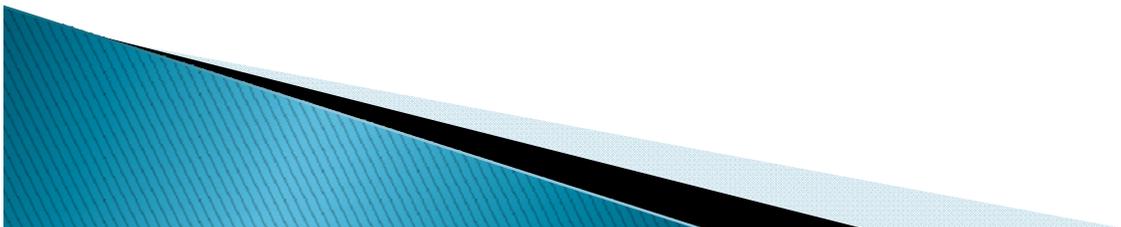


Sparks Police Department Community Response Unit Concept



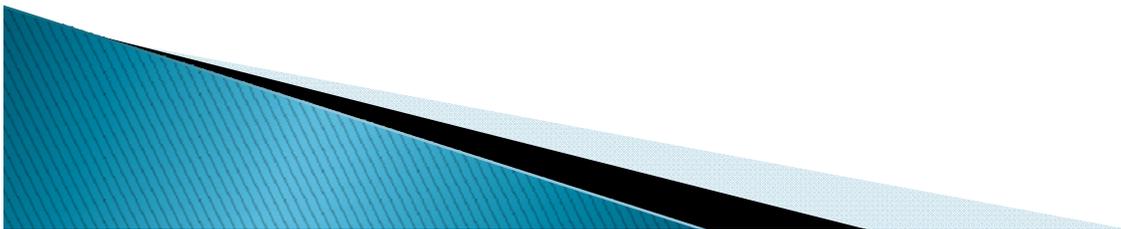
Presentation Outline

- ▶ Community Response Unit (CRU) functions
- ▶ Organizational chart
- ▶ Mission
- ▶ Problem identification
- ▶ Response and solutions
- ▶ Measurable outcomes
- ▶ Resources needed
- ▶ Funding

