

Fireside Five-Oh Livingroom Conversations

Thank you for inviting us to your Fireside Five-Oh livingroom conversation. We are looking forward to meeting you, your friends and neighbors.

Guidelines for hosts:

You can anticipate that once we get started, the chat will last approximately ninety minutes.

As the host, you are best equipped to determine your guest list. Groups of 8 to 12, plus the officers seems to work best so that everyone has a chance to participate.

These are casual conversations intended to allow the guests to get to know the officers better and vice-versa. Topics will naturally be guided by the flow of the conversation. Let us know in advance if there is a specific issue of concern so that we can come prepared with up to date information.

Although you are the host, the burden to facilitate the conversation is not yours alone. In addition to the beat officer in your neighborhood, the Neighborhood Resource Officer or a member of our Community Policing Team will be on hand to help “break the ice”.

It’s helpful to keep in mind some general topics of conversation to get the chat started. Just a few suggestions include:

What are the officer’s thoughts as she conducts a traffic stop?
What previous career and life experience did the officer bring to his police job?
How heavy is all that equipment and what is it all for?
Is it scary out there?
When should we call the police?

Please let us know in advance if there are any special concerns for your Fireside Five-Oh. We have some capacity to help with translation. And yes, it’s true, we’ll bring treats!

Thanks again for hosting. Don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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