



Austin Police Department – Office of Community Liaison

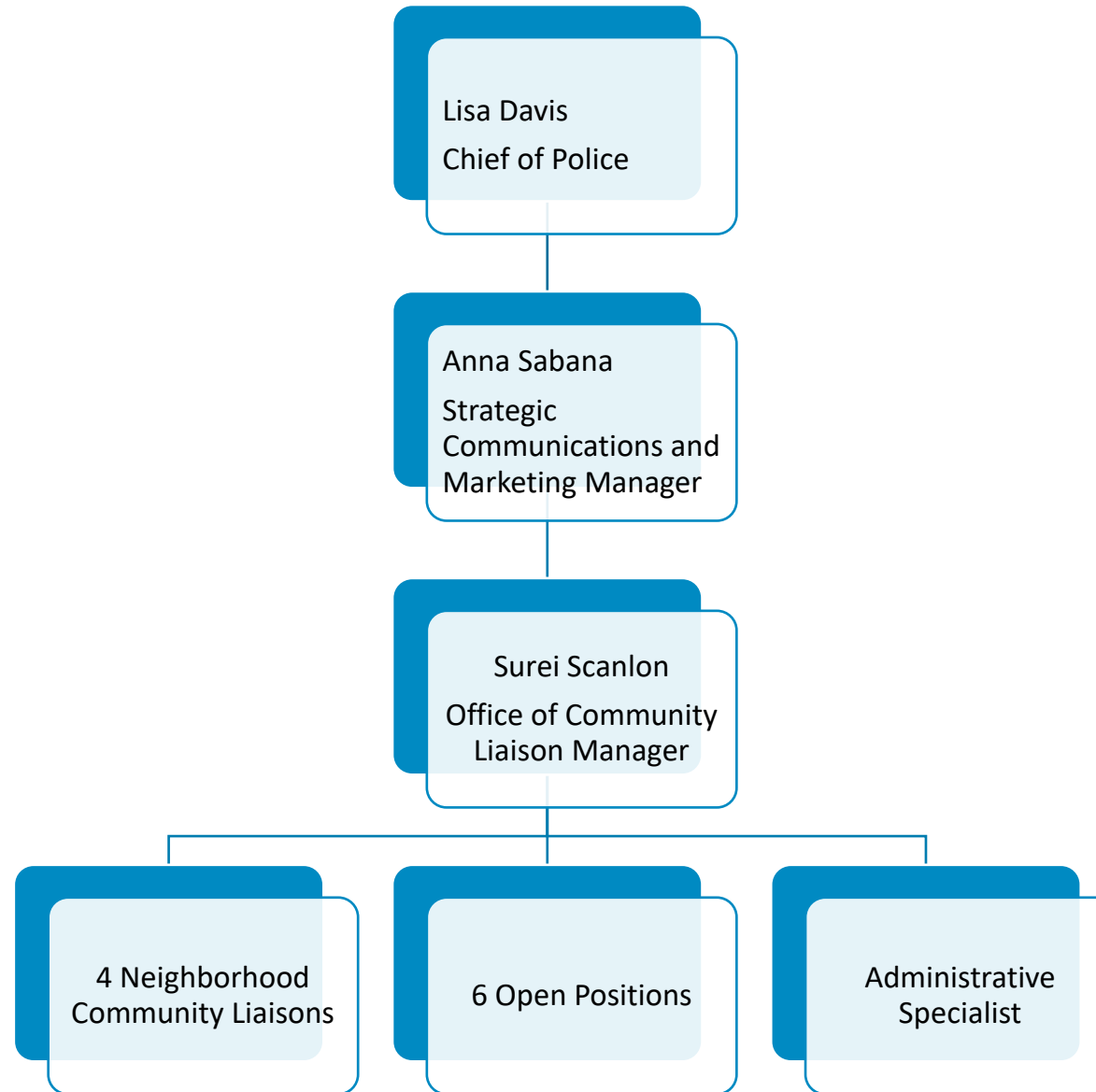
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Mission

The Office of Community Liaison (OCL) mission is to carry out Community Engagement by fostering a sense of shared responsibility and inclusiveness throughout our Austin community; through education, awareness and law enforcement accessibility.



