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The Beloit Police Department will present the “Adopt- A- Cop” program at the 2015 Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Conference.

The “Adopt-A-Cop” program will be shared to educate other agencies at the 2015 POP Conference being held on Wednesday, May13th and14th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Milwaukee Wisconsin.

POP is an approach to policing in which researchers and practitioners have focused on the evaluation of problems, the importance of solid analysis, the development of pragmatic responses, and the need to strategically engage other resources—including community members, city departments and government agencies, and local business and service organizations.

Officer Tom Halvorsen of the Beloit Police Department developed a problem-solving project in 2012; called Adopt-A-Cop. The Adopt-A-Cop program was implemented in as a means of building a better relationship between the police and children in the school community. The program is designed to have police officers work with his/her local school in fostering a better relationship between the police officers and students. Officer Tom Halvorsen received the Beloit Police Department Problem Solving Award for this project in 2013. Officer Halvorsen continues to increase the project by getting other officers to adopt a school. Two years later, the program has continued to have success, for the 2015 year, there are five additional officers who adopted schools.