2022 NATIONAL POP CONFERENCE

TRAINING POLICE OFFICERS IN POP

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KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

Why train in POP?
Who should be trained?
What are we training?
How are we training?
Barriers & Challenges
Successes
IT WORKS.
We know that targeted, well-crafted responses are effective.

SKILL BUILDING
While not rocket-science, POP doesn't come naturally to everybody. The skills, language, and structure of POP require explanation.

Why train on POP?

BEYOND POP
The problem-solving skills of POP are fundamental, immediately useful, and extremely transferrable.

DIFFERENT LEVELS = DIFFERENT EMPHASIS
While POP skills are universal, as officers move up in agencies the emphasis moves from using POP skills to promoting them.
WHO GETS P.O.P. TRAINING?

A COMMON LANGUAGE

- ACADEMY RECRUITS?
- SWORN MEMBERS?
- PATROL OFFICERS?
- COP/POP SPECIALISTS?
- ANALYSTS?
- FIRST-LINE SUPERVISORS?
- AGENCY LEADERSHIP?
WHAT ARE WE TRAINING?

P.O.P. PRINCIPLES & METHODS

- Incidents vs. problems
- Underlying conditions & causes
- Crime Triangle
- Problem analysis triangle
- SARA process
- Situational prevention
HOW ARE WE TRAINING?

MIXED METHOD APPROACH

STORIES
CASE STUDIES
VIDEOS
WEBSITES
PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING
POP WEBSITES

POP CENTER
HTTPS://POPCENTER.ASU.EDU/

CRIMESOLUTIONS
HTTPS://CRIMESOLUTIONS.OJP.GOV/

CRIME REDUCTION TOOLKIT
HTTPS://WWW.COLLEGE.POLICE.UK/RESEARCH/CRIME-REDUCTION-TOOLKIT

RAND POP OVERVIEW
HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/RANDPOPOVERVIEW
POP VIDEOS

OPERATION CEASEFIRE
HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=4J_OTF7RRGE

TED TALK, WASHTENAW COUNTY
HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=WK8GLFZUQW8

UPSTREAM PARABLE
HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=XYEAMAFTGCA

POP WHITEBOARD ANIMATION
HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=GTUPQMK8DFO
Example Scenario

There are 11 bars in your patrol area and 43 in your BPD district. Over the last 2 months there have been 23 reported assaults occurring either inside or just outside the bars in your patrol area. At the last ComStat meeting your District Commander got grilled on why so many assaults were occurring, and she has directed her lieutenants and sergeants to do something about it. Your sergeant heard that you had some problem solving training and has tasked you with coming up with a plan.
Barriers & Challenges

- Time
- Staff
- Money
- Culture
SUCCESS STORIES

CORVALLIS POLICE DEPT.
Targeting alcohol use and abuse to reduce crime in a university town

PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU
Zombie Houses: The Portland approach to vacant homes

BEAVERTON POLICE DEPT.
Safe at home: A problem-solving approach to reclaiming a Beaverton neighborhood