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Miller explained the billboards feature members of the various law enforcement departments, fire companies and ambulance associations' members, 911 dispatchers and members of neighborhood watch groups.

The "crime prevention" messages are designed to foster a more active participation to report crimes in order to solve community crime difficulties. People like Jane Cowan of Mount Union make a difference in the lives of their neighbors who want safe neighborhoods around them.

The "volunteers" message is designed to recognize volunteers for their efforts and encourage "retention and recruitment." Miller said the fire companies and ambulance groups need help. Members spend "endless amounts of personal time without compensation" to help their neighbors. They need help from people from all walks of life and of the age groups who are able to be of some assistance, from working on a building, to cleaning, making sandwiches to sell, serving dinners, doing paper work, as well as putting out a fire or stopping a bleeding cut. "No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn and a desire to help others," Miller said. "Your compensation will be that you will have made a difference in someone's life."

Visit the Citizens Corps booth at the Huntingdon County Fair, Aug. 7-13, to learn more about ways to be a volunteer or to set up a neighborhood crime watch. It will be manned by volunteers of various organizations. Anyone who would like to help at the booth is asked to call Adam Miller at 643-6613.