



General Order 45.1 - Crime Prevention

PURPOSE: Provide guidelines demonstrating the commitment of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office to maintain an effective community liaison unit providing specialized crime prevention services to the community; describe community crime prevention programs; define community liaison unit responsibility; define community liaison deputy position; and define the foreign language specialist needs.

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45.1.1 COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

A. Policy

1. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office is committed to the concept of reducing crime through practical crime prevention programs. The agency believes that law enforcement consists of enforcement as well as crime prevention.

B. Goals

1. The goals of Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office crime prevention programs are to either prevent, resist, or suppress crime. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office believes these goals can be met through close cooperation with the community and by responding to their specific needs. To accomplish these goals, the

Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office has committed resources that include personnel, equipment, specialized training, and educational brochures.

45.1.2 COMMUNITY LIAISON UNIT RESPONSIBILITY

- A. It is understood that all deputies and components of the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office are responsible for achieving agency crime prevention goals and will assist one another in achieving these goals. A free exchange of information shall exist between all components to ensure that these goals are met.
- B. The planning of crime prevention programs is the responsibility of the community liaison sergeant.
- C. When requested by a citizen, patrol deputies will make referrals to the community liaison unit for home and business security surveys.
- D. The community liaison unit will coordinate with other members of the department to determine the types, locations, and severity of crime (risks) within the unincorporated portion of Sedgwick County and where prevention activities could be most productive.

45.1.3 COMMUNITY LIAISON DEPUTY

- A. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office community liaison unit is responsible for planning and coordinating crime prevention activities, community education programs, and school safety programs, and assists in community relations efforts. The community liaison unit is responsible for continuing and establishing new programs as needed in the community.

45.1.4 FOREIGN LANGUAGE SPECIALISTS

- A. The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office believes success lies within the close interaction between the agency and the community. Without appropriate language capabilities, community interaction may be impossible in many instances.
- B. **(R)** The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office realizes the potential need for such specialists on occasion. When a language specialist is needed, the appropriate language specialist will be identified from employees who are fluent in the applicable language, local schools, both at the secondary and college levels. The language specialist will be used as a translator/interpreter so that law enforcement and community interaction can take place without a language barrier. When it is required in a criminal or civil matter, on-call interpreters will be used.