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COMMUNITY POLICING AND COPS LOG ENTRIES

This training bulletin will detail guidelines for Community Policing, Problem Oriented Policing (POP), and COPS log entries.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Community policing is a philosophy that 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.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) to promote positive relationships between members of the organization and the community by treating community members with dignity and respect. It is the goal of the KCSO to engage with the community to enhance public safety services.

Members of the KCSO are expected to monitor data and trends to ensure law enforcement actions are part of an effective crime prevention strategy that does not contribute to counter-productive divisiveness or tension between the KCSO and the community (refer to Stipulated Judgement paragraph 60 for further information).

The COPS log located on SheriffNet shall be used to enter community policing activities, along with POP projects.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING EVENTS

Community oriented policing events include, but are not limited to:

- Attending/participating in community meetings/events
- Crime prevention activities
- Community and youth activities and programs
- Law Enforcement Operations Education

PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING (POP) PROJECTS

POP is a proactive policing strategy that aims to address the root causes of crime and disorder rather than just responding to individual incidents. It involves analyzing crime patterns and trends to identify underlying problems and then developing tailored strategies to prevent and mitigate those problems. POP emphasizes collaboration between law enforcement, community members, and other stakeholders to find innovative and sustainable solutions. The approach is based on the idea that addressing the underlying problems can lead to long-term crime reduction and improved quality of life for communities.

When members of the KCSO address POP projects, they will utilize the SARA model identified below. Members will identify specific crime problems, analyze them to determine their root causes, and develop targeted solutions to address those causes. This can involve a wide range of approaches, from increasing law enforcement visibility in certain areas to working collaboratively with other organizations to reduce crime (refer to the 4th Pillar of 21st Century Policing and the Kern County Sheriff's Office annual report on Community Engagement and Strategic Plan for further details).

When members are developing POP projects, the activities shall be entered into the COPs log for each stage of the SARA model (reference sources: US Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services, article on Community Policing Defined; and the Arizona State University Center for Problem-Oriented Policing):

Step 1. Scanning:

- Use available resources to identify recurring problems of concern to the public and law enforcement.
- Prioritize those problems and confirm that the problems exist.
- Determine how frequently the problem occurs and how long it has been taking place.

Step 2. Analysis:

- Collect and review relevant data, such as crime statistics, and research the cause of the problem.
- Determine how the problem is currently addressed, and the strengths and limitations of the current response.
- Narrow the scope of the problem as specifically as possible.
- Identify a variety of resources that may be of assistance in developing a deeper understanding of the problem. Resources may include local schools, Chamber of Commerce, etc.

Step 3. Response:

- Develop solutions to bring about lasting reductions in the problem.
- Research what other communities with similar problems have done.

- Carry out the plan.

Step 4. Assessment:

- Evaluate the success of the response through surveys and crime analysis.
- Conduct ongoing assessment to ensure continued effectiveness.

COPS LOG ENTRIES:

The KCSO COPS Activity Log can be located on SheriffNet. When members access the COPS log, they will be able to see in-progress COPS/POP activity, completed COPS/POP activity, and generate/update COPS/POP activity.

KCSO COPS Activity Log	
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CAD_ID:	<input type="text" value="202003"/>
Entry Date:	<input type="text" value="7/10/2023"/>
Select Station:	<input type="text" value="Kern Valley"/>
Activity:	<input type="text" value="POP/COP Project Activities"/>
Time Frame:	<input type="text" value="7"/> Days
Detail:	
Status:	<input type="text" value="Scan"/> <input type="button" value="Scan"/> <input type="button" value="Analysis"/> <input type="button" value="Response"/> <input type="button" value="Assessment"/> <input type="button" value="Completed"/>
Synopsis Of COP/POP Project On Scan Phase:	<input type="text" value="Reviewing My90 survey data to identify quality of life issues in Kern Valley."/>
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

Under the COP/POP activity, members will enter information for each step of the SARA model. The selected station tab will notify the area supervisor of the COP/POP activity and its status. The time frame tab will notify the supervisor of how long the author expects the next stage of the SARA model to take. At the conclusion of the COP/POP activity, members of the organization will be able to review the activity to see if it made a meaningful difference.

TRADITIONAL COMMUNITY POLICING EVENTS

Many of the events that members of the Kern County Sheriff's Office attend qualify as COPs activities. The following is a list of activities that should be entered into the COPs log:

- **Attended/Participated in Community Meeting/Event**

When a member(s) of the Sheriff's Office attends any community activity or event, and are representing the Sheriff's Office by their attendance, whether or not they are an active participant, they promote and strengthen the relationship between the community and the Sheriff's Office. The events or activities would include marching in a Christmas Parade, attending a service organization meeting such as the Rotary Club, manning a booth at a community event, etc.

- **Community Partnerships**

When members of the Sheriff's Office actively participate in meetings, events, or activities, which may include being a permanent board member on an advisory committee as the Sheriff's representative or being a member of any community collaborative. Following are examples of community partnerships: Parents Helping Parents, East Bakersfield Community Collaborative (EBCC), Mothers/Men Against Senseless Killings (MASK), Network for Children, Friends of Jawbone, faith-based partnerships like Catholic Charities, non-profit community organizations like Police Activities League (PAL), Boy or Girl Scouts of America, Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK), Stop the Violence, and community business partners like a small business association, Lions Club, Rotary Club, etc.

Community Partnerships also include activities that may help build a new community partnership and activities that strengthen or enhance current partnerships. Building future partnerships includes activities such as: contacting business owners, soliciting feedback from members of the community, and conducting customer service surveys. Also, when a problem (POP) is identified, any group or organization KCSO seeks to work with to improve/resolve the issue, including when KCSO links people with services, is part of building partnerships with the service agency or the community group.

