



Kansas City Kansas Police Department

Community Engagement Programs



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C.H.A.M.P.I.O.N. (Children Having Activities and Meeting Police In Our Neighborhoods)

An assortment of sports balls was placed into Community Policing, district cars, and other selected vehicles as an initiative designed to engage kids in the community. The balls are a way for an officer to begin building positive relationships with kids in the neighborhoods by starting a "pick-up" game or simply playing catch. This gives officers the option of positively interacting with kids rather than only having interaction with them on calls for service.

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B.O.S.S. (Being of Sound Standards)

It is recognized that some of the children who are at risk for engaging in negative behaviors do so as a result of negative influences or perceptions in that child's early life. Desiring to make a change, Officer Tony Lee contacted the school administrators for one of the grade schools within his area, and arranged to form a mentoring program with a group of 5th grade students who were regularly receiving negative attention at school. Officer Lee met with these children in the school gymnasium every Monday morning and discussed life skills and hurdles, and offered guidance and positive encouragement. He was able to make these concepts resound with the children by drawing parallels between life events and decisions and relating these topics to sports. After his retirement, Officer Lee passed the program on to the next generation of COPPS officers. The results of this program have led to it hopefully being expanded.

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D.I.V.A.A.S. (Dedicated in Values and Academic Achievement Standards)

The DIVAAS Program is a youth base program geared toward preparing our young women to become future leaders and productive citizens in our community through attitude enhancement and promoting academic standards. Our goal is to build a relationship with the youth that empowers young women from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to become successful in high school and beyond. We apply a hands-on approach in working with the youth to emphasize education and positive lifestyle choices.

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P.O.P. (Police over Pizza) (Turner schools only)

As a means of reaching out to kids who are having difficulty adjusting or who may otherwise not be fully prepared to enter middle school, COPPS Officers began going to Turner Sixth Grade Academy and having lunch with a group of children who are selected by the school administration and discussing current events, as well as life lessons. This program usually occurs on Fridays which is typically pizza day.

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Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader Program

This initiative was designed to engage with children and inspire them to learn. Once a month, COPPS and district officers respond to selected elementary schools throughout the community and read books to the kindergarten, first, and second grade students. The selected reading always supported whatever character trait the school was teaching for that month. These sessions usually lasted about half hour, and they always ended with a question and answer session.

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Delaware Ridge Elementary Outreach

COPPS has established a firm relationship with Delaware Ridge Elementary and will participate frequently with special events, classroom door judging contests, and lunch period interaction with the students.

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P.U.P.S. (Pupils Understanding Police Service)

This pilot program was designed by Community Policing to explain what the role of the police in our community. It targets third to fifth grade children. The presentations are generally scheduled directly before or after lunch so officers can also eat lunch with the students so they see us people instead of just a uniform. It has been well received at Piper Elementary East so far.

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New Chelsea Elementary Outreach

COPPS has established a firm relationship with New Chelsea Elementary and participates frequently with lunch and recess time interaction, parking assistance and school assembly and field day participation.

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S.A.F.E. (Seatbelts Are for Everyone)

The SAFE program is a program that focuses on increasing teen restraint compliance through education, positive rewards, and enforcement. It is designed to bring awareness to the importance of wearing a seatbelt thus reducing the number of motor vehicle-related injuries and fatalities among Kansas teens. The goal of SAFE is to increase seatbelt use among students while providing strong traffic safety messages throughout the school year.

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Project Clean Sweep

Community Policing formed a partnership with the municipal court to encourage individuals on the ability to pay docket to complete community service with the police department on Saturday morning. PCS does trash pick-up, tree trimming, small home projects, and any other project that will beautify the community.

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M.C.S.P. (Metropolitan Community Service Program)

M.C.S.P. is a collaboration with the Metropolitan Crime Commission that provides community service from throughout the metropolitan area that are directed and supervised by a COPPS officer. These workers are frequently utilized for scheduled neighborhood clean-up efforts as well as any manpower project deemed appropriate.

