

## The Role of Police Patrols in Crime Prevention Efforts

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**Abstract.** *The State of Indonesia is a State of Law where this State has components in regulating security and order in the life of society and the state. This study aims to find out how to prevent crime through police patrols in Demak Regency and to analyze the inhibiting factors of police patrols in Demak Regency. Discussion of the problems in this study to be carried out effectively, so in this study using an approach method using a qualitative approach that examines words, detailed reports from the views of respondents and conducts studies in natural situations, and uses a method specification approach that is descriptive analysis to provide an overview and describe the object of research based on data systematically. The results of this study indicate that the patrol system implemented by the Demak Police should be supported by anyone and any institution. The patrol system in reducing the level of crime has been running well in maintaining security and public order, although there are still various problems in dealing with various actions that disrupt public security. Obstacles encountered in carrying out patrols include the lack of police personnel, inadequate facilities and infrastructure, increasing crime rates, and lack of participation in the community so that it becomes an obstacle for the police in preventing crimes that occur in Demak Regency.*

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### 1. Introduction

The State of Indonesia is a state based on law as stated in Article 1 paragraph (3) of the 1945 Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia, meaning that all aspects of life in the territory of the Unitary State of the Republic of Indonesia (NKRI) must be based on law, be it written and unwritten laws that apply in the Republic of Indonesia, in Indonesia the rule of law is based on Pancasila values which are the nation's philosophy of life and also the source of all sources of law.

In principle, the Indonesian state is to provide protection for human rights. The State of Indonesia has several written legal products, one of which is the Criminal

Code (KUHP) where criminal law included in public law is divided into formal criminal law (criminal procedure law) and material criminal law (criminal law). The material criminal law contains provisions and formulations of criminal acts, regulations regarding the terms when a person becomes punishable, designation of persons who can be punished and provisions regarding the punishments themselves.<sup>1</sup>.

Formally, crime is defined as an action or deed by the State that is given criminal sanctions. The provision of punishment is intended to restore the balance that has been disrupted as a result of that action or deed. The disturbed balance is that social order is disturbed, the community is restless as a result. Viewed from criminal law, crime is any act or omission that is prohibited by public law to protect society and is punished by the state.<sup>2</sup>.

The National Police, who were given the title by Sartjipto Raharjo as "Road Class Law Enforcers" (in a positive connotation, who directly work in the field), it is the police who have the most direct contact with citizens compared to other law enforcers who are "Behind high walls" offices where they work every day. The quality and empowerment of the police in tackling crime is one of the factors that determines the effectiveness or not of the applicable legal provisions, particularly in the field of crime, which is the main task of the police.<sup>3</sup>.

Indonesia is one of the countries in the world with very rich customs and culture. The different social, cultural and cultural conditions also have an effect on crime and motives for crimes in a particular area, for example crime between one city and another has different crime rates, as is the case in Demak Regency when compared to The city of Jakarta certainly has a different form of crime, dissimilar methods or the process behind the crime. Society continues to grow from year to year and crime also develops indirectly there. From here the role of the Police in the case of Patrols is very influential in preventing criminal acts from occurring. In accordance with the nature of patrols, namely detection, prevention,

The patrol efforts carried out by the police are expected to create a sense of security felt by the people in the area and community activities can run in an orderly manner. The active role of the community is also needed for the creation of security and comfort in the community environment.

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<sup>1</sup>PAF Lamintang, Basic Indonesian Criminal Law, PT Citra Aditya Bakti, Bandung: 2013, p. 11

<sup>2</sup>Topo Santoso, Eva Achjani Zulfa, Criminology (Jakarta, 2010). pp. 16-17.

<sup>3</sup>Achmad Ali, Wiwie Heryani, 2012, Exploring Empirical Studies of Law, Jakarta: Kencana

## **2. Research Methods**

The approach method that will be used is a qualitative approach. Creswell defines qualitative research as a complex picture, scrutinizing words, reporting detailed views of respondents and conducting studies in natural situations.

## **3. Research Results and Discussion**

### **3.1. Implementation of Police Patrols in Demak Regency in the Function of Crime Prevention**

The main task of the police, the police must always protect, protect and serve the community with sincerity to create security and order. As a law enforcer and a service and protector of the community, violation of the law and crime is one of the important responsibilities carried out by the police. Without legal protection for the community, without legal protection for foreign nationals, it will result in social relations between fellow members of society in a broad sense and disrupt state order.<sup>4</sup>

The large number of crimes that occur in society, the police as law enforcers have an important and quite heavy task. An appropriate action is needed to be able to overcome the problems that have always been inherent in everyday life in society. The police, in this case the Demak Police, carry out patrols as an effort to prevent criminal acts or crimes that occur within the jurisdiction of the Demak Police.

Several forms of police patrols are in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), namely:

#### **1. Walking Patrol**

Walking patrols starting from the headquarters are carried out by at least 2 POLRI members walking and being in an aisle place so that they can move freely, make observations and supervise properly to report any unusual or unusual circumstances.

#### **2. Bike Patrol**

Bicycle patrols are carried out to cover wider area distances as well as walking patrols, bicycle patrols also carry out proper observation and supervision to report and check if there are any circumstances that are odd or not as usual.

