



Bonner County Sheriff's Office

COMMUNITY FORCE



February 26, 2015--Bonner County Sheriff looks to his citizens to reduce crime.

Sheriff Daryl Wheeler's schedule is increasingly filling with community meetings. Since taking office in 2009 the Sheriff's invitation to join the *Community Force* has encouraged citizens to provide practical tips to reduce crime in Bonner County. Sheriff Wheeler and his deputies receive input from citizens daily as they travel throughout Bonner County, and Sheriff Wheeler has an open-door policy for his employees as well. Sheriff Wheeler has found that Bonner County residents value community meetings. Their welcomed input provides a sense of ownership. In addition, Sheriff Wheeler says that "These Community Force meetings provide us with invaluable input and directly influence our policies and procedures at the Sheriff's Office."



ABOVE: Sheriff Wheeler talks with several senior citizens at a community forum on Tuesday February 24th 2015. Wheeler provided practical suggestions on how to reduce crime in Bonner County and how to avoid being the victim of a crime.

Sheriff Wheeler's advice to help you avoid being a victim:

- Don't isolate yourself; stay involved in your community.
- Be aware of your surroundings and avoid places where crime is more likely to be committed.
- Don't be an easy target for crime; take steps to make your property less vulnerable to criminals.



To schedule a community meeting or to learn how to reduce crime in your area contact Sheryl Kins at 263-8417, Extension 3049