

Appendix G

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www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/sheriffs-office/executive-order-203-advisory-group

Written Comment Submissions

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, December 19, 2020 1:15 AM

To: County of Saratoga Exec Order 203 Compliance <compliancegroup@saratogacountyny.gov>

Subject: Survey

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a Saratoga County resident who recently tried to take your community survey, as part of your execution of the Governor's executive order #203.

To be perfectly direct, I cannot recall a time the disparity between what you should be doing (via this type of survey) and what you wrote up, is bigger than the one exhibited here.

I should not have to familiarize myself with a 33 page index of documents to take a community survey.

I should not feel like an uneducated idiot, because I don't know law enforcement acronyms, especially in the context of multiple choice.

I should not be asked as a civilian to weigh in on the appropriateness of your professional standards / policies.

How can anyone with an iota of intelligence think that these two opening questions alone are appropriate,

â€¢ Do you have any concerns about how the Sheriff's Office maintains compliance with model policies promulgated by the MPTC? *

â€¢ Do you have any questions or concerns about how the Sheriff's Office maintains compliance with the NYSLEAP? *

.....??

If this is reflective of the way the Sheriff's department is run, suffice to say, I think we all now have reason to be terrified.

Do you actually live here? When was the last time someone used 'promulgated' in a conversation with you? Remember what you are here to do and then at least attempt to connect with your audience.. in sum,

DO. BETTER.

[REDACTED]
lifelong Saratoga County resident

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 10:33 AM
To: County of Saratoga Exec Order 203 Compliance <compliancegroup@saratogacountyny.gov>
Subject: Frustration

Dec. 16

Once again, I phoned in to a Saratoga County meeting (twice), using their "Free Conferencing" platform. And once again, i can hear the goings on, but my call does not register...not asked to identify myself, which negates any ability to comment. The same thing happened when i dialed in to the County Shared Services meeting.

It is ridiculous that the County does not spring for \$15 a month for a Zoom subscription. Meetings can be recorded and uploaded to Youtube in less than two hours. I will gladly offer Round Lake's subscription to host, and I believe Mr. O'Connor offered the same for a meeting at Malta.

The last meeting had one caller, which I found quite disheartening, considering that there are well over 100 elected officials in the County. I can not help but wonder how many people were locked out by the "Free Conferencing Software" the County uses.

I use an iPhone on the Verizon network, so it is not like I could be an unusual case.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 7:32 PM
To: County of Saratoga Exec Order 203 Compliance <compliancegroup@saratogacountyny.gov>
Subject: 203 Comments

Elected Officials of Saratoga County:

I am not aware of any issues with policing involving the Saratoga County Sheriff's Dept. Any concerns or questions that I have had have been dealt with promptly and professionally.

That being said, I am also a proud liberal, so OF COURSE I have more to say on this topic. My comments are absolutely not directed towards the Sheriff's Dept., but are general in nature, and informed by my 40 years as a teacher and administrator in urban schools (Buffalo, Albany, and Schenectady) and father.

In my experience, I have had my shoulder torn apart, requiring surgery, been at the bottom of 800 lbs of administrator /teachers struggling to subdue an out-of-control football player, and been locked in a room with another teacher trying to separate two students, one of whom was bleeding profusely all over me, while 10 students closed the door and turned off the lights to watch.

So I have an inkling of the type of stressful situations that police officers face. Which brings me to my first comment - training. In the document, mention is made of computer-based simulation training. This may be appropriate for some of the more mundane tasks, but, absent high-end virtual reality systems, it can not simulate the stress level of have a teen screaming obscenities in your face with a crowd watching. I suspect that Skidmore drama students would jump at the chance to participate in more realistic simulation training activities.

Second, de-escalation. I believe there was only one sentence devoted to de-escalation in the document. I worked closely with the Union College Master of Arts in teaching, which required a full-year internship for teachers in training. Some of whom, incidentally, decided that this was not the career for them. One of the most important things we stressed was de-escalation. That forced compliance is not always the best solution. As an object lesson, earlier this year, in Schenectady, an Officer was investigating a report of slashed tires. Fast forward: a Cellphone video circulating online appeared to show Patrolman Brian Pommer putting his knee on the face and neck of Gaindarpersaud. (Channel 13). The kid walked away. At that point Mr. Pommer had a choice: forcibly restrain him (for an investigation!) or, knowing where the kid lives, seek another way to compel his appearance. Perhaps something with financial penalties for not appearing. Charges were dropped, and fortunately no law suit ensued. Shrinking violets generally do not apply to be police officers, so intensive training needs to be done in this area.