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<sup>4</sup>Momo Kelana, 1994, Police Law, PTIK/Gramedia, Jakarta p.17

### 3. Motorcycle Patrol

motorcycle patrols are carried out to assist the walking patrols and bicycle patrols where they can immediately provide assistance if the walking patrols or bicycle patrols need assistance, motorcycle patrols can also provide services to the community more quickly because it is more effective for speed and accuracy in carrying out tasks .

### 4. Car patrol (Car patrol)

Car patrols are carried out to assist and supervise walking patrols, bicycle patrols, and motorbike patrols at certain control points and crossings to monitor where other patrol officers are, exchange information/information, liaise with command posts. Car patrols carry out patrols around officials' residences, malls, banks, markets, and places considered prone to crime.

The results of observations and interviews show that the patrol system implemented by the Demak Polres will be a wise step towards increasing public awareness and increasing the role of police officers in responding to the still high crime rate. The existence of this Patrol has actually existed and lasted a long time in the life of the Indonesian people and we can find it as an example of a model of crime prevention efforts, such as in the Bali area, by utilizing the community, namely traditional leaders as security figures who are commonly called Pecalang. In other areas, there is also a security model that involves other community leaders in Java, namely Jagabayan. These efforts have been going on for a long time, but as a result of a shift in social values in the life of society both in the economic, cultural, social as well as political impact also by fading the implementation of this traditional crime prevention model. Gradually the culture shifts to individualism and egoism so that it prioritizes personal/group interests, one of which is the manifestation of building security guard posts at home, making portals without permission from the local government (obviously violating Law Number 22 of 2009 concerning Traffic and Road Transportation).

The Demak Police Chief said that the patrol system implemented by the Demak Police Chief affected the good image of Polri in the eyes of the public, and should be supported by anyone and any institution. The implementation of the patrol system in reducing the level of crime has been running in maintaining security and public order, although there are still various problems in dealing with various actions that disrupt public security.

Strict action against perpetrators of crime also needs to be carried out so that it can serve as an example for the public to think several times before committing a crime. The Demak Regional Police also carried out legal operations and prevention against intermediaries of criminal proceeds.

### **3.2. Factors That Obstacle the Demak District Police Patrol in Crime Control Efforts**

As a unit that often has direct contact with the community, police patrols must be able to position themselves as someone close to the community but also must be firm and authoritative. Things that must be prepared include making preparations according to the direction of the unit head, understanding patrol administration, and also having to carry and record important events in the patrol activity book. Patrols are carried out based on implementation instructions given internally by the police which apply as a whole, both patrols carried out by the Traffic Unit and the Sabhara Unit are basically the same, namely stationary (settled) and mobile (moving). The task of preventing criminal acts on the part of the police in carrying out patrols encounters several obstacles, while some of these obstacles include:

#### **a. Lack of Number of Personnel**

The research obtained by the author in an interview with Kasium (Head of General Section) of the Demak Police, Mr. Suwandi, explained that there were obstacles faced by the police in carrying out patrols carrying out their duties, however, patrols must still be carried out because if they are not carried out, the police are not carrying out their duties and functions.

#### **b. Inadequate facilities and infrastructure**

The researcher concluded that one of the factors hindering the police in carrying out patrols to deal with crimes that occurred in Demak Regency was the damage to some of the police's supporting equipment to carry out their duties in tackling crime. In carrying out their duties, it is appropriate for the police to be equipped with facilities and infrastructure to carry out the patrol function so that the community feels safe and secure.

c. The author's interview with Ade Triken Deayomi as Head of Sabhara Polres Demak regarding the obstacles that impede the performance of police patrols explained that many facilities and infrastructure were damaged. For example, the patrol car owned by the Demak Police is often damaged when it is being used, so that sometimes police officers are late in responding to incoming community reports. So based on this, the damaged facilities and infrastructure make the performance of the police in tackling crime not optimal. As for the efforts that can be made by the Demak Police in realizing orderly security and not criminality, one of them is by collaborating with the private sector in terms of vehicle facilities to anticipate mileage and the severity of the terrain.

#### **d. The Increasing Crime Rate**

Various types of crimes have been handled by the police in eradicating crime in order to improve the atmosphere of security and order as the responsibility of the police. The successful implementation of police functions without neglecting professional ethics is greatly influenced by the performance of the police which is reflected in the attitude and behavior when carrying out their duties and authorities. Police professionalism is needed in carrying out their duties as law enforcers, considering that crime is increasingly sophisticated, along with the development and progress of the times.

e. Lack of Participation from the Community

The community has a very large role in crime prevention efforts where the police really need reports from the community regarding suspicious activities or people who will lead to or commit crimes, the community is expected to become partners with the police in efforts to prevent crime in a preventive, preventive or preventive manner.

#### **4. Conclusion**

The main duties are; Maintaining security and public order, Upholding the law, and Providing protection, protection, and service to the community. In carrying out the task of preventing criminal acts, the police in carrying out patrols encounter several obstacles, as for several obstacles, namely: Lack of Number of Personnel, Facilities and infrastructure that are no longer adequate, Increasing Crime Rates, Lack of Community Participation

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