In the early 1980's, the outlines of a new direction for policing, known as "community Policing", began to emerge and take root throughout the United States and many other countries. Since then interest in Community Policing has grown rapidly and police in many jurisdictions have developed and implemented some form of C.P.

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