

GPD to host 'Coffee with a Cop' Oct. 4

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A program that offers opportunity for the public to meet local officers, and discuss community issues, will take place at the Gallup Coffee Company Oct. 4.

Officers from Gallup Police Department, and community members, will come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, and drink at the "Coffee with a Cop" event.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the department's work in Gallup's neighborhoods.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies, or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street.

Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction.

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We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring their concerns, or simply get to know our officers. These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

The program aims to advance the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

Coffee with a Cop is a program that will be hosted by other local businesses, on different dates, throughout the city of Gallup. Look for those dates and times. If any business would like to host a Coffee with a Cop event please contact us at the Gallup Police Department.

All community members are invited to attend. The event will be from 9 am -11 am on Oct. 4, at 203 W. Coal Ave. Please contact Rosanne Morrissette with questions: 505-863-9365, rmorrissette@gallupnm.gov.