



Crime Prevention Officers

THE NSW POLICE FORCE HAS ESTABLISHED CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS (CPOs) TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO REDUCE LOCAL CRIME.

They play an important role in coordinating government, non government and community agencies at the local level to develop strategies and solution to tackle the social and economic causes of criminal behaviour.

WHAT THEY DO:

CPOs assist local area police commanders to develop and implement operational policing programs and work with other police liaison officers. CPO duties include:

- Conducting safety audits
- Implementing prevention projects
- Coordinating volunteers to assist police
- Liaising with local schools and councils
- Establish Community Safety Precinct Committees
- Informing the public about personal and property security.
- Identify short, medium and long term crime prevention priorities for the LAC in consultation with members of the Crime Management Unit.
- Initiate, develop, coordinate and evaluate targeted crime prevention strategies and programs to address LAC crime reduction priorities.
- Participate in Local Government crime prevention planning activities.
- Coordinate NSW Police crime prevention planning initiatives with those of other government, welfare, business and community sectors at the local level
- Undertake safety and security audits for individuals, community groups and local organisations to prevent crime from occurring and to reduce the risk of repeat victimisation
- Apply the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to existing and proposed developments to reduce crime opportunity (NB: Under section 79c of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, local Government and police must jointly assess the design of agreed developments)
- Coordinate activities with, and provide support to, community safety committees and groups implementing NSW Police programs
- Promote awareness and understanding of community safety and crime prevention issues within the community
- Deliver targeted crime prevention education campaigns and messages to community groups
- Participate in community development and support community-based crime prevention programs
- Support victims of crime by conducting security and safety assessments and suggest treatments to reduce repeat victimisation.

All 80 local area police commands have a CPO working closely with the community. Communities are encouraged to work with their CPO to help establish safer neighbourhoods.

CONTACT

For assistance of information, phone your local police command and ask to speak with the Crime Prevention Officer.

Police, Fire, Ambulance

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In an emergency

Crime Stoppers

1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Police Assistance Line

131 444

For non emergencies



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