

WINTER HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER 45.1

CRIME PREVENTION

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS: CALEA – 45.1.1, 45.1.2, 45.1.3

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RESCINDS: G.O. 45.1 May 3, 2013 and all applicable Amended/Temporary Orders prior to January 5, 2018

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POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Winter Haven Police Department to be committed to the development and perpetuation of proactive community crime prevention programs.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish guidelines for the operation and administration of crime prevention programs.

SCOPE

This General Order shall apply to all Department members.

PROCEDURES

I. Crime Prevention Program

- A. The Crime Prevention function is a sub-component of the Support Services Bureau.
- B. The person who holds the position of Crime Prevention Specialist shall complete the State of Florida Attorney General's three course training series in order to become a certified "Florida Crime Prevention Practitioner". The courses are as follows:
 - 1. Basic Crime Prevention;
 - 2. Residential Applications; and

3. Commercial Applications.

II. Prioritizing Programs

- A.** The Crime Prevention Specialist shall identify program needs through interviews with citizen representatives and police officers, while utilizing information through the Uniform Crime Reporting System and other pertinent data. The Crime Prevention Specialist shall consider location(s) where crime problems are most severe and where crime prevention activities would be most productive. (CALEA 45.1.1a)
- B.** The Crime Prevention Specialist shall target programs that would be most effective in combating crime and take steps to correct practices, actions and perceptions of crime within the community. (CALEA 45.1.1b)
- C.** The Crime Prevention Specialist shall prepare monthly statistical data that reflects the number and type of program activities performed by the Crime Prevention Unit and submit to the Chief of Police via the Chain of Command.
- D.** The Crime Prevention Specialist shall annually evaluate the effectiveness of the crime prevention efforts. They shall make a determination if programs need to be modified, added or discontinued. This evaluation shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police via the Chain of Command. (CALEA 45.1.1c)
 - 1.** The Crime Prevention Specialist shall establish child safety programs to educate children and parents on crime prevention in an effort to prevent crimes against children. Such programs include, but are not limited to:
 - a.** Seat belt safety;
 - b.** Stranger Danger;
 - c.** 9-1-1 Procedures;
 - d.** Pedestrian safety;
 - e.** McGruff presentations;
 - f.** Kids' health fairs;
 - g.** Gun safety;
 - h.** Children fingerprinting;
 - i.** Bicycle rodeo and safety
 - j.** "Police Officers are your Friends";
 - k.** Passing out safety literature to appropriate age group; and
 - l.** Participating in bicycle helmet give aways and proper fitting.
 - 2.** The Crime Prevention Specialist shall assist in organizing crime prevention groups and promote crime prevention programs in residential and business areas targeted for certain criminal activity. The Crime Prevention Specialist shall also

promote crime prevention programs for all citizens and proprietors in areas targeted for such activity. These groups should include, but not be limited to: (CALEA 45.1.2)

- a. mobile home communities;
 - b. residential subdivisions;
 - c. apartments;
 - d. condominiums; and
 - e. business owners and schools.
3. The Crime Prevention Specialist shall implement crime prevention awareness programs with groups listed in this general order, which include, but are not limited to:
- a. Neighborhood Watch;
 - b. Residential and Commercial security surveys and analyses;
 - c. Operation Identification;
 - d. Personal safety;
 - e. Business employee training in alarm response, theft prevention and robbery awareness;
 - f. Bicycle safety for seniors;
 - g. Tours of Police Department;
 - h. Senior lifestyle safety;
 - i. Fraud and scams; and
 - j. Business Watch.
4. The Crime Prevention Specialist shall maintain liaison with interested governmental and community groups. The Crime Prevention Specialist shall incorporate plans and programs of interest to these groups, as a compliment to the crime prevention effort.
5. The Crime Prevention Specialist shall promote the concept of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.). A certified C.P.T.E.D. specialist shall make every reasonable attempt to review and provide input for proper design and effective use of physical environments. This is an effort to achieve a productive use of space and a reduction in crime. (CALEA 45.1.3)

APPROVED



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