

Community Policing



Terms

Community Policing: Collaboration with community and law enforcement towards the goal of identifying, preventing, and/or solving issues the community faces. Incorporates: community-based crime prevention, emphasis on non-emergency servicing, increased accountability to local communities, & decentralized command.

First Responders: Those trained to be first on a crisis scene (e.g. police social workers). 911 dispatchers, police officers, Emergency Medical Technician, firefighters, etc.

'The Talk': A conversation had historically in Black families in which children are educated about and taught about safe interactions with the police, despite fear of racial bias.

Public Servants in Community Policing: Those local, state, and federal employees designated to aid in an emergency as well as to 'keep the peace' including gov't officials (mayor, governor, senator), health care workers, social workers, educators, first responders, & more.

'Blue Wall of Silence': The stereotype that there exists a code of silence among police officers to not report other officers' misconduct, corruption, or errors.

People



Bill de Blasio



Val Demings



Rodney King



Keechant Sewell



William Bratton

Timeline



1789: The first Federal Law Enforcement Officer is established by the United States Congress. President Washington appoints 13 U.S. Marshals.

1838: For the first time, an organized, publicly-funded, professional full-time police service is established in Boston serving as "slave patrols."

1970: The Knapp Commission is formed to investigate police corruption in New York City prompted by Serpico revelations. Later in 1992 the Mollen Commission served a similar purpose.

1929: Federal Agent Eliot Ness begins his legendary law enforcement career and is picked to lead a group of agents nicknamed "The Untouchables," later a movie. Other entertainment media about the police include Barney Miller Kojak, Baretta, & Dragnet.

2020: George Floyd's death sparks the Defund the Police Movement. Generally, it describes the goal of budget reallocation to relevant alternative resources such as mental health workers and social workers.

Values

Trust

Service

Courage

Respect

Duty

Statistics

213,652,929

911 calls in the 45 states who reported 911 data in 2021.

49% of Police Officers

hold a Bachelor's degree.

26%

hold an Associate's degree.

For every 100,000 people

Utah has approximately 293 police officers
New York has approximately 655.

40%

police said Americans don't understand the risks & challenges of police work.

40 hours of training

over a 5 day period - police officers taking Crisis Intervention Training learn how to identify and react to mental illness.

Action

Volunteer with community policing by helping on a child fingerprinting day, neighborhood watch, etc.

Get involved with Police Athletic Leagues to foster relationships.

Commit to one peace officer-friendly action each week! Start with a smile!

Have a conversation with a police officer, say hi, thank them, and/or invite a police officer to career day, or for other presentations at your school or business.

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