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## RIVERSIDE COYOTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TO BE FEATURED AT 2016 CONFERENCE IN KENYA

*Riverside Police Policy to be Case Study at International Conference*

Riverside Police Department's Coyote Management Plan, adopted by the Riverside Village Board in December 2014, will be featured at the *Pathways Kenya* 2016 conference which will be held in Nanyuki, Kenya in January 2016.



The conference, entitled *Integrated Human Dimensions into Fisheries and Wildlife Management*, is an international conference in which Lynsey White-Dasher, Director of Humane Wildlife Conflict Resolution for the National Humane Society, will teach a breakout session on the Riverside policy, management plan and data collection.

**Riverside Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in the United States to partner with the Humane Society of the United States.** Humane Wildlife Conflict Resolution Director, Lynsey White-Dasher, traveled to Riverside, Illinois to teach police officers on proper management and handling of coyotes. Additionally, Director White-Dasher held a public training session in the evening and trained Riverside's neighboring police agencies who may respond to assist Riverside when called upon with coyote issues.

Riverside will be featured in Director White-Dasher's presentation, "*Implementing Community-Based Human Coyote Conflict Management Plan; A Case Study*".

Riverside Police Chief Thomas Weitzel stated, "*I am honored that Director White-Dasher has selected Riverside to present her case study at this international conference. Director White-Dasher trained Riverside Police employees and our coyote complaints decreased by over 82 percent from 2013 to 2014. These numbers speak for themselves in regard to the officers' knowledge of how to respond, document and manage the coyote population*"

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