

Worcester Police Community Outreach & Programming



The Worcester Police Department seeks to promote the highest level of public safety and quality of life in the City of Worcester, through exceptional police services to the City's residents, businesses and visitors.

Highlights from community outreach and programming include:

Regularly attend Neighborhood Crime Watch Groups throughout the city

Oversee the Shannon Grant Programming for Gang prevention and intervention:

Boys and Girls Club – *Gang Prevention through Targeted Outreach*
Worcester Youth Center – *Lifeline to Opportunity*
Straight Ahead Ministries
Worcester Community Action Council – *Start Our Success*
Police Clergy Youth partnership program - 10 congregations served
PAL Basketball League
Summer Gang Camp
Final Notice
Project Night Light I & II
Shannon Community Advisory Committee

Administer Safe & Successful Youth Initiative Grant Programming:

Iglesias Cristiana de la Comunidad (ICC); Worcester Youth Center; Straight Ahead Ministries

Administer Byrne Criminal Justice Grant Programming

Main South Community Development Corp

Assigned an LGBTQ Community Liaison who regularly attends community meetings as well as organized training for college campus police departments

Active participant in the City Manager's Coalition Against Bias & Hate

Provides a Crisis Intervention Team to assist residents with mental health challenges

Participant in YWCA/Daybreak Domestic Violence Roundtables and Worcester Intervention Network

Conduct Child Safety Seat Installation Clinics

Police Officer Entry Exam Recruitment Efforts:

- Churches: Speaking presentations, workshops, informational tables, postings
- Colleges: Career fairs & seminars, speaking presentations, workshops, postings
- Print Media: Telegram and Gazette, Worcester Magazine, El Vocero, The Bell
- Social Media: WPD website news, Facebook, Twitter
- Community Work Shops: South East Asian Center, Centro Las Americas, NAACP

→ 2015 Recruitment efforts resulted in 37% minority male test takers and 56% minority female test takers

Community events: Informational booths at:

- MLK Breakfast at QCC
- The Black Veterans exhibit
- Adelante Worcester career and networking event
- City of Worcester career opportunity fairs

Worcester Fire Community Outreach



The Worcester Fire Department presented fire safety lessons from an individual, one-on-one level to large-scale special events. Whether knocking on doors or interviews on local radio shows, various means of communication were utilized to bring a consistent fire safety message to as large an audience as possible. Highlights include:

Fire Safety & Fire Extinguisher Training:

Presented to the Worcester school department, WPS school bus drivers, assisted living facilities, and area businesses

College fire safety lessons:

Both on-campus and off-campus presentations; R.A. training; and the College Crawl

Community Events:

YMCA Kids Fair, Jay Lyons Road Race, Autism Walk, YWCA Health Fair, Plumley Village Health Fair, Big Dipper

In Home Visits:

Installed smoke alarms and reviewed general fire safety lessons in response to referrals and inquiries

Collaboration with media outlets:

Channel 3: space heaters; carbon monoxide and smoke alarms; Disney on Ice at the DCU Center; WTAG (Improving Your Home; The Jordan Levy Show); The Boston Globe

Public Education Mutual Aid:

Provided consultation to non-Worcester communities such as Southbridge, the Springfield Big E, Shrewsbury, and Cambridge

Worcester Housing Authority:

Taught fire safety lessons at various Worcester housing complexes

Special Events: Home Show, Special Olympics, Guns and Hoses

Door-to-door fire safety (AKA “neighborhood sweeps”) was conducted in the following neighborhoods: Providence Street, Oakhurst St, Shrewsbury St, Ascadilla Rd, Camassa Ter, Rowena St, Houghton St, Shirley St, South Flag St, Malvern Rd, Fielding St, Gordon St, Summerhill Ave, Thornton Rd