COMMUNITY POLICING & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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I. PURPOSE

This General Order aims to establish policies and procedures for police-community interactions and crime prevention activities.

II. POLICY

It is the responsibility of all members of the University Police Department to work together with members of the campus community and campus community organizations, to develop a sense of mutual responsibility for enhancing public safety and improving the quality of life on the SUNY Cortland campus.

III. COMMUNITY POLICING

A. The scope of the department's community policing functions will provide for the following:

1. Create programs that bring together the police and the community to create trust, communication and identify ways to enhance the community's well-being.

2. Create programs to address safety and crime prevention.

B. Responsibility for Community Policing and Crime Prevention Activities

1. Community policing and crime prevention activities will be the responsibility of all personnel. Particular programs may be assigned under the direction and coordination of the Chief of Police and the Assistant Chief of Police.

2. The Community Policing Team will be responsible for establishing and organizing programming with various campus community groups and proactive liaisons with them.
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3. The department will create programs that increase the community's confidence in the department's legitimacy.

C. Examples of General Community Policing Activities

    1. Examples of general community policing activities include:

       ➢ Speaking to various campus groups on community matters;

       ➢ Distributing community policing literature;

       ➢ Staffing information tables at various events;

       ➢ Conducting educational programs;

       ➢ Assisting in the organization of community groups and maintaining liaisons with all groups;

       ➢ Alerting the community to crime trends and safety concerns using the media, email, social media, the department's website, and other available resources.

D. Procedures to Address Specific Community Policing and Crime Prevention Concerns

    1. Identification of specific community and crime prevention concerns may occur from the following:

       ➢ Any member of the department may contact the Community Policing Team, their supervisor, or the Asst. Chief and make them aware of crime prevention issues that arise.   **Amended 7/24/2017**

       ➢ The Chief and Asst. Chief will independently review and analyze crime and calls for service data to identify needs by geographic area, crime type, or time;

       ➢ College administrators, faculty & staff, students, and community groups may inform the department of community or crime prevention concerns. The Campus Safety Committee may recommend community policing and crime prevention programs to address any concerns.

    2. The department will utilize various strategies to increase community policing. These include, but are not limited to the following:

       ➢ Utilization of the department's directed foot patrol;

       ➢ Utilization of the department's bicycle patrol program. *See* G.O. *Bicycle Patrol Procedures*;

       ➢ Utilization of the department's Community Policing Team;

       ➢ Referral of victims to available resources and services. *See* G.O. *Victim and Witness Services*;

       ➢ Other techniques or methods as directed by supervisors, the Asst. Chief or the Chief.

E. Evaluation of Crime Prevention Efforts

   1. The Chief, Asst. Chief, Crime Prevention Team or other personnel as assigned, will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the community policing or crime prevention programs, as well as needed efforts to address specifically identified and targeted issues and problems. **Amended 7/24/2017**

   2. The results of these evaluations will be communicated and disseminated as appropriate, i.e., the Campus Safety Committee, community groups, individual members of the community, campus officials, and other members of the department. **Amended 7/02/2020**

   3. The results of these evaluations will be considered in formulating new community policing programs and programs or modifying current efforts.

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