



Community Policing in a School Setting



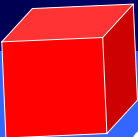
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Instructional Objectives

- ✓ Explore application of how community policing works in schools
- ✓ Define community policing
- ✓ Review major components of community policing
- ✓ Discuss application of community policing for school partnership development

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Community Policing Defined

Community policing is an organization-wide philosophy and management approach that promotes community, government and police partnerships; proactive problem-solving; and community engagement to address the causes of crime, fear of crime and other community issues.

Community Policing Components

COMPONENTS

- Community Partnership
- Problem Solving
- Organization Transformation
- Empowerment

Why Community Policing?

Traditional vs. Community Policing

Traditional Policing

- ✓ Incident driven
- ✓ Not involved in problem solving & planning
- ✓ Unreported crimes, no consequences
- ✓ Suppression
- ✓ Unwelcome presence
- ✓ Success = number of arrests

SRO/Community Policing

- ✓ School becomes a beat
- ✓ Involved in problem solving & planning
- ✓ Appropriate criminal consequences
- ✓ Prevention/Intervention
- ✓ Welcomed presence
- ✓ Success = absence of crime

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Measures of Police Success

- ✓ Preventive patrol
- ✓ Rapid response
- ✓ Follow-up criminal investigation

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Community Policing Values

- ✓ Incorporate principles of customer service throughout organization.
- ✓ Partner with the community, City Council, other agencies, and the criminal justice system.
- ✓ Decentralize decision making to the most effective level.

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Community Policing Values

- ✓ Promote citizen responsibility and involvement.
- ✓ Use problem solving methods to manage community disorder.
- ✓ Reinforce police integrity & ethical behavior at all times.
- ✓ Recognize crime control and prevention as dual parts of the fundamental mission of policing.

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Community Policing Goals & Objectives

Goal #1: Reduction of Crime & Fear of Crime

Objectives

- ✓ Crime response
- ✓ Problem solving to reduce crime
- ✓ Crime prevention
- ✓ Early intervention

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Goal #2: Strengthening Community Involvement

Objectives

- ✓ Internal: officer/neighbor contact, service orientation
- ✓ External: promotion of individual responsibility, school, business, community & church-based group efforts

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Goal #3: Development of Internal Capacity/ Alignment

Objectives

- ✓ Hiring & Training
- ✓ Promotion
- ✓ Patrol Development
- ✓ Organizational Realignments
- ✓ Resource Management Workload Efficiency
- ✓ Internal Communications
- ✓ Management Systems & Policies
- ✓ Evaluation & Assessment Systems

School Application Of Community Policing and Partnership Development

Community Policing Pitfalls

- Mission clarity
- Focus on community quality of life impact
- Roles clarification
- Outcome focus
- Institutionalization
- Organizational culture
- Political partnership
- Renew the plan
- Detail limitations
- Aim High
- Communicate the plan
