

Crime Prevention

808.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and responsibilities pertaining to the Louisville Police Department Crime Prevention Technician.

808.2 POLICY

The Louisville Police Department is committed to preventing crime in the community and has hired a Crime Prevention Technician to oversee crime prevention efforts. Crime prevention is an integral part of the mission of the Louisville Police Department and requires the participation of and strong collaboration between the Department and the community.

808.3 CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

The prevention of crime is the responsibility of all members of the Department. Crime Prevention programs may vary depending upon budget and community need. Programs that may be administered by the Crime Prevention Technician include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Business Watch
- Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED)
- Workplace safety
- Community safety coalition lead
- Drug abuse prevention
- Youth violence prevention
- Security lighting

808.4 CRIME PREVENTION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief of Police oversees the daily functions of the Crime Prevention Technician and is responsible for coordinating with all of the Department Divisions to ensure that crime prevention functions are tailored to reflect changing department and community needs. The Crime Prevention Technician acts as the primary crime prevention liaison between the Department, community groups and other government entities.

To maximize the impact, the Crime Prevention Technician should:

- Organize and establish a liaison with crime prevention groups within the community.
- Utilize crime data to customize specific crime prevention programs and responses.
- Understand community perceptions and misperceptions of crime.

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- Conduct a documented evaluation of all active crime prevention initiatives at least once every three years.
- Communicate with other City groups (e.g., zoning, code compliance, street lighting, building permits, environmental design) regarding crime prevention issues.

808.4.1 COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

The Crime Prevention Technician serves as the primary source and liaison for all Department-initiated community oriented policing initiatives. However, community oriented policing is also the responsibility of all department members.

808.4.2 CITIZEN SURVEY

A citizen's survey should be conducted at least once every three years including:

- Overall department performance
- Overall competence of department members
- Perception of department members' attitude and behavior
- Any safety or security concerns
- Recommendations and suggestions for improvements

A written summary of the compiled results should be provided to the Chief of Police.

