

Crime Prevention

1. The Fort Bragg Crime Prevention Section leads the Provost Marshal Office's fight to **prevent crime and educate the children** of the Fort Bragg Community in drug abuse prevention and safety. These soldiers normally conduct more than 130 Crime Prevention Briefs each year to unit commanders, soldiers, and family members. The Crime Prevention Section maintains the Fort Bragg Military Police statistical database, to help Fort Bragg bring down crime by watching for crime trends and using this information to develop future courses of action for the safety of soldiers and civilians on Fort Bragg. The Crime Prevention Section also provides the D.A.R.E. Program to over 6,000 students in seven elementary schools, one middle school, and one junior high. This section performs numerous McGruff appearances, including off-post appearances in conjunction with civilian law enforcement agencies.



2. The Crime Prevention Section offers your unit a variety of **classes and briefings**. Topics include home, vehicle, and personal safety and security; child safety; community watch; weapon safety; drunk-driving prevention; and holiday safety. These classes can be tailored for time and content to meet your specific needs. The Provost Marshal Office has also published a Crime Prevention Handbook for parents. The handbook includes information on personal, home, and automobile safety. Copies of the handbook are available at the Crime Prevention Office.

3. Every person has the ability to decrease the potential for becoming victimized. Recording serial numbers of property increases the chance that the property will eventually be recovered if it is stolen. You can help your soldiers in this effort by ensuring they complete and update periodically [Fort Bragg Form 4986](#) (Personal Property Record) for their high value items and car stereo equipment. This will aid the investigators in locating and recovering stolen property and assist soldiers with insurance claims.

4. In an effort to reduce parking lot larcenies, soldiers are prohibited from storing TA-50 and valuable items in their POV IAW [Fort Bragg Policy Letter #12](#).

5. Each year 6,000 school children on Fort Bragg will benefit from **D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)**, the highly acclaimed program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, or violence. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teach children from 1st through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug- and violence-free lives. The program, which initially focused on elementary school children, has now been expanded to include middle school and high school programs.

6. **McGruff the Crime Dog** is available for appearances for children's programs, at your unit organizational days, housing area events, etc. McGruff is the national symbol of crime prevention and personal safety. He will hand out various gifts for the children.



7. **Bike rodeos** are conducted for housing areas, schools, and other groups who request them. A bike rodeo consists of a bicycle safety class and an obstacle/skills course which are geared toward youth ages 5-13. Bicycle registration and inspection are also conducted at the bike rodeo. The best time for bike rodeos is early spring through summer in conjunction with community activities. A two-week notice is needed.

8. **Operation Identification** is a valuable crime prevention tool. The section has an engraver for soldiers and their family members to use to engrave their high value items with a serial number or other information. This aids in the return of recovered items and helps in insurance claims. The engraver can be signed out from the office for a 24-hour period. Call ahead to check on its availability. Personal Property Record and instructions for listing personal property are at Appendix G.