

# Truro Police Department

## CRIME PREVENTION

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**REFERENCE:**

*Accreditation Standards:*

*Mass. Gen. Law:*

*Other:*

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**POLICY:**

The Truro Police Department will use a crime prevention strategy that involves a proactive approach using crime analysis as its compass. Crime Analysis will identify the location of crimes, the types of crimes, and the impact that these crimes have on the community.

Because the Truro Police Department accepts the philosophy of community policing, all officers must understand the concept and techniques of crime prevention.

All officers shall work closely with the different components of the Department in planning and coordinating the crime prevention function.

**PROCEDURES:**

**1. ORGANIZATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION:**

- A. Crime Prevention shall be a component of the Patrol Division.
- B. All officers will use a proactive approach to crime prevention, with the goal of eliminating or significantly reducing crime, through cooperation within the police department and with community partners.

**2. CRIME PREVENTION EFFORTS:**

- A. All crime prevention efforts will utilize the latest crime analysis information using data that indicates the type of crime and the geographic area that present the greatest problems.
  - B. Because perceptions and misperceptions of crime can affect the quality of life for citizens of a community, crime prevention meetings, and other information outlets should be used to explain in detail crime data on all crime.
3. **CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS:**
- A. Each police officer will familiarize himself with outstanding criminal activity and begin a proactive approach to eliminating or significantly reducing particular crimes. Officers will work with citizens, businesses, other officers, school groups, and other organizations to develop a proactive strategy that will assist in eliminating or significantly reducing crime.
  - B. The citizens of Truro will be informed of the following services that the police department provides:
    1. Security Survey;
    2. Operation Identification
    3. TRIAD (Education for elderly groups);
    4. Crime Prevention
    5. Firearms Safety
    6. File of Life
    7. Shoplifting;
    8. Drug Familiarization;
    9. Auto Theft
    10. Senior Call-in
  - C. In addition to crime analysis officers will use a variety of methods to identify problems in town. They will use computer data, information from other officers; analyze calls for service; information from citizens; and use any other information that will assist in identifying crime problems that exist.
  - D. Officers will use all information gathered and respond with a strategy that will eliminate or significantly reduce the identified problem.
  - E. Once an officer has responded with a problem solving strategy, he will assess his actions and determine if the problem was eliminated or significantly reduced.
4. **LIAISON WITH THE COMMUNITY:** Officers should work with the citizens in their particular section of patrol in order to determine what problems and crimes are affecting the quality of life in their patrol sector. Every officer of the Truro Police Department should consider themselves Crime Prevention officers, and develop and encourage community participation in the identification of problems and methods to solve problems.