

Greer Police Department

General Order 560.1 Crime Prevention Activities

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I. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- A. The nature of effective crime prevention demands input from and cooperation between all levels of the Department. All Department employees will assist in the achievement of crime prevention goals by being familiar with the crime prevention services available and recommending them to citizens.
- B. The Community Outreach Team is the organizational component through which the crime prevention activities of the Department are coordinated and implemented. The Community Outreach Team is under the supervision of the Administrative Lieutenant who will submit a documented evaluation of crime prevention programs to the Chief of Police via the Support Services Caption at least once every two years.
- C. Included in the responsibilities of the Community Outreach Team will be the organization of community watches, presentations and meetings on crime prevention with neighborhood groups and school related crime prevention. Other personnel may be assigned to assist with specific projects as needed.
- D. The Community Outreach Team will coordinate neighborhood and community meetings that will focus on law enforcement and community concerns and potential problems affecting the specific area. Data-driven analysis will be used to coordinate with community and service leaders in the area to develop solutions. Updates on the identification of issues and progress toward solutions will be given to identified stakeholders.
- E. Any proactive crime prevention programs will be targeted by crime type and geographic area on the basis of crime data. Crime prevention programs will also address community perceptions or misperceptions of crime.
- F. Input into development and/or revision of zoning policies, building codes, fire codes and residential/commercial building permits will be provided through attendance of building codes meetings and interaction with the Codes Enforcement Officer and Fire Marshall.

II. FOREIGN LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE

The Department recognizes the need for languages services and utilizes an interpreter phone line to assist non English speaking citizens and arrestees. This phone line is accessed in the Detention Facility and in Communications. Court and other interpreters will also be utilized on an as needed basis.

III. PRIORITY PROGRAMS

The Crime Analyst will analyze local crime by type of offense and the geographical area in which it has occurred. Information on the type of offense and the geographical area will be provided by monthly reports, memo, Command Staff and Staff meetings, review of the Patrol Daily Reports and various members of the Police Department. Crime trends, patterns, or problems that are based in analysis may be communicated with citizens, organizations, or businesses as needed.

IV. LIAISON WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Community Outreach Team will assist with the organization of crime prevention groups within the City's neighborhoods as requested, while also coordinating with existing groups and

organizations. Crime prevention groups will have the mutual goal of neighborhood protection and the reduction of crime with the assistance of the Patrol Team. The Community Outreach Team will work with all teams within the Greer Police Department to develop policies that will enhance the Community and Problem-Oriented Policing policies and practices of the department.

- A. Many groups have diverse ideas and needs that may be incorporated into crime prevention actions.
- B. The Community Outreach Team will maintain communication with citizens through crime prevention programs, community meetings and direct contact in neighborhoods and businesses.
- C. The Community Outreach Team will maintain liaison with community, neighborhood, business and other civic groups to evaluate their needs for crime prevention services, share Greer Police objectives, and successes while supporting established agency programs or practices.
- D. The Community Outreach Team will facilitate the development, distribution, and analysis of a citizen survey seeking information regarding the following:
 - 1. Overall agency performance
 - 2. Overall competency of agency employees
 - 3. Citizens perceptions of officers attitudes and behaviors
 - 4. Community concern over safety and security in the Greer Police service area
 - 5. Citizens recommendations for suggestions and improvements

The survey will be completed at least once every two years. A written summary of the results will be forwarded to the Chief of Police via the proper chain of command.

V. CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS

In addition to crime prevention groups, the Community Outreach Team will develop and present programs which will have a positive effect on the prevention of crime in the City of Greer. These programs may include residential and business security checks upon request, vacation house checks, child identification programs, public speaking engagements where crime prevention and community policing are associated topics, free hand-out material, etc.