



SCHUYLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE GENERAL ORDERS	
DATE: 12/08/2020	GENERAL ORDER #137
SUBJECT: Community Policing	
AUTHORIZATION: SHERIFF WILLIAM E. YESSMAN	

OBJECTIVE: TO INFORM MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHUYLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE NEED TO DEVELOP MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF SCHUYLER AND MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE EFFORT MUST ALSO INCLUDE THE REALIZATION THAT PUBLIC COOPERATION RESULTS IN IMPROVED POLICE EFFECTIVENESS, AND MUST BE BUILT ON AN OPEN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS, WHICH RESULT IN A GREATER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE RESIDENTS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

POLICY: The Schuyler County Sheriff's Office is committed to involving all department personnel, in the community relation's effort. This includes the need for every member and employee to be aware of the mutual interdependence of the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office and the residents of the County of Schuyler.

DETAILS:

I. Responsibility

- A. The Community Relations function is placed under the command of the Undersheriff. It will be his responsibility to maintain liaison with all department members/employees to ensure continuous and coordinated responses for the furtherance of the agency's community relation's effort.
- B. It is the responsibility of all members/employees of the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office to promote good community relations, recognizing that the actions and demeanor of department personnel in dealing with the public have a significant effect on the image of the department and ultimately its overall effectiveness and level of acceptance.
- C. In serving the public, every member/employee shall make his/her contact one which inspires respect, not only for the member/employee as an individual, but one which generates the cooperation and approval of the public.

- D. The Schuyler County Sheriff's Office is committed to correcting actions, practices and attitudes that may contribute to community tensions and grievances.

II. Community Relations Objective

- A. The Schuyler County Sheriff's Office objective is to create and maintain liaison with community groups and organizations. This includes the exchange of information, identifying police service needs of the community, promoting citizen/police contacts, acquainting each other with mutual problems, and encouraging action aimed at solving these problems.
- B. Information obtained at meetings may provide development or modification of agency policies, procedures and programs, and, may serve to educate the citizens about the functions and operations of the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office.

III. Community Relations Programs

- A. Upon request, a member/employee of the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office will meet with or provide a speaker to civic groups, schools, homeowners, neighborhood watch or individuals to exchange information and convey information back to the agency for development of other community relations programs. All such participation must be coordinated through the Undersheriff. The Schuyler County Sheriff's Office is presently active in the following programs:
 - 1. Neighborhood Watch
 - 2. F.A.I.R.
 - 3. DARE
 - 4. Operation Safe Child

IV. Crime Prevention Programs

- A. All members/employees of the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office are to be aware of the department's crime prevention programs, and are encouraged to promote them throughout the County.
- B. It is the agency's intent to provide citizens groups with information on making their families, homes and businesses more secure. Most members of the community are only aware of the traditional methods of crime prevention, that being patrol. Crime prevention programs are designed to promote the positive

side of law enforcement with the responsibility being placed on both the public and the police.

C. The following programs are offered by the Schuyler County Sheriff's Office:

1. Neighborhood Watch
2. Traffic Safety
3. Child Safety
4. Bicycle Safety
5. Personal Safety
6. F.A.I.R.
7. Boating Safety

D. Any member requested to give a talk or participate in a crime prevention seminar or activity, must coordinate that activity through the Undersheriff.