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## Topic: **October is Crime Prevention Month**

In 1984, the National Crime Prevention Council, the nation's focal point for preventing crime, designated October as Crime Prevention Month. The month-long celebration 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.

Crime Prevention Month reflects the fact that time, money, and other resources spent on prevention yield tremendous benefits in reducing crime and making communities stronger, safer, and better places to live, work, and play. Crime remains at historic lows in the United States and, although this is something to celebrate, we must not stop working to continue reducing crime in our country. Experience has proven that grassroots, collaborative action works to keep crime down.

During Crime Prevention Month, government agencies, civic groups, schools, businesses, and youth organizations across the country will showcase their accomplishments, reach out to empower the public through educational campaigns, and explore new partnerships that build stronger communities where crime cannot survive.