

**General Order 253.00**

**Reviewed: 12/14**

**253.00 NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION TEAM**

- The mission of the Neighborhood Action Team is to proactively reduce crime, to reduce the fear of crime, and to improve the quality of life in the community. The unit will engage in geographic areas of responsibilities in problem solving activities, working with Neighborhood Building Blocks as needed. Additionally, NAT will establish contacts with the community in order to gain public support for the Department and improving relationships between the Department and public it serves. NAT will develop and coordinate community service programs, presenting them to the children and adult populations of the community. To reduce crime, the Greeley Police Department will present crime prevention programs as needed and requested and use and develop proactive and innovative crime prevention strategies.
- NAT will identify and target neighborhoods experiencing increased criminal activity, decline in “quality of life issues” and gang activity using community policing and problem oriented policing approaches.
  - To obtain information about neighborhood concerns in targeted neighborhoods, NAT will conduct surveys, organize community meetings, and work with NB2. Strategies will be developed to impact concerns.
  - To participate in agency efforts to address minority concerns.
  - To address concerns at chronic call locations.
  - To provide foot and bicycle patrol as needed.
  - Develop cooperative efforts between the police department, neighborhood associations, service groups, other city departments, schools and other civic organization in addressing community problems.
  - Bring patrol officers into problem solving.
  - Interact with the Weld County Drug Task Force on drug related issues.
  - Perform other duties as assigned by the Chief of Police or Operations Division Commander.
- NAT officers will be responsible for implementation of crime prevention programs in their geographic areas to include:
  - Will assist with Neighborhood Watch/Operation ID.

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- Work with UNC Police coordinating CrimeStoppers tips.
- Residential and commercial security surveys.
- Women's safety.
- Shoplifting prevention.
- Robbery.
- Crime and the elderly.
- Check fraud and counterfeiting.
- General Crime Prevention.
- NAT officers will participate in departmentally sponsored community service activities to include:
  - Child I.D.: In an effort to help find children who were abducted, kidnapped, or who run away from home, the Greeley Police Department will provide Child I.D. kits to parents at child safety fairs, schools, police department and other locations. ON some occasions, NAT will fingerprint children who have received permission from a parent or legal guardian. No child will be fingerprinted by a member of the department without signed permission.
  - Pedestrian Safety: Presentations will be given to educate children (K-3) about the importance of wearing a seat belt.
  - Tours: Tours of the police facility will be given to groups and individuals.
  - Officer Friendly/Community Helper: Presentations will be given to pre-schools and grade schools to acquaint children with police officers and their role in society.
  - Police Careers: Officers will be available to give talks to junior and senior high school students and other interested groups about police careers. The talks should include requirements for hire, continued education, areas within the department and the rewards of working for the police department.
  - Bicycle Safety/Rodeo: Presentations will be given on bicycle safety to elementary school children. Bike rodeos may be organized to teach

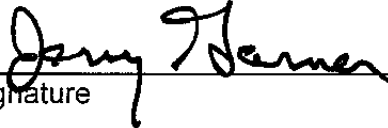
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basic safety and operation. Annual school spring bike rodeos have been organized by the NAT unit.

- Child Safety/Stranger Safety: Presentations will be given to pre-schools and grade schools on stranger awareness, how to deal with strangers, and personal safety.
- Gun Safety: Primarily used Eddie Eagle Gun Safety materials, the NAT unit will educate children (K-3) about gun safety.
- Halloween Safety: in October, the community requests presentations on Halloween safety tips to grade school children and childcare centers.
- McGruff Safehouse Program: This program is designed to provide a home in each neighborhood around the elementary schools where the children can go in case of emergency. NAT will be the program coordinator and will be responsible for doing background checks on participants and for controlling the McGruff Safehouse emblems for distribution.
- Cop Card Program: NAT will coordinate the department's trading card program geared toward elementary age children. Responsibilities will include locating sources of sponsorship and obtaining 3 bids for printing of the cards.
- Internships: It is the responsibility of NAT to schedule internships through surrounding universities and high schools.
- TRIAD: Nat will attend quarterly TRIAD meetings with TRIAD members and other law enforcement agencies to reduce exploitation and crime against senior citizens in our community.
- Best Buddy Program: NAT will stock patrol car trunks with stuffed teddy bears to assist patrol with the handling of young children who are victims who have been traumatized by a situation. When a stuffed bear is used, patrol will forward the CR of the case to NAT to document the need of replacement of the stuffed animal in the patrol car. NAT will be responsible for receiving, distributing, and accounting for the teddy bears acquired through donations, grants or promotional activities. Bears will also be distributed to the Investigations Section for use.
- Patch Request: Officers from other jurisdictions request a shoulder patch from GPD. Using a form letter, a GPD patch is sent requesting a patch in return.

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- Program Equipment Maintenance: NAT will be responsible for maintaining the equipment used in the respective program presentations.

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