

Crime Prevention

338.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Fresno State Police Department adheres to the industry best practice of Community Based Policing and Problem Solving. The critical components of Community Based Policing and Problem Solving are community engagement (crime prevention). Pro-active policing and problem solving is the Police Departments practical application of community policing along with community engagement which is based on the notion that all members of the University are empowered to prevent or eliminate crime and the problems that lead to crime.

338.2 RESPONSIBILITES

All Department personnel are trained to handle all calls for service using the Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving philosophy and the SARA model [(S)canning for the problem, (A)nalyzing the specific elements of the problem, developing and implementing (R)esponses, and (A)ssessing the efforts made]. Department personnel will bring potential problems and community concerns to the attention of the Patrol Operations Lieutenant (via chain of command) as soon as they become known.

338.3 CRIME PREVENTION FUNCTION

- (a) The Department's crime prevention function is a shared responsibility of all employees, but management and coordination of all programs and services is the responsibility of the Patrol Operations Lieutenant.
- (b) The Department's crime prevention function provides for the following:
 - 1. Developing crime prevention programs targeting the type of crimes that are occurring and their location(s) as the result of a monthly analysis of crime data by the Professional Standards Lieutenant.
 - 2. Developing crime prevention programs to address community perceptions or misperceptions of crime within and around the affected university community area(s); and
 - 3. Completion of a comprehensive written evaluation of crime prevention programs at least once every four (4) years. The department solicits feedback from those who request educational presentations (such as faculty and staff outside the department), and disseminates a campus security survey every four (4) years that addresses questions on crime perceptions and crime prevention presentations.
- (c) Whenever possible, the Chief of Police, or her/his designee will provide crime prevention and safety/security input in relation to the development and/or revision of university policies, zoning policies, building codes, fire codes, residential/commercial building permits and construction plans that affect campus safety. When requested by community members, appropriate staff will conduct security surveys of the person's personal/departmental safety/security.

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- (d) Additionally, the Chief of Police, or his/her designee will be available to provide input into any new or renovation construction projects to identify security concerns or risks and make recommendations. Also, input will be provided into any proposed University policy change that may affect the safety of the University community.

338.4 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FUNCTION

The Community Involvement function will assist in the development and promotion of problem-oriented and community-based policing strategies, education and services. Community education and community involvement will include:

- (a) Coordinating activities with other organizations on campus to educate and raise awareness levels of students, faculty, and staff with respect to personal safety issues.
- (b) Developing and maintaining literature for distribution, including brochures, flyers, newsletters and information available on the Department's website that promote the Department's crime prevention programs and objectives and provide strategies for reducing specific crime risks.
- (c) Responding promptly to requests for information or programs from faculty, staff, parents, students, and prospective students, and any other University or neighborhood community members. Emphasis will be placed on providing problem-solving assistance to all requesting parties and incorporating them into program development.
- (d) Establishing a liaison with both formal and informal community organizations, groups, or individuals and conveying any information or suggestions obtained from them to Command Staff. Community input relating to an institutional department or outside agency will be forwarded to the appropriate entity for their information or handling.
- (e) Serving as the Department's representative on University advisory boards and ad hoc committees as assigned by the Chief of Police
- (f) Periodically attending roll-call shift briefings and other staff meetings to reinforce the Department's commitment and responsibilities in achieving the community education and involvement objectives set forth within this policy. Focus should be placed on improving agency practices bearing on police/ community interaction.
- (g) Assisting in the development of community policing and problem-solving strategies, practices, and/or procedures for the Department
- (h) Publicizing the Department's crime prevention programs, goals and objectives, community problems and successes.
- (i) Assisting in the organization of community crime prevention groups within residential complexes and other areas of the University. These groups will assist in developing and enhancing community-policing fundamentals, providing for a safer environment.
- (j) Program development will be focused around the needs of individual university departments, academic/administrative departments and other office/classroom areas, residence halls, fraternities, sororities, campus clubs and organizations, community groups, and other entities as they arise. Program development shall involve the following:

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1. Crime Prevention programs will be presented within University Housing at least once each semester or as often as requested and whenever a need is identified.
2. Presentations on campus safety and security will be provided at student, faculty and staff orientation sessions, international student functions, and other opportunities as practical and/or as requested.
3. Programs will be offered and provided each year to fraternities and sororities when requested by the chapters or as a need is identified.

