

Goals of the Police and Community Relations

This Committee was established to ensure that issues of mutual concern can be openly discussed to arrive at recommendations that foster understanding, respect and trust between the Lower Merion Police Department and the community it serves.

The Committee's goals are to:

- **Increase liaison and communication** between police and the minority community.
- Ensure that the Township provides **diversity/sensitivity training** for all police officers.
- Institute mechanisms that will **assist in the promotion of women and minority officers**.
- Monitor the effectiveness of the **police complaint process**.
- Establish appropriate means **to provide feedback** to the community on the work and progress of the Committee.

Police and Community Relations Committee

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Building a Positive and Powerful Partnership



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LMPD: Partners with YOU

The quality of life in any community is directly related to the level of **safety and security** enjoyed by its citizens.

In Lower Merion Township, we are fortunate to have a low crime rate. Our Police Department is vigilant to patrol Lower Merion's neighborhoods and to follow the Department's credo of "Integrity, Professionalism and Respect."

A key to the Township's successful public safety initiatives is a **strong partnership with its citizens.**

We value the important relationship between our Police Department and our community and continue to seek ways to strengthen this bond.

Michael J. McGrath
Police Superintendent

The importance of communication...

The Lower Merion Police Department (LMPD) believes in **two-way communication.**



The Department proactively provides information on neighborhood safety issues and offers

regular alerts and crime prevention information.

Citizens, however, are the eyes and ears of any neighborhood. This is why the Township's Community Watch Program is so important. Beyond looking out for suspicious activity, however, **there is a need to ensure open and honest dialogue between residents and the LMPD.**

For this reason, the **Police and Community Relations Committee** was created.

This brochure outlines the Committee's goals and provides contact information for its members.

Perhaps you have a question to ask, or a concern you would like to share. **The members listed on the back of this pamphlet will work with you** and with our Department to get answers or work on solutions.

Sometimes it can be intimidating to speak to a law enforcement professional. The Police and Community Relations Committee **can provide a listening ear and serve as a valuable resource** to you. They are your neighbors, and together with the LMPD we can build a powerful and positive partnership.

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Police Response Comment Form

Your Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone Number(s) (specify home, cell or work)	
E-Mail Address	

Date of Incident	Time of Incident	AM / PM
Incident Number (if known)		
Location of Incident (Address, City, etc.)		
Name(s) of Persons Involved		
Officer Name(s)/Badge Number(s) if known		

Please summarize your question or comments in the space provided below:

* If no response is needed, check here _____

Please return this form via e-mail or mail to the location listed above.

The Lower Merion Police Department will respond to you within 3 days of receipt of this form (not including weekends or holidays).

Please check your preferred method of contact:

_____ Phone _____ E-Mail address _____ Mailing Address _____ No Response Required

Received By: _____ Date-Time: _____