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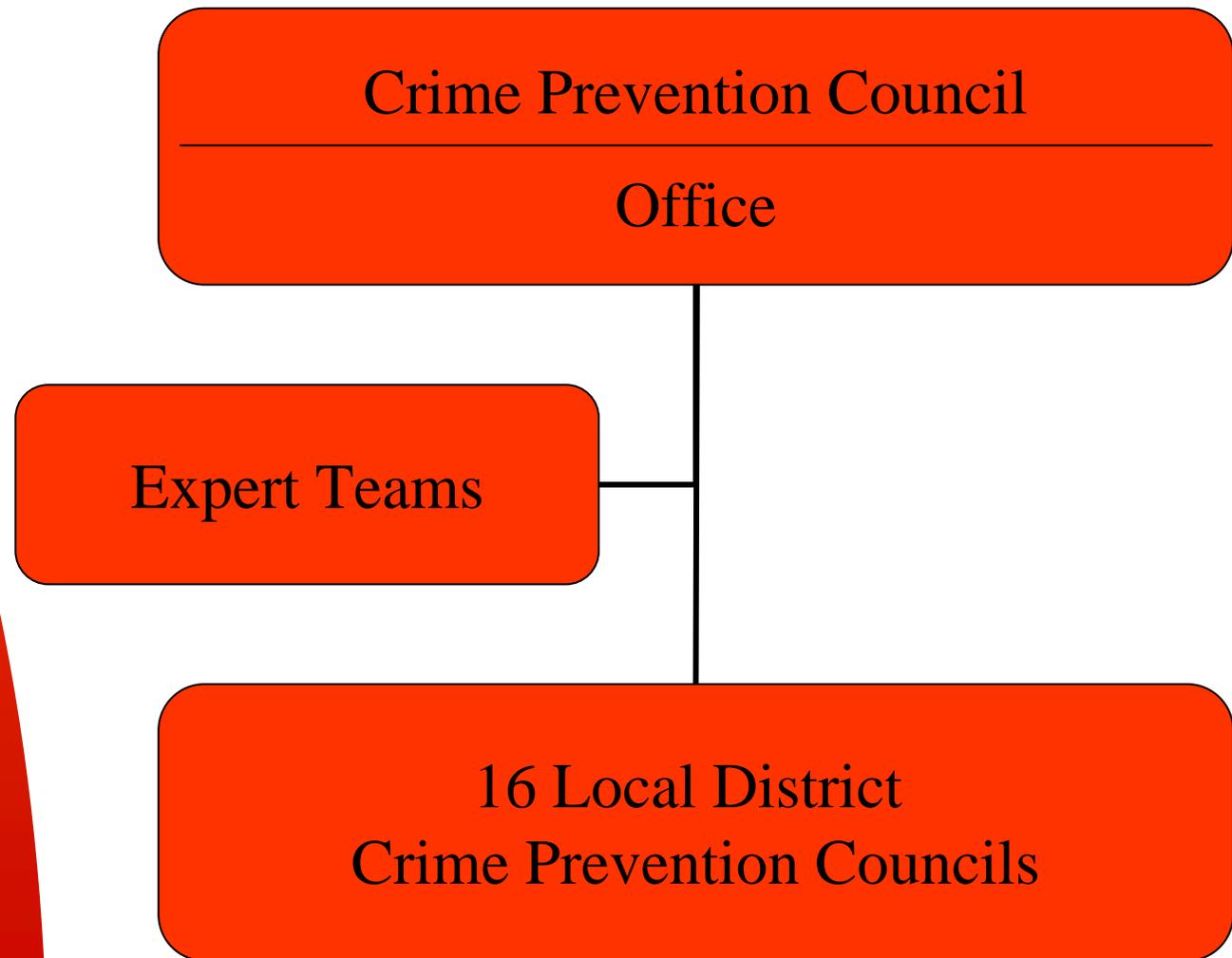
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# Crime prevention network



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# Crime Prevention Council

- established in 1996
- Reason for establishing the council was that in 1995 appr. 52% of citizens felt that crime is one of the most important issues in Frankfurt; in 2006 only 12% felt like that, in 2008 14%



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# Members of the Crime Prevention Council

- Head of local government: mayor (was later delegated to councillor in charge of security)
- Head of local police
- Head of public prosecution authority
- Members of local government in charge of social affairs, education, integration, security



## Idea behind membership:

- Everybody should be a member who is in charge of security and related departments
- Everybody should be member who has the power for changes
- Members should be heads of office, in order to underline the importance of issue



# Means and strategies of having success:

- Interdisciplinary approach with experts of different organisations
- Building and running crime prevention networks
- Involving citizens
- Having a professional team who cares for all this and act as an organisational head office



# Office of Crime Prevention Council [organisational head office]

- 5 staff members, employees of the City of Frankfurt
- Budget of 120.000 Euro, labour costs and overhead costs not included
- In charge of networking and service for the networks (invitation service, documentation, consultancy, coordination)
- Running projects, kicking-off ideas /think-tank, research
- Supporting projects of other committees having similar objectives



