



NEWS RELEASE

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff's Office Sponsors SAVE Coloring/Poster Contest

The Travis County Sheriff's Office is announcing a Student's Against Violence Everywhere Coloring/Poster Contest, in partnership with the Austin American-Statesman, that will address bullying and conflict resolution with school-aged children in Travis County.

The poster design and coloring contest is for Travis County students in kindergarten through high school and is designed to teach area students on how to recognize and prevent bullying in their schools and communities. The deadline to submit an entry is Oct. 10, 2008. Elementary students have the opportunity to color "Mr. Cool" and middle and high school students will design a poster based on the SAVE pledge which reads:

I pledge to:

Work to make our school free from violence, drugs, and weapons

Avoid violence at school and in my community

Work out problems peacefully

Help others work out problems peacefully

The Sheriff's Office has been a part of a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization called SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere), which teaches young people on issues of conflict resolution, community service and crime prevention.

To get more information on the contest and to download "Mr. Cool" go to: www.tcsheriff.org/outreach/save.html. The contacts for this event are Kelly Page, (512) 854-4392, or Carrie Fortner, (512) 854-6615.

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