



**TOWN OF SENECA FALLS POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

GENERAL ORDER



GENERAL ORDER #: 198	RESCINDS: 06/10/19
SUBJECT: Crime Prevention/Community Relations	NYS ACCREDITATION: 29.1, 29.3
EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/26/2019	
BY ORDER OF: Stuart W. Peenstra, Chief of Police	

I. PURPOSE:

- A.** The Seneca Falls Police Department (SFPD) seeks to provide a means of identifying and addressing a variety of issues and concerns that may arise in the relationship it has with the community it serves.
- B.** The SFPD actively endorses community-policing strategies. The SFPD is dedicated to implementing methods to improve police effectiveness through examining and acting on the underlying conditions that give rise to community problems.

II. POLICY:

- A.** The Town of Seneca Falls Police Department is firmly committed to the development, implementation and continued application of proactive crime prevention programs. These programs are designed to address both short and long term crime prevention targets and are available to all elements of the community.
- B.** The responsibility for achieving the SFPD crime prevention objectives is shared by all employees. Employees may refer citizens to the Community Services function for specific needs. **(29.3)**

III. PROCEDURE:

A. CRIME PREVENTION RESPONSIBILITIES -

All SFPD employee's will improve the agency practices bearing on police community interaction by projecting a positive image and make every effort to meet community needs. The conduct of each employee reflects on the Department as a whole, and all employees share the responsibility of achieving the Department's community relations' objectives, to include: **(29.1.B)**

- a. Engaging in proactive policing by carefully observing conditions which could lead to the development of crime or criminal opportunities and taking such preventative actions as the condition may indicate.
- b. Being familiar with the prevailing types of local crime, general modern crime prevention techniques and the department's crime prevention programs.

- c. Providing citizens, proprietors and victims with crime prevention instruction and recommended activities.
 - d. Making recommendations as to where problems are most severe and as to where crime prevention activities could be more productive.
1. The Chief of Police is responsible for the coordination of the community relations function and for the development of programs in the area of police-community relations. **(29.1.A)**
2. The Chief of Police will be responsible for planning and coordinating these activities:
- a. Assisting in organizing crime prevention groups in residential areas targeted for such activity, as well as upon request.
 - b. Promoting crime prevention programs for all citizens and proprietors in areas targeted for such activity.
 - c. Maintain a liaison with interested community groups, which will include, but not be limited to the following:
 - i. All area businesses.
 - ii. Public and parochial schools.
 - iii. Home School Associations and Parent Teacher Organizations.
 - iv. Rotary, and other civic organizations.
 - v. New York State Office of Crime Prevention.
 - vi. Seneca Falls Community Center
 - vii. Local boy scout and girl scout troops.
 - viii. Senior living Facilities.
 - ix. Local libraries.

B. CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

1. Crime prevention programs shall endeavor to provide citizen and proprietor groups with information on making their families, homes and businesses more secure. The department's programs include, but are not limited to:
- a. Burglary prevention using social media
 - b. Crime Alerts using social media
 - c. Business/retail crime prevention.
 - d. Stranger Danger/Safe Kids Program.
 - e. Halloween safety program.
 - f. D.A.R.E.

- g. National Night Out
- h. School Resource Officer (SRO)
- i. Canal Fest
- j. Yogi's Fun Day

2. Establishment of additional programs and/or community groups when it is effective to do so.

C. COMMUNITY INTERACTION

The success of community crime prevention efforts is predicated on close interaction with the community. For this reason, the department shall make every effort to insure that crime prevention programs are designed to communicate effectively with the audience to whom they are directed. In designing or implementing programs, officers should consider:

- a. Utilizing the assistance of school district professionals in designing programs targeting children or persons with special educational needs.
- b. Obtaining a foreign language interpreter, when necessary. These interpreters are independent contractors and charge a fee for their service. Authorization shall be obtained from the Chief of Police prior to engaging the services of an interpreter.