

A History of Progressive Policing

The Denver Police Department believes in a collaborative approach to public safety and values diversity of thought around complex issues. We strive to be a forward leaning agency focused on making Denver the safest, most equitable city in the country.

A Partnership with the Community

We strive to operate a police department in partnership with the community, that is focused on preventing crime in a respectful manner, demonstrating that everyone matters.

Highlights



- This year we invited members of the public to a town hall conversation with the Chief of Police during the George Floyd protests and are currently participating in a number of initiatives to reimagine public safety in our city.
- Members of the Chief's longstanding [Community Advisory Board](#) advise the Chief of Police on issues, matters, and policies that influence or impact the ongoing relationship between the police department and the Denver community.
- Through a multi-session, interactive program, the [Denver Police Community Academy](#) provides an opportunity for community members to interact with officers and discuss current trends, themes, and topics.
- The department regularly seeks input from community organizations on policies and procedures regarding underserved or underrepresented communities.

- [DPD Safe Place](#) is a partnership between the police department and the community to assist victims of crime, specifically anti-LGBTQ bias-motivated crimes, to encourage reporting of these crimes and raise public awareness.
- Our Community Resource Officers and members of our newly created Citywide Impact Team not only keep the community informed about important neighborhood issues, but regularly serve as liaisons between investigators and residents when there is a critical incident, ensuring residents feel safe and informed after a stressful event.



- Our [Volunteers in Police Service Program](#) has increased police responsiveness and service delivery through over 30,000 volunteer hours a year and earning the International Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership in Volunteers in Police Service Award two out of the last three years.
- Our [Together with Westwood](#) project actively engages youth, adults, families, and local businesses to improve safety, education, access to resources, professional opportunities, and overall quality of life.

Looking Forward

- We are continuing to work with the community to better serve everyone who calls Denver home.
- To learn more about how you and your neighborhood can get more involved, [click on our home page](#) and click on your police district under *Police Stations*.
- Questions or comments? Email us at dpdlistens@denvergov.org.

