



Community Involvement

.01 Policy

It is the policy of the Bladensburg Police Department to maintain a philosophy of community policing. All members are responsible for achieving the Department's community involvement objective, maintaining favorable community involvement, and developing positive partnerships within the community.

.02 Terms

.03 Governing Legislation and Reference

Governing Legislation: N/A

Forms: N/A

.04 Procedure

A. Community Involvement Function

The Department's community involvement function includes, but is not limited to:

- Establishing liaison with existing community organizations or establishing community groups as they are needed;
- Assisting in the development of agency community involvement policies;
- Publicizing Department objectives, community problems, and achievements;
- Conveying information from citizen organizations to the Department;
- Developing problem-oriented or community policing strategies; and,
- Identifying training needs through interviews with citizen representatives and conferences with supervisors.

B. Community Involvement Report

At least quarterly, the Community Services Unit Supervisor shall ensure that reports discussing community involvement activities are forwarded to the Chief of Police.

Community Involvement Reports shall include the following:

- A description of current concerns voiced by the community;

- A description of potential problems that have a bearing on law enforcement activities within the community;
- A statement of recommended actions that address previously identified concerns and problems; and,
- A statement of progress made toward addressing previously identified concerns and problems.

Department members who identify or receive information relevant to community involvement activities shall forward such information, in writing, through the chain of command to the attention of the Community Services Unit Supervisor for inclusion on the Community Involvement Report.

C. Survey of Citizen Attitudes and Opinions

The Community Services Unit shall conduct an annual online survey and report its findings to the Chief of Police.

The community survey shall include, at a minimum, the following:

- Overall Department performance;
- Overall competence of Department members;
- Officer's attitudes and behavior toward citizens; and,
- Community concern over safety and security within the Town as a whole.

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HISTORY: Adopted April 1, 2014

This General Order supersedes all other orders and memoranda in conflict therewith.

Authority:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles L. Owens". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, looping letters.

Charles L. Owens
Chief of Police