

What do you think are the top city-wide priorities for SPD?

Community Relations

The Sacramento Police Department is committed to improving the public's trust and confidence by moving beyond traditional philosophies of policing. In 2017, the new division of Outreach and Engagement was established with a mission to foster relationships, strengthen trust and build partnerships through a collaborative process that benefits all. In addition to this dedicated division, each Command is responsible for incorporating community policing strategies into their day-to-day efforts and long-term plans to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in the City.

SPD is committed to improving organizational and officer health, creating opportunities to engage with the community, improving relations between the Department and the Community it serves. Our programs include:

Community, Clergy and Cops

The primary goal of the Cops and Clergy program is the development of trust between the Sacramento Police Department, the clergy and the communities they both serve. This trust is developed and nurtured through relationship building and positive actions. The fourth Ministers Academy was held in spring of 2017 and the Department is currently scheduling the fifth academy, expanding it to include many of our partners in addition to the faith-based community.

Volunteers in Policing Services

Our volunteers are an integral part of the Sacramento Police Department. In cooperation with our volunteers, the Sacramento Police Department strives to provide a safe environment for our community. Police Department volunteers have an opportunity to contribute to the community's overall quality of life through their service.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is a group of neighbors who believe fighting crime is every citizen's responsibility. Each person agrees they are responsible for taking care of themselves and removing any obstacles that could hinder their safety and well-being; as well as that of their neighbor. The SPD has a dedicated staff member who can deliver neighborhood watch training to communities and serves as a resource to existing groups.

Youth Services

The Youth Services Unit spearheads various programs related to engaging, developing and providing an inclusive environment for youth. The work of our Youth Services Unit includes education, leadership, community engagement, training, outreach and life skills building – essential components that cultivate positive outcomes for young adults.

Continuing Outreach Programs

Additionally, SPD dedicates staff and department resources to support community outreach programs such as the ones listed here:

- Adopt-a-School
- Bridge Network
- SWAP Food Giveaway
- Cops and Clergy Outings
- Reimagine Mack Road- Bike Build
- Children's Receiving Home- Power Hour
- Sacramento Academic and Vocational Academy
- Community Collaborative Charter School
- Highlands Charter School
- Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps
- Community Outreach and Resident Engagement (CORE)
- Youth Matters Conference
- Community Conversations
- Street Gang Education

Transparency

The Sacramento Police Department continuously strives to be a progressive leader among law enforcement agencies. The Department wants to ensure useful public information is accessible to the public. Access to public records is an important priority for us as we believe that public trust is essential to good community policing strategies and maintaining accountability.

Providing a complete picture about the way we work and the policies that govern our actions is one of the Police Department's most important initiatives. Transparency encourages inclusion, keeps residents better informed about Police Department operations, and encourages them to help us keep their community safe. The Department uses a variety of delivery methods including social media, the department website, and face-to-face contact through regular and special meetings in our communities.

In the past year, SPD has made the following information readily available via our website:

- General Orders,
- Police Reference Manuals,
- Information on the Body Worn Camera Project,
- Information on the California Public Records Act- including links to help request records easily,
- Detailed information about our Crisis Intervention Training,
- Officer Involved Shooting information- including event synopsis, status of the case, photos and digital recordings,
- Information regarding Incidents of Force resulting in serious injury or death,
- Incidents of significant public interest, and

- Vehicle Stop Data History and Information- including a searchable, downloadable database of the information we collect.

For more information, visit the Transparency [webpage](#). The Transparency site is continuing to evolve and grow to include even more information- watch for changes in 2018!