

GOAL: The SDPD should work to rebuild trust with the community. Building on its past reputation as a leader in problem oriented policing, the SDPD should re-engineer its approach to working with the community focusing on strategies that use the principles of community policing and procedural justice.

RESPONSE: IMPLEMENTED Public Safety is a shared responsibility between our police officers, professional civilian staff, volunteers and the community whom we so proudly serve. Community policing provides the greatest opportunity for keeping our streets safe. Our community partnerships are essential for designing and implementing crime prevention strategies and problem solving measures. It is the police and the community working together to address crime fighting and quality of life issues that foster the highest levels of public trust and safety. This working relationship helps San Diego keep its reputation as one of the safest large cities in the United States. The Department has added nine additional community relations officers (CRO) and we now have a CRO in every service area. This has doubled our ability to reach out to community groups and attend community meetings. As outlined in our Quarterly Community Policing Report available on the Department's website, the Department attends, on average, over 1,100 community events per quarter.