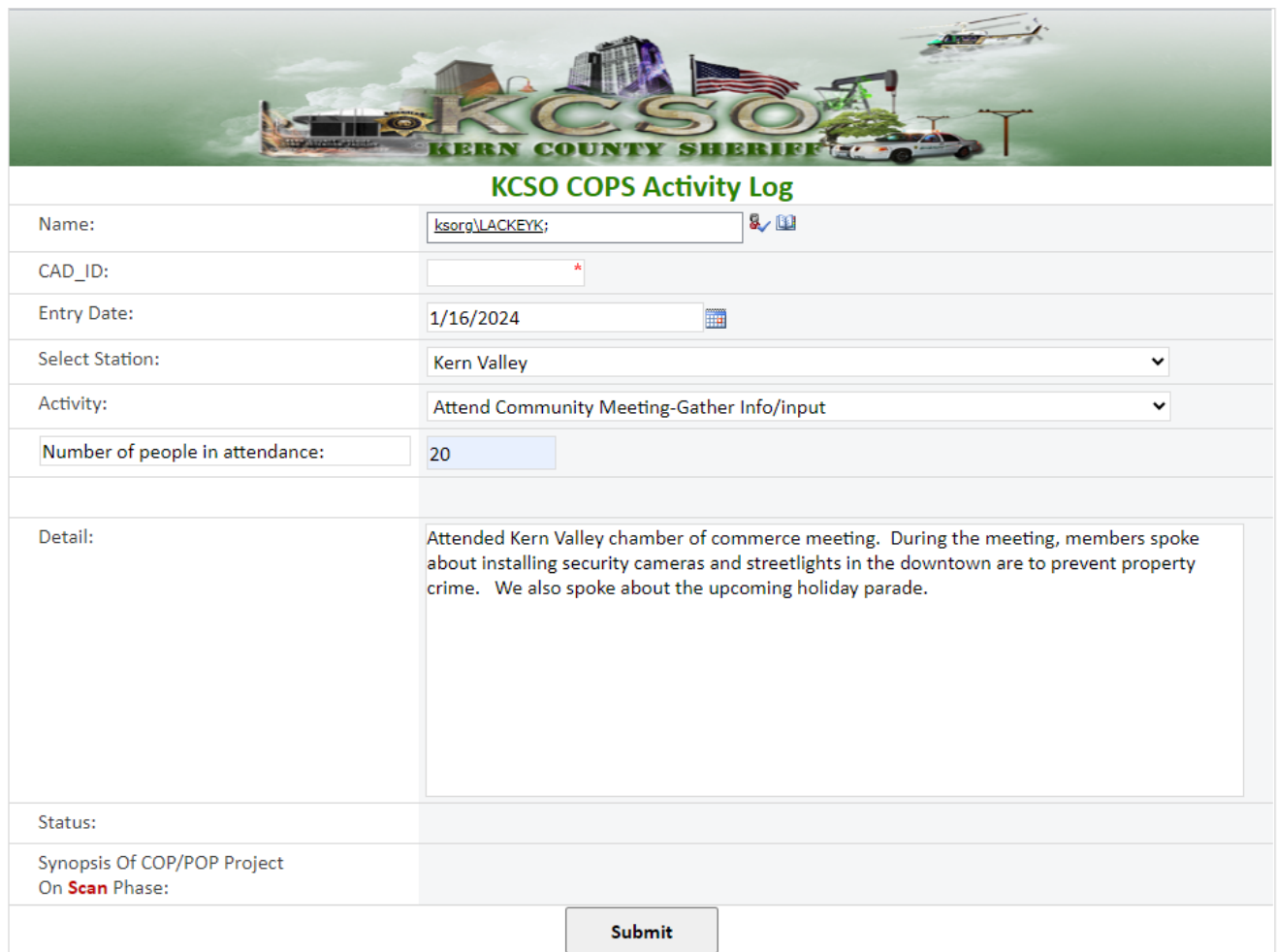
- **Sheriff's Activities League (SAL)**

Any activity involving SAL.

- **School/Education Activities**

When a representative of the Sheriff's Office participates in any school or educational activity, such as reading to children, giving a gang or narcotics lecture, truancy prevention, school resource activities, etc.

All COPs activities will be logged. See below for example:



The image shows a screenshot of a web-based form titled "KCSO COPS Activity Log". At the top is a banner with the KCSO logo and various law enforcement symbols. The form fields are as follows:

- Name:** A text input field containing "ksorg\LACKEYK;" with a user icon and a document icon to its right.
- CAD_ID:** An empty text input field with a red asterisk indicating a required field.
- Entry Date:** A date picker field showing "1/16/2024" with a calendar icon.
- Select Station:** A dropdown menu with "Kern Valley" selected.
- Activity:** A dropdown menu with "Attend Community Meeting-Gather Info/input" selected.
- Number of people in attendance:** A text input field containing the number "20".
- Detail:** A large text area containing the text: "Attended Kern Valley chamber of commerce meeting. During the meeting, members spoke about installing security cameras and streetlights in the downtown area to prevent property crime. We also spoke about the upcoming holiday parade."
- Status:** An empty text input field.
- Synopsis Of COP/POP Project On Scan Phase:** An empty text input field.

At the bottom center of the form is a "Submit" button.

Traditional COPs events do not involve the SARA model. A brief summary of the event should be listed in the details box. The area supervisor will be notified of the event.