



# ***STURGIS POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE***

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Sturgis Police Athletic League (Sturgis PAL) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that was established to prevent juvenile crime, including drug and alcohol abuse, along with crimes of violence, by utilizing a recreation-oriented crime prevention program that relies upon athletics, recreation, education and community service programs for youth. Through these programs, we provide an engaging, safe outlet for all children to reach their potential and to be involved in the Sturgis community in many ways. Sturgis PAL strives to maintain its positive communication between the youth, adults and police officers to better the community we live in.

Sturgis PAL has established a working relationship with the Sturgis Youth Boxing Club as our pilot program to begin our efforts in juvenile crime prevention and building our relationships with our community's youth. Currently there are 24 youth members in the Youth Boxing Club, and they meet daily for 2 to 2 ½ hours after school. Sturgis PAL plans to work toward promoting our youth boxing program by advertising on social media, local schools and at other public locations in attempt to expand the program.

Sturgis PAL plans to use our adult mentors and coaches to implement National Crime Prevention Counsel approved curriculum to our youth boxers before, during and after they meet daily to improve the youths boxing and life skills. This will undoubtedly create better relationships and foster better community relationships between our mentors, mentees and the community.

Sturgis PAL is supported by the Sturgis Police Department, but is its own separate organization. Sturgis PAL relies upon private donations, support from local and regional businesses, as well as financial support from corporate sponsors and state and federal grant opportunities. Sturgis PAL's success relies upon the continuing support of these private donations, along with the support of business sponsors and grant awards.

If you or your business is interested in making a tax-deductible donation to Sturgis PAL, please feel free to contact Sturgis PAL Executive Director Geody Vandewater or Program Coordinator Joe Leveque at the Sturgis Police Department at (605) 347-5070. Donations can be made by going to [www.sturgispal.org](http://www.sturgispal.org) and flowing the donation link. Monetary donations on behalf of Sturgis PAL can also be dropped off at Simply Service Federal Credit Union at 1111 Lazelle St., located inside Lynn's Dakota Mart Grocery store.