

# **BURGLAR BEWARE WA'S RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGE OF BEING THE BURGLARY CAPITAL OF AUSTRALIA**

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# W.A's response to the challenge of being the burglary capital of Australia



**BURGLAR  
BEWARE**

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# Context of Burglary in Western Australia (2003/04)

- **High rate of burglary in WA**
- **High cost to community**
- **Complex social problem**

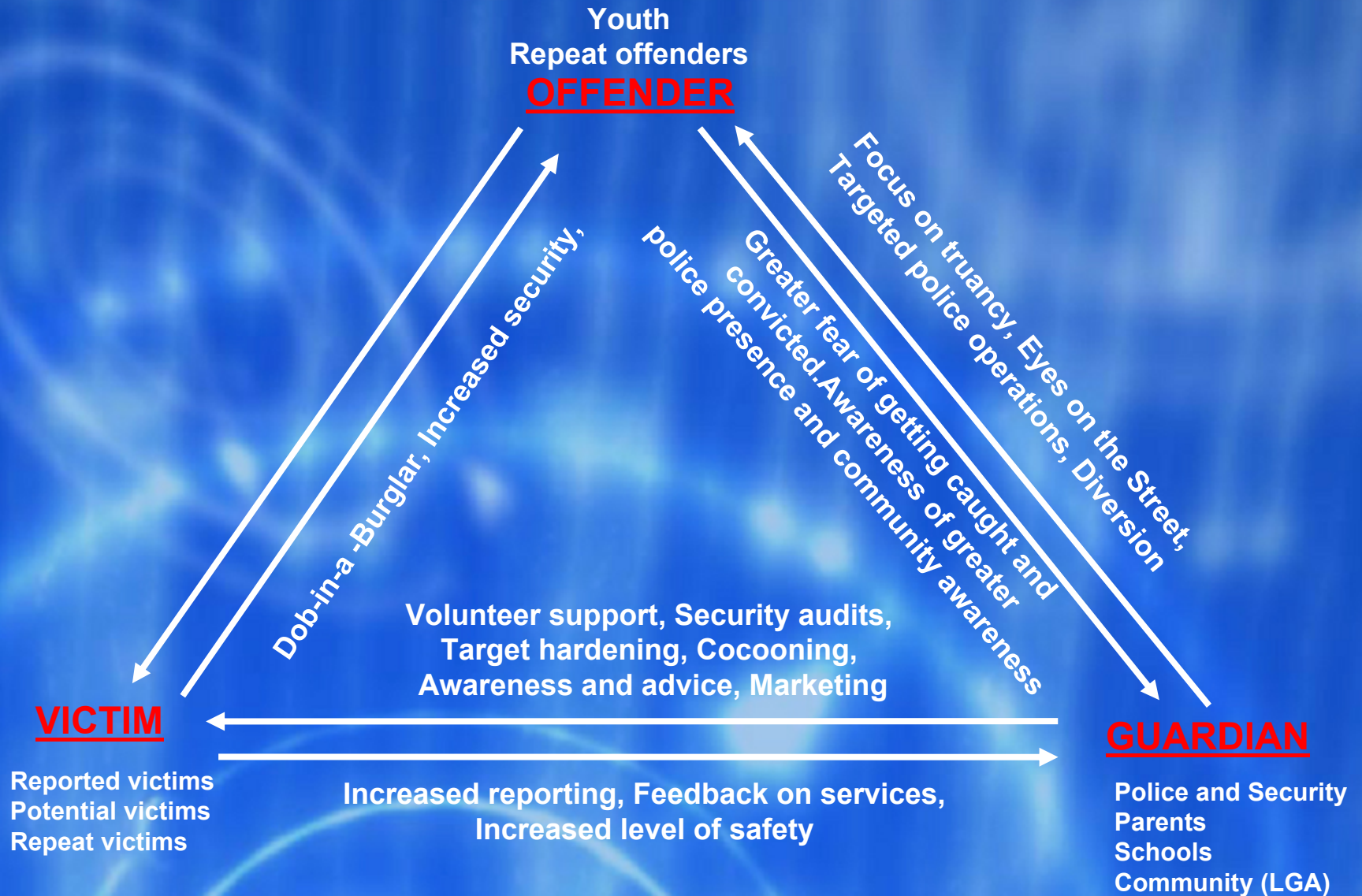
# Underlying Principles of Burglar Beware

