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**PUBLIC EVENT TO UNDERSCORE THE THREAT POSED BY INTERNET CRIME
CHILDREN AND SENIORS ARE AT A GREATER RISK**

FAIRMONT, WV The National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) will host the "Local to Global: Protecting Our Community and Beyond" public exhibition on August 20, 2009 at the I-79 Technology Park Research Center on Galliher Driver.

The event is designed to showcase the unique capabilities of NW3C and other West Virginia High Tech Consortium Foundation companies and there's no better way to appreciate the work they do than to see their products and services in action!

In addition to exciting demonstrations, representatives from NW3C will be teaching classes on Internet safety. Last year, the Internet Crime Complaint Center received over 275,000 complaints of Internet fraud- 30% more than the year before! Internet scams are growing at an alarming rate and everyone with a computer is at risk.

NW3C representatives will also be showing seniors how to protect themselves from financial crimes. Criminals target the elderly more than any other segment of our society because they manage a large percentage of the nation's liquid assets and may be more vulnerable to fraud and deception due to age-related physical and cognitive limitations.

The businesses that call West Virginia's high-tech corridor home play a vital role in protecting our community, our state, our nation and ultimately our world. See first-hand what they are doing to keep us safe and learn how to protect yourself and your family at the same time! The event begins at 8:30AM and admission is free. For more information and an event schedule, please visit:

<http://outreach.nw3c.org>

About NW3C

Funded for over thirty years primarily by the Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) is a leader in helping law enforcement combat economic and cybercrime. Visit our Web site: www.nw3c.org.