



City of Freeport Public Safety Plan Progress Report

As Presented on February 10, 2014



Goal 1: Create Safer Neighborhoods

- Expanded bicycle and foot patrol
- Activated Problem Oriented Policing Initiative (POP-I) during summer months
- Implemented Tobacco Merchant licensing which can be used to curb other illegal activities on the property
- Placed pole cameras in high priority areas

Offender-based strategies

- Actively engaging offenders
- Increased communications with rental owners leasing to offenders
- Increased cooperation with parole
- Increased minimum fines for repeat noise violators

Location-based strategies

- Conducting saturated patrols with state police
- Implemented zero tolerance policy on quality of life issues
- Designated sound amplification enforcement zones
- Conducting twice weekly curfew enforcement details (seasonal)
- Coordinating with ComEd to improve lighting in poorly lit areas
- Implemented Beat Team Leader program

Goal 2: Promote Positive Youth Behavior, Accountability and Family Involvement

- Strictly enforcing curfew and truancy
- Strengthened parent accountability in truancy and curfew ordinances

Goal 3: Develop Stronger Community Relationships

- Implemented Neighborhood Watch in every city ward
- Expanded auxiliary/volunteer programs
- Reinstating Civilian Police Academy
- Developed public information campaign to encourage citizens to report crime and wanted persons to law enforcement

Goal 4: Ensure Safer Housing

- Enacted rental property registration ordinance

Goal 5: Develop Stronger Interdepartmental Relationships

- Increased coordination with sheriff, probation, and parole

Goal 6: Make Sound, Data-driven Policy Decisions

- Implementing a system of crime mapping and data analysis