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651. Juvenile Operations

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651.1: PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish and promote programs that strengthen trust between youth and law enforcement. The Albany Police Department is committed to the development of programs directed to the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency.

651.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Albany Police Department to develop and preserve outreach programs designed to ensure positive, consistent, and persistent interaction between youth and law enforcement. The Department's role in these programs will be reflective of, and consistent with, community needs and expectations regarding juvenile issues.

651.3 DEPARTMENT MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Members are encouraged to take advantage of all opportunities to make a positive impact in the lives of the youth in our community, through normal duty functions or off-duty volunteer opportunities such as coaching or mentoring.

651.3.1 COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the Investigations Lieutenant, juvenile operations are generally the primary responsibility of the community resource unit (CRU). The CRU includes the normal outreach functions of the community engagement program coordinator. Additionally, school resource officers also serve as significant role players in the day-to-day interactions between youth and law enforcement.

a. Examples of these juvenile outreach programs include the following:

- 1) Youth Community Police Academy;
- 2) Cadet Program;
- 3) Learn, Engage, Achieve, and Develop (L.E.A.D.) with law enforcement;

- 4) Bicycle Rodeo;
- 5) Safety Camp;
- 6) Shop with a Cop;
- 7) Youth Property Offender Program.

651.4 ANNUAL REVIEW

The Investigations Lieutenant or designee will conduct an annual review and evaluation of all enforcement and prevention programs relating to juveniles. This review shall include information and statistical data available to assess the impact of these programs and activities. The review will make appropriate recommendations for revision, deletion and/or additions to juvenile operations activities. This review and evaluation shall be approved by the Chief of Police.