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Sheriff's Office Offers Internet Safety Class

The next *Parent University* workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the Sheriff's Office Training Center, 215 SW Adams Avenue, in Hillsboro. The topic is *"INTERNET SAFETY"* which will focus on information and tools to assist parents to effectively supervise their children's online experiences and better protect them from victimization that begins in cyberspace.

This month's workshop will also offer a unique opportunity to hear from Sheriff's Office Detective Gary Wright who is currently serving with a regional law enforcement task force called INTERCEPT. INTERCEPT stands for Interagency Child Exploitation Prevention Team and consists of members of Washington, Multnomah, & Clackamas County Sheriff's Offices, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Oregon Department of Justice. Detective Wright works with other members of INTERCEPT to identify, apprehend, and prosecute sex offenders who seek to sexually exploit children. His experience as an investigator will be invaluable to parents to understand the dangers of the internet as well as how to protect children more effectively.

As with any other type of child victimization and exploitation, parents and other caring adults must educate themselves and become more proactive in protecting children from these criminals. Last fall, the Washington County Sheriff's Office launched *Parent University* to teach parents about potential risks and threats to the well-being of children, as well as highlight prevention strategies that can help keep children safer.

Parent University is free to the public but is only designed for adults. The training topics are not appropriate for children and childcare will **not** be provided so participants are asked to make separate childcare arrangements. To learn more about Parent U, [click here](#).

Registration is not required but encouraged! To register, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Julie McCloud at 503-846-2585 or by email at: julie_mccloud@co.washington.or.us.

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