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**Fort Pierce Police Department**  
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Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency

**Innovative Community Oriented Policing**

Project Status Report Q3 FY2009

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Chief of Police*

## *Program Overview*

In 2007, the police department conducted a comprehensive assessment of crime in Fort Pierce and found that the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Area suffered a disparate amount of crime when compared to surrounding neighborhoods, local jurisdictions, state, and national rates. In fact, this assessment found that in some FPRA neighborhoods the violent crime rates were 10 times higher than the national averages. In response to this problem, on January 23, 2008, the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) approved \$5.6 million, including \$582,000 in initial startup expenses (vehicles, equipment, uniforms, etc.), to fund a five year Innovative Community Oriented Policing program designed to enhance policing services within the FPRA area. The first employee was assigned under this program in March 2008, and by December 2008, all capital purchases and staffing assignments had been completed.

The Innovative Community Oriented Policing (ICOP) program provides 14 sworn and 1 support employees to carry out a formal plan grounded in the tenets of community and problem oriented policing. This plan establishes three goals: 1.) crime control, 2.) improving police and community relationships, and 3.) forging community problem solving collaborations. The plan also includes numerous objectives that establish “deliverables” for the FPRA Board and the community. These objectives are intended to provide outcomes that directly influence achievement of these goals.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the achievement of program objectives and budget expenditures through Quarter 3 of FY 2009. In evaluating this activity, it is important to keep in mind that the program was not fully staffed and operational until the end of Q1 FY 2009.

This report shows that members of the FPRA ICOP team are delivering on the promise to provide increased community policing to citizens in the FPRA area. Although the program is still in its infancy, members are meeting and even exceeding the stated objectives. Furthermore, there is evidence that the effort is achieving the intended goals. The most significant indicator of this success is a **22% reduction in violent crime in the first half of 2009** compared to 2008.

A notable accomplishment in Q3 is the completion of a citizen survey that will serve as a baseline for program evaluation and planning. This survey collected responses from 328 residents, including 202 that were conducted face to face by ICOP officers. There are also three summer camp programs in full swing, which should serve about 150 children.

## ***GOALS AND OBJECTIVES EVALUATION***

### ***Goals***

**Note: Programs goals will be formally evaluated annually, at the end of each year.**

<b>GOAL 1</b>	<b>CRIME CONTROL</b>
Achievement of this goal will be measured by analysis of FBI UCR Part I Crime statistics compared to the base rates (2006) and against local, regional, and state trends. Optimally, target area rates will outperform local, regional, and state trends.	

2008 Annual UCR Part 1 Crime statistics showed a 4% reduction in overall crime and a 7% reduction in violent crime compared to 2007. In the first six months of 2009, **violent crime is down an incredible 22%** and overall crime has fallen 4% compared to the first six months of 2008.

<b>GOAL 2</b>	<b>Improving Police and Community Relationships</b>
Achievement of this goal will be measured through a comprehensive public opinion survey that will collect both quantitative and qualitative data. The base measure will be obtained through an initial survey that will be repeated annually.	

Between May 20, 2009, and July 6, 2009, the police department conducted a community wide survey that included a concentrated effort within the FPRA area. A total of 328 responses were received via the Internet (21), through random phone calls by volunteers (105), and face to face interviews with FPRA community policing officers (202). The results are currently being analyzed and will be published as a separate report.

This initial survey will serve as basis for evaluation of this goal, program objectives, and in the development of the police department's strategic plan.

<b>GOAL 3</b>	<b>Forging Community Problem Solving Collaborations</b>
Achievement of this goal will be measured through evaluation of partnerships formed throughout the life of the project.	

<b>FY 2009 Active Community Partnerships</b>
Lincoln Park Main Street – Community Events, Crime Prevention and Education
Fort Pierce Main Street – Community Events
Boys & Girls Clubs – Crime Prevention
Big Brothers Big Sisters – Garden City Academy Mentoring Program
Project Rock - Intervention
Latin American Coalition – Crime Prevention and Education
Hispanic Advisory Council – Crime Prevention and Education
Gulfstream Council, Inc - Explorer Program
Fort Pierce Housing Authority – Crime Prevention / Crime Watch
Downtown Business Association – Community Events
Roundtable of St. Lucie- Kids at Hope
Mad Dads – Community Intervention

## Objectives

Note: Program Objectives will be evaluated quarterly and revised each project year.

<b>Objective 1</b>	<b>Crime Watch Groups</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Add 8 additional active crime watch groups within the target area each year.		

