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COMMUNITY COMPONENTS



POLICE

- One of the fundamental bodies
 - cooperation is necessary and unavoidable
- Organisation and Work of the Police Act, 2013
 - Chapter 5 Article 35 - Partnership cooperation to ensure greater security
- An important part of the national security system

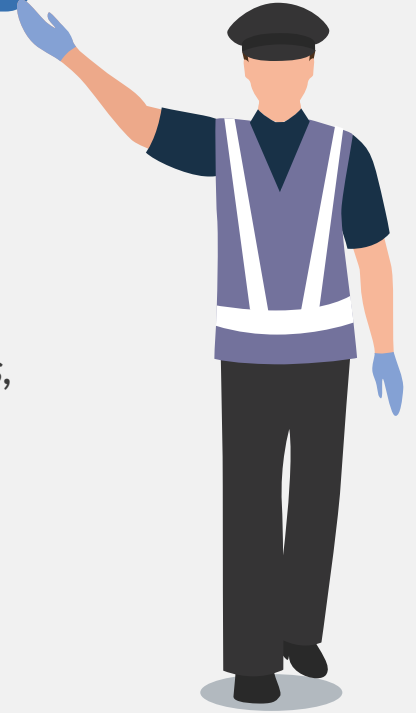


COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING



"The police focus their activities on preventing undesirable occurrences, preventing risk factors, managing risk groups, and ensuring the overall safety of the community. "

The main objective → increased safety



POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC ORIENTATIONS

„ community policing, rooted in a mission to help people, a concern for their safety, the security of their property, and a vision to partner with individuals and the community to ensure people’s safety “



NORMATIVE AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF COMMUNITY POLICING

Organisation and Work of the Police Act, 2013

Police Tasks And Powers Act, 2013



SECURITY COUNCIL

An organized way of setting crime prevention and security priorities at the local level



COMMUNITY-POLICING OFFICER

Citizens' security partner

CRIME PREVENTION IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

- Preventive action must be based on **studies** and **knowledge**
 - effective and professionally efficient interventions
- Addressing **cause-and-effect relationship**
- Supporting organizational and financial structures
 - **implementing prevention in the long term**



ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICE - COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Measuring the success of community policing implementation in Slovenia

(Lobnikar, Prisljan & Modic, 2016)

Measuring instrument with 4 areas:

- Quality of police contact with residents
- Level of detection of criminal behavior in the environment
- Perception of safety
- Level of community cohesion among residents

RESULTS:

- Accumulation of rubbish and worthless goods
- 1/3 of respondents think that police officers are not impartial
- Residents feel safe

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF COMMUNITY POLICING PRACTICE

- Police Directorate Murska Sobota
 - Municipal Security Program of the Municipality of Murska Sobota, 2016
- also includes the broader area of plural policing

" BACK TO THE PEOPLE "

Main goal → deepening police engagement with residents

*"Police can be more effective in a local community if they **engage with its residents** and together identify the causes and opportunities to tackle undesirable behavior."*

