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**President William J. Clinton
Remarks on Start of Summer of Safety
Fox Park, St. Louis
June 24, 1994**

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What they are doing is only the beginning. In the fall, we will launch Americorps, our way to bring national service to communities everywhere. There will be 20,000 volunteers by winter. Three summers from now, we'll have seen 100,000 Americorps volunteers, dedicated to all kinds of service, from helping school kids achieve more to helping our citizens have healthier lives.

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But I believe something else is at work too. We live in a time when we are afraid to believe in our accomplishments.

After so many years of being disappointed when we haven't pulled together to strengthen our country, we are afraid to acknowledge the good we do when we do step up to our problems as one people.

We've seen that happen with regard to the important progress we have made on our economic recovery, based on the hard work we've done to get our house in order. And we've seen that with regard to the education and training programs we are putting in place so Americans can embrace the changes they will face in a new global economy. And we're seeing it as we fight out this debate on our health care crisis.

We have made or we are on the verge of making extraordinary strides on these and many other fronts. But to appreciate all the change, we have to believe it is worth pulling together to face these challenges. And we have to believe in ourselves when we do meet the tests of our times.

In the end, that is why I believe the Summer of Safety and all the national service programs are so important. Because they have the power to teach our people an old lesson for a new age: That when we work together as one, on those things that plague us all, we can never be stopped. We have to believe again that there is hope in our futures.

The biggest honor I think I've had as your President --

one of the most extraordinary experiences of Hillary's and

my life -- was representing our country at the D-Day

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about remembering those people who saved the world was

that they never had an option. They knew what was at stake.

They believed in themselves, and they moved forward --

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If they had been afraid to believe in what they could accomplish, they never would have gotten off those beaches; they never would have saved our freedom; they never, never would have passed on to us this nation which is still the light of the world.

We did not get here by being afraid to believe in what we could accomplish. We got here by being believers. And we are going to take this great country forward by being believers again.

Thank you, and God bless you all.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 1994

CRIME BILL/SUMMER OF SAFETY EVENT

DATE: June 24, 1994
LOCATION: Fox Park
St. Louis, Missouri
TIME: 1:20 PM
FROM: Jonathan Prince
Rick Allen

I. PURPOSE

To ramp up the call for Congress to pass the Crime Bill and for Americans to take personal responsibility in the fight against crime and violence -- by engaging in activities exactly like those supported through the Summer of Safety.

II. BACKGROUND

THE MESSAGE

I want Congress to pass the Crime Bill right away -- so we can get to work putting 100,000 more police officers on the street as fast as we can. But even 100,000 police won't be able to turn the tide against the crime and violence sweeping through America unless every American takes personal responsibility to help them win this fight. The work in support of community policing being done by the St. Louis Safety Service Corps is exactly the kind of work that can make a difference.

SUMMER OF SAFETY

The Summer of Safety will involve nearly 8,000 participants of all ages in programs specifically targeted against crime and violence, in 35 states and the District of Columbia.. Programs will expand the New York Police Department's Cadet Corps; protect seniors in Boston public housing; create safe places for students in the year-round Los Angeles Unified School District; form block associations in Denver; and teach dispute resolution in Kansas City. Virtually every program involves local law enforcement authorities as active partners.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Fox Park is the name of both a neighborhood and the park which is its hub. Formerly family-oriented, a number of Fox Park's lots and buildings are now abandoned, and the neighborhood has been fighting against crime-induced decline for the last two years. President Bush came there during the campaign (September 28, 1992) and aroused ill-will by portraying Fox Park as downtrodden and crime-ridden, rather than celebrate its community rebuilding.

You will walk a one-block residential section of the neighborhood with police officers and service participants. Along the walk you will receive an explanation of the crime problems confronting the neighborhood (ranging from homicides -- two in the last three months -- to drug and gang-related crimes, vandalism and petty theft). You will also learn about successful crime deterrence initiatives already undertaken by the neighborhood: "gangway closures" (fences between houses to stop side-yards from becoming criminal-gathering places), floodlights and the like.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Majority Leader Gephardt
Congressman Clay
Mayor Freeman Bosley, Jr.
Police Chief Colonel Clarence Harmon
Eli Segal

Tim Hager will join you on the walk and introduce you during the program.