- **Burglary seen as a social rather than crime problem**
- **Burglary is an indicator of the health of a community**
- **Joint ownership by community and government**
- **Burglary reduction is core business of many government agencies**

# Implementation Strategy

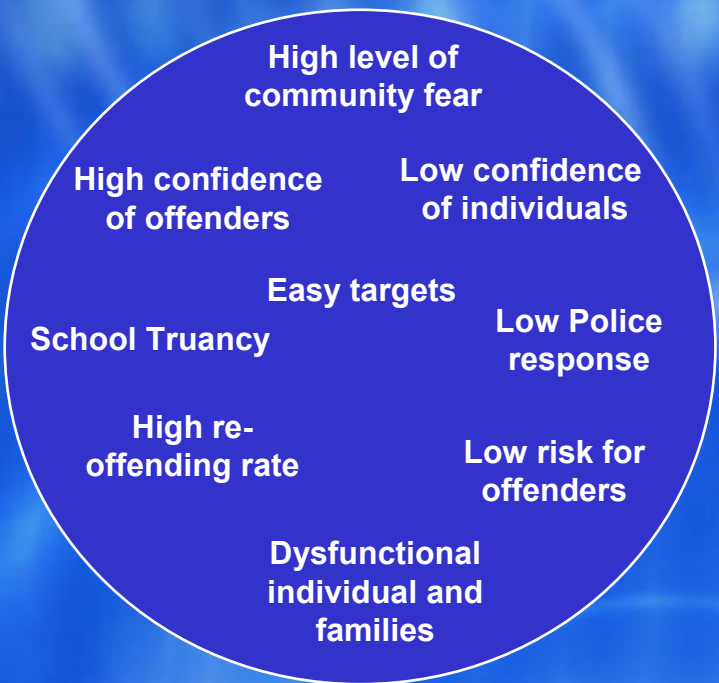
- **Select hotspot**
- **Establish Local Management Group of key stakeholder agencies**
- **Develop local burglary reduction plan including outcomes and evaluation strategy**
- **Coordinate implementation of local activities and resources**
- **Regularly report on issues and successes to BRTF**

