

## **COEP Seeks To**

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- Create training programs for law enforcement to address gaps in cultural competency as well as best practices for community engagement across the state
- Provide on-going forums and programs for the community that address their needs and provide a better understanding of how the government and law enforcement function
- Build, strengthen, and maintain relationships of trust between communities and federal and state government and law enforcement officials through sustained engagement
- Act as a liaison between community leaders, advisory councils—both government and non-government—to help counter radicalization, violent extremism, and violent criminal behavior through community engagement and education
- Create youth programs to involve the youth with state and federal government and non-government led programs to enhance their knowledge and involvement within and outside of the community

## **COEP's Personal Safety Tips:**

1. Program a number in your phone with the name "ICE-In Case of Emergency," this serves you when you cannot talk in an emergency situation
2. Keep your head up when you walk and look people in the eye—this demonstrates your assertiveness
3. Be ready when you leave your house, car, or the store—have a plan and know where you are going and what you are going to do
4. Be familiar with your surroundings, and if you are unsure about an area, do not stay there
5. If you think someone is following you or you are unsure of someone, listen to your instincts—do not be afraid of hurting that person's feelings

If you would like more information on COEP, have questions, or would like to set up a program, please contact Tiffany Cohn at 919-582-8565 or [tcohn@ncsbi.gov](mailto:tcohn@ncsbi.gov).

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# **Community Outreach and Engagement Program**



A Global Approach to a State Response

## Mission

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The Community Outreach and Engagement Program, or COEP, aims to expand and improve inter-faith and inter-cultural dialogue by furthering community engagement efforts as well as expand cooperative efforts with law enforcement and state and federal entities. COEP also strives to empower individuals and communities so that they can help protect themselves and others against violent crimes and violent extremist activities.



## What Community Outreach Means

Building a relationship between the community and law enforcement is useful for teaching individuals how to be aware of personal safety and their surroundings. When a flow of information is established in both directions between the community and law enforcement agencies, both groups can potentially benefit. The objective is to create open lines of communication so that uncovering important information quickly is the norm rather than the exception. Community outreach focuses on (but is not limited to) education, protection, cooperation, and trust.

## Who COEP Involves

At present, COEP has built and maintained relationships with the Muslim American Society, The Divan Center, The Islamic Association of Raleigh, The Raleigh Girls Club and the United Sikh Organization. As it expands, COEP seeks to involve as many organizations in the community as possible.

In addition, partnerships have been established with the United States Attorneys Office of North Carolina Eastern District, United States Customs and Immigration Services, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, The North Carolina State Highway Patrol, Raleigh Police Department, Morrisville Police Department, Cary Police Department, The North Carolina Victim's Assistance Network, North Carolina Coalition Against Human Trafficking and the Department of Homeland Security.

## Programs

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The Community Outreach and Engagement Program intends to bring communities programs that they want and need. Some of our current programs include

- Women's Safety and Empowerment Program
- Internet Safety Program for Adults and Youth
- Prescription Drug Awareness Program
- Law Enforcement and Government Overview Program
- Religious Facilities Safety Program
- Drug Awareness Program
- School Safety Seminar
- Bomb Making Material Awareness Program