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The Justice Coalition began in 1995 because one man's priorities were changed. Ted Hires was the average businessman working 60 to 80 hours a week and looking out for himself until that day when he and his staff were held at gunpoint and robbed. Being a victim of crime, Ted found the criminal justice system worked harder for the criminal than the victim. As a result of Ted's experience, he formed a (501C3) non-profit organization, the Justice Coalition, and is making an effort to change the Fourth Judicial court system for the better.

Since 1995, the Justice Coalition has been fighting crime every step of the way. Fugitives captured are through a partnership with local media and law enforcement agencies.

The Justice Coalition's

Victims' Advocate

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THE JUSTICE COALITION'S OBJECTIVES

- To be available for innocent victims of violent crime
- To educate the general public on criminal justice issues
- To be pro-active in the fight against crime

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type broadcast. Our Cable television show, Signal 94, is going to be re-broadcast on our website each week, in case you miss the show on Comcast during the week.

Just to recap some of the successes I mentioned earlier in this article:

- The Florida Crime Statistics from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for January – June of 2006 show a DECLINE in violent crime in Jacksonville of 2.5%. We accounted for 53.6% of the entire statewide declines in crime.*

- Operation Safe Streets, our JSO response to the community issue of murder and gun crime, has resulted in more than 14,000 POSITIVE citizen contacts, where we talk to people in their neighborhoods about issues of concern and how they can help the police by reporting crime, or joining in our efforts.

- Our Gun Bounty Program, part of OSS, kicked off in August and has already resulted in record numbers of calls to CrimeStoppers. When a citizen tip results in an illegal gun seizure or recovered weapon PLUS an arrest, the caller is eligible for a \$1000 Bounty payout. At the time of this writing, more than 11 individuals have collected on good tips.

- Our Operation Showdown, where we amplify enforcement in a specific neighborhood plagued by drugs, guns and prostitution, continues to show success – both during the police deployments and during the “maintenance,” when the neighborhoods work to help us keep tabs on “hot spots” and solve crime problems before they can escalate.

- Sheriff's Advisory Councils (ShAdCo), Neighborhood/Business/River Watch programs all continue to grow. This demonstrates citizens' willingness to get involved in their community and help us solve our public safety challenges, rather than being “armchair quarterbacks.” I appreciate those who want to be a part of the solution.

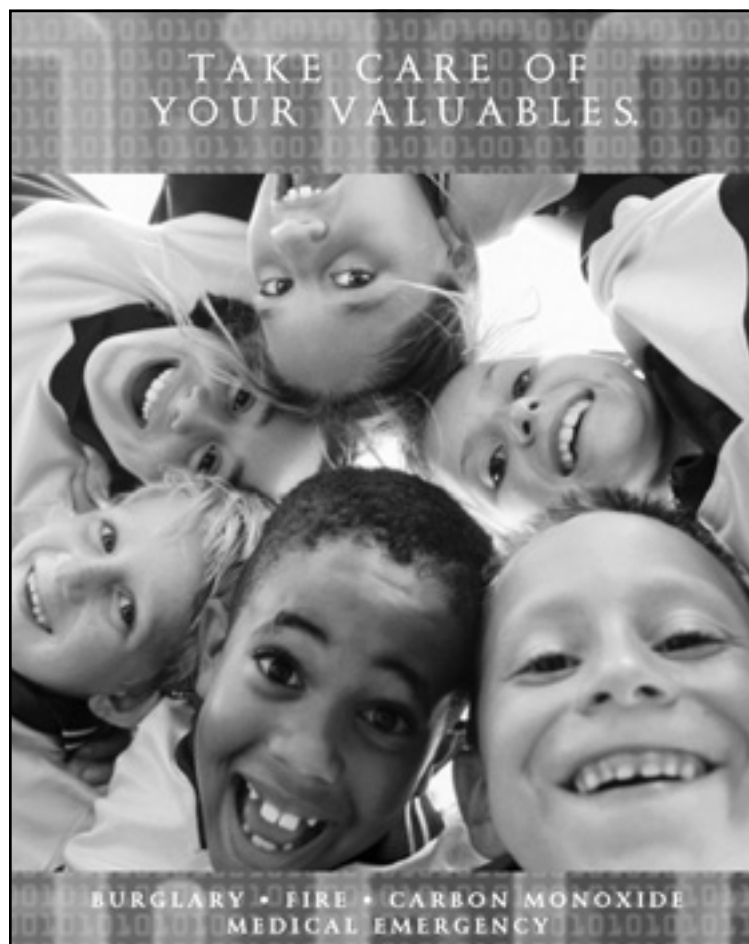
- The JSO Police Athletic League – we've expanded it into five locations – continues to be an innovator in crime prevention through the empowerment of children. Our programs, and the children we serve, continue to earn accolades as we set a new standard for intervention and prevention in this country.

- The Community Service Officers (CSOs) – what a great opportunity to launch a career in law enforcement for a young adult! On-the-job training with JSO, a salary, a vehicle while on duty - all while actively enrolled in college, with tuition paid! We're actively recruiting more of these invaluable “force multipliers.”

Good crime fighting begins with crime prevention, and crime prevention begins with our youth. This is the key to continuing the downward trend in gun crimes and murder in Jacksonville. In the coming months you'll hear a lot more, in detail, about how the men and women of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office are actively engaged in providing positive examples for our youth – and our prevention and intervention activities that are making a difference in the community.

Thank you for your continued support of our mission! As always, I value your feedback.

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