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Community policing element

Problem/issue

Community partnerships and problem solving

Drug trafficking

Problem description

Residents were participating in the illegal sale and distribution of narcotics.

Community policing strategies implemented

COPS Office–funded officers, in conjunction with the General Investigations Unit, participated in a search warrant blitz and proactive sweep within the community. The search warrant blitz and proactive sweep targeted people involved in the illegal sales and distribution of narcotics, some of whom had suspected involvement in violent crimes. By building relationships with the community, COPS Office–funded officers began receiving information that directed them toward individuals who may have been involved in the illegal narcotics trade. That information was conveyed to General Investigations Unit detectives, who verified the information for accuracy. Upon verifying the information, detectives and COPS Office–funded officers executed narcotics search warrants on the individuals’ residences.

Change and/or impact as a result of these community policing efforts

COPS Office–funded officers proactively participated with the General Investigations Unit and conducted a warrants blitz and proactive sweep, which resulted with the following:

- Felony arrests: 19
- Misdemeanor arrests: 15
- Warrants arrests: 8
- Drugs seized: 15 grams cocaine; 36 grams marijuana



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Lessons learned through program implementation

It was learned that without the community's assistance in identifying several of these target locations of illegal narcotics activity, this operation would not have been as successful as it turned out to be. The success was a direct result of the relationship between the COPS Office–funded officers and the community.

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