Engaging Police as Partners in Violence Prevention

This publication is part of the Engaging Communities in Violence Prevention Series, which provides information to practitioners and trains to connect with various contacts in local communities and agencies to create productive partnerships between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. We have also included additional resources that may be helpful as you engage law enforcement.

Make sure your police department is ready and willing to employ community policing. Although a community policing philosophy is not new, the term itself is defined by the community. Engaging police departments may still run into new or different training policies, and there is no defined model for how to implement this philosophy. In most instances, police departments have limited resources to train their officers on issues of community policing. Some police officers continue to view their primary function in an all-encompassing manner, and police agencies fear changes to policies and procedures. It is important to develop one’s own local department’s philosophy of community policing and to develop a strategy that can be adapted to the local situation.

Build an agenda with police departments that clearly articulate their role in community policing. As the police department begins to develop an understanding of community policing, it is important to build a professional relationship that can continue to evolve. Police departments can work together to identify community residents who need police programs or services, and officers can provide a critical link between at-risk and victimized children, youth, and families. As the police department begins to work with communities, it is important to be flexible and adapt to the local situation, which will help officers become more effective in providing services to communities.

Encourage the formation of local partnerships to practice community policing. As police departments begin to develop their understanding of community policing, it is important to encourage them to work with community organizations and residents to identify issues that need additional resources. It is also important to encourage officers to work with community organizations and residents to identify issues that need additional resources.

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Identify ways community members can assist police in preventing violence. The ability to engage community members, particularly those who may be at risk for violence, is critical to the success of any community policing program. It is important to encourage police departments and community organizations to work together to identify issues that need additional resources and to develop strategies that can address these issues.

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Develop a common language around prevention. Developing a shared understanding of prevention is critical to the success of any community policing program. It is important to encourage police departments and community organizations to work together to identify issues that need additional resources and to develop strategies that can address these issues.

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