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Shred-It & LA Co Sheriff's Identity Theft Task Force Holding Community Shred Event Sat.- Agoura Hills, L.A., & Norwalk

Document shredding helps Americans fight identity theft.

Saturday, October 9, 2010, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Identity Theft Task Force will offer free document-shredding at three locations:

Agoura Hills City Hall, 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, CA 91301;

Ladera Center, 5315 W. Centinela Ave., (near La Tijera Blvd.), Los Angeles, CA 90045;

Target, 12051 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650.

A designated Public Information Officer will be at each site from 9am-3pm for media interviews and to help inform the public of this opportunity.

Shred-it, a leading on-site document destruction company and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Identity Theft Task Force are teaming up to help Los Angeles residents combat identity theft by hosting a free Community Shred Event on Saturday, October 9, 2010, from 9am to 3pm at three locations throughout Los Angeles county:

Everyone can bring all unwanted personal documents for shredding by Shred-it mobile trucks. Shred-it is providing the service free of charge on the event day, but donations will be accepted for 999 for Kids, Sheriff's Youth Foundation and March of Dimes (more information provided below).

"Identity theft is the fastest growing form of consumer fraud in North America," says Barry Easdale, District Operations Manager of Shred-it's Los Angeles division. "Community members can protect themselves by regularly destroying confidential and personal documents rather than disposing of them in non-secure places such as garbage bins. The Community Shred Event is the perfect place to shred documents safely and securely while helping three amazing charities."

To prevent personal identity theft, Shred-it advises to shred the following sensitive documents and old files:

- Receipts
- Checks
- Pre-approved Credit Applications / Credit Card Statements
- Outdated Tax Returns
- Envelopes & Return Address Labels
- Business Cards

About Shred-it

Shred-it is a leading information security company providing document destruction services that ensure the security and integrity of our clients' private information. The company operates 140 service locations in 16 countries worldwide, servicing more than 150,000 global, national and local businesses, including the world's top intelligence and security agencies, more than 500 police forces, 1,500 hospitals, 8,500 bank branches and 1,200 universities and colleges. For more information, please visit [www.shredit.com](http://www.shredit.com)

About the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Identity Theft Task Force Detail

The Identity Theft Task Force became operational in 2000 and was the first in the nation. The task force is grant funded by the California Emergency Management Agency and investigates identity theft crime, provides prevention information to consumers and offers specialized training to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Task force members include Los Angeles County Sheriff's investigators, as well as investigators from the FBI, US Postal Inspection Service, LA County Department of Consumer Affairs, Glendale Police Department and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Sat., Oct. 9, 2010 Shred-it event flier: [http://file.lacounty.gov/lasd/cms1\\_152292.pdf](http://file.lacounty.gov/lasd/cms1_152292.pdf)

Victim's Guide to Identity Theft

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department -

This guide provides victims of identity theft with the major resources to contact for information and assistance. Victims themselves have the ability to assist greatly with resolving their case. It is important to act quickly and assertively to

minimize the damage. [http://file.lacounty.gov/lasd/cms1\\_145188.pdf](http://file.lacounty.gov/lasd/cms1_145188.pdf)

Shred-it event on [www.lasd.org](http://www.lasd.org) :

[http://sheriff.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/lasd/media/detail?WCM\\_GLOBAL\\_CONTEXT=/lasd+content/lasd+site/home/home+top+stories/community+shred+-+protect+your+identity+from+theft](http://sheriff.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/lasd/media/detail?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/lasd+content/lasd+site/home/home+top+stories/community+shred+-+protect+your+identity+from+theft)

Please contact 2AM Agency, LLC at (949) 395-0520 to schedule interviews with:

Barry Easdale, District Operations Manager for Shred-it

Lt. Ronald Williams

LASD Identity Theft Task Force

(323) 267-4800

If unable to attend, but would still like to make a donation:

"999 for Kids" Program

[www.999forkids.org](http://www.999forkids.org)

In 1985, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Children and Family Services joined together and organized the "999 for Kids" Program. This program was developed to help physically and mentally challenged children throughout Los Angeles County who are victims of the most severe cases of child abuse, neglect and family violence. The funds that are raised are for the purpose of purchasing special items for these children, i.e., wheelchairs, computers, education, and medically-oriented toys and games.

March of Dimes

[www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com)

March of Dimes is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. They carry out this mission through research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies' lives.

Youth Activities League

<http://www.lasdhq.org/sites/Youth/Default.htm>

The Youth Activities League is one of the Sheriff's Youth Foundation countywide programs. This program provides a safe, supportive haven for counseling, educational tutoring and after-school recreational activities for youth. Eleven Sheriff's Stations offer youth activities for girls and boys as viable alternatives to drug involvement and gang membership. More than 20,000 children and teenagers participate in this program annually.

Captain Mike Parker

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Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

For full details, go to [https://local.nixle.com/alert/3712238/?sub\\_id=207867](https://local.nixle.com/alert/3712238/?sub_id=207867).