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**SUBJECT: CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

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2.02.01 POLICY

The Wheat Ridge Police Department is committed to the development and support of community crime prevention programs and community partnerships. The Department's Mission Statement, *"Providing the highest standards of service in partnership with the community"*, clearly states the Department's commitment to community partnerships.

It is the responsibility of every member of the Police Department to work toward achieving the Department's crime prevention goals and objectives.

All police officers are expected to utilize problem-solving strategies to identify and address community crime and disorder issues.

2.02.02 PROCEDURES

- A. It shall be the responsibility of all officers to engage in crime prevention and deterrence activities whenever practicable. These activities may include:
1. Contacting citizens while on patrol, advising them of crime prevention techniques. Officers should be sensitive to any quality of life issues that impact citizens.
  2. Notifying crime victims of methods to reduce the likelihood of victimization in the future.
  3. Giving lectures and presentations as assigned or as uncommitted time allows.
  4. Assisting in school or group presentations. This will be done in conjunction with the School Resource Officer assigned to the involved school.
- B. Requests for police officers to speak to various groups at meetings, classes or events shall be forwarded to the Crime Prevention Supervisor, who shall be responsible for the planning and coordination of crime prevention activities for the department.
- C. As staffing allows, an officer or other employee may be assigned by their supervisor to specialized crime prevention activities, such as a problem oriented policing project or as the police department's liaison to neighborhood or business groups.
- D. Officers may refer to reference material maintained by the Crime Prevention Team for current equipment suggestions, which may be passed along to citizens. Officers may also refer citizens to the Crime Prevention Team for Crime Prevention Team Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) surveys.

- E. As an integral part of the community, the Police Department may, from time to time, be asked to participate in various diversion programs. The Chief of Police shall review and approve each request for participation, and designate a department member to represent the Police Department in the program. The Department's role in these programs is to provide professional law enforcement input to social, juvenile, and corrections programs that allow alternatives to qualified defendants.
- F. Officers shall avoid endorsing a particular brand or distributor of crime prevention products.
- G. Officers shall not make equipment recommendations that are in conflict with the Uniform Fire Code.

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CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- A. Crime prevention educational and service programs are individually targeted toward:
  - 1. identified crime types
  - 2. geographically specific crime
  - 3. victim demographics
  - 4. crimes specific to type of housing
  - 5. public perception of crime/police
- B. Crime prevention educational and service programs that have a community partnership component may include, but are not limited to:
  - 1. Citizen Police Academy
  - 2. Crime Free Hotel/Motel
  - 3. Crime Free Multi-Housing
  - 4. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Assessments
  - 5. Liquor Licensee Education
  - 6. Lock Box Program
  - 7. National Night Out
  - 8. Neighborhood/Business Watch
  - 9. Project Lifesaver
  - 10. Police Civilian Volunteer Program
  - 11. School Resource Officers
  - 12. Senior Safety Crime Prevention Classes
  - 13. Walk-and-Watch
  - 14. Youth Services
    - a. Bike Safety Rodeo Events
    - b. *Street Smarts Youth Academy*
    - c. Classes and tours for:
      - i. Cub Scouts
      - ii. Brownies
      - iii. Boy Scouts
      - iv. Girl Scouts
      - v. Faith-based youth groups
- C. Officers are encouraged to foster community partnerships through membership in civic or service club organizations.