

Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission
Community Policing Program
Annual Report

Section I

Appendix C

Agency: 8075

Region #: 4

Date Report Submitted: 10/24/2023

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Number of sworn members: 8

Non-sworn members: 4

Jurisdictional Demographics: Population: 1020

Square miles serviced by the agency: 1

White: 69.9% Black: 28% Hispanic: 0% Asian: 0%

Native American: 0% Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 0% More than one race: 0%

Section II

Instructions: Provide a detailed description of your agency's Community Policing Initiative by responding to the following **key points**. These key points address the Guiding Principles of Community Policing, as well as the Six Pillars identified in the Task Force on 21st Century Policing Report (see Guidelines for Reporting for explanation). Examples of specific programs, initiatives, and partnerships with community groups should be discussed along with any statistics or other relevant information. See *Appendix D: Examples of Best Practices in Community Policing* for your convenience and consideration.

Key Points:

- How community policing is integrated throughout your agency and how your agency incorporates community policing into its daily operation.
- How top management emphasizes or supports community policing within the agency.
- Training your agency has received in community policing and future plans to provide additional or specialized training to agency members to improve interaction with community members or problem solving efforts.
- How crime problems or community issues are identified and the method of communicating any trends with communities the agency services.
- How your agency partners with all segments of the community to prevent crime and address identified community problems. Segments of the community should include residential and business communities, schools, youth, minority groups, hospitals, senior population, faith based organizations, etc.

- How your agency measures the effectiveness of its community policing program.

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1) How is community policing integrated throughout your agency and how does your agency incorporate community policing into its daily operations?

Response:

The St. Michaels Police Department has integrated community policing throughout our agency by providing opportunities for our officers to engage all sectors of the community.

Some of those opportunities included a monthly forum called, Coffee with a Cop and most recently, Lunch with a Cop. Members of the community get to engage publicly by voicing concerns and hearing different public safety topics being discussed. The Chief of Police attended meetings to discuss public safety with members of public and private organizations operating in the jurisdiction of the Town of St. Michaels.

Another annual opportunity for officers to integrate community policing is through our annual Shop with a Cop program. Families were given a wish list, those lists were given to police officers, and orders were placed online. The big event culminated with a community holiday party held outdoors on town property with a DJ and food. Families were able to engage police officers while celebrating the holidays.

During early spring, officers engaged the community through the town's Chocolate Festival. This past year local youth worked with officers to greet tourists and sell chocolate badges to raise money to fund future community policing events.

A fraud and identity theft prevention workshop was offered to citizens and taught by SMPD officers.

In the summer months when children were out of school, SMYLE (St. Michaels Youth & Law Enforcement) helped fund a summer career enrichment program. Officers talked to kids about the opportunity to learn the different technological career paths available to them. To integrate community policing throughout the agency, SMPD partnered with the local ice cream parlor and readily had ice cream gift cards to give out to children in the community. Children also regularly visited SMPD lobby to meet an officer for a lollipop. That gave officers an opportunity to mentor local youth.

A Juneteenth celebration was attended by command staff.

A large community event was held outdoors with hundreds from the community, including local government officials. The event celebrated the former Chief of Police's retirement.

Officers held a Back-to-School supplies event at the police station and partnered with the local government town commissioner to provide the supplies.

Officers attended a Back-to-School event hosted by PTO at St. Michaels Elementary School.

SMYLE sponsored a CPR class held at the YMCA and officers were there to provide support to the students.

In the fall, officers joined families and local youth at Union United Methodist Church for pumpkin and face painting.

SMPD will provide a safety talk with children on Halloween and provide a Trick-or-Treat bag and glow stick.

2) *How does top management emphasize or support community policing within your agency?*

Response:

Command staff provides opportunities to raise awareness, training, and funds to run community policing programs in the town of St. Michaels. The Chief of Police is personally involved in community policing and acts as a mentor and example to the officers of SMPD.

3) *Describe training your agency has received in community policing and future plans to provide additional or specialized training to agency members to improve interaction with community members or problem solving efforts.*

Response: The Chief of Police (formerly Captain) attended Lunch and Learn with the Department of Juvenile Services to discuss CINS, Children in Need of Supervision. In 2021, officers received in-service credits through Police One, "Community Policing" and "Community Policing Strategies" In 2018, Civilian Administrative Assistant attended Community Policing training Fall 2018

4) *Describe how crime problems or community issues are identified and addressed, and the method of communicating any trends with communities the agency services.*

Response: Coffee with a Cop public forums and online crime blotter. Our agency partners with the local Sheriff to provide substance abuse prevention.

