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Building trust with the community one cup at a time.

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Coffee with a Cop

Beginning September 12th (Monday) from 10-12 the Renton Chamber of Commerce, Starbucks, Renton Reporter and the Renton Police Department will begin their first Coffee with a cop program. These programs have begun in several states across the US and build a new level of availability and access to your local police department.

Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing relationships between the community and the police. The importance of trust between officers and residents certainly has not changed. What has dramatically changed, however, is the character and composition of our nation's communities. Shifting demographics, greater mobility with longer commutes to and from work, instantaneous communications, and the advent of web-based social networking have forever altered the very concept of community. With this redefinition, community policing itself must gain a contemporary perspective.

So, in this ever-changing world, how can law enforcement personnel engage in quality interactions with the people they serve? "It is elegant in its simplicity"—just have a cup of coffee. Purchase your cup of coffee and sit with a police officer and begin the conversation. This is your chance to have a relaxed, informal one-on-one in a friendly atmosphere.

The dates and locations are:

September 12 Starbucks 4637 NE Sunset Blvd, Renton, WA
September 19 Starbucks 4112 NE 4th St, Renton, WA
September 26 Starbucks 641 Rainier Ave S, Renton, WA
October 3 Starbucks 601 S. Grady Way E, Renton, WA
October 10 Starbucks 1785 NE 44th St, Renton, WA
October 17 Starbucks 17901 108th Ave SE, Renton, WA

