



Examples of Community-Police Engagement

1. Community walks. Richmond, VA. Once a month the chief takes his weekly command staff to the streets, along with the precinct commander, sector lieutenants, and officers within a specified neighborhood and go door to door to meet with residents. Also in tow are representatives from other governmental entities such as Public Works, Social Services, Public Utilities, and members of the local clergy, all in attendance to get an accurate depiction of the way things look from the ground and join in the RPD's problem solving matrix.
<http://www.calea.org/calea-update-magazine/issue-104/taking-it-streets-engaging-community-top-down>

** Canton PD held a similar "Boots on the Ground" walk with residents this summer.
**Dayton PD is launching "Coffee with a Cop" where residents can talk to police in a neutral, relaxed, and comfortable environment while enjoying a cup of coffee courtesy of the Department)
2. Community-Police Council. The Dayton CPC is comprised of representatives of neighborhoods, businesses, churches, community agencies, youth groups, law enforcement, and local government. The CPC is responsible for developing, overseeing, and assisting with implementing effective strategies to reduce crime and disorder, change perceptions and facilitate positive engagement and increased trust between Dayton PD and the neighborhoods they serve by implementing community-police relations groups to provide venues for the community to have the ability to speak, be heard, and have their perspective considered. Dayton:
<http://daytonhrc.org/community-relations/community-police-relations-initiatives/community-police-council-cpc/>

**A similar program is found in Los Angeles—the Community Police Advisory Boards
http://www.lapdonline.org/support_lapd/content_basic_view/731
3. Police liaison officers. (Raleigh, NC). Many departments have found it useful to assign community liaison officers to work in neighborhoods throughout the city to develop ongoing relationships of trust with the community.
<http://ric-zai-inc.com/Publications/cops-w0734-pub.pdf>

4. Community service. Columbia Heights, MN (inner-ring Minneapolis suburb). All officers are required to perform at least 10 hours of community policing activities per year. They are encouraged to choose activities that match their skills and interests, such as conducting CPR trainings, answer questions at classes for recent immigrants, serving food at a church's community dinner, or holding 'Coffee with a Cop' open hours, where residents are free to speak their minds with officers. For all their work, CHPD received an IACP Community Policing Award in 2012.

<http://www.iacpcommunitypolicing.org/download/MAC12003%20IACP%20Awards%20Brochure%20vFinal.pdf>

5. Teen and Police Service (TAPS) Academy. TAPS is a 15-week program primarily designed for at-risk teens who have shown a propensity for making bad decisions. These students are temporarily enrolled in an alternative school because they have committed serious code of conduct violations or criminal infractions. Police mentors volunteer and are nominated by staff lieutenants to participate in the TAPS Academy. All mentors are required to attend and complete six hours of training provided by the University of Houston-Clear Lake and Big Brothers and Big Sisters professionals in psychology, conflict resolution, juvenile justice, and child development. The purpose is to prepare the officer mentors for the rigor of one-on-one contact with at-risk teens.

http://www.policechiefmagazine.org/magazine/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_arch&article_id=2885&issue_id=32013

**An independent evaluation of the program indicates some initial successes.

6. Citizen Comment Cards. Mound, MN. The police department gives out 'citizen comment cards' in traffic contacts and other calls for service and conducts door-to-door surveys of residents. 2004 IACP Community Policing award winner. <http://ric-zai-inc.com/Publications/cops-w0451-pub.pdf>

7. Citizen Police Academy (numerous sites). The objective of the citizen police academy is not to be a reserve police officer, but to produce informed citizens. The citizens and police officers meet each other face to face in a neutral, friendly setting and each becomes a person to the other.

<http://www.nationalcpaa.org>

**Toledo and Westerville have citizen police academies, as well as citizen police academy alumni associations. The goal of a citizen police academy alumni association is to function as an interface between the community and the police department, to expand community understanding of law enforcement, crime prevention, and public safety, to organize and staff community service charitable and educational events, and to support police officers' well-being and provide benevolent assistance to them and their families.

Westerville: <http://wcpaaa.net/>

Toledo: <http://www.freewebs.com/cpacademy/index.htm>

8. Police Involving Parents Program. Highland Village, TX. In this program, parents, teens, and police partner in response to specific infractions to develop an appropriate, parent-enforced punishment. 2014 IACP community policing award winner and top 25 semi-finalists for the Webber Seavey award.

http://www.iacpcommunitypolicing.org/download/MAC14006%20IACP%202014%20Winner%20Brochure_FINAL_Fall%202014.PDF

9. Education of the community and the private sector as a tool in advancing community policing.
 - a. Meth Aware. North Little Rock, Arkansas
 - b. Elder Education Seminar. Boca Raton, FL—for the increasing elderly population and their families
 - c. Teaching Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM), Ocean City, MD—for wait staff at restaurants and businesses

10. Liaison Communication Project. Bradenton, FL. Staffed by volunteers, the program targets the ineffective or perceived non-existent communication between the police and community by developing an outlet for the community and the police department to voice their concerns and collectively develop solutions. The Liaison assists with neighborhood meetings and watch groups, and provides coordination of info between the BPD, Code Enforcement, City Council, businesses, and the residents. A 2012 IACP Community Policing award winner.
<http://www.iacpcommunitypolicing.org/download/MAC12003%20IACP%20Awards%20Brochure%20vFinal.pdf>

11. Serving Our Community initiative. Madison City, Alabama. Relying on partnerships with the community, the MPD continually re-evaluates the effectiveness, services, and professionalism of their performance in the community. Programs included in the initiative include an annual summer camp for 5th graders, teen and adult citizen academies, and the award-winning Text-to-Protect plan. Since the inception of Text-to-Protect, the PD has received over 2000 tips from the community. These tips have solved numerous crimes, prevented violence in the school system (as well as neighboring school systems), and allowed for successful intervention in the lives of students who were suicidal or experienced other emotional challenges. Survey results from 2014 indicate over 89% of respondents felt that the MPD was a ‘valuable part of the community’ and their actions led Madison to be named the safest city in Alabama. This was a 2014 IACP Community Policing award winner.
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