

Interview with Henry Reimann, Hillsboro Police Commander
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Personal information –

- He moved to Hillsboro in 1981 from Boston
- He's been in law enforcement since 1988 – started at bottom and worked way up to police commander.

Hillsboro sees same trends as rest of the nation when talking about criminal activity. We're seeing more "technology" crimes now as opposed to "people" crimes back in the '80s.

Cities and law enforcement agencies are more linked now with others than before.

Hillsboro officers used to fight crime in Hillsboro, but now we have HPD detectives working on crimes all over.

EX: You may have an ID theft victim in Hillsboro, but the suspect could be in India.

Meth is the biggest problem now. Substance crimes first started with alcohol, then marijuana, then speed, now meth.

DARE could be improved by continuing it past 5th grade.

School resource officer program has grown a lot!

SROs are trained just the same as any other officer.

Crimes haven't "increased" but have stayed proportional with population growth in the city.

Officer response hasn't changed much.

Officers are much better trained and educated now than in the '80s. They are obviously also better equipped.

One of the reasons kids turn to criminal activity is because they are not kept busy. (they need something to do)

Kids are becoming more independent and less social (new technology like computer games, TV, etc.).