

Vallejo Police
Press Release
Chief Joseph M. Kreins
June 18, 2014

Vallejo Police Chief Announces Community Outreach Initiatives

Vallejo Police Chief Joseph Kreins is pleased to announce a new initiative, "Coffee with the Cops." Kreins stated, "We are hopeful that this program will foster a spirited exchange of information and will seek to better police community relations." The Coffee with the Cops program will begin on Tuesday, July 8, 2014. We invite the public to join us at the Vallejo Police Department from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on a drop-in basis to share coffee and refreshments. Kreins added, "We see this as a unique opportunity to meet with the Chief of Police and other command staff as well as many other members of the police department. This informal setting will give Vallejo residents and business members an opportunity to ask questions about public safety issues and also provide feedback as to how the police department might improve the delivery of services to the community." Our plan is to hold these informal drop-in events on a quarterly basis. The future dates and times will be announced in advance.

Chief Kreins is also proud to notify the public about two additional police department events that the public is invited to. The next event is our 16th Citizen Police Academy which will begin on Wednesday, July 16, 2014. The Citizen's Academy is a program that provides a comprehensive overview of our criminal justice system and policing services in Vallejo. This is a 10-week program that meets once a week from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. There are a few openings available in the class. Please call Bill Donovan at [707-651-7101](tel:707-651-7101) for additional information.

Finally, we are excited to invite the public to our next Police Department Open House. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Vallejo Police Department. The Open House will include an overview of the entire Vallejo Police Department including Specialized Vehicles and Equipment, K-9 Demonstrations, Police Department Tours, Child Fingerprinting, Crime Scene Investigation Demonstration and information about Police Communications and many more fun and informative activities.

Please mark your calendars for these exciting events and join us for a wonderful opportunity to interact with your local Police Department.

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Vallejo Police Chief Establishes Police Advisory Group

Chief Joseph Kreins announced today the formation of a Vallejo Police Advisory Group. The general purpose of this group is to enhance police/community communications and relations; and provide for community participation and feedback in Police Department public safety programs, policies, procedures, community services, community outreach and social media.

The Police Advisory Group will be comprised of a cross-section of our Vallejo Community to include residents, business members including the Chamber of Commerce, neighborhood association representatives, schools, inter-faith groups and others who have a vested interest in public safety and the well-being of our City. The group will be limited to about a dozen participants to ensure a quality level of communication and shared information. The group will meet quarterly or more often as necessary.

Chief Kreins stated, "We are anxious to get started with this group. Our hope is to initiate an open and honest dialogue with the community and to especially receive input and feedback on how we might be able to improve our communications efforts and interactions with our community stakeholders."

Anyone interested in joining the Police Advisory Group is encouraged to call the Vallejo Police Department at [707-648-4540](tel:707-648-4540).