5) *Identify how your agency partners with all segments of the community to prevent crime and address identified community problems. Segments of the community should include residential and business communities, schools, youth, minority groups, hospitals, senior population, faith based organizations, etc.*

Response:

We use social media as a tool to educate the public on issues such as identity theft, elderly abuse, domestic violence, child internet safety, and drug abuse. We partner with "Talbot Goes Purple", a county-wide initiative to bring awareness to the opioid epidemic by sharing a message on Facebook and hanging a banner outside of the station.

SMPD hosted a Fraud & Identity Theft Prevention Workshop at the St. Michaels Public Library.

The Chief of Police and Captain attended the Juneteenth Celebration at Union United Methodist Church with a special guest speaker who gave oral history to over 80 citizens.

SMPD is one of a few agencies in the state of Maryland to adopt a safe station.

SMPD offers a 24/7 drug drop box for the safe disposal of opioids.

SMPD registered bicycles for local residents.

SMPD provided internet safety educational material available in the main lobby.

Officers regularly visited local businesses and as part of their patrol checks, an officer on duty at night left a door tag at businesses with the officer's name and time of visit.

Officers and the Chief of Police attended monthly town hall meetings and spoke about crime prevention.

Officers and the Chief of Police regularly performed welfare checks by visiting our senior residents' homes.

The Chief of Police and officers attended Rotary meetings and answered questions related to community problems and crime prevention.

The Chief of Police served on the Sustainable Communities Board.

SMPD partnered with SCEP, Summer Enrichment Program to program transportation for students attending the Dorchester Career & Tech Center program.

Town-wide retirement celebration of Chief of Police and swearing in of new Chief.

6) How does your agency measure the effectiveness of its community policing program?

Response:

St. Michaels Police Department was recognized by Talbot County Public Schools as the "Community Partners of the Year" 2022.

Former Governor Larry Hogan recognized Public Safety Crossing Guard, Charles Jenkins with a Governor's Citation on 12/19/2022.

Chief of Police awarded Paul Harris Fellow of St. Michaels Rotary for demonstrating a shared purpose with the objectives of the Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

NOTE: Email Agency report and document(s) to: pctc.mandates@maryland.gov



Join us this Friday for Coffee with Cop!

Join meeting by computer or smart phone:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3264261778>

Meeting ID: 326 426 1778... See more

Coffee with a Cop!

Friday, November 4, at 8 a.m.

Join Chief Smith and fellow officers for coffee and discussion of public safety and other citizen concerns.

We will hold this and future meetings virtually using Zoom. So, grab a cup of coffee and join us!



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As always, please follow us on [Facebook](#) and our police page located on the Town of St. Michaels website www.stmichaelsmd.gov