Tim, a Fox Park teenager, was beaten so badly 5 years ago trying to stop his bicycle from being stolen that he has required pins in both hips ever since. His life-long dream of becoming a Marine was destroyed when, at his final physical after completing basic training, doctors informed him that degenerative arthritis in his hips made military service impossible -- so he immediately pursued civilian service through the Summer of Safety. He will provide victims' assistance and assist the COPS (Community-Oriented Problem Solving) program.

Marla Martin will join you on the block walk.

She is a block captain; her husband leads Fox Park's Church of the Living God. Martin has organized a dusk walking patrol by neighbors, and worked to reclaim the park, starting a Wednesday youth group there and working on physical renovations.

Leslie Jones will join you on the block walk.

Leslie is a recent graduate of Washington University in St. Louis who turned down job offers in D.C. to participate in SOS, where she will recruit and organize block captains.

IV. PRESS PLAN

The block walk will be available to an expanded pool. The program in the park will be open press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- ◆ After arriving in Fox Park, you will take a short walk through the neighborhood escorted by the Police Chief and Summer of Safety participants.
- ◆ You will return to the park via motorcade.
- ◆ You will work a short rope line, which will include local dignitaries, to the stage.
- ◆ On stage, you will stand in front of nearly 200 people, including all 85 SOS participants from Missouri wearing the program's tee-shirts; uniformed police officers; and other community residents, including children.
- ◆ Mayor Bosley will welcome the crowd. He will be followed, in succession, by Eli, Rep. Clay, and Rep. Gephardt.
- ◆ Gephardt will introduce Chief Harmon.
- ◆ Harmon will make remarks and introduce Tim Hager.
- ◆ Tim will tell his story and introduce you.
- ◆ You will make remarks.
- ◆ After your remarks, you will work the other side of the rope line to the motorcade, and then depart for the Adams Mark Hotel.

VI. REMARKS

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Fox Park

St. Louis, MO

Fox Park is a small-sized park in the South East region of St. Louis, MO. It was built in what was formerly a family-oriented neighborhood which is now infested with drug-related activities and crime.

The Fox Park area consists of ethnically diverse, low-income and working class residents. Its single-family row homes surround the park and are plagued by drug trafficking.

The Fox Park Project will select block captains for neighborhood watch programs. It will also survey neighborhoods for information and support to implement crime deterrent activities. Restoration work will emphasize lighting replacement house by house and neighborhood by neighborhood. This project will organize street monitoring, crime reporting, victims' assistance and rapid response within the community.

SUMMER OF SAFETY PROJECT SUMMARY ST. LOUIS SAFETY SERVICE CORPS PARTNERSHIP

The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is the recipient of a \$137,000 grant from the Corporation for National Services "Summer of Safety" program. The Police Department, along with the Prevention Partnership, the St. Louis Housing Authority, Pillar Place, Friedens Haus, the Fox Park Neighborhood Association, Grace Hill Neighborhood Services, the American Youth Foundation, and the University of Missouri - St. Louis, has formed the **St. Louis Safety Service Corps Partnership** to focus on reducing violence and the fear of violence in four neighborhoods and four senior citizen public housing developments.

The Safety Service Corps will engage 40 stipended participants between the ages of 18 and 25 and up to 150 neighborhood residents in activities designed to have a direct impact on the reduction of violence in St. Louis.

The project will seek to strengthen four neighborhoods -- Fox Park, the Gate District, Hyde Park and Old North St. Louis -- through service activities focusing on community-oriented problem solving, victims' assistance, block captain recruitment and the creation of safe corridors. In each of these communities, SOS participants will:

- build closures and install lighting in "gangways" often used for selling and distributing drugs between row houses;
- recruit 5 new block captains each week, for eight weeks, to add to the ranks of existing block captains;
- organize bi-weekly training sessions for block captains to teach new crime prevention skills;
- implement a "target hardening" program to prevent burglary in the homes of seniors and other community residents;
- contact victims of crime within 24 - 48 hours to provide support and needed resources; and
- work with neighborhood residents to identify and reclaim at least one public neighborhood space which is currently used as a "haven" by neighborhood gangs.

