

**COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING
AND PROBLEM SOLVING**

This order describes the philosophy and strategy of Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (C.O.P.P.S.).

I. POLICY

- A. It is the policy of the San Francisco Police Department to establish Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) as an integral part of district station policing.**
- B. COPPS is a policing strategy that assists station personnel in helping to prevent crime and to maintain order, and fulfills the Department's commitment to help solve neighborhood problems, while providing a highly visible presence in the city's neighborhoods.**
- C. Community policing involves interaction between police officers and the citizens who work and live in the neighborhood. It is an organizational strategy that allows the police and community residents to work closely together in new ways to help solve the problems of crime and neighborhood decay. Police officers become managers of their beats and are encouraged to engage in responsible, creative ways to make the community safer and more attractive.**

II. PROCEDURES

The procedures for implementing and managing COPPS are contained in *Community Policing and Problem Solving*, DM-2 and *Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving Training Manual*, DM-09.