

## Community Relations Weekend Assignment: Improving Community Involvement

Goal: To improve community involvement among law enforcement officers

Assignment: This weekend, find out how the agency you work for is involved in the community. Approach this assignment from the perspective of a citizen. Utilize resources such as the department web page, news articles and social groups. (example: <http://www.lapdonline.org>) Compare at least one other United States law enforcement agency to your agency and use the questions below to prepare a written report. There are questions below to assist you in this process. Please also prepare a short presentation on your findings and recommendations. All cadets will need to complete the report by the assigned due date as this will be the basis for a discussion in the final block of this class.

- What resources did you utilize for this project?
- Describe the programs that are in place in your agency which relate to community involvement.
- What do you see as barriers and problems, if any, with the agency programs?
- Based on your research, how could these problems be overcome? Provide examples.
- In your opinion, what would be the effect of the program in your community?
- What is the role of law enforcement officers in the programs you identified?
- What ideas do you have for improving community relations in your local law enforcement agency?