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| Geneva Police Department GENERAL ORDERS | | CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> new: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> rescinds: Policy & Procedure – SECTION 29.1; 29.3 <input type="checkbox"/> amends: | | cross-reference Accreditation/Recognition standards: NYS L.E.A.P.: 29.1; 29.2; 29.3 | |
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| I. PURPOSE | The purpose of this General Order is to establish policies and procedures for crime prevention activities and police-community interaction. |
| II. POLICY | <p>A. It is the responsibility of all members of the Geneva Police Department to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work together with members of the community and community organizations to develop a sense of mutual responsibility for enhancing public safety and improving the quality of life in the City of Geneva; and 2. Conduct crime prevention activities to help reduce crime, the fear of crime occurring, and to enhance the overall police-community relationship. |
| III. CRIME PREVENTION | <p>A. <u>Responsibility for Crime Prevention Activities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Crime prevention activities will be the responsibility of all Department personnel as assigned under the direction and coordination of the Chief of Police or Department Lieutenants. <p>B. <u>Examples of General Crime Prevention Activities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Examples of general crime prevention activities include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Speaking to various groups on crime prevention matters; b. Distributing crime prevention literature; c. Photo identification cards for children; d. Staffing information booths; e. Conducting educational programs for potential victims; f. Assisting in the organization of Community Programs and maintaining liaison and working with community groups; g. Alerting the community to crime trends and possible problems by use of the media, the Department’s website and other available resources, (social media); and h. Youth programs and activities such as the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.) |

IV. COMMUNITY RELATIONS FUNCTION

- A.** The community relations function is a responsibility of all Police Department members. All personnel in the Department should project a positive image and become involved in community needs. The conduct of each employee reflects on the agency as a whole, and the burden of achieving the agency's community relations objectives should be shared. The Chief of Police or the Chief's designee shall be responsible for the community relations function.
- B.** The Department's community involvement function will include the following:
1. Assisting in the establishment and organization of crime prevention and other community groups, and maintaining liaison and working with such groups;
 2. Developing community involvement;
 3. Publicizing Department objectives, problems and successes;
 4. Conveying information received from community organizations to members of the Department;
 5. Improving Department practices affecting the police-community relationship; and
 6. Conducting speaking engagements upon request from business, social, civic, service, religious, media, educational and professional organizations.
 - a. All requests for Department personnel to speak at various engagements will be referred to the Chief of Police.
 - b. The Chief of Police will evaluate the request and, if appropriate, identify the Department member most suited to conduct the speaking engagement.
 - c. In the event a Department member receives a request for his/her personal appearance, the member will submit the request in writing to the Chief of Police.
- C.** In the event any Department member is asked to attend any meeting as a representative of the Department or owing to their status as a member of the Department, he/she must first obtain permission from the Chief of Police prior to attending such meeting.

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