

OneCOP

A MovementForward, Inc. Initiative



WHAT “One Congregation One Precinct” (OneCOP) is MovementForward’s signature program, facilitating positive, ongoing partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and diverse congregations of every faith tradition.

WHY Improving relationships between law enforcement officers and the residents they protect and serve is imperative to addressing tensions. OneCOP builds mutual understanding and provides a structured framework for the public to assist law enforcement efforts.

HOW OneCOP kicks off with a launch event in a new city for faith and law enforcement leaders, which is followed by the pairing of officers with a “Congregational Coordinator” from each house of worship. Participating congregations partner with their officer for trust building as well as crime fighting, prevention, and solving activities. OneCOP staff coordinate the pairing and provide ongoing support.

WHO Faith-based institutions are places of hope, gathering, and collective social action. With the diversity of houses of worship that can be found in each community, they offer a wealth of knowledge and are a viable resource that can provide law enforcement officers with insights into their respective demographic, denomination, and neighborhood.

How OneCOP Started

The OneCOP Initiative was conceptualized in July 2016 after a rash of high-profile violent crimes in metro Atlanta created a need for community cooperation with law enforcement. Clergy leaders saw an urgent need to coalesce and act in unison with police to address crime and foster a culture of concern, cooperation, and reciprocal respect. Today, OneCOP is established in cities across the country.

Getting Involved

To find out more, please go to:

movementforward.org/onecop

- Read about OneCOP
- Download an implementation guide
- Submit an inquiry form so that a member of our team can help you get started.

Anyone can get involved – law enforcement officers, faith leaders, and community members. We look forward to hearing from you!

Organizing an Event

Once paired, officers and houses of worship work together to organize events, activities, and programs that address the specific needs of the surrounding community. Creativity is key – you best understand the uniqueness of your hometown! OneCOP staff are always available to assist in planning your activities. Below are examples of the type of efforts that OneCOP congregations can hold.



Building Trust and Legitimacy

- Ride-alongs
- Police vs. youth athletic contest
- Creation of community/ congregation advisory group
- Barbecue or ice cream social
- "Coffee with a Cop"
- School supply drive
- Alternative sentencing program for misdemeanors

Training and Education

- Cultural sensitivity training
- "Know your Rights and Responsibilities" seminar
- Criminal record expungement forum
- Active shooter training
- Citizens academy for police training
- Technology safety and security workshop
- Fraud and scam detection forum

Community Policing & Crime Reduction

- Public safety briefings
- Safety & self defense classes
- Neighborhood canvassing
- Community clean-up in crime infected areas
- Peace walks/ march against crime in gang impacted areas
- Community policing panel discussion
- "National Night Out" event
- Link community with crime tips technology

Officer Wellness and Safety

- Assist with the provision of accidental Life Insurance policy
- Suicide prevention program/ hotline
- Holiday giveaways
- Stress management, emotional and grief counseling
- Public safety career fair
- Encourage officer discounts at local businesses
- Community policing in action photo contest
- "Adopt a Cop" program