

Appendix C

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Executive Order 203 Compliance Group Survey – High Schools

Policing in Saratoga County: High School Survey

In 2020, protests around the country took place after the police-involved death of George Floyd in Minnesota. Those protests called for action and accountability for racially biased law enforcement. In response, the Governor on June 12, 2020, issued Executive Order 203, directing local governments to perform a comprehensive review of police use-of-force policies and procedures, to examine the needs of their residents, to foster public trust and confidence, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing in communities of color.

Accordingly, Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman Preston Allen established an advisory group to help develop a plan for improvement and obtain input from all relevant stakeholders, including young people.

We ask that you complete this survey to assist us in recommending a plan to Chairman Allen and the Board of Supervisors. Your responses will assist the Board and the Sheriff's Department in developing the plan and thereby assure our community that no racially biased policing will exist in Saratoga County.

Please do not write your name on the survey. Your responses will be anonymous. This is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers. Either fill in the answer in the space provided, or circle the appropriate multiple-choice selection.

Thank you very much for helping us comply with the executive order.

1. Please indicate your School District.

2. Please indicate your grade level

Mark only one oval.

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

3. Since the executive order requires us to address potential racial injustices in connection with community policing, we ask that you provide us with the best description of your ethnicity

Mark only one oval.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other or prefer not to say

4. Within the past two years, have you been in contact or communication with members of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, whether as a crime victim, suspect, witness, or other capacity?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure (whether due to memory or uncertainty as to the police department involved)
- Option 4

5. Within the past two years, have you observed members of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department interacting in an official capacity with members of the public?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure (whether due to memory or uncertainty as to the police department involved)

6. Based on your interaction, if any, with members of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, do you believe that those members treat whites better than non-whites?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Not applicable (no interaction with Sheriff's Department personnel)

7. Based on your observation of members of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, do you believe that those members treat whites better than non-whites?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Not applicable (no observation of Sheriff's Department personnel)

8. Based on your knowledge of police activity generally in New York State, do you believe that New York law enforcement officers treat whites better than non-whites?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

9. If your school has a School Resource Officer, do you believe that this program helps build a rapport among the school, the students and the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

10. Please describe if you wish any positive or negative experiences with members of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department who serve as School Resource Officers

11. Please describe if you wish any recommendations with respect to the School Resource Officer program

- 12. The advisory group is exploring strategies to reduce racial disparities and build trust between the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department and the community. We would appreciate your comments or suggestions to assist us in reaching that goal.

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