Office of Community Liaison Organizational Structure



OCL Neighborhood Liaison Roles



Bill Pruitt, Neighborhood Liaison
Sectors:

- Adam - Northwest
- Edward - Northeast
- Ida - Northcentral

LGBTQ Community
Safe Place Initiative & Training



David Magana, Neighborhood Liaison
Sectors:

- David – Southwest
- Henry – Southcentral
- Frank - Southeast

Multi-Ethnic Outreach
Immigration & Refugee Outreach



Joshua Lake, Neighborhood Liaison
Sectors:

- Baker – Central West
- Charlie – Central East
- George - DTAC

Crime Prevention Outreach & National Night Out



Karen Hemby, Neighborhood Liaison
Sector:

Supports All Sectors

Aging Community & Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.)

OCL Challenges

OCL Location



4101 Industrial Drive, Austin, TX 78744

Operations location of Blue Santa and is not easily accessible, centralized or welcoming to the community.

The space does not allow for community gatherings and engagement opportunities for all age groups.

Staffing/Operations for Operation Blue Santa (OBS)



Professional staff perform warehouse tasks (forklift operation, boxing, packaging, inventory) associated with the OBS program.

This is in addition to the coordination of the program as liaisons.

Sworn Availability



Due to continued staffing challenges, sworn teammates are not always available for Community Engagement opportunities.

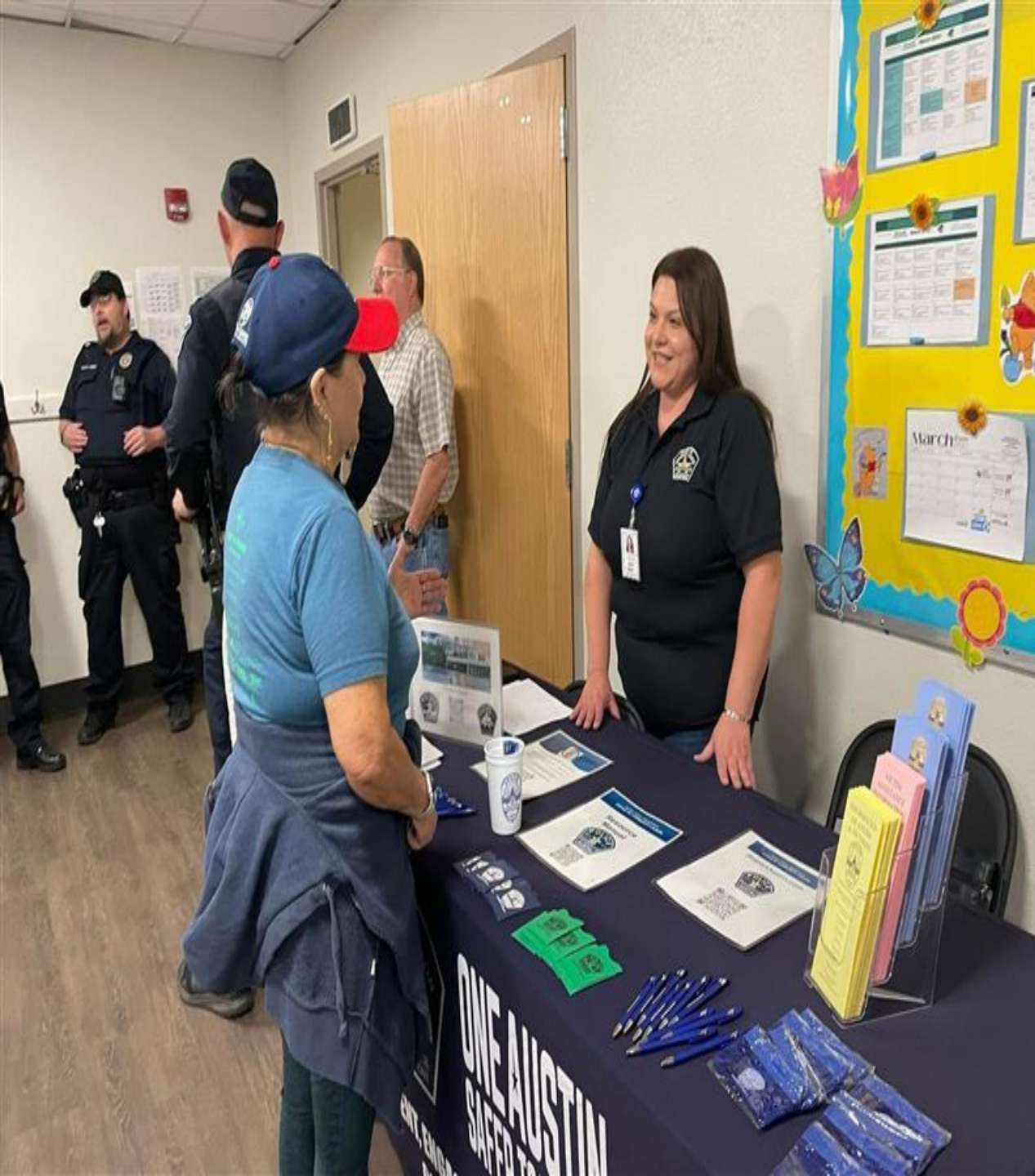
Austin community members want Officers to be present at more events.

