



## Community Partners



## Safe & Sound 3-on-3

### Safe Place Youth and Law Enforcement Basketball Tournaments

#### What is Safe & Sound 3-on-3?

Safe Place youth and the surrounding community from 10-19 years of age come together with law enforcement to play basketball and develop a team spirit that transfers off the court. Teams consist of 3 youth and 1 volunteer law enforcement officer. The teams play several matches to determine the best overall. Using a Circle process, the entire group discusses their first impressions, and share individual opinions and experiences from the day.

#### How does the game work?

Youth tend to develop an early sense of distrust or fear of law enforcement. This occurs because there is seldom the opportunity for positive personal relationships and informal interaction. Likewise, law enforcement may harbor feelings or generalizations of youth and this experience provides both groups to meet on the court to learn more about each other in a recreational setting. Teams include both law enforcement and youth leaders to enable a sharing of responsibility for a successful team. Values such as teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship will carry on long past the event.

#### What does it take to hold a 3-on-3 event?

Select a Safe Place location, date and time, not to exceed 4 hours. Contact Capt. Moore with the Community Service Division, as well as the District Captain and the Safe Place Site for a meeting to discuss the details and come to an understanding. Ask the Captain to post and/or present a request for volunteers to his officers. Youth may come from the Safe Place Site with selections going through the site coordinator or from recruitment efforts in the surrounding community. A few additional considerations include: court monitor, balls, team vests, score sheet, pencils, pens, water and snacks.

#### The Game

- 4 Teams Double Elimination / 8 Teams Single Elimination
- 4 games total, 2 loss format to be eliminated. Or you can use the single elimination format.
- 15 minute game or 15 pts, whichever comes first.
- Players call their own fouls, shoot one free throw after 5<sup>th</sup> team foul, ball changes position. All disputes are handled by court staff.
- 1 staff person keeps score and score sheet
- 1 and 2 point shots awarded



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## Sample Schedule

- 11:00 AM Circle Group all teams/players
- 12:00 PM Tournament Begins
- 2:00 PM Closing Circle and remarks

## Tournament Bracket Format

- Game 1 -12:10 pm [Both Courts]
- Game 2 -12:35 pm [Both Courts, Winner vs Winner, Loser vs Loser]
- Game 3 - 1:00 pm [Winner of loser bracket vs Loser of Undefeated Bracket]One Court Only, Team with no lose has a bye.
- Game 4 -1:30 pm [Championship Game] One Court
- Game 5 – 1:50pm [Option Only] If Loser Bracket Won/Replay

