

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : Participation of Crime Informers in Crime
Protection and Suppression : A Case Study
of Songphinong Police Station,
Suphanburi Province

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The research was conducted for three objectives : 1) to find out the level of participation of crime informers in crime protection and suppression, 2) to identify the factors related to their participation, and 3) to reveal the problems of crime informers in participation.

An accidental random sampling technique was used to select the 250 people who had passed the training course for crime informers. These crime informers lived in the area under the responsibility of Songphinong Police Station in Suphanburi Province. The questionnaires were distributed to them to collect the data. Percentage, mean, correlation, t-test and F-test were used to analyze the data. The independent variables were age, education, marital status, occupation, monthly household income, length of time as a member of the crime informer group, social position, and anticipation of the benefit from participation. The dependent variable was their participation in crime protection and suppression, especially in self-defense and support for crime protection and suppression.

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The findings were summed up as follows :

1. The crime informers in the area under the responsibility of Songphinong Police Station, Suphanburi Province was found to participate in crime prevention and suppression at a moderate level ($X = 2.96$ out of 5). When individual dimensions were considered separately, they were found to participate in self-defense at a higher level than in support for crime protection and suppression ($X = 3.60$ and 2.71 , respectively). However, the participation in both dimensions were only moderate.

2. The factors found to influence then participation in crime prevention and suppression were age, monthly household income, social position and anticipation of the benefit from participation. On the contrary, marital status, education, occupation and length of time as a member of the crime informer group.

The following recommendations were made :

1. The crime informers should be given an opportunity to take part in setting a plan for crime protection and suppression in the community

2. The police should explain to crime informers about the importance of participating in crime prevention and suppression.

3. The crime informers should be made to realize the seriousness of the crime problem.

4. The police should pay close attention to notification given by crime informers.

5. The police should motivate local leaders to participate in crime prevention and suppression and to act as the leaders in this matter too.