

The Santa Fe Police Department, in an effort to improve communication and understanding between the citizens we serve and the department, proudly announce the introduction of two different programs available for citizens to interact with the Department.

**Coffee With A Cop**, which was originally conceived by officers from the Hawthorne (CA) Police Department, is an opportunity for the community and police to come together in situations other than those involving enforcement actions, so that the community can get to know the people behind the badge, and officers can get to know the community that they serve. The environment is also conducive to problem-solving and relationship building, two cornerstone of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing.

Santa Fe PD, in conjunction with area businesses, will seek to host Coffee with a Cop on a monthly basis. The inaugural event will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at McDonald's, located at 12400 Hwy 6, Santa Fe from 8am-9am. Future events will also be posted on the Santa Fe PD's Facebook site.

A second opportunity for interaction with the department will begin on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. As a means to encourage fitness and community interaction, the department will initiate **Stroll With Patrol**, which will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Mornings from 6am-7am at Joe A. Tambrella Park in Santa Fe. Bring your walking shoes and your questions. The name for the local program was conceived by Capt. Philip Meadows, an 18 year veteran of the department.

"These are great opportunities for interaction at a different level. I'm a big believer in community participation. We all have a stake in what happens here. Yes, the police are the guardians of the community, but in the end it's the relationships between the police and the community that makes the difference", said Chief of Police Jeff Powell.