

A. **PURPOSE.** To outline the Grand Rapids Police Department's commitment to develop and participate in programs that are designed to prevent and control juvenile delinquency.

B. **GOALS**

1. To establish and maintain innovative programs designed to prevent and control juvenile delinquency.
2. To increase and improve the Grand Rapids Police Department's contact and relationship with youth and their families.
3. To have the Grand Rapids Police Department take an active role in the development of youth programs and assist in their continued support.

C. **PROGRAMS**

1. Youth Police Academy

- a. The Youth Police Academy is for young men and women in grades 10-12. It is a 40 hour program designed to give participants an introduction into a law enforcement career.
- b. The program is managed by the Training Unit.

2. Police Explorers Post #1871

- a. The Explorers Program is for young men and women who are at least 14 years of age and have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade, up to adults who have not yet reached the age of 21.
- b. The Explorers Program is a year round endeavor that is managed by selected personnel under the oversight of the Support Services Division.

3. OnBase with GRPD

- a. The OnBase Program is designed to teach baseball and teamwork to youth ages 9-12. The assigned personnel coach and mentor the children with the purpose of building relationships while teaching the fundamentals of the game.
- b. The program is managed by selected personnel.

4. Boys & Girls Club of Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth
  - a. Based on physical, emotional, cultural, and social needs and interests of girls and boys, recognizing developmental principles, the Clubs offer program activities in the arts, life skills, fitness, leadership, and education.
  - b. The Grand Rapids Police Department has one officer assigned full time to each of the three Boys & Girls Clubs
    - (1) Paul I. Phillips – 726 Madison Ave SE
    - (2) Steil Club – 235 Straight Ave NW
    - (3) Seidman Club – 139 Crofton St SE
  - c. Camp O'Malley - designed to enhance the character of youth through recreation, education, and positive community experiences in partnership with Boys & Girls Club. It serves youth of different ages and runs multiple sessions June through August. Each week, for the duration of the camp, a GRPD Community Policing Specialist is assigned to participate in the program.