

# News Release

## FDLE Launches Free Statewide Cyber-Security Training

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Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Guy Tunnell today announced a new statewide training initiative to help protect citizens and businesses from the dangers of the Internet while providing valuable lessons on securing their computers.

Secure Florida, in conjunction with FDLE and the Florida Cybersecurity Institute, developed C-SAFE (Cyber-Security Awareness for Everyone) -- a free one-day seminar open to the public that focuses on how citizens and businesses can secure their computers and safeguard themselves from cyber crimes such as identity theft, cyber stalking and viruses.

"Cyber security is a critical issue for every citizen in our state and the C-SAFE course will provide Floridians with tools and tips on how they can make their systems safer and protect important data," Gov. Jeb Bush said. "I encourage Floridians to take advantage of this course to learn what steps they can take to protect their corner of cyberspace."

The seminars will be presented throughout the state, beginning March 2 at the FDLE office in Miami. Topics include safe e-mail practices, preventing identify theft, recognizing scams, and other ways to protect yourself online.

"I urge all Florida citizens to take this important step in learning how to protect themselves and their children from being victimized online," FDLE Commissioner Guy Tunnell said. "Computer crimes are a growing threat and by attending this course the public will become more knowledgeable of potential dangers."

Every month, new dangers surface that threaten the computers of Florida's citizens. With an ever-growing reliance on computers at home and in the workplace, citizens must be vigilant in the fight for better cyber-security. Building knowledge and awareness of cyber security issues is the first step in securing our cyber infrastructure.

To find out more about securing your systems and to register for an upcoming C-SAFE seminar in your area, visit [www.secureflorida.org](http://www.secureflorida.org)

### **Regional C-SAFE Seminar Schedule**

Gainesville	April 27, 2004	Kirkpatrick Institute of Public Safety, 3737 NE 39 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
St. Augustine	April 28, 2004	St. Johns County Administrative Complex, 4020 Lewis Speedway
Jacksonville	April 29, 2004	Florida Department of Law Enforcement, 921 North Davis Street

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