Community Policing

Community policing rests on the belief that law enforcement and the citizens they serve must work together as partners to solve the challenges faced in today's society. Our Community Engagement Officers believe Bay St. Louis' unique and diverse population make this community ideal for our department's collaboration and outreach programs.

Community policing promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

What are the Bay St. Louis Police Department's pillars of Community Policing?

1. Community policing and crime reduction to help build trust and legitimacy. Encouraging the community to help prevent and report crime.
2. Policy and oversight. The alignment of organizational management, personnel, and information systems to support community partnerships.
3. Technology and social media. Social media represents a powerful mechanism by which to communicate with our community.

Community Engagement serves multiple communities such as residents, visitors, nonprofits and service providers, local businesses, and community organizations.