Normally, the Professional Standards Lieutenant or his/her designee, will be responsible for the following:

- (a) Preparation and distribution of Campus Crime Alert bulletins and other timely warnings of known threats to the University community's safety (when specified by the Chief of Police or designee), ensuring compliance with Clery Act procedures. (For further details see Jeanne Clery Campus Security Act)
- (b) Completing the monthly crime analysis and other crime analysis as needed.
- (c) Providing support and attendance to campus events where crime prevention information can be shared, including student orientations, programs, housing move-in, fairs, etc.
- (d) Promoting the departments' crime prevention programs through brochures and other literature, newsletters, web site material, etc.
- (e) Providing support, attendance (when practical), and assistance with the bi-annual campus safety walks, focusing on security and safety concerns and focusing on any potential problems observed.
- (f) Conducting security surveys of workplace environments and residential halls and developing strategies to create a safer community. Note: Security surveys may only be conducted by appropriately trained and certified staff.

A documented campus safety & security survey focusing on community member attitudes and opinions will be conducted at least once every four (4) years. This survey will focus, at a minimum, on the areas of:

- (a) Overall Department performance;
- (b) Overall competence of Department employees;
- (c) Citizen's perception of Department employee attitudes and behavior;
- (d) Community concerns over safety and security within the department's service area;
- (e) Citizen's recommendations and suggestions for improvements.

338.5 EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

In an effort to aid in reducing crime on campus and the surrounding community, members of the Fresno State Police are available to provide the following educational presentations:

- Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes

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- Safety Presentations for first time students, parents, and transfer students (Dog Days)
- Sexual Assault Prevention
- Safety Presentations for International Students
- Safety Presentations for the Child Development Centers
- Safety Presentations for new employees
- Alcohol Awareness, Driving Under the Influence, and Drug Abuse
- Emergency Preparedness Presentations
- Theft Prevention
- Provide Liaison Officer to Greek organizations, Residential Housing and Athletics
- Traffic Presentations
- Active Shooter Education (Seconds 2 Survive)
- Provide Brochures to students, faculty, and staff
- ADA Presentations

338.6 CRIME PREVENTION GROUPS AND INPUT

Fresno State Police Department's crime prevention function assists the University community by maintaining liaison relationships with and providing input to various collaborative groups. Some of these collaborative groups and liaisons include:

Night Walk - Twice a year, members of the campus community take an evening tour of the campus to focus on path ways frequently traveled at night. Through this activity, areas of the campus are assessed for potential lighting upgrades or changes to landscape design to help increase visibility for community members traveling the campus at night. After the event, the appropriate department(s) evaluate options to increase visibility in those specific identified areas of concern. Members of this night walk include: public safety; facilities; Associated Student Incorporated; Occupational Health and Risk Management; Safety and Wellness Committee members; Governmental Affairs; Student Affairs; Academic Affairs.

Greek Liaison - The Greek Liaison Officer communicates with the Senior Program Coordinator of Student Involvement to identify current trends and issues related to fraternities and sororities, and to coordinate presentations that cover campus maps, safety escorts, emergency phones, crime prevention tips, Rape Aggression Defense class information, crime statistics, alcohol awareness, and reporting crimes.

Housing Liaison - The Housing Liaison Officer communicates with the Director of Housing to identify current trends and issues related to on-campus student housing, and to coordinate presentations that cover campus maps, safety escorts, emergency phones, crime prevention tips, Rape Aggression Defense class information, crime statistics, alcohol and drug awareness, and reporting crimes.

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Occupational Health, Safety, and Wellness Committee - This committee reports directly to the Vice President for Administration in an advisory capacity on issues related to a safe and healthful University environment, and assists in developing and maintaining a comprehensive Campus Health and Safety Manual. The committee meets monthly and recommends campus wide health and safety policies; promotes, encourages, and facilitates communication among all campus employees regarding issues of campus health and safety; hears concerns and complaints regarding potential, suspected, or alleged health and safety hazards; and periodically reviews the results of on-site inspections of potential safety hazards or violations. Members of this committee include one representative from each of the CSU bargaining units along with: Public Safety; Facilities Management; Environmental Health and Safety; Athletics; Auxiliary Services; Human Resources; Vice President for Administration; President's Committee on Disabilities and Access; Save Mart Center; Student Recreation Center; Fresno State Wellness; and Farm Manager.

338.7 SAFETY ESCORTS

The Fresno State Police offers safety escort services to and from anywhere ON CAMPUS 24 hours a day. This service is available to all students, staff, faculty, and visitors.