

GUIDE TO COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Bristol Virginia Sheriffs' Office recognizes that performance of duty will impact residents, businesses, organizations, and visitors. Therefore, it is our aim to ensure that the ideas, interests and concerns of citizens are considered in our actions as well as procedure and program development. Our constant efforts toward community outreach are intended to establish mutual relationships with the community and citizens. Our strategy is supported on the following principles.

Goals

- Actively and continually address citizen concerns.
- Establish and maintain collaborative liaison with community organizations and groups.
- Ensure that community relations are the responsibility of all personnel.
- Extend community relation policies across the entire agency.

Objectives

- Consider citizen impact and input in issues, which affect the community.
- Nurture opportunities for interaction with the community in an accessible, responsive and open exchange of information.
- Inform the public in a timely manner, regarding matters that may impact the community.
- Build trust by providing a public account of our actions and business.
- Provide reasonable access to relevant reports, records, and documents to the community and the public.
- Champion a professional mutual respect and an ethical sensitivity in each contact made.