



**Maryland Police Training and Standards
Commission**
Community Policing Program
Annual Report 2017

Section 1

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Demographics:

Number of sworn members: 114 Non-sworn members: 32

Population: 39,000

Square miles serviced by the agency: 7 miles



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The Annapolis Police Department maintains and administers a sound and robust Community Policing Program. The program is a collaboration between the police and the community to reduce crime and improve the overall quality of life. The Department understands that community policing has far-reaching implications and embraces the implementation of a community policing model.

The Department recognizes that a positive relationship between the police and community is vital to a safe Annapolis. Every opportunity is sought to build on the trust and cooperation established between the police department and the citizens served. Community engagement through foot patrols, participation in citizen action groups and police-community forums, use of social media, active presence in schools, and numerous community events.

The Community Services Section is a component of the Operations Division. A lieutenant oversees the day-to-day operations under the leadership of a police captain. The Community Services Section establishes effective working relationships between the police department and the community through specialized units and programs.

Neighborhood Enhancement Team

The NET Team provides full time community policing to the City of Annapolis. NET was deployed in January of 2014 in the Eastport Terrace/Harbor House and Clay Street communities where officers engage in proactive, traditional and non-traditional police work to improve public safety, increase police visibility and maintain positive citizen/police relationships.

The NET Team assists in handling calls for service in designated neighborhoods. The Team promotes and cultivates positive relationships in the community and works to further build community relationships and reduce criminal activity.

Bike Patrol

The Bike Patrol Unit provides a highly visible, proactive community policing presence for the Department. The Unit is deployed in the downtown area and communities that demonstrate a need for additional Officers.

Eastport Working Together

The Eastport Working Together session was established in the Fall of 2017 in response to violent crime in the community. The group continues to meet on a monthly basis and is represented by both members of the larger Eastport community and residents from the HACA community. The group discusses issues facing the community and works to problem solve and create a positive environment for all residents. There are numerous success stories including the youth movement called "Hood 2 Good," a elementary school sewing club and a community-wide dinner sponsored by the Eastport Working Together group.

Neighborhood Watch Program

The Neighborhood Watch Program is a crime prevention program that stresses education and common sense crime fighting strategies. The program teaches citizens how to identify and report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods.

Summer Camp Programs

For more than 20 years the Department has actively recruited and sponsored children to participate in our summer camp programs. The endeavor started with a fish camp and has expanded over the years to include a crime scene investigation, character development, and DARE camps to name a few. More than 400 children are reached annually through this innovative summer programming.

Coffee with a Cop

On March 16, 2015, the Annapolis Police Department kicked off the Coffee with a Cop program which offers the community an opportunity to meet local officers and discuss community issues and build relationships. There have been several Coffee with a Cop held at various locations throughout the City.

Annapolis Police Kids Club

APKC is an organization within the Annapolis Police Department that aims to create positive and meaningful interactions between officers and kids through engagement, accountability and educational opportunities. The club is designed for children ages 9-12 who reside in the City of Annapolis. Officers bring the children to local sporting and cultural events.

National Night Out

Working with our criminal justice partners and community members, the Annapolis Police Department organizes the annual *National Night Out* event. The event is held the first Tuesday of every August and promotes neighborhood safety and helps foster positive police-community relationships.

Auxiliary Unit

The Auxiliary Unit provides citizens with non-sworn volunteer opportunities with the police department. The mission is to assist the agency through volunteer police service with various assignments such as traffic control, parades, and fingerprinting.

Explorer Post 199

Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 years of age, or are 20 years of age but have not yet reached their 21st birthday. Law Enforcement Explorer posts help youth to gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

Citizens Police Academy

The Academy provides City of Annapolis residents, an opportunity to learn about various aspects of police operations. The Department holds two academies a year.

LGBTQ Liaison Program

In 2018 the Annapolis Police Department established a departmental LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer) liaison. The purpose of establishing the liaison is to facilitate law enforcement engagement with the LGBTQ community and reporting of potential hate crimes. The liaison collaborates with various police divisions, including Investigations and Recruiting,

to educate, assist and interact with officers, residents, businesses and organizations about LGBTQ issues. In addition, the liaison focuses on the public safety needs of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and their allied communities. The goal in establishing the position is to gain the trust of the community and seek out information that leads to the closure of hate crime and violent crime within the LGBTQ community.

Hispanic Liaison

The Department employs a civilian employee who serves as the Hispanic Liaison. The purpose is to meet the safety needs of the Latino community and to increase trust and communication.

Other Community Outreach Programs

Citizens have access to a **prescription drop box** in the police department lobby where they can discard expired, unwanted, and unused prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs.

Citizens can register their bicycles through the **PEDAL-Watch Your Bike Program** which ensures bicycle owner information is quickly accessible if the bicycle is stolen and increases the chance of it being returned.

To ensure our citizens are safe the program **Transaction Safe Place** is in place. The program allows the public to utilize the parking lot or lobby as a place to meet and handle online transactions.

Citizens can sign up for a **Residential Security Survey** that includes crime prevention and safety tips to help homeowner reduce opportunities for criminal activity around their home.

The Department maintains a prominent presence in the elementary and middle schools. Through numerous programs including **DARE**, **Character Counts!**, **Joven Nobles**, **Badges for Baseball**, **Adopt a School** program and **homework clubs** where law enforcement is visible and approachable to our younger community members nearly every day.