Crime Prevention officers are working to establish crime watches in nine neighborhoods. Three have been certified and are active, six are awaiting certification, and one is pending resident occupation. This level of activity exceeds the stated objectives.



<i>Crime Watch Name</i>	<i>Neighborhood</i>	<i>Status</i>
Madison Cay	29 <sup>th</sup> Street & Avenue M	Waiting Certification
Zora Neal Residences	29 <sup>th</sup> Street & Avenue N	1 Meeting from Certification
Buell Brown	707 N. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	Certified April 27, 2009
Bethany Court	Bethany Court (12 <sup>th</sup> & Ave. Q)	3 Meetings from Certification
Harbortown Marina	Harbortown Marina	1 Meeting from Certification
Lincoln Park (Southern Pines)	22 <sup>nd</sup> Street & Avenue M	3 Meetings from Certification
Wildwood Housing	S. 29 <sup>th</sup> Street & Florida Avenue	Certified May 6, 2009
Park Terrace High Rise	601 Avenue B	Certified April 27, 2009
The Oaks on Moore's Creek	N. 13 <sup>th</sup> Street	Pending Resident Occupancy
Edgartown	Backus & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street	2 Meetings from Certification

<b>Objective 2</b>	<b>Neighborhood Enforcement Action Team (NEAT)</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Implement the Neighborhood Enforcement Action Team (NEAT) program in no less than 2 neighborhoods the first year. Thereafter, expand this service to 4 neighborhoods every year.		

<b>FY 2009 NEAT Areas</b>
Pioneer Park Subdivision (Zora Neale Crime Watch) – Status: New initiative
Lawnwood Addition (Georgia and Havana between 13 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> ) – Status: New Initiative

<b>Objective 3</b>	<b>Law Enforcement Explorers</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Implement a Law Enforcement Explorers (Boy Scouts) program and establish an initial membership of 20 youth ages 12-18 in the first year. Thereafter, increase members by at least 10 youth every year.		

The police department's Explorer Post # 477 was certified on February 1, 2009. There are currently **16 active members**. Since certification, the Explorers have been assisting officers with security and traffic control at community events like Friday Fest, Taste of Saint Lucie, and recruiting at the Saint Lucie County Fair. The Explorers are also serving as counselors for the Summer Youth Police Academy.

<b>Objective 4</b>	<b>Neighborhood Survey</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Develop and conduct a neighborhood survey throughout the target area to establish crime and disorder priorities, measure fear of crime, confidence in police, and general satisfaction with policing services. Repeat the survey every year.		

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<b>Objective 5</b>	<b>Foot and Bike Patrol</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Establish a routine foot and bike patrol that provides no less than 240 member hours of proactive patrol and community interaction time per month, every year.		

The police department recently purchased 12 new patrol bicycles and related equipment using drug forfeiture funding. In June, all FPRA ICOP officers attended a bike patrol course at the IRSC Public Safety Academy. Bike patrol activity has increased drastically with these accomplishments.

<b>FPRA Foot and Bike Patrol - FY 2009</b>									
	<b>Q1 FY 2009</b>			<b>Q2 FY 2009</b>			<b>Q3 FY 2009</b>		
	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>
<b>Foot</b>	98	103.5	337	163.5	451	315	362	322	392.5
<b>Bike</b>		25	4	12.5	8	102	30	25	<b>145.5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>128.5</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>538</b>

<b>Objective 6</b>	<b>Citizens Police Academy</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Establish a Citizens Police Academy for adults and conduct no less than 3 sessions with 25 citizens in the first year. Provide 3 additional sessions with 25 citizens every year.		

The crime prevention unit has held two academies and scheduled two more during the last quarter of FY2009.

<b>Class Number</b>	<b>Graduation Date</b>	<b># of Graduates</b>
1	12/9/08	25
2	4/28/09	13
3	8/5/09 – 8/25/09	Taking Applications
4	Scheduled for 09/09	-



<b>Objective 7</b>	<b>Youth Police Academy</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Establish a Youth Police Academy for children and conduct sessions for 100 in the first year during spring and/or summer school breaks. Continue to provide this service for no less than 100 youth per year every year.		

Last summer, prior to the unit being fully staffed, two Youth Police Academies were held over the summer break. Two additional Youth Police Academies are scheduled for this summer. The first was held in June and the second will be held in July.

