

# WEST PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## I-22 CRIME PREVENTION

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**I. POLICY:** The purpose of this directive is to establish the responsibilities of the Crime Prevention Unit.

**II. FUNCTION:** The Crime Prevention Unit will target programs by crime type and the geographic area. This unit will decide which crime types present the greatest problem, where the problems are most often taking place and target that area with these programs to effectively combat crime. The Crime Prevention Unit's programs will be evaluated to determine whether changes, modifications, or termination of the program is necessary.

### **III. RESPONSIBILITIES:**

A. Crime Prevention Program has been established and will be maintained in this community. This Program will appoint the Crime Prevention Officer as the executive director. The Crime Prevention Officer will assist organizations seeking to establish neighborhood Prevention programs throughout the city. Upon request the Crime Prevention Officer will conduct residential and business security surveys. This officer will forward crime prevention information to target areas where a pattern of criminal activity is present.

B. The Crime Prevention Officer is a liaison between the police department and the community. The Crime Prevention Officer will target programs to address community perceptions or misperceptions of crime and evaluating the effectiveness of those programs. They will incorporate in their programs, the interests of those in the residential and business community. The Crime Prevention Officer will work directly with the Crime Analyst in the planning and deployment of resources for prevention and suppression of criminal activities in geographic areas which potential and actual police hazards are identified within the agency's service area of occurrence.

C. Crime Prevention will provide, when requested, input regarding the revision of zoning codes, building codes and residential and commercial building permits. Crime Prevention through environmental design ideas will also be made available.

D. The Crime Prevention Officer will

1. Inform all personnel of their responsibility for achieving the agency's community involvement objectives;
2. develop community involvement policies for the agency;
3. publicize agency objectives, problems, and successes;
4. convey information transmitted from citizens' organizations to the agency;
5. improve agency practices bearing on police community interaction;
6. identifying training needs through interviews with citizen representatives, consultations with those involved in internal investigations, and conferences with supervisors; and
7. establish community groups where they are needed.

E. Each member of the Agency will ensure that information received through contact with members of the community will be forwarded to the Crime Prevention Officer. This can be accomplished through verbal, written or electronic means.

**IV. REFERENCE:**

- SOP # I-13 Citizen Observer Patrol.
- SOP # I-12 Community Volunteer Program
- SOP # I-5 Crime Analyst Unit

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