valuables in order to help reduce the likelihood of the items being stolen and also increase the odds of recovery should the item be stolen.
8. **Crime Stoppers**. This program is designed to have a fund available to pay individuals who anonymously provide information to law enforcement resulting in the solving of a case and arrest of person responsible. The Crime Stoppers board is comprised of a group of people not working for the police department who decide how the funds are to be expended. The Crime Prevention Officer's role is to act as a liaison/advisor to the board regarding legal and procedural matters.



9. **Shoplifting Seminars**. Shoplifting presentations are conducted for business people in the surrounding area. During this training, employees are instructed on how to spot possible shoplifters, apprehension of suspects, and the legal considerations when making citizen's arrests.



10. **Robbery Seminars**. Training is provided to business employees on procedures and policies which may help reduce the likelihood of a business becoming the target of a robbery and also on the steps necessary in preserving evidence and staying alive during an actual robbery attempt.
11. **Self-Protection and Rape Prevention Seminars**. These seminars are provided to any group requesting tips on how to make one's self a less likely target of sexual assault, robbery, assault, or mugging. The seminar also mentions resources available to an individual should the individual become a victim of a sexual assault.
12. **Bicycle Safety and Traffic Safety Seminars**. Safety information is provided to all ages requesting information on how to be a better motorist when operating a bicycle. Seatbelt campaigns, child restraints, and pedestrian safety are other topics promoted in the community. The Bike Patrol Unit of the police department assists in promoting bike safety and sponsoring events.

13. **Licensing of Bicycles**. The Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for maintaining records on licenses on all bicycles in the city of Minot. The licensing of bicycles is not only a deterrent to theft, but also an aid to law enforcement in recovering lost or stolen bicycles. The annual "Be a Better Biker" event is an excellent opportunity for the community to utilize this free bike license system.



14. **Substance Abuse Seminars**. These seminars are provided to educate not only parents, but children as well, to the dangers of various forms of substance abuse. In addition, parents are instructed on the danger signals to look for in order to determine if their child or loved one is a victim of substance abuse.

15. **Fraud, Identity Theft, and Internet Safety Seminars**. Training is provided to any citizen or organization requesting information on how to better protect themselves against violations and popular scams popular in our community. Also given during these seminars are resources available to citizens should they become a victim of a fraud.



16. **Child Fingerprinting**. Throughout the year, the Minot Police Department fingerprints children for various organizations who are concerned for the safety of their children. In addition, educational materials and instruction are given on how to better protect our children. Fingerprinting is conducted during special events and the popular annual "Hugs n Mugs."



17. **Coordination of Law Day Activities**. The Crime Prevention Unit coordinates and schedules activities for the annual Law Day celebration in May. During the event, law enforcement agencies from across the state are invited to help participate in these activities. The agencies are also asked to educate the public in law enforcement practices, equipment, and prevention programs.

18. **Alarm Statistics**. It is the Crime Prevention Unit's responsibility to insure structures in the area serviced by Ward County Central Dispatch have the adequate permits for fire, burglar, and robbery alarms. The unit also keeps track of these alarms and enforce city ordinance regarding special assessments for excessive false alarms.
19. **Scheduling of Tours of the Police Department and Ride-Alongs**. The Department receives numerous requests to tour the police department facility and also observe law enforcement operations. In addition, other organizations requesting Ride-Along programs are usually coordinated through the Crime Prevention Unit.
20. **Landlord Tenant Program (Minot Safe Rental Housing Program)**. A program for landlords, property managers, resident managers and others actively involved in rental housing. Through this program, landlords, tenants, law enforcement and neighbors work together to keep illegal activity out of rental property. Three components of the program include the landlord training, notification of certain types of police activities that occur on rental property, and free local criminal background checks.
21. **Minot Police Department Trading Card Program**. Officers and employees of the Minot Police Department are featured on their own trading cards. On the back of the card is their biography and a traffic or general safety tip.
22. **Tobacco Compliance Checks**. The Crime Prevention Unit conducts compliance checks at local tobacco retailers. The Minot Police Department is mandated by City Ordinance to enforce the laws dealing with the sale of tobacco to minors and it is the responsibility of the Crime Prevention Unit to fulfill the policy needs and complete required documentation.
23. **Alcohol Server Training**. This 2-hour course assists employers in complying with liquor laws and trains servers and sellers in techniques for serving alcohol responsibly.
24. **Workplace Violence Seminars**. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health defines workplace violence as violent acts directed toward persons at work or on duty. This includes physical assaults and threats of assaults, ranging from offensive or threatening language to homicide. The Crime Prevention Unit provides local business employees and agencies with training which will assist them in recognizing and developing proper procedures in handling workplace violence.
25. **College Internships**. The Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for supervising college students involved in college internship programs.
26. **Presentations per Request**. Numerous informational presentations and public awareness activities are conducted upon request.

“The mission of the Minot Police Department Crime Prevention Unit is to provide the community with educational and informational programs on crime prevention and other law enforcement activities. We strive to enhance our services and participate in many activities and events in the Minot community.”