<b>Class Number</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1	6/16/08 – 7/3/08	50
2	8/5/08 – 8/8/08	50
3	6/15/09 – 6/26/09	49
4	7/6/09 – 7/17/09	Scheduled

<b>Objective 8</b>	<b>PAL Summer Camp</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Initiate a PAL Summer Camp program that provides activities to no less than 50 children in the first year. Continue to provide this service to no less than 50 children every year.		

For the summer of 2009, PAL is hosting three types of camps for children that run for 8 consecutive weeks through the summer. Two of the camps are based at the PAL Center and a third camp provides field trips including trips to Blizzard Beach in Orlando, the Rapids in West Palm Beach, a 2 day trip to St. Augustine, Busch Gardens, and Lion Country Safari. Children in these camps are participating in swimming lessons, tennis, drama, baseball, T-ball, Soccer, and Shuffleboard.

<b>Camp</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1	6/9/08 – 8/1/08	13
2	6/15/09 – 8/15/09	56

<b>Objective 9</b>	<b>School Resource Officers</b>	<b>Status: Completed</b>
Provide 3 school resource officers to enhance school security and provide youth prevention education related to drug and gang resistance. Maintain 3 officers in schools every year. (Note: School resource officers are partially funded with up to \$100,000 coming from the St. Lucie County School Board).		

Three school resource officers were assigned to schools within the FPRA boundaries for the duration of the 2009 school year. Schools covered by this initiative were:

- Lincoln Park Academy
- Fort Pierce Magnet
- Garden City
- CA Moore
- Francis K Sweet

**Notice: The school board has provided notification that their contribution will not be provided for the FY 2010 school year.**

<b>Objective 10</b>	<b>Juvenile Diversion Program</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Expand the department's existing juvenile diversion program to defer 25% more children from criminal court to peer review in the first year. Increase participation by 10% annually.		

Juvenile offenders that are referred to the diversion program answer to a court of their peers for their delinquent actions, rather than entering the juvenile justice system. This provides a "second chance" to avoid a criminal history that can pose significant challenges in continuing education or careers. Referrals to the juvenile diversion program have increased by 47% in FY 2009 Q1-Q3 compared to 2008.

<b>Juvenile Diversion Program</b>									
	<b>Q1</b>			<b>Q2</b>			<b>Q3</b>		
	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>
<b>FY 2008</b>	12	11	9	7	5	2	2	3	6
<b>FY 2009</b>	12	11	9	14	10	3	6	12	5

<b>Objective 11</b>	<b>Nuisance Abatement</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Identify and resolve crime and/or disorder problems at 6 “hot spots” or nuisance locations within the target area during the first year. Targets for following years to be determined.		

Community policing officers have worked with patrol, detectives, and community members to identify three nuisance locations. Investigations are ongoing at all three locations.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Status</b>
1702 Avenue D	Criminal Case Filed – City Abatement Pending
Undisclosed # 2 (Lincoln Park Area)	Under Investigation
Undisclosed # 3 (South Beach)	Under Investigation

<b>Objective 12</b>	<b>Business and Residential Security Surveys</b>	<b>Status: Initiated</b>
Provide no less than 100 business and residential security surveys per year, every year.		

Crime prevention officers have sent out nearly 200 letters to burglary victims offering to conduct security surveys at their business or residence. These surveys identify security issues and offer information and advice on improving building security. At the end of Q3 FY2009, only 25 invitations were accepted with surveys completed. Higher participation is required under this objective, so additional marketing and education are being undertaken to overcome this gap.

<b>FY 2009 Security Surveys</b>									
	<b>Q1</b>			<b>Q2</b>			<b>Q3</b>		
	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>
Business Surveys	1	0	0	6	4	1	5	2	0
Residential Surveys				1	1	0	2	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
Burglary Letters Sent	0	0	0	71	16	8	47	0	51

<b>Objective 13</b>	<b>Crime Prevention Education Public Access TV</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Develop and produce 12 crime prevention education messages to be delivered via public access television every year.		

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>
PALtoberfest	10/22/08	Slide Show TV-27
Domestic Violence Prevention	1/15/09	TV Show WTCE TV-21
Drug Abuse Prevention	2/5/09	TV Show WTCE TV-21
Gun Crimes	5/7/09	TV Show WTCE TV-21

Note: The police department is currently soliciting bids for the requisition of television production equipment to support this objective. Funding for this equipment will be provided by the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (drug seizures).