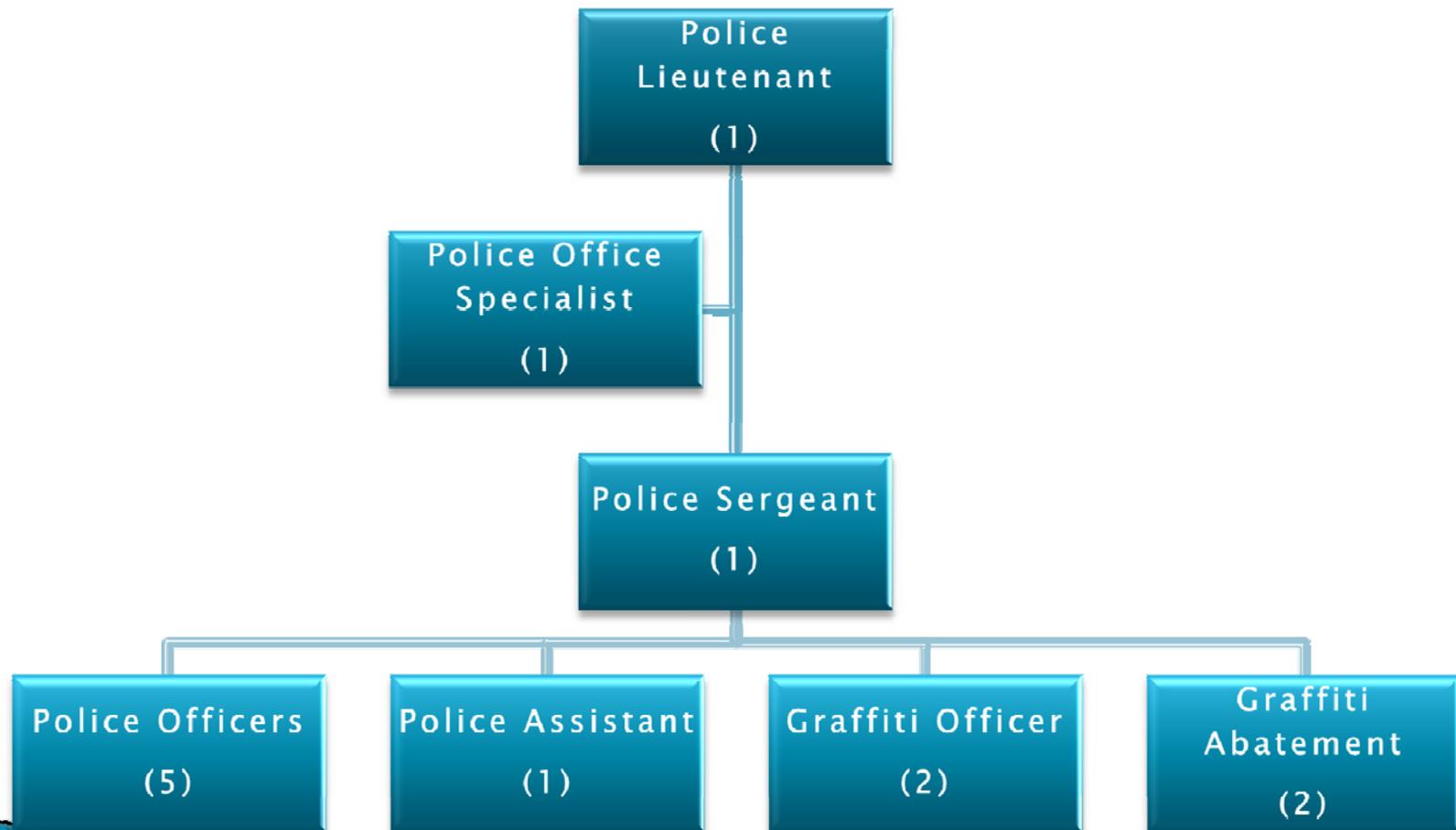


Community Response Unit Functions

- ▶ Police Department driven unit.
- ▶ Improve quality of life issues city-wide.
- ▶ Address graffiti, parking, and certain code enforcement violations to improve appearance of neighborhoods.
- ▶ Reduce the fear of crime.
- ▶ Measure results and report findings.

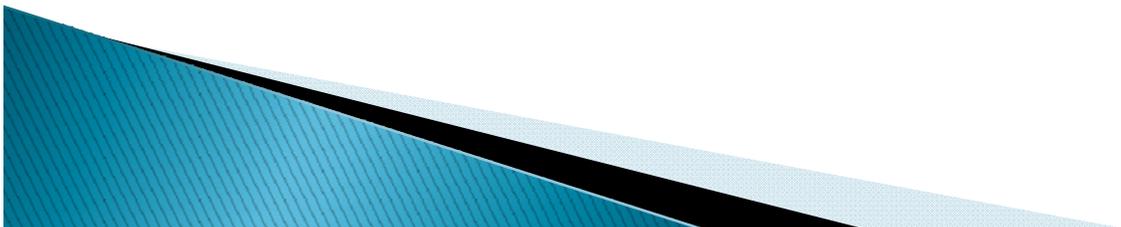


Community Response Unit



CRU Mission

To improve the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors within the city by addressing and responding to all aspects of graffiti; parking issues and neighborhood appearance.



