



Building relationships. One cup at a time.

Coffee with a Cop was launched in 2018 when Chief of Police Mark Minichini from the Belleville Police Department was looking for ways to interact more successfully with the citizens his department served each day. Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing trust between the community and the police. However, over time the character and composition of our communities have changed due to shifting demographics, more commuters, and the introduction of different communication methods such as websites and social media. Coffee with a Cop has been an extremely successful community oriented policing program which has helped break down the barrier that has been built over the years.

The Belleville Police Department 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.

In Person

Taking time to meet at neutral locations provides the opportunity for real conversations about issues that matter.

Casual Atmosphere

Coffee with a Cop events take place at local establishments. Community residents can sit down with officers and ask questions or share what's on their mind.

Building Trust

In a short time, citizens and police officers get to know each other and discover mutual goals for the communities they live in and serve.

The Belleville Police Department would like to consider your establishment for its next Coffee with a Cop event!! If you would be interested in hosting this event and/or have more questions about the program, please contact Sgt. Anthony Abate from the Community Relations Unit at 973-450-3348 or email at aabate@bellevillenj.org.