

CC4QP

Community Coalition for Quality Policing

The Community Coalition for Quality Policing is a coalition whose purpose is to improve police-community relations, reduce crime, and improve the lives of officers and the people they protect and serve by implementing a new model of policing in Milwaukee.

Why Change our Policing Approach?

In spite of Milwaukee's data driven approach to policing, relations between community members and police is rife with tension and conflict. These relations cost the city millions of dollars, impede law enforcement efforts, and erode public trust. Recent events only underscore the urgency for change.

According to the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, law enforcement culture should embrace a **guardian**—rather than a **warrior**—mindset.

The CC4QP recommends that Milwaukee consider a Problem Oriented Policing approach. Such a shift would increase **trust** between law enforcement agencies and the people they protect and serve – the foundational principle underlying healthy and productive police-community relations. According to the task force report, “Law enforcement cannot build community trust if it is seen as an occupying force coming in from outside to impose control on the community.”¹

What is Problem-Oriented Policing?

Developed at University of Wisconsin-Madison, POP is a proactive policing strategy that involves the identification and analysis of specific crime and disorder problems in order to develop effective response strategies. This strategy is a replacement of traditional, reactive, incident-driven, model of policing.

What are Key Elements of Problem-Oriented Policing?

- Organizational Transformation
- Community Partnership
- Proactive Problem-Solving

What are Keys to Successful Implementation? ²

- Form community partnerships with a wide-range of partners, above and beyond active resident groups
- Increase the department's accessibility to the residents it serves
- Train personnel at every level of the department in best practices in community policing
- Work towards increasing officer buy-in about the benefits of the community policing philosophy
- Prioritize sustained and meaningful commitment by the department's leadership to the community policing philosophy
- Integrate community policing activities into performance evaluation systems
- Continue to support systematic and standardized problem solving approaches

The Results:

Reduction in arrests, incarcerations, and crime; and increase in police morale and community quality of life.³

Coalition Members (as of Oct. 31, 2016):

All Peoples Church

American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin (ACLU)

Bishop Paul Erickson, Greater Milwaukee Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin, Inc.

Felmers O. Chaney Advocacy Board

FORGE Inc.

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation (JCRC)

Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee

League of Martin

League of United Latin American Citizens of Wisconsin (LULAC)

Rt. Rev. Steven Miller, Bishop of Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee

Milwaukee Inner-City Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH)

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Milwaukee Branch (NAACP)

Pastors United

Social Development Commission (SDC)

The Urban League of Milwaukee

Voces de la Frontera

WISDOM

Wisconsin Black Historical Society

Wisconsin Council of Rabbis

YWCA

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