



Sheriff Jerry L. Demings
Crime Summit Update
September 22, 2009

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Pastor Frank Thompson
Community-Clergy Committee

Community-Clergy Session

During our first Crime Summit held in March 2009 those who attended our Community-Clergy Session expressed the following concerns:

- **Avoid stereotyping.**
- **Identify youth gang activity and refer them to faith based programs geared for youth.**
- **Creation of a database with information on faith based programs where referrals could be made.**
- **Partner with faith base community to develop after school programs.**
- **Create more funding sources for youth programs. Grant tax incentives to companies who donate funds to community programs.**

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- Present positive image of police since the perception teens have is negative due to violent video games, movies, TV shows, music lyrics, etc...
- Change family = change the community.
- Develop programs that challenge students.
- We need to think out side of the box.
- Build the hope of our teens with positive self-esteem. Be aware of those families who do not get involved in community/school events.
- The entire family needs to be involved in counseling or whatever assistance program being offered to them in order for the assistance to be effective.

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- **Have more electronic supervised monitoring instead of incarceration.**
- **Places of worship adopting a school in the neighborhood.**
- **Places of worship being more available and opened to using their facilities to organize recreational activities.**
- **Better communication between COPS Program and Neighborhood Watch.**
- **Motivate our elders to be more involved.**
- **Time-Talent & Treasure- educate parents and teens to spend more time with the family, assist them in develop talents they could later share with others in the community and invest not only money but time with our children.**
- **More patrolling in neighborhoods. Concern that even though neighborhood watch is active crimes are happening when residents are working and no one at home. Day time burglaries.**

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- How do we pay for all these programs with out depending on government funding, grants, etc...
- Make sure children feel they are loved, welcomed, important...
- We all need to communicate with each better in a more effective manner (L.E.-Community-Faith base).
- Develop early intervention programs.
- Change the way we are dealing with those currently in jail- less down time...they should eat-sleep and work...
- Participate in Youth against Crime Conference.
- Share resources.

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A committee was formed with members of the community and the clergy and it was decided we would summarize all those good ideas and formulate them into three areas we wanted to focus on:

- **Creation and maintenance of a database with information on community, government and faith based programs where referrals could be made.**
- **Develop a partnership with the faith based community in order to establish programs that involve our youth in a healthy, educational, athletic, mentoring environment. This will consist in creating after school programs and using church facilities equipped with athletic fields or courts.**
- **Establish a committee where representatives of the faith based community, law enforcement, education, government, and community leaders meet to communicate and identify the needs of our community by sharing data, concerns, ideas, solutions and applying for grants that will improve the quality of life of our community.**

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In law enforcement we are all familiar with the concept of community policing. This became very popular in the 1990's and a reduction of crime was experienced throughout the nation particularly in large municipalities.

Community Policing- Community policing is a proactive approach to law enforcement that goes beyond the traditional policing model of reacting to crime by arresting and incarcerating criminals. It recognizes that crime does not occur in a vacuum and that the best way to control crime is to address the continuum of human and community issues that lie at the root of most criminal activity. This requires the police and other law enforcement agencies to join forces with the community, forming problem-solving partnerships to develop viable strategies for dealing with the constellation of factors associated with crime and disorder.

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Making the Match

We are using the “Making the Match” study conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

The purpose of this study was to provide law enforcement agencies and community groups — especially faith-based organizations with the community policing tools they need to reduce crime and the fear of crime and improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. This kind of significant transformation can be achieved through a mechanism known as the Value-Based Initiative (VBI), which has been used in cities and towns across the country to effect community change.

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Last meeting discussion

- Attending the Civilian Academy
- Each Pastor / Member of the Committee is to contact other faith based entities in their respective areas and attempt to get them involved in partnering together. They are going to explain the idea of the summit and how they can work together in conjunction with the Sheriff's office and address critical issues.
- They discussed Chaplains for youth in the Juvenile Justice System. Frank Thompson is involved with the Juvenile Justice system and will bring more information back on this issue.
- Discussed including more about the subcommittee by information on the Orange County Sheriff's Office web site.
- They are also going to develop a mission statement in line with Sheriff Demings mission statement for their committee.

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- Orange County has always had a proactive community. The alarming increase in violent crime which has also affected other large municipalities in the United States has brought us all back to the drawing board in order to safeguard our neighborhoods.
- Law Enforcement cannot do it alone.

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Pastor Frank Thompson

- VBI- Community Value – Safe Neighborhoods
- Diverse Faith Leaders/Area Leadership
- Faith Leaders Academy
- Utilization of All Resources
- Funding/Sustainability



ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mission Statement

The mission of the Orange County Sheriff's Office is to reduce crime by providing excellent service at a reasonable cost through partnerships that build trust, create a safe environment, and enhance the quality of life in our community. "Making a difference."

Agency Goals

- 1 Reduce crime and the fear of crime**
- 2 Be fiscally responsible**
- 3 Work cooperatively with community and government partners**
- 4 Value accountability**
- 5 Suppress and prevent juvenile crime**
- 6 Embrace technology for improved service**
- 7 Value diversity**
- 8 Value fellow agency members**
- 9 Protect the rights of citizens**
- 10 Provide excellent service**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME



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