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October is Crime Prevention Month

Honolulu, Hawaii - On October 3, 2002, at 10:45 a.m., Governor's Office, Governor Ben Cayetano will sign a proclamation marking October 2002 as Crime Prevention Month. October is designated as Crime Prevention Month, a month dedicated to recognizing successful prevention programs and initiatives, informing and empowering the public through educational campaigns, and exploring new partnerships to build stronger communities. The department will highlight the partnerships it has formed with the private and non-profit community and government agencies to celebrate Crime Prevention Month.

This year, McGruff will be joined by his nephew, Scruff, to celebrate Crime Prevention Month in Hawaii. Scruff is an active, imaginative, sometimes impulsive "kid" who is about nine years old. He is old enough to go out with friends without immediate supervision, and he is sometimes confronted by the same kinds of situations and choices that real children of his age face. When faced with trouble or problems, Scruff relies on the counsel of his uncle, McGruff. Scruff loves and respects his Uncle McGruff; he reflects the way children have always seen McGruff - as a trusted source of advice, a wise and warm adult friend and counselor, and someone who sincerely cares for him.

McGruff and Scruff will be making public appearances at a number of events throughout October 2002.

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October 6: Children and Youth Day
State Capitol
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

October 13: HECO in the Community
Bishop Museum
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

October 26: Family Health Fair
Kapiolani Medical Center at Pali Momi
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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