

Police, schools, parents and the community: Working together to make a difference

Students:

- Settle arguments with words, not fists or weapons. If you don't know how, learn how.
- Tell a teacher, parent or trusted adult if you're worried about a bully, threats or violence by another student.
- Learn safe routes for traveling to and from school and stick to them. Know good places to seek help.
- Don't use alcohol or other drugs, and stay away from places and people associated with them.

Parents:

- Set clear rules about acceptable activities, in advance.
- Ask your children about what goes on during their day. Listen to what they say and take their concerns and worries seriously.
- Emphasize and build on your children's strengths.
- Help your children learn non-violent ways to handle frustration, anger and conflict.

Schools:

- Encourage students to talk about concerns regarding activities in their school.
- If a student makes a threat of violence, take him or her seriously. Address the problem immediately and act to prevent a potential conflict.
- Work with students, parents, law enforcement, local government, and community-based groups to develop community-wide crime prevention efforts.

Community:

- Respect for people and property.
- Be aware of what is happening in your neighborhood. If it does not "look right" to you....Call the Police.
- Promote a good neighbor attitude throughout.

Police:

- Specific training and Police Department involvement in problem identification and resolution.
- Providing enforcement and maintaining social order while absolutely respecting human rights.
- Working with all citizens of the City of Belle Plaine to promote a safe community.