

St. Joseph, Missouri Police Department



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SUBJECT: Crime Prevention		
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I. POLICY:

The Department is committed to the development and presentation of comprehensive crime prevention programs.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. The Crime Prevention Officer, under the direction of the Support Services Commander, shall plan, coordinate, and implement community crime prevention programs and activities for the Department.
- B. The Crime Prevention Officer shall maintain close liaison with and enlist the assistance of other functions that support and make possible the furtherance of the crime prevention effort.
- C. Each member of the Department shall support the Crime Prevention Officer and the Department's Crime Prevention Programs, as staffing levels and caseloads permit.
- D. The Crime Prevention Programs shall be based upon the needs of the community and the ability of the Department to provide such services.
- E. The crime prevention effort of the Department may include, but not be limited to, the following prevention programs:
 1. Drug Abuse Prevention;
 2. Computer Crimes (in conjunction with the Detective Division);
 3. Sexual Assault Prevention (in conjunction with the Detective Division);
 4. Stranger-Danger and Child Safety;
 5. Victim/Witness Awareness (in conjunction with the Training Officer);
 6. Robbery/Burglary (in conjunction with the Detective Division);
 7. Home Security Surveys;
 8. Neighborhood Watch Program;
 9. Operation Identification;
 10. Personal Safety;
 11. Traffic and Bicycle Safety (in conjunction with the School Safety Officer); and
 12. Domestic Violence Awareness (in conjunction with the Detective Division).

- F. The Crime Prevention Officer shall work with the Department's Crime Analyst in determining, on the basis of crime type and geographic area, which Crime Prevention Programs would be most beneficial and where these programs should be targeted.
- G. The Crime Prevention Officer shall target programs, such as the "Neighborhood Watch", to address and identify situations involving perceptions or misperceptions of crime with the community.
- H. It shall be the responsibility of the Crime Prevention Officer to conduct a written evaluation of all Crime Prevention Programs for up-to-date content, impact, popularity, quality, and validity at least once every three years. This evaluation shall be the basis for determination(s) as to whether each program should be modified, discontinued, or shall remain in its present form.
- I. The Crime Prevention Officer shall assist with the formation, organization, perpetuation, and liaison with the Department, of any community crime prevention group, such as the "Neighborhood Watch", based upon the needs of the community or upon request.
- J. The Crime Prevention Officer shall ensure that a liaison is maintained with interested community and governmental groups such as:
 - 1. Local Neighborhood Watch Groups;
 - 2. Chamber of Commerce;
 - 3. Local government functions such as, but not limited to: Zoning, Building Codes, Fire Codes, and Residential/Commercial Building Permits; and
 - 4. Other interested community organizations.
- K. The Crime Prevention Officer shall maintain proficient knowledge through communications with other law enforcement/social agencies and training.

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Chief of Police

Date