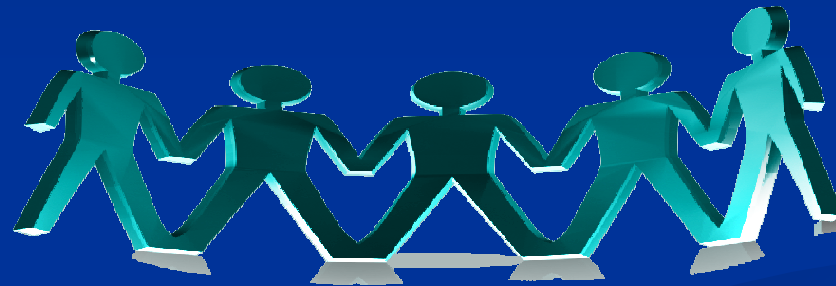


Community Policing and the Community Improvement Team



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What is Community Policing?

Philosophy vs. Program

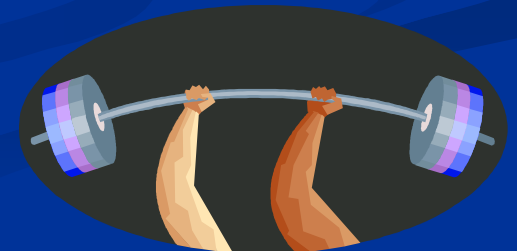
Service – Relationships – Safety

Partnerships

Problem Solving

Collaboration

Empowerment



What is the Hartford Community Improvement Team?

The Hartford Community Improvement Team is a collaborative partnership between city departments and state agencies with a common goal of improving the quality of life and safety for the community by identifying, inspecting, and establishing compliance in our city's most problematic locations.

Who are our partners?

- City of Hartford Fire Marshals Office
- Hartford Department of Health and Human Services
- Hartford Department of Public Works
- Hartford Licenses and Inspections Division
- State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection Liquor Control Commission
- State Department of Environmental Protection
- State Department of Revenue Services

How we got started?

- Communication with the community
- Need for action
- Desire to make a positive change
- Team Spirit



What does a typical inspection consist of?

- Pre-inspection development of target locations with community input
- Pre-inspection briefing of team members
- Deployment of at least two teams



What does a typical inspection consist of?

- **Safety and professionalism:**
A comprehensive approach to establishing compliance and improving communication with business owners
- **Follow-up to ensure compliance**



Criminal Arrests

- Arrest of an individual for operating a drug factory and in possession of a stolen handgun. The individual was later found to be a fugitive from justice out of Pennsylvania.
- Arrest of an individual for possession and sale of a controlled substance within the market
- Arrests for “bootlegging” (Illegal sale of alcoholic beverages)
- Arrests for illegal gambling machine (video poker) on premises
- Arrests for sale of illegal fireworks
- Arrest for sale of hypodermic needles
- Arrests for underage drinking in restaurant that was inspected



Violations

- Illegal rooming house; Illegal trash containers on premises
- Tobacco violations and sale of untaxed cigarettes
- Fire code violations to include: Inoperable fire suppression system, exposed/illegal electrical wiring, gasoline in the basement, kerosene heaters in basement, expired/used fire extinguishers, inoperable stove hood, inoperable fire door, having combustibles too close to open flame, painted sprinkler heads, no exit signs
- No heat, no hot water, and a leaking roof



Violations continued

- Sale of expired medication and illegal sale of over the counter medication
- Expired canned food, baby food, and baby formula some dating back to 2001; sale of moldy/contaminated food to the public
- Sanitation issues to include: Bugs in liquor bottles in some bars inspected, sewage leak in basement, unprotected food, inadequate hand washing facilities, no food license, toxic products next to food container, rodent droppings, cockroach infestation and improper storage of food
- Private garage in danger of collapse and infested with raccoons

Moving forward...

- Community gratitude and the challenge of our economy



Questions?



**THANK
YOU**

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