

# **Pennsylvania Regional Community Policing Institute**

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The Pennsylvania Regional Community Policing Institute (PARCPI) with offices in Allentown and Pittsburgh is part of a national network of twenty-seven institutes. Since 1997 the institute has trained over 3,000 law enforcement officers and community members through a series of interactive, no-cost trainings the institute provides.

## **Executive Community Governance/Community Policing Program**

Community Governance is the process by which partnerships are created between local government agencies and community stakeholders to effect positive change to improve community quality of life. Community Policing is an organization-wide philosophy and management approach that promotes local partnerships; proactive problem-solving; and community engagement to address local government coordination, the causes of crime, fear of crime and other community issues. This program is designed to help small communities develop coordinated local government partnerships to improve community quality of life, assist local government to function more efficiently and build sustained community/local government coordinated responses to local issues such as crime control. The program begins with an assessment of your local government issues to assist us with designing training and technical assistance programs for your specific community needs. This is followed by a four-hour Community Governance/Community Policing Workshop for administrators, decision makers and stakeholders. Following the workshop, a one day on-site technical assistance will be provided to assess your community's progress with overcoming barriers to initiating your Community Governance/Community Policing Program.

## **Advanced Executive Leadership Workshop**

The Advanced Executive Leadership workshop encapsulates the essential elements of any of our workshops and is presented in a four hour format. This workshop is designed for mayors, city council members, local government department heads, police chiefs, command staff, community leaders and other administrators. The workshop addresses administrative understanding that is essential for successful line personnel application and use of principles and concepts. Special emphasis is placed on the strategic and human capital needs for effective implementation of a comprehensive change program.

## **COPS in Schools II (non-grantees)**

Few responsibilities are more important than creating safe schools for our nation's children. Inasmuch as young people are required to attend school, they deserve schools that are safe, secure and peaceful; free of violence, intimidation, and fear. Creating safe schools requires effective partnerships with responsible adults who have a shared commitment and vision of safety. School resource officers and educators can form such partnerships. The COPS in Schools initiative is designed to introduce community policing into the school environment by educating both law enforcement and school administration in a comprehensive community policing training program. This workshop will focus on the three key roles of the school resource officer, Problem Solver and Liaison to Community Resources, Educator, Safety Specialist and Law Enforcer.

## **Understanding and Valuing Cultural Differences**

This workshop is designed to equip police officers with the knowledge, skills and abilities that will enable them to value and utilize the diversity that exists in the communities they serve and to appreciate the diversity within their police department. By viewing "people

differences" as assets not liabilities, police officers will be better able to tailor their enforcement responses to address the needs of communities, maximize departmental resources and reduce the possibility of interactions that can negatively impact police/community relations.

### **Domestic Violence for Law Enforcement**

The primary focus of this interactive training is to increase officer safety and to create safer communities for all citizens. This Domestic Violence for Law Enforcement training is unique in each workshop is designed for the each police department. Topics covered include legal options, the basic issues of domestic violence and safety planning.

### **Homeland Security for Community Groups**

In this workshop, learners will participant in an interactive training program designed to impart concrete and useful information on detecting and reporting potential terrorist threats. Additionally, participants will be presented with preparedness suggestions, to reduce the consequences of any future attacks. Students will receive a participant's manual, containing the Citizen's Preparedness Guide, index of web and print based information resources and tips on how they can get involved in volunteer efforts in their communities.

### **Community Oriented Policing for Law Enforcement**

Community Oriented Policing offers an effective foundation to build lasting community partnerships that reduce crime and improve overall quality of life. Participants are introduced to the core components of Community Oriented Policing as well as some characteristics of successful implementations. This interactive workshop is designed to be practical, informative and fun. Special attention is devoted to materials and exercises designed to enable officers to more effectively communicate and collaborate with their governmental and community partners. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and comment about course information.

### **Ethics for Law Enforcement**

Officers live and work in a dynamically changing social context in which they are exposed to a myriad of ethical conflicts. Ethical dilemmas occur at the most inopportune times, frequently without warning and little time to stop and think about the situation. When inadequately prepared, even the most honest, above reproach officers can make inappropriate split-second ethical decisions...decisions that can result in life changing consequences. If officers are going to survive ethical dilemmas they need to be as mentally prepared as they would be for tactical encounters. This participatory training is presented in the context of community oriented policing and relies heavily on case studies and interactive exercises.

### **Problem Solving for Law Enforcement**

This highly interactive training will assist officers with understanding the value of community, collaboration, consensus building and a focused problem solving orientation to reduce crime, fear and disorder in their communities. Additionally, participants will be introduced to the powerful SARA (scanning, analysis, response & assessment) model for problem solving.

To schedule trainings or answer questions, please contact Pam Pillsbury at (610) 402-2476.