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	CRIME AND CRIME PREVENTION		EFFECTIVE DATE 07/15/86
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I. PURPOSE:

To establish the philosophy by which the Hampton Police Division can work toward the goal of crime prevention and suppression.

II. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the entire Police Division to be conscious of this philosophy and to make crime prevention and suppression the main goal in providing police service.

III. PHILOSOPHY:

The problems which crime creates do not only have an impact upon the police, but are problems, which concern the entire community. The Police Division's responsibility is to suppress and prevent crime from occurring, and to solve crime once it does occur. At the same time, we realize that we can neither prevent all crime from occurring, nor solve every crime, which occurs. With this in mind, we must strive to obtain the greatest possible degree of active cooperation, assistance and moral support of the citizens of Hampton.

This concept can be expounded upon using the two classical concepts of what must occur in order for a crime to transpire; there must be the desire of the offender to commit the crime, and he must have the opportunity to complete the act. Our efforts as police officers are directed primarily toward eliminating and minimizing the opportunity of the potential criminal. On the other hand, the desire to commit a criminal act is controlled by an individual and his interactions with his community.

Police crime prevention techniques, which have proven most successful, are aggressive and conspicuous patrol, with calculated deployment of patrol resources against demonstrated problems. This patrol effort must be augmented by a meaningful crime prevention program, which involves all police officers and solicits and encourages community support through well organized crime prevention programs.

APPROVED:
CHIEF OF POLICE



Although specialized units within the division have the primary function of managing the crime prevention program, this in no way diminishes the responsibility of all members to consider crime prevention a primary function of their individual assignment. This necessity occurs since each citizen views every police officer as the Police Division, with no restriction to specialty. For this reason, each police officer is responsible for preventing those crimes, which are preventable by police action, and to take appropriate action when crimes or emergencies occur.