

MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

ORDER NO: 2016-008

SUBJECT: Crime Prevention

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2016

RESCINDS ORDER NO:

DISTRIBUTION: All Department Personnel

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to define the department policy, procedures and responsibility for crime prevention.

- I. **POLICY:** Crime prevention is the duty of the Medina Police Department, in cooperation with the citizens of the community. The department seeks to prevent crime through traditional patrol, observation and investigation techniques designed to protect life and property, detect and apprehend offenders, preserve the public peace, and enforcement of laws over which we have jurisdiction.

Citizens of the Village of Medina are encouraged to participate in crime prevention through police - citizen oriented programs.

Citizen /Police crime prevention programs will be coordinated under the direction of the chief of police. All members of the department share the crime prevention function, while performing their duties or while assisting our community or investigating crimes.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Duties and Responsibilities

Department personnel assigned to specific crime prevention presentation shall wear the department prescribed uniform. The Chief of Police may determine that a specific assignment would benefit by non-uniform attire in place of the department uniform.

B. All department personnel will be responsible for, but not limited to:

1. Identifying community needs for selected crime prevention programs, crime problems and possible crime prevention solutions and taking appropriate action to implement same upon approval of the Chief of Police.
2. Assisting the Chief of Police in the development and implementation of crime

prevention programs.

3. Participate in crime prevention activities as assigned, such as:
 - a. Lecturing on various crime prevention topics
 - b. Maintain liaison with individuals and community and business groups;
 - c. Recruiting, training, and supervision volunteers (i.e. neighborhood watch);
 - d. Participating in crime prevention training;
 - e. Following up on referrals regarding crime prevention;
 - f. Evaluating programs initiated and exchange ideas with other members of the department or other agency representatives.

C. Areas of Crime Prevention

It shall be the responsibility of the each Officer to familiarize themselves with the following areas and use that knowledge to better prevent crime and educate the public.

1. Crime Prevention and Property
 - a. Security lighting
 - b. Alarms
 - c. Security hardware
 - d. Oleis file
2. Crime Prevention and Business
 - a. Robbery prevention
 - b. Shoplifting prevention
 - c. Internal theft prevention
 - d. Fraudulent checks, credit cards, counterfeiting
3. Crime Prevention and the Person
 - a. Rape prevention
 - b. Crime prevention and senior citizens
 - c. Crime prevention and children
 - d. Crime and the disabled
 - e. Domestic violence
 - f. Substance abuse prevention
4. Crime Prevention and the Community

- a. Neighborhood watch
- b. Safe place
- c. Explorer post
- d. Planning management and evaluation

D. Statistics and Crime Records

In some instances, a breakdown of crime records, call history or statistics may helpful in preventing or solving crime. Knowledge of open/outstanding cases along with information sharing (community, departmental, interagency) can help identify patterns or suspects. These analysis can also identify high crime areas that would benefit from proactive patrols. Officers are asked to utilize all available information through SJS, EJustice, Dispatch, DMV, LE Bulletins and emails to gather and share information with other Law Enforcement Professionals.

By Order Of:

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Chief of Police