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Internet safety is rapidly becoming one of the toughest issues facing parents and schools today. Downey Police Chief Rick Esteves has made it a top priority to protect children against child predators, creating the department's new "Hi-Tech Crime Unit" to capture online child predators.

As part of this effort, the Downey Police Department will be hosting an Internet Safety presentation on Wednesday, June 2, 7:00 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center, located at 7810 Quill Dr. Downey. This presentation is open to the public and is geared toward parents and adults. The presentation is offered free of charge, and no reservations are necessary. A number of helpful topics, tools and information to protect the children of our community will be presented.

Topics to be discussed include:

- Dangers of social social networking sites (MySpace and Facebook)
- Child Predators using the internet
- Understanding "texting" language and the dangers of sending pictures via phones and computers
- Dangers of "Peer to Peer" sites such as "Bearshare" and "Limewire"
- Up-to-date information on Internet crimes (cyber bullying, harassment, intimidation, etc.)
- Internet tracking methods that can be used to monitor your child's computer activity.

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