

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Instrumental in the development of the SPD's Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). CIT trained officers receive 40 hours of training in ways to address persons who are suffering from mental health issues and involved in police incidents.
- Contributed to the development of SPD's 'less lethal' weapons policy.
- Effective conduit for communication during times of crisis. When a crisis occurs within the African American community, SPD contacts Advisory Council members and other community leaders who then reach out to the community at large and quickly disseminate vital and accurate information to dispel rumors.
- Active in community led projects that support public safety efforts.

GET INVOLVED

For more information about meeting times, Council Board Members, and upcoming events, please visit:

African American Advisory Council Website:
seattle.gov/police/programs/advisory/africanamerican/

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AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

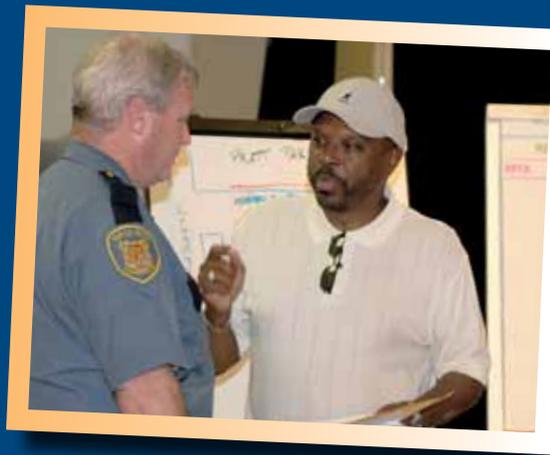


SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

OUR GOALS

- Advise the Seattle Police Department about the crime prevention, public safety, and law enforcement concerns of the African American community through open and respectful dialogue.
- Promote and encourage cultural competency training for officers while expanding the community's understanding of the practices and policies of the police department.
- Support and encourage African American youth and the Seattle Police Department to develop a healthy and successful relationship.
- Promote and encourage community participation in the Advisory Council, events and workshops that promote public safety.
- Foster goodwill and trust between the African American community and the Seattle Police Department.
- Encourage police recruitment in the African American community.

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL



The African American Community Advisory Council to the Seattle Police Department was created in mid 1996, and is one of ten councils that work collaboratively with the police. The demographic advisory councils were born out of a need to hear directly from communities that often feel disenfranchised, alienated, or as though they do not have the same access as the majority population does to the police department.

SPD's demographic advisory councils provide an effective way to build bridges between minority communities and the police department, which results in increased awareness, improved understanding, and open dialogue regarding challenging issues such as perceptions of racial profiling. Advisory councils also present a good way

to gain knowledge and understanding of SPD and policing in general.

The African American Community Advisory Council meets monthly and is assigned an SPD Director who represents the Chief of Police, one Officer Liaison, and a Support Staffer.

Every effort is made to assign personnel who either self-identify with the community or have experience working within the community.

In addition to the African American Advisory Council, the Seattle Police Department also supports the following councils:

East African, Filipino, Latino, Muslim, Sikh & Arab, Korean, LGBTQ, Native American, Southeast Asian, and Youth outreach.