

Christiansburg Police Crime Prevention Unit

The Christiansburg Police Department participates in the following programs:

*All programs are **free**.

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| 1. Avoid Scams Training | 19. HEAT Program |
| 2. Bank Robbery Training | 20. Home Assessments |
| 3. Child Is Missing | 21. ID Theft training |
| 4. Bike Registration | 22. Internet Safety Training |
| 5. Bike Rodeo | 23. Investment Fraud Training |
| 6. Business Assessments | 24. Locator Program |
| 7. Care Fair | 25. Lock Box Program |
| 8. Car Fit Program | 26. Neighborhood Watch |
| 9. CERT Program | 27. Personal Safety training |
| 10. Child Safety Seat
Installation | 28. Refuse to be a Victim Training |
| 11. Citizens Police Academy | 29. Santa and the Blue Elves |
| 12. Citizen Support Group | 30. Teen Police Academy |
| 13. Crime Analysis Info | 31. TRIAD |
| 14. Crime Prevention
Community | 32. Shred-A-Thon |
| 15. DARE | 33. Project Lifesaver |
| 16. Fall Festival | 34. 911 Cell Phone Bank |
| 17. Kids' Fingerprinting | |
| 18. Gun Locks | |

1. Avoid Scams Training-

The Christiansburg Police Department gives presentations on how to avoid scams.

2. Bank Robbery Training-

On request, the Christiansburg Police Department gives presentations to banks on what to do during a bank robbery.

3. A Child Is Missing-

This program is designed to help locate a missing child or senior. When activated, it will make phone calls to area homes and businesses.

4. Bike Registration-

Citizens may register their bikes at the Police Department or events like the Bike Rodeo. This registration list is kept to match information on found bikes.

5. Bike Rodeo-

Christiansburg bicycle officers teach children bike safety and test their riding skills.

6. Business Assessments-

The Christiansburg Police Department will assess safety issues for businesses upon request.

7. Care Fair-

The Christiansburg Police Department and the Recreation Center host the Care Fair, which is designed to give seniors information about a variety of topics, like health and safety.

8. Car Fit Program-

The Car Fit program allows seniors to have their vehicle fitted properly and learn the location of their vehicle's emergency equipment.

9. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program-

CERT is a national training program for disaster response. The Christiansburg Police Department assists with training citizens and also holds a place on the board.

10. Child Safety Seat Installation-

Christiansburg Police officers are certified to install car seats. Citizens may come by the Police Department to have car seats installed.

11. Citizens Police Academy-

The Christiansburg Police Department organizes a ten-week program for citizens to learn about the daily activities of a police officer.

12. Citizen Support Group-

The Citizen Support Group supports the Police Department with a goal to act as a liaison between the Police Department and Christiansburg citizens. Monthly meetings are held to discuss complaints and concerns from the community. A Christiansburg officer attends each meeting and forwards the information to the Chief of Police.

13. Crime Analysis Information-

Information about different crimes is posted in the newspaper each week. Crime information is given to Neighborhood Watch groups.

14. Crime Prevention Community-

The purpose of this program is to recognize localities that have implemented a defined set of community safety strategies as part of a comprehensive community safety/crime prevention effort. The certification comes from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

15. DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)-

A Christiansburg police officer teaches this program to 5th graders at Falling Branch School.

16. Fall Festival-

The Fall Festival is held once a year at the NRV Mall. Kids can come and interact with police officers.

17. Kids' Fingerprinting-

The Christiansburg Police Department offers digital or ink fingerprinting to kids. Parents can make an appointment for fingerprinting to be done at the police department. The Christiansburg Police Department also provides child fingerprinting at special events.

18. Gun Locks-

The Christiansburg Police Department provides free gun locks and gun safety information to anyone who needs it.

19. HEAT (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) Program-

The Christiansburg Police Department assists the State Police with advertisements and education about recovering stolen vehicles.

20. Home Assessments-

Citizens may request that an officer assess their home to make safety recommendations.

21. ID Theft Training-

Upon request, the Christiansburg Police Department will provide a presentation that gives tips on identity theft protection.

22. Internet Safety Training-

The Christiansburg Police Department offers presentations on internet safety upon request.

23. Investment Fraud Training-

Upon request, the Christiansburg Police Department teaches citizens how to protect their investments from scams.

24. Locator Program-

The Christiansburg Police uses the Locator Program as a resource to find missing children in our area.

25. Lock Box Program-

The Lock Box program is aimed toward seniors that live alone and have a medical condition. The Christiansburg Police Department places a lock box with a key to the senior's house near the front door. In case of an emergency, if the senior can reach the box, 911 will alert officers and give them the code to the door. This way, officers can respond to the emergency without breaking a window or door.

26. Neighborhood Watch Program-

This program is offered to communities that would like to have a Neighborhood Watch program in their area. There are currently seven active Neighborhood Watches in the town of Christiansburg.

27. Personal Safety Training-

This training educates citizens how to protect themselves from criminals. The Christiansburg Police Department explains what to look for and how to respond to something suspicious. This training is available upon request.

28. Refuse to be a Victim-

The Christiansburg Police Department supplies training on how to be safe in your home, as well as outside of home. This training is provided upon request.

29. Santa and the Blue Elves-

The Christiansburg Police Department teams up with Walmart and Social Services to buy gifts for underprivileged children. The Police Department delivers the gifts on Christmas Eve.

30. Teen Police Academy-

The Christiansburg Police Department and the Recreation Center host a week-long academy for high school students once a year. The students learn about the day-to-day activities of police officers.

31. TRIAD-

TRIAD is a crime prevention program that focuses on crime reduction against senior citizens. Law enforcement and senior citizens meet once a month and provide information to other senior organizations about crimes targeted toward their peer group.

32. Shred-A-Thon-

This program, sponsored by TRIAD, allows citizens to bring old documents to be shredded for free. This encourages citizens to protect themselves from identity theft.

33. Project Lifesaver-

Project Lifesaver is a program that helps locate seniors with Alzheimer's disease and/or children with mental conditions who may wander.

34. 911 Cell Phone Bank-

This program, run by the Christiansburg Police Department, collects old cell phones and has them refurbished to give to domestic violence victims or seniors that might need emergency services. The phone can only dial 911.