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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the department's commitment to crime prevention, establish the crime prevention component and inform personnel of their role in the department's overall crime prevention efforts.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Elgin Police Department to provide specialized training in current crime prevention theory and practices to assigned personnel in the area of crime prevention.

PROCEDURES

45.1.1 CRIME PREVENTION PRIORITIES

- A. The department is committed to crime prevention as a department-wide philosophy, not just a specific program. All personnel play a role in the department's overall crime prevention efforts. Consequently, the success of the department's crime prevention strategies and tactics depend on all personnel working together in partnership with the community. Specific crime prevention programs, which are intended to reduce the incidence of criminal activity in the community, have been developed, implemented, and maintained by the department.
 1. The department shall prioritize and target crime prevention programs by crime type and geographic areas based upon information provided in department crime analysis bulletins, crime statistics, and citizen requests.
 2. The department shall address community perceptions of crime through new or existing crime prevention programs.
 3. The department administers an array of programs, not limited to the following:
 - a. Child safety programs.
 - b. Crime Free Housing/Community Policing through Environmental Design (CPTED).
 - c. Family Finder Program.
 - d. Neighborhood Watch Program.
 - e. Observer Program.
 - f. Police community outreach.
 - g. Residential and business security education and surveys.

- h. Resident Officer Program (ROPE).
 - i. Senior services programs.
 - j. Workplace/personal safety education.
- B. Crime prevention programs shall be evaluated at least once every three years. The evaluation shall be forwarded through the chain of command to the respective commander.

45.1.2 LIAISON WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS

- A. Personnel engaging in crime prevention shall assist in the organization and operation of community groups who have the goal of preventing crime.
- B. Personnel shall remain available to provide educational presentations/programs to such groups. Personnel who possess specialized knowledge may be requested to present a particular program or topic.