

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**NATURE OF STORY:**                   **SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROVIDES**  
**COMMUNITY WITH INTERNET SAFETY**  
**CONNECTION**

**[http://www.lanecounty.org/Sheriff\\_PoliceServices/NetSmartz411.htm](http://www.lanecounty.org/Sheriff_PoliceServices/NetSmartz411.htm)**

### **DETAILS:**

The Lane County Sheriff's Office has added a web link to our web site. The web link is called [NetSmartz411.org](http://www.lanecounty.org/Sheriff_PoliceServices/NetSmartz411.htm).

Evolving technology has created a wider knowledge gap between parents and guardians and their children. The Qwest Foundation and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) have created NetSmartz411.

NetSmartz411 is a free resource that provides unprecedented, direct access to NCMEC experts who will respond to online internet safety questions within one business day. Also provided on the web site is a list of top questions asked by parents and guardians from around the Country.

NCMEC reports that more than 90 percent of parents and guardians are concerned about their children being exposed to sexually explicit content on the Internet. But only 50 percent of teens report their parents or guardians have talked with them in the past about online risks. Family awareness and education continue to be crucial in protecting children online.

Lane County residents are urged to take advantage of this prevention tool. The Sheriff's Office periodically conducts a safety Internet education course for parents, entitled "The Internet and Your Child." For more information on this course you are encouraged to visit the Sheriff's web site at the link below.

[http://www.lanecounty.org/Sheriff\\_Corrections/IYC.htm](http://www.lanecounty.org/Sheriff_Corrections/IYC.htm)

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