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	JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND CRIME PREVENTION		EFFECTIVE DATE 3/22/2022
			OVERSIGHT Support Services
DISTRIBUTION ALL MANUALS	AMENDS/SUPERSEDES/CANCELS P&P #904 dated 03/09/2021.		

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to develop practical procedures for preventing juvenile delinquency crime, by fostering positive relationships and developing an atmosphere of mutual trust, respect and approachability between police, school administrators, staff, parents, and students.

II. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Hampton Police Division to strive to effectively control juvenile delinquency and juvenile crime through the utilization of proven programs administered through close coordination through the Hampton Public Schools and other agencies.

III. PROCEDURE:

The Police Division has several programs established to deter juvenile delinquency and teach crime prevention. The oversight of this falls under the Community Engagement Unit. This strategy consists of a prevention and enforcement perspective manifested through programs such as:

A. Officer Friendly

The Officer Friendly Program is designed to create a dynamic relationship between the police and grade school children. The children are instructed on basic crime prevention techniques such as; stranger danger, emergency 911, conflict resolution, bicycle safety, bus safety, and internet safety. The fifth-grade students receive education on gangs and their effects on the community as well as choosing friends wisely. This well-received program supports the mission of both the Hampton Police Division and Hampton City Schools.

B. School Resource Officer (SRO) Program

The purpose of the School Resource Officer Program is to promote a safe, stable, and drug-free learning environment for all students within the Hampton City School (HCS) System. This multi-faceted program is designed to complement the Divisions community policing efforts by enhancing police–youth relations and communication.

APPROVED:
CHIEF OF POLICE



This is accomplished by assigning police officers to serve in dedicated lawful positions as a resource for the Hampton City Public Schools system.

The functions of the SRO program includes but is not limited to:

- Strict enforcement surrounding school properties
- Drug detection and prevention
- Weapons detection and prevention
- Explosive device detection (including firearms)
- Bullying prevention and awareness
- Diversion referral programs
- Assisting with attendance problems and truancy

School Resource Officers participate in a truancy program with the Schools Accountability/Court Liaison Officer. A panel is assembled to present community resources to parents and students who are at risk for criminal truancy. SROs shall also act as a liaison for the School Safety Patrols in elementary schools. Canine officers will coordinate with school administration and SROs to provide searches for explosive devices and narcotic contraband as requested or when needed.

C. Programs taught as part of the SRO Program include, but are not limited to:

1. Virginia Rules

Virginia Rules is a youth-oriented, law-based crime prevention program designed to provide students with some working knowledge of the law, thus encouraging them to make responsible decisions about their behavior. The program discourages juvenile criminal activity by educating youth in a non-confrontational manner about actions that they may not realize are illegal.

2. Operation Prom

Arranged by the Virginia Alcohol Safety and Prevention Program (VASAP), Hampton Police Officers meet with high school seniors the week of the prom to lecture on subjects such as underage drinking, drunk driving, narcotic usage and impact of arrests on insurance rates, family, college, employment, etc. Officers also help monitor and patrol designated drug-free after prom party locations to minimize the expense of security and encourage drug-free parties. At the same time, plainclothes officers patrol motels and other discreet locations to discourage irresponsible drinking and the consequences thereof.

3. Keep the Peace

The Keep the Peace Program is a youth gun violence awareness

and prevention program developed in cooperation with the

Hampton Police Division, Healthy Families, and Hampton Court Services. This program curriculum exposes youth to the effects of gun violence and discusses various options to avoid and/or mitigate violent situations. The program also has a parent component to help parents better understand their relationships with their teenage kids. Referrals are made through the Hampton Court Services Unit and the Juvenile Court. This program is part of the Hampton Police Division's Community Policing philosophy that strives to reduce violence among our youth.

4. Other Youth Programs

In addition to these programs, all personnel are encouraged to support and/or participate in youth programs, such as the Youth in Action Council, YMCA, and other community youth recreational programs and leagues.

5. More information is available on the above-mentioned programs at the Hampton Police Division website, located at www.hampton.gov/police/ and follow the link to Programs.

6. Annual Review

School Resource Officer Supervision will conduct an annual review and written evaluation of these programs to determine if they should function as is, be modified, or be discontinued. This Annual Review shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police via Support Services Branch Command, for his review and approval.

- D. Officers assigned to the SRO and Officer Friendly programs shall remain employees of the City of Hampton, subject to all of the benefits and policies of the City of Hampton and the Hampton Police Division. Such officers will not be employees of the Hampton City Schools.

E. Training

All SRO and Officer Friendly Officers will successfully complete School Resource Officer Training and General Instructor School prior to, or at the next available training session. In addition, all officers transferred into any of these positions will receive an orientation by the School Resource Officer Supervisor and the Orientation Checklist will be completed and a copy forwarded to Accreditation.