

Lake Forest Park Police Department

Crime Reduction Strategies *Community Involvement*



Chief C. Stephen Sutton

Lake Forest Park Demographics



- 13,000 Residents
- 20 Officers – Minimum Staffing Model
- Residential Community
- 5% Business Revenue
- Community Communication a Challenge

2014 Crime Increase

Property Crimes	2011	2012	2013	2014	+/-
Burglary - Residential	80	88	71	93	+15%
MV Theft	15	8	8	41	+400%
Theft	210	177	141	202	+12%

2015 Operational Plan

- Focus on Crime Reduction
 - ✓ Community Education – Suspicious Activity Reporting
 - ✓ Increase in Proactive Policing
- Focus on Community Outreach
 - ✓ Increasing Capacity with Block-Watch
 - ✓ Communication (Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, Email Groups)
 - ✓ LFP Community Partners Emergency Communication System
 - ✓ Increase National Night Out Participation
 - ✓ Engage PD Staff in Messaging

Results

- Active Block Watch Groups
 - 8 in 2013
 - 20 in 2014
 - 45 in 2015
- Social Media
 - Nothing in 2013
 - Started Program in 2014
 - Full Engagement in 2015



facebook

 Nextdoor™

MESSAGE - CALL 911

Results (Continued)

- Quarterly Block Watch Captains Meeting
 - Introduced “Do It Yourself” Crime Prevention Guides
 - Provided Resources to Help Communicate with Neighbors
 - Emergency Management Tools – “Make it Through” Campaign
- Actively Recruited National Night Out Parties
 - 20 in 2013
 - 26 in 2014
 - 36 in 2016 (PD Staff Attended Every One)

MESSAGE - CALL 911

Results (Continued)

- LFP Community Partners Emergency Notification System
 - Layered approach to communicating with the community
 - Real-time information about crime, incidents, and emergencies
 - Over 500 self-subscribed citizens
 - Three main elements simultaneously activated
 - 1- Mystate.usa
 - 2- Social Media Accounts
 - 3- City Newsflash / Website
 - 0 in 2013
 - Created in 2014
 - Operational in 2015

MESSAGE - CALL 911

Outcomes

- 8 interrupted burglaries resulting from citizen's calling 911
- 20 thieves charged with burglary through investigations
- Public service calls up 35%
- Total calls for service up 19%
- Traffic stops up 36%

Property Crimes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	+/-
Burglary - Residential	80	88	71	93	63	-32%
MV Theft	15	8	8	41	8	-80%
Theft	210	177	141	202	162	-20%

Sustained Success

- Maintain commitment to community communication
 - Consistent and regular (all outlets)
 - Continue to add to our notification capacity
- Increase awareness training and conduct more community forums
 - Significant Activity Reporting Initiative (WSFC / FEMA)
- Ensure Links to future Operational Plans

MESSAGE - CALL 911

Questions?

Chief Steve Sutton

ssutton@cityofLFP.com

206-957-2850