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# Expert teams for security issues in Frankfurt:

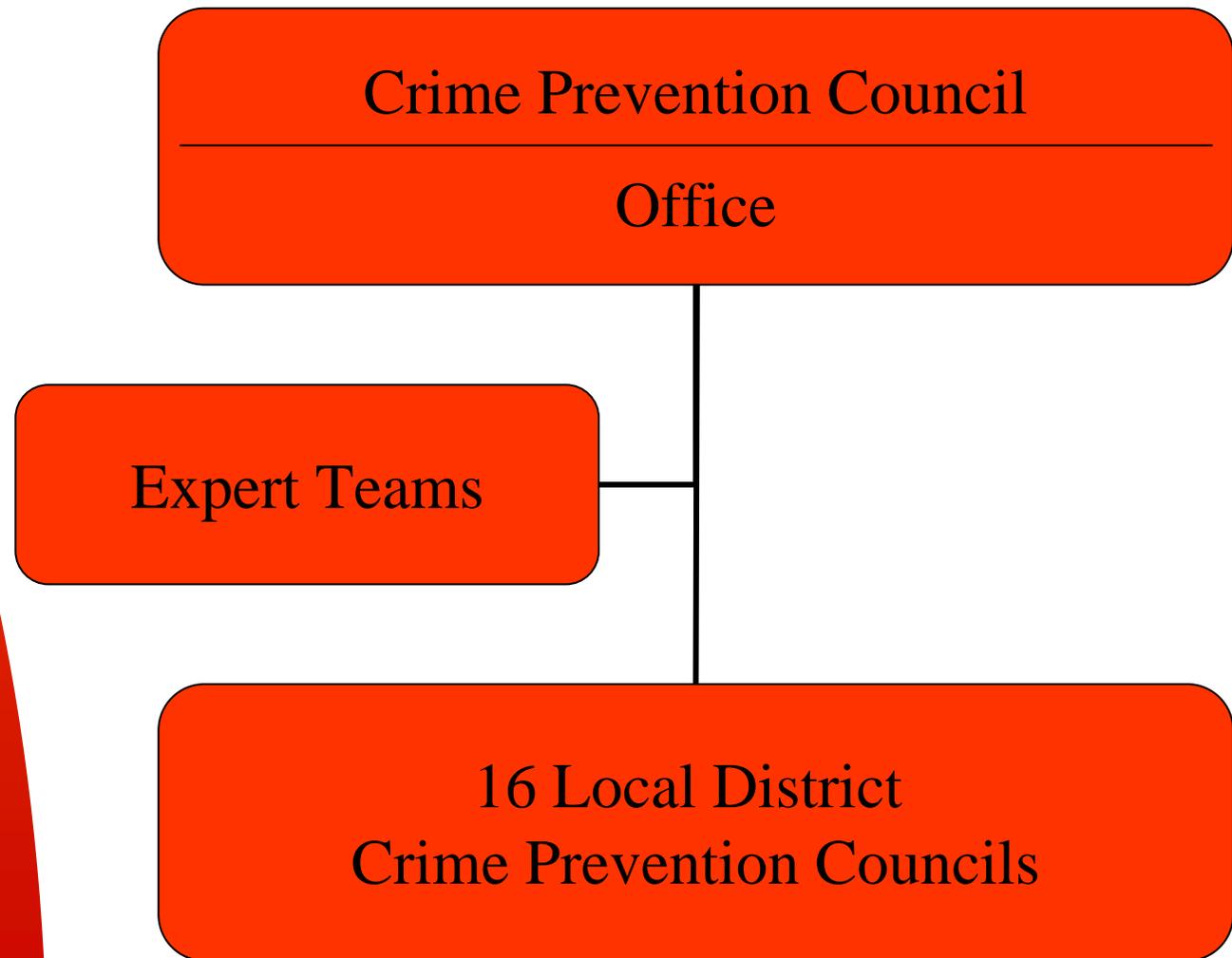
- Drugs and crime
- Juvenile delinquency
- General security matters of certain importance (e.g. video surveillance)
- Violence against women
- Violence against homosexuals
- Crime prevention as part of urban planning



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# Members of Local District Crime Prevention Councils:

- Representatives of local parties, schools, kindergardens, youth clubs, churches, housing associations, local police station, citizens groups, honoraries a.o.



