

## PAC MEETING INFORMATION

The PAC meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 was an informative meeting on sexual predators in Cecil County. The Presentation was called "Who is watching our children?" presented by Detective Mike Cunningham. Keeping our children safe starts at home, knowing who your child is talking to, who their friends are and where they go when they leave the house are a few suggestions that have proven beneficial in keeping our children safe. There are 139 registered sex offenders in Cecil County and 5,000 in the state of Maryland. Statistics show that our children have or will come in contact with a sexual predator at least once in their life time, possibly in a store, restaurant, or shopping mall. Remind your children that sexual predators look like everyone else. They don't look scary or mean. The predator knows how to appear inviting and appealing to the child. They know how to get your child's personality, grades, and behavior. Take notice to any adult persons showing too much interest in your child, through purchasing gifts for them, overly affectionate physical contact and repeated compliments can all be signs that an inappropriate interest in your child has or is developing. Anything unusual or out of the ordinary should not be ignored.

Unfortunately, in most cases the sexual predator is someone the child knows, or is even a relative. Detective Mike Cunningham's full time responsibility is manage the 139 registered sex offenders in Cecil County. He dedicates all of his time to verifying work locations, residence and social settings of the offender. Friends of the offender are also listed for verification purposes. Cecil County has **ZERO TOLERANCE** for this type of crime. The Sexual Offenders Registry Program managed by Detective Mike Cunningham has been given A+ rating, and has been chosen by other states to use. There are several websites available, some that include pictures of the predators, their address and places of employment so that we the public can know where they are at all times.

Information provided by Charlotte Racine, CCST PAC Representative

For more information, visit the websites listed below.

### **Sex Offender Registry/Detective Mike Cunningham**

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### **Find Sex Offenders at:**

[www.CecilCountySheriff.org](http://www.CecilCountySheriff.org)

[www.nsopr.gov/](http://www.nsopr.gov/)

[www.socem.info](http://www.socem.info)

[www.dpscs.state.md.us](http://www.dpscs.state.md.us)

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