



While it is **impossible** to prevent random acts of crime, it is **possible** to minimize and reduce our risk of becoming a crime victim. The document I've prepared is called "**Strategies to Prevent/Reduce Crime.**" It includes seven "prevention" ideas, three "enforcement" ideas and four of what I call "other" ideas. Some of these ideas may already be in place--I'm suggesting that they--along with others--be codified into one document as a Master Plan. The following list of comprehensive ideas is not exhaustive—there are probably other ideas to consider—but the list does contain ideas that **CAN** be implemented and will make a difference.

STRATEGIES TO PREVENT/REDUCE CRIME

PREVENTION IDEAS (7)	ENFORCEMENT IDEAS (3)	OTHER IDEAS (4)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idea #1 LAUNCH A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN¹ TO STRESS CONTINUALLY AND THROUGH ALL MEANS POSSIBLE THAT THE PUBLIC MUST REMAIN VIGILANT, AND MUST TAKE TO STEPS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF BECOMING A CRIME VICTIM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idea #1 LAW ENFORCEMENT, MEDIA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD MAXIMIZE THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT WE-TIP AND HOW THE PUBLIC CAN USE IT TO ANONYMOUSLY REPORT CRIME. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idea #1 EACH CITY/TOWN COUNCIL & 1ST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR SHOULD PASS A RESOLUTION DEMANDING THAT THE LEGISLATURE AMEND LAWS THAT FAVOR CRIMINALS.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idea #2 INVITE THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTYWIDE GANGS & DRUGS TASK FORCE² TO HELP DEVISE AND IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL CRIME-FIGHTING STRATEGIES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idea #2 EACH COMMUNITY (ADELANTO, APPLE VALLEY, BARSTOW, HESPERIA, VICTORVILLE AND 1ST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT) SHOULD ESTABLISH A REWARD PROGRAM (AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED) TO ENCOURAGE TIPS ABOUT MAJOR CRIMES. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idea #2 THE MEDIA SHOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY REFERENCE WHETHER A CRIME WAS OR WASN'T "GANG RELATED"³

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Idea #3</u> EACH CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT SHOULD VIGOROUSLY ENFORCE OR ESTABLISH A “CRIME FREE RENTAL PROGRAM” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Idea #3</u> LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD ESTABLISH A “MOST WANTED LIST” OF KNOWN CRIMINALS/SUSPECTS IN EACH COMMUNITY—WITH WIDESPREAD DISTRIBUTION TO ALERT THE PUBLIC AND ENCOURAGE CONTACTING LAW ENFORCEMENT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Idea #3</u> [<i>SIMILAR TO VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE</i>] LAUNCH A PETITION DRIVE ASKING RESIDENTS TO DEMAND THAT THE LEGISLATURE AMEND LAWS THAT FAVOR CRIMINALS.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Idea #4</u> LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD OFFER NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND OTHER CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS TO SERVICE CLUBS, SCHOOLS AND ANY ORGANIZATION ALLOWING A GUEST SPEAKER; ENSURE A PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS AND ONE FOR BUSINESS. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Idea #4</u> THE MEDIA SHOULD STRIVE TO REFRAIN FROM DISCLOSING DETAILED FACTS ABOUT CRIMINAL ACTS—AND ONLY ACKNOWLEDGE BASIC FACTS (WHAT CRIME WAS COMMITTED, WHEN, WHERE).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Idea #5</u> ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO REPORT KNOWLEDGE OF CRIMINAL ACTS, INCLUDING THE USE OF WE-TIP. 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Idea #6</u> SOLICIT SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE TO:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ALLOW FOR CRIME PREVENTION PRESENTATIONS DESIGNED FOR BUSINESS2. SUPPORT THE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO DISSEMINATE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS/MESSAGES VIA THE CHAMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Idea #7</u> START A CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO APPLY FOR CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS⁴		

1 The public awareness campaign should be launched *simultaneously*, involving the governments of Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Hesperia, Victorville and First District Supervisor;

2 Utilize the expertise represented on the Task Force's Board of Directors: Business & Community, Community Based, Education, Faith Based, Family Out-Reach, Law Enforcement, Local Government, Prevention, Suppression and Treatment

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3 Although a crime may be gang related—and even if a gang isn't identified—referencing the gang instills fear and creates the impression that gang related crime is rampant. Acknowledging gang involvement also empowers the gang among their peers because gang members know when they've committed a crime and being acknowledged gives them bragging rights.

4 The general public is vulnerable and at the whim of armed suspects. However, studies have shown that States that **disallow** concealed carry have violent crime rates 11% higher than national averages (<http://www.gunfacts.info/gun-control-myths/concealed-carry/>). Allowing concealed carry will give law-abiding citizens a better sense of security—and make criminals think twice about brandishing a weapon if they believe the potential victim may be armed.

<u>Type of Crime</u>	<u>% Higher in restrictive states</u>
Robbery	105%
Murder	86%
Assault	82%
Violent Crime	81%
Auto Theft	60%
Rape	25%

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