Problem – Vacant Homes

Fear of crime; property value decline and quality of life



Problem – Graffiti

Fear of crime; property value decline and quality of life



Problem – Neighborhood Appearance

Fear of crime; property value decline and quality of life

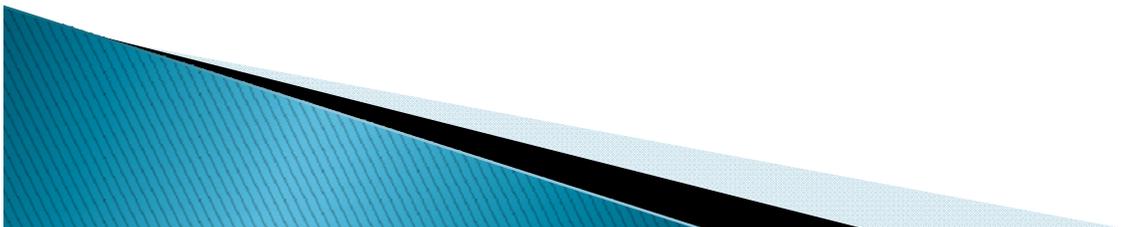


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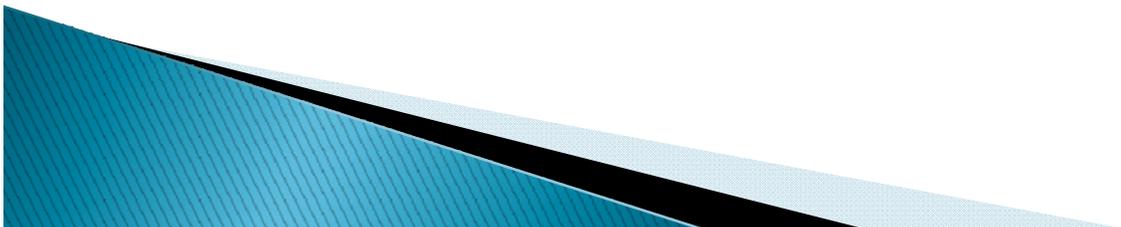
Response and Solution

- ▶ Develop a specialized unit within the P.D.
- ▶ Revise applicable ordinances
- ▶ Establish an advisory board
- ▶ Create neighborhood partnerships



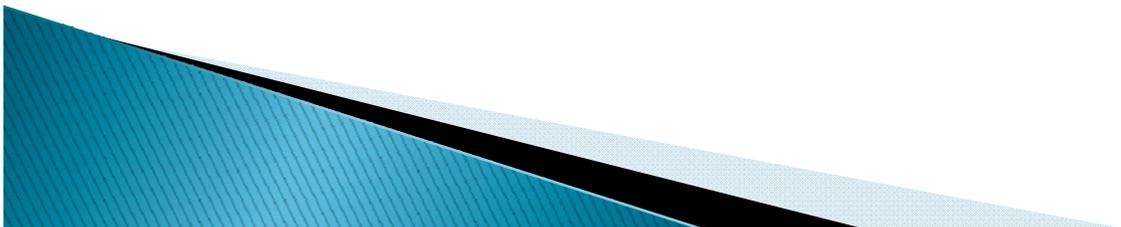
Graffiti Measureable Results

- ▶ Education
 - # of school presentations
 - # of media stories
- ▶ Intelligence
 - % of city-wide graffiti captured for analysis
 - # of intelligence briefings to department
- ▶ Enforcement
 - # arrests adults/juvenile
 - # of cases assigned for investigation



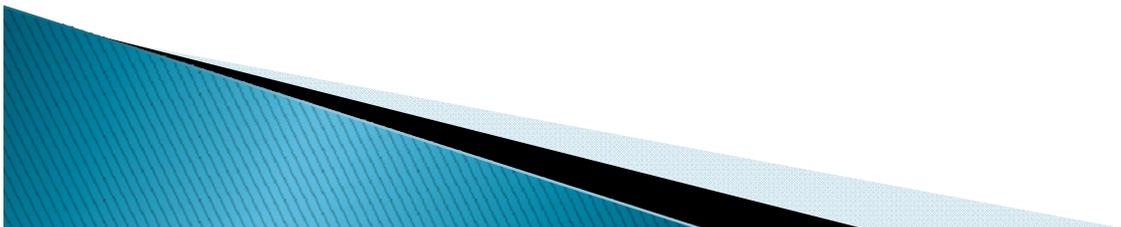
Parking Enforcement Measureable Results

- ▶ # of calls for service
- ▶ # self-initiated contacts
- ▶ # citations issued
- ▶ # verbal warnings
- ▶ # marked and tagged
- ▶ # towed



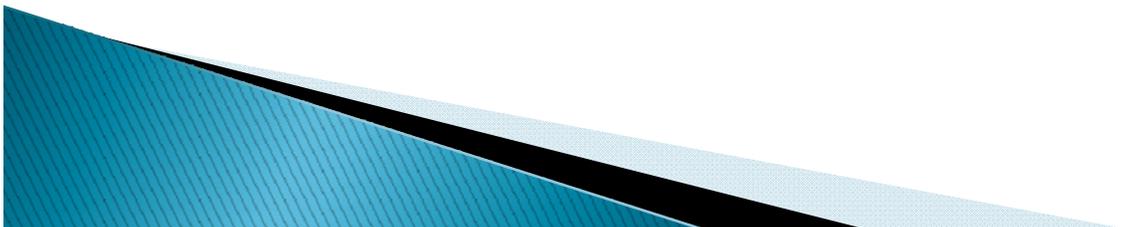
Neighborhood Appearance Measurable Results

- ▶ Before and after pictures
- ▶ \$ amount spent on maintenance
- ▶ \$ re-cooped through liens/assessments
- ▶ # citations issued
- ▶ # warnings issued
- ▶ # calls for service
- ▶ # self-initiated activity
- ▶ # overall crime statistics
- ▶ % fear of crime before/after



Steps Taken

- ▶ Developed structure and concept of unit.
- ▶ Applied for 5 police officer positions with the COPS Office under the COPS2012 grant.
- ▶ Coordinated with Senator Reid's Office for potential funding.



