



# TRACY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## TRACY POLICE DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS NEW STRATEGY TO COMBAT CRIME *Interim Police Chief proposes 30-60-90 day plan*

**Tracy, Calif.** – As part of the Tracy Police Department’s ongoing self-evaluation, and in response to community feedback and crime statistics, the department is adjusting its strategy to target criminal activity in the community. The strategy will include redeploying assets (personnel and capital) to areas of need that will produce greater outcomes in the community, in terms of the efficiency and effectiveness of the department’s crime prevention tactics.

Interim Police Chief Alex Neicu drafted a 30-60-90 day plan which outlines the utilization of current resources alongside the immediate implementation of programs such as an augmented Traffic Unit with focused enforcement operations around schools and high accident areas, as well as increasing the use of Bike Patrol Officers in the downtown area to address quality of life issues. The department will continue to build its strategies on the strong relationship it enjoys with the community.

*“We are pivoting our focus and operations based on the crime stats we’re witnessing in Tracy,”* stated Interim Chief Neicu. *“This effort will involve collaboration with residents, business owners and community organizations in order for it to be effective. Ultimately, the goal is to fulfill our mission of ensuring a safe environment in our community while enhancing the quality of life in Tracy.”*

The Tracy Police Department will expand its highly skilled Special Enforcement Team, which will allow rapid, flexible responses to trends identified through crime analysis. The team has already demonstrated its ability to develop and implement crime suppression operations within 24 hours of the identified problem or crime trends.

Like other jurisdictions within our region and the state, Tracy has experienced a slight increase in crime, which may be in direct correlation to laws that have given early release to criminals because of overcrowded jails and prisons. The Tracy Police Department constantly engages in evaluation of its crime fighting efforts and strives to use a combination of tactics, technology and information exchange with the community in order to address observed needs.

The department currently has 93 sworn officer positions, with additional planned personnel increases over the next three years, as recently approved by the City Council.

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