



Candy Priano

Advocate for Public Safety and Public Speaker



Media Interviews

Good Morning America
CNN: Anderson Cooper 360
California Connected
CNN Morning Show
ABC Nightly News
Connected Coast to Coast
The Pulse, Fox
The John Walsh daytime show
News 10, Sacramento
KHSL-TV News
KXII-TV
Women's Radio
USA Today
L.A. Times
San Francisco Chronicle
Christian Science Monitor
The Cincinnati Enquirer
Philadelphia Daily News
Times Dispatch, Virginia

Memberships

Association of Professional Law Enforcement Emergency Vehicle Response Trainers (ALERT) International
Law Enforcement Today
International Road Safety
Driver Safety
Toastmasters International

Education

B.A. in Mass Communications
Valparaiso (Indiana) University

Candy Priano is the founder and executive director of Voices Insisting on PursuitSAFETY, a national nonprofit organization. Candy shares many stories with officers and the public. She says, "I was helpless to save my daughter Kristie's life, but I believe her story will save the lives of others."

Her presentations and articles cover the inherent risk of deaths of and injuries to innocent bystanders and police officers as a result of crashes due to police chases and police response calls. Candy's research includes eight years of analyzing thousands of deadly pursuit stories, and she is adept at identifying how the outcome of these chases could have ended in a safer way—without the death of an officer or innocent bystander. She credits her extensive knowledge to officers who share their expertise with her.

She presents "The Other Side of the Windshield" to law enforcement trainers, street officers, and recruits, as well as to law enforcement associations and government safety officers. "I Never Thought I'd be Talking to You," is designed for citizens and civic groups because no one thinks it will happen to them. Candy also talks with teenagers about not fleeing from the police. She prefers to have a local police officer and/or an EMT assist her with this presentation. Every day a teenager flees from the police. Consequently, this presentation is titled, "Pull Over; Have No Regrets."

As a panelist, Candy discusses this important public safety issue with officers, legislators, concerned citizens, etc. She wants to make sure the benefits of a chase justify the risk because it's not just affecting the law-abiding people who are killed or injured. It affects the immediate and extended families, friends, neighbors, and has a rippling effect throughout the community as deaths of innocent bystanders and officers continue to climb.

Candy sees one of her most important roles as executive director of PursuitSAFETY as one of sharing, so no one has to be alone in their grief. Candy speaks with families from around the world and welcomes their phone calls and e-mails.

"Life is precious, unlike a piece of property," Candy says. "The sense of unfairness and never-ending pain does not fade away as some people want us to believe."

Upcoming and Past Presentations include the following:

Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit held in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, February 2011
County Safety Officers' Organization of California, Fall Conference, October 2010
ALERT International Law Enforcement Conference, September 2010
Spirit of a Woman Conference, California State University, Chico
California statewide meeting for Officer Driving Instructors, POST-approved, Burlingame, CA
Street Officers from Sunnyvale, California, Public Safety Department
California Senate Hearings on a proposed state measure, *Kristie's Law*, that would have corrected California's law, which currently does not require officers to follow the pursuit policy their agency has actually adopted. *Kristie's Law* requires officers to follow their policy.

This information and a camera-ready photograph of Candy are available at
www.pursuitsafety.org/mediakit/candyPriano.html