

CRIME-PREVENTION DRAFT



1.0 - Introduction

The urban core of the City of Alexandria (COA) suffers from drug- and alcohol-related violent crime, prostitution, juvenile group offender activity, and other criminal activity over recent years. Among the political and criminal justice community in Alexandria, this is both the result of socioeconomic declines in some areas in addition to the displacement of criminal activity from other areas in the urban core.

2.0 - Purpose

SafeAlex Crime Prevention incorporates both the uniformed patrol of the Alexandria Police Department (APD) and a civilian component for community engagement and problem identification. SafeAlex Crime Prevention project design utilizes concepts from problem-oriented policing, Second Generation Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), and place-based policing. The overarching goal of the program is to establish a disciplined approach with multiple partners that has measurable benchmarks, valid empirical observation and analysis, and a high level of accountability.

3.0 - Scope

The City of Alexandria (COA) and the Alexandria Police Department (APD) initiated Alexandria's SafeAlex Crime Prevention to curb violent crime, disrupt local drug and prostitution markets, and target crime "hotspots" in Alexandria. The initiative includes the recruitment and training of citizens to establish a non-traditional channel for intelligence gathering to identify and target "hotspots," and the utilization of the non-public safety apparatus of the local government (Public Works, Code Enforcement, City Planning, etc.) to participate in problem-oriented responses. The separate strike issues include: enhanced emergency response and targeted interventions; code enforcement and other enforcement issues; saturation patrols; highly visible patrolling; and other target hardening and situational crime prevention.

The program established, professional neighborhood relations specialists, an intelligence officer to collect and disseminate information, and a legal advisor working with the City Prosecutors Office and the District Attorney to coordinate program intelligence with local law enforcement offender-based initiatives. The initiative will utilize problem-oriented policing in a place-based strategy for addressing violent and drug-related criminal activity in the pilot program area.



4.0 - Objectives

- Develop strong neighbor relations.
- Update and Execute Code Enforcement
- Educate neighbors to recognize suspicious activity and take appropriate action.
- Implement other crime deterrents such as basic home security measures.
- Contribute to the reduction of neighborhood crime through crime prevention programs and literature.
- Responsibility Through Volunteerism

5.0 - Implementation Strategy

Phase I: Establish a Community Voice - Form Safety Committees and Neighborhood Groups

Phase 2: Create a Neighborhood Profile - Community Profiles

Phase 3: Develop a Plan - Local Priorities

Phase 4: Community Engagement - Encourage Resident Input

Phase 5: Implement

Phase 6: Assess - Adapt the Plan According to Community Needs

Implementation should be focused on the following connective strategies:

- **Sustainability:** Ensure that programs and services can be sustained for the duration of their need.
- **Partnership:** Implementers should collaborate where possible to enhance the effectiveness and sustainability of services.
- **Accessibility:** Communicate to potential users, the economic resources of potential users, and transportation availability.
- **Skill Development:** Make resources available to enhance the skills of those responsible for implementing programs and for parents.



6.0 - Organizational Structure

