

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDER**



<b>SUBJECT: Crime Prevention &amp; Community Policing</b>		<b>PAGE: 1 OF 2</b>
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<b>ACCREDITATION STANDARDS: 13.1.1, 13.1.2, 13.2.1, 13.2.2, 13.2.3</b>	<b>UT SYSTEM REFERENCE:</b>	
<b>CHIEF OF POLICE:</b>		

**PURPOSE:**

To establish a Crime Prevention and Community Policing policy that will foster a formal relationship with the community to increase the community's understanding of the activities and role of the Police Department

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Police Department for the Crime Prevention Unit to assess issues of the community and respond to them before they become a problem. The response may be in the form of crime prevention programs, a public forum or flyers.

**PROCEDURE:**

- I. Crime Prevention Function:
  - A. The Crime Prevention Officer, whether civilian or commissioned, is directly responsible for;
    1. developing public understanding of the consequences of crime, awareness of police service needs, and the police role in society;
    2. promoting citizen participation in the prevention of crime and apprehension of criminals through the Campus Crime Watch and other crime prevention programs; providing a means of citizen input into the services offered by the Department;
    3. distribute and assess crime prevention and service surveys on an annual basis, during the Spring term for future program needs; and
    4. ordering, dispensing and controlling police uniform equipment and supplies, and office supplies;
  - B. Community Relations Liaison Officer(s) are responsible for maintaining communication with their assigned community group, including;
    1. meetings
    2. special event activities
    3. crime prevention program referrals

### III. Community Relations

#### A. Community Relations function is to;

1. Establish liaison with formal community organizations such as;
  - a. Student Government
  - b. Residential Life
  - c. Black Student Association
  - c. Greek life
  - d. Athletics
  - e. Faculty and Staff Councils
2. This responsibility is not exclusive to assigned liaison officers, it is to be the objective of every member of the Department.
3. Feedback from the community will be presented to the Crime Prevention Officer who will review it with the Chief for actions or implementations.

#### B. Community Relations Program Reviews

1. The Crime Prevention Officer is responsible for preparing and submitting a report, at the end of the Fall and Spring terms which includes;
  - a. a description of current concerns voiced by the community
  - b. a description of potential problems that have a bearing on law enforcement activities within the community; and
  - c. a statement of recommended actions that address previously identified concerns and problems.
2. A survey of the community's opinions is conducted during every Spring term with respect to:
  - a. overall agency performance;
  - b. overall competence of agency employees;
  - c. officers' attitudes and behavior towards citizens
  - d. recommendations and suggestions for improvements

