The entire senior population in Mesa is pleased to have a crime prevention officer who is directly involved in promoting senior safety as well as stopping elder abuse. The Mesa Police Department takes a leading role in the prevention of elder abuse, working to identify safety issues, and developing programs to assist the elderly.

The Neighborhood Watch program is one of the largest in the State of Arizona. With an average of 700 Neighborhood Watch organizations, and nearly 1,400 block leaders, Mesa’s successful Neighborhood Watch program is used as an example across the nation. Many Neighborhood Watch areas also utilize CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) suggestions to improve their communities.

**CPTED**

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, or CPTED (pronounced sep-ted), is a program that is well underway in not only businesses, but in communities, parks, and facilities around the City. The program includes a security assessment of the area, suggestions on improving the safety through environmental design techniques (both to the inside and outside of the property), and a walk-through to pinpoint specific target areas to address.

**Crime Prevention Officers**

Central Station  
480-644-2033

Red Mountain Station  
480-644-3921

Fiesta Station  
480-644-2539

Superstition Station  
480-644-5014

Mesa Police Department  
www.mesaaz.gov/police
The Mesa Police Department has five crime prevention officers, one stationed at each police substation. The crime prevention officers are certified International Crime Prevention Specialists and are CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) trained.

Crime prevention officers are here to help communities establish active Neighborhood Watch programs, assist businesses and homeowners with preventing crime, and work with the Community Action Teams to address neighborhood issues and facilitate problem-solving methods. All are highly trained in specific areas of crime prevention, including personal safety, senior safety, workplace violence prevention, and identity theft, just to name a few.

The crime prevention officers are often present at safety fairs, special events and other functions to provide information on how to be safe.

Crime prevention officers are also available to speak with you about any concerns you may have regarding crime prevention or neighborhood problems.

We encourage all businesses, employees, and residents to take advantage of the many crime prevention programs offered. To read more about our programs, please go to the Web: www.cityofmesa.org/police/crime_prevention/default.aspx.

**Programs**

All program presentations offered are available to organizations conducting meetings in Mesa, free of charge. A minimum of three weeks notice is required when requesting a presentation.

The following are the more popular presentations are available to organizations, businesses or groups:

- Senior Safety
- Workplace Violence Prevention
- Identity Theft

- Personal Safety
- Cons and Frauds
- Holiday Safety
- Armed Robbery/Shoplifting Prevention
- Youth Safety
- Internet Safety for Adults, Teens and Children
- Home & Vehicle Security
- plus many more!

**Available Literature**

There are over 65 brochures available for you and your organization. Some of the topics addressed in the brochures include home and vehicle security, protecting your children, protecting yourself from violence, different kinds of frauds, and drugs.

For a complete list of available brochures, please visit the Web at www.mesaaz.gov/police.