

	<b>Newington Police Department</b> <b>General Order</b>		<b>Number</b> <b>54.4</b>
<b>Police Community Council</b>			
Chapter 54 – Community Services			
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1. Policy

It is the policy of the Newington Police Department to reach out to local residents and proactively engage them in working with the department to improve police services.

2. Purpose

The Police Community Council provides an opportunity for community members and the Newington Police Department to meet together in a collaborative process toward implementation of Community Policing. The Council includes members who represent and interact with a cross-section of the community, acting as a joint problem solving group of citizens and police personnel. It provides opportunities to exchange ideas and information to build and maintain a communication link between users and providers of police services.

3. Procedure

A. Mission

1. The mission of the Police Community Council shall be to work together in partnership with the Police Department to enhance the quality of life and provide a safe and secure living and working environment for the citizens who live and/or work within the Town of Newington.
2. In keeping with its mission, the Police Community Council shall be comprised of citizens who live and/or work in the Town of Newington.
3. Police Community Council members shall serve as liaisons between the community and the Newington Police Department to bring matters of community concern to the Police Department and matters of Police Department concern to the community.
4. The Police Community Council shall meet at least quarterly at the police department. The Chief of Police may call other special meetings as required.

B. Members

1. Members of the Police Community Council shall be appointed by the Chief of Police and should be representative of civic, school, and church groups, as well as business and community leaders.
2. Members shall not hold any other public office while a member of the Police Community Council.
3. Term limits and appointment to the Council will be determined by the Chief of Police.
4. The Chief of Police reserves the right to officially remove any member of the Council for lack of attendance, and matters of misconduct or inappropriate

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5. Prior to being appointed to the Police Community Council, all prospective members will be required to submit to a background check.

**C. Police Personnel**

1. The Chief of Police will oversee the Police Community Council. The Chief of Police may designate police personnel to attend and participate in Police Community Council meetings.

By Order of: \_\_\_\_\_

Stephen M. Clark  
Chief of Police

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