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CRIME PREVENTION

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POLICY

1. The Delta Police Department (Department) will provide a crime prevention function that will:
 - a) be described and defined with respect to all organizational elements of the Department in pursuing crime prevention activities;
 - b) be based on the particular needs of the community;
 - c) establish the Department's crime prevention priorities by crime type and geographic area, based on an analysis of local crime data;
 - d) identify and appraise opportunities that could lead to the commission of crimes and take action to eliminate those opportunities;
 - e) develop methods to prevent crime;
 - f) be administered under the authority of the Chief Constable and the responsibility of OIC Patrol Branch; and
 - g) be conducted using appropriately selected and trained staff and the appropriate equipment and techniques.



REASON FOR POLICY

2. To complement and support community-based policing and problem oriented policing initiatives and to support members of the Department in maintaining a safer and better community.

PROCEDURES

Community Police Stations

3. The Community Police Stations (CoPS) will provide the foundation of the crime prevention function of the Delta Police Department.
4. The CoPS offices will be 'store front' stations staffed by a Constable and supported by volunteers from the community, referred to as Delta Community Volunteers "DCVs).
5. CoPS programs will focus on crime prevention through programs designed to involve citizens as 'partners in policing' and through the development and implementation of public safety initiatives.

CoPS Programs

6. **CASA** – (home/vacation security checks) DCVs attend residences of community members who are away from their residence for extended periods of time to ensure the residence is secure and actively monitored.
7. **CPSA** – (Crime Prevention, Safety and Awareness) DCVs attend the residence of community members who are elderly, disabled, special needs, house-bound and/or fearful, checking on the welfare of these community members, providing community outreach and ensuring they feel safe and secure in their homes.
8. **Block Watch** – The Block Watch program is aimed at reducing crime in the community in which DCVs educate community members on how to monitor suspicious activity in their neighbourhoods and to work together as a community to reduce crime. The Block Watch and NEPP programs are designed to augment each other.
9. **Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP)** – DCVs provide information and educational material related to the NEPP Program as well as assist in facilitating on-going training and support. The NEPP and Block Watch programs are designed to augment each other.



10. **Home Security Assessments** – at the request of homeowners, trained DCVs attend residences to offer residents suggestions to the homeowners for improving their home security and safety.
11. **CPTED** – (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) trained DCVs conduct assessments and surveys with the goal of assisting in the planning and development of safer and more secure business and community development projects.
12. **Speed Watch** – DCVs set up radar units with speed reader boards in various areas to provide motorists with a highly visible reminder/indicator of their speed relative to the posted speed limit. Vehicles traveling at higher than posted speeds are recorded and warning letters may be sent to the registered owner. This is an ICBC partnership program.
13. **SARS** – (stolen auto recovery surveys) DCVs conduct area patrols, accessing a CPIC/ICBC originated data base, attempting to locate vehicles on file as stolen. This is an ICBC partnership program.
14. **Lock-it or lose-it** – DCVs conduct checks of parked vehicles to ensure they are secure and that no items are visible that may result in the vehicle being broken into; a warning notice is issued if any concerns are noted. This is an ICBC partnership program.
15. **STEP** – (School Traffic Education Program) DCVs rotate through local schools conducting traffic safety surveys which are forwarded to the Department's Traffic Section and the City of Delta's Engineering Department to proactively address potential traffic related issues.
16. **Child Find** – is a program in which DCVs assist parents in maintaining a personal identification log of their children, up to 18 years of age, including fingerprinting and photographing.
17. **Business Watch** – a participant driven program in which DCVs and the CoPS officer liaise with participating businesses, exchanging business specific information, crime updates, trends and alerts on a regular basis.
18. **Crime Watch, Parks Patrol and Bike Patrol** – DCVs conducted patrols in vans, on bikes and on foot watching for and reporting suspicious activity or crimes.
19. **Safety initiatives, information, services and surveys** – DCVs develop and participate in public safety and education initiatives; such as pedestrian and bicycle safety programs, participate in traffic surveys; such as red light



violations and speeding, and provide general information, referrals, property engraving, and educational material with a front counter service at individual CoPS office.

CoPS Constables Function & Responsibilities

Function

20. CoPS officers will manage a community police station and, through this station, enforce laws, protect life and property and assist DCVs in the delivery of community policing programs and initiatives. CoPS officers will be responsible for researching, analyzing and address criminal offences and social problems unique to their operational area; communicating these trends to both the Department and the community and utilizing appropriate social agencies as needed to address these community issues.

Responsibilities

21. COPS officers have the following responsibilities:
 - a) patrol a designated area of the municipality by foot, bicycle or vehicle;
 - b) organize and maintain a full range of Crime Prevention programs;
 - c) enlist and train a competent staff of volunteer citizens to assist with the COPS station and programs;
 - d) liaise and work with youth in the area;
 - e) provide a variety of information and assistance to the public;
 - f) become familiar with all the business people in the assigned area, schools and places where young people gather;
 - g) assist the Department to deliver a service attuned to community needs;
 - h) liaise and meet with interagency groups, schools, health, probation, DYS, Deltassist, etc.; and
 - i) develop excellent news media relations.



Accountability

22. CoPS officers report to the Sergeant i/c Community Policing Section, who reports to the Inspector i/c Community Policing Section.

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