



# COPS Fact Sheet

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES  
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## Regional Community Policing Institutes

### Community Policing Training

*"Historically, we've had success  
in reducing crime by asking the  
community to help."*

*TRAINING COMMANDER*

*JOHN ROWLAND*

*NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT*

Law enforcement agencies consistently cite training as one of their most critical needs, but many agencies lack the resources for training beyond basic recruit instruction. Through its national network of Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPIs), the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) helps local law enforcement agencies meet their community policing training needs. RCPIs also offer some select community policing topics training to representatives from communities and local governments. This advances comprehensive and innovative community policing training to both law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve.

### COPS Funding Affects Community Policing Training Nationwide

The COPS Office funds a national network of RCPIs, each of which represents an active partnership among a law enforcement agency, an educational institution, and a nonprofit community group. To date, the COPS RCPIs have provided training to more than 280,000 officers and citizens across the United States.

Each RCPI develops innovative curricula, quality community policing training, and technical assistance opportunities for policing agencies and community members. The RCPI network is accelerating the growth of community policing as a law enforcement management philosophy throughout the nation.

### Training Law Enforcement and the Community

RCPIs provide officers and citizens with ongoing, innovative approaches to law enforcement that are vital to their communities. Examples of training topics include the following:

- Ethics and Integrity
- Problem-Solving
- Community Partnerships
- Organizational Change Management
- Strategic Implementation
- Rural Community Policing
- Technology for Community Policing
- Violence Prevention
- Cultural Diversity
- Conflict Resolution
- Crime Analysis and Mapping
- Conducting Community Surveys
- Understanding Community Policing
- Community Mobilization

### To learn about the RCPIs, log onto their COPS-funded websites:

- The Arizona RCPI specializes in problem solving, community and police partnerships, and organizational transformation. <http://www.azpost.state.az.us/azrcpi/>
- The California RCPI at Los Angeles specializes in violence-prevention training and technical assistance. <http://www.rcpi-la.org/>
- The Carolinas Institute for Community Policing specializes in both technical and nontechnical geographic information systems training. <http://www.cicp.org/>
- The Colorado RCPI specializes in partnership building for law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. <http://dcj.state.co.us/crcpi/>
- The Florida RCPI specializes in community policing training of executive management, community policing/corrections partnerships, and school safety. <http://cop.spjc.cc.fl.us/cop/>
- The Illinois Regional Institute for Community Policing specializes in organizational and community dynamics. <http://ricp.uis.edu/default.aspx>

- The Institute for Public Safety Partnerships in Illinois specializes in partnership building and community assessments. <http://www.ipsp.us/>
- The Indiana RCPI specializes in the strategic implementation of community policing with a focus on community relations. <http://www.rcpi.org/>
- The Kansas RCPI specializes in technology as a community policing resource, focusing on training for rural and small communities. <http://www.wsurcpi.org/>
- The Kentucky RCPI specializes in rural and small-town community policing. <http://www.kycops.org>
- The Gulf States RCPI specializes in partnership building for community progress. [http://www.gsrcpi.org/\\_Home\\_.php](http://www.gsrcpi.org/_Home_.php)
- The Maine RCPI specializes in ethics and integrity issues for rural agencies and corrections. <http://www.mcpi.uma.maine.edu/>
- The New England RCPI specializes in ethics and integrity and moral decision making as it relates to community policing. <http://www.rcpinewengland.org/>
- The Mid-Atlantic RCPI specializes in ethics and integrity in community policing. <http://marcpi.jhu.edu/marcpi/>
- The Michigan RCPI specializes in organizational change to enhance the implementation of community policing. <http://www.cj.msu.edu/~outreach/rcpi/rcpimsu.html>
- The Missouri RCPI specializes in advanced community policing for rural communities. <http://www.mwsc.edu/rcpi/>
- The Upper Midwest Community Policing Institute specializes in community policing for communities experiencing rapid demographic changes and having diverse populations. <http://www.umcpi.org/>
- The New York RCPI specializes in collaborative problem solving for communities and law enforcement agencies. <http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/rcpi/>
- The Tri-State RCPI specializes in collaborative partnership training: bringing community members and law enforcement officers together to solve ongoing problems. <http://tri-statercpi.org/>
- The Oklahoma RCPI specializes in community policing for management and leadership-level personnel in local government and both community and law enforcement agencies. <http://orcpi.com/>
- The Pennsylvania RCPI specializes in community involvement. <http://www.parcpi.com/parcpi/>
- The Western Community Policing Institute specializes in community policing of law enforcement community teams. <http://www.westernrcpi.com/>
- The RCPI for Tennessee is based in Knoxville, Tennessee and specializes in building the infrastructure to support community policing. <http://www.leic.tennessee.edu/rcpi.htm>
- The Texas RCPI specializes in integrating community oriented and crime-specific policing. <http://www.cjcenter.org/trcpi/>
- The Virginia RCPI specializes in community policing strategies and creative approaches to problem-solving. <http://www.vcpionline.org>
- WRICOPS is based in Spokane, Washington and specializes in onsite organizational assessments for communities and their law enforcement agencies. <http://www.spokane.wsu.edu/research&service/wricops/>
- The West Virginia RCPI specializes in community policing as it relates to rural communities. <http://www.wvrcpi.org>

The COPS Office encourages officers and citizens to work together to build more successful communities. For more information on how to best utilize training and technical assistance programs to shape community policing practices, please call the COPS Office Response Center at 800.421.8770, or visit the COPS website at [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).

