

Congratulations, you have made the first step in improving the world around you. I don't know you personally but I know your spirit. That's why you purchased this book. You may be a Police Officer or Civilian, it doesn't matter. You are a difference maker and you will bring people together through your efforts. Thank you for caring.

Because of you our world will be a better place. We all have a part to play in this game that we call life. If we are to coexist we might as well find a way to do it with mutual respect regardless of occupations. There are times when the best way to maintain a relationship is to "agree to disagree". As someone once said "we can disagree without being disagreeable".

As you read "The Guide to Community Policing 3.0" be sure to make your notes after each chapter. There will be different ideas coming to mine. You will start to think about who you would want at the table and why. Stay with the book until the end so that you will be able to incorporate all of the strategies that may apply to your community.

This workbook is designed to assist you with improving the relationship between the Community and the Police. As you will find out while you are on this journey, the Police and the Community have more in common than either side may want to admit.

Be sure to invite everyone that you think may be interested in the conversation. Regardless to how popular you are and how many people you think that you know, you can't possible know everyone. And, if by some small chance you do, good for you. As you invite others simply continue to reach outside of your circle. In other words "Tell a friend, to tell a friend to bring a friend". This is how you grow your circle.

Who do you want at the table? You need the whole family, Police, Faith Based Organizations, School Leaders, Civic Organizations, Fraternities/Sororities, Neighborhood Associations, Community Block Watch Associations and so on.

Be sure to have a start time and a end time for all meetings.

Be sure to respect everyone's opinion, no matter how crazy it sounds to you. Sometimes the more unbelievable the idea, the better chance of it becoming a success. Some people are showing up to watch you succeed while other are showing up to watch you fail, no matter what, keep pressing forward. You have to be on fire. Be a spark plug. Remember Les Brown said "When you are on fire people will show up just to watch you burn, so burn baby burn".

Be sure to get feed back about the location and time of the meetings. Allow others to have input from the very beginning. However, don't allow these issues to stall your progress. Especially your first meeting. Get a location, time and starts your invites. Don't worry about what missteps you may make. Anything worth doing is worth doing wrong until you get it right. That's kind of a joke but whatever the case don't be afraid to make mistakes, they are apart of life. As a matter of fact mistakes are what brought us to the table, so sit back and enjoy the ride. Trust me, its worth it.

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Community Policing Today 3.0

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Congratulations. If you have reached this point you have made some great strides. I know that the road may not have been easy but it sure was fun. Continue to work on this relationship. As you have found relationships like tree may have a lot of dirt, manure and even rain storms this is what's needed for it to grow and flourish.

Now is the time for you o began anew. Go back and look over your notes to see where you could have done something different maybe even remove a few steps from the process

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