

“I feel community policing is very important”

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 *Latest in a series of posts about neighborhoods* 

A resident proposes a plan in response to the problems detailed over the last several posts, and — behold — we see another gadfly born!

<https://youtu.be/y8iN-Scvj-A>

- *I know many of the older police, and we managed to clean up quite a few blocks.*
- *I feel community policing is very important, because it is the only way that citizens get to see that police are human too.*
- *We became good friends.*
- *And we managed to get good block watches going.*
- *I hear now that nobody wants to get involved any more in community policing.*
- *Some may not admit it, but they are afraid — and I understand that totally.*
- *Because I’m afraid . . . some guy pulled a gun in front of my house at me.*
- *I was pretty much a prisoner of my own home.*
- *Community policing has done a lot for me and other people.*
- *So I would really like to see something done with this.*
- *Get officers in to this, I’ll even volunteer to work with them.*
- *This is a very important part of the police department.*
- *If they’re afraid to go out there and talk to people, that’s not good.*
- *I’m going to be a thorn in everybody’s side, but I’m doing it for the good of my home, which is Bethlehem.*

Gadfly knows this is a big change of pace, but how about this as an example of good community policing?

<https://youtu.be/ACY4ytQe6C0>