

OUR GOALS

- Increase East African community members' participation in the Advisory Council and maintain an active Council that promotes building ongoing reciprocal communication between the East African communities and the Seattle Police Department.
- Establish a forum to address and manage concerns regarding changes the Seattle Department may be seeking to implement.
- Promote and encourage cultural competency training for officers while expanding the communities understanding of the practices and policies of the Police Department.
- Engage, strengthen, and mentor One Voice youth and strengthen communication efforts between East African parents and the Seattle Police Department.
- Develop strategies for making police services responsive to the needs of the members of the East African communities.
- Encourage police recruitment in the East African community.
- Outreach to new arriving immigrants and refugees from East Africa.

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EAST AFRICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL



ABOUT US

The East African Advisory Council, one of the first demographic advisory councils, was created in the mid-90s. It is one of ten councils that work collaboratively with the Seattle Police Department.

The Council structure brings the diverse population of the East African communities together to meet with the Police Department on a regular basis for the purpose of increasing communication between the East African communities and the Department. Having a variety of viewpoints represented within the group helps the Department gain a thorough understanding of the issues the East African communities are faced with.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Co-organized and invited African immigrants and refugees to attend the South East Seattle Youth Forum.
- Organized an African Oneness meeting that focused on bringing all African groups together to begin planning for an African Center for Youth with the African- American commissioner and The Urban League.
- Participated in the Eritrean Women's Association's parenting workshop. Topics discussed included rights and responsibilities as Americans, American laws and the legal system, and cultural norms that guide interpersonal interactions in the U.S.
- Organized the One Voice Somali Youth Group that addresses the challenges faced by Somali youth growing up in the US and also includes classes on parenting skills and other educational and extracurricular programs for youth.

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