

## ABSTRACT

**Title of Research Paper** : People's Participation in Crime Prevention and  
Suppression : A Case Study of the Police Station in  
Muang District, Samutprakran Province

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### **The objectives of the study were :**

1. To find out the level of people's participation in crime prevention and suppression in the area under the responsibility of the police station in Muang District, Samutprakam Province.

2. To reveal the factors contributing to their participation.

The sample group consisted of 120 people in the area under the responsibility of the Police Station in Muang District, Samutprakam Province. The questionnaire used to collect the data was composed of 5 parts : first, general background of the samples ; second, social and environmental factors ; third, satisfaction with the police work ; fourth, participation in crime prevention and suppression ; and fifth, problems, obstacles and suggestions about crime prevention and suppression.

Percentage, mean, standard deviation, F-test, t-test and Scheffe' were used to analyze the data.

### **The findings were summarized below :**

1. General background of the samples. Most of the samples were male. They were 36 years old or more. They finished secondary education or vocational education, or earned an associate degree. They were small traders or hawkers, or were engaged in general employment. Their average monthly income was below 7,000 baht. They gained experience in crime from listening to people around them.

2. Social and environmental factors. Most sample lived in the community for 5-10 years and were not members of any group. They were willing to participate in crime prevention and suppression. They, however, rarely got information about crime (once or

twice a month). They had some relatives or acquaintances who worked as policemen. Lastly, they used to undergo training on crime prevention and suppression.

3. Satisfaction with the police work. As a whole, people were found to be satisfied with the police work at a high level. When individual aspects were considered, crime prevention and suppression and service to the public were satisfying at a high level, while investigation and interrogation were found to be moderately satisfying.

4. People's participation in crime prevention and suppression was found to be at a moderate level. They were found to participate in self-defense at a high level. But in giving crime information and supporting suppression at a low level.

5. The factors found to contribute to their participation in crime prevention and suppression were education, occupation, information about crime that one has received, experience from being trained on crime prevention and suppression, and satisfaction with the police work.

### **Recommendations**

1. The police officers should treat people from all walks of life equally. Their work must not be under the influence of any influential man.

2. The police should find some ways to persuade people to participate in crime prevention and suppression.

3. Community people should be persuaded to help in setting a plan to keep peace in the community.

4. In crime prevention and suppression, all the police stations should coordinate for work effectiveness.

5. The polices should patrol around the clock the area around the scene.

6. The police should regularly visit people to create good relations with them so that people will be willing to participate in crime prevention and suppression.

7. People should be informed about the statistics of crimes and arrests and about crime prevention in order to make them realize the importance of crime prevention and suppression.