

**Q&A Sessions with English Language Learners (ELL) & New Arrival Classes**

The liaisons and officers are periodically invited by teachers to attend classes comprised of ELL students and newly-arrived refugees for 1-2 hour sessions. They answer questions posed to them by class participants and teachers. (15-100 on average)

**Educational Academies**

The academies consist of a class, or a series of classes, which cover a variety of topics geared toward the target audience. Traffic stops, city codes, domestic violence, bullying, internet safety, gangs, the Justice System, immigration and 9-1-1 are some of the topics that are regularly covered.

- New Americans' Academy – Six-week sessions held in March 2007, September 2007 and March 2008 (20-35 each)
- Teen Academy at Champlin Park High School with JAG students (23)
- Kid Zone at Northport, Evergreen and Earle Brown Elementary Schools (180 total)
- Two Teen Academies at Brooklyn Center High School (25-35)
- Teen Academy at Osseo Learning Center (20)
- One-day Latino Safe Neighborhood Training at BC High School (25)

**Community Resource Fairs & Events**

The liaisons and officers often attend community events and resource fairs to provide information about JCPP programs and to connect with community members. Participation in these events also allows the liaisons, the community, and the police to interact in a positive and social atmosphere.

- Brooklyn Park *Cinco de Mayo* festival (500)
- Liberian Jamboree (150)
- Southeast Asian Community Council's Thanksgiving dinner and celebration (250)
- Hmong New Year celebration at the Metrodome (7000)
- ELL Resource Fair (100) and the Adult Basic Education Job Fair (95)
- Minnesota African Women's Association HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (100)
- Brooklyn Center Expo (150)
- Kickball game with the girls' team from Liberian Women's Initiatives of Minnesota and the female officers of the BCPD and BPPD (30)

**JCPP TRAINING & OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

The surrounding boxes describe the various types of outreach and educational activities that the JCPP has sponsored or participated in during 2007 and 2008. The numbers of participants are listed in parentheses (#).

**Cultural Training for Officers**

Police officers periodically participate in cultural and language training to improve their ability to communicate with and serve the diverse residents in their communities.

- Trainings on the Hmong, Latino, Liberian, Somali, and Bosnian culture led by community members of these cultural groups (120)
- Spanish language instruction (40).
- Presentation from the Center for Victims of Torture about how community members' past experience with torture may impact their interactions with police (80).
- Presentation from the Mexican Consulate about international forms of identification (120).

**Outreach to At-risk Youth**

MAD DADS is a new partner in the effort to reduce truancy and connect youth to recreational and mentorship programs. The JCPP has provided funding to hire a part-time MAD DADS outreach worker to connect with youth at Brooklyn Center High School. MAD DADS workers also accompany Brooklyn Park police to reach out to at-risk youth in public places.

**Community Dialogues & Meetings**

These events consist primarily of discussions about safety and livability, ways in which the police and community can work together, Q&A sessions about the role of the police, laws, and personal safety. Some meetings were held at already-established community group events while others were organized specifically to share information about the police and the goals of the Joint Community Police Partnership.

- Meeting with the African Women's Group at Brooklyn United Methodist Church (23)
- Meeting with members of the University of Minnesota African Students' Group (24)
- Meeting with A-mon-nue Sports & Social Association regarding rules and regulations for large events, such as soccer tournaments (150)
- Presentation about role of police to Kenyan church congregants (150)
- Dialogue about the role of the police at Ebenezer Church (200)
- Q&A with the Latino congregation at St. Alphonsus Church-in Spanish (200)
- Meeting with the Liberian Ministers' Association
- Three dialogues about safety and livability with the Liberian community (38, 57, 66)
- A series of presentations and dialogues throughout the summer with a group of youth at Park Haven Apartments on topics of their choosing (3-25)