The second project will focus on creating a sense of safety within four senior citizen public housing developments -- the Simon Building and the Webbe Building in the Peabody Darst Webbe neighborhood; the Blumeyer Senior Building in the Covenant Blu neighborhood; and a fourth site in the Mark Twain neighborhood. In these communities, SOS participants will:

- work with police officers and senior citizens who are residents to identify public safety problems within the housing development and to identify solutions that residents can be a part of;
- escort senior citizens to stores and doctors appointments and to cultural events and recreational events they typically are afraid to take advantage of;
- establish liaison with representatives from social services and the St. Louis Housing Authority to maintain escort services after the completion of SOS;
- design and conduct two workshops on "personal and property safety" with the residents in each of the four buildings; and
- help residents establish "direct deposit" of personal checks, to eliminate theft of social security checks and other routine deposits.

The St. Louis Safety Service Corps will be overseen by an advisory board made up of representatives from participating agencies chaired by Major Gregory Hawkins of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Bill Charlton, the project's Director, will be responsible for the daily operation of the project.

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Tim Hager

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(currently lives in Tower Grove Park,
five minutes away from Fox Park,
and grew up in Fox Park)
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Age 18
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When Tim was 14 he was attacked and beaten by a group of other young people from the Fox Park neighborhood who wanted to steal his bike. He was beaten so badly that his hip was dislocated. He spent two weeks in the hospital recovering from his injuries and now has pins in both of his hips.

One of Tim's lifelong ambitions has been to become a Marine. Indeed, he just completed basic training in San Diego. Ironically, upon completion of basic training he did not pass his final physical because the doctors discovered that, as a result of his previous injuries, he now has developed degenerative arthritis. Upon his discharge from the Marines, he immediately sought to become an SOS participant because he wanted to do something that would make a "real difference" in the "real world" and because he wants to serve his country. Tim believes that the Summer of Safety in Fox Park will be a success if he and his Corps members "can prevent just one assault" or if they can prevent just one kid getting hurt the way I did."

This summer, Time will work with another Fox Park resident, Geneva Bridges, to provide immediate assistance to victims of crime and to work with neighborhood residents actively participating with the COPS Program ("Community Oriented Problem Solving") in Fox Park. (The COPS program is a collaborative effort between the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and St. Louis Neighborhood Associations.)

Leslie Jones

A resident of Dayton, Ohio
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Age 22 (b)(6)
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Leslie just graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in Political Science. She is interested in community development and community empowerment. Summer of Safety seemed like the perfect opportunity to put what she has learned in school into practice.

Leslie will be paired with Shuna "Showtime" Clemens. The two of them will be responsible for organizing and recruiting Block Captains.

Geneva Bridges

2748 Accomac Street
(a resident of Fox Park)
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Age 41 (b)(6)
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Geneva has six children, ages 4 through 15 years of age. Twenty years ago she attended one year of school at Forest Park Community College. When her youngest child completes the Headstart Program she is currently a part of and is ready to go to kindergarten (in September, 1995), Geneva plans to return to school to complete her degree in Liberal Arts and will use her SOS educational award to help make this possible.

Geneva was attracted to SOS because she is fearful for her children. They are afraid to walk to school; afraid to play in the park; afraid to live in their own neighborhood.

She and her children have been frequent victims of crime. Most recently, her second husband, the father of her four youngest children, was convicted for sexually abusing two of their daughters. He is currently serving a 12 year prison term for sexual abuse and for a robbery conviction.

This summer she will be paired with Tim Hager, another community resident and victim of crime, to provide immediate assistance to victims and to work with the COPS (Community Oriented Problem Solving) Program in collaboration with the Fox Park Neighborhood Association and the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Although she is somewhat afraid that her neighbors will label her as a "snitch," she wants to give the neighborhood back to the children and to the community.

