

**MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MOBILE, ALABAMA**

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**SUBJECT: CRIME PREVENTION ORGANIZATION/ADMINISTRATION**

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**45.1.1 AGENCY CRIME PREVENTION FUNCTION**

The Mobile Police Department is committed to the development and perpetuation of community crime prevention programs.

Crime prevention is a shared responsibility of the Mobile Police Department and the citizens of Mobile. The police department is responsible for acquiring and disseminating to the community current crime prevention information. Encouraged by the department, these citizens are ultimately responsible for participating in the programs and utilizing the communicated information.

**A. The Crime Prevention Unit will:**

1. Base programs on the analysis of local crime data to suit the geographic areas and the current crime trends.
2. Target programs to address community *\*concerns*.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of crime prevention programs. A written evaluation shall be completed by the Community Services Unit commander at least once every *\*two* years.

**B. The following are established Crime Prevention programs:**

1. Community Action Groups (CAG's).
2. Crime Stoppers liaison.
3. AT&T Vital Link
4. Security surveys for homes and businesses.
5. Drug education and awareness programs.
6. G.R.E.A.T. Program (Gang Resistance Education and Training).
7. Senior citizen programs.
8. McGruff the Crime Dog program.
9. School programs (Stranger Danger, Say No to Drugs, etc.).
10. Mobile Police Explorers.

#### 45.1.2 AGENCY ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZING CRIME PREVENTION GROUPS

Crime Prevention Groups, such as Community Action Groups (CAG'S), are typically organized by interested groups of citizens in residential and business areas with the assistance of the Police Department. The groups are comprised of citizens that are interested in improving the quality of life in their respective areas.

A. Community interests include, but are not limited to:

1. Crime reduction.
2. Crime prevention.
3. Improved street lighting.
4. Other neighborhood and community improvements that the groups target.

B. The Mobile Police Department will assist Crime Prevention Groups in the following ways:

1. Providing organizational assistance.
2. Attending meetings.
3. Supplying crime prevention materials.
4. Acting as department and city liaisons.

#### 45.2.1 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Mobile Police Department, through the *\*Community Services Unit*, will establish and maintain community relationships and partnerships to facilitate the transfer of accurate information, community understanding, and public confidence.

The *\*Community Services Unit* will:

1. Establish liaisons with formal community organizations and other community groups.
2. Educate department personnel that they are individually responsible for achieving community involvement objectives.
3. Develop community involvement policies.
4. Publicize departmental objectives, problems, and successes.
5. Convey information transmitted from citizen organizations to the department.
6. Improve departmental practices bearing on police-community interaction.
7. Identify training needs through interviews with citizen representatives, internal investigation officers, and supervisors.
8. Establish community groups where needed.
9. Develop community policing strategies based on community input.

#### 45.2.2 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REPORT

The *\*Community Services Unit*, at least quarterly, will prepare and submit a report to the Chief of Police that includes, at a minimum:

1. A description of the current concerns voiced by the community.
2. A description of potential problems that have a bearing on law enforcement activities within the community.
3. A statement of recommended actions that address previously identified concerns and problems.
4. A statement of progress made toward addressing the previously identified concerns and problems.

#### 45.2.3 TRANSMITTING RELEVANT INFORMATION

All department members are responsible for transmitting to the \*Community Services Unit relevant information regarding community concerns. The \*Community Services Unit will be responsible for compiling this information into the Community Involvement Report found in standard 45.2.2.

#### 45.2.4 CITIZEN SURVEY

A survey of citizen attitudes and opinions should be conducted, at a minimum, every *\*two* years. The survey should reflect:

1. Overall department performance.
2. Overall *\*competency* of department employees.
3. Officers' attitudes and behavior toward citizens.
4. Community concern over safety and security within the department's service area, as a whole.
5. Recommendations and suggestions for improvements.
6. *\*Results are compiled, with a written summary provided to the Chief of Police.*

By order of:



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