



SOUTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CFA STANDARD: NONE SUBJECT: <i>Crime Prevention and Community Involvement –</i> CRIME PREVENTION	NEW (X) RESCINDS () AMENDS () OTHER ()	By Order Of:  Rene Landa, CHIEF OF POLICE	

CFA STANDARD: NONE

SECTIONS:

- 22.1.1 **Crime Prevention Activities**
- 22.1.2 **Organizing Crime Prevention Groups**
- 22.1.3 **Crime Prevention Input**

RESCINDS: All existing orders in conflict.

PURPOSE: To establish departmental policy for the organization and administration of a crime prevention function; to assist the community in organizing crime prevention groups; to provide crime prevention input for the City of South Miami.

SCOPE: All departmental personnel.

POLICY: It is the policy of the South Miami Police Department to proactively maintain a mission of crime prevention and assistance in achieving departmental goals relating to crime prevention programs.

DEFINITIONS:

Crime Prevention Officer: A police officer, community patrol officer, or detective who may be certified by the Office of the Attorney General. GIU detectives will normally handle crime prevention duties.

PROCEDURE:

22.1.1 Crime Prevention Activities

- A. The South Miami Police Department is committed to the development, implementation and perpetuation of comprehensive programs and procedures which anticipate, recognize, and appraise crime risks by crime type geographical area.

- B. Crime prevention is an integrated, coordinated agency response, not the sole responsibility of personnel called upon to assist in the crime prevention function. In order to meet overall crime prevention goals, a concerted effort is made to involve all personnel in this function, and to target programs to address community perceptions or misconceptions of crime.
- C. Crime Prevention Officers will conduct crime prevention seminars, lectures, and other activities so designated or assigned by the Chief of Police. He/she will also be responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of such crime prevention programs, forwarding any applicable after action reports through the chain of command to the Chief of Police.

22.1.2 Organizing Crime Prevention Groups

- A. Neighborhood Crime Watch Programs are available upon request to any interested citizen(s) in their respective areas. Where high crime activity is prevalent, it is the policy of the South Miami Police Department to set up crime watch groups as well as other prevention groups when applicable.
- B. A South Miami Police Department Crime Prevention Officer will present various crime prevention programs, as requested, and may maintain liaison with diverse community groups including, but not limited to:
 - 1. The business community;
 - 2. Local citizens' groups;
 - 3. Local civic groups;
 - 4. Church and religious organizations;
 - 5. Private security agencies;
 - 6. State associations; and
 - 7. Surrounding Police Agencies.

22.1.3 Crime Prevention Input

The South Miami Police Department Crime Prevention Officer, upon request and approval by the Chief of Police, will provide crime prevention input (i.e. CPTED concepts, security surveys, etc.) for the development or revision of zoning policies, building codes, and residential and commercial building permits and improvements. Crime prevention input will allow the evaluation of personal and property safety issues prior to construction and/or during remodeling to improve location security.