# Model of Burglar Beware



# Burglar Beware Program Logic

## High Burglary Environment



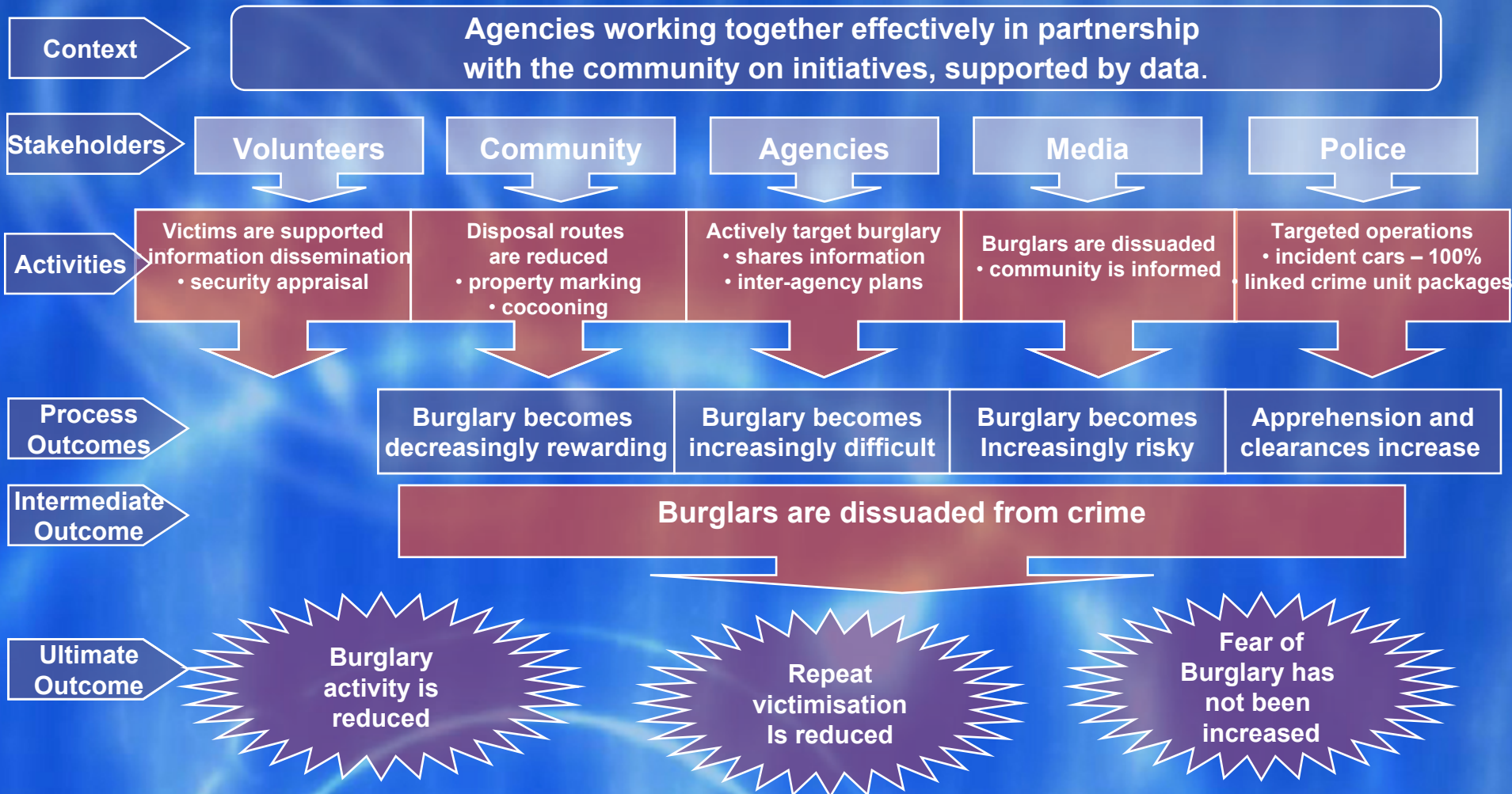
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## Low Burglary Environment



