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## “Sexual Predator Awareness Training” Offers Vital Info On Keeping Kids Safe

*NJ State Parole Board partners with NJ Association of School Resource Officers,  
Cumberland Prosecutor, Cumberland Regional High School to Educate Teachers, Parents*

SEABROOK – Know the people your children spend time with. Listen to your children; pay attention if they don't want to be with someone, or if there is a subtle change in your child's behavior. Monitor your children's Internet use, and educate yourself about cellphones, gaming consoles and other avenues to use the Internet.

Parole officers from the State Parole Board's Sex Offender Management Unit today provided these and other important safety tips during a “Sexual Predator Awareness Training” seminar for teachers, school professionals and parents at Cumberland Regional High School.

The seminar was provided through Parole's partnership with the New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers (NJASRO) and the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office. It was the second in a series of such presentations the State Parole Board and NJASRO will offer at schools across New Jersey.

The above tips and other useful information for parents can be found in these free, downloadable flyers from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) website:

- **KNOW THE RULES: General Tips** For Parents and Guardians To Help Keep Their Children Safer  
( [http://www.missingkids.com/en\\_US/publications/NC60.pdf](http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/publications/NC60.pdf) )
- **KNOW THE RULES: Internet Safety Quiz** for Adults  
( [http://www.missingkids.com/en\\_US/publications/InternetSafetyQuiz.pdf](http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/publications/InternetSafetyQuiz.pdf) )
- For **Detailed Internet Tips**, parents can ask questions and receive guidance customized to their situation at [www.NetSmartz411.org](http://www.NetSmartz411.org)

The “Sexual Predator Awareness Training” curriculum includes information gathered by New Jersey's parole officers, with nationwide information from the FBI, NCMEC and other expert agencies.

Chairman Yolette C. Ross of the State Parole Board said, “New Jersey's parole officers use the best available practices, including GPS tracking and polygraph testing, to supervise convicted sex offenders and fulfill one of the most challenging law enforcement assignments in America. We are

proud to work with the New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers and Cumberland Regional High School to arm teachers and parents with the best available education and awareness.”

NJASRO President and Saddle River Detective Tim Gerity said, “From leadership on homeland security, street gang awareness and the dangers of sexual predators, the New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers is committed to the safety of schools and children. Our partnership with the State Parole Board will help raise awareness of this important topic throughout New Jersey.”

Cumberland County Prosecutor Jennifer Webb-McRae said, “Our commitment to enforcing Megan’s Law and promoting the safety of Cumberland County’s children requires partnership and collaboration at all levels including the family level. As a parent and a law enforcement leader I believe it is important to empower every resident with the information needed to prevent crimes and help keep children safe.”

Cumberland Regional High School Superintendent William J. Stonis said, “We are proud to work with the State Parole Board and NJ School Resource Officers Association to promote a clear and sober understanding of the ways parents and teachers can communicate with each other and with children, to help keep them safe. Safety and security is one of the four goals the Board of Education has established for the district. The Board of Education believes this is an important part of our dedication to promote our students’ safety, well-being and ultimate success.”

The presentation was given by State Parole Board Captain Anne McGrath and Captain Steven Tallard, who jointly head the State Parole Board’s Sex Offender Management Unit. The training included:

- Actual case studies that illustrate how sexual predators seek victims. This includes the unexpected ways some offenders have succeeded in tracking and luring victims via the Internet, as well as the dangers of sexual abuse by the relatives of young children, and the use of date rape drugs and other forms of sexual coercion to which teenagers may fall victim
- Statistics and clinical data to dispel myths about sex offenders, and provide a real picture of the risks, sexual predators’ typical offense cycle, the most common relationships of abusers to children, and the ways abusers groom children
- Important advice for parents and teachers related to Internet safety, safety at parties, safety with strangers and safety with family members. (See the attached fact sheet for additional materials for parents).

Under State law, the vast majority of new sex crimes result in lifetime supervision by the New Jersey State Parole Board. As a result, the agency’s caseload of more than 5,600 sex offenders is one of the largest in America. The agency uses the Containment Approach for sex offender supervision, a model based on nationwide research and best practices. The Containment Approach includes intensive parole supervision and intelligence sharing with partner law enforcement agencies on the federal, state and local levels. It includes sex offender-specific counseling treatment, and close collaboration with qualified therapists. It includes round-the-clock GPS monitoring of New Jersey’s highest-risk sex offenders, letting officers track and record their every movement. It also includes polygraph testing, which helps parole officers detect problem behaviors and intensify their supervision as appropriate

*(more)*

The New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers (NJASRO) is a membership network of law enforcement officers, school administrators, and school security/safety professionals throughout the great state of New Jersey. With more and more focus on homeland security, school resource officers are an important element to school safety, and are role models for our children. NJASRO is rapidly growing as school based policing has become the fastest growing area of law enforcement.

The Cumberland County Prosecutor's office is the chief law enforcement agency in the county. It is the mission of the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office to create and preserve an environment of safety and security for the citizens of Cumberland County. The Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office is committed to a standard of excellence in providing our citizens with effective and efficient investigation and prosecution of crime and innovative leadership for law enforcement. The agency's goal is to enhance the quality of life in our community while continuously improving service to the community.

Cumberland Regional High School – as a center of educational resources and in accordance with the NJ Core Content Standards – develops students to their fullest academic potential by providing multiple opportunities for all students to become life-long learners and responsible citizens, and by inspiring and encouraging the combined efforts of students, staff, family, and community.

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is New Jersey's lead reentry agency, and works to ensure ex-prisoners return to society as law-abiding citizens. As required by law, appointed Parole Board Members and staff conduct approximately 20,000 hearings per year, solicit input from victims and decide parole matters. SPB's sworn parole officers supervise more than 16,000 offenders statewide. In addition, SPB is New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. SPB officers are also active partners with multiple Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit and private agencies to connect ex-prisoners with vocational, mental health and related services, targeted to break the cycle and risk of crime.

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**SEXUAL PREDATOR AWARENESS:  
SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS**

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- Basic **Internet Safety Tips**, including clear and simple **rules** parents can provide for their kids: [www.NetSmartz.org](http://www.NetSmartz.org)
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**Recursos en Español**

- **CONOSCA LAS REGLAS:** Consejos Generales Para Los Padres, Abuelos Y Guardianes Para Ayudar A Sus Hijos: [http://www.missingkids.com/en\\_US/publications/NC138.pdf](http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/publications/NC138.pdf)
- **CONOSCA LAS REGLAS:** Cuestionario Para Adultos Sobre Seguridad En Internet: [http://www.missingkids.com/en\\_US/publications/InternetSafetyQuiz\\_S.pdf](http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/publications/InternetSafetyQuiz_S.pdf)
- **Sometala preguntas** sobre **seguridad en Internet** a expertos quien hablan Español: [www.NetSmartz411.org](http://www.NetSmartz411.org)

