

DUNCANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS

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I. PURPOSE

The Duncanville Police Department is committed to the development and perpetuation of crime prevention and safety awareness programs to be offered to the community and Duncanville schools.

All crime prevention and safety awareness programs are coordinated in the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Division, supervised by Crime Prevention/Community Relations Officer. The goal and purpose of the division should be to educate the community as to the crime that occurs in the city and to promote a safer environment for Duncanville citizens through the use of crime prevention and safety awareness programs.

II. DIRECTIVE ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENTS CRIME PREVENTION COMPONENTS

A. A directive establishing the departments' crime prevention components, defining the relationships between all organizational elements of the agency in pursuing crime prevention activities, is essential in the overall success of the goals, operation, and purpose of the crime prevention division.

B. The Crime Prevention/Community Relations Division with the assistance and combined effort of other members of the police department, the Citizen Police Academy Alumni, and department volunteers, are responsible for offering these components to the citizens of Duncanville.

III. PLANNING AND COORDINATION

A. The Crime Prevention/Community Relations Division shall have one police officer and one civilian Volunteer Coordinator assigned to the division.

B. Their responsibilities will include, but will not be limited to, the planning and coordination of crime prevention activities and programs. The activities and programs may be accomplished through the use of other police personnel and department volunteers. Although the specific number of programs operated or participated in by the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Division may be large; the specific objectives of the overall mission of the division may be summarized in two flagship programs.

1. Citizen Police Academy - A bi-annual course of instruction for members of the community who wish to learn more about their local law enforcement agency. Academy participants are civilians, selected from the community,

who undergo a 10 to 12 week schedule of classes, taught by various volunteer members of the Duncanville Police Department who are experts in their particular field. The ultimate goal of the Academy is that of a heightened sense of cooperation between the police department and the community, and a more keen awareness of crime in the city and the prevention thereof, thus furthering the mission of the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Division.

2. Neighborhood Crime Watch - An ongoing program of information and awareness, designed to educate and bring components of the community closer together for a single purpose - the prevention of neighborhood crime. Given that Duncanville's 38,850 residents and their homes comprise more than 75% of the community, residential crime prevention is accorded a high priority. All police personnel should be acquainted with the objectives and procedures utilized to further the aim of Neighborhood Crime Watch in the City. That aim is to encourage the citizens to watch out for their neighbor's property as they would their own and to call in suspicious activity when they see it occurring. Neighborhood Crime Watch shall be reinforced by a series of meetings on the block and neighborhood level as well as by the Crime Web Information telephone line, city website (www.duncanville.com/police/), and regular publication of Crime Watch and Crime Prevention material, advisories in the Champion newspaper and other local newspapers. This program of citizen cooperation and education also results in a heightened awareness of community and the measures needed to keep it safe, thus furthering the mission of the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Division.

IV. CRIME ANALYSIS IN CRIME PREVENTION

- A. The Crime Prevention Division will target the following programs by crime type and geographic area: Neighborhood Crime Watch, Personal Safety Awareness, Operation H.E.A.T., VIN etching, and Armed Robbery Awareness.
- B. The goal will be to collect this data information from the Records and Patrol Division on a daily basis to address community perceptions or misperceptions of crime and crime statistics, on residential, business, and vehicle burglary, auto theft, and robbery.
- C. The method used will be to collect this data information on a daily basis from the department's reports and computer by crime prevention personnel or volunteer clerks. Crime prevention personnel shall evaluate the effectiveness of all crime prevention programs in a written report to police administration at least every two years.

V. CRIME PREVENTION INPUT INTO DEVELOPMENT AND/OR REVISION OF ZONING POLICIES BUILDING CODES, FIRE CODES, AND RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS

- A. The purpose will be to address crime prevention concerns prior to construction. The Crime Prevention Officer is offered the opportunity to review and offer suggestions on site plans of residential and commercial construction and proposed revisions to zoning and building codes.

- B. The Crime Prevention Officer will attend the Basic and Advanced Crime Prevention School and the Basic and Advanced Environmental Design Crime Prevention Schools, approved and accredited by the Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Commission in Austin, Texas.