La Ronda Norman

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Age 26 (b)(6)
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Laronda is a single mother who is a junior at the University of Missouri at St. Louis. Her major is criminal justice and she hopes to work with "high risk" youth in the juvenile justice system.

Loranda became an SOS participant because of her interest in violence and because hew has a five year old child who she fears for. "Children can't go anywhere without people shooting at them or without the fear they will be shot at."

She believes that SOS can accomplish a great deal in eight weeks time. "We can provide more lighting on dark streets. We can clean up Fox Park. We can be of help to victims of crime. We can both reduce and prevent violence."

Louise Griffin

5834 Woodland Street
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Age 51
FAA

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Louise is a former building inspector for the St. Louis Housing Authority. She became a participant with SOS because she believes that people must become more involved in overcoming crime and violence. She "saw changes happening and wanted to be a part of it."

She is very committed to working with her SOS partner, Michael Porter, in creating "Safety Zones" for children and other residents. They will be working with the community to "take back the park" and make that common area and others safe places once again for parents and their children.

At summer's end, she plans to obtain advanced training in computer technology at Forest Park Community College and she will use her educational award to support this endeavor.

Mario McFadden

3319 Vista Street
(Mario lives a few blocks away
from the Fox Park neighborhood)
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Aged 19

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Mario will be a sophomore at Harris-Stowe State College this Fall. For the last five summers, he has worked with "feeding" and recreation programs for young children at his church. He learned about Summer of Safety from the coordinator of the program.

He sees SOS as an opportunity to "bring the people [of Fox Park] out." He wants them to talk with each other and to work together to "take back their neighborhood." He will be working with Loranda on the "Street Organization" team. Their primary goal is to develop recreational activities for children in the park -- a community recreational facility ridden with broken glass and tall grass, a place parents will not take their children because they fear drug dealers and random acts of violence.

The educational award Mario receives at the end of the summer will be applied to his college tuition.

Michael Porter

6309 Lenox Avenue

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Age 19

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Michael attends Forest Park Community College and is majoring in hotel and restaurant administration. He has a strong background in community service in the St. Louis area. Most recently, he has worked with Operation Bright Side, a neighborhood clean-up project and he has been a recipient of the local Boys' Clubs St. Louis Summer Law Firm internship. Michael graduated third in his class from the Center for Management, Law and Public Policy, a St. Louis public high school. When he graduated from high school two years ago, he received a \$2500 scholarship for college and the St. Louis Post Dispatch and the St. Louis Sentinel both praised his many accomplishments.

Michael sees SOS as an opportunity to unify the Fox Park community and a chance to "make a real difference."

Shuna "Showtime" Clemmons

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about a mile away from Fox Park)
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Age 18
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Shuna graduated on June 9, 1994 from Lindbergh High School in South St. Louis County where he was a wrestler who went on to the state championships. He currently works evenings at the Baskin Robbins Ice Cream store. His friends call him "Showtime" because "he makes everyone smile" (and indeed he has a charming and magnetic personality).

He sees Summer of Safety as a chance to break down the racial barriers and stereotypes that exist in St. Louis neighborhoods like Fox Park. He said that it is felt that the whit neighborhoods have cleaned-up their blocks and that there is a reluctance on the part of the African American community to do the same. His SOS assignment will be to work with Leslie Jones to organize and recruit Block Captains for the Fox Park neighborhood.

He believes in the purpose of SOS and its mission in Fox Park, which is "to take back the streets so kids can play safely again and do so free of fear." He never had that sense of safety and security but would like it to be available to kids growing up today. He says it's like the old proverb: "Give a man a fish, he eats for a day. Teach him how to fish, he'll eat for a lifetime." For "Showtime", this summer is about working with the residents of Fox Park to demonstrate that they get involved and that they can take back their streets and that they can live free of drug dealers and fear.

