Examples: Community Policing Initiatives

Listed below are only a few examples of effective initiatives or programs that are considered to be among best practices utilized by law enforcement agencies and communities. Agencies may practice similar programs and strategies to those listed that meet the needs of their communities.

Agency:
- Orientation to customer service at all levels.
- Encourage officers to participate with communities involving initiatives that promote partnerships and shared responsibilities.
- Beyond enforcement, officers have the power to change a situation or correct a problem by developing a plan with citizen/community support and/or assistance and resources to solve the situation or problem.
- Reward officers for proactive efforts in problem solving and customer service efforts within the communities, and not totally reliant on traditional policing statistics.
- 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
- Processes are in place to reciprocate the flow of information with citizens and communities by the agency.

Community Outreach / Community Affairs / Crime Prevention Units
- Emphasis on training of personnel for Community Policing, Crime Prevention, and other initiatives
- Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT), may be in partnership with Dept. of Health
- De-escalation Training for officers
- Narcan Deployment by Officers (Naloxone)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder training for officers
- Body Worn Cameras program
- Social Media Communications (use and monitoring)
- Community Meet & Greet Events (Community walks, Festivals, Fairs, etc.)
- Promote, recognize, and celebrate community volunteerism by agency members

Programs/Services:
- Prevention Education Programs, such as:
  - Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) – Prevention Education
  - Not My Child – Multi agency collaborative community discussion/presentation
  - Gang Resistance Education And Training (GREAT)
  - Drug Take Back initiatives
  - Speak up, Save a Life
  - Red Ribbon Week

- Youth Programs, such as:
  - Stranger Danger
  - Bicycle Safety
  - Youth Police Academy
  - Police Athletic League (PAL)
  - Police Explorers
  - Child / Youth Advocacy Center
  - Bigs in Blue (Big Brothers/Sisters of America and Police)
  - McGruff prevention programs
  - Camp Cops / Youth Summer Camps
Cont. Examples: Community Policing Initiatives

Badges for Baseball
Coaching Youth Teams / Sports Clinics / Wake-up Basketball (before school programs)
Homework Club / S.A.D.D. (after school programs)

School Programs, such as:
School Resource Officer (SRO)
Adopt a School
Student Mentoring
Lunch Bunch (mentoring)
Safe Walk Home
Every 15 Minutes

Senior Programs, such as:
Traid / SALT
Senior Expo
Senior Center Presentations / AAPR / Dept. of Aging
Senior Liaison

Community Crime Prevention Programs, such as:
National Night Out
Open House
Town Hall Meetings (Communication and Education)
Citizens on Patrol / Community Assistance Patrol program
Neighborhood Watch / Block Watch
Police-Community Relations Council
See Something, Say Something
Residential Security Surveys
Ride a Long program
Patrol Checks
Bike Patrols
Offer Up / Transaction Safe Place (safe place for meeting over internet transactions)

Community Services Initiatives, such as:
Citizen Police Academy
Victim Services
Multi-Cultural Liaison
Shop with a Cop
Coffee with a Cop
Holiday Food Drive
Toys for Tots / Holiday Toy Drive
Block Parties
Domestic Violence Liaison
Community Alert System (CAS) / Next Door
Beacon of Safety (blinking light to summon assistance from police/fire/EMS)
Safe Streets
Homeless population; such as 911 Flagging
Cont. Examples: Community Policing Initiatives

Citizens with Special Needs, such as:
- Special Olympics / Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Project Life Saver

Business Initiatives, such as:
- Commercial Surveys / Security Assessments
- Holiday Shopping Details
- Commercial/Personal Security Training for owners and employees
- Active Shooter Training
- Patrol Checks
- Business Watch

Faith Based Initiatives, such as:
- Active Shooter Training (CRASE)
- Security Assessments
- Partnership in Town Hall Meetings / Police-Community Meetings / Community Walks