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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION		CATEGORICAL GRANT PROGRESS REPORT		
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SHORT TITLE OF PROJECT Crime Prevention Council CCCPC	GRANT AMOUNT 43,325			
REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR THE PERIOD 7/1/79	THROUGH 12/31/80 9/28/80			
SIGNATURE OF PROJECT DIRECTOR <i>Judy Yeager</i>	TYPED NAME & TITLE OF PROJECT DIRECTOR Judy Yeager, Vice President			
COMMENTARY REPORT HERE (Add continuation pages as required.)				
<p>The following narrative is based on the twenty-one projects proposed in the original 1979-80 grant year.</p> <p>1. Throughout the life of the Council, we have distributed crime prevention brochures and pamphlets to the following agencies and groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Champaign Police Department Urbana Police Department University of Illinois Police Department Champaign County Sheriff's Department Rantoul Police Department Chanute Air Force Base Security Department State Police District #10 PTA and PTO University of Illinois - Continuing Education, Home Extension Parkland Community College every elementary and secondary school in the county both the Champaign, Urbana and Rantoul Chamber of Commerce three local hospitals - Mercy, Burnham and Carle senior citizen meeting centers, peace meal sites and housing developments libraries banks and savings and loans insurance companies each hotel/motel in the county service and civic organizations neighborhood associations R. V. Dealers car dealers boat dealers mobile home dealers Champaign County Board of Realtors 				
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2. The Crime Prevention Council library is quite extensive and is used by each law enforcement agency in the county for their research and presentations in addition to students in high school, at the community college and at the University of Illinois. Our library consists of brochures, pamphlets, newspaper articles, books, research papers and narratives of existing programs. We also keep a current list of films that are owned and can be borrowed from County agencies in the crime prevention field. The Council also has current catalogues of each company that produces or distributes films in the criminal justice field.

3. Once a quarter we have a crime prevention display dealing with a major crime prevention topic, ie., seniors and crime prevention at the public libraries in Champaign-Urbana and Rantoul. We organize a large crime prevention display in February during crime prevention week, as well as a crime prevention display in May for law enforcement week. The Council has a display in early summer for the law focused education seminar. Each police department in the county allows us to fill the shelves in their lobbies with crime prevention brochures. Other sites for crime prevention displays have been in schools, banks and churches.

4. Probably the hardest task assigned. Presentations have been made to neighborhood associations and groups with interest and informal programs developed. These groups pass out crime prevention information, suggest operation ID programs and make neighborhood maps with neighbors names, addresses and phone numbers included. We presently have nine active neighborhood watch groups.

5. These programs consist of:

- truancy information/education - basically to bring information to parents and students about the implications of truancy
- probation information/education - same as above
- rodeos - promote good bicycle riding skills and improving the rider's knowledge of his/her bicycle
- bicycle safety talks - promote good riding habits, teach rules of the road and demonstrate how to securely lock and chain bicycles
- anti shoplifting programs - information about local and state laws about shoplifting, working with police and local businessmen to promote this program.
- babysitting program - we assist the Champaign Fire Department and the local Red Cross Chapter in teaching crime prevention tips to babysitters

Law Focused Education - a program to teach teachers, counselors and law enforcement personnel how laws are made, why they are made and a general overview of the entire criminal justice system. Each year about 40 people take this course with the hope of going back to the students they deal with and teach them about laws and the criminal justice system. Our hope is that with the knowledge of laws and the system will come respect.

6. We were successful in establishing a permanent outreach crime prevention program within the Family Services of Champaign County agency. This agency has a division which deals with programs for the elderly, so it was very natural that they developed, with the help of the Crime Prevention Council, a program in crime prevention for the elderly. This program centered around talks about crime prevention - both small home groups as well as larger public seminars; neighborhood watch groups; operation ID; telephone reassurance callers; target hardening and a victim/assistance project for those over 60 years old.

7. This project was combined with number six basically because most of the senior housing units had rooms or apartments for the handicapped regardless of their age.

8. Throughout the county working with the Champaign County Sheriff's Department, Champaign Police Department, Urbana Police Department and Rantoul Police Department, the Crime Prevention Council conducted bicycle security programs, safe driving programs, rodeos and registration programs. Every school in the city of Urbana and Champaign in addition to six in the county had at least one of the above mentioned programs. The Crime Prevention Council also worked with the PTA's and the various Park Districts to recruit volunteers to work on these programs. Each elementary school in the county received a packet of spirit duplicating masters which described the parts of the bicycle, hand signals, street safety and general rules of the road.

9. Working with the local Chamber of Commerces (3) in the county and the local retail merchants association, the Crime Prevention Council assisted in setting up quarterly seminars dealing with shoplifting, credit card fraud, bad check cashing, employee thefts and inventory shrinkage. The speakers represented the following groups: FBI, local police departments, VISA and Master Charge Corporations, University of Illinois professors in business administration, the State's Attorney and representatives from the Attorney General's office.

10. The speaker's bureau continued throughout the year appearing before more than 25 groups, discussing topics centered around crime prevention. The staff continued to update the resource file and the card file on films. The resource file, currently contains 74 topics from alarms to women's issues, is used by local law enforcement, University and Community college students, businessmen, service organizations as well as persons outside Champaign County.

