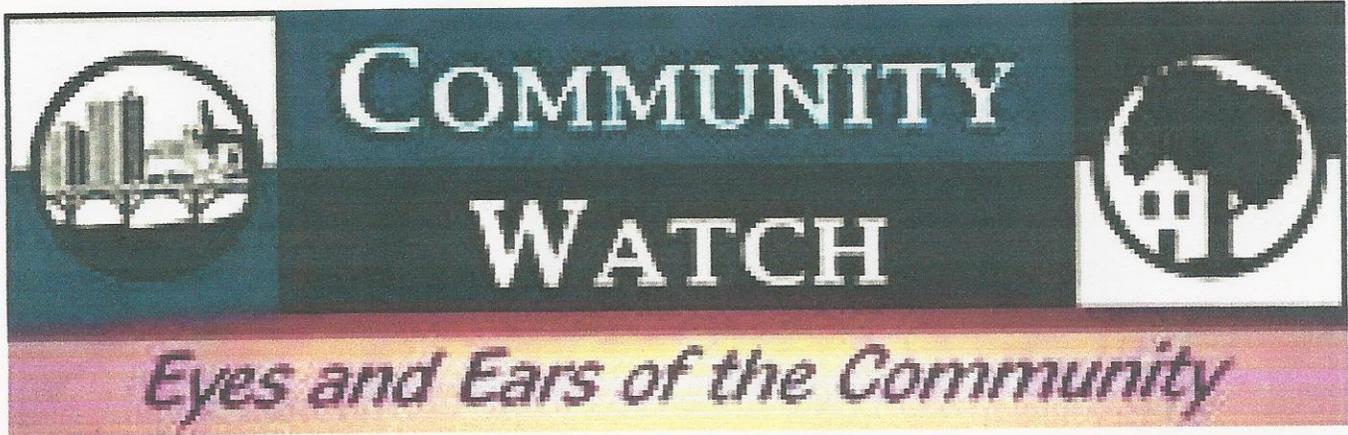


EDISON



“Community is not just about ME it’s about US”

DATE: Tuesday, June 4, 2014

TIME: 6:30PM

PLACE: Edison School, 7025 Madison

GUESTS: Tom Branson, *Lake County Sheriff Dept*

Project Director Violence Intervention Program

Sgt. John Muta, *Hammond Police Dept*

WARNING SIGNS YOUR CHILD MAY BE INVOLVED IN A GANG

- Shows an unusual interest in one or two particular **COLORS** of clothing or a particular **LOGO**
- Has an unusual interest in gangster-influenced music, videos, movies or websites
- Uses unusual hand **SIGNALS** to communicate with friends
- Has specific drawings or gang symbols on school books, clothes, walls, or tattoos
- Has unexplained physical **INJURIES** (fighting –related bruises, injuries to hand/knuckles)
- Has unexplained **CASH** or goods – such as clothing or jewelry
- Carries a weapon
- Has been in trouble with the police
- Exhibits negative changes in **BEHAVIOR** such as: Withdrawing from family, declining behavior, staying out late without reason, displaying an unusual desire for secrecy, exhibiting signs of drug use, breaking rules and speaking in gang-style slang or language.

WHAT PARENTS/RESIDENTS CAN DO TO PREVENT GANG INVOLVEMENT

- Spend quality-time with your child
- Get involved in your child’s **SCHOOL** activities
- Be a positive **ROLE MODES** and set the **RIGHT** example
- Know your child’s friends and their families
- Encourage good study habits
- Teach your Child how to cope with **PEER PRESSURE**
- Help your child develop good conflict/resolution skills: go to ww.safeyouth.org/scripts/teens/conflict.asp
- Encourage your child to participate in positive after-school activities with **ADULT** supervision
- Take action in your neighborhood. Create a neighborhood alliance, report graffiti (853-6410)
- Talk with your child about the dangers and consequences of gang involvement. Let your child know that you don’t want to see them hurt or arrested. Explain to your child that he or she should **NOT**: associate with **GANG MEMBERS**, attend parties or social events sponsored by **GANGS**, use hand **SIGNS/SYMBOLS/LANGUAGE** that is meaningful to gangs, wear clothing including specific colors – which may have **MEANING** to gangs in your area

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NOTE: Our June 4th meeting is **TUESDAY** not Wednesday