

## 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, and National Night Out.

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, 2016). Include Summary of what changed as a result of FY2015 budget changes.**

Budget-related changes in current and recent years:

- Over the past few years, the Crime Prevention Program has lost 2.4 FTE—a 1.0 FTE Program Coordinator, a 1.0 FTE Crime Prevention Coordinator, a .4 FTE Office Support Specialist, and some Materials & Services dollars.

Accomplishments achieved for this year:

- After the last round of replacement hires (summer 2015), 25% of the program staff are Spanish speaking bilingual/bicultural. The program has now offered its first trainings in Spanish.
- The program co-hosted the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual International Problem-Oriented Policing conference in Portland, attended by 450 public safety officials from multiple countries, including the US, Canada, Mexico, England, Jamaica, and Dubai. The entire staff and their police partners received invaluable training on proven problem-solving approaches.
- The program co-hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Oregon Problem-Oriented Policing conference,

attended by 75 public safety officials from across Oregon.

- Last year, the program moved from an all-geographic basis for assigning staff to a hybrid of geographic and functional assignments, fulfilling an idea that had been discussed for years. The three, functional, citywide assignments are: Community Building/Neighborhood Watch/Foot Patrol, Enhanced Safety Properties, and Communications. Now, one year into the change, the staff agrees that the new configuration is more efficient and effective.
- The Communications Specialist has published new handouts on how to prevent bike theft, holiday safety for shop owners, holiday safety for shoppers, and a security checklist for liquor license establishments. She has also started newsletters for retail and industrial businesses.
- The Community Organizing Specialist has started 19 new Neighborhood Watches since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
- The Enhanced Safety Properties Specialist has worked diligently with the police bureau to overcome technological and procedural problems with their notification system, and has held multiple property manager meetings.
- The Program Manager and the Enhanced Safety Properties Specialist provided input to the Portland Police Bureau during their overhaul of their Trespass Authorization Program.
- 70 out of 95 neighborhoods had one or more parties for National Night Out in August 2014. Our goal is to eventually have all 95 neighborhoods participate.
- The Program Manager has participated in efforts to more quickly resolve vacant abandoned properties, and to develop procedures and policies for the new retail marijuana industry in Portland.
- Provided internships for seven PSU Criminal Justice majors.
- Planned and executed a prescription drug turn and shred event, which yielded 765 lbs of drugs and a full-sized shredder truck full of sensitive documents.
- Staff returned to train new police officers on Crime Prevention services and partnering at the last police Advanced Academy.
- The staff has conducted 54 site security assessments since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Accomplishments planned for this year:

- The CP staff is holding winter retreats to develop their 5 year equity plan and to update their procedures for responding to various issues with an increased emphasis on prevention rather than enforcement.
- Once the 5 year equity plan is approved, initial steps will be taken to fulfill the first year goals.
- The Community Organizing Specialist is conducting a survey of Neighborhood Watches to determine activity levels and training needs.
- The Communications Specialist is partnering with Portland Bureau of Emergency Management to develop emergency preparedness materials that will be distributed by both bureaus, and especially through Neighborhood Watches.
- The program will provide internships for approximately 6 more PSU Criminal Justice students this fiscal year.
- The Program Manager will continue participation in efforts to improve the City's response to vacant abandoned properties, and has recently been invited to join a committee convened by the Mayor's Office to identify additional shelter and long-term housing bed locations for the homeless population.

**Summary of program budget and staffing**

Budget for 15-16 fiscal year is \$1,507,247 which includes:  
Personnel (13 FTE)..... \$1,285,492  
External Materials & Services.....\$43,065  
Internal Materials & Services.....\$179,436

**Partnerships with other organizations**

Neighborhood associations, neighborhood coalitions/district offices, business associations, Diversity and Civic Leadership organizations, Portland Police, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Development Services, Oregon Liquor Control Commission, Resolutions Northwest, Parks and Recreation, Portland State University, Metro Multi-Family Housing, Home Forward, Probation/Parole, DHS Adult Protective Services, school districts, Elders in Action, Bureau of Housing, JOIN, Rosewood Initiative, Housing Partnership Workgroup, Portland Bureau of Transportation, Self-Enhancement Inc., Police Athletic League, 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 Bureau of Emergency Management, Fire Bureau, Bureau of Emergency Communications, Multnomah County Health Dept, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, and many more.