# Community Relations Program



## Goals:

- 1. ESTABLISH A BOND OF MUTUAL TRUST BETWEEN THE CITIZENS AND POLICE.
- 2. INCREASE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPING POLICING PRIORITIES AND COMMON GOALS FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES.
- 3. IDENTIFY THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF CRIME AND RELATED PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS NON-CRIME PROBLEMS, WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES.
- 4. COLLECTIVELY FORMULATE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS AND DEVISE METHODS OF PREVENTION THAT USE ALL AVAILABLE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESOURCES.
- 5. PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY RESIDENTS.
- 6. CREATE A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE POLICE, CITIZENS, AND OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES.
- 7. IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

## Duties:

Huntsville Community Watch Association Blue Star Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

Huntsville Connect Reporting (See, Click, Fix)

Homeless Related Concerns

Special Events Organization and Execution

Special Details

Instruct Safety
Related
Courses (CRASE
& CPTED)

On Call Mental Health Officers

Assist City
Departments

Address Citizen
Complaints



# Huntsville Community Watch Association

- ► Organized in 1983
- Over 100 Groups City Wide (Active & Inactive)
- Open to every community (three member minimum)
- ▶ The purpose of the Huntsville Community Watch Association is to promote the formation of community watch groups throughout the City of Huntsville and Madison County. HCWA encourages citizens to assist the police department in combating crime, and to coordinate and cooperate with the police department in establishing rules and guidelines for community watch programs.

Blue Star Crime Free Multi-Housing Program



- ▶ Started by Tim Zehring in Mesa, AZ. (1992)
- ▶ Based on the Community Watch Model
- ▶ Crime Free Lease Addendum
- ▶ Three Essential Elements:
  - Property Management Training
  - ► CPTED Site Assessment
  - ▶ Formation of Community Watch Group

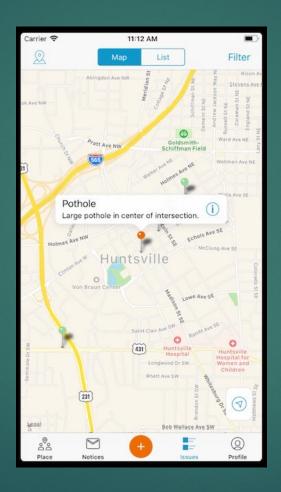
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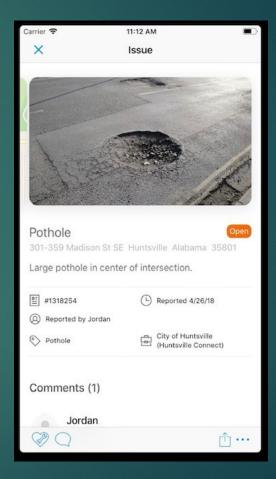


## Huntsville Connect

#### See, Click, Fix







Homeless Related Concerns



### Partners:

First Stop (Case Management, Showers, Laundry, Food, Medication, Identification)

Downtown Rescue Mission

Salvation Army

Manna House

Rose of Sharon

New Futures

North Alabama Coalition for Homeless



Special Events

# Special Events

**Block Parties** 

Back to School Drives

Movie Nights

Halloween Party

Christmas Parade

National Night Out

Summer Reading Programs

### Special Details

- Gambling Details
- Counterfeit Merchandise Details
- Massage Parlor Details
- Underage Alcohol Details
- Prostitution Details
- ▶ Club Checks







### Education & Safety Classes

- ► Why Police Do What They Do
- ► CPTED
- **►** CRASE

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seen is a form of natural surveillance.

#### NATURALACC

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#### **CPTED**

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such as fence
landscaping, light

#### Mental Health Officer

- Assess individuals in Crisis
- Order Transports
- ▶ Place Holds
- ▶ File Petitions
- Signs No Gun/Ammo Purchase Orders
- Assists Family Members with Commitment Process



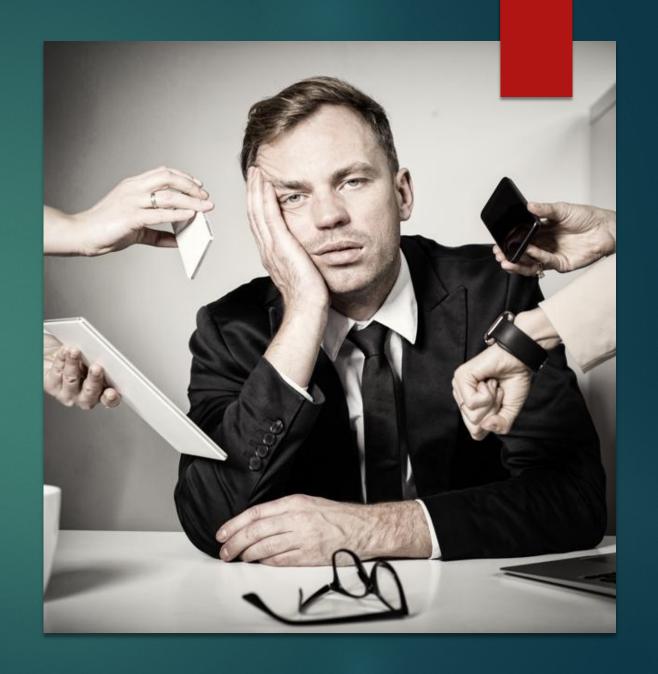


# Assisting City Departments

- ▶ Clerk Treasurers Office
- Zoning Department
- ▶ Natural Resources
- Music Officer
- Community Development
- City Council
- Fire Marshal's Office
- Traffic Engineering
- Sanitation
- ▶ Public Works

# Address Citizen Complaints

- ▶ Tall Grass
- Grass Clippings Disposal
- Basketball Goals in Roadway
- Neighbor Disputes
- Speeding
- ► ATVs on Roadway
- Drug Houses
- ▶ Noise Complaints



# ANY Questions?