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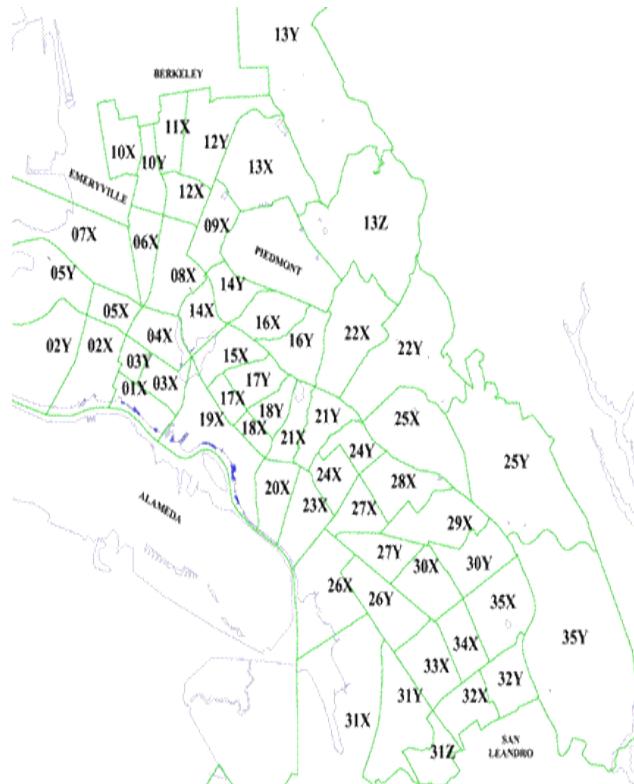
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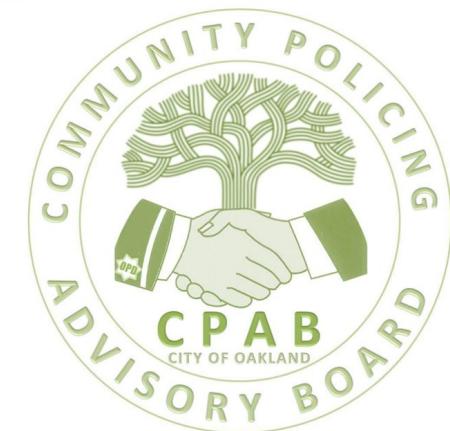
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The Community Policing Advisory Board



Making Oakland a safer city through partnerships with the Oakland Police Department, Oakland City Council members, the City Administrators office, the City Attorneys office, Neighborhood Councils (NC's), the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee, Neighborhood/Merchant Watch groups, residents, and businesses.



What is the Community Policing Advisory Board?

The Community Policing Advisory Board (CPAB) is a body established by the City Council for the purpose of monitoring and reporting on the implementation of community policing in Oakland. Since forming in 1997, the Board has also made recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, Police Department, and city staff about enhancing community policing in Oakland. In addition, it has strived to be a source of information and liaison to residents and merchants active in Neighborhood Councils and Neighborhood/Merchant Watch Groups throughout the city of Oakland.

What is Community Policing?

Community policing is a philosophy or frame of mind that empowers Oaklanders by encouraging them to organize themselves and to partner with one another and the police in identifying problems, prioritizing concerns, and developing solutions that will improve the safety and quality of life in those areas of the city. Community policing is an energetic, ongoing collaboration of engaged Oaklanders, Neighborhood/Merchant Watch groups, city employees, public officials, and the police, all working together to solve the problems identified by the stakeholders in the neighborhoods of Oakland.

What Does The Community Policing Advisory Board Do?

- Monitors the progress and implementation of Resolutions 72727 & 79235. Report annually to the Mayor, City Council, Police Chief, and City Administrator. Both resolutions established the Oakland community policing program, including the Neighborhood Councils (NCs), the Neighborhood Services Coordinators (NSCs), the dedicated Community Policing Officers, and the CPAB.

- Serves as primary communication link to the community and bring feedback from the community, including Neighborhood Councils & Neighborhood/Merchant Watch Groups, to the Board and on-ward & to the Police and City Council.
- Serves as an advisor, representing the community, to the Police Chief and top command staff on community policing strategies both planned and already implemented. .
- Oversee the budget and monitor the disbursement of Neighborhood Council funds.
- Educate and inform the public about community policing, its current progress, and implementation.
- Serve as an active advocate for Oakland's community policing philosophy.
- Help boost public participation in community policing
- Neighborhood Council recertification.

Collaborative Partners

Neighborhood Watch Groups-groups of neighbors at the block level that have mobilized and work together with the Oakland Police Department to address and solve local crime problems. Neighborhood Watch partners with the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) sponsored by the Oakland Fire Department to help neighborhoods prepare for and respond to earthquakes and other major disasters.

Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee-a group that oversee and guide Oakland's Neighborhood Watch Program. CERT has a similar oversight group.

Neighborhood Councils (NCs)-deal with community concerns, emergency preparedness, and other

issues that affect community policing beats that were configured to correspond with natural neighborhood boundaries areas (e.g. Prescott NC., North Hills, Grand Lake Neis, Allendale Park, 35X NC, etc).

Police Department Community Resource Officers (CRO)-study crime and other problems at the Community Policing Beat level and partner with citizens in the NCs to mobilize resources to solve the problems.

City Attorney's Neighborhood Law Corps-works with neighborhoods to abate nuisance activity that require legal action i.e. problem properties, alcohol outlets, blight, etc.

How Can CPAB Help You?

The CPAB is made up of community policing and Neighborhood/Merchant Watch leaders' eager to serve their fellow community members. The Board is a source of information and resources available to the NC and Neighborhood/Merchant Watch community. Its meetings are attended by Police Commanders and representatives of the City Administrator's and City Attorney's Offices.

How to stay connected & engaged

Neighborhood Councils

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/neighborhood-councils>

Neighborhood/Merchant Watch

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/neighborhood-and-merchant-watch-programs>

Community Policing Advisory Board

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/the-community-policing-advisory-board-cpab>

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