

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, 2011). Include Summary of what changed as a result of FY2011 budget cuts.

Changes based on cuts from prior year (FY10):

- The program cut 1.0 FTE Crime Prevention Coordinator. 5% cut to CP budget (\$66,192).

Changes based on cuts from year before prior year (FY09):

- Cuts totaled about \$35K, or about 2.7% of CP budget.
- 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:

- By end of December, we will have leveraged an estimated 6,180 hours of volunteer time this fiscal year so far. This is a rough estimate based on projected number of trainings/meetings/patrols x attendees x hours. $6,180 \times \$20.85$ (2009 dollar value of volunteer time) = \$128,853.
- Translated twelve of our educational handouts into Spanish, Russian, and Vietnamese.
- Published new handouts on public safety problems in shared public space, and on online sources for statistical information about crime.
- Hired a new employee who speaks multiple languages, including Somali, Somali Bantu, Arabic, and Italian.
- 71 out of 95 neighborhoods had one or more parties for National Night Out in August 2010. Our goal is to eventually have all 95 neighborhoods participate.
- One employee is completing the PCM training on video production so we can produce training videos. The first video will be about burglary prevention.
- Employees now use one central, shared, online database for case notes. This will allow for much easier information sharing between staff members and with manager.
- One employee started the "Q Patrol," a Community Foot Patrol focused on LGBTQ nightlife areas, with the specific goal of preventing hate crimes.
- Employees conducted many hours of outreach for the proposed Alcohol Impact Area in the center of the city.
- Concluded survey of all Neighborhood Watches in the city, paring the list down to 300 truly active Watches.
- Conducted annual Problem-Solving Summit for Neighborhood Response Team officers, Crime Prevention staff, and Neighborhood Deputy District Attorneys on Oct 27th—topics included social service partnerships, and best practices for dealing with problems at foreclosed / vacant properties.
- The Enhanced Safety Properties Program has now expanded to 140 properties, most of them with dozens of rental units. ESP is a program that combines tenant education, management improvements, and physical upgrades in rental housing.

Accomplishments planned for this year:

- Overhaul of CP website during the City's Project Online Refresh
- Recommendations for the implementation of the CPTED Resolution will be presented to Council. 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.
- Begin tracking volunteer hours more closely for more accurate reporting of leveraged dollars.

Summary of program budget and staffing

Budget for 10-11 fiscal year is \$1,358,102, which includes:
Personnel (14.2 FTE)..... \$1,169,897
External Materials & Services.....\$39,740
Internal Materials & Services.....\$148,465

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.