

THE EFFECTIVE CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES OF POLICE PERSONNEL IN BARANGAY 167, LLANO CALOOCAN CITY; AN ASSESSMENT

ABSTRACT

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Crime prevention has evolved from being solely a law enforcement responsibility to a broader, community-driven initiative. Modern approaches emphasize the importance of collaborative efforts between government agencies and local communities in addressing the root causes of crime. Crime prevention strategies not only help reduce criminal activity and victimization but also offer long-term social and economic benefits. In this context, police personnel play a vital role by enforcing laws and maintaining public order while also working alongside the community to proactively implement preventive measures. This study examined the effectiveness of crime prevention strategies used by police personnel in Barangay 167, Llano, Caloocan City, and assesses their impact on public safety. This research used a descriptive research design to evaluate the crime prevention strategies employed in the community. The study involved 30 police officers and 30 residents from Barangay 167, selected through purposive sampling based on their relevant knowledge and experience. Data were collected using unstructured interviews and a researcher-made questionnaire, which was validated by experts in criminology, grammar, and statistics. The responses were analyzed using rankings, frequencies, percentages, and weighted means to determine the perceived effectiveness of current strategies and identify existing challenges. The demographic profile showed that most respondents were female, aged 34–50, married, and college graduates. Both police officers and residents generally agreed that the crime prevention strategies implemented in the barangay were effective. These strategies included proactive policing, strengthened community relations, and collaborative crime prevention initiatives. However, the most frequently cited issue was the lack of new or updated crime prevention programs. Respondents suggested the need for increased community engagement through initiatives such as neighborhood watch programs and crime awareness campaigns. The findings emphasize that the success of crime prevention strategies in Barangay 167 is largely influenced by strong police-community partnerships. Strengthening these relationships through consistent outreach, public education, and collaborative initiatives can build trust and foster active citizen participation. The study recommends enhancing current crime prevention programs by involving residents more directly and promoting community-based approaches. Future research should explore underlying causes of crime, such as poverty and lack of education, to inform more sustainable and targeted prevention efforts.

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