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Executive Director's Message

In the first edition of The Spotlight, I would like to welcome all of our readers to what will be a very educational and informative newsletter. We will keep you informed on current affairs related to our mission through this medium.





West Virginia Passes Internet Safety Bill

Governor Jim Justice signed Senate Bill 466 on Saturday, March 2nd, using Safe Surfin' Foundation's Cyber S.W.A.T. format. This bill makes internet safety education mandatory for grades 3-12, effective the 2025-2026 school year. SSF is extremely pleased to be a part of this groundbreaking moment promoting peer-to-peer education on all aspects of internet safety.

Updates and News



SSF Hosts Members From The Virginia Department Of Education

January 24th, 2024

Retired Sheriff Mike Brown, Dr. Janet Brown, President Eddie Worth, and Board member Eric Winkler with Safe Surfin' Foundation recently hosted members of the Virginia Department of Education and the Pala Indian tribe at the ICAC Task Force command center in Forest, VA.

A presentation was presented by ICAC Commander Steve Anders explaining the importance of internet safety education throughout the country. Safe Surfin is working with the Virginia Department of Education to include its peer-to-peer program Cyber S.W.A.T. in all public schools in Virginia.



SSF Board Members Meet With WVSP To Discuss Senate Bill

January 22nd, 2024

Retired Sheriff Mike Brown and Dr. Janet Brown met with West Virginia state police superintendent Colonel J.C. Chambers and his staff to discuss Senate Bill 466 – Safety While Accessing Technology education program. Safe Surfin' Foundation is working with several senators in West Virginia on this bill to make internet safety mandatory in all public schools with a full endorsement from West Virginia state police.

Pictured from left to right: Colonel J.C. Chambers, Captain L.J. Deskins, Sheriff Mike Brown, Dr. Janet Brown, Lt. K.D. Akers, Sgt. J. Brown and Sgt. F. Edwards.



Sextortion

The FBI has seen a huge increase in the number of cases involving children and teens being threatened and coerced into sending explicit images online—a crime called sextortion.

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DeShannon Lott, Safe Surfin' Foundation Chairman of Mississippi, pictured with President Eddie Worth.

Tips & Advice

Talk to your children, no matter how young or old. Remind them that people are not always who they say they are and no one they meet online is to be trusted.

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