



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS DIRECTORY

**Station:** CERRITOS

**City:** CERRITOS

**Program Title:** AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AFIS)

**Category:** PUBLIC SAFETY

**Cost:** \$0.00

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**Collaborative Group:**

**Target Group:**

**Synopsis:** In 2001, the city of Cerritos wanted to provide an increased level of service to more rapidly identify all latent fingerprints left at property crime scenes. To that end, the City contracted for its own full-time Forensic Identification Specialist II (FIS II) to be assigned to Cerritos Station and funded its own autonomous Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) worksite. Latent fingerprints are lifted by trained Law Enforcement Technicians and certified City Community Safety Officers. The program has been so successful that the surrounding cities are entering into agreements with the City of Cerritos to coordinate the contracting of retired Sheriff's Department FIS II technicians to assist in expanding AFIS data entry and identity certifications.



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**Station:** CERRITOS

**City:** CERRITOS

**Program Title:** COMMERCIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAM

**Category:** PUBLIC SAFETY

**Cost:** \$0.00

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**Collaborative Group:**

**Target Group:**

**Synopsis:** Cerritos Station staffs a Commercial Area Law Enforcement Team, which patrols the Los Cerritos Center and several other major shopping areas within the city of Cerritos. The team is overseen by a lieutenant, sergeant, and functionally directed by a Team Leader Deputy. Several other deputies are assigned to special vehicle and foot patrols relative to peak shopping times. The program enables the assigned deputies to become familiar with both the merchants themselves, as well as with the different types of problems associated with the large retail centers. Team deputies interact with merchants on a personal basis so as to better determine the types of law enforcement attention needed to deal with specific problems at the Center.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS DIRECTORY

**Station:** CERRITOS

**City:** CERRITOS

**Program Title:** COMMUNITY SAFETY CENTER-LOS CERRITOS CENTER MALL

**Category:** PUBLIC SAFETY

**Cost:** \$0.00

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**Collaborative Group:**

**Target Group:**

**Synopsis:** The Cerritos Sheriff Community Safety Center is located at Los Cerritos Center in the corridor between Robinson's-May and Red Robin Restaurant. The 1,200-square-foot space includes a front lobby/reception area, an office for assigned mall deputies and a meeting room. Crime prevention materials and other information about City services, rules and ordinances are available. A "kidprint" service is also offered, which provides parents with a copy of their child's fingerprints for safekeeping in the event of a future emergency or criminal incident. Operating hours for the center are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. With approximately 30,000 to 50,000 shoppers per day and more than 7 million vehicles accessing the center per year, the Los Cerritos Center greatly benefits from the new in-house safety center.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS DIRECTORY

**Station:** CERRITOS

**City:** CERRITOS

**Program Title:** NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

**Category:** VOLUNTEER

**Cost:** \$0.00

**Contact Person:** CRIME PREVENTIOIN STAFF

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**Collaborative Group:**

**Target Group:**

**Synopsis:** Neighborhood Watch in Cerritos is a joint effort by community members and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center to fight crime, protect property and ensure safe neighborhoods. Because of this cooperative effort, Neighborhood Watch has proven instrumental in the prevention and control of residential related crimes. Ideal Neighborhood Watch groups are typically small, usually 15 to 20 households, to simplify communication and enforcement among participants.

Participants will receive Neighborhood Watch signs to post to let potential criminals know that others are watching out for your home. Also, six times a year, participants in Neighborhood Watch will receive a copy of the "Watch Report," a newsletter produced by the City that gives you crime prevention tips and specific information about criminal activities in your area.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS DIRECTORY

**Station:** CERRITOS

**City:** CERRITOS

**Program Title:** VIRTUAL BLOCK CLUB

**Category:** COMMUNITY WATCH

**Cost:** \$0.00

**Contact Person:** CRIME PREVENTION STAFF

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**Collaborative Group:**

**Target Group:**

**Synopsis:** Reducing crime is not just law enforcement's business, it's everyone's business. For the past 30 years, communities across America have discovered that neighborhood crime reduction is best achieved through the constant sharing of information between the community and their police. To that end, the residents of Cerritos and the Sheriff's Department have joined together to form the Virtual Block Club (VBC). If you are concerned about neighborhood safety, have Internet access in your home or business, and are willing to receive and share crime and safety information, join the VBC.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS DIRECTORY

**Station:** CERRITOS

**City:** CERRITOS

**Program Title:** VOLUNTEERS ON PATROL

**Category:** VOLUNTEER

**Cost:** \$0.00

**Contact Person:** CRIME PREVENTION STAFF

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**Collaborative Group:**

**Target Group:**

**Synopsis:** Volunteers from the community are recruited and trained to assist station personnel in a variety of jobs, including traffic control, vacation checks, graffiti watch patrols, school security checks, park patrols and special event security. The mission of the Volunteer Program is to assist the community by identifying threats or hazards to the community, notifying the proper authorities if a problem is observed and assisting as needed in various other activities. Volunteers also patrol station areas and act as eyes and ears for the patrol deputies, reporting on suspicious activity in their city.