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The Model Neighborhood Community Relations Board (CRB) grew out of the concerns of the Model Cities area residents who recognized the need to have this kind of local based organization.

Although CRB was financed primarily through Model Cities funding, it has the status of a City Department.

It was formed by the City of San Diego on March 15, 1971, to serve as a consulting and advisory board to those persons and groups within the criminal justice system whose activities affect the residents of the Model Neighborhood.

CRB has as its purpose to:

- Encourage and facilitate participation by community residents in the policies, practices, and programs in law and justice activities.

- Encourage and promote participation by community residents in developing activities to create an awareness of the rights and responsibilities of citizens in maintaining law, order, and administering justice.

- Promote cooperation and coordination between groups and agencies in the criminal justice system and residents of the Model Neighborhood.

CRB works with:

Community groups
Law enforcement agencies
Judicial groups
Organized bar groups
Probation agencies and programs
Rehabilitation agencies and programs
Mayor
City Council
City Manager
and
YOU: The Individual

CRB Activities have been to handle over 32 complaints by members of the Model Neighborhood which centered around:

- Racial disturbances at school
- Improvement in street marking and lighting
- Unnecessary and injurious force used by a police officer in making an arrest
- Immigration procedures and brutality at San Ysidro border station by customs officials
- Unfair bondsman practices
- Prejudice and unfair treatment at San Diego Honor Camps
- Insensitivity by police officers toward needs of the minority community
- Wrongful arrest

These cases were handled by CRB in a manner which led to a variety of outcomes. Among these were:

- Referral of a citizen to appropriate legal counsel
- Meeting with school officials to resolve problems
- Reprimand by the Police Department issued to its officers in question
- Promise of improved street lighting and safety signs
- Recommendations by CRB to agencies on improvement of services to the minority community and an agreement by agencies to follow recommendations.
- Case presented before Congressional hearing
- Referral to Grand Jury
- Explanation of misunderstanding by CRB through increased communication with both community member and law enforcement agency.

CRB needs your help. You can:

- Contact CRB with complaints relating to law and justice activities
- Contact CRB to get information about legal rights and services
- Suggest through CRB ways of improving current practices of law enforcement agencies and officials

"...and Justice for All."

"...y Justicia para Todos."