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Harvester's Food Program

COPPS partners with the Harvester's Food Program to disseminate food to families in need at Schlagle High School including the Washington Student population every other week during the school year. We also maintain a food pantry to assist in supplementing meals for children throughout the week.

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Night Out Against Crime

Night Out Against Crime is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

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DEA Drug Take Back Program

A collaboration between KCKPD, KCKCC and the DEA. This program provides an easy, legal way to dispose of expired, unused or questionable medications. This program helps prevent the possibility of accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse.

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Cigarette Sting Partnerships

COPPS routinely partners with Kansas A.B.C. agents to detect, deter and arrest licensed establishments whose employees are illegally selling tobacco products to underage persons.

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COPPS Christmas Program

The 2015 Community Policing toy drive was completed in December. This year's program helped provide gifts to approximately 150 children and provided a meal for all of these children's families. The program also provided several hundred dollars' worth of groceries for several families and furniture for numerous households. This was achieved because of the generosity of community members coupled with the task oriented and focus driven work product of the Community Policing Officers who participated in this endeavor.

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Neighborhood Outreach Efforts

Frequently COPPS will become aware of community members who have specific needs at their homes that they are unable to fix, due to monetary issues or lack of assistance for labor. These individuals will often be unable to receive assistance through traditional means. COPPS will then either locate individuals to donate goods or services to make the repairs, or they will do it themselves. The work performed has included replacing heaters and hot water tanks, faulty plumbing, roof issues, landscaping issues, etc.

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Problem Residence Abatement Issues

There are frequently houses that are abandoned and in disrepair and are being utilized for nefarious purposes. Frequently the problematic houses are brought to the attention of COPPS by our District partners or by community members. While these houses are normally on the list with various NRC Departments for abatement, it is often in the best interests of all involved parties to promptly secure the residences. In these cases, COPPS will utilize donated lumber and secure the residences by ourselves to alleviate the issues.

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Graffiti Abatement

In adhering with the principles of the Broken Window Theory, it is imperative to quickly remove graffiti once it is detected. As with the above listed issues, there are measures in place to repair the graffiti damage, however, the resources are often stretched thin. COPPS has abated graffiti damage to both public and private property approximately a dozen times within the last year.

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Bicycle Rodeos

All of the officers assigned to COPPS are trained and qualified through the International Police Mountain Bike Association. Several times a year, COPPS will partner with various agencies or schools and host bicycle safety rodeos. The purpose of these rodeos is to teach safety and street laws.

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Junior Police Academy

J.P.A. is a school based curriculum taught by PD staff that at Bishop Ward H.S. The classes allow for a foundation upon which police can effectively connect with youth and that can potentially impact attitudes towards public safety employees.

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Distracted Driving Simulator (Pedal Karts) - The Distracted Driving Program gives youth the opportunity to drive a pedal car through a coned course, while wearing various goggles that impair vision. The program shows youth (preferred age over 14), through manipulation their vision, how dangerous it is to drive while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. With this program, we also utilize the goggles to have youth do other activities (shooting a basketball, bean bag toss, Etc.) to show them how drugs and alcohol effect their ability to complete different tasks. This program gives COPPS the opportunity to get into the schools or events to interact with youth through a fun, yet educational, way.

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Summer Job Program – This teen program is designed to be an initial stepping stone toward a career in public service. These juveniles are expected to be a community role model and exemplify the high ethical and moral standards set by the police department while participating in law enforcement observations and supporting sworn and non-sworn members of the KCKPD. This program is limited to High School students in good standing.

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Police Athletic League

The Police Athletic League is housed in the renovated Saint Mary's church at 5th and Ann Ave. The Police Athletic League of Kansas City, KS will serve the Kansas City area by providing a safe, caring and supportive environment. Members of the Kansas City Kansas Police Department and citizens of the Kansas City will work together to facilitate a community free from fear and violence. Learn more at <http://www.palkck.com>.

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