

Good Practice of Collaboration between Regional Police and Community

Regional policing is the activity of police in a particular region, e.g. settlement, town or rural municipality to ensure safe and secure neighbourhood in cooperation with local people and partner organisations. Regional policing is led by regional police officers – by the total of 125 in Estonia. One certain police officer serves one certain region. As a rule, regions are formed on the basis of the number of inhabitants in the territory, issues of law and order, commuting centres, boundaries of the local municipality and local life in general.

Community is a group of people who live in a particular area and belong to a particular common social network (village community, urban settlement, residents of an apartment building, etc).

Good practice is commonly agreed rules of conduct.

Communities are represented by spokespersons authorised by as many members of the community as possible. There may be several spokespersons – it does not have to be one and the same village head, the chairperson of a village society or a settlement society to represent the community in all issues. Authorised by the community, the spokesperson may involve experts in certain fields, if specialist knowledge is needed.

The aim of regional policing is to establish trust and contact between the police and the community, to work together to solve and prevent problems concerning information exchange and law and order.



10 Tips for Improving Collaboration between Police and the Community

Cooperating, involving, networking

1. Meet people on a regular basis – arrange round tables, meetings, information seminars, etc.
2. Initiate joint projects involving various partners – police, community, school, enterprises, local government, etc.
3. Share contact data, find efficient channels to exchange information – telephone, the Internet, Facebook, etc.
4. Notice, praise and recognise a commendable deed, a good initiative or a mettlesome person. Give feedback!

Preventing and informing

Representatives of the community!

5. Share your concerns, wishes, problems and activities!
6. Take care of your own safety, take responsibility for the things you can change!

Police officers!

7. Involve the community in creating a safe neighbourhood! Communicate with local people!
8. Be present and visible for the community acting as a role model, a counsellor, a partner and a trainer – but also as a guardian of law and order!

Acting in critical situations

9. Local people! Notice threats to neighbourhood safety! Do not be shy – come forward and inform the police of your concerns before it is too late!
10. Police officers! Respond and care! People expect you to help them and make them feel safe!





**Regional Police Officers'
Expectations for Communities**

**Communities' Expectations for
Regional Police**



Collaborate
Exchange information
Notice
Be active
Find solutions together
Take responsibility
Be brave enough to come forward
Address security issues in the municipality's budget
Inform
Involve
Contribute to the common good
Take initiative
Notice security threats
Think along with us
Communicate with the members of the community

Collaborate
Be visible
Inform
Work for prevention
Be present
Respond fast
Notify
Be trustworthy
Be friendly
Counsel
Know your field
Help out
Act promptly
Be willing to cooperate
Show interest in the local life
Be an authority
Love people and your job



NB!

**In case of an immediate threat to a person's life, health or property,
call emergency centre on 112!**

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