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**DAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDER  
CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT POLICY**



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**POLICY STATEMENT**

Community education and crime prevention is a shared responsibility of all members of the agency and each member is charged with the task of promoting good community relations, sound crime prevention measures, and establishing close ties with community organizations. The planning of crime prevention programs, community education programs, and coordinating community relations' efforts is the joint responsibility of the entire department, in cooperation with the community.

**I. CRIME PREVENTION – PATROL OPERATION DIVISIONS RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Establish programs which encourage the public to take an active role in preventing crime.
- B. Educate the community in crime prevention techniques.
- C. Liaison with interested community groups.

**II. CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

The Dayton Police Department has many Crime Prevention and Community Engagement programs, including but not limited to:

- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Residential and Commercial Properties
- Right of Entry Program
- Business Check Program
- Burglary Alarm Non-Response Program
- Liquor Permit Program
- Neighborhood Assistance Officers
- Dayton Police Citizen's Academy
- Crime Analysis & Police Enforcement & Response Strategies
- Police and Youth Together (PAYT)
- Bar Safe Program
- Landlord Tenant Training
- Bank Teller Training
- Criminal Justice Fellows
- Citizen Recognition
- Police and Clergy Together Program (PACT)
- National Night Out
- Ride Along Program
- Coffee with a Cop

**III. FIELD OFFICER/DETECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Conduct preventive patrol
- B. Make referrals to the appropriate Division Commanders
- C. Maintaining and forwarding to RDC updated information on business names, addresses and contact information.



- D. Assess potential crime patterns, sprees and hot spots
- E. Attend public meetings
- F. Provide Crime Analysis Reports
- G. Assist citizens, Neighborhoods and Businesses with special needs and projects
- H. Liaison between Department and special needs groups

#### IV. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Community Engagement Officer is assigned to the Director and Chief of Police. They primarily work on Crime Prevention and Awareness training, Public Education, Police and Clergy Together, and the Ride Along programs.
- B. Crime Prevention Officers in the Patrol Operations Division can establish community groups as and where they are needed.
  - Establish a liaison with formal and informal community groups by attending meetings and offering support.
  - Police Department maintains communication channels for the public to request attendance at community meetings and events.
  - Representatives will attend meetings as requested or directed.
- C. The Community Engagement Officer and Crime Prevention Officers will share the responsibility of achieving community involvement objectives with all agency members and assist in developing problem oriented policing strategies, as determined by need.
- D. Use of Electronic and Print Media

The Police Department utilizes various types of media to publicize objectives, problems and successes, in an effort to keep the community informed about highlights occurring during the course of the year as well as obtain feedback from the community as follows:

  - Via the department's Web site, Twitter page, Facebook page (City of Dayton), and NextDoor account.
  - Inform the public of events and activities via the above social media channels, traditional press/media releases & statements, and interviews.
  - Provide avenues for two-way communication between the agency and the public to include the Feedback portal on our website, social media channels, e-mails to the Police Information Specialist.
  - Crime Prevention Officers will use Weekly Reports to inform citizens, businesses leaders, and neighborhood watch groups of crime trends, prevention tips and similar information.
  - Address public concerns and forward information to correct Patrol Operations Division or IAS Bureau, other law enforcement agencies or city officials as needed.
- E. This policy will be disseminated and reviewed annually via PowerDMS. Roll call training, review and oral testing will be conducted annually.