



The Woodlands, Texas  
a master planned community  
established in  
1974

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Today a master planned community  
With a population of 97, 023 people



**Mr. George Mitchell began The Woodlands with an idea in mind of creating a unique place to live and raise a family. A place centered around a small town atmosphere with big city amenities. The Woodlands today has become a location where small town meets up town and resembles many places across the United States, Europe, Asia, and South America.**



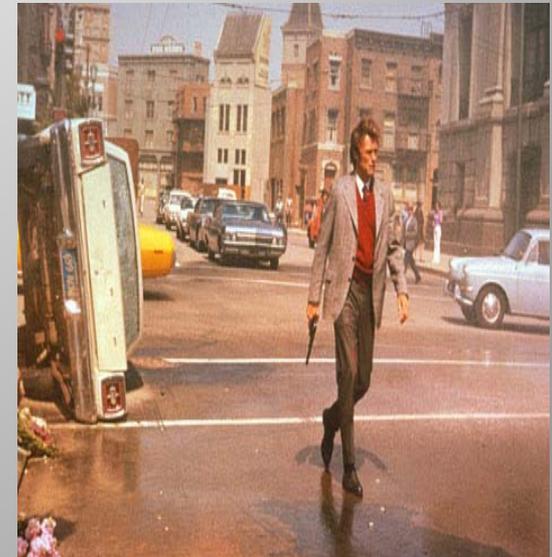
# Genesis of Law Enforcement

- Sir Robert Peel the father of modern law enforcement theorized in 1829 that an established law enforcement agency with specific “beats” or “zones” would be better able to address the crime within these areas.
- Sir Robert also thought the “Bobbie” would become a familiar face to the citizen thus the citizen would pass on “criminal” information to a friend rather than a stranger, in doing so the crime rate would diminish over time.
- Sir Robert began the concept within the London Metropolitan Police District.
- Cities across the U.S. adopted Sir Robert’s theory of law enforcement utilizing the general structure of Para-military, zoned patrol, central stationed and citizen oriented.



# The Birth of Community Policing

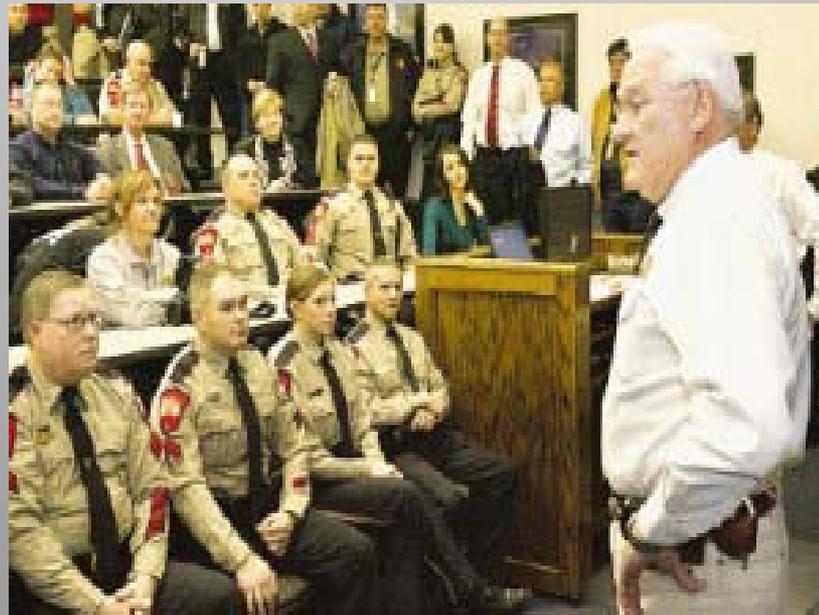
- In 1962 133 years after Sir Roberts epiphany the City of San Francisco established a specialized unit of police officers that focused on reducing crime by focusing on despair within the minority neighborhoods.
- However, this attempt failed due to the lack of mission statement, guidance and commitment from the SFPD and community. What did come out the attempt was an idea of team policing.
- In the early 1970s “Team Policing” took hold as a way to get the officer involved again with the community.
- The “Team Policing concept grew into what we now call “Community Policing”



# THE WOODLANDS

- **The Woodlands is a community roughly affixed to 28,000 plus acres and population of 97,000 residing in approximately 36, 819 homes. The median age is 34.4 with an average of 2.64 person per home.**
- **The Woodlands is divided up into 9 zones 8 of which are in Montgomery County with 7 of the 8 being primarily residential. However, commercial and residential are closely blended so much so one can easily traverse work to pleasure within just a few steps.**
- **There are 160 miles of bike paths, 111 parks and over 300 plus miles of roadway.**

- The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office began the policing duties in 2007 when a contract agreement was reached between The Woodlands and Sheriff's Office. The MCSO provides a full time assigned cadre of officers to The Woodlands, known in the county as District 6.



