

The primary purpose of the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) team is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the City of Anderson through a community partnership that promotes safe neighborhoods. The COPS team takes a zero tolerance approach to issues that diminish the public safety and/or reduce that quality of life.

The COPS team utilizes bicycles as an integral part of patrolling the streets of the city. The purpose for this is accessibility to the citizens and mobility as well. You will normally find the COPS team in areas with disproportionately higher crime rates and also at large gatherings such as festivals, community functions, etc.

The team can also be scheduled to attend school and other youth and children functions to speak about safety or other concerns.

The COPS team also will occasionally attend community watch meetings to hear the concerns of the citizens at those meetings in order to have a greater grasp on what are the pressing needs of any given community in the City. After attending these meetings the COPS team will act as soon as possible to address these concerns.

The COPS team initiative focuses on "grassroots" tactical strategies in order to apprehend and prosecute criminal offenders.

The team is made up of four officers plus a Sergeant and a Lieutenant. These members must be physically fit, patient and of sound character and proactive in their approach to law enforcement. To reach the COPS team you may call Sgt. Tony Tilley or Sgt. David Creamer at (864) 231-2277