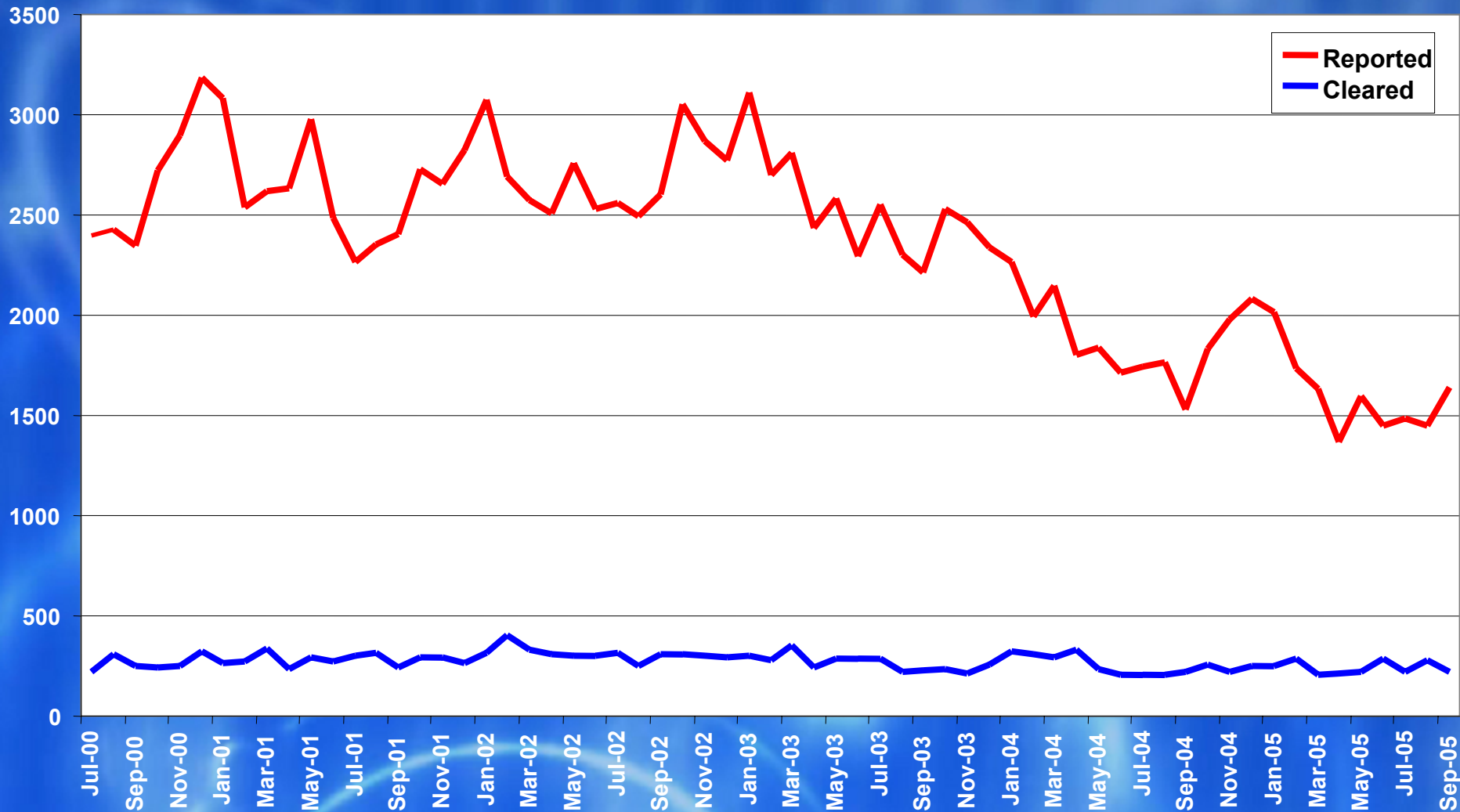
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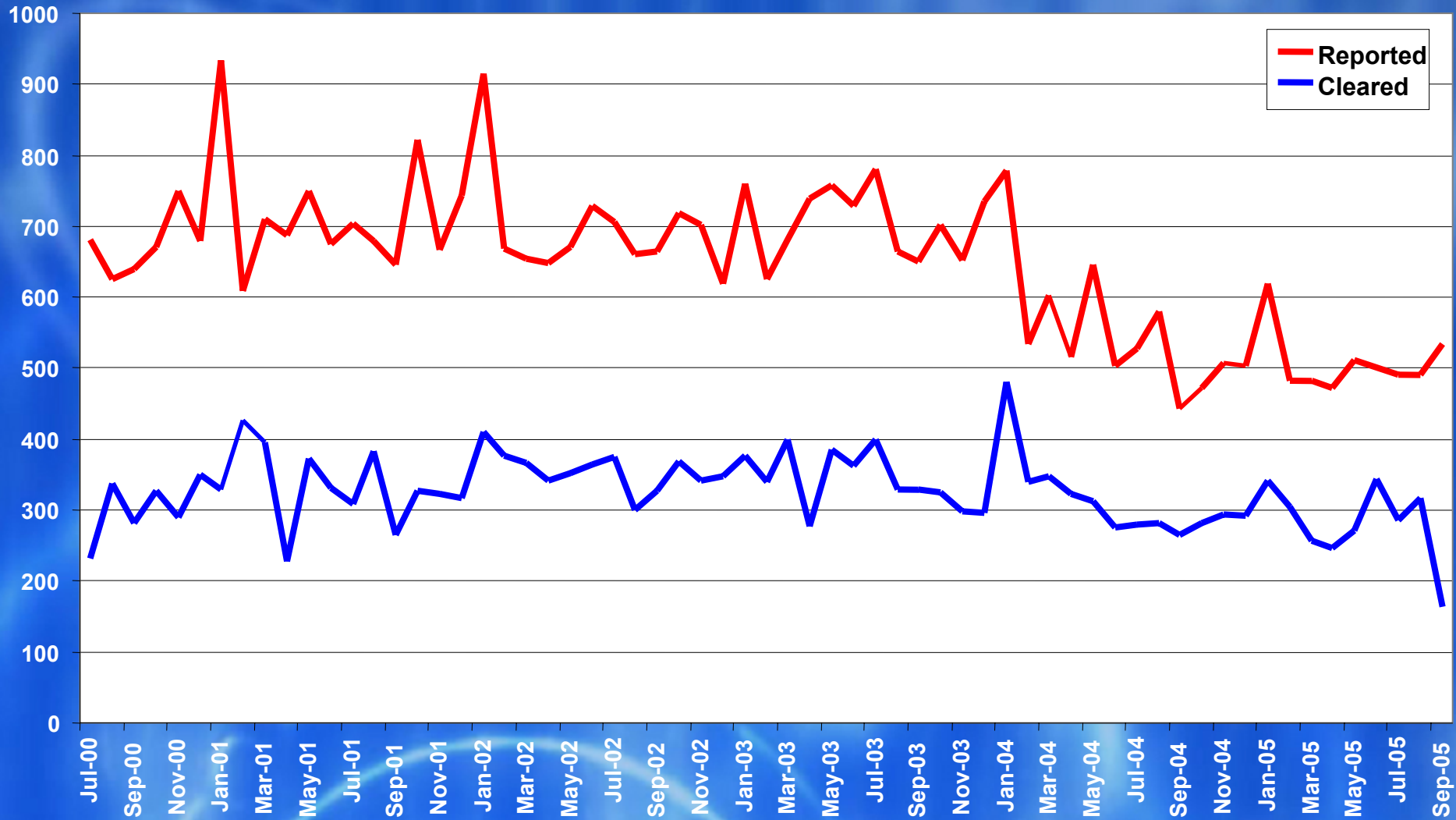
# Burglar Beware Programs and Key Components

- **Stolen Goods Strategy**
- **Eyes on the Street**
- **Burglar Beware**
- **Marketing & Use of media** (video)
- **Security Audits**
- **Cocooning**
- **Targeted Operations**
- **Truancy**
- **DNA**
- **Intelligence Gathering**
- **Diversionsary Programs**

# Metro Region Dwelling Burglaries



# Regional WA Dwelling Burglaries



# Conditions for Success

- **Need to transfer responsibility to appropriate agency or community**
- **Provide strong central leadership**
- **Adopt and expect high professional standards & outcomes**
- **Celebrate success**

# Next Steps

- **Western Australia has had a residential burglary reduction 2003/04 to 2004/05 of 20%**
- **Launched SE Metro initiative in over 60 suburbs in metropolitan region :**
  - Kensington Sub-District – March 2005**
  - Belmont Sub-District – July 2005**
  - Remaining Southeast District - 2006**
- **Already successfully expanded to rural community:**
  - Carnarvon pilot successful (50.5% residential burglary reduction)**
  - Project continued.**