

## Community Focus Statement E: Improve communication and coordination between Mentone and the County.

### **Action Statement E.2: Coordinate with County Fire and Sheriff Departments on calls for service information that can be shared with businesses and residents.**

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**Benchmark:** Communicate regularly with the San Bernardino County Fire and Sheriff's departments, and collaborate on various land use issues.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** Variable depending on programs proposed.



*Coffee with a Cop Program logo. Photo source: [Coffee with a Cop](#)*

investigation of a criminal case. All calls listed are for service in the Sheriff's Department's jurisdiction. These areas are either cities that contract with the Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services or unincorporated areas of the county.

The Sheriff's blotter enables residents and businesses to communicate crime activity occurring in the community. A regular review of the calls for service and the year-to-date crime statistics provides an accurate view of law enforcement activity in a community. The Sheriff's blotter data is taken from the official calls for service records kept by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. It is a comprehensive list excluding only those calls where the release of information could cause harm to an individual or could jeopardize the

Law enforcement will often report directly to a city council or elected officials regarding notable activity within a jurisdiction. This avenue may be unavailable to an unincorporated area like Mentone; however, other options for direct interaction with the Sheriff's Department are possible. A less formal way for a community to interact with law enforcement is through periodic meetings such as Coffee with a Cop, which would bring sheriff's deputies and the community members they serve together—over coffee—to discuss local issues and learn more about each other. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department also posts monthly press releases and crime maps on its website, making information on crime activity available to everyone. Nonetheless, the Mentone Area Community Association and the Chamber of Commerce should work together to distribute this information to the Mentone community, as well as information on calls for service from the San Bernardino County Fire Department. Both the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department use social media (e.g., Twitter, Facebook) to provide useful information in real time.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Create a task force to serve as a liaison between Mentone and the County Fire & Sheriff's Department. Select volunteers to serve specific roles such as Sheriff's Department liaison, Fire Department liaison, social media liaison, etc.	Champion	Month 1	Coffee with a Cop Organization <a href="http://coffeewithacop.com/">http://coffeewithacop.com/</a>  Mentone Chamber of Commerce
2. Develop a "Coffee with a Cop" program for Mentone.	Mentone Coordination Task Force	Quarterly	<a href="https://www.mentonechamber.com/links.htm">https://www.mentonechamber.com/links.htm</a>
3. Distribute information in a newsletter or email to residents (for example, Sheriff's Department monthly press releases and crime maps, information on calls for services from the Fire Department).	Mentone Coordination Task Force	Monthly	