

AUBURN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Purpose

The purpose of the Auburn Police Advisory Committee is to give the community an opportunity to act in an advisory role in order to provide recommendations to the Auburn Police Department concerning community policing issues. This group will represent the people of Auburn and will be an active partner with the Auburn Police Department in the development of policies and strategies for the implementation of stronger, effective and equitable community policing.

The purpose of the committee is advisory only. The committee will meet monthly to review proposed police department policies and provide recommendations to the Chief of Police and more frequently if necessary at the request of the Chief.

In the Chief's absence, a designee from the command staff will lead the meetings.

B. Scope of Work

The Committee shall:

- Assist in setting department priorities for community policing through review of community policing materials, assessment of the effectiveness of strategies and recommendations for improvement.
- Serve as a communication link back to groups and agencies and bring feedback to APD.
- Review and make recommendations on the decision-making process.
- Assist in prioritizing police programs for implementation.
- Assist in educating the public about community policing, its current progress and its potential.
- Serve as an active committee member and provide advocacy in the community for the work of the committee and community relations between the Auburn Police Department and Auburn residents. Participate in public meetings.
- Committee members will not be provided access to investigative materials, internal affairs investigations, or personnel files. The committee may review police operations, significant criminal investigations and internal affairs investigations after they are completed and consistent with Washington state law to provide comment and advice to the Chief of Police.

The Police Advisory Committee is only one component of the department's overall community involvement efforts. Input and recommendations will be considered before implementation of policies and strategies related to community policing.

C. Committee Membership

Once constituted, committee members will be asked to serve for a minimum of two years. Nothing prohibits a committee member in good standing from serving beyond two years.

The Police Department will identify areas of interest that should be represented and will ask various groups within those interested areas and select a representative.

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The Chief will have the option of supplementing this membership, as needed. The Chief of Police will be an ex-officio member.

The committee will, to the extent reasonably possible, consist of:

1. A representative of the Auburn School District.
2. A representative of the young people of Auburn. (15 yrs. +)
3. A representative of the senior people. (55 yrs. +)
4. A representative of the business community in Auburn.
5. A representative for various communities of color based on census data. To include, but not limited to:
 - White/Caucasian
 - Black or African American
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Asian American
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 - Hispanic or Latino
6. A representative for the various churches/faith-based groups in the community.
7. A representative from each of the 6 patrol areas.
8. A representative from the LGBTQIA+ community.
9. A representative from Valley Regional Fire Authority.
10. A former or retired member of law enforcement.
11. A community representative for those with disabilities.

D. Mission Statement

The Police Advisory Committee brings together the community and police personnel to exchange ideas and information on police services and provides input on the implementation of community policing.

E. Vision Statement

As a result of fulfilling the committee's mission, it is envisioned that the committee's actions will produce:

- A safer, equitable and more peaceful community.
- Improved crime prevention and law enforcement services.
- Improved relationships between the community and police.
- Improved communication between the community and police.
- More transparency from the Police Department.
- Strong community trust in the Police Department.

F. Role of Advisory Group

1. To advise the Police on policy issues brought before the committee.
2. To make recommendations to the Chief of Police to support the successful implementation of community policing.
3. To serve as the community's voice to the Chief of Police as it relates to policing issues.
4. To serve as a public review and involved body for the Auburn Police Department on issues related to community policing and public relations.
5. To cultivate trust in the Auburn Police Department and build a better police/community relationship.

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G. Role of Individual Members

1. To represent a stakeholder group in providing input that reflects the concerns, visions, and ideas of each group.
2. To report back to stakeholder groups with information on committee activities and gather input from groups to share with the committee.
3. To suggest issues to be brought before the committee.
4. To be an active advocate for community policing.

H. Role of Police Chief

1. To suggest issues to be brought before the committee.
2. To lead meetings.
3. To provide resources to carry out tasks for the committee.
4. To be the Department's chief spokesperson for community policing.
5. To listen to issues raised, share them with appropriate staff and report back to the committee with progress made on recommendations.

I. Non-Related Issues

1. The committee will not involve itself in any political activity.
2. The committee will not involve itself in issues of complaints of officers or officer discipline. (General police and procedural issues may be discussed.)

J. Membership Criteria

To be accepted as a nominee, and maintained as a member, all members of the committee must meet the following criteria:

1. Shall reside within Auburn city limits, this requirement may be waived for the representative of the Auburn business community and the Auburn School District.
2. Will be fingerprinted and a criminal history/background check conducted. No one may serve on the committee who has been adjudicated for any felony crime, any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or any violation, civil or criminal, involving the use of alcohol or any controlled substance within the last 2 years. Criminal history will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
3. Is expected to attend at least 60% of all committee meetings.
4. Is expected to attend one Auburn Police Department training (For example, Training Day 1 or 2, a defensive tactics training, SWAT, CDU each year, etc.)

If a member cannot fulfill their commitment, they will be replaced by another member from the community they represent.

The final decision on committee nominees will be made by the Auburn Chief of Police.

K. Implementation Plan

The Auburn Police Advisory Committee will be a policy advisory group to provide recommendations the Auburn Police Chief in regards to policy directives to consider for implementation for the Department's community policing efforts.

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The objective of this group's work is to assist in prioritizing programs, to serve as a communication line for the Auburn Police Chief and the Auburn community, and to maintain a connection with the concerns and interests that the committee members represent. The Auburn Police Chief or their designees will provide final approval of meeting schedules, agendas, committee participants, etc., may be subject to change at the discretion of the Auburn Police Chief.