Community Policing Proposal for Vancee

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Vancee community is a low-income community made up of 80% African-Americans while Alaskan and American Indians make up the remaining 20%. The people aged above 65 years make 41% of the population, 18-64 years is about 30%, 5-18 years is about 29% and children below 5 years make 5% of the population. There are increasing levels of crime by gangs, drug and substance abuse is also a major issue with high unemployment rates. To deal with these three issues the following steps will be followed.

The community policing implementation steps will apply the crime prevention through environmental design model (Cozens, et al., 2005). This model is a comprehensive approach to addressing Vancee community problems. The first step is keeping the environment open to surveillance by eliminating all secluded areas to removing any hiding places. The hiding places include bushes and abandoned buildings. The next step is to make territorial changes through the provision of fences, sidewalks, changing the attitude of the residents and providing amenities. This step will involve intense training on the youth about implications of gang relations and substance abuse. The training will be substituted by rehabilitation services. To address the issue of high unemployment rates, entrepreneurship programs and linkages to vocational training and employment opportunities will be applied. The third step is the use of access control will be applied where the architecture of the area will be modified to allow citizens and police to manage the flow of pedestrians and vehicles to eliminate the fear of crime and crime-related activities. Finally, an evaluation will be conducted to check for progress and areas for improvement.

Communication is an important part of getting the Vancee community involved in the model. Communication will be done by first educating the police officers on the model as they will be the main people on the ground interacting with the residents. The next step is to keep the residents informed through a meeting with the Vancee community. This step will involve education of the community on the need for the changes, the benefits and the steps of implementation. Finally, there is a need to keep communication open to feedback and concerns from both the police and the community. Throughout the implementation process, the police and community will be kept informed and there will be room for feedback.

References

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