

"Police cannot control crime and maintain order by themselves" (McCamey, 2003). The sheer number ratio of citizens to police officers makes this statement credible. The only way to combat and control crime is through a cooperative effort between the police and the community. While some may say it has been a long time coming, the reality is that over the span of less than 15 years (which is a micro-second historically speaking), the United States has gone from seeing community policing as an obscure approach, to having the President and Congress allocate billions of dollars to support its development.

Community Policing is still a relatively new concept to this generation, while its roots reach far back into the history of man when communities were small, held similar beliefs and understandings and were practicing the concept of community policing, even if they didn't call it that. In our more complex society where there are ethnic differences, religious differences, racial differences and lifestyle differences all within a few blocks of each other (or even in the same apartment building), community policing is much more challenging as conflict is more likely.

The harsh reality is that we must truly 'be our neighbors keeper' as we are faced with contemporary societal challenges while continuing to utilize traditional policing techniques.

*Community Policing: An old tradition with a contemporary twist. Partnering to make Atlanta a safe place to live, work and play.*

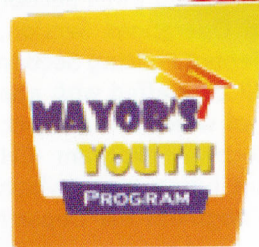
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# City of Atlanta Police Department



Community Services Division

Community Oriented Policing Section  
(COPS)



*The Police are the Public and the Public are the Police.*

*Sir Robert Peel...  
Father of Policing,*





## *APD Community Oriented Policing Section (COPS)*



**George N. Turner**  
*Chief of Police*

### *APD's New Organizational Structure*

The Atlanta Police Department launched the Community Services Division (CSD) in July 2010. The Division has united three Sections: The Airport Section, Special Operations Section, and the new Community Oriented Policing Section (COPS). Eventually, COPS will be staffed with approximately 90 employees, 50 of which are a direct benefit of the Cops Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP), a federal law enforcement hiring grant which provides salary funding to augment the Department's current hiring capacity.

### *COPS Objectives:*

- 1.) The alignment of organizational management, structure, personnel, and information systems to support community partnerships and proactive problem-solving efforts.
- 2.) To develop and implement proactive and preventive law enforcement strategies that directly interface with the Atlanta Police Department's efforts to reduce crime and disorder.
- 3.) To increase the knowledge, understanding and application of the philosophy of Community Policing and its application to current neighborhood governances, and to compare past practices and assumptions of traditional policing to improve law enforcement service delivery.
- 4.) To build collaborative partnerships between police, community stakeholders through organizing and healthy community team building.

As a native Atlantan, I have enjoyed an unwavering love for this great city, and for the men and women of the Atlanta Police Department who collectively make it a safe place for all. We are proud of the hard work that goes into our daily mission, and are equally pleased to have the continued support of the community we serve. As we move into a new era of City government, I am committed to implementing fundamental approaches to crime fighting, and more importantly, to crime prevention.

It is through heightened community involvement in public safety matters that the Atlanta Police Department will most effectively address its three (3) major crime priorities: (1) youth-related crime, (2) domestic violence, and (3) the perception of crime in Atlanta.

Crime prevention is a critical component of every crime fighting plan. Without identifying the root of various problems that plague our communities, we as law enforcement professionals make very little impact on creating a better living environment for the citizens of Atlanta. As your new Chief, it is my goal to make core community policing principles the hallmark of the Atlanta Police Department in every manner of service delivery, thus transforming the very culture of the organization.

### *Community Oriented Policing Section (COPS)*

#### **The Police Athletic League (PAL)**

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*After School Programs / Tutoring  
Organized Sports & Games  
Mentoring Programs  
Conflict Resolution  
Summer Camps*

#### **Community Liaison Unit**

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*Code Compliance Matters  
Environmental Crime Prevention Techniques  
Neighborhood Planning Unit Coordination  
Volunteers in Policing (VIP)  
Identity Theft*

#### **Crime Prevention Unit**

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*Crime Prevention Training  
Neighborhood Watch Training & Development  
Senior Citizen's Activities  
Safety & Awareness Workshops  
Child Identification Programs*

#### **Weed & Seed**

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*Drug Interdiction and Intervention  
Youth Mentoring  
Youth Camps  
Re-entry Monitoring Programs*