Education and Awareness

- Crime Free Multi-Housing Program
- Safe Place Initiative Training
- Business Crime Prevention Training
- Community and Residential Crime Prevention Training
- Mounted Patrol Crowd Management Control Training
- Tabling at Events

OCL Professional Development

- Professional Law Enforcement Community Engagement Training
- APD Crime Free Multi-Housing Training
- Creating and Sustaining an Inclusive Culture Training
- 2025 World LGBTQI+ Conference for Criminal Justice Professionals – Napa Valley, CA
- CRASE Training (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event)
- CPR and First Aid



OCL Partners

Internal Collaboration



District Representatives
Victim Services
Specialized Units
Patrol
Public Information Office

Community Stakeholders



Mexican Consulate
North Austin Civic Association (NACA)
Rundberg Alliance
Espero Rutland Housing for Homeless
LGBT Chamber
Downtown Austin Alliance
Age of Central Texas

City Partners



City Manager Town Halls
Austin Public Libraries
Parks and Recreation Department
COA Language Access
Quality of Life Commissions

Upcoming Projects



- Autism Awareness and Acceptance Event
- 4H Core Academy
- S.A.L.T. Collaboration with PARD
- S.A.L.T. Collaboration with the Asian American Resource Center
- Safe Place Initiative trainings with 26 Austin Public Library front-line employees (Resolution 20240518-046)
- Child Safety First – Safety and Education Events
- Domestic Violence Awareness and Education

Ongoing Education and Awareness

Crime Prevention



OCL collaborates with sworn teammates to host trainings and complete crime prevention property surveys for business owners and residents in the community.

Coffee with a Cop



Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together—over coffee—to discuss issues and learn more about each other.

Community Connect



This forum is an opportunity for community members to engage with Officers in their area and express concerns, ask questions, and discuss ways to collaborate for a safer city.

OCL supports APD Command staff at these meetings.

Operation Blue Santa



- Provides gifts to families in need in the City of Austin during the holiday season. More than 5,000 families served annually.
- About 14,000 children benefitted from Operation Blue Santa.
- Approximately 60,000 toys.

National Night Out



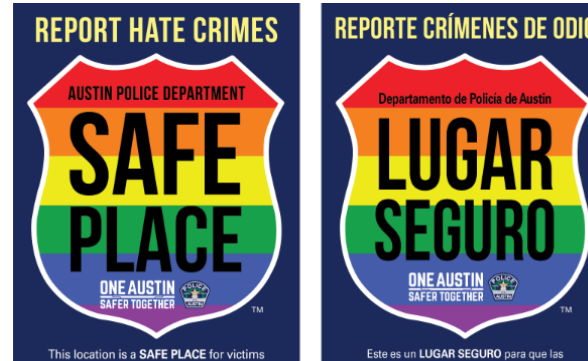
- Multi-agency partnership.
- NNO annual event is on the first Tuesday in October.
- Promotes crime prevention and provides an opportunity for neighbors to get to know one another.
- Over 400 parties held throughout the Central Texas area each year.

Office of Community Liaison Outreach and Engagement



Initiate.

Conversations, ideas,
civic participation.



Collaborate.

Sworn teammates,
community stakeholders
and City agencies.



Educate.

Foster awareness and provide
accessibility to law
enforcement resources.

Thank you

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