The Power of Critical Relationships – The Roles of the CM and Police Chief

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How CMs and Police Chiefs Must Partner for Success

Crisis in Confidence in Policing in America

Crime Dropped For 15 Years

Public Confidence in PDs Has Also Fallen

Trend is Accelerating



Why the Disconnect?

Excessive Force Incidents Caught on Video

Poor and People of Color Don't Trust Police

Overly Aggressive and/or Racist Tactics

Warrior versus Protector/Guardian Mentality

CMs and Police Chiefs Are Key to Reform

- Highest Ranking Appointed Execs
- High Profile Positions Wield Power
- Must Share Similar Values and Vision for PD
- Must Understand each Other's Perspective and Support One Another
- Major Influences on Organizational Culture



Lessons To Be Learned for Ferguson,....

 Lasting collaborative relationships between local police and public are essential

 Public cares as much about interactions with Police as they do about outcomes

Chiefs and CMs must strengthen community policing and trust

Clear and Comprehensive Policies Reflective of Communities Served

- Use of Force
- Mass Demonstrations
- Consent before Searches
- Gender Identification
- Racial Profiling
- Performance Measures
- Collection of Data



Technology Outstrips Policy

BWCs, drones, social media, facial recognition software

Transparency, accountability and privacy

Think through policies when adopting new technologies

Same goes for military equipment



Community Policing Works

- Values of Protection, Procedural Justice and Dignity for All
- Foster Cooperation, Community Engagement and Improving Relationships with Pubic
- Promote Positive Non-Enforcement Activities
- Support Community-Based Efforts to Address Poverty, Education, Health & Safety



Youth

 Avoid Tactics that Unnecessarily Stigmatize Youth or Marginalize Them in School

Support Youth Leadership & Life Skills Training

Provide Incentives for Officers to Involve
 Themselves as Role Models with Youth



Things To Avoid

- Policies or Practices that Lead to Disparate Impacts
- Quotas or Other Incentives for Arrests,
 Citations or Tickets Related to Revenue
- Becoming Involved in Immigration Enforcement
- Racial Profiling
- Sexual Harassment or Misconduct



Things to Embrace

- Scenario Based and C.I.T Training
- Emphasize De-Escalation and Alternatives to Arrest
- External/Independent Investigations of Officer Involved Shootings Resulting in Death
- "Soft Look" Uniforms
- Interagency Collaboration, Shared Services and Regional Training



More Things To Embrace

- Specialized training for dealing with those with mental disabilities
- Training on implicit bias versus racial discrimination
- Diversity in Police hiring and promotions
- Coordination with human service community
- Officer safety and wellness



Still More Things to Embrace

 Timely and Accurate Communications with Public about Police Activities

 Civic Engagement rather than Civilian Oversight

Problem-Solving Partnerships



Questions/Comments?

Additional Information...
2014 President's Taskforce on 21st Century Policing

D.O.J. Report on Ferguson



