

OUR OBJECTIVES

- Educate the community about American law enforcement practices, crime prevention and public safety.
- Enlighten the community and law enforcement agencies about racial and religious diversity and dispel stereotypes.
- Create and strengthen programs and communication efforts that build trust between SPD and the community.
- Increase participation of individuals from the community to work with SPD on public safety issues.
- Provide an open forum for community members and organizations to network.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our Advisory Council includes a wide variety of community members representing many different religions and cultures:

- Instrumental in promoting MSA community awareness of SPD's continued commitment to unbiased racial and religious policing.
- Participated in Arab Festival for community outreach and to promote recruiting efforts for MSA Council membership and SPD employment.
- Initiated meetings with local FBI and Washington State Patrol presenting community concerns regarding press releases of sensitive photographs.
- Facilitated meetings with Port of Seattle regarding community concerns about their sponsoring of public training opportunities that target specific ethnic or religious groups.
- Introduced Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepared (SNAP) program for emergency preparedness.

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MUSLIM, SIKH & ARAB ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Muslim, Sikh, and Arab Advisory Council provides an open forum for communication, education, and relationship building to promote an understanding of cultural, religious, civil rights, law enforcement and public safety issues.



The Muslim, Sikh and Arab Advisory Council to the Seattle Police Department was created in 2002, becoming one of ten such councils that work collaboratively with the police.

The community advisory councils were born out of a need to hear directly from demographic communities that often felt disenfranchised, alienated, or uncomfortable approaching the police.

The council structure brings the diverse population of the community together to meet with the Police Department on a regular basis for the purpose of increasing communications between the community and the department. Having a variety of viewpoints represented within the group helps the department gain a thorough understanding of the issues they are faced with. The council is assigned Liaison Officers, a staff person, and an Assistant Chief that represents the Chief of Police.

In addition to Muslims, Arabs and Sikhs, the Advisory Council welcomes any community member that shares similar goals with the Council.

In addition to the Muslim, Sikh and Arab Advisory Council the Seattle Police Department also supports the following councils:

African American, East African, Southeast Asian, Korean, Filipino, Native American, Latino, LGBTQ, and Youth.

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

Muslim, Sikh and Arab Advisory Council Website:
www.seattle.gov/police/programs/advisory/msa/