After he completes his work with Summer of Safety he plans to enlist in the Navy on September 17 at the Great Lakes training facility in

Illinois. he has signed up for the Navy because he wants to enter their nursing program. He said that after the five year program he hopes to come out and become a licensed nurse. He hopes to be able to use the AmeriCorps education award after that for additional education.

He thinks the summer will be successful if more community residents start to attend neighborhood meetings; if more residents will become Block Captains; if more recreational activities are organized for kids; and if his SOS team can generate the delivery of desperately needed city services to the people of Fox Park

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SUMMER OF SAFETY (SOS) KICKOFF EVENTS ACROSS THE NATION

Representative Sample

Alabama: **Guntersville** -- The Alabama Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authority is holding a June 24 launch party at the Guntersville Recreation Center. Local officials and McGruff the Crime Dog will attend.

Arizona: **Phoenix** -- A "Stop the Violence" rally will be held July 9, featuring Summer of Safety members and Mothers Against Gangs, ProAct and others.

California: **Los Angeles** -- The Los Angeles Unified School District 1994 SOS Project has scheduled a 1:30 p.m. press conference on June 24 at the Hoover Street Elementary School Auditorium. **San Francisco** -- The Culture of Peace Summer of Safety program will hold a kickoff rally on June 21. Members will begin work to form safe streets and neutral zones in targeted neighborhoods. **Stockton** -- On June 22, Youth Corps members will begin "hands-on" demonstrations of graffiti-removal, trash pick-up and neighborhood clean-up projects, tied to a formal kick-off with the city mayor on June 24.

District of Columbia: Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly will swear-in VISTA Summer Associates on Friday, June 24, 1 p.m., at the East Capitol Dwellings recreation center. On the morning of June 24, the Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Clubs will hold a rally for 100 Learn & Serve members, ages five to 17.

Florida: **Fort Lauderdale** -- The Broward Coalition for Community Service will have a June 24 press conference, featuring VIPs, at 1 p.m. at the Broward County Sheriff's Office then travel to a project site. **Cocoa Beach** -- The Brevard County Senior Summer Corps will sponsor a variety of activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 24 in Titusville at the Miracle City Mall. Ident-A-Kid badge services will be offered and local officials and McGruff the Crime Dog are expected. **St. Petersburg** -- The Juvenile Services Program and VISTA Summer Associates will sponsor a "barn-raising" on June 25. With Governor Chiles and the Commissioner of Education on hand, and the help of a \$25,000 grant from Home Depot, Summer Of Safety members will renovate a shelter for abused and neglected children.

Illinois: **Chicago** -- The Friends of Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences will hold a rally with jazz entertainment at 1 p.m. on June 24 in the Edna White Garden.

Indiana: **Gary** -- On June 21, VISTA Summer Associates will be presented to the Common (city) Council.

Kansas: Wichita -- The Senior Summer Corps, representing a variety of groups, will hold a press conference and rally with entertainment on June 24 at a downtown senior center. The mayor will issue a proclamation.

Maryland: Baltimore -- Five Summer Of Safety programs will join for a June 30 kick-off rally at City Hall featuring state and local officials, a band and "an enthusiastic crowd."

Leonardtwn -- A June 28 kick-off is scheduled at Leonardtown Middle School with local officials. A July 4 "Freedomfest" is planned with local officials, a band and fireworks.

Massachusetts: Boston -- Dorchester Summer of Safety 1994 is holding a rally with local officials at the playground in Town Field on Monday, June 20, at 1:30 p.m. Following the ceremonies, SOS members will walk to the Log School Settlement House for additional activities. The Boston University Summer of Safety program is planning a June 24 rally, 1 p.m., at Fort Devons.

Michigan: Flint -- The Flint Summer of Safety-Dukette Catholic School has scheduled a full day of activities for June 24. College-age students will be providing orientation for younger students in the morning. Later, a public park clean up/fix up activity is scheduled.

Missouri: Kansas City -- The Lieutenant Governor and local leaders will participate in a June 20 kick-off cook-out with the Blue Hills Together Summer Of Safety group.

Montana: Bozeman -- A statewide interactive satellite television conference involving 17 groups at five sites will be held on June 24.

