



# Pella Police Department

614 Main Street  
Pella, IA 50219

## For Immediate Release:

Pella Police Department establishes a Community Advisory Committee

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Pella, IA – The Pella Police Department has taken another step in support of community partnership and collaboration. The first Community Advisory Committee meeting was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The committee is comprised of community leaders and stakeholders who meet quarterly with agency Command Staff members. The purpose of the committee is:

- a. Provide a public forum for gathering information about public safety concerns in the community
- b. Work with the Department to develop strategies to solve public safety problems
- c. Generate plans for improving the relationship between the Department and the community
- d. Participate in community outreach to solicit input from community stakeholders including community youth

Chief McSheehy believes the committee will provide timely input and collaboration to assist in providing a response to a variety of issues and upcoming challenges. “The first meeting was very promising. The group had excellent dialogue, and a real interest in helping all members of this community.”

Community committee members include:

Josh Conrad, Program Director at The Well  
Kim Huffman, Pella Regional Hospital  
Brad Bierma, Pastor at Calvary Christian Reformed Church  
Tara Kohlhaas, Owner of The Wijnhouse  
John Eilers, Director at The Christian Opportunity Center  
Shawn Wick, Department Chair at Central College

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