

Peoria Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual

Policy 4.27 Community Oriented Policing (COP)



**“Our Community...
Our Commitment”**

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Peoria Police Department to establish a proactive approach to crime reduction, utilizing a systematic process by which all facets of the Peoria Police Department, City Government, and the Public and Private sector interface with each other. Through mutual cooperation, officers shall make every attempt to identify, define, develop, and implement solutions to local issues affecting the citizen's concerns, resulting in a reduction of victimization.

Community Orientated Policing (COP) is a viable tool within law enforcement. The systematic approach requires that all components of the community come together as one to combat the rise in crime. This effort, however, must begin with the Police Department taking the initial step and ultimately culminating in a renewed confidence by the citizens it serves. The backbone of COP lies with the individual police officer/employee.

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS

COP is a systems approach to addressing issues within the community that directly or indirectly impact the crime rate and reduce the psychological and/or monetary loss to our citizens. COP is a collective effort by all those involved and is not viewed solely as a police program or a police problem, but rather as that of the community. COP must utilize all of the resources available and encourage the open participation of the citizens it serves.

III. PURPOSE

A. It is the purpose of this policy to establish a simple but easily defined process for the implementation of COP. Due to the nature of shift work and some of the complexities that may be encountered, it is important that all information be funneled through the Neighborhood Action Team (NAT) Sergeant.

B. COP is an effort on the part of officers/employees, and those that eagerly participate must be recognized for their efforts.

C. Since COP is a community program and crosses all spectrums of the community it serves, it is imperative that development and utilization of resources be coordinated.

IV. DEFINITIONS

A. COP Program Coordinator (NAT Sergeant): Tasked with tracking, reviewing and coordinating the various proposals submitted for action. The Program Coordinator is responsible for maintaining the working file for each COP proposal.

B. COP Worksheet: A form which identifies information pertinent to the issue requiring COP attention, to include location, beat, officer, problem, affected individuals, analysis, and solution.

C. COP Status Update: A form which is a chronological sequence of events pertaining to the problem identified on the COP Worksheet.

D. COP Program File: A working file will be opened on each COP Worksheet that is submitted for implementation. This file will remain active until the program has been completed. The file will contain at a minimum the COP Worksheet and COP Status Update.

V. PROCEDURE

A. When an officer/employee and citizen identify what they believe is a potential problem and is within the scope of COP, a COP Worksheet is completed by the officer/employee.

B. The COP Worksheet is submitted to the COP Program Coordinator who reviews the form for appropriateness and completeness.

C. Once the form is reviewed and if the solution is within the scope of the team or officer, the form will be forwarded back to the team or officer for implementation.

D. The COP Program Coordinator will develop a working file for each individual COP Worksheet that is approved. The COP Program Coordinator will be tasked as the central repository for all information pertaining to the individual COP Worksheets in an attempt to reduce duplication of efforts.

E. The COP Program Coordinator shall input all approved projects into the Department's i:\ drive, which may be viewed as "read only" by Department personnel.

F. Once a COP project has been completed, the file will be closed and retained in an inactive file, filed in NAT.

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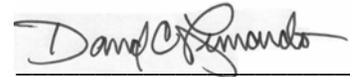
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