- There are 85 personnel assigned law enforcement officers to District 6.
- Consisting of 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 4 Senior Sergeants, 1, Traffic Senior Sergeant, 6 Patrol Sergeants and 67 Patrol Deputies, 1 K9, 1 Detective, 2 Jailers, and 1 Clerk. There are 3 eight hour shifts 6 a.m. – 2 p.m., 2 p.m. – 10 p.m. and 10 p.m. – 6 a.m.
- With this assignment of personnel the MCSO District 6 Office began the concept of Community Policing

# The Definition of Community Policing

- Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies, which 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.
- **Community Policing is comprised of three key components:**
  - 1.) **Community Partnerships**
  - 2.) **Organizational Transformation**
  - 3.) **Problem Solving**





- Community Partnership is a collaborative partnership between law enforcement and the community in which it serves.
- Law enforcement and community work together to develop solutions to problems and build a positive relationship between the two.

# Organizational Transformation

- The alignment of organizational management, structure, personnel and information system to support community partnership and proactive problem solving.
  - Agency management
  - Geographic assignment of officers
  - Personnel
  - Information Systems
  - Communication
  - Quality and accuracy of data

# Problem Solving

- The process of engaging in the proactive and systematic examination of identified problems.
  - Identifying and prioritizing problems
  - Researching what is known about the problem
  - Developing solutions to about positive results in reducing crime
  - Evaluating the success of the response
  - Using the crime triangle to focus on immediate condition.

# Problem Solving

What is the Crime Triangle?



It is a simple way to explain how me, you and the criminals interact.

# Problem Solving

- Offenders can sometimes be controlled by other people: those people are known as handlers.
- Targets and victims can sometimes be protected by other people as well: those people are known as guardians.
- Places are usually controlled by someone: those people are known as managers.
  
- Effective community policing requires understanding how offenders and their targets/victims come together in places, and understanding how those offenders, targets/victims, and places are or are not effectively controlled.
- Through a collective effort between police and community we take away the opportunity or control the place to limit the opportunity.

# Community Liaison Sergeant

- What is the role of the community liaison sergeant? My role is defined as the “point where communication begins.” I am responsible for ensuring that the residents of The Woodlands receive accurate information concerning current law enforcement concerns that effect the day to day lives of those residents. This dissemination occurs in two different settings:
  - Village Association Meetings
  - Neighborhood Meetings
    - Good Neighbor Days
    - Village Watch Meetings
    - Apartment Watch Meetings
    - Watch Talk Wednesday



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What information is disseminated?

- Statistical information in the way of numerical data that provides a quantitative measure of criminal activity within The Woodlands.
- Crime alerts, information about calls i.e. burglaries of homes, motor vehicles, robberies of banks, suspicious activity and any other information that is deemed pertinent for dissemination.
- Crime prevention education, generally a short list of what to and what not do around the home, during traveling and while conducting day to day business.



# Community Liaison Sergeant

- I am also responsible for ensuring the concerns of the citizens are addressed by the MCSO. How is this accomplished ?
- Conducting briefings with personnel of the MCSO advising them of the concerns and issues arising with citizens.
- Advising the patrol deputies of current crime trends within their assigned zones.
- Providing information that is accurate and current.
- This movement of information is not accomplished solely by my own actions, I work closely with The Woodlands Township Village Liaisons who provide insight and information from the villages of The Woodlands.
- The collective effort of the Township and MCSO personnel working together often produces outstanding results in solving the issues as they arise.



Who am I?



# I am Paul Cassidy

- I am an American
- I am a native Texan
- I am a Christian.
- I am a United States Marine.
- I began serving in the field of law enforcement on December 9, 1987 and have continued to do so.
- I am a Sergeant with MCSO assigned to District 6 The Woodlands, Texas.
- I am the Community Liaison Sergeant.

“I believe through a collective effort and positive communication The Woodlands, Montgomery County, and Texas can be a great place to live and grow.”

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