

## **COMMUNITY POLICING AND CRIME PREVENTION: A REVIEW STUDY**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Community plays an important role to have peace and security in the society. When we say peace and security it is important to concentrate on crime rate. When can there be peace in the society, how are we to protect the society are some of the aspects which needs to be concentrated. The recent statistics shows us that the rate of crime is in an increasing trend. Why is it so? Who are responsible? What is to be done? These are the questions to be answered with appropriate implications to see that the crime rate does not go in the present trend. The main reason for that is the public-police ratio. Due to the increasing population the number of police persons is insufficient. In such situation the police cannot control the crime easily and the public raises the finger on the working of the police. The second reason for increasing crime is the lack of faith of the public on the police. People do not report for the crime thinking that police will not do anything which boosts up the moral of the criminals. Both the reasons are very justified.

People today are not in a position to move around alone leaving aside the women and children when men are not secured. We are in such a society where though the individual has it he /she is not in a position to enjoy it. For example women are fond of gold ornaments even though they purchase they don't wear because of the fear of insecurity. There are many instances which can be quoted like we speak about woman liberation but how safe is a women to move about alone what stops her is the question to be thought and can it be made possible.

Community has long been invoked as a positive tool through crimes can be controlled. Sociological analyses of crime and community from the 1930's till date have revealed how patterns of crime differ from place to place and the study of the area wise crime helps us to know how a particular type of crime which is in a particular area can be controlled .this is possible only by the intervention or by the participation of Community. (Evans 1997, Hope 2001, Hope and Foster 1992, Walklate and Evans 1999).

This paper helps us to know the role played by the community in prevention of crime and what are the measures to be taken up to make community policing more effective.

**KEYWORDS:** peace, security, crime rate, public-police, Community, Justice.