



**CITIZEN SAFETY COALITION ON CRIME -
TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING
TENNESSEE SAFER.**

Tennessee is a wonderful place to live and work. However, like other states across America, crime threatens the safety of our neighborhoods and business districts.

We need your help in sending a strong message to our state lawmakers to strengthen Tennessee's crime laws, particularly those involving guns.

In preparation for the state's 106th General Assembly on Capitol Hill in Nashville, you are invited to attend the Citizen Safety Coalition's Forum on Crime.

**February 11, 2010
Jewish Community Center
6560 Poplar Avenue
7:00-8:30 P.M.**

At the forum, you'll hear from state legislators including Congressman Steve Cohen, State Representative John DeBerry, City of Memphis Mayor A C Wharton, Shelby County Mayor Joe Ford, Shelby County District Attorney General Bill Gibbons, Shelby County Sheriff Mark Luttrell, Memphis Police Director Larry Godwin and City of Memphis Council member Jim Strickland. There will also be presentations by families of crime victims.

Then, make plans to go with us to Nashville to personally educate lawmakers on the necessity for tougher laws. Buses will depart February 24th at 6:00 a.m. from the Jewish Community Center, 6560 Poplar and return the same evening.

For more info or to secure your seat, call Jeanne Moody at 901-527-2600!! Nothing is more important than your safety!

**OPERATION: SAFE COMMUNITY
2010 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Operation: Safe Community is a 5-year crime reduction initiative that, when fully implemented, will make Memphis and Shelby County one of the safest communities in the nation by the end of 2011.

When Operation: Safe Community was developed in 2006 the CQ Press crime rankings of 385 cities reported that Tennessee had four in the top 60; Memphis, Knoxville, Nashville and Chattanooga.

Despite some gains made during the last few legislative sessions, **Tennessee still has some of the weakest laws against gun violence and illegal possession of guns in the country.** As part of Strategies 3 and 4 of Operation: Safe Community, our legislative priorities are:

- 1. Enact tougher state legislation to reduce violent crimes committed with guns by:**
 - Enhancing sentences for aggravated robberies committed with a firearm,**
 - Enhancing the sentences for all violent crimes committed with guns, and**
 - Enhancing the sentences for crimes committed by three or more.**
- 2. Funding for more state prosecutors to enable more effective handling of cases involving serious and violent offenders.**

Together we are making Tennessee safer. If you would like to participate in the Citizen Safety Coalition please email Linda K. Miller at lmiller@memphiscrime.org or call 901-527-2600.

For more info about Operation: Safe Community or to sign-up for our e-newsletter visit www.operationsafecommunity.org.