

COMMUNITY-POLICE ENGAGEMENT

Downtown Northfield



WHAT'S GOING ON?

Businesses, residents, and patrons of Northfield may begin to notice an increase in police presence in the downtown area. This is not a reaction to increased crime, rather an increased desire for community and police engagement. It is the interest of Northfield Police Department to develop and maintain a relationship of empathy and trust between officers and citizens through increased visibility and regular positive interactions.

Community-police engagement creates a partnership between law enforcement and residents. The more involved law enforcement is with the residents they are sworn to protect, the more residents can help law enforcement achieve their goals.



HOW IS COMMUNITY POLICING DIFFERENT FROM TRADITIONAL POLICING?

- ◆ Intended to prevent crime before it happens rather than responding to crime after it occurs.
- ◆ Focuses on creating a safe social environment.
- ◆ Engages residents to determine which criminal activities they are most affected by, creating an accurate law enforcement priority list shaped by the people who live in the area.
- ◆ Provides a better understanding of the needs of citizens and their expectations of the police.