*By Authority of Chief Smith of the
St. Michaels Police Department*

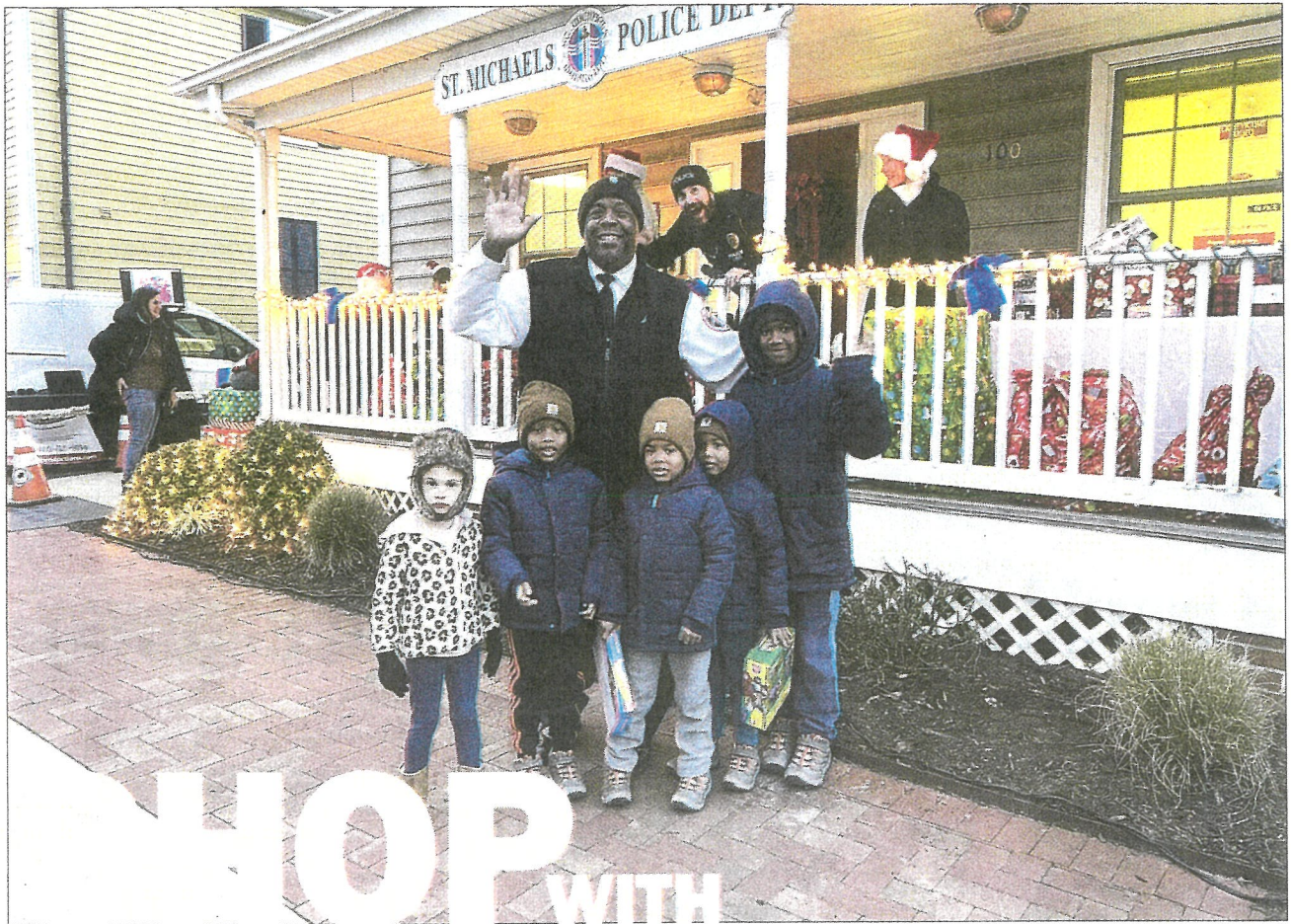


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On Friday, 12/2/2022, the third annual Shop with a Cop event was held outside of the SMPD. We were joined by [Talbot County Sheriff's Office](#), [St. Michaels Fire Department, Inc.](#), [Town of St. Michaels, Maryland](#) Commissioners, David Breimhurst and Joyce Harrod. Thank you to our volunteers, William Blades (Santa Claus), Gina Blades (Mrs. Claus), Martha Benson of Rotary St. Michaels, Rene Nentwig and Mary Ann LaPorte. More than 60 children were served, 49 of whom pre-registered, t... [See more](#)





SHOP WITH A COP

PHOTO COURTESY TIFFANY SWEENEY

St. Michaels Police Chief Anthony Smith visits with local children during the Shop with a Cop event on Dec. 2 at the police station.

St. Michaels Police Department hosts holiday event

ST. MICHAELS — On Friday, Dec. 2, the St. Michaels Police Department was joined by Talbot County Sheriff's Office, St. Michaels Fire Department, Town of St. Michaels Commissioners David Breimhurst and Joyce Harrod, along with Police Chief Anthony Smith, Cpl. Benjamin Taylor, Pfc. Kyle Brittingham and Administrative Assistant Tiffany Sweeney for the third

annual Shop with a Cop holiday event.

It all came about due to the pandemic, said Sweeney. The St. Michaels Police Department came up with a plan in 2020 to offer families the opportunity to complete a wish list, up to \$100.

Those gifts were pre-ordered online and delivered to the station to be

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Children visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the front porch of the St. Michaels Police Department before going on to pick up their gifts.

