



The Young Muslim American Leaders Advisory Council (youngMALAC) was established with the purpose of empowering young Muslim American adults, encourage civic engagement and cooperation with law enforcement while developing leadership among Muslim youth. This reinforces Sheriff Baca's vision of "...you want to create a new generation of children, teach them how to be leaders as soon as you possibly can."

The youngMALAC consists of twelve board members that work closely with the **Muslim Community Affairs Unit** to plan activities, functions, and training sessions as well as act as the liaison to local youth and young-adult groups.

youngMALAC Mission:

Young MALAC, a proactive advisory council, works closely with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to promote safety, security and awareness in local communities through civic participation, community service, community development, interfaith dialogue and other means that contribute to a harmonious society.

Some of the recent activities that board members participated in include volunteering at a local mission where they served food to the homeless and less fortunate during Thanksgiving. Most recently, youngMALAC members partnered with the Sheriff's Department "999 for Kids" Christmas Party where lunch and toys were provided for physically and mentally challenged children throughout Los Angeles County who are victims of the most severe cases of child abuse, neglect, and domestic violence.

youngMALAC members also assist the Sheriff's Department in coordinating community presentations at various locations. Recently, a training presentation was held for the Muslim community about law enforcement functions and the different duties of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Meetings with Muslim youth and young adults is held on a monthly basis and is structured to be a combination of an educational segment and a question and answer session where the community is able to ask questions to the **Muslim Community Affairs Unit** as well as provide recommendations to the Sheriff's Department. Partnering with the future leaders of the community is of great importance and is an investment in the future to strengthen the relationship between the Muslim community and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.