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SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION: TIPS FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION

By Warren Johnson, Crime Manager Southwestern Police Station

Crime prevention is not the sole responsibility of law enforcement officers. Citizens can play a vital role in curbing the crime rate. Three members of the South Bahamas Conference braved the dark watches of the night as they patrolled

with officers last evening. Elder Kenny Deveaux, Family Life and Stewardship Director of the conference, was accompanied by Elders Rolle and Neilly of the Good News Seventh-day Adventist Church. The team led by Inspector Warren Johnson, Crime Manager of the Southwestern Police Station travelled the byways and assured citizens of their commitment to dent the proliferation of illegal activities. We applaud these three members of our conference for not only praying for our of-

ficers but for demonstrating their faith for a better Bahamas.

The following article was written by Inspector Johnson. Take careful note of the tips for conflict resolution.

Public Safety involves a partnership. I invite you to partner with your Police Officers. When the citizens and police officers know and trust one another, they become unified in their approach to crime. With your help, we can build on the benefits that have already been provided by the neigh-

borhood walks, advisory councils, neighborhood watches and police stations that are in your area.



FAMILY FIRST Establish curfew times for children. Instill good morals and values. Be a role model (caring, loving, providing parent). If you need parental assistance call on Social Services or the Police for help. Report Crimes to the Police. (crimes that have already occurred, no threat of danger). Report Emergency (crimes in progress) 911 or 919. Be the eyes and ears in our community.

BUSINESSES: Offer Employee Assistance Program. Give time off to take care of children (school functions etc.). Offer daycare subsidies.

FATHERS You can be an active father even if you don't live with your children

TIPS ON MANAGING CONFLICT Understand your own feelings about conflict; get help if you need it. Practice active listening. Generate options for resolving conflict. Try to move away

from confrontation and toward agreement. Voice your needs and define the problem. Discuss various ways of solving the problem together.

MEDIA Encourage your children not to watch television shows that contain violence and show victimization. Encourage/Teach them to resolve conflicts amicably. Model for them strategies in conflict resolution. Avoid watching details of murders and resist the attraction to sensationalize violence. Balance negative images with those that highlight positive efforts in communities, such as effective neighborhood watches. Help promote forums that encourage participation in violence prevention efforts. Choose age appropriate movies and videos for your children.

FAITH BASED ORGANIZATIONS- Ways to get involved

Does your congregation provide community-oriented services to the surrounding community and families? Does your congregation reach out to the homeless and poor? Does your congregation provide youth mentoring programs to stress values and personal responsibility? Does your congregation offer summer youth programs and/or after school programs? Does your congregation have areas of expertise? Example: in the area of teen pregnancy, child abuse, domestic violence, dropout prevention, drug abuse prevention Do they offer programs in counseling?

FAMILY Give family support — provide love and support for your children. Create positive family communication - teach your children to communicate with you honestly

so they will seek advice from you when needed. Identify trusted adults with whom your children can communicate openly (grandparents, clergy, police, etc.) Encourage your children to become involved in the community. Set family boundaries with clear rules and consequences; monitor your children's whereabouts. Ensure your children have positive peer influence — know their friends and their friends' parents. Get your children involved in creative activities such as sports, clubs and school functions. Ensure your children are supervised at all times, even when they are not with you. Encourage your children to be honest and tell the truth even when it is not easy, reward and punish appropriately. Teach your children to plan ahead and make good choices. Teach your children resistance skills-resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations. Monitor and establish computer time and content while being used by your child.

Teach your children personal power — that they have control over the things that happen to them. Teach your children peaceful conflict resolution — to resolve conflicts non violently. Listen to your children; sympathize and try not to blame. Show children how to settle arguments or solve problems by using words or actions that don't hurt others. Set the example by the way you handle everyday conflicts in the family, at work and in the neighborhood. Don't forget that common courtesies like "please," "thank you," "I am sorry" and "excuse me" help ease tensions that can lead to violence.

COMMUNITY TIPS: Join a Neighborhood Watch Program. Attend your meet-

ings. Neighbors can be taught to recognize early signs of family violence, abuse and neglect. Look for early intervention and support programs that address your specific needs. Make the neighborhood safer by reporting broken street lights, cleaning up parks and vacant lots. Help out a friend or coworker who has been the victim of a crime by cooking a meal, baby-sitting or call victim services or a crisis hotline for them.

Help prevent quarrels between children or teenagers that turn violent. Encourage neighbors or friends to safely dispose of unwanted weapons. Talk to your neighbors about practices that can deter violence. in your neighborhood. Help identify positive ways for children to spend their time and energy after school. Report all suspicious activities to the police.

SCHOOLS: Become active at your children's school/s. Ensure your child's school provides a caring, encouraging environment. Ask your schools about offering programs that teach civic participation, anti-bullying programs and policies that support community service. Ask your schools about providing quality educational programs for students suspended or expelled from regular school and encourage positive activities to keep suspended children off the street.



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WATCH US TODAY WITH YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY

There is Hope In King Jesus

Everyone is invited to attend the nearest Seventh-day Adventist Church this Saturday. Sabbath School Starts at 9:15 a.m. Divine service begins at 11 a.m. For the church listing call the Conference office at 341-4021, or visit the website www.bahamasconference.org. Come and see what blessings the Lord has in store for you.

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