



**Evanston Community Meeting with Cincinnati Police Department: District 2**

**October 18, 2021**

**Evanston Community Rec Center**

# QUESTIONS



1. What does \*D2 see as the primary issues in the Evanston community?
2. What is D2s current and future actions to reduce crime in Evanston, specifically with youth violence?
3. When will D2 be fully staffed? How many new officers and when?
4. What is D2 currently & in future doing about loitering?
5. What about Pedestrian safety – what is being done? Ex: Walkable students (Walnut Hills HS)?
6. What processes &/or methods are in place to reciprocate the flow of information with citizens and communities by D2 / CPD?
7. How do you / are you going to effectively provide adequate information around issues affecting Evanston & residences?
8. How does D2 align officer performance measures with its community policing efforts and expectations?
9. How many hours of community service are the officers to do each year in their direct community they are serving? Are your officers participating in local projects? If so, which ones?
10. How will D2 hold themselves accountable to the information and actions that come from this meeting?

# Asks



## 1. **Patrolling: car, bike & foot**

- Establish consistent patrolling (around the clock)
- Significantly increase patrol
- Hot Spot times: 2P-5P
- Assign duty post to Marathon & other hot spots – How soon can this be done?

## 2. **Eliminate / Significantly Reduce Loitering**

- Hot Spots: Montgomery & Clarion Ave and Blair Ave & Woodburn
- Solutions: Ticketing, Patrolling, duty assignments, etc.

## 3. **Communication & Transparency**

- Establish a method to inform council President & community of risk level (without compromising investigations)
- Captain attend qtrly. meetings and show presence in the community
- Regular meetings with community members & leadership for accountability

## 4. **Consistent Engagement:** Engage the community as soon as possible & as much as possible

- Officers to know the community, about the community, meet with residents

# Recommended Solutions



## 1. Problem solving & Prevention

- Consistent round tables with community leaders and residents
- Implement methodologies to solicit, evaluate and act upon feedback from citizens and communities to better measure effectiveness of services, and community perception, such as Citizen /Community Surveys
- Tasks forces – to be defined
- Safety watch in partnership with D2

## 2. Community Engagement & Education

- Through education, community members become knowledgeable about crime-prevention techniques, police efforts, and become better able to act as a partner in crime prevention and reduction efforts
- Encourage officers to participate with communities involving initiatives that promote partnerships and shared responsibilities.
- Tie performance measures to community engagement
- Hosting events thru out year
- Captain attend community meetings quarterly
- Community Walks: Once a month captain takes staff to the streets and go door to door to meet with residents.

# Recommended Solutions



3. **Create Citizen Advisory Board:** to advise and assist with implementing effective strategies to reduce crime and disorder, change perceptions and facilitate positive engagement.
4. **Targeted Partnerships / Programs – *to be defined by these groups***
  - With Community
  - With Non-Profits
  - With Local Businesses
5. **Evanston Community / CPD (D2) Police App**
  - Does one exist?
  - What are the methods and tools currently available for communication and information specifically for Evanston?

# How to Begin



## 1. Create a shared Evanston vision

- We cannot expect a transformation from an untrusting community, so it is the responsibility of D2 to create shared understanding. Officers must try to incorporate opposite points of view to their experience in order to create mutual understanding, which will lead to a higher probability of conflict resolution and trust.
- D2 must be acutely aware of common themes and issues that stand in the way of getting on the same page. These include, but are not limited to lack of care and concern (not valuing the lives in Evanston), excessive use of force, over-policing, and lack of transparency.

## 2. Create a shift in power between CPD & Evanston community leaders

- D2 should ultimately be a strong partner, advocate & at times a supplement to the communities' efforts. It should act as a partner for Evanston, empowering members of the community to become guardians over their community in becoming co-producers of preventing, reporting and solving criminal activity.
- Start roundtables immediately
- Consistent meetings with strategic discussions that have tangible action, due dates and accountability partners

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## 3. Create Evanston Ambassadors & an Advisory Board

- Once community members realize CPD / D2 is being transparent, open about practices and inviting them in, they are more likely to trust.
  - Ex: *Experimental Workshops*: An experimental workshop allows community members to assume those roles of executives who set the vision, of commanders who set the direction, of first-line supervisors who develop the strategies, and of the rank and file who work toward achieving expectations.
    - Ex: X # of day transparency workshops that provide community members with an inside understanding of the department's processes, services and operation.
- Ex: *Traditional Programs*: A longer, more detailed exploration of the department, its practices and procedures, culminating in a comprehensive understanding of day-to-day operations. If facilitated by personnel seeking mutual understanding, these programs allow for honest commentary, feedback, and discussion from participants. They provide opportunities for a shift from sometimes-entrenched positions toward a perspective of mutual understanding.

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- 4. Create a change in perspective:** D2 and the community must work toward a change in perspective.
- Citizens must be given the power to create an actionable difference in their community, with the goal of learning that D2 is a partner and at times a support link for their efforts toward actionable difference.
  - The most important factor in creating positive law enforcement and community relations is that officers, command staff and executive leaders must realize that they are no longer solely enforcers of the law, but active participants in a community-wide effort to improve the quality of life.
  - And so, as the power shifts from “us” and “them” to “we,” the burdens become much lighter. This shift will assist in crime reduction, improved community wellness and a more positive public perception of CPD / D2.



THANK YOU!