Third comment: Use of force - the document states that it is allowable to shoot a fleeing suspect (i.e. shoot in the back) in certain situations. These circumstances seem to be overly broad and too subject to adrenaline-induced interpretation.

Fourth comment: body cams: I see no rational reason why they would not be required, if only to protect Deputies from false claims. A volunteer civilian review panel could be created to review

disputed claims in a timely fashion, since this (timeliness) seems to be the issue. For the last 15 years in Schenectady HS, all activity in the hallways is recorded, and it has been extremely helpful.

Thank you.



From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2020 10:29 PM

To: County of Saratoga Exec Order 203 Compliance <compliancegroup@saratogacountyny.gov>

Subject: Thoughts on Survey

Regarding the survey (which I completed)

1. The survey is very intimidating. Expecting an average person to read a 38 page document prior to filling out the survey is not realistic. I looked at several other county 503 surveys and they were much more user-friendly.
2. Rather than a community needs survey, it seems to be a public review of a document already created.
3. Lack of publicity. I happened to stumble across it while looking for something else. No link to survey from main Sheriff Dept. page.
4. The reading level is ridiculously high. See below.

Intro to Survey

The Saratoga County Sheriff's Office serves the law enforcement needs of all the citizens of the County and strives to do so in a professional manner, respecting the rights of all our citizens without regard to race, color, nationality, creed, gender or sexual orientation. Our policies and procedures are developed and carried out with that goal in mind and our Deputy Sheriffs are selected, trained and supervised with that goal in mind.

We use our knowledge, experience and professional judgment, combined with available information, data, analysis and research to develop our Saratoga County Sheriff's Office policing strategies, policies and procedures. Members of the Sheriff's Office have spent the last four years reviewing, researching and drafting updated policies which has resulted in nearly every policy in the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division being updated for compliance with model policies, state and federal statutes and recognized best practices in law enforcement. Some of the relevant strategies, policies and procedures and related issues are set forth below for community discussion and comment.

To complete this survey you will need to view several items included in a pdf appendix which can be found at . You should have this appendix open in a separate tab or window while completing this survey.

Flesch - Kincaid Reading Level 18.4

Q1

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 adoption 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. Our Sheriff's Office has contracted with an outside consultant, Lexipol Inc., to ensure that our policies are all in compliance with the requirements of the MPTC model policies as well as state and federal statutes and case law and to provide training to our members on these policies.

Flesch - Kincaid Reading Level 15.7

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@nycap.rr.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 4:32 PM

To: County of Saratoga Exec Order 203 Compliance <compliancegroup@saratogacountyny.gov>

Subject: Exec Order 203 Compliance, faith communities and comm. act. grps

I have "attended" all meetings to date. I attend as a concerned individual citizen, as co-coordinator of the Saratoga Immigratin Coalitiion and as a member of Temple Sinai.

I was glad that Unersheriff Castle brought up need to hear from community/activist groups. Disappointed that there was no follow-up to this and disappointed that obtaining lists of faith groups and comm. groups seems like such a challenge.

I have a data base of faith groups in the county that SIC compiled in 2019. I could share this. If someone asks one community group to share their lists of other groups it is easy to compile. Sometimes people forget that there are easy resources outside of their normal view and individuals not in positions of "authority" who can offer support.

Please let Karen Heggen know I can share our list of faith communities if she would like.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@nyproblemgambling.org>

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 2:44 PM

To: County of Saratoga Exec Order 203 Compliance <compliancegroup@saratogacountyny.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@nyproblemgambling.org>; [REDACTED]

<[REDACTED]@nyproblemgambling.org>

Subject: Need for community outreach, awareness, education and diversion services for crimes linked to problem gambling

Good morning,

My name is [REDACTED], and I am one of the Program Managers for the Northeast Problem Gambling Resource Center (PGRCs). We are 1 of 7 PGRC's across NYS, which are programs of the NY Council on Problem Gambling. The goals of the PGRC's are to address problem gambling through increasing public awareness of the issue through education and training, as well as connecting those adversely affected by gambling with services that can help them. We have a variety of printed and electronic materials that offer information on problem gambling, including warning signs, screening tools and where to get help locally. We conduct training for community agencies and partners, in addition, to directly connecting those with gambling disorder to a treatment program.

With proper screening and treatment, recidivism for gambling-related crimes can be greatly reduced. Criminogenic problem gambling, such as forgery, embezzlement, and fraud, are typically committed by problem gamblers to support a gambling addiction. There is also gambling venue crimes that occur in and around gambling locations, such as loan sharking, money laundering, passing counterfeit currency, theft, assault, prostitution and vandalism. Of great concern to us and many partner agencies is family abuse. More specifically, victimization of family members caused by another family member's gambling involvement, (e.g., domestic violence, child neglect, suicide, and home invasion).

