

# Introduction to Community Policing

This 16-hour course is designed to provide participants with an understanding of the history and development of community policing, the fundamental elements of the community policing philosophy and its implications for police operations. Participants will develop an understanding of the importance of engaging community residents in collaborative partnerships for the purpose of identifying and resolving community problems. They will become familiar with the nature of police-community partnerships and suggested methods of developing partnerships; develop an understanding of a nationally accepted model for solving community problems; use the problem solving process to address several example community problems to enhance their understanding; and, recognize the importance and benefits of documenting their problem solving projects.

March 26-27, 2018

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Room 1-324

Clearwater, FL 33760

Captain James Steffens is Patrol Commander District 1 of the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. Capt. Steffens began his career with the Clearwater Police Department where he specialized as a community policing officer. In 1997, he was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and oversaw the Community Policing Team. He retired in 2009 after twenty years at CPD and went to work in the private sector. In May 2011, he was hired as the Operations Lieutenant for the New Port Richey Police Department. He served as the Acting Police Chief and then was officially appointed Chief of Police in 2011. Capt. Steffens accepted a position with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office in March 2013. In October 2013 he was promoted to Captain and assigned command of the Special Operations Division. He later took command of the Field Operations District 1 Patrol in July 2016.

Fee: \$99

Please register by March 19, 2018

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