

ONI Budget Advisory Committee: Program Summary

Organization / Program title

Crime Prevention Program, 503-823-2030 (phone of program manager Stephanie Reynolds)

Briefly describe the program funded with city dollars

Although community policing is normally associated only with the police bureau, ONI's Crime Prevention Program is perhaps the central partner and proponent of community policing in Portland. Evidence of this can be seen in the program's mission and vision statements. The mission of ONI's Crime Prevention Program is "to organize and support community partnerships to prevent crime and the fear of crime." The program's vision is "a strong network of community and agency partners supporting safe, proactive, and self-sustaining neighborhoods."

The goals of the Crime Prevention Program are:

1. Increase community participation and stewardship of neighborhood public safety efforts;
2. Offer training and educational resources to address crime trends and community needs;
3. Facilitate community problem solving efforts by coordinating public safety teams and resources; and
4. Assist in establishing sustainable communication links between the community and the public safety system.

The Crime Prevention Program provides services to the public that fall into one or more of the following categories:

Community organizing: increase community participation in and stewardship of neighborhood public safety efforts. Examples include: Neighborhood & Business Watch, Community Foot Patrol, Enhanced Safety Properties, support to Public Safety Action Committees, National Night Out, and Know Your Neighborhood.

Training: offer training and educational resources to address crime trends and community needs. Training varies from educational materials to one-on-one informal coaching to formal presentations to large groups on a large variety of topics, such as Burglary Prevention, Recognizing and Responding to Illegal Drug Activity, Identity Theft Prevention, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, and more.

Problem-solving: facilitate community problem-solving efforts by coordinating public safety teams and resources. Staff serves to convene and facilitate groups of problems solvers to find solutions for problem locations, such as drug houses, problem liquor establishments, and misused open spaces.

Major activities and accomplishments during current budget cycle (ending June 30, 2010). Include Summary of what changed as a result of FY2010 budget cuts.

Changes based on cuts from prior year:

- The program's admin support was cut from a .4 FTE to a .2 FTE.
- The program cut 86% of its budget for office space.
- The program cut 66% of its budget for refreshments at meetings for the public.
- The program cut 22% of its budget for mileage reimbursement for employees (who use their own cars for work).
- The program cut 66% of its budget for print materials.

Accomplishments achieved for this year:

- A new training plan was drafted, including expanded offerings for youth.
- A Prescription Drug Turn-In was held to raise awareness of prescription drug abuse by teens. Forty pounds of medications were turned in, including 4100 tablets of the most abused medications- narcotic painkillers. 120 people attended the event.
- Know Your Neighborhood volunteer training. Eighteen volunteers were trained by Crime Prevention and the Office of Emergency Management to, in turn, train groups of neighbors to prepare for a variety of types of emergencies and build neighborhood resiliency.
- Dozens of new Enhanced Safety Properties have been organized. ESP is a program that combines tenant education, management improvements, and physical upgrades in rental housing.
- New educational materials have been developed, including a general handout on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and three CPTED do-it-yourself worksheets.
- The existing Neighborhood Watch manual and materials were updated to make the program easier for volunteer participation.
- All of the approximately 600 Neighborhood Watches on record have been contacted to determine if they are still active, and to obtain contact information that can be shared with the neighborhood coalitions and associations. A new, updated, pared down list will be done in November.
- National Night Out had participation from 75% of the neighborhoods in Portland, which is the highest level ever. We hope to reach 100% eventually. The number of NNO parties in 2009 was up 12% over 2008, and 38% over 2007.

Accomplishments planned for this year:

- The annual Problem-Solving Summit for Neighborhood Response Team officers, Crime Prevention staff, and Neighborhood Deputy District Attorneys will be held on December 2nd to hone the skills of these problem-solvers in working with landlords of chronic problem properties.
- Recommendations for the implementation of the CPTED Resolution will be presented to Council in January. The resolution ensures that developers receiving City funding for multi-family housing will meet certain minimum CPTED standards to improve safety for the residents at their properties.
- Staff members have formed a Best Practices subcommittee to research cutting edge Crime Prevention practices, as well as an Underserved Populations committee to help us improve our service. Additionally, we have two staff members participating on the Prostitution Advisory Council, formed in the spring to tackle the problem of prostitution in East Portland.
- We are upgrading our website to provide additional resources to the public.

Summary of program budget and staffing

Budget for 09-10 fiscal year is \$1,349,166, which includes:

Personnel (15.2 FTE).....	\$1,180,854
External Materials & Services.....	\$29,350
Internal Materials & Services.....	\$138,962

Partnerships with other organizations

Neighborhood associations, neighborhood coalitions/district offices, business associations, Portland Police, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Development Services, Oregon Liquor Control Commission, Resolutions Northwest, Parks and Recreation, Metro Multi-Family Housing, Housing Authority of Portland, Probation/Parole, DHS Adult Protective Services, school districts, Elders in Action, Bureau of Housing, JOIN, Portland Bureau of Transportation, Self-Enhancement Inc., Police Athletic League, Brothers and Sisters Keepers, Multnomah County Animal Services, Portland Business Alliance, Tri-Met, Hacienda CDC, REACH CDC, Rose CDC, Crime Prevention Association of Oregon, Multnomah County Domestic Violence Coordinator, Family Violence Coordinating Council, Portland Patrol Inc., Oregon Partnership, Community Action to Reduce Substance Abuse, Portland Office of Emergency Management, Fire Bureau, Bureau of Emergency Communications, Multnomah County Health Dept, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, and many more.