

Community Policing Guidelines

The Family Dependency Treatment Court (FDTC) Community Policing Team is responsible for monitoring program participants for any violations of program rules or criminal activity. The community policing team conducts home visits, searches, surveillance, alcohol testing, and drug testing.

All home visits will be conducted by at least two (2) certified deputies.

- The use of multiple deputies provides for better officer safety and enables a thorough search to be conducted of selected participants homes or vehicles when necessary.
- Multiple deputies provide an additional witness for the court if violations of program rules or criminal activity are discovered.
- Typically multiple subjects live at program participant's residences. Frequently these occupants have criminal backgrounds.

Even though the vast majority of DUI, Drug, and Family Court participants are non-violent offenders, if violations of program rules or criminal activity is discovered confrontations with program participants and/or their family members can occur.

Community policing home visit teams should have the following equipment available:

- Authorized firearm;
- Portable 800mhz radio;
- Cell phone
- Alco-sensor/intoximeter
- Flashlight
- Handcuffs
- Bulletproof vest
- Digital camera
- Arrest & Booking Forms
- Any other items needed to document violations of program rules or criminal activity, and provide safety for the deputies.

Community police should be alert for the following when contacting participants:

- Alcohol (usage or possession)
- Drugs (illegal, authorized/ unauthorized prescription drugs, recent usage)
- Weapons (firearms, offensive type edged weapons)
- Co-habitation with prohibited persons (Other program participants, parole/probationers, any other person designated by program rules)
- Curfew Violations
- Residential/Address Violations (all participants should provide a current address including gate access codes, directions and a map to the location if necessary)

Documentation of Community policing activity:

- Home visit contact sheets will be completed by the Community Policing Team on all contacts/attempted contacts with participants;
- Incident reports on all criminal activity;
- Property and Evidence forms on all seized/recovered items;

K-9 Units:

- K-9 units will be used whenever the home visit team deems necessary or specific requests are received from the Drug Court coordinator.