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Youth & Crime: Bad Kids Or Just A Bad Rap?
“Safe Cities” series continues on Rogers TV

Waterloo Region – As part of a ten-part television series on issues related to crime, victimization and fear of crime, the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council presents the sixth installment of “Safe Cities” this **Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 9:00 p.m.** on Rogers TV, Cable 20, as part of the channel’s prime time program, *Talk Local*, with host Mike Farwell.

This month “Safe Cities” will investigate the topic of **Youth & Crime**. Topics for discussion will include our perceptions of youth; the realities and myths about youth crime; the Youth Criminal Justice Act; a look at local alternative approaches that work; and Ontario’s Roots of Youth Violence Report.

The guest panel will include **Sandy Dietrich Bell**, Reaching Our Outdoor Friends (ROOF); **Alison Scott**, Family & Children’s Services; **Insp. Bob Gould**, Waterloo Regional Police; **Randy Penney**, Lutherwood; **John Bilton**, John Howard Society, and **Alvin Curling**, former MP and Speaker of the Legislature, and Co-Chair of the Premier’s Task Force on the Review of the Roots of Youth Violence for the Government of Ontario.

About “Safe Cities”

“Safe Cities” features local crime prevention topics and best practices, provides a panel discussion with local experts and offers an opportunity for viewers to call in with questions or comments. Each topic of discussion will also showcase local organizations or programs that are key contributors to making Waterloo Region a safe community.

About Talk Local

Talk Local on Rogers TV, Cable 20 offers frank talk about today’s regional issues. Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night at 9:00 p.m., join host Mike Farwell as he tackles the tough, local issues of the day with a roundtable forum of local politicians, business leaders, activists and concerned citizens. Viewers weigh in with their opinions and questions by phone, email, or the Talk Local web poll.

About the Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council

The Waterloo Region Crime Prevention Council works collaboratively to reduce and prevent crime, victimization and fear of crime. It is an advisory committee to the Region of Waterloo and consists of 40 members representing the community-at-large, social services, education, health, planning, justice, police, and community agencies among others.

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