



*Office Of The Sheriff*  
***Allegany County***  
***Maryland***

GENERAL ORDER NO: **7-000.00**

TO: All Patrol and Judicial Personnel

RE: **CRIME PREVENTION**

PURPOSE: To establish a component within the Sheriff ' s Office for the purpose of fostering actions aimed at reducing criminal opportunity, and for specifying the organizational and operational responsibilities of the component.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2004

REVISION DATE: 3/1/2016

**7-001.00 ORGANIZATION**

- .01 The Allegany County Sheriff ' s Office is committed to the development and continued operation of community crime prevention programs. This commitment extends to an active partnership with the citizens of Allegany County in implementing programs, which will lessen the opportunity for criminal activity. The main emphasis of the Agency ' s crime prevention efforts shall be proactive and will be supported by all agency members.
- .02 Organizational Responsibilities
  - A. All members of the office will be responsible for providing basis crime prevention techniques to citizens when answering calls for service or through other contacts. Personnel should encourage citizens to participate in the Office ' s crime prevention programs and activities.
  - B. The Crime Prevention Deputy of the Office will be responsible for the development, coordination, implementation, and evaluation of Agency Crime Prevention Programs.

.03 Foreign Language Resources

- A. The Crime Prevention Deputy shall establish access to language specialists through the Allegany County Board of Education, the Allegany College, and other sources as may be found.

**7-002.00 OPERATIONS**

.01 The Crime Prevention component will include but not be limited to the following responsibilities:

- A. Targeting the Office ' s crime prevention efforts through an ongoing analysis of crime type and geographic distribution in the county. .
- B. Assisting in the proactive organization of crime prevention groups in residential and business areas. Assistance shall be provided to established crime prevention groups upon request.
- C. Maintaining liaison with interested community fraternal/service organizations involved in crime prevention activities to include, but not limited to:
  - 1. Allegany County Board of Education
  - 2. Elks, Eagles, Moose, etc.
  - 3. Maryland Crime Watch Organization
  - 4. Chamber of Commerce
- D. Officer assistance in the development and/or revision of zoning policies, building codes, and other aspects of building construction with the goal of crime prevention through environmental design.
- E. Conduct evaluations of crime prevention programs, at a minimum, once every two years. The evaluation shall be both qualitative and quantitative. The result of the evaluation will be forwarded to the Sheriff.

- F. Coordinating and perpetuating community based crime prevention programs based on statistical need and citizen requests. Such programs will be aimed at educating the public as to criminal activity/behavior, and techniques available to reduce the chances of becoming a crime victim. Examples of such programs are, but not limited to:
1. D.A.R.E. Program (**D**rug **A**buse **R**esistance **E**ducation).
  2. Neighborhood Watch Programs
  3. Safe Houses for children
  4. Operation Identification Programs
  5. Other presentations designed to address a specific criminal activity.

By Order Of:

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