

ORGANIZATIONS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP DIVISION.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP DIVISION – ORGANIZATION. Community Relationship Division is comprised of:

- Office of the Commanding Officer;
- Community Relationship Section;
- Community Engagement Unit;
- Crime Prevention & Digital Media Section; and,
- Training/Special Projects Unit.

COMMANDING OFFICER, COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP DIVISION. The Commanding Officer, Community Relationship Division, under the direction of the Director, Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy, exercises line command over the operations of the Community Relationship Division.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP DIVISION - FUNCTIONS. Community Relationship Division is responsible for:

- Developing and promoting community relations programs designed to foster mutual trust and respect between the Department and the community;
- Identifying and evaluating areas of tension in the community and rumors from within the community and the Department;
- Maintaining liaison with international, national, state, and Citywide organizations;
- Providing, upon request, expertise to assist the Department in alleviating specific police community relations tensions;
- Reviewing and evaluating the Department's community relations training and developing recommendations when needed;
- Assisting geographic Area commanding officers with community relations solutions during unusual incidents;
- Providing, on behalf of the Chief of Police, liaison for visiting dignitaries;
- Representing the Department in a community relations capacity while serving on panels, seminars, workshops, institutes, etc.;
- Conducting community relations classes for recruits at the Academy;
- Implementing and coordinating Department crime prevention information programs;
- Assisting basic car officers with crime prevention information visual aids, and program materials as needed;
- Developing the design and publication of all Department crime prevention brochures;
- Developing and assembling crime prevention displays;
- Conducting crime prevention training programs within the Department;
- Researching and preparing Environmental Impact Reports required of the Department, and analyzing Environmental Impact Reports that may affect the Department;
- Answering requests for information regarding the Department through personal contacts, general correspondence, and the dissemination of information pamphlets;
- Developing relationship-based policing training and curriculum design focus groups to further improve the Department's overall strategic community outreach efforts;

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- Developing, recommending and strengthening policy and programs that enhance police community relations, increase understanding and cooperation, and reducing the fear of crime;
- Providing greater transparency with the community regarding Department engagement efforts in coordination with Media Relations and Community Affairs Group and the lead Public Information Officer;
- Coordinating strategic outreach programs to include the Days of Dialogue, Community Forums, Clergy, and Traffic Bicycle Liaisons;
- Coordinating and implementing Senior Lead Officer training Department-wide;
- Supporting major community outreach efforts such as the Community Safety Partnerships;
- Leveraging social and digital media platforms in order for the Department to effectively engage and inform the public, stakeholders and employees with a consistent and cohesive message;
- Providing basic social media situational awareness reports regarding events that may impact public safety;
- Providing training to Department personnel regarding issues surrounding officer safety concerns and using social media;
- Providing support and guidance for major events and programs such as Summer Night Lights, National Night Out, and the Safe Summer Tip Off; and,
- Assisting with the geographic Area footbeats by providing personnel and additional resources to augment their efforts as needed.