



CRIME PREVENTION

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I. POLICY

The department is committed to development and perpetuation of community crime prevention programs. All officers, especially patrol officers engaged in field assignments, must be acquainted with the department's crime prevention programs.

II. CRIME PREVENTION FUNCTION

This directive establishes the department's crime prevention function. The key to effective law enforcement lies in seeking a reasonable balance between reactive policing and proactive prevention of crime. The crime prevention function is responsible for maintaining this balance. In order to meet its goals, the crime prevention function must maintain close ties with the other department functions that support and make possible the law enforcement effort.

III. CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for managing the department's crime prevention function. The unit reports to the commander of the Community Relations *Division*, and has oversight responsibilities for crime prevention activities carried on by all members of the department. The Crime Prevention Unit maintains liaison with community groups, which might have an interest in crime prevention and law enforcement.

IV. CRIME PREVENTION PRIORITY PROGRAMS

A. Development Criteria

The Crime Prevention Unit will establish and initiate the department's priority crime prevention programs and will provide for the following:

1. Targeting programs by crime type and geographic area based on an analysis of local crime data;
2. Targeting programs to address community perceptions or misperceptions of crime; and
3. Conducting a documented annual evaluation of crime prevention programs.

B. Existing Programs

The department engages in the following crime prevention programs:

1. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.) – Provide crime prevention input into development and/or revision of zoning policies, building codes, fire codes, and residential and commercial building permits.
2. Assist in organizing crime prevention groups in residential areas for department initiated programs and upon community request; i.e., Neighborhood Watch, Security Patrol, Operation ID, Neighborhood Canvassing Programs.

3. Promote crime prevention programs for all citizens and proprietors targeted by crime analysis, and prepare brochures, displays and special projects which promote the department's crime prevention and community relations programs; i.e., security surveys, marking property indelibly, disseminating information to the community on prevailing types of local crime.
4. Maintain liaison with communities who have an interest in crime prevention and law enforcement, with special attention devoted to organized community associations, the business community, local civic associations, private security agencies, and statewide associations.
5. Identify training needs and assist with the preparation of departmental training programs.
6. Assist the department's Public Information Officer in promoting positive media relations.
7. Coordinate volunteer support activities.

V. TOURS OF POLICE FACILITIES

Most members of the community do not have the occasion to enter a police facility or to witness those activities, which support line operations. To acquaint the public with the law enforcement task, the Department provides tours of the facilities upon request. Times for such tours are dependent upon the availability of personnel to conduct tours and the security requirements for each group. Scheduling and coordination of tours of the 911 Center and Headquarters are the responsibility of the Crime Prevention Unit. Tours of district facilities are the responsibility of the district in which the tour is to take place.

VI. PROPONENT UNIT: Community Relations *Division*.

VII. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 901, dated 12-06-06.