



**CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS
POLICE DEPARTMENT
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The Neighborhood Cop Program

The Mission of the Neighborhood Cop Program is to build and maintain a sense of safety and a high quality of life through collaboration and communication with the community and the police department.

Purpose: By creating a point of contact with our police department and each specific neighborhood we can build a partnership to solve ongoing issues and enhance the quality of life in each neighborhood as the *people who live* there see fit.

The essence of the Neighborhood Cop Program is a community policing program in which an officer will be assigned to each Geo District of Manitou Springs. The officer assigned to each neighborhood will be responsible for contacting the community members and stakeholders in that neighborhood and improving the quality of life within that community. The importance of this program is to enhance community relations between the citizens that live there, work there, and visit there as well as the officers that work in this community. By assigning one officer per neighborhood it gives the members one point of contact to assist with their on-going issues and quality-of-life.

Each officer and neighborhood has the ability to run the program in their community as they see fit based off of the needs, wants, and desires of their community members. Officers and neighbors can meet as often as needed in whatever environment works for the community. The possibilities and ideas that come from those meetings will spur those movements within that neighborhood. The community can convey to the officer what their needs and desires are for their community and how the officer can support them.

Keep in mind those normal calls for service need to go to the officer that is on duty. However, ongoing issues such as speeders in the area or people vandalizing things on a regular basis, drug issues or ongoing issues of some sort, should be brought to your neighborhood police officer. Your officer is there to help solve those crimes and come up with solutions as to how to better the quality of life in that neighborhood. This is a team effort with each neighborhood and their respective police officer to make the community the best place to live!