JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT	4-03 STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINE
SUBJECT: Crime Prevention	REVIEW DATE: Annually - April
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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Joplin Police Department to maintain a pro-active approach to the prevention and suppression of crime. While crime prevention and community involvement are the responsibilities of all members of the department, the Support Services Bureau's, Crime Prevention Team, will have a primary responsibility of implementing and managing crime prevention and community involvement programs (45.2.1 C).

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to outline procedures for the delivery of crime prevention services.

III. PROCEDURES

A. The Support Services Bureau's, Crime Prevention Team, will provide the following services:

1. Crime data to determine crime patterns and trends by time, day, location, type of crimes, known perpetrators, and other relevant data useful in directing patrols and developing programs. In part, this data will be used to: (45.1.1A)

   a. Develop programs to educate and empower the citizens and business owners of the community to maintain the safety of Joplin.

   b. Provide the community with information about crime to correct perceptions and misperceptions, about crime in our community. (45.1.1 B)

   c. Train department personnel to demonstrate and initiate crime prevention activities in the community.

   d. Conduct a documented evaluation of crime prevention programs, at least once every three years, to determine effectiveness or continued need, and adjust or develop new programs accordingly. (45.1.1 C)

2. Development and Management of Crime Prevention Programs, including: (45.1.2)

   a. Neighborhood Watch - Coordinating Neighborhood Watch Captains; Present Neighborhood Watch meetings; Writing/Editing the Neighborhood Watch newsletter.

   b. Citizen Police Academy - Coordinate and present instruction during Citizen Police Academy sessions, which are scheduled as demand requires.

c. Other ongoing programs including Sentinels, Child safety and child safety seat program, Gun Lock giveaways, etc.

3. Community Involvement of the Department - Positive community relations are the daily responsibility of all members of the department, commissioned and non-commissioned alike. The department is charged with constantly improving our practices as they relate to community involvement (45.2.1 E). Crime Prevention Officers will coordinate formal community relations programs and activities: (45.2.1 A)

   a. Coordinate with all components of the department, to establish community groups wherever and whenever the need is identified. (45.2.1 A)

   b. Write and edit press releases and announcements to publicize the objectives, problems, and successes of the department's community involvement efforts. (45.2.1 C)

   c. Identify department training needs using information provided by citizen representatives, internal investigations, and supervisors. (45.2.1 E)

   d. Report to the command staff for action on all feedback, comments, suggestions, or other information from citizens and organizations. (45.2.1 D)

   e. Develop problem oriented or community policing strategies, if applicable. (45.2.1 F)

4. A quarterly report to the Chief of Police will be completed by the Support Services Bureau, detailing meetings, assignments and crime prevention techniques utilized by the department (45.2.2). As part of the decision-making processes and to reduce the likelihood of misinterpretations in preparing the quarterly report concerning community involvement and community policing actions, all information received or developed by members of this department shall be forwarded through the Support Services Bureau to the Chief of Police for evaluation and recommendations (45.2.3). The report should include, but is not limited to, the following:

   a. description of current concerns and problems voiced by citizens, business owners, organizations; (45.2.2 A)

   b. A description of potential problems having a bearing on law enforcement activities in the community; (45.2.2 B)

   c. Recommendations to address these concerns or problems; (45.2.2 C)

   d. Actions and progress made toward addressing these concerns and problems. (45.2.2 D)

IV. COMPLIANCE

Violations of this policy, or portions thereof, may result in disciplinary action as described in the City of Joplin's Personnel Rules or the Joplin Police Department's Rules and Regulations and General Orders. Members of the Joplin Police Department, while assigned to or assisting other agencies shall comply with this policy.

V. APPLICATION

This document constitutes department policy, is for internal use only, and does not enlarge an employee's civil or criminal liability in any way. It shall not be construed as the creation of a higher legal standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims insofar as the employee's legal duty

as imposed by law. Violations of this policy, if proven, can only form a basis of a complaint by this department, and then only in a non-judicial administrative setting.