

Community POLICING

PARTNERSHIPS FOR
PROBLEM SOLVING

EIGHTH EDITION



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Chapter 10:

Safe Neighborhood and Communities: From Traffic Problems to Crime

Learning Objectives

- LO 1 Explain the role crime prevention plays in community policing.
- LO 2 Identify what is usually at the top of the list of neighborhood concerns and what behaviors are involved.
- LO 3 Summarize what engineering and enforcement responses can address the problem of speeding in residential areas.

Learning Objectives (cont.)

- LO 4 List how various community policing efforts have addressed citizens' fear of crime.
- LO 5 Understand the three primary components of CPTED and how CPTED directly supports community policing.

Learning Objectives (slide iii)

- LO 6 Describe the two side effects of place-focused opportunity blocking efforts.
- LO 7 Define the risk factor prevention paradigm.
- LO 8 Know what partnerships have been implemented to prevent or reduce crime and disorder.

Introduction

- Community policing stresses using partnerships and problem solving to address making neighborhoods and communities safer.
- Crime prevention is a large part, in fact a cornerstone, of community policing.
- Crime is usually not the greatest concern of a neighborhood—traffic-related problems are.

Discussion

- Why is crime prevention so important to community policing?
- What makes this aspect of community policing so difficult to quantify?

Traffic Enforcement and Safety

- Speeding in residential areas
- Street racing
- Red light running
- Use (or nonuse) of seat belts
- Impaired drivers
- Police pursuits
- Safe communities



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Discussion

- Why are traffic issues such an important part of community based policing and crime control?

Addressing Disorder Concerns

BEYOND BEAUTIFICATION

- Allowing neighborhood disorder to go unchecked creates “broken windows.”
 - Attracts more disorder, crime, criminals, and destructive elements
- Crime and disorder problems begin to disappear when:
 - Communities clean up the neighborhood
 - Report crime
 - Improve security
 - Look out for each other and work cooperatively

Addressing Crime and the Fear of Crime

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OF PUBLIC PLACES

- Unintended consequences of video surveillance
 - Displacement, increased suspicion or fear of crime
- Public concerns regarding video surveillance
 - Civil liberties unions object to video surveillance.
 - Claim it is an invasion of privacy
- Evaluation of video surveillance
 - Research results are mixed.

Using Advancing Technology to Fight Crime

USING TECHNOLOGY TO FIGHT CRIME

- Maps and geographic information systems
- Statistical tests
 - CrimeStat III
 - GeoDa
- Biometric identification systems

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLACE

- The risk factor prevention paradigm
 - Seeks to identify key risk factors for offending
 - Implements prevention methods designed to counteract them



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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES

- Increasing the numbers of police officers across the country
- Raising awareness of community policing resulted in

COMMUNITY POLICING CONSORTIUM

- International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)
- National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)
- Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)
- Police Foundation (PF)

The Weed and Seed Program

WEED AND SEED

- Weed
 - Identify, arrest, and prosecute offenders
- Seed
 - Simultaneously working with citizens to improve quality of life

SPECIFIC NEEDS OF A COMMUNITY ARE DIVERSE

- Partnerships to prevent or reduce crime and disorder:
 - Business anticrime groups
 - Local government–community crime prevention coalitions
 - Community coalitions
 - Grassroots organizations
 - Landlords
 - Residents in public housing
- Crime and disorder problems
 - As diverse as the communities themselves

Addressing Specific Problems

PREVENTING BURGLARY IN PUBLIC HOUSING

- Cocoon neighborhood watch

PREVENTING BURGLARY AND THEFT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES

- Police should establish working relationship with builders.

PREVENTING THEFT OF AND FROM VEHICLES

- Police furnish citizens with prevention information.
- Focus on removing keys from ignition and locking car

Addressing Specific Problems (cont.)

PREVENTING ROBBERIES AT AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES

- Lighting, location, CCTV, devices to summon police

PREVENTING WITNESS INTIMIDATION

- Multiagency partnerships

PREVENTING IDENTITY THEFT

- FTC has made available online an ID Theft Complaint form

ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- Police are seeking to improve their effectiveness in dealing with the problem of domestic violence.

Addressing Specific Problems (slide iii)

PREVENTING STREET PROSTITUTION

- More and more police departments develop websites.
- Many are posting photos of johns.

PREVENTING ASSAULTS IN AND AROUND BARS

- Reducing alcohol consumption
- Making bars safer

PREVENTING ROBBERY OF TAXI DRIVERS

- Job-related risk factors that increase chances of becoming robbery victims
- Strategies to prevent robberies
- Driver practices

Addressing Specific Problems (slide iv)

PREVENTING VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS WITH PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

- Mental health community
- Emergency hospitals to which police may take those in crisis

PREVENTING CRIMES AGAINST BUSINESSES

- Police–Individual business partnerships to prevent shoplifting
- Areas-specific police business partnerships
- Issue-specific police business partnerships
- Business-specific police-business partnerships

Discussion

- Divide the class into groups and assign each group one of the specific problems discussed. Have each group develop a strategy to address the problem and whom they would partner with, then report back to the class.

Partnerships in Action against Crime and Disorder

- PACE initiative in Norfolk, Virginia
- Minnesota Crime Prevention Association's campaign against youth violence
- Safe Haven program in Trenton, New Jersey
- Community Crime Patrol in Columbus, Ohio
- Virginia Crime Prevention Association working with Danville, Virginia Housing Authority
- Boston's Neighborhood Justice Network partnership with the Council of Elders, Jewish Memorial Hospital, Boston Police Department, Department of Public Health, Commission on Affairs of the Elderly

Summary

- Synergism occurs when individuals channel their energies toward a common purpose and accomplish together what they could not accomplish alone.
- It can greatly enhance community policing efforts to prevent or reduce crime and disorder.