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This Division is committed to the perpetuation of Community Crime Prevention programs through the utilization of Problem Oriented Policing. This commitment extends to an active partnership with the citizens of Montgomery County in reducing the opportunity for criminal activity within the Montgomery County park system. The responsibility for crime prevention and community relations is a shared one. The *Community Services Section* is the primary developer of programs to reduce or prevent crime. These programs will be designed to target both adults and juveniles. All members of the Division, sworn and civilian are responsible for ensuring that the programs achieve the desired results. This is accomplished through Problem Oriented Policing, attending community meetings and other enforcement and non-enforcement activities. *All* personnel, other than those assigned to the *Community Services Section*, are expected to actively participate in all aspects of Crime Prevention and Community Relations.

- II. Procedures

- A. Programs - *Community Services Section* will be primarily responsible for the development, coordination, implementation and evaluation of the Division's crime prevention programs. Programs will include:

- 1. Programs targeted by crime type and geographic area on the basis of an analysis of local crime data; and
- 2. Programs targeted to address community perceptions of crime.
- 3. Programs designed to prevent and control juvenile delinquency will include, but are not limited to:
 - a. A program which, at a minimum, incorporates the following:
 - (1) acting as a resource with respect to delinquency prevention;
 - (2) providing guidance on ethical issues in a classroom setting;
 - (3) providing individual counseling to students; and
 - (4) explaining the law enforcement role in society.
 - b. Community recreational youth programs.
- 4. All programs will be periodically evaluated for effectiveness.

- B. Crime Prevention and Community Groups - The Division will, when appropriate assist in organizing crime prevention groups in targeted areas and assist in establishing community groups where needed. To support these endeavors the Division will:

- 1. establish and maintain liaison with all interested and targeted crime prevention groups, community organizations and other community groups;
- 2. ensure that all personnel are aware that they are responsible for achieving the Division's community relations objectives;

3. develop or improve Division policies and procedures that affect police/community relations as needed;
4. publicize objectives, problems, and successes;
5. convey relevant information received from citizens' organizations to all personnel; and
6. identify Community Relations and Crime Prevention training needs through interviews with citizen representatives, consultations with those involved in internal investigations, and conferences with supervisors.

C. Additional *Community Services Section* Responsibilities

1. Maintain a liaison with the Montgomery County Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit and to obtain information about crime problems in those areas adjacent to park property.
2. Review park development plans to address security problems and make recommendations for improvements.
3. Conduct security surveys of Commission and other government facilities, as needed.
4. Work closely with the Division's Records Section and Crime Analyst to review incident reports and develop recommendations in coordination with field operations personnel to address specific identified offenses and/or problem areas.
5. Seek the opportunity to provide crime prevention input into the development and/or revision of zoning policies, building codes, fire codes and residential and commercial building permits affecting Commission property.

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