

**Inkster Public Safety Meeting
Focus Group Notes
October 9, 2014
4:30 pm-7:30 pm**

Discussion Question 1:

How can we enhance community engagement and bridge the gap between police and citizens?

Trends:

- Increase trust
- Build relationships with the community
- Increase community involvement
- Implement Strategies During Non-Stress or Crime Related Situations

Objective: Offer Community Education

Strategies: Police Athletic League
Police Station Open Houses
Attend Block Club Meetings
Encourage and Teach Public Safety

Objective: Require Police Training

Strategies: Integrate Respect for the Individual and Community Competencies Into training (anti-profiling and discrimination and Intercultural communications training)

Objective: Offer Citizen Training

Strategies: Provide citizens (teens, adults and seniors) with opportunities to learn how to identify and report suspicious and/or criminal behavior and methods for communicating effectively with safety personnel

Objective: Engage Youth with Community Safety Efforts

Strategies: Mentoring Programs
Pop with a Cop

Objective: Provide Anonymity When Reporting Crimes

Strategies: Offer Secure Tip Lines
Nixle Reporting

Objective: Enhance Community Policing

Strategies: Bike Patrol, Citizens on Patrol, Foot Patrols

Objective: Increase the Number of Police Officers

Strategies: Secure Grant Funding to Hire Additional Officers
Offer Live in Inkster Incentives for Law Enforcement

Discussion Question 2:

How would you like to receive information from the police and how can we best get information to you?

Trends:

- Provide Transparent, Consistent, Constant Communication
- Increase Two Way Trust Between Safety Personnel and Residents
- Articulate Policing and Safety Priorities and Hot Spots
- Utilize various Methods to Communicate with Community
- Encourage Personal Interactions

Objective: Increase Communication With Community

Strategies: Implement the use of Robo Calls and SMART Phone Messages
Utilize Cable Channel/Local Radio, Email and US Mail, Facebook, Twitter
Citizens on Patrol
Nixle Reporting

Objective: Offer Face-to-Face Communication

Strategies: Coffee with the Chief
Pop with a Cop
Host Public Dialogues at Common Areas: Recreation Centers, Churches,
Senior Citizen Centers, Schools, etc.
Commit to Quarterly Meetings with Business, Community Leaders,
Block Clubs