

	<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>OPERATIONS</b>	<b>OPR-291</b>
	<b>CHAPTER:</b>	<b>COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING</b>	
	<b>DIRECTIVE:</b>	<b>COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT</b>	

**291.01 SUMMARY**

The Department is committed to establishing and maintaining close ties with the community and responding to its needs. This directive describes the procedures for the Department to interact with the community to identify and solve community-wide problems, to educate the community on Law Enforcement practices, crime prevention strategies and to enhance the quality of life by the reduction of crime and the fear of crime and disorder.

**291.02 DEFINITIONS**

**CRU** - The Community Resource Unit is comprised of Community Resource Officer(s) and School Resource Officer(s).

**CRO** - Community Resource Officer. Officers assigned to the CRU who work with local law enforcement, community members and service providers to address issues affecting our community.

**NEIGHBORHOOD INTERACTION** - Dispute resolution, Crime Free programs, CPTED (residential and industrial), Neighborhood Watch.

**HOMELESS/VAGRANCY INTERVENTION** - Directed patrol, individualized intervention, problem resolution, community partnerships, camp cleanup, community referrals, and enforcement.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS** - Directed patrol, Crime Stoppers liaison, assisting investigations with liquor related complaints.

**SRO** – School Resource Officer. Officers assigned to Schools within the City limits of Grand Junction for purposes of crime prevention, intervention/mediations and enforcement relative to those schools.

**291.03 RESPONSIBILITY**

**EVERY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE** – All employees share the responsibility for achieving the Department’s Mission. Each employee will participate in community related activities and tasks as needed.

**CRU SERGEANT** – The primary responsibility for developing and coordinating the Department’s community resource activities.

**CRO/SRO OFFICERS** – Organize, facilitate and participate in city wide programs, functions and events that educate the community in the reduction of criminal activity and enhancement of quality of life.

**291.04 COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT**

The Community Resource Unit is comprised of the following activities:

- Establish a liaison with formal community organizations and groups.
- Establish a liaison with Mesa County School District 51 and area law enforcement for the purpose of providing a safe environment in which to educate students.
- Design, implement, evaluate, and maintain crime prevention programs in coordination with city government, individual citizens, civic organization and other outside agencies.
- Provide information on the status of crime in the community and crime prevention to citizens, businesses, or groups.
- Use public appearances, presentations and other contacts to further crime prevention activities.

**291.05 COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

The CRU promotes and assists in the following crime prevention programs:

**GENERAL CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

- **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** – The Community with the CRU assists residents to form Neighborhood Watch program. Once an organization is formed, the Patrol Division is primarily responsible for providing ongoing assistance and support. Neighborhood Watch is the nucleus around which a residential neighborhood crime prevention group organizes.

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE  
UNIT PROGRAMS AND  
ACTIVITIES (con't)**

- **CRIME STOPPERS** – A Community Resource Officer advises the Mesa County Crime Stoppers program, coordinates news media resources available to the program, assists with the program's fund raising activities and oversees the scholastic Crime Stoppers Program.
- **CRIME FREE PROGRAMS** - Members of the Community Resource Unit will work with members of the community to administer a variety of Crime Free programs to include Multi-Family Housing, Hotel/Motel, Mobile Home, and Storage Units.

**PROPERTY CRIME PROGRAMS**

- **PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION** – All Department employees will inform citizens about the advantages of permanently marking property that does not have a serial number to facilitate tracing stolen items. The Department loans marking equipment to citizens through the Records Section.
- **BICYCLE REGISTRATION** – Citizens may register bicycles through the Records Section.
- **VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIPS**- Members of the Community Resource Unit will work with the Investigations section and our Victims Assistance Coordinator to provide follow up for victims of crimes involving burglaries and robberies in an effort to reduce future victimization of a similar pattern.

**PROGRAMS FOR SPECIAL AUDIENCES**

- **LIQUOR LICENCEES** – On request, the unit will assist the investigations section with complaint driven alcohol problems in our community. Members of the Community Resource Unit will also assist with compliance checks and underage drinking enforcement as needed.
- **BANKS AND RETAIL BUSINESSES** – On request, the Unit makes presentations to banks and retail businesses on how to make the facility less attractive to robbery, how to act during a robbery, and how to report any robbery.
- **SHOPLIFTING** – On request, the Unit informs retail businesses about techniques to detect and apprehending shoplifters.

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE  
PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES  
(con't)**

- **SENIOR CITIZENS** – On request, the Unit makes presentations to senior citizens, and those who care for them, on crime issues specific to the elderly, what special laws apply, and how to use crime prevention measures.
- **STUDENTS** – The Unit will provide on-campus law enforcement and liaison with Mesa County Valley School District 51 and other Law Enforcement entities in Mesa County.
- **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**- On a limited basis member(s) of the Community Resource Unit will assist with “neighborhood disputes.” Typically this type of intervention will include a neutral evaluation of the problem, structured negotiations, and mediation.
- **ACTIVE THREAT PRESENTATIONS**- On request the Unit informs local businesses on the best practices related to active threats in a public or private business, modeled after the FBI “Run, Hide, Fight,” protocols.
- **SECURITY SURVEYS** – On request, the Unit conducts security surveys for residences and businesses in accordance with CPTED and crime prevention principles.
- **YOUNG PEOPLE** – The Unit will participate in police-sponsored and community sponsored activities that focus on juveniles such as Cops for Kids, Shop with a Cop, and Bowl with a Cop.
- **ZONING, CONSTRUCTION, AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES** – The Community Resource Unit represents the Department whenever there is an opportunity to review and comment on crime prevention aspects of zoning policies, building and fire codes, and construction permits.

**HOMELESSNESS AND VAGRANCY PROGRAMS**

- **DIRECTED PATROL**- Community Resource Officers will involve themselves in crime related issues affecting our homeless/vagrant population to include taking crime reports, following up on case investigations, arresting perpetrators and issuing summons's

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE  
PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES  
(con't)**

- **INDIVIDUALIZED INTERVENTION-** Members of the Community Resource Unit will work with local businesses, advocacy groups, service providers, and the homeless/vagrant community to build relationships and refer those in need of assistance to the proper service providers.
- **CAMP CLEANUP-** On occasion camp clean ups conducted by various entities to include members of the Community Resource Unit have proven effective in improving general use conditions in public areas, sanitation conditions associated with camp locations , and crime trends within the homeless community.
- **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS-** Members of the Community Resource Unit will participate in the Front Line Intervention Team (FLI) and the Homeless Coalition.

