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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - He's traveled all over the country and now he's ready to "take a bite out of crime" at Youngstown State University.

McGruff, the Crime Dog, has teamed up with YSU's Campus Security to help promote crime prevention and safety awareness on campus and in the community.

McGruff, created by the National Crime Prevention Council and Ad Council, has become practically synonymous with crime prevention.

Since his arrival at YSU in September, McGruff has made appearances at several Penguin football games and the Crime Prevention/Awareness Fair held on campus this fall.

Officer George Hammar of Campus Security said the department plans to involve McGruff in more programs in the future. "We hope to have another child fingerprinting program, which will include him."

Campus Security offers a number of programs and seminars dealing with self-defense, drug and alcohol abuse, crime prevention and other topics.

Hammar notes that while McGruff's audience is usually comprised of children, he is also ideal for adult audiences. The Crime Dog makes appearances at parades, malls, elementary schools, churches, and service organizations.

At Youngstown State, McGruff is currently portrayed by a University student trained by Campus Security.

Because the character is in demand and the costume expensive, Hammar says Campus Security often makes McGruff available to police departments in the Mahoning-Trumbull-Columbiana County area.

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The Youngstown Police Department and Campus Security cooperate and coordinate appearances at functions and events.

Officer Hammar said practicing crime prevention habits such as locking doors and alerting police to suspicious persons and happenings will definitely help McGruff and authorities prevent and reduce crime.

One of McGruff's main messages to both children and adults is "By playing it safe and learning how to stop and prevent crime, you can help me and your police department 'take a bite out of crime.'"

By Alison Barret-YSU News Service

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McGruff, the Crime Dog, has teamed up with Youngstown State University's
Campus Security to help "Take a bite out of Crime."

(YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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McGruff, the Crime Dog, offers YSU student Deb Petten of Boardman an apple to illustrate his motto: "Take a bite out of Crime."

(YSU photo by Elise Cleary)

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