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FBI Safe Online Surfing Challenge 2012

PowerPoint Talk Points

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The focus of FBI is to make United States citizens safe. One of the most important priorities, domestically, is protecting the US against cyber based attack and high technology crimes. To that end, the FBI is focusing on preventative ways to accomplish this goal – educating children on cyber safety.

Facts:

According to the FBI Cyber Division's published data:

- FBI Arrests of Internet Predators Tripled from 2001 to 2005
- Arrests for Sexual Assaults of Minors in 2000: 65,000
- 1 in 7 Kids Received Unwanted Sexual Solicitations over the Internet in 2000 (10/14 in 2011)

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There are a variety of hidden dangers online. Let's take social media as an example. There are a variety of social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc) and a number of ways your child can access these sites – laptop, tablet, Smartphone, etc.

The statistics relative online predators are staggering. While your child thinks he/she may be chatting with a famous celebrity...

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The chilling fact is there may be someone else behind the picture.

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Fortunately, we as a community can combat this trend by educating/training our children relative to internet safety.

The FBI is proud to announce its 2012 SOS Challenge -

Program Overview

- The FBI-SOS (Safe Online Surfing) Internet Challenge is a **FREE**, educational, fun online program that promotes cyber citizenship and teaches students in 3rd through 8th grades how to recognize and respond to online dangers.
- The program is sponsored and managed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and provides vital Internet safety guidance in an interesting, competitive format.

- The activities promote online safety and cyber citizenship. The program runs each month, September through May.

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Who Can Use SOS

- The program enables participating students to familiarize themselves with practical information, safety tips, and resources to help them stay protected online and grow to become safe, responsible cyber citizens.
- FBI-SOS is open to all public and private schools nationwide. Only an Internet connection is needed to participate.
- No downloads or installation required!

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Topics Covered

- Protecting Personal Information
- Online Predators
- Cyber bullying
- Instant Messaging
- Social Networking
- Cell Phone Safety
- Gaming Safety
- Reporting
- Copyright and Fair Use

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How to Get Started with SOS

- The SOS program is available to EVERYONE. To VIEW the new SOS program and partake in the online activities, visit <https://sos.fbi.gov>
- In order for your school to **PARTICIPATE** (distinction) in the SOS challenge, a teacher or administrator can register his/her school at the website. See the teacher link located on the webpage.
- Students are tested using a key code provided by their teachers. No information on students is collected or stored by the FBI.
- Students complete a grade-specific program that includes scavenger hunts, games, and quizzes.

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SOS Sample Question

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SOS Challenge Results and Rewards

Schools are categorized by the amount of students participating from each school. Results are ranked on a national level. Schools with the highest score in each category at the end of each testing period will earn an FBI-SOS national trophy. When possible, winning schools will receive a visit from a local FBI special agent.