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# Local District Crime Prevention Councils



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# Idea behind Local District Crime Prevention Councils:

- Crime prevention can only be effective with the help, knowledge and acceptance of the locals
- Members are representatives of institutions within the district, so informations could be spread in the district easily
- Responsibility only for their own manageable district



# Typical work of Local District crime Prevention Councils

- Exchanging informations (What is going wrong? What problems occurred since the last meeting?)
- Discussing and looking for solutions (local solutions which can be realized within the local district by the members and with some professional help from the office)



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# Examples of projects of Local District Crime Prevention Councils

- Giving adequate information to the people of the district through flyers and public informative meetings about security issues
- Organizing district festivals and issuing city guides in order to strengthen social structures and defeat anonymity



## More examples of projects of local district crime prevention councils

- Initiating anti-graffiti projects with local schools
- Organizing local garbage-collecting-events
- Organizing consultating hours for residents: people can talk with policemen and civil servants about their problems



# Example for district festivals



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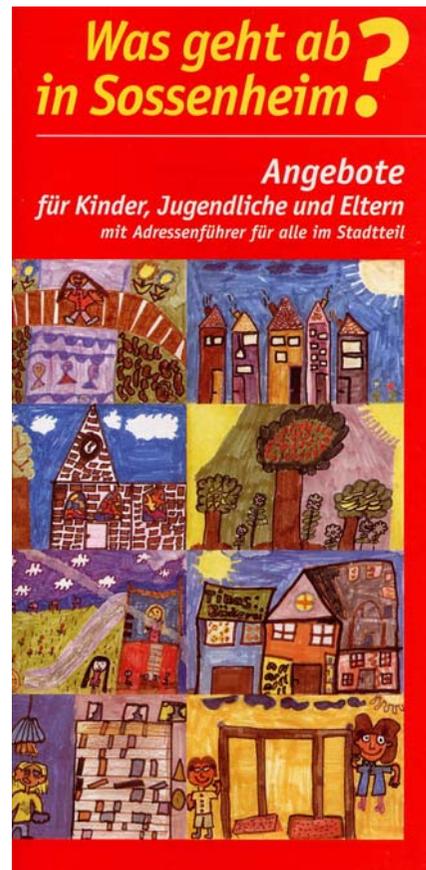
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# Example for city guides



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# Example for garbage-collecting-events



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# Example for anti-graffiti-projects



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# Example for public informative meetings



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## 2. Crime prevention projects for children and teenagers

### In General:

The earlier crime prevention projects start, the more effective are they ;

Important target groups are:

children at kindergardens,

pupils at schools,

sporting clubs,

teenagers visiting youth clubs



# Instrument: School-Theatre

- Professional school-theatre-workshops can be booked by schools (payed by council):  
Good means for teachers to introduce issues like bullying and violence



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# Instrument: Time-tables

- Annual time-tables for all 50.000 pupils of Frankfurt City

Backside of the time-table can be used for informations and suggestions concerning the school-community (for example: common rules, bullying)



# Instrument: „Be cool – keep cool“

- Special COMIC and
- behaviour workshop-conception how young people can tackle problems without using violence

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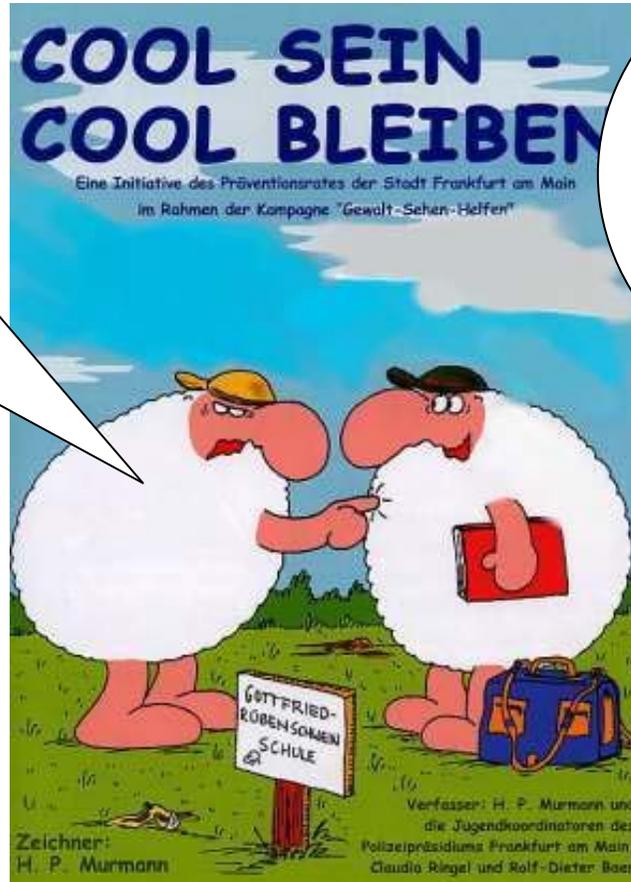
how to get out of threatening situations;

Based on role-plays



# Be cool – keep cool

Hey bastard!  
I'm looking  
for trouble !



I'm sorry!  
Where did  
you lose  
it?



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# Instrument: PIT - Prevention in a team

- 1 teacher, 1 social worker and 1 policeman keep contact to 1 class for 12 months
  - „Be cool – keep cool“ workshop
  - providing confidence, sharing common experiences, talking about daily life problems,
  - If necessary interdisciplinary intervention is easier possible



# Thank you for your attention

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