

FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

Section 13: Community Involvement
Topic: CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVITIES
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.01 PURPOSE:

To set forth the Crime Prevention functions of the Frederick Police Department.

.02 CROSS-REF:

.03 DISCUSSION:

It is clearly not in the best interest for a community to have an entirely reactive police department. The reactive functions of law enforcement will always be necessary, but may be reduced by proactive crime prevention efforts. By seeing themselves as not only reactive but also as preventers of crime, police agencies across the country have created new roles for themselves as positive forces for social betterment.

.04 POLICY:

The Frederick Police Department and its personnel are committed to the concept of reducing crime through proactive crime prevention programs. The Department recognizes that crime prevention demands an integrated, coordinated response to achieve maximum effectiveness. The Crime Prevention component is established to coordinate and monitor such programs in conjunction with citizens and with other components of the Department.

.05 DEFINITIONS:

.10 GENERAL INFORMATION:

Within the past decade, the Frederick Police Department has attempted to decentralize many of its "formal" crime prevention activities. While other Divisions within the structure of the Department embrace and engage in many crime prevention activities, many of the formal crime prevention activities and programs are planned, developed, implemented and monitored through the Patrol Division. This is done in order to better channel existing resources within the community into productive systems of crime prevention and reduction, and to assist in developing new resources when desirable. Coupled with the efforts of the Patrol Division, the Department approaches crime prevention efforts from a community involvement/assistance standpoint.

.20 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The primary goals of the crime prevention programs' activities implemented by the Department are to mobilize the Department's resources, along with the community's, to effectively create a safer, healthier and more satisfying environment in the community. Achieving these goals requires that the Department interact with all elements of the community in a variety of positive efforts that go beyond the traditional roles of police agencies. Specific objectives at any given time are dependent upon the needs of the community. It is the objective of all members of the Department to cultivate relationships with departmental members, community groups, businesses, public and private agencies, and others to give and receive information and to examine ways of bringing resources to bear upon problems.

.25 ONGOING FUNCTIONS- PATROL :

1. Supervisors in the Patrol Division will be assigned to and act as a liaison to specific Neighborhood Advisory Councils (NACs) and attend meetings to report to and receive from residents any identified crime trends/information or issues contributing to quality of life in their neighborhoods.

2. Continually evaluate crime prevention needs in conjunction with the efforts of other departmental entities. This includes interaction with, and response to, other departmental entities' requests for assistance at formal or informal settings (roll call, staff meetings, personal contacts, written requests). These requests would draw upon the specific expertise of those assigned to Patrol Operations.
3. Make recommendations as needed, through command channels, to the Chief of Police concerning both existing programs and potential or planned programs.
4. Continuously monitor the programs from other jurisdictions that have proven successful and appear to be potentially beneficial for our community and keep command aware of any programs that we may wish to implement in our community.
5. Respond to requests from schools, civic organizations and other formal or informal groups for crime prevention presentations, as well as seeking out opportunities for making such presentations when appropriate.
6. Participate in publicizing information related to crime prevention programs, such as pamphlet disbursement, crime prevention packets, and actively hosting and/or participating in events and meetings geared toward garnering public support and participation, such as National Night Out, block parties and Neighborhood Advisory Council.
7. When requested, assist the City Planning Department by providing crime prevention input during the planning and zoning process for residential and commercial development.
8. Provide input to, as well as receiving input from, City Codes and Permits and Housing Authority for the City of Frederick as to how our agencies can work together in achieving cohesive crime prevention tactics as they would apply to the various programs requiring a collaborative effort.
9. Serve a liaison function with Frederick County Public Schools as a part of the GREAT Program, mentoring and educating students as appropriate.
10. Work with communities that are served by the PAL Program to address any neighborhood issues or specific needs of individual attendees.
11. Liaise with the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick to address ongoing problems requiring a focused, multi-disciplinary response, and to address any issues of trespass on Housing Authority property.
12. Base crime prevention efforts upon analysis of crime data and geographic area
13. Continuously monitor programs from other jurisdictions that have proven successful and appear to be potentially beneficial for our community and keep command aware of any programs that we may wish to implement in our community.
14. Participate in publicizing information related to crime prevention programs, and actively hosting and/or participating in events and meetings geared toward garnering public support and participation.
15. Monitor ongoing programs directed at crime prevention.