

## Our Accomplishments

- Board members worked with legislators on gang, meth, and sentencing of offenders that will bring positive results to our communities.
- We successfully communicated CSC's 2008 goals and efforts to local and state elected officials, City Councils within Yakima County, and local civic clubs.
- In 2008, Board members provided community education through presentations to Kiwanis, Rotary, Yakima Chamber, YPAC, and word of mouth.
- Faith & Family Team members helped grow strong faith based relationships throughout Yakima Valley; distributed prayer cards, held prayer walks and rallies, helped coordinate cold weather shelters in Yakima, and brought faith communities from around our valley together to discuss issues related to homelessness and gangs.
- Our Youth Programs and Education Team created approximately 100 summer jobs for youth in both 2007 & 2008. In 2009, 194 youth attended our Youth Career & Job Fair at Southeast Community Center, and the Team mentored Sunnyside volunteers through their first event with 296 students attending.
- CSC is a Community Mobilization group and is working to reduce the instances of substance abuse and violence through community engagement, education, collaboration. Received official IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit status.
- CSC held three open forums with youth from Toppenish, Eisenhower, and Yakima's Juvenile Detention Center asking them how they would approach improving safety in their communities'.
- Organized the National Night Out Kick-Off Party for 2007 & 2008.

Parker Heights Property Owners Association started their own community watch in 1995.



Attendees at the 2007 Youth Career & Job Fair.

## How Can I get Involved? YOU CAN...

- **Meet and get to know your neighbors.**
- **Get to know your children's friends better.**
- **Start a Block Watch.**
- **Paint over graffiti** within 24 hours.
- **Contribute financially** to specific projects, events, or to our general operating fund to cover our administrative expenses.
- **Provide expertise** with a loaned executive or consultant.
- **Volunteer** at events or serve on the Board of Directors or other Action Team.
- **Make in-kind donations**, such as printing, products, or promotion.
- **Mentor or tutor** children and youth.
- **Hire a youth, or offer internships** and job shadowing opportunities for young people.
- **Speak about your town with pride.**

*CSC looks forward to your involvement in whatever form it takes!*

## Our Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors, 46 strong, is made of local leaders, ordinary citizens, public agencies, private businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and high school students. Board meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month in the Mercy Leadership Center at the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce, 10 N. 9th Street, at 3:30 pm. If you have an item you would like to bring to our attention, please contact our Executive Director.

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# Citizens for Safe Yakima Valley Communities

*Building Safer Communities Citizen by Citizen*



Serving communities in  
Yakima County

**CSC's purpose is to mobilize and collaborate with stakeholders in the Yakima Valley who have a shared vision of a safe community.**

*CSC is supported by Yakima County, City of Yakima, City of Grandview, Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce, ESD105 as well as individuals and businesses in our community. We thank them for their dedicated service and support.*

## Purpose

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## Vision

The Yakima Valley will be known as one of the safest places to live, work and raise a family.

## Mission

Our mission is to strengthen community efforts to make our neighborhoods safe.

## Values

- To be inclusive
- Seek unity in all we do
- Remain determined and be persistent
- Empower and enable people and organizations
- Multiply and coordinate resources, not duplicate them

## Teams & Meetings

The organizational chart to the right gives an overview of CSC's Action Teams. *Most meetings are held at the Yakima Chamber of Commerce.*

## CSC's Role in the Community

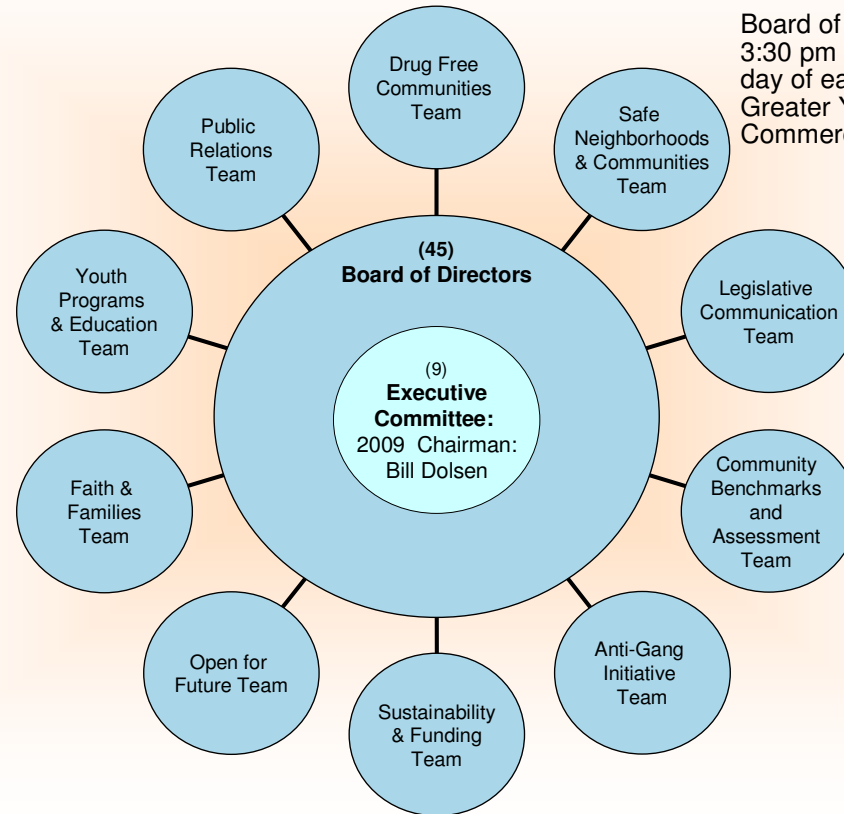
Our role is to be a catalyst for community engagement in issues relating to reducing crime. Solutions will be as complex as the issues and we know there is no simple answer. We encourage you to get involved in addressing these issues.

Sincerely,

Bill Dolsen  
2009 Chairman of the Board

# 2009 CSC - Team Based View

(Action Teams change with community need)



Board of Directors meets at 3:30 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce.

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## CSC's Objectives for Making our Communities Safe

- Encourage community activities that will lower the Yakima Valley MSA's overall crime rate to the bottom third of the national crime rate within five years.
- Identify and measure benchmarks for community safety.
- Encourage education on how to build a safe community.
- Unify countywide support for safety specific legislation.
- Support opportunities for youth to engage in safe and positive behavior
- Assist in creating a drug free community.
- Monitor and strengthen community efforts in prevention, intervention and suppression of crime.