

POLICY 30. COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING & PROBLEM SOLVING (COPPS)

A. Program overview

1. COPPS is not a short-term program, but a community-based law enforcement approach that recognizes that community involvement is critical to the Department's mission of successfully addressing crime, social disorder, and other quality of life issues.
2. COPPS involves the identification of various resources and the development of partnerships within the community, and/or with other agencies, groups and individuals. It uses a systematic approach to solving problems (the SARA model: Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment), which can be used to deal with issues that affects the Department.

B. Strategies

1. The following COPPS strategies are being utilized by the Department with tangible, successful results. These strategies are to be utilized in a varying mix that is suitable to the demographics and trends of the community being served. Station/Division commanders are encouraged to be innovative in their efforts to develop effective and productive partnerships with their communities, or the agencies/groups with which they collaborate to improve the quality of life for residents.
 - a. Community Policing Deputies
 - b. Crime Free Multi-Housing Programs
 - c. Community Storefront Offices
 - d. Volunteer Patrol Program
 - e. Crime Prevention and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Programs (CPTED)
 - f. Crime Analysis
 - g. Departmental/Divisional Collaborative Groups
 - h. Community/Agency Coalitions
 - i. Community Forums
 - j. Problem Advisory Analysis Committee (PAAC) Group

Reference: Department P&P Section 6.31 - Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving