



Hennepin County Sheriff's Office



Community Engagement Team (CET)

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CET's Mission: To develop and build strong, trusting relationships between the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and the multi-cultural communities within Hennepin County; strengthening partnership while increasing public safety.

CET's Purpose:

We encourage residents to help us maintain safe communities and to learn more about law enforcement. In our great nation, every resident is afforded constitutional rights and guarantees, including rights of privacy and civil liberties. Officers in our agency are trained not just to respect, but to protect these rights. We provide residents with the resources they need to understand the criminal justice system, to exercise their rights, and to provide constructive input in the development of Sheriff's Office policies that may affect them.

What are the duties of CET?

Liaison: We assist with agency training to ensure we provide culturally sensitive services, and we share information about public safety and the criminal justice system with residents.

Ambassador: We work to create goodwill between law enforcement and residents; we keep the channels of communication open and make introductions that open opportunities for meaningful and constructive dialogue.

Resource officer: We answer questions and connect resident with resources that are available through the Sheriff's Office, the county, and/or the private sector.

Public information officer: We serve as spokespeople, often speaking at community events or sharing information with traditional media, community media, or social media to provide information about the Sheriff's Office and public safety issues.

Educator: We develop brochures and videos and convene meetings to facilitate listening and learning sessions between the Sheriff's Office and residents.

Hiring Recruiter: We assist with hiring and recruiting efforts. The Sheriff's Office is actively working to reflect the community we serve. Please talk to us about employment opportunities.

Why focus on diverse communities?

Hennepin County has 1.2 million residents and 425,000 are non-Caucasian (2012 U.S Census). We want to better reflect the community we serve and to provide services that meet the needs of all residents.

Are all CET members law enforcement officers?

Some CET members are law enforcement officers and some are civilians. CET members do not participate in investigations and they do not gather law enforcement data. CET members serve the community by strengthening partnerships.

How does the CET help New Americans?

We want to assist new immigrants, also known as New Americans, to successfully integrate into our American culture, just as we have done for immigrants throughout history. We respect differences while extending opportunities for New Americans to become full partners in the safety of our cities, counties, state and nation.



As Peace Officers, we swear an oath to serve and protect our local communities in ways that are consistent with our values as a nation and as a people:

- By addressing the needs of residents,
- By hearing their concerns,
- By encouraging participation and community ownership,
- By educating residents about our criminal justice system, and
- By protecting their civil rights and liberties

"We are strengthening our communities and building resiliency." We are presenting our American model of self-government and the rule of law, a model of freedom and opportunity, education, dignity, and hope.

Thank you for your interest in the Sheriff's Office and the Community Engagement Team.

Community Engagement:

Community engagement involves connecting with residents. We meet with residents at community events, businesses, places of worship, and schools. It is the best way to strengthen police-community relations and to build communities of trust.

Maintaining safe neighborhoods encourages people to invest in their homes, to start businesses, to socialize and visit restaurants and shops. The economic development benefits help to establish sustained change.

Would you like CET to visit your community group?

Call us: **612-348-3740**

Email us: **sheriff@hennepin.us**

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The icons represent the eight lines of business for the Sheriff's Office: Jail, 911/Dispatch, Patrol, Crime Lab, Investigations, Warrants, Court Security, Civil Process

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