



The new police system includes ways for the community to get involved community policing in their local area. This is a great way for the community and the police to get to know each other and discuss concerns that they might have about policing and safety in the area.

There are two official ways to get involved in community policing in your area:

- County Policing Authorities
- Community Policing Committees or Forums

Of course the police and community can still work together in other ways to make your community a safer place.

Community policing is about the police working with the community to:

- Create a partnership with the community
- Work together to make the area safer and resolve police problems
- Improve police services
- Improve accountability in local police matters
- Improve communication between the community and the police

County Policing Authorities

The County Policing Authorities are a key part of implementing community policing in each County.

What do these Authorities do?

- Develop County police performance targets and monitor progress and achievement of these targets.
- Encourage community policing projects in the County.
- Set out policies and guidelines regarding how community policing should be carried out in the County. Carry out training on community policing.
- Provide a way for the public to engage with the Police at the County level, and in policing policy.
- Work to make the police accountable to the County – including working to guarantee the police abide by national policing standards.
- Monitor trends and patterns of crime in the County including those that have a specific impact on women and children.
- Oversee the County police budget.
- Provide a report every 3 months on progress made and obstacles to progress. This report is given to the Inspector-General of Police, Cabinet Secretary, County Assembly and the Governor of the County.

Who is part of the County Policing Authority?

- The Governor of the County, or a member of the County Executive Committee appointed by the Governor. This person is the Chairperson.
- A representative of the Inspector-General of Police.
- The County heads of each of the Kenya Police Service, Administrative Police Service, Directorate of Criminal Investigation and National Intelligence Service.



- Two elected members nominated by the County Assembly.
- The chairperson of the County Security Committee.
- At least 6 other members, from among the following groups within the county:
 - o The business sector
 - o Community based organisations
 - o Women's groups
 - o Persons with special needs
 - o Religious organisations
 - o Youth groups

There should be people on the County Policing Authority from different areas throughout the County, and there should also be both women and men on the Authority.



Community Policing Committees and Forums

The police officer in charge of an area will work with the local community to set up a Community Policing Committee or Forum for that area.

This group is made up of the station commander or administrative police post commander and representatives chosen by other smaller community policing groups in the area. The Committee then reports to the County Policing Authority.

The Committee will create a partnership between the community and police, improve communication between the community and the police and improve the police services in the community. The Committee will also help to improve police accountability to the community for their actions.

Your community can also set up a smaller community policing group. Members of the Forums can elect a delegate to be part of the Community Policing Committee.



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