Existing Resources

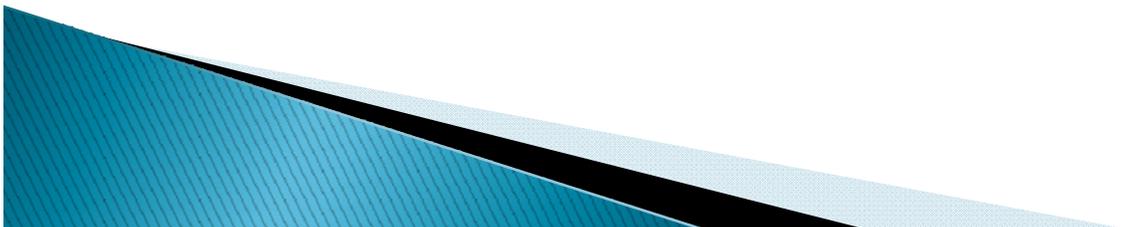
Facility and Equipment

- ▶ PD facility (computers, desks, etc.)
- ▶ (1) Patrol marked vehicle
- ▶ (1) Police assistant van
- ▶ (1) G.R.I.P. vehicle and equipment

Personnel

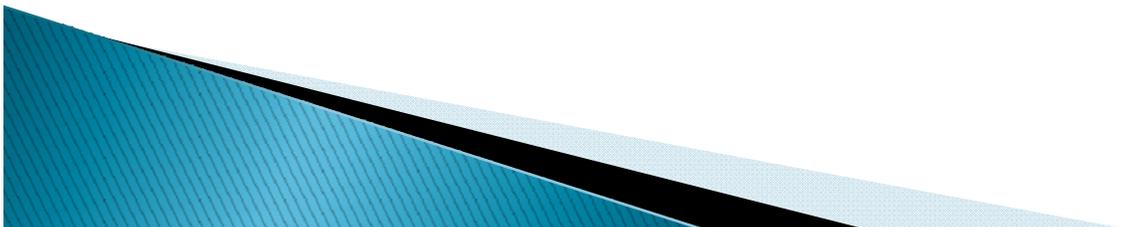
- ▶ (1) Graffiti abatement worker*
- ▶ (1) Police assistant

* From Community Development



New Needs

	<u>Personnel Needed</u>	<u>Approx. Costs</u>
(1)	Police Lieutenant	\$ 138,055
(1)	Police Sergeant	\$ 121,402
(5)	Community Response Officers	425,935
(2)	Graffiti Officers	170,374
(1)	Graffiti Abatement Specialist	60,656
(1)	Police Office Specialist–Abatement*	63,733
	Total – Personnel New	\$ 980,153
* Partially funded through P/T Community Development position		
	<u>Equipment Needed</u>	<u>Approx. Costs</u>
(9)	Officer Start-up Equipment	100,000
(8)	Vehicles – Patrol	440,000
	Total -- Equipment	\$ 540,000



Partial Funding Source to Consider: Raising the Property Tax Rate

- ▶ Per NRS 362.140 the property tax rate is capped at \$3.64 per \$100 of assessed valuation
- ▶ SB 507 ('03 Legislature) added a total of 2 cents outside of the cap, which effectively raising the rate cap to \$3.66 per \$100 assessed value
- ▶ The City of Sparks current property tax rate is \$3.6163 per \$100 of assessed value
- ▶ This means that the City of Sparks total tax rate is \$0.0437 (4.37 cents) under the maximum rate allowed of \$3.66 per \$100 of assessed value



Partial Funding Source to Consider: Raising the Property Tax Rate

- ▶ The City Council has the authority to raise the property tax rate for the City of Sparks by \$.0437 per \$100 of assessed valuation
 - A separate ballot vote is not required
- ▶ Each penny that increases the tax rate will generate approximately **\$189k** of additional tax receipts for the General Fund after abatement is calculated
- ▶ Increasing the property tax rate to the maximum of \$3.66 per \$100 of assessed value will generate approximately **\$825k** of General Fund revenue



Closing

I suggest City Council supports and allocated funding that would create the Community Response Unit, providing the citizens a neighborhood of safety, security and pride.

