Repeat Police Calls

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The number of police call an area determine the level of crime rate. Studies have established that call rate are different and it based on locality. However, in Denver, the high number of calls reported by the police is about crime against property. These crimes are related to arson, bribery, burglary, counterfeiting, criminal mischief, extortion motor vehicle theft, robbery, embezzlement and others. It is noted that theft from motor vehicle is leading with 15.4% of cases being reported followed by motor vehicle theft at 13.6% and then drug and narcotic at 8.4% of the cases. According to Denver Police (2019), each call to the police is related to a crime being committed and the frequent the call the frequent higher the rate of crime in a region. However, the statistic indicates a drastic change in repeated calls. This means that police has dealt with the issues of crimes being reported for the area to register a reduction calls.

However, in order to address the calls rate in the region, the police have established community policing, increase the number of patrons and improve coordination between the community and the law enforcement. High number of calls translates to high crime rate and therefore, to address the high crime rate the police department has encouraged the community to form neighborhood watchdog to help in the provision of security (William, 2016). The police department has also increase patrol in areas, which several calls are being reported daily to ensure that it deters criminal elements from invading the society. According to Denver police department, the patrol has been increased from three to five times with police on patrol stationed close to crime prone neighborhood. This has helped in reducing the crime rate by almost 15% between March 2018 and March 2019. With efficient patrol system, it is likely to help in curbing all manners of crimes being committed and the calls to the police station would reduce by almost 50% within the next two years.

In order to deal with calls, the police department has assigned police office based on regions to handle the calls. It means that each officer on the call stations deals with specific area to ensure that there is efficient coordination between the police and the people on the field. Each call also has a time limit, which requires police officer to respond. According to Denver police department, the police officers are required to respond within 15 minutes of the call. And therefore, the police officers at the call station relay the call to the officer in field immediately for quick response and solution. Since each calls means there a security issues, the time limit is mandatory for the officer to adhere to and this has helped in addressing insecurity issues within the area.

Though the police have dealt with these calls appropriate to find a permanent solution, I would introduce follow up and efficient coordination between the police and the community. This is still missing with the police setup and therefore, it makes the solutions provided by the police to be temporary rather than establishing a better and permanent solution to the crime related issues. It is important to increase the number of officers dealing with calls and the assign each station specific role to follow. It would also be important to conduct research on establish the cause of high crime and provide solution in partnership with the community. The respond time limit should also be documented for efficiency and to ensure that police response is quick for permanent solution to perennial problems, which affect people living in Denver area.

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