

## PATROL

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### CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this directive is to establish policy and procedure for the implementation of the Department's crime prevention functions and to describe the accountability of and the responsibility for the Department's community involvement initiatives.

**Policy Statement:** The North Little Rock Police Department is sensitive to the needs of its citizens and recognizes the need for proactive crime prevention measures. It is the policy of this Department to have all employees participate in crime prevention activities in an effort to avert criminal activity and to provide for a community where the citizens feel safe. In this regard, input from the community is essential to the proper delivery of these services. To that end, the Department will maintain close ties with the community and maintain a position of responsiveness to its needs. All members will make it incumbent upon themselves to maintain strong ties to the community and to carry out the community involvement functions as set forth by their command.

#### Summary of Changes:

#### Procedure:

##### 1 Policy

- 1.1 All members of the Department have the responsibility for achieving the Department's crime prevention and community involvement objectives.
- 1.2 These efforts will be coordinated by the respective Area Commanders and reported to the Patrol Division Commander quarterly.
- 1.3 When planning and initiating crime prevention efforts and community involvement programs, the Area Commander should include at a minimum the following:
  - 1.3.1 Crime type and geographic information on the basis of an analysis of crime data; [CALEA 45.1.1 a]
  - 1.3.2 Address community perceptions and/or misperceptions of crime and overall community well-being; [CALEA 45.1.1b]
  - 1.3.3 Conduct and document an evaluation of the crime prevention programs every 2 years. [CALEA 45.1.1c]
- 1.4 Each Area Commander, in conjunction with the Patrol Commander, will use the information gathered in subsection 1.3.1 to develop problem-oriented or community policing strategies tailored for their respective areas.
- 1.5 Each Area Commander will evaluate the effectiveness of crime prevention and community involvement programs in their quarterly Crime Prevention and Community Involvement Report to the Patrol Division Commander. This report will consist of:
  - 1.5.1 A description of current concerns voiced by the community; [CALEA 45.2.1a]
  - 1.5.2 A description of potential problems that have a bearing on law enforcement activities within their respective areas; [CALEA 45.2.1b]
  - 1.5.3 A statement of recommended actions that addresses previously identified concerns and problems; and [CALEA 45.2.1c]
  - 1.5.4 A statement of progress made toward addressing previously identified concerns and problems. [CALEA 45.2.1d]
- 1.6 Any member that has relevant information to be added to the Crime Prevention and Community Involvement Report may forward that information through their chain of command on an *Intra-Departmental Communication* form.
- 1.7 Upon request, the Area Commanders or their designees will assist in organizing crime prevention and other community groups. The Area Commander or designee will serve as liaison to the various groups. [CALEA 45.1.2a]
- 1.8 When necessary, the Area Commanders will provide crime prevention input into the development and/or revision of zoning policies, building codes, fire codes, and the issuance of building permits. [CALEA 45.1.3]

##### 2 Administration

- 2.1 The Patrol Division Commander will consolidate the quarterly Crime Prevention and Community Involvement Reports received from the Area Commanders.
- 2.2 The consolidated report will be made available to other staff commanders so they may furnish relevant information received by their personnel.

- 2.3 The Patrol Division Commander will present the consolidated report to the Chief of Police on a quarterly basis. [CALEA 45.2.1e]
- 2.4 The command staff should consider crime prevention efforts when establishing the Department's annual goals and objectives.
- 2.5 The command staff will collectively develop community involvement objectives and policies for the Department. [CALEA 45.1.2b]
- 2.6 The Public Information Officer, at the direction of the Chief of Police, will publicize the Department's objectives, problems, and successes. [CALEA 45.1.2c]
- 2.7 Area Commanders will relay information received from community organizations to the Patrol Division Commander. [CALEA 45.1.2d]
- 2.8 The Patrol Division Commander will use information received, in compliance with Section 2.7, to improve the area's/Department's practices in relation to community involvement. [CALEA 45.1.2e]

### **3 Citizens Attitudes and Opinion Surveys**

- 3.1 A survey of citizen attitudes and opinions will be conducted every two (2) years by the Chief of Police or designee and will address:
  - 3.1.1 Overall Department performance, [CALEA 45.2.2a]
  - 3.1.2 Overall competence of Department members, [CALEA 45.2.2b]
  - 3.1.3 Officers attitudes and behavior toward citizens, [CALEA 45.2.2c]
  - 3.1.4 Community concern over safety and security within the Department as a whole, and [CALEA 45.2.2d]
  - 3.1.5 Any recommendations or suggestions from citizens for improvements. [CALEA 45.2.2e]
- 3.2 The survey will include established research practices to include random sampling.
- 3.3 The survey may be conducted by mail, telephone, or in person.
- 3.4 The survey may be conducted by Department personnel or other persons with Department guidance.
- 3.5 The report may be made available to the public as determined by the Chief of Police.
- 3.6 The results of the survey will be compiled and a summary will be submitted to the Chief of Police. [CALEA 45.2.2f]

### **4 Corrective Actions**

- 4.1 The Department is committed to correct any actions, practices, or attitudes within the Department that may have an adverse impact on community relations, community tensions, and grievances. This will be accomplished through supervision, training, review of policies and procedures, or other personnel actions.

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