



CITY OF AKRON, OHIO
POLICE DIVISION
KENNETH R. BALL II, CHIEF OF POLICE

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SUBJECT Community Engagement Procedure		ISSUING AUTHORITY Chief Kenneth R. Ball II

I. POLICY

The police department is committed to maintaining and establishing close ties with the community and community organizations. By working in a collaborative effort we will continue to enhance the quality of life of all citizens.

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to serve the community of Akron in a collaborative effort to enhance the quality of life through crime prevention, enforcement of laws, promotion of safety and reduction of fear.

Values and Principles

Honesty and Integrity – Employees will model a high standard of honesty and integrity in our personal and professional lives.

Fairness – Employees will ensure fair and impartial treatment of all individuals in the department and the community APD serves.

Competence – Through continuous improvement, employees will set a standard of excellence for delivery of law enforcement services in our community.

Trust – Employees will enhance trust, teamwork, and communication by cooperating with each other and the community.

Respect – Employees will treat everyone with dignity and respect and protect the constitutional rights of all citizens.

III. PROCEDURE

A. **Community Outreach** – The Akron Police Department uses a variety of media resources 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, including:

1. A Community Relations newsletter, which contains articles about police/community events, program activities, and public service announcements, is distributed monthly to members of the local community and business groups as well as City of Akron employees.
2. Social Media platforms, which are updated on a regular basis, are monitored for questions, feedback, and information shared by the community.
3. APD's website has links to crime statistics, police reports, complaint and compliment forms, and other social media sources that allow citizens to stay informed and involved.

B. Programs, Activities, and Leadership Opportunities

1. Employees are to be familiar with programs offered by the department. See "Appendix A" for current list of programs.
2. Employees are also encouraged to approach Police Community Relations staff with new ideas for community engagement and programs.
3. Employees should convey information received from citizens and organizations to APD in order to improve APD practices that affect police- community involvement.

C. Annual Review and Testing

1. All APD employees shall complete an annual review of this procedure and annual proficiency testing over its content to ensure awareness of APD programs and expectations.

By Order Of,



Kenneth R. Ball II
Chief of Police

Date AUGUST 7, 2020

**Appendix A
(Effective August 3, 2020)
Akron Police Department
Community Engagement Opportunities**

To affect this community engagement function, APD considers the following as eligible community engagement programs, as operational needs permit, and are not limited to those listed here:

Active Shooter Response Training
Bike Safety Events
Birthday Drive-By
Block Watch
College Internship Program
Cop for a Day
Delusions
Do the Right Thing
Hidden in Plain Sight
Home & Business Security Assessment
National Night Out
Police Explorers Program
Police Museum Tours
Positive Ticketing
Prom Promise
Red Cross Blood Drive
Safety Event Programing
Safety Town
School Safety Plans
Senior Experience
Senior Safety Events
Shop with a Cop
Snack with a Cop
Touch-A-Truck