11. As the schedule indicated, the staff produced PSA's for both radio and TV to reflect the topic highlighted for each month. A news release was sent to 10 county newspapers dealing with the same crime prevention topic and the PSA's. We had excellent support from the majority of contacts.

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12. Our advisory board of law enforcement officers continued to function - suggesting program areas, directing the Council to proper techniques and encouraging the Council in its efforts. The Crime Prevention Council also held crime prevention seminars for local and surrounding crime prevention officers or interested law enforcement officers and community crime prevention practitioners. Three of these seminars were held during the year with an average of 12 participants.

13. The Council worked with the existing block mother programs aiding in the initial training of the participants. We worked closely with the Sheriff's Department to organize other such programs. We were successful in setting up three new block programs and continuing six.

14. This grant year as well as each year the Council has been in existence, a large display fair was held in mid February during Crime Prevention week at a major shopping center. This year eight agencies participated in this display. There were lock, door, alarm, window displays as well as crime prevention movies, brochures and demonstrations.

15. The Council was instrumental in developing legislation dealing with pawn shops and all second hand dealers as well as "weekend" gold and silver dealers. During this grant period both bills were introduced and pending; since then, both bills have passed the Illinois House only and hopefully will get into the Illinois Senate in the fall.

16. The Council continues to support recognition programs for all the major law enforcement agencies within the County as well as two recognition dinners/occasions for outstanding citizens involved with crime prevention.

17. The only result of this program was duplicating and handing out already written vandalism lesson plans to each elementary school in the county.

18. This project was turned over to the Champaign County Child Abuse and Neglect Council (CCCANC). A student intern developed a rough draft of a brochure dealing with child abuse. The Crime Prevention Council felt that the brochure didn't say anything worth while and suggested to the CCCANC many new ideas and asked that a new draft of the brochure be resubmitted to the Crime Prevention Council. No further action was taken.

19. The "Crack-Down-On-Crime" Program expanded because the Champaign County Board of Realtors and Independent Insurance Dealers became interested in backing the project. More reward money was collected as well as more publicity was generated. Arson was added to the list of crimes covered by this project. After this grant period, a task group dealing only in arson began and developed their own hot line.

20. Instead of this subject, a babysitting manual was produced by a local artist and writer. The manual covered the various age groups of children - what they needed, what could be expected of them, what they could do for themselves and also crime prevention tips for the babysitter dealing with a strange home and suggestions for the parents of the baby.

21. Other than holding a seminar for the Champaign County Board of Realtors and inviting local builders to attend, no work progressed from that one meeting.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS:

A) The key tags continue to be distributed by the Crime Prevention Council, the Champaign County Farm Bureau, and the Champaign County Sheriff's Department. As of the end of 1980, more than 1500 key tags had been distributed in Champaign County. The program will continue and local funds are being sought to continue this program.

B) "If I Were A Thief" flyers continue to be distributed during each major gift-giving holiday season. The merchants and shopping center managers support this effort as well as many local citizens.

C) Wish I could say that my personal efforts on the county's bicycle commission were successful unfortunately the only thing that was accomplished by the commission was to agree to disagree.

D) Recruited two student interns from the University of Illinois School of Social Work to begin researching and developing the concept of a victim/witness assistance program. During this grant period, the basic information for this program was gathered as well as the creation of a steering committee to carry out the true development of this program. I am happy to report that this program will become a reality this September, 1981 when the first volunteers will be recruited and trained and in October, 1981, the first clients will be accepted for the Champaign County Victim/Witness Assistance Program.

ATTACHMENT A

ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

For all those who tried to convince groups to make plans for the time when federal dollars would no longer be available - here is a mini success story.

The Champaign County Crime Prevention Council thru the efforts of dedicated volunteers, law enforcement officers and concerned residents of the county of Champaign continues to live. In fact we continue to take requests for more and more programs within the county.

The following is a ^(PARTIAL) list of the programs we are currently running:

Target Hardening - received funds from HUD thru Community Block Grant - will service low income residents within the city of Champaign.

Victim/Witness Assistance Program - an information, referral program presently set up to serve only senior citizens. Volunteers will be trained to handle crisis intervention, basic counseling skills, have listening skills, have a general knowledge of the criminal justice system and a good feel for the services existing within the County.

Shoplifting Program - will coordinate all anti shoplifting efforts within the entire County. Will conduct businessmen's seminars, seminars for employees of retail establishments, seminars on credit card fraud, check cashing procedures and making change. The Council will also produce lesson plans for the elementary grades as well as suggestions of speakers for class room presentations.

Bicycle programs - the Council continues to do the rodeos, bicycle safety talks and registration for the entire county.

Law Focused Education Workshop - plans are already being made to expand the current two week program into two, two week sessions - one for the beginning students and one for the students who wish more information in this area.

Senior Citizens Programs - continue as described in the grant narrative

Brochure distribution continues
Displays continue
Topic files continue to be updated for research use
Continued involvement within the Illinois Crime Prevention Officers Association as well as the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners.

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