

Community Relations Unit



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What is Community Relations?

Mission

The Community Relations Unit is responsible for implementing community outreach and school-based programs, organizing events, and promoting the Sheriff's mission.

What is the Sheriff's Mission?

**“I WANT TO GET TO THE KIDS BEFORE
THEY GET TO ME”**

3 MAIN AREAS OF FOCUS

SCHOOL SAFETY

GANGS

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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Y.E.S Tours

Youth Enlightenment Seminars



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Y.E.S Tours

- The Y.E.S. Tour also known as the “**Youth Enlightenment Seminar**” began in 1978.
- The Y.E.S. Tour is open to all High Schools in both Suffolk and Nassau County and is scheduled on a first come first serve basis.

Y.E.S Tours

How do Schools sign up?

- Every September, the Sunday evening of Labor Day Weekend all schools must sign up for the tour at exactly 12:00AM and will be placed on a list on a first come first serve basis.
- Each school district is allowed to book up to four tours of 40 students.

Y.E.S Tours

- The Y.E.S. Tours are held at the Riverhead Facility Monday-Thursday & at the Yaphank Correctional Facility on Fridays.
- When students leave the Y.E.S Tour they have a better understanding on what life behind the bars is like as well as how one bad choice can change your life forever

McGruff the Crime Dog



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McGruff the Crime Dog

- McGruff the Crime Dog is offered to children in grades 1st – 3rd.
- McGruff covers bullying, stranger danger, knowing your address, and parents/guardians phone numbers.
- The program runs for 3 consecutive weeks: one day per week for 30 minutes. The program is taught by an officer and finishes with a visit from McGruff the Crime Dog. Certificates are given out to all participants.

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College Internship Program



*Special Agent Paige Tully
United States Secret Service*



*Summer Internship
August 2018*



*Deputy Sheriff Courtney Nichols
Suffolk County Sheriff's Office*

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College Internship Program

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office offers a college internship program for students who have a strong interest in law enforcement and/or are currently enrolled in criminal justice courses.



College Internship Program

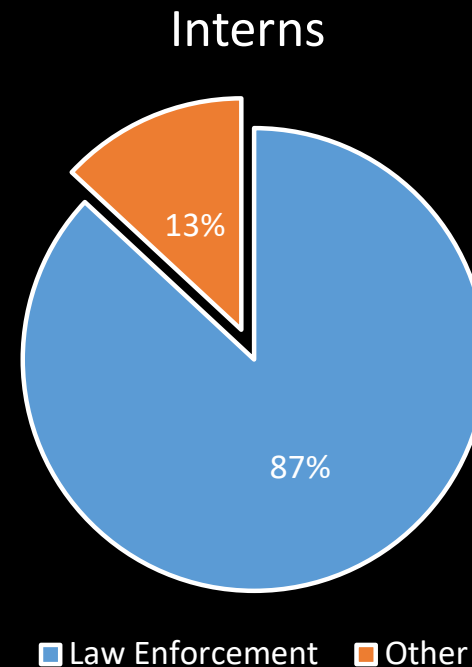
The program is designed to give an in-depth working view of the Sheriff's Office, offering a broad spectrum of work areas which contain different aspects of law, both criminal and civil.

The program runs during the spring, summer, and fall semesters. Spring and fall semesters run for 16-weeks and the summer semester runs for 13-weeks.



College Internship Program

- Over the course of **5 years** the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office has had **237 interns** complete the program
- A survey was sent out to all former interns and **87%** of interns are currently working in Law Enforcement



Operation Safe Child



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Operation Safe Child

- Officers from the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office photograph and fingerprint children and submit their information to the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (AMBER ALERT.)
- Parents are issued ID cards to keep for their children.
- This card contains critical information to aid in the search of a child should they go missing.

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Senior Medical ID Card



Senior Medical ID Card

- The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office is the only agency in Suffolk County that offers this program .
- This program places seniors' medical information on a small card the size of a credit card so that they can carry it on them in case of emergency.

Shed The Meds



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Shed The Meds

- Shed the Meds is a safe way to dispose of unwanted or expired medication.
- We do not accept pharmacy, commercial or doctor's office medication disposal.
- No liquids or sharp items accepted.



Special Requests



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Aside from the regular programs the Community Relations Unit is responsible for, our unit assists the community and Sheriff Toulon with other special requests including presenting proclamations, attending community events, attending various school events, and more!

Future Goals



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Goals for 2023

New and Continued Goals for the Community Relations Unit:

- Initiate new programs to bring hope and positivity to the community.
- Expand our outreach programs to more at-risk students.
- Increase the amount of school districts we partner with throughout Suffolk County.
- Attend training seminars given by other agencies in Community Relations to help form new initiatives.

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Questions?

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