Nevada: Las Vegas -- On June 21, the Las Vegas Senior Summer Corps will hold a 90-minute celebration beginning at 5 p.m. at a city senior center.

New Hampshire: Concord -- The New Hampshire Summer of Safety Domestic and Sexual Violence Victims Assistance Program will hold a kick-off rally Monday, June 20, 11:30 a.m. on the steps of the state capitol. VIPs confirmed include: Heather Merrill, wife of the Governor; State Attorney General Jess Howard, Rep. Dick Swett and directors of the various program partners. "Friends in Blue," a band made up of members of the Manchester Police Department, will provide entertainment.

New York: New York City -- Two events planned for June 24 at 1 p.m. The Harlem Peacemakers Project will hold a town meeting/Youth Speak Out Forum. City Volunteer Corps: Youth Opposing Violence is planning a rally.

North Dakota: Bismarck -- The Bismarck Senior Summer Corps hold a 1 p.m. (Central) press conference featuring local officials on June 20.

Oregon: Roseburg -- The Senior Summer Corps will hold a June 21 press conference in the Douglas County Commissioners Chambers with local officials.

Pennsylvania: Philadelphia -- The Greater Philadelphia Federation of Settlements is planning a June 24 awards ceremony for VISTA Summer Associates. VIPs include: the State Attorney, Chief of Police and a representative of Sen. Wofford's office.

Texas: Austin -- The Austin Housing Authority kick-off will be held June 21, 10 a.m., featuring the mayor, police chief and entertainment. From 11-12 p.m., members will be landscaping at the Booker T. Washington Terrace. Governor Richards' daughter is an SOS member.

Virginia: Newport News -- The Newport News Senior Summer Corps will be holding a June 24 rally featuring local officials and McGruff the Crime Dog.

Wisconsin: Madison -- The Senior Summer Corps is planning a June 22 kick-off and training event with Rep. Rebecca Young and local officials at the Oakwood Village Retirement Center.

Washington: Seattle/Yakima -- Commissioning ceremonies are scheduled for June 27 for Youth Corps, VISTA Summer Associates and Senior Summer Corps groups based in Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia.

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SUMMER OF SAFETY

A SPECIAL AMERICORPS NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

What is AmeriCorps?

Summer of Safety is a special summer pilot program of **AmeriCorps** -- the President's new national service initiative. **AmeriCorps** will be launched this fall when as many as 20,000 young Americans will fan out across the nation to meet the critical needs of our urban and rural communities through service.

What is "Summer of Safety" (SOS)?

In anticipation of the **AmeriCorps** launch -- **Summer of Safety** serves as a special service project involving nearly 8,000 diverse and intergenerational **SOS** participants who will spend nine-weeks this summer working with 91 **SOS** programs in 70 sites across the country to help communities combat crime, violence, and fear.

What are the SOS Projects?

Summer of Safety programs have been selected by the Corporation for National Service through a nationwide competition, and will operate under the administration of the national programs of the Corporation.

The 91 **SOS** programs will run projects that include community policing efforts; organizing neighborhood watch programs; providing victims assistance; conducting senior escort services; establishing and managing "safe havens" for youth; administering dispute resolution programs; and developing crime prevention and peer-to-peer drug prevention workshops.

Who are the SOS Participants?

The Corporation's national service programs administering **SOS** initiatives include **AmeriCorps Summer of Safety Grants** (1,030 **SOS** participants age 17 and older); **VISTA** (900 **VISTA Summer Associate SOS** participants age 18 and older); **Youth Corps** (1,000 **SOS** participants age 16 to 25); **Learn and Serve America** (2,200 K-12 **SOS** participants); the **National Senior Service Corps** (2,700 **Senior Summer Corps SOS** participants age 55 and older); and the **National Civilian Community Corps** (100 **SOS** participants age 14 to 17).

The week of June 20 is the "**Summer of Safety Kick-Off Week**" featuring **SOS** launch events across the nation -- including the **St. Louis Safety Service Corps** event with President Clinton in **St. Louis** on June 24.