<b>Objective 14</b>	<b>Crime Prevention/Community Policing News</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Develop 12 positive crime prevention / community policing news stories for delivery to the target area citizens via mass media (print, television, or radio) every year.		

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>
Web Site Allows Residents to Keep Track of Crime	12/3/08	Print Article - Tribune
Shop with a Cop	12/24/08	Print Article - Tribune
Police Report Crime Down in Fort Pierce	2/13/09	Print Article - Tribune
Police Team Up for Kidcare	2/28/09	Print Article - Tribune
Fort Pierce Officials Wants Citizens to Trade Guns	3/17/09	Print Article - Tribune
Fort Pierce Police, Officials Contact Parents	3/12/09	Print Article - Tribune
Gang Prevention - Victor Woods & Chief	3/18/09	Radio Show - WFLM
Ceasefire Forum Focuses on Gangs	4/16/09	Print Article - Tribune
Crime Prevention Tips – Sgt Hurtado	4/16/09	Radio Show – La Gigante
Crime Prevention Tips – Sgt Hurtado	5/15/09	Radio Show – La Gigante
Crime Prevention Tips - Sgt Hurtado	6/3/09	Print Article – La Boz
Crime Prevention Tips	6/3/09	Print Article – El Españõ

Police Unveil Anti-Crime Camera Surveillance	6/4/09	Print Article - Tribune
Mentoring Program at Garden City	6/11/09	Print Article – Tribune
Mentoring Program at Garden City	6/11/09	Video – TC Palm
Crime Prevention Tips – Sgt Hurtado	6/17/09	Radio Show – La Gigante
COP Talk – Ofc Dreizehnter & Cozine, Det A. Smith	6/25/09	Radio Show - WPSL

<b>Objective 15</b>	<b>Public Crime Prevention Education Meetings</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Provide no less than 12 public crime prevention education sessions (i.e. Town Meetings) annually.		

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>
Youth Summit – Nelson HR Development	2/21/09	Youth Forum
Youth Summit – Dan McCarty School	2/21/09	Youth Forum
Victor Woods – Westwood High School	3/18/09	Youth Forum
Victor Woods Reception – Ellis Substation	3/18/09	Community Forum
Ceasefire Community Forum – N. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street	3/19/09	Community Forum
Latin American Coalition IRSC – Chief and Hurtado	4/1/09	Community Forum
Cinco de Mayo- SLC Fairgrounds	5/3/09	Community Forum
Hot Talk – WFLM – Operation Ceasefire	5/6/09	Community Forum
Migrant/Immigrant Information - IRSC	6/3/09	Youth Forum
Hot Talk – WFLM – Op. Ceasefire / Kids at Hope	6/3/09	Community Forum
Community Open House – Ave. I Substation	6/4/09	Community Forum
Youth Leadership Forum – IRSC (Chief)	6/18/09	Youth Forum
Health Fair – Lincoln Park Community Center	6/20/09	Community Forum

<b>Objective 16</b>	<b>Mentoring</b>	<b>Status: On-Target</b>
Every officer and supervisor assigned to the FPRA project will provide 1 hour of youth mentoring every week through a local school, Boys & Girls Club, or Big Brothers and Big Sisters program within the target area.		

Innovative Community Oriented Policing program officers have adopted Garden City School and are providing mentoring services to children through the Big Brothers Big Sisters school based program.



<b>FY 2009 Mentoring Hours</b>									
	Q1			Q2			Q3		
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Hours Contributed	16	26	21	27	35	50	59	74	51

## ***Other Achievements***

***Operation Ceasefire*** – On March 10, 2009, following the murders of two young men in our community, Chief Baldwin and members of the community policing team met with nearly 100 community leaders in a forum to discuss strategies to end the violence. The result was the implementation of Operation Ceasefire, which is a collaborative community program designed to reduce gang violence in our community. The initiative starts with a community-wide agreement that “gang violence is destroying our community, and it will not be tolerated.” Then a clear warning is issued to gang members: “you have a choice to make. You will either stop the violence that is destroying our community, or you will spend your life in prison.” Officers assigned to the FPRA project have been instrumental in implementing the following Operation Ceasefire strategies:

***Enforcement Targeting Gang Members*** – On March 19, 2009, the police department and State Attorney’s Office announced the arrest of 11 members of the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Gang. On June 18, 2009, the police department and Florida Department of Law Enforcement announced the arrest of 6 members of the Zoe Pound Gang. This case is being prosecuted as an organized crime case.

