

SOUTH BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Relationship-Based Policing



WHAT IS IT?

Relationship-based policing focuses on developing a relationship between residents and the officers they interact with to increase connectivity and engagement between people and officers.

Over the past several years, the SBPD has developed new and innovative strategies to help in crime reduction. We have also engaged the community in new and creative ways.

WHY WE DO IT

It is important for residents and police officers to know each other as human beings, not as only law enforcement. South Bend Police Officers wear the badge on our community's behalf to indicate our additional responsibilities to keep the community safe.

A strong relationship between SBPD and residents built on mutual trust, improves our ability to decrease crime, the fear of crime, and makes South Bend a safe and vibrant community for all.

STRATEGIES AND INITIATIVES

- Group Violence Intervention
- Community outreach activities
- Community involvement opportunities
- Community participation programs
- Transparency

(See detailed list on back)



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- Community cook outs & cook ins
- All Neighborhood meetings
- Walking/talking patrols
- School walks/talks/zones
- Reading in schools/Q&A school sessions/CTE program/K-9 demonstrations
- Community led panel discussions (roundtable and action group roundtables)
- Social media
- Police Athletic League
- Citizens' police academy
- Cadet program and internships
- Junior cadet program
- Cops & Goblins
- Roving roll calls (area & shift)
- Board of Public Safety meetings
- Monthly crime report meetings
- Neighborhood watch and alerts
- Shooting Response Team (SRT), Outreach-SAVE team
- Camera registry
- Pizza & Popsicle patrol
- Women's self-defense classes
- Shop with a Cop and red kettle ringing
- Park and play (basketball, catch, soccer, etc...)
- SBPD food pantry/Holiday baskets/"Elf"icers/Santa 'Cause'
- SBPD blood drive-medical foundation
- National Night Out, First Fridays, West-side Wednesdays, Best Week Ever
- ND athletic and social events including traffic and pedestrian safety
- Four Winds Field (numerous events throughout the year)

For the full Relationship Based Strategic Plan visit:

<https://police-southbend.opendata.arcgis.com/> under the Police Initiatives section

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