Purpose

To establish responsibilities for the proper handling of matters pertaining to juveniles; juvenile crimes; and the prevention of juvenile crimes as well as identifying responsibilities concerning the evaluation of programs designed to impact and reduce juvenile delinquency.

Policy (CALEA 44.1.1, 44.1.2, 44.1.3, 44.2.5)

The Virginia Beach Police Department is committed to the enforcement of laws, and development and perpetuation of programs designed to prevent and control juvenile delinquency. The responsibility for participating in or supporting the department’s involvement in dealing with juveniles is shared by all personnel. Additionally, all programs developed and undertaken to reduce, prevent and control issues pertaining to juvenile delinquency will be evaluated annually to determine the effectiveness, either quantitatively or qualitatively, of the program. Annually, an analysis will be submitted to the Chief of Police with recommendations for continuing, discontinuing, or relinquishing the program to another agency.

The following programs are established and operated in whole or in part to prevent and control juvenile delinquency:

- School Resource Officer Program
- Class Action
- Every 15 Minutes
- Youth Police Academy
- Police Explorer Program
- School Crime Solvers Program

Additionally, the Department maintains an open dialogue with and invites comments from our partners who impact our involvement with the juvenile justice system. These exchanges are designed to assist the Department in developing and improving policy, programs and enforcement strategies designed to prevent juvenile delinquency.