

ALTO AL CRIMEN



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Live Safe in Panama



Living Safe in Boquete

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How to volunteer

Or ask for a security audit

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**Why donate to the
charity of crime**



History of Community Action

2008 - 2010

- Too much crime against expats
- Every house got hit

History of Community Action

Fundacion Alto Al Crimen

- 2010 - Caesar Sherrard
- Founder
Fundacion Alto Al Crimen



In
Memorium
2024

History of Community Action

Fundacion Alto Al Crimen

- AAC - 2010 - 2019
- 2019 - RodneyDirect becomes its own business



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How much crime is there?

What kind of crimes

- Burglary
- Robbery
- Home invasion

What about the police?

Why don't **THEY** do something?

- Policia National
 - Policia municipal
 - DIJ - Like the FBI
 - Traficos
 - Lince - rapid response
 - Senafront - border
 - Senan - drugs

Who does the crime?

Who are the criminals?

- Local boys being stupid
- Relatives of housekeepers
- Construction workers and their friends
- Career criminals
- Gangs

What do the bad guys want?

- Gas tanks
- Cash
- Drugs
- Jewelry
- Computers
- Tools
- Food

What do they need to succeed?

- Knowledge
- Control
- Surprise

How Can We Protect Ourselves?

- Protect the community
- Protect your neighborhood
- Protect your home
- Protect yourself

Prevent Crime - Situational Awareness

Don't let people know what you have

- Workers
- Housekeepers
- Delivery people
- Pest control
- Neighbors

Prevent Crime - Situational Awareness

Where do they look?

- SAFES!
- In desk drawers and jewelry boxes
- Under your mattress
- In your sock drawer and underwear drawer
- In your toilet tanks
- In your refrigerator freezer
- Closets

Prevent Crime - Situational Awareness

Where to hide things

- Get a book on hiding things
- A hollow book in a bookshelf
- In a fake sewer cleanout
- The most important thing about hiding things is to remember where you put them.

Prevent Crime - Situational Awareness

When does crime happen the most?

- When you are not home
- Holidays and festivals
- Mostly at night

Prevent Crime - Situational Awareness

The bad guys need to be safe too.

- Breaking in is a high risk activity
- They must be able not only to get in but to get out
- They need to assess the probability of failure
- Your job is to reduce their probability of success

Prevent Crime

Situational Awareness

- Guard your perimeter
- Don't ever be surprised in your own home
- What about dogs?
- What about guns?

The 4 Step Strategy

- Deter
- Detect
- Disrupt
- Defend

Step 1 - Deterrence

Houses have attitude

- Command respect
- Visible warnings
 - Cameras
 - Fake TV
 - Signs
 - Fences
 - Dogs

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Proven methods for safety

Step 2 - Detect



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Step 3 - Disrupt

- Motion lights
- Alarms
- Boat horn
- What about dogs?



Proven methods for safety

Step 4 - Defend

- Escape
- Safe room
- But I have a gun!
- It never happens like you think it will
- Nothing you own is worth fighting for

Suggestions for Newcomers

- Renters consider changing the locks
 - Get a trusted locksmith or friend to install
- Become a member of RodneyDirect
- Be aware of the security of your rental
- House inspection
- Battery backup for your wifi/computer
- Know where your electric meter is
- Get to know your neighbors
- Barking dogs - yours or others

Suggestions for Newcomers

- **Drunk driving laws**
- Zero tolerance
- 0.01 is drunk
- The officer decides
- Getting a breathalyzer takes time

Getting help when you need it



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- More than just a helpline
- Anywhere in Panama
- Covers your guests
- Personal crisis management

Getting help when you need it

- Neighbors
- Ambulance
 - Daytime and night time
 - Paid and free
- Have a list of numbers to call

Working Together as a Community

Everyone needs to do something

- Neighborhood Watch
- Security audits
- Networking



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