PURPOSE

To provide a written directive that outlines the general operations and expectations of the Community Awareness and Resource team.

POLICY

A. The Texas State University Police Department will conduct the following in an effort to reduce campus crime:

1. Crime analysis - Examines crime reports to determine crime trends/patterns. Program and project recommendations to combat identifiable problems. Measures should then be implemented, i.e., increased police visibility. Operation I.D. programs, surveillance tactics, etc.

2. Conduct lighting and security surveys upon request of supervisors, patrol officers, Texas State University administrators and others, to determine appropriate security measures and/or lighting needs; i.e., physical security, including lock mechanisms, windows, manner of ingress/egress, key control, alarm systems, lighting needs, necessary tree/shrubbery trimming for increased visibility, etc.

3. Conduct campus-wide crime prevention programs i.e., Campus Watch, Personal Safety/Sexual Assault Awareness, Property Safety, etc.

4. Provide community education- Advise university faculty, staff and students, as well as community members, of crime prevention programs through demonstrations, public speeches, campus media and public relations materials.

5. Maintain a crime prevention library with reference materials for public use, including films and brochures.

6. Conduct an annual program evaluation to determine program effectiveness.
B. Specific crime prevention target projects available to include the following:

1. Conducting security/lighting surveys
2. Promotion of Bobcat Bobbie Safety Escort Service
3. Distribution of information, i.e., Information Pamphlet, etc
4. Availability for public address, including formal and informal discussions
5. Abandoned bicycle tagging
6. Bicycle programs
7. Drug and alcohol awareness programming.
8. Personal safety programs, i.e., Rape Aggression Defense
9. Operation Identification

C. A Community Awareness and Resource Team Member shall be available for meetings with community groups to discuss all aspects of crime prevention. Direct involvement currently includes:

1. Addressing orientation groups (both students and employees).
2. Organizing regularly scheduled meetings with faculty and staff, Information exchange, updates on crime trends and security measures in buildings and on the grounds.
3. Consultation and training for student services, including the Bobcat Bobbie Safety Escort Service (a nightly safety escort service staffed by students) and Nighttime Building Security.
4. Participation in community and student events via presentations and displays on crime prevention programs.