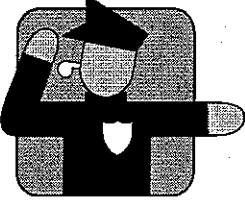




Community Notification Level Determination


- Special Bulletin Notification disseminated to law enforcement
- Core Team convenes and staffs case
- Level of Notification is at the discretion of law enforcement

Levels of Notification



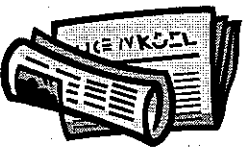
◆ LEVEL 1 – POLICE NOTIFICATION ONLY

Levels of Notification



◆ LEVEL 2 – TARGET NOTIFICATION

Levels of Notification



◆ LEVEL 3 – COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Format of a Community Notification Meeting

- Housekeeping matters and facilitation of the meeting is conducted by law enforcement
- Sex Offender Registration Specialist reviews the law and registration requirements
- Corrections Field Supervisor reviews offenders case history and outlines supervision approach
- Presentation on Protective Behaviors
- Opportunity for Questions and Answers

Community Notification in Wisconsin

- Study published in 2000 by Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 - Three Notification TYPES across the nation
- Wisconsin has Three LEVELS of Notification
 - LEVEL 1: Law Enforcement Only
 - LEVEL 2: Target Notification
 - LEVEL 3: Community Meeting

Community Notification Meetings

- Dilemma~
 - Balancing the public's right to know with the need for successful reintegration of the offender.
- Legislative Intent/Purpose~
 - To further community protection

Survey Results of Notification Meetings

- Public Perception
 - Purpose
 - 59%: Inform the community about a specific offender
 - 29%: Soften the reaction to placing a sex offender in the community
 - Expected Outcome
 - 80%: To acquire as much information as possible to safeguard against the potential threat posed by the offender
 - 18%: To remove or prevent the offender from residing in the neighborhood

Survey Results of Notification Meetings

- Public Reaction
 - 56%: Information was "Very Helpful"
 - 36%: Information was "Moderately Helpful"
- Public Concern
 - 38%: Left feeling "More Concerned"
 - 27%: Unchanged
 - 35%: Left feeling "Less Concerned"

Law Enforcement Survey

- Collaboration
 - Department of Corrections
 - Wisconsin Chiefs of Police
 - Badger State Sheriffs' Association
 - "Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification: The Guidelines for Wisconsin Law Enforcement"

Probation and Parole Survey

- ◆ Policy and Training
- ◆ Workload
- ◆ Policy & Procedure Changes since the Survey
- ◆ Implications

Sex Offender Interview

- ◆ Perception that that Community Notification Meeting adversely affected their transition back in to the community
 - Employment
 - Residence
 - Family

Conclusions

- ◆ Public
- ◆ Law Enforcement
- ◆ Probation & Parole
- ◆ Sex Offenders

