

Office of the Sheriff
Somerset County, Maryland

General Order:

Effective Date:

Revised Date: Not Applicable

Chapter 36
Community Policing

1. Policy

- A. The goal of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Community Policing program is to enhance the quality of community life in Somerset County by establishing an active partnership between residents and its law enforcement partners.
- B. Community Oriented Policing is a philosophy of full-service, personalized policing where officers work in a proactive partnership with citizens to identify and solve problems. The focus of community oriented policing is not simply responding to crime, but on preventing crime and resolving community problems. The philosophy rests on the belief that law enforcement and the community must work together as partners to solve the contemporary challenges faced in today's society.

2. Procedure

- A. Personnel from the Somerset County Sheriff's Office who participate in Community Policing activities will notify the First Sergeant via Form 17 the details of the event.
- B. The First Sergeant will submit an annual report to the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission by December 31st of every year beginning in 2017.

3. Objectives

- A. The objectives of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office Community Policing philosophy are:
 - a) To interact with the citizens of Somerset County
 - b) To interact with business owners and employees of Somerset County
 - c) To identify concerns of the community and businesses
 - d) To implement preventive actions and community activities to address community public safety concerns.

4. Public Awareness

- A. The objectives, problems and accomplishments will be publicized through:
 - a) Media Releases
 - b) Monthly Reports
 - c) Community meetings

5. Community Outreach

- A. To better serve the citizens, the Somerset County Sheriff's Office will partner with the community and participate in activities including but not limited to:
 - a) National Night Out
 - b) Local festivals and events in Somerset County
 - c) Form partnerships with Public School clubs
 - d) Somerset County Sheriff's Office child fingerprint program
 - e) Social Media outreach

6. Chapter Revisions

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