



What We Are About

Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques, to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. To this end we employ:

Community Partnerships:

Collaborative partnerships between our agency and the individuals and organizations we serve to develop solutions to problems and increase trust in police. We also partner with:

- Other Government Agencies
- Community Members/Groups
- Nonprofits/Service Providers
- Private Businesses
- Media



Problem Solving:

The process of engaging in the proactive and systematic examination of identified problems to develop effective responses:

Scanning: Identifying and prioritizing problems

Analyzing

Assessment: Assessing problem-solving initiatives

Response: Responding to problems

Using the crime triangle to focus on immediate conditions (victim/offender/location)

We recognize that police rarely can solve public safety problems alone, and we encourage interactive partnerships with relevant stakeholders. The range of potential partners is large and these partnerships can be used to accomplish the two interrelated goals of developing solutions to problems through collaborative problem solving and improving public trust.

Examples of agencies with whom we collaborate include prosecutors, probation, public works, neighboring law enforcement agencies, health and human services, ordinance enforcement, victim rights groups, the Chamber of Commerce, YMCA and schools.



"I should have listened to the officers!"
2008-Citizen Response Survey