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DeKalb Police Introduce Community Relations Team

The DeKalb Police Department is acutely aware of how important relationships are with the community we serve. In order to continue, form, and bolster community ties with our department, we have created a new Community Relations Team. The team consists of six officers, one Sergeant, and two members of command staff that will work together on numerous community relations initiatives. Many of these initiatives were previously conducted, however this team will engage in a more coordinated effort to better address our community's needs. When combined with our philosophy of proactive and problem-oriented policing, these community engagement efforts should lead to a reduction of crime in our community, while at the same time, increasing public trust which is crucial to the mission of our organization.

The Community Relations Team will consist of:

Interim Chief John Petragallo
Commander Steve Lekkas (Administrative supervisor)
Sergeant Chad McNett (Supervisor)
Officer Jonathan Bell
Officer Joshua Boldt
Officer Tony Densberger
Officer Sebastian Lemus
Officer Danielle Sorenson
Detective Sonny Streit
Detective Kelly Sullivan

The duties of the Community Relations Team include:

- Coordination and participation in special events such as Heroes and Helpers or National Night Out
- Community programming
- Public presentations
- Crime prevention and safety efforts through community awareness campaigns and safety assessments
- Community engagement with the public, including citizen, community, student, and faith-based groups – this will include an effort to identify underlying problems that our police department can address in order to reduce crime, enhance relationships, and foster trust.
- Problem solving through non-traditional policing methods
- Other details as assigned

Contact:

Interim Chief John Petragallo
Commander Steve Lekkas

If you or your organization would like more information about the DeKalb Police Department Community Relations Team or want an officer to participate in your event, please contact the DeKalb Police Department at (815) 748-8400.

