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**SUBJECT:** Relationship-Based Policing

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2.01.01 POLICY

The Wheat Ridge Police Department is devoted to strengthening connections with our community and city government through interactions and dialogue that build mutual respect and trust. Together we share the responsibility to develop strategies to decrease crime and increase quality of life for everyone who lives, works, plays, and travels within the City of Wheat Ridge.

Effective relationships allow law enforcement to develop *trust*, create opportunities for communication, and allow collaborators the opportunity to work closely to achieve common goals. Collaborators include department and city employees, and community alike. Relationships are intentional in nature and build trust within a community.

PHILOSOPHY

- A. We build relationships by:
  - 1. Spending time out of patrol vehicles.
  - 2. Open communications with the public which lead to transparency.
  - 3. Working to solve problems.
  - 4. Preference to handling calls well instead of handling calls for service quickly.
- B. Improve relationships through the pillars of procedural justice to improve relationships.
  - 1. Fairness in the process.
  - 2. Transparency in our actions.
  - 3. Opportunities to give people a voice.
  - 4. Stress impartiality in our decision making.

2.01.02 GOALS OF RELATIONSHIP-BASED POLICING

- A. Engagement with the public. Speak with the community about their concerns and what might otherwise go unreported. What are their perceptions of crime and law enforcement.
- B. Proactive Enforcement and Education.
- C. Engagement and visibility in the Community.
- D. Continued training.

### 2.01.03 PROCEDURES

- A. All members will positively engage members of the community throughout their shift to increase positive communication and reduce overall crime.