

Safe Surfin' Foundation

- The Bedford County, VA, Sheriff's Office formed one of the first **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces** in the nation in 1998. With the development of ICAC, Sheriff Mike Brown saw the need for a preventative measure that would help children avoid falling victim to online sexual predators. The best defense was to educate kids through Internet Safety Education.
- **The Safe Surfin' Foundation (SSF)** was formed in 2000 to raise awareness for the need of Internet safety because of the unrelenting predators lurking online and to lobby for mandatory Internet safety education in public schools throughout the US.
- The mission of SSF is to implement and continually support nation-wide Internet safety education for all students, K-12, their parents, teachers, community members and law enforcement at **no cost** to the recipients.
- SSF believes that Internet safety education **must** be fact based, non-threatening, and interactive to fully meet the educational needs of all ages.
- By working with leading ICAC Investigators in the country, SSF is always on top of the latest technologies and the latest tactics used by those who wish to do harm to our kids.
- Safe Surfin' programs include public speaking appearances and materials for parents and civic groups, in-school presentations for students, and "train the trainer" programs for community leaders so that they too, can spread the safety messages throughout their communities.

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Meet Celebrity Members of the SSF Team!



Erik Estrada- Certified and Sworn Deputy, TV Personality, Stage and Movie Star, Dancer, Devoted Dad, Child Advocate and Committed to Protecting Children from Online Predators.
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Shaquille O'Neal – Basketball super star, TV personality, Dad, Law Enforcement Supporter – Advocate for the protection of children.

More Celebrity Members:
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SAFE SURFIN' PROUDLY ANNOUNCES

LEAAP Grant

Law Enforcement Agency Assistance Program

SSF's Mission in Action: COP-IN-A-BOX

**From behind the scenes with education,
to the front lines with law enforcement**

SSF along with their supporting partner, **Moose International**, have added a new, exciting phase to their mission; **LEAAP Grants**. SSF is now a key funding source in equipping law enforcement with their own COP-IN-A-BOX. It is our goal to increase the number of Internet crime investigators online, improve the ratio of cops vs. Internet sexual predators and expand the 'web of protection' being woven across the country.

The goal of the LEAAP grant program is to supplement the stretched budgets of law enforcement and enable more agencies to step up and take an active role in policing sexual predators targeting our children on the Internet.

LEAAP will fund interested agencies to affiliate with the Internet Crimes Against Children, ICAC, Task Force within their state and supply a COP-IN-A-BOX which is all the equipment and training necessary to begin online investigations within an agency.

**More Cops= Fewer Predators=
*Safer Children!***

Become part of the ICAC team! If your area law enforcement agency is interested in receiving equipment, support, software and training for an Internet crime investigator, please contact SSF for an application package!

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Important Information About Internet Use

Law enforcement efforts have successfully increased arrests and convictions of those who prey upon our children; the Internet remains a favorite tool of sexual predators.

- Predators work to develop friendships, emotional reliance and eventually introduce sexual topics to potential child victims.
- Approximately 3 in 7 children online between the ages of 10 and 17 years-old, receive a sexual solicitation from a predator over the Internet.
- 34% have had unwanted exposure to graphic sexual material (i.e. pornography).
- Over 2/3 of households with Internet leave children unsupervised while online.
- More than 75% of children who encountered a sexual approach or solicitation did not tell a parent or adult.

Source: National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Children need to be aware of the possible dangers lurking on the Internet and how to best avoid falling victim.

SSF teaches the dangers of revealing personal information and posting photos of themselves, their friends and family. Education will make them think twice before hitting the "send" button.

Education is our best defense!

Moose International and the Safe Surfin' Foundation

Through the support of the **Moose International** family, we have raised public awareness for the need of Internet safety education, and have promoted the availability of these educational materials to schools, libraries, and law enforcement.

Moose members have and continue to sponsor educational programs at their Lodges and have reached out to other civic groups throughout their communities.

The Moose/SSF partnership continues to present numerous opportunities for positive publicity for the fraternity with our nationwide involvement as we strive to protect children and sharing this important information to as many communities as possible.

SSF appreciates the men and women of the Moose as they continue their commitment to help protect the innocent and effect legislation in their political jurisdictions for Internet safety to be a mandatory part of every household and every school's curriculum.

***Together we will make
a difference!***

