

HOW TO BE A PARTNER

Citizen, Neighborhood and Business Interaction for Problem Solving

Community Policing is a philosophy, management style, and organizational strategy that promotes problem solving and police-community partnerships to address the causes of crime and conflicts plus other community issues.

Community partnership is a flexible term referring, to any combination of neighborhood, schools, churches, businesses, community based organizations, elected officials, and government agencies working cooperatively with the Police to resolve identified problems which affect or interest them.

Problem-solving refers to a process of identifying problems and priorities through coordinated community and police assessments of needs.

The community - neighborhoods, families, individuals, elected officials, local government agencies, organizations, churches, and businesses - must become empowered to accept the challenge and responsibility to assume ownership of community safety and well being. *Empowerment* occurs when individuals or groups have a sustained commitment, appropriate information and skills, and the influence necessary to affect policies and shared accountability for outcomes.

We have already alluded to many ways you can help. The next few pages include police programs and services which need and can use volunteers. Other involvement for our citizens includes:

- ✓ Good neighbors protect each other.
- ✓ Show you intend to take back your block.
- ✓ Improve your own home security.
- ✓ Know how to be safe on the streets.