

Ruskin Listening Tour Questions and Answers

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1. How can community members participate in the public safety process? How is this different from “snitching”?

Public safety is not the exclusive duty of the police, it has always been a shared responsibility between the community and law enforcement. Public safety requires the cooperation of citizens in order to be effective. Reporting a crime or some other situation that could jeopardize community safety is a civic duty. A citizen would ideally be willing to report suspicious activity or a crime to police along with giving a statement about what was witnessed.

A community member is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 222-STOP (7867) with any information they have about a crime. When calling Crime Stoppers to report a crime or information about a crime or suspect, the caller can remain anonymous and would potentially be eligible for a cash reward. For more information about Crime Stoppers, you can check out their website at miamivalleycrimestoppers.com.

There is another avenue where citizens can help both themselves and their communities and that is practicing crime prevention. Community members need to participate and apply basic crime prevention techniques in their everyday lives, for instance, locking your car and not leaving valuables in plain view. We have additional crime prevention tools on our [website](#).

2. If a community member has a complaint about an officer or interaction, what can they do?

A citizen can ask to speak with a police supervisor if they have a complaint about an interaction with an officer. But if there is a complaint from a citizen during an arrest, this complaint may be handled at a later time so not to escalate the situation.

Or the citizen can also submit a complaint to the Professional Standards Bureau which has the primary responsibility of ensuring that our police officers respond in a professional manner and abide by proper police procedures in all circumstances. All complaints received by the Professional Standards Bureau are reviewed and addressed.

The Professional Standards Bureau can be reached in the following ways:

- [Email the Professional Standards Bureau](#)
- Call (937) 333-1018
- Appear in person at 371 W Second Street, Dayton, Ohio, 45402
- Send U.S. mail to 371 W Second Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402

Most complaints will require some form of personal contact with an investigator from the Professional Standards Bureau. You may be asked to provide a written or tape-recorded statement and to sign a formal complaint. If you are alleging that you received injuries during

your contact with the police, we will need to photograph the injuries and medical reports may be required.

Anonymous complaints are also reviewed for investigation. However, each is considered on a case-by-case basis dependent upon the information provided in the complaint.

3. How/where does DPD share information with the public about events/activities they are doing in the community?

The Dayton Police Department shares information in various ways for upcoming events and activities. There is an events calendar on our website that will list upcoming events and activities that are open to the public. We put information out on our twitter account @DaytonPolice and the City of Dayton's Facebook page Dayton, Ohio – City Government. We also utilize Nextdoor for posting events and for disseminating information on crime and safety alerts.

The Dayton Police Department will also issue Media Advisory's and Press Releases to our media, business, and organization contacts regarding upcoming events.

We also have officers assigned to attend neighborhood association meetings across the city who may also hand out or announce information about event and activities.

4. What opportunities do community members have to interact with officers outside of an emergency or problem AND what activities/programs are specifically planned that allow for law enforcement to interact with youth?

The Dayton Police Department utilizes numerous community policing based programs in order to interact with both adults and children across the city of Dayton. Here are just a few examples from 2015 & 2016 of these programs and events we host or attend, many of which are ongoing (youth based activities are highlighted):

- Coffee With a Cop events – 18 total in 2015 - 11 EPOD, 5 WPOD, 2 CPOD
- Coffee With a Cop events – 6 so far in 2016 – 8 EPOD, 1 WPOD, 3 CPOD
- Pokémon With Police – 2 events at RiverScape in 2016
- Personal Safety Classes Taught – 36 classes, 676 people trained
- Run, Hide, Fight Classes Taught – 32 classes, 794 people trained
- Graduates from the Citizens Police Academy Fall '15 – 17
- Graduates from the Citizens Police Academy Spring '16 – 14
- Fall '16 Citizens Police Academy – Currently in session
- **Police and Youth Together Camp – 57 kids attended in 2015, this program expanded to include a camps in Westwood and in East Dayton in Summer 2016**
- **Bike Safety Rodeo – held twice in 2016**
- **Basketball Games with students from local schools, REC centers and other organizations**
- **Painting with Police - 10 events in 2015**

- **Shoes for the Shoeless – partner with organization that provides new shoes and socks to local children**
- **Awarded grant funding for PSN Grant to try to reduce juvenile crime in the Westwood Neighborhood (\$500,000)**
- Landlord Association Members –96 – this was implemented for information sharing and training purposes
- Police Officer/Citizen Mediation Program – 17 cases in 2015
- ‘What To Do When Stopped By Police’ Presentation & Spaghetti Dinners –6 events in West Patrol Operations Division
- Graffiti Clean-up Sessions are numerous and ongoing
- Police Recruiting Events – 191 events from April-December 2015 with a total of 1400 applicants
- Police Recruiting Events resume in October 2016 and will run through December 2016.

There are actually 80 community based events and activities which are listed in an attached PDF file.

Additionally, the Dayton Human Relations Council (HRC) works with and on behalf of the Dayton City Commission to foster integrative communities that include police and residents working together to reduce crime and improve living conditions throughout the City. The Community Police Council (CPC) was created in 2012 to advise the HRC on policy and systemic issues that challenge community-police relations. CPC is responsible for ensuring that Dayton is unified around its common goal of mutual trust, accountability, fairness and respect for all. The Council, comprised of community and faith-based leaders, law enforcement, and local government serves the Dayton community by ensuring mutual responsibility for public safety and by addressing concerns of all residents. Since its inception, CPC has been committed to:

- Creating opportunities for residents and youth to engage with police and speak-out about safety in their neighborhoods.
- Listening to individuals, social groups and organizations speak frankly about their relations with police.
- Building trust through clear and accurate communication.
- Responding swiftly to events dividing police from individuals, neighborhoods and the community.
- Coordinating activities city-wide to strengthen community-police relations.
- Developing mutual responsibility and accountability throughout the Dayton community for public safety.

5. It is important for the community to know that officers care about the neighborhoods in which they serve, see an officer with a smiling face, and see people as people. What type of training is offered to officers that focuses on human interaction and/or racial reconciliation?

Police recruits are taught a module called ‘Community Diversity’ while in the Dayton Police Academy. Police recruits are also required to complete a community project during their 16 weeks with their Patrol Training Officer. Current officers are required to attend a four hour course on Community-Police Relations.