

OBJECTIVES

Within the Framework of the Rule of Law, and through a collective, mutually responsible and binding effort, to enhance the understanding of the diverse Latino community among the authorities, commanders, officials, and employees of the Seattle Police Department, as well as to generate an awareness in the Latino community of the responsibilities, functions and policies of the Department, ensuring that the enforcement of the law is just, fair, informed, and with complete observation of the fundamental rights and liberties of a human being.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- **ADVISE** - the Seattle Police Department on public safety issues that affect the Latino community.
- **DIALOGUE**- Promote open and respectful dialogue that builds trust between the Latino community and the SPD.
- **EDUCATION** - Promote and encourage officer training with regards to cultural competency. While expanding the community's understanding of the role of police.
- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** - Promote and encourage community participation in the Advisory Council, events and workshops that promote public safety.

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT LATINO ADVISORY COUNCIL

Strengthening communication and cooperation between the Latino Community and the Seattle Police Department by building lasting relationships through open dialogue to ensure positive partnerships on community and public safety issues.

The Latino Advisory Council to the Seattle Police Department was created in 2003, becoming one of ten such councils that work collaboratively with the police.

The demographic advisory councils were born out 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 has ten demographic advisory councils. These diverse 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 including perceptions of racial profiling. Advisory Councils



are also a good way to gain knowledge and understanding of SPD and policing in general.

The Latino Advisory Council meets monthly and is assigned a Deputy Chief who represents the Chief of Police, one Officer

Liaison, and Support Staff. Every effort is made to assign personnel who either self-identify with the particular community or have experience working within the community

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

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

*"Building Understanding
Through Communication"*



GET INVOLVED

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

Latino Council Website:

www.seattle.gov/police/programs/advisory/latino/

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