

MEDIA FACT SHEET:

Community Policing Portal Workgroup

Community policing is critical for promoting public trust and safety. However, there are limited tools available for monitoring use of community policing. Availability of such a tool could support law enforcement agencies with internal monitoring as well as support broader understanding of how community policing relates to outcomes related to public safety. Serve & Connect, with funding from Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation, is committed to providing police officers with the tools they need to demonstrate the positive impact they have while serving their communities.

What is being created?

A technology-based tool that enables simple, ongoing monitoring of community policing.

What are the primary uses?

1. Internal monitoring within agencies to track use of community policing and integrate into ongoing crime reduction and safety promotion efforts.
2. External reporting for transparency and trust-building.
3. Support ongoing research and evaluation related to community policing including understanding the connection between community policing and safety-related outcomes as well as identifying best practices for community policing in diverse communities.

What is community policing?

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systemic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder and fear of crime.

What is the approach for developing this technology?

Serve & Connect will launch a workgroup of law enforcement and community leaders to develop the initial structure of the community policing monitoring tool. The workgroup will be responsible for providing expertise and guidance to ensure usability, optimal adoption and create value for officers and departments.

What is the strategy behind this approach?

- Workgroup will include approximately 10-12 police and community leaders
- Leaders will focus on statewide representation
- Integration of national experts will take place as needed
- Initial structuring will take place across a 6-month development period
- The goal is to end the planning phase with an initial infrastructure that can be pilot tested



- The workgroup will meet in person at least three times for 3-hour brainstorming and planning sessions. There may be additional input needed in between sessions (e.g., review of RFPs, feedback on content structure)
- The workgroup will be responsible for expertise and guidance. Serve & Connect will be responsible for following through on activities and facilitation of the workgroup.
- The Chair will be responsible for supporting group decision-making based on Robert's rules of order and facilitating meeting with support of Serve & Connect. Chair will also assist with clarifying any challenges or needs and be the representative for the group as opportunities arise.

How long will this take?

Initial structuring will take place across a 6-month development period.

Who is making this work possible?

Initial funding is being provided by Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation.

Who will be the members of the workgroup?

Police Representatives

- Chief Skip Holbrook (*Chair*), Columbia Police Department
- Chief Terrence Green, Lexington Police Department
- Sheriff Max Dorsey, Chester County Sheriff's Office
- Chief Amy Prock, Myrtle Beach Police Department
- Chief Charles Austin, Orangeburg Department of Public Safety
- Chief Tony Taylor, Williamston Police Department

Community Representatives

- Mr. Seth Stoughton, Professor, University of South Carolina School of Law
- Ms. Angela McDuffie, CEO, Midlands Fatherhood Coalition
- Mr. James Gates, Chapter President, Lexington County NAACP
- Mr. Jerry Blassingame, Founder and CEO, Soteria CDC
- Pastor Thomas Bell, Cathedral of Praise Ministries
- Ms. Felicia Dauway, Department of Juvenile Justice

Questions about this project?

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