

18-001: Community Empowerment Program

PURPOSE

The purpose of the directive is to ensure all personnel are actively participating in Central Patrol Division's Community Empowerment Program. This program embraces the guardian mindset by nurturing community collaborative partnerships, and increasing the amount of non-enforcement contacts between deputy sheriffs and citizens within the jurisdiction of Compton Station.

SCOPE

This order shall apply to all personnel working field assignments in the Reporting Districts of Compton Station, including station volunteers.

ORDER

The Community Empowerment Program is a collaborative effort between Compton Station and the citizens of the areas we serve, to reduce crime and improve the quality of life. Individuals who live, work, or otherwise have an interest in our communities, are a valuable resource for identifying public concerns.

It is Compton Station's mission to educate the public on personal safety issues, how to report suspicious activities, and how to properly secure their homes/property. To that end, all field personnel shall make regular attempts to initiate social contacts with citizens and document the contact in the MDC system with the clearance code of 755 (community relations).

FIELD PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Field personnel shall engage in regular, social contact with citizens regarding public safety issues or individual concerns.
- Field personnel shall provide the citizen with a contact card containing safety tips and important phone numbers.
- Field personnel shall utilize the 755 clearance code in both the "obs," self-initiated activities, or regular calls for service.

SERGEANT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Sergeants shall conduct re-current briefings on the Community Empowerment Program.
- Sergeants shall ensure the proper codification has been entered when reviewing the Deputy Daily Worksheets.
- Sergeants shall ensure field personnel maintain a supply of contact cards in their patrol vehicles.

Examples of instances when handing out contact cards are appropriate:

- Speaking to community groups
- Contacting residents who are outside (watering lawn, walking dog, etc.) while on routine patrol
- During contact with business owners
- Contacting patrons of local coffee shops/restaurants
- During neighborhood watch meetings
- Station events where citizens are in attendance

- When taking counter reports
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