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Chapter Objectives

- 1. Understand the multiple definitions of "Community".
- 2. Recognize the traditional roles of the Community.
- 3. Discuss Community Involvement in Community Oriented Policing.

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- 4. Understand the obstacles to Community Involvement in Community Oriented Policing.
- 5. Discuss some strategies to overcome obstacles to Community involvement.

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- 1. What is the social science “textbook definition” (Farley, 1994) of Community? p. 237
- 2. What are meant by the terms “geographic community” and “community of interest”? p. 238.
- 3. What is a “criminal community”? p. 239.

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- 4. What does the author mean by “communities within communities”? p. 239.
- 5. What are Michael E. Buerger’s four traditional roles of the community in relationship to the police function? pp. 241-242.
 - “*Eyes and ears*” of the police – first and primary role

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- 5. Four traditional roles, continued
 - “*Cheerleaders*” role
 - *Supportive* role – financial (taxes)
 - “*Statement-making*” – “Take Back the Night”, “Drug Free Zones”, Neighborhood Watch, etc.

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- 6. What 5 roles do John E. Eck and Dennis P. Rosenbaum list for the community under Community Oriented Policing? p. 243.
 - “Eyes and ears” – first and primary function

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- 6. Five roles, continued
 - *To form patrols, confront criminal and disorderly individuals, and drive them from the community* – What do you think of this idea?
 - *Reduce their chances for victimization, the opportunity for crime, the actual amount of crime and the fear of crime.*

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- 6. Five roles, continued
 - *Put pressure on others to act.*
 - *Authorize police to act on their behalf*
 - what does the text say about this?
- 7. What are “Civilian Review Boards” and what is your opinion of the concept?
pp. 246-247.

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- 8. Review – what are the three methods of getting the community involved in Community Oriented Policing?
 - *Police initiated* p. 248.
 - *Police and Community initiated* pp. 249-250.
 - *Community initiated* – rare p. 251.

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- 9. What are the 3 most common obstacles to community involvement in Community Oriented Policing?
 - *Mistrust of the police* pp. 253-254.
 - *Apathy* p. 254.
 - *No response at all* p. 254.

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- 10. Why is communication the best response to overcome these obstacles? p. 254.
- 11. What are some methods of communicating with and educating the community? p. 254.
 - *Media*
 - *Public meetings, talks, appearances*

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- 11. Methods of communication, continued
 - *Door to door or newsletters*
 - *Citizen Police Academies*
 - *Others?*

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***Are there any
questions on Chapter
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