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PHOTO COURTESY TIFFANY SWEENEY
**Deputies from the Talbot County Sheriff's Office and officer from the St. Michaels Police Department take a turn visit-
ing with Santa and Mrs. Claus.**



PHOTO COURTESY TIFFANY SWEENEY
An elf helps children pick out their gifts.

tos taken with Santa, the
children then proceeded
onto the front porch of
the police station to meet
volunteer elves, Martha

Benson of Rotary St. Mi-
chaels and Rene Nentwig
of St. Michaels.

The elves helped each
child locate the bag with



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Anthony Smith stands next to a table filled with the children.

their name on it. If they showed up without a pre-registration, the elves also helped those children to choose a donated gift from Doc's Sunset Grille of Oxford. Every child received a gift.

Volunteer Mary Ann LaPorte served families food and refreshments courtesy of Graul's Market and The Blue Crab. Everyone was welcome to stay and listen to holiday music presented by DJ Randy, Revive Sound Productions.



PHOTO COURTESY TIFFANY SWEENEY
Mary Anne LaPorte helps serve during the St. Michaels Police Department with a Cop event.



PHOTO COURTESY TIFFANY SWEENEY
St. Michaels Commissioner Joyce Harrod, left, and Commission President David Breimhurst turned out to help with Shop with a Cop. In the background, Police Chief Anthony Smith is waving.



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Chocolate Fest 2023 was another successful community policing event for SMPD. We saw hundreds of visitors, including many 4-legged friends!

Thanks for all of your support this past weekend! We want to thank Amy Dewitt of [St. Michaels Community Center](#) for making chocolate badges. We also want to thank our community volunteer Dawn Monroe, who came out to help with this event alongside her daughter. This couldn't happen without your help!

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FRAUD & IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY
CORPORAL JARNELL FOSTER
& OFFICER CAITLIN SMITH



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11 AM - 1 PM
ST. MICHAELS
PUBLIC LIBRARY**





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On 5/30/2023, Corporal Foster and Officer Caitlin Smith led the Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention workshop at the St. Michaels Library. We saw 22 citizens, many of whom shared their own personal experiences with fraud. It is a subject impacting many and one the St. Michaels Police Department takes very seriously.

For specific questions pertaining to fraud prevention or if you believe you have become a victim of fraud, please do not hesitate to contact the St. Michaels Police... [See more](#)





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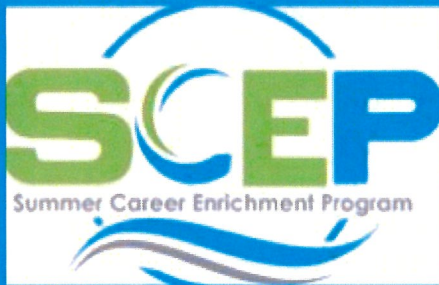
S.M.Y.L.E., St. Michaels Youth & Law Enforcement, is excited to partner with SCEP, the Summer Career Enrichment Program located in the Dorchester Career & Tech Center. It is a 4-week program where middle school students engage in hands-on activities that lead to career paths in cybersecurity, media arts, video production, computer science, and engineering. The newest of programs to be added this summer include aviation, which prepares youth for the FAA pilot examination. ✈

Enrollment begins April 3rd!

For more information and to start the enrollment process, please visit People for Change Coalition.



<https://pfccoalition.org/scep.asp>



Targeting rising
7th, 8th & 9th graders

An exciting program will be
offered to middle school
students this summer.

Animation
App Development
Aviation
Chess
Cyber Security
Drones
Media Arts
Presentation/Video Design
Robotics

The program runs from July 10 - August 3, 2023
Two Sessions Offered: Mon - Thurs from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Session I

7/10- 7/13

7/17 - 7/20

Session II

7/24 - 7/27

7/31 - 8/3

SCEP will engage students in hands-on activities that lead to career paths in: cybersecurity, media arts, video production, computer science, and engineering.

Location

Dorchester Career and Tech Center
2465 MD-16
Cambridge, MD

Register online @



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It's that time of year again when officers bring smiles to local youth with Justine's Ice Cream cards!

[Justine's Ice Cream Parlour OC](#) #CommunityPolicing



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Chief Anthony Smith
410 745 9500

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