

CONTINUED COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS FOR POLICING IN THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH GLENS FALLS

The South Glens Falls Police Department remains committed to provide the best police services to our community and is always accepting input from residents and business owners that may assist us in improving the manner of our policing. Please feel free to fill out this form and submit it to the Police Department at 5 W Marion Avenue, or the Village Clerk's Office at 46 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY 12803.

South Glens Falls Mission Statement

The Mission of this department is to serve and protect the persons and property within the Village of South Glens Falls, and to enforce all State and local laws in a professional manner with fairness and courtesy to all without consideration of class, color, creed, or condition.

Our broad philosophy must embrace a wholehearted determination to protect and support individual rights while at all times providing for the security of persons and property in the community regardless of race, color, religion, age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

1. Deployment and Policing Strategy: Our patrols cover the approximately 1.5 square mile village. At the beginning of each shift patrols are briefed of any areas that may require an increased police presence. It is the information received from prior shifts, along with citizen concerns/complaints, that direct the patrols where they are needed the most.

Any questions or comments?

2. Use of Force: Our policy on the use of force is currently being updated to include any newly enacted laws and it will follow the New York Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC) model policy. The update will include the prohibiting of any illegal chokeholds/obstruction of breathing.

Do you have any questions or concerns about the use of force policy?

3. Procedural Justice: See our Mission Statement above. This department strives to treat all people fairly and with respect.

Are there any suggestions you can think of that would help give our citizens more confidence that we treat all people equally?

4. Bias: This department follows the Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC) model policies and our mission statement.

Are there any additional steps we could take to assure our citizens that our agency is free of bias in our actions?

5. De-escalation: The SGFPD uses de-escalation techniques in lieu of physical force where it is reasonably permissible and practical.

Do you have any questions or concerns for de-escalation procedures?

6. Model Policies Promulgated by the Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC): The State MPTC from time to time develops a model policy on one or another aspect of police operations, which it offers to police agencies for consideration for adoption. Other organizations also develop model policies. Not every model policy is suited to be adopted by every agency. Many agencies develop their policies and procedures by studying model policies from many sources, and by studying actual policies being successfully used by other law enforcement agencies around the country.

-The SGFPD has adopted the MPTC Use of Force Policy and other policies based on other local police department's policies and procedures.

Do you have any questions, concerns, or comments?

7. **Are you satisfied with the policies and the way the village is being policed?**

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (optional) _____

E-Mail (optional) _____

Please review this document. You may respond with any suggestions that you, as a South Glens Falls Village resident or business owner, may have. Use additional sheets if needed and please feel free to add any other concerns, comments, suggestions, or negative/positive feedback. Please feel free to respond without fear of being punished for your thoughts or suggestions. This is a chance to let us know what services you are hoping to gain from the South Glens Falls Police Department. You may respond by email, fax, US Postal mail, or drop off at the police station or the village office in person. Thank you for your input.

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