

Brown County's



Project Nighthawk

History of Development

- Learned about Project Nighthawk in Oakland California at an APPA Conference in 2001
- Neighboring county started program in 2002
- Met with Law Enforcement and Probation and put together our program



Project Nighthawk

Purpose:

1. Hold offenders accountable to probation conditions
2. Information sharing/relationship building with area law enforcement
3. Reduce crime and increase public safety

Project Nighthawk Requirements

- All probation officers are required to participate in Project Nighthawk unless ISP (6) every other month
- Must rotate among all Law Enforcement agencies (4 in county)
- Schedule dates 2 weeks in advance
- Agents select high risk offenders from their own caseload and some from the pretrial list
- Agents must display badge, wear probation jacket, use marked car

Law Enforcement Role

- Provide safety of agent and self
- Assist in searches
- Arrest and detain offender if necessary
- Assist in property confiscation if necessary
- Share information on offender's residence and companions
- Work with probation to create a safer community



Probation Officer's Role

- Determine high risk clients to target who are on probation or pretrial status
- Share information with law enforcement
- Hold offenders accountable to the conditions set by the court
- Remain safe both when approaching a home as well as inside the home
- Search offender homes and property when necessary and probable cause exists

Probation Officer Role Continued

- Apprehend and detain, or sanction offenders when necessary
- Confiscate property when necessary
- Compliment and positive adjustment by offenders
- Leave contact notice if offender not home

BROWN COUNTY PROBATION

CONTACT NOTICE

DATE: _____

MESSAGE FOR: _____

*You Are Required To Contact Your Probation/Parole Officer the
Next Working Day*

Procedure

- Agents work with Law Enforcement Agencies in setting up scheduled dates and times for Project Nighthawk
- Agents should alternate between law enforcement agencies whenever possible to assure fairness of Project Nighthawk with their designated coverage area.
- Agents should display their badge in an area where offenders and public can see when approaching a home, unless offender is well known to the agent.

Project Nighthawk Stats

- 3 main law enforcement agencies utilized
From 2005-2010

215 Nighthawks

3,992 offenders targeted for compliance check

1,117 offenders were not home at time of check (28 percent)

2,875 offenders actually seen by agent/law enforcement



Results

52 Apprehension orders signed for non-compliance

137 Offenders found in non-compliance

2,686 offenders were in compliance (93 percent)



Concerns

- Some law enforcement see this as probation's job
- Police would rather be on patrol
- Smart offenders don't open the door
- Have to be careful with reporting info to dispatch as many have police radios
- Rescheduling happens often causing frustration on both sides
- Law enforcement has to respond to a call

Conclusion

- Most offenders are in compliance
- Most offenders are shocked probation officers actually go into the field
- Law enforcement learn of where offenders live
- Communication sharing is invaluable
- Law enforcement need to see offenders performing well and in compliance
- Program has been beneficial since implementation