

RESOLUTION NO. 111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A
COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING MISSION STATEMENT

WHEREAS, as a newly incorporated City, the City of University Place is committed to promoting public safety within our community;

WHEREAS, Community Oriented Policing has been shown to be an effective approach to preventing and solving crime related problems;


WHEREAS, on April 15, 1996, the City Council has adopted Resolution No. 97 establishing the COPS Advisory Committee and directing the committee to recommend a Community Oriented Policing Mission Statement;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Community Oriented Policing Statement Established. The City's Community Oriented Policing Mission Statement and Overview shall be established as shown in Exhibit A.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon signing.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 5, 1996



Ronald L. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Matthew, City Clerk

Exhibit A
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City of University Place

Community Oriented Policing Mission Statement

We, the citizens of the City of University Place, through a shared vision and partnership with police, will achieve and maintain a safe and livable community.

Community Policing Overview

Community Oriented Policing by its very nature is an all encompassing concept that may include literally scores of different programs. Each individual, community, and neighborhood has needs and demands which are unique for its own safety and welfare.

The central premise of Community Oriented Policing is a common philosophy. This philosophy is that the police and the public they serve have an *interdependent and shared responsibility* in making their communities safe and livable, and that citizens should take a more active and coordinated role in the accomplishment of this endeavor.

Therefore, through community commitment and involvement, we will see safer neighborhoods and improved police service delivered equitably throughout our community.

Examples of Community Oriented Policing programs with citizen involvement in defining the problems and affecting solutions may include:

1. *General Community Concerns:* i.e., basic crime prevention, etc.
2. *Specific Problem Programs:* i.e., burglary reduction, crime stoppers, citizen and police reward programs, illegal drugs, youth problems, etc.
3. *Special Group Programs:* i.e., senior citizens, racial minority group concerns, low-income and high-risk groups, commercial crime initiatives on shoplifting, bank robbery prevention, etc.
4. *Community Oriented Programs:* i.e., police-community liaison, Neighborhood Watch, public information and education, cross-cultural program development, etc.
5. *Youth Oriented Programs:* i.e., youth community activities and education programs, youth awareness campaigns, youth camps and clubs, child safety and identification programs, youth law education activities, etc.

We believe that there is no limit to how far we can go and what we can accomplish as long as we do it together. This community and neighborhood approach will strengthen the relationship between police and citizens, and combining our collective strengths, ideas and energy, we will be working as a part of the community toward common goals which are shared by the community.