

Independent Study

The Cooperation of Community Residents  
in Crime Prevention in Amphoe Muang  
Lampang

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## ABSTRACT

This research was aimed to study 1) Cooperation of people in Amphoe Muang Lampang, Lampang Province, in regard to crime prevention, 2) Factors related to cooperation in crime prevention, and 3) To find measures in which the police can have better cooperation from the local residents in crime prevention.

Data are from both document and the field survey . Questionnaires were used Samples were local residents and police officers. The researcher collected data himself. Data were analyzed using SPSS/PC+ statistical package.

Most police officers in the sample felt that local resident give somewhat moderate cooperation in crime prevention. Amphoe Maung Lampang have middle level crime rate. People cooperation in reporting and informing police on crimes are moderate. However, They were more reluctant to show up as witnesses.

Police officers felt that effective ways for people to prevent crime themselves are as followed : 1) installing warning signal in the house 2) install lighting system around the house 3) hiring watchman 4) install iron doors and windows 5) keeping the dogs to guard the house 6) having good fence around the house .The least effective one was havig a gun.

Most of the residents in the sample said that they will cooperate in crime prevention as long as they are confident that it will not bring them any harm.

People cooperation in crime prevention , by order of importance are as followed informing their neighbors on crime prevention, helping police on catching criminals, informing police on potential wrongdoing, being witness at police station, being witness at the court, and informing police on situation that crime was about to happen.

Measure people were used to prevent crime themselves in the past were as followed : install lighting system around the house, having fences around the house, keeping the dogs to guard the house, installing iron doors and windows, having a gun,

installing warning signal in the house, and hiring watchman.

Educational backgrounds and location of the house are related to people cooperation in crime prevention especially in informing police on potential wrongdoing, helping police on catching criminals, and being witness at police station.

Social interactions either having neighbor who were criminal victims, or having community guard are not related to people cooperation in crime prevention.

Experiences in crime prevention training, or other crime prevention activities related to people cooperation in crime prevention especially in informing their neighbors on crime prevention, helping police on catching criminals, being witness at police station, and how to act when facing criminal activities.

Being informed on local crime situation is not related to people cooperation in crime prevention.

Being interested in criminal problems are related to people cooperation in crime prevention especially in informing police on potential wrongdoing, being witness at police station, and informing police on situation that crime was about to happen.

Either experienced with crime or worrying about it are not related to people cooperation in crime prevention.

People attitudes toward the government authorities in justice procedures is related to people cooperation in crime

prevention especially in informing their neighbors on crime

prevention and informing police on potential wrongdoing.