***Parent Notification*** – On March 11, 2009, Officers from the community response bureau, including FPRA personnel, began working with community leaders that volunteered to deliver warning letters to parents of gang members and associates. As of June 30, 2009, 113 letters have been served.

***Community Education*** – Chief Baldwin and members of the ICOP team have partnered with WFLM to host a monthly community forum over the radio to discuss gangs in our community. A show was held on May 6, 2009 to discuss the Operation Ceasefire initiative, and another show was held on June 3, 2009 to discuss mentoring initiatives.

***Public Surveillance Cameras*** – In a related FPRA project, the installation of 10 public surveillance cameras downtown and along Avenue D has been completed. These cameras are being monitored from the Ellis Substation on Avenue D.

***Support for Community Building Organizations*** – The community policing team members are providing tremendous support to organizations working to build a stronger Fort Pierce. Members provide staffing support to Main Street Fort Pierce for community events like Friday Fest, Lincoln Park Main Street for various events, and the Downtown Business Association for the monthly Downtown Cruise-In Car Show.

## ***Upcoming Activities***

***PAL Summer Camps and Youth Police Academies*** – The PAL Summer Camp runs from June 15, 2009 through August 7, 2009. A second Youth Police Academy will be held from July 6 through July 17, 2009.

***Television Cameras*** – The police department is currently acquiring television production equipment to enhance crime prevention programming that will be delivered through public access television and Internet video feeds. This should be completed in Q4.

***National Night Out*** – As in the past, we will be participating with local neighborhood watch groups to encourage home safety by asking everyone to turn their outside lights on to combat crime in their community. Many neighborhood block parties are planned. National Night Out is scheduled for August 4, 2009.

***Victor Woods*** - The police department has partnered with Lincoln Park Main Street to bring motivational speaker Victor Woods back to Fort Pierce on July 10, 2009, to address children from multiple summer youth programs.

***Mentoring Symposium*** – The police department is working with the Roundtable of St. Lucie, Children's Services Council, and Big Brothers Big Sisters to host a weekend forum and training session for youth mentors in our community. The program is designed to support the Operation Ceasefire and Kids at Hope. This symposium will be scheduled for September 2009.

## Staffing Assignments

<i>FPRA Community Policing – Staffing Status</i>			
<i>Position</i>	<i>Assigned</i>	<i>Assignment Date</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>Crime Analyst</i>	<i>Jessica Scheiter</i>	<i>3/2/08</i>	
<i>Sergeant – Crime Prevention</i>	<i>Sgt A. Hurtado</i>	<i>6/1/08</i>	
<i>Sergeant – Comm. Policing</i>	<i>Sgt D. Flaherty</i>	<i>12/21/08</i>	
<i>School Resource Officer 1</i>	<i>Officer E. Dove</i>	<i>8/3/08</i>	
<i>School Resource Officer 2</i>	<i>Officer D. Owens</i>	<i>8/3/08</i>	
<i>School Resource Officer 3</i>	<i>Vacant</i>		<i>Vacant as of 6/09</i>
<i>Crime Prevention Officer 1</i>	<i>Officer D. Dreizehnter</i>	<i>3/1/08</i>	
<i>Crime Prevention Officer 2</i>	<i>Officer J. Cozine</i>	<i>4/21/08</i>	
<i>Crime Prevention Officer 3</i>	<i>Officer D. Spotts</i>	<i>12/21/08</i>	
<i>Community Policing Officer 1</i>	<i>Officer A. Martella</i>	<i>11/23/08</i>	
<i>Community Policing Officer 2</i>	<i>Officer L. Quintao</i>	<i>11/23/08</i>	
<i>Community Policing Officer 3</i>	<i>Officer H. Scarborough</i>	<i>11/2/08</i>	
<i>Community Policing Officer 4</i>	<i>Officer A. Gibbons</i>	<i>11/23/08</i>	
<i>Community Policing Officer 5</i>	<i>Officer M. Ortiz</i>	<i>11/23/08</i>	
<i>Community Policing Officer 6</i>	<i>Officer R. Barr</i>	<i>12/21/08</i>	
<i>Total Staffing (15)</i>	<i>14</i>		

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<b>FPRA Community Policing FY 2009 Funding Status</b>						
	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures Q1</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures Q2</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures Q3</b>	<b>Projected Expenditures Q4</b>	<b>Projected Balance</b>
<b>Personnel Expenses</b>	\$962,971	\$190,044	\$257,365	\$236,214	\$255,977	\$23,371