



One-on-One is a four-part video-based training program to help law enforcement officers increase their effectiveness and safety by building trust with children and teenagers.

The Fred Rogers Company, in partnership with the National League of Cities and the Department of Justice COPS office, is pleased announce that Memphis, TN is one of the cities chosen to be a host site for One on One: Connecting Cops & Kids. The Cops & Kids team was impressed by Memphis' enthusiasm and feel that the city possesses the ingredients needed to make the training a success and make its effects as long-lasting as possible.

"Cops & Kids" was developed with the overarching goal of building less adversarial and more collaborative and trusting relationships among police officers and the communities they serve. By doing so, the program helps prevent crime, increase cooperation with investigations, dispel a climate of fear, and increase the safety of children and teens, as well as police officers.

Whether police officers are fighting crimes, building safer neighborhoods, or combating terrorism, their relationships with children are critically important. The way police interact with children in a neighborhood can have a significant impact on police effectiveness and safety, and on the stability of communities. **Raising Awareness. Modeling Behavior. One-on-One** provokes discussion and raises officers' awareness of children in their work and of the tremendous impact their presence, authority and actions have on children. It is also designed to show how basic knowledge of children and their development can enhance an officer's impact, safety and ability to achieve law enforcement goals in the community.

Children serve an important role in facilitating the goals of law enforcement.

- Children are almost always present when police officers perform their duties.
- Children can make police officers' work easier, or harder, depending on the level of trust that is built between children and police.
- Positive community attitudes toward police officers and cooperation with investigations can significantly affect the way police officers are perceived: how they interact with children, and act on their behalf on the job, is critical.
- Children grow up quickly to become the adults of the communities that officers are sworn to serve.

By giving officers tools to communicate and build relationships with children, One-on-One can improve officer's safety and help officers achieve their law enforcement goals.

More Information about One on One: Connecting Cops and Kids:
<http://www.fci.org/cops/about.html>