Attachment 1

Neighborhood Watch Project Proposal

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Executive Summary

Crime Free Living proposes to partner with the City of Willows to develop and implement a citywide Neighborhood Watch Program over a 12-month period.

The project is designed to strengthen neighborhoods, improve communication between residents and law enforcement, reduce opportunities for crime, and build a culture of community involvement.

During the project, Crime Free Living will organize and establish up to ten Neighborhood Watch groups, provide community training, coordinate meetings, supply educational materials, and administer the program from start to finish.

The objective is to leave the City with an organized, sustainable Neighborhood Watch Program that continues to benefit residents well beyond the initial contract period.

About Crime Free Living

Crime Free Living specializes in crime prevention education, community safety programs, and Neighborhood Watch development.

Founder Tim Truby has more than 26 years of experience in the security and crime prevention profession, including 13 years with the Chico Police Department. Throughout his career, he has successfully organized and trained dozens of Neighborhood Watch groups and has instructed crime prevention professionals throughout California.

Crime Free Living's mission is to empower communities by providing practical crime prevention strategies that reduce crime and improve quality of life.

Qualifications

Tim Truby's qualifications include:

- National Sheriffs' Association Neighborhood Watch Toolkit – Train-the-Trainer
- Certified Advanced Crime Prevention Specialist
- FEMA Enhanced Risk Assessment Certification
- California POST Basic Crime Prevention Instructor
- Advanced Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Academy Instructor Certification

These qualifications combine law enforcement experience with nationally recognized crime prevention training and community engagement expertise.

Scope of Services

Crime Free Living will provide the following services during the 12-month project period:

Project Administration

- Meet with City staff as needed.
- Coordinate all aspects of the Neighborhood Watch Program.
- Respond to questions from Neighborhood Watch participants.
- Maintain communication with neighborhood leaders.

Community Outreach

- Conduct two community-wide public meetings.
- Recruit residents interested in forming Neighborhood Watch groups.
- Provide all printed educational materials.

Neighborhood Organization

- Meet directly with neighborhood groups.
- Train volunteer block captains.
- Establish up to ten Neighborhood Watch groups.

Community Training

Approximately nine months into the project, conduct a citywide training program covering:

- Home Security
- Personal Safety
- Crime Prevention
- Emergency Preparedness
- Additional topics requested by the City

Project Completion

Prepare a comprehensive final report summarizing:

- Number of groups established
- Participation levels
- Training conducted
- Recommendations for future growth

Project Benefits

Research consistently demonstrates that active Neighborhood Watch programs contribute to measurable reductions in crime. National studies have associated Neighborhood Watch participation with average crime reductions ranging from 16% to 26%, with some communities experiencing burglary reductions exceeding 50 percent.

Additional benefits include:

- Stronger neighborhoods
- Increased resident involvement
- Improved communication with law enforcement
- Earlier reporting of suspicious activity
- Greater neighborhood pride
- Increased feelings of safety
- Improved emergency preparedness
- Stronger relationships among neighbors

Neighborhood Watch encourages residents to become active partners in protecting their community rather than passive observers.

Project Cost

Total Project Investment

$15,375.00

Payment Schedule

Twelve monthly payments of $1,281.25

This fee includes:

- •Community meetings
- •Neighborhood organizing
- •Volunteer training
- •Printed educational materials
- •Administrative support
- •Citywide training event
- •Final project report

Any additional services requested outside the scope of this proposal will be discussed and negotiated separately.

Long-Term Sustainability

The greatest investment of time occurs during the initial implementation of a Neighborhood Watch Program. Once neighborhood groups are established, the focus shifts toward maintaining momentum through continued communication and periodic training.

Following the first year, Crime Free Living is available to assist the City with:

- •Organizing additional Neighborhood Watch groups
- •Refresher training for volunteers
- •Annual or semiannual community safety presentations
- •Leadership development for block captains
- •Crime prevention education programs

These services may be provided under a separate agreement based on the City's future needs.

Closing

Crime Free Living appreciates the opportunity to submit this proposal to the City of Willows.

Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and economical ways to strengthen neighborhoods, reduce opportunities for crime, and build lasting partnerships between residents and local government.

Crime Free Living looks forward to working with the City of Willows to establish a successful Neighborhood Watch Program that will benefit the community for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

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