Community Connections

Blaine Police Department

Brian Podany
Safety Services Manager/Police Chief

History and New Direction:

▶ Crime Prevention/Community Outreach History

▶ RIF

▶ Redesign

▶ Input Solicitation

▶ Mission Statement/Core Values Integration

  ▶ "As proud members of our community, we, the members of the Blaine Police Department, strive to enhance the quality of life in Blaine by serving with integrity, respect, and professionalism".

  ▶ Community concept/foundation

Core Group:

- ▶ Michelle Wolfe, City Manager

- ▶ Ben Hayle, Communications Manager

- ▶ Brian Podany, Safety Services Manager/Police Chief

- ▶ Dan Szykulski, Deputy Chief

- ▶ Mark Boerboom, Administrative Services Captain

- ▶ Ted Berg, Administrative Services Sergeant

- ▶ Cara Rand, Executive Assistant

Other Key Contributing Personnel:

- Mayor & City Councilmembers
- Erik Thorvig, Planning & Comm. Development Director
- Bob Fiske, Community Standards Director
- Cathy Sorenson, City Clerk
- Cassandra Tabor, Human Resources Director
- Sheri Chesness, Human Resources Deputy Director
- Paul Estby, Detective
- Zach Johnson, Detective
- Various Members of SBMFD

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Groups to Gather Input From:

▶ Communities – Senior, Minority, Faith

▶ Schools/Educators

▶ Civic Groups – Rotary, Blaine Business Council, etc.

▶ Associations – Athletic, Rotary, Home Owners/ Landlords

▶ Internal City and PD Staff

▶ Licensees

▶ Other LE Agencies/Related Service Providers

▶ 21st Century Policing Recommendations

▶ MN AG Deadly Force Encounters Working Group Recommendations

Ways to Gather Information:

▶ Surveys – Polco

▶ City Council Workshop(s)

▶ Online Town Halls

▶ Facebook Live Sessions

▶ Newsletters

▶ Internal Listening Sessions/Small Groups

Types of Information to be Gathered to Include:

▶ Current Impressions of Blaine PD

▶ What is important/unique to that community member

▶ What desire to see from Blaine PD

▶ What is unique to Blaine that will be important to include in new community engagement efforts

▶ Desired qualities/skillsets/staff

▶ Desired tools/equipment

▶ Targeted programming desired

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Questions?