If we could become involved to support the Judicial System with treatment referrals and information, we could divert further criminal activity. I hope you will consider utilizing our services, a program funded by OASAS, as a greatly needed resource for the Saratoga County community. We would love to become involved to help in any way that we can. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] | Program Manager

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@preventioncouncil.org>

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 9:13 PM

To: County of Saratoga Exec Order 203 Compliance <compliancegroup@saratogacountyny.gov>

Subject: EO203 Prevention Council Healing Springs

Attached please find remarks on the Executive Order 203 from Prevention Council and Healing Springs Recovery Center. Thank you for allowing us to comment.

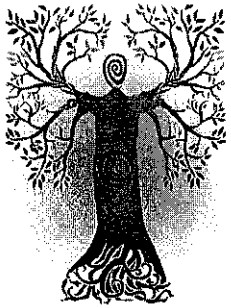
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The PREVENTION COUNCIL

November 17, 2020

To whom it may concern,

My name is Lillian McCarthy and I am the Associate Director of the Prevention Council of Saratoga County and Healing Springs Recovery Community and Outreach Center. We have worked as an agency with the Saratoga County Sheriff's department for many years in different aspects.

On the Prevention side of the agency they have assisted in numerous prevention based programs working directly with children. Our Safe Spring program works with schools SADD clubs throughout the district providing a full day of learning about substance use and abuse as well as other educational workshops. The School Resource Officers work with our school based staff collaborating directly with the students in the schools providing support especially during difficult times. They assist in our Drug Take Back days, and our Stop DWI campaigns. The Victim Impact Panel allows individuals to hear directly from the district attorneys, law enforcement and victims impacted by impaired and distracted driving as well as offering the support of administering breathalyzer scans as people enter the venue. We have found that working closely with law enforcement breaks down some walls and stigma related to children and police fostering a positive, safe and caring relationship.

On the recovery side of the agency, we have witnessed on many occasions, the Sheriff's department respond to situations where Substance Use Disorder, Mental Health Crisis or Domestic Violence was handled with the utmost professionalism, compassion and appropriate trauma informed response possible in that given moment. Under the direction of Captain Morley he and other officers will return to the homes of individuals that have had their over dose reversed using Narcan to ensure that the individual is safe and offer support, resources and referrals for them to get assistance. He also provides information to their families as well, and offers them Narcan training to assist in any future needs. Many of the individuals have been referred to the Recovery Center for Peer Support, family support or referrals to inpatient or outpatient services.

The Corrections department of the Sheriffs has taken the lead in offering in house programming with having a dedicated Certified Recovery Peer Advocate in the facility offering programs and completing wellness plans with those looking for recovery assistance while incarcerated. They also have taken the steps to open a 31 bed unit dedicated to individuals in and looking to work on their own recovery from Substance Use. They have implemented a full Medication Assisted Treatment program that continues individuals on their maintenance medications giving them a much better chance of achieving recovery success post release. All of this to assist individuals in their recovery and reduce recidivism.

It has been our privilege to work closely with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, as well as the Corrections offices on both prevention and recovery. Their compassion, professionalism and willingness is refreshing and forward thinking. This allows our community based agency and many others to continue to provide services, break down barriers and reduce stigma. Making our county stronger and safer.

Thank you for your time and if there is anything else I can speak more on please contact me at 518-306-3048 or assocdir@preventioncouncil.org.

Sincerely,

Lillian McCarthy
Associate Director
Prevention Council / Healing Springs
Recovery Community and Outreach Center

12/8/2020

Dear Dr. Prezioso, Chairman of the Saratoga County Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative

I would like to submit the following remarks for distribution to your committee regarding the survey that was provided on the web-site for public comment. As you can tell by the enclosed document I have some concerns about the design of the questionnaire, and how the answers are going to be helpful to your committee.

I would also like to thank you for chairing this committee. In doing the research that was necessary to respond to this questionnaire I realize that to give the time and attention that this project deserves will be a daunting task.

Sincerely,



meaningless responses that could give a false impression to the task force that 'everything is fine here, let's go through the motions and move on'. It required a lot of time, to do it justice. One needed to read hundreds of pages of material regarding policing, to know what MPTC, Lexipol, NYSLEAP, The NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative workbook, Restorative Justice, Hot-spot policing, Focused Deterrence was, and that environmental design if done properly can deter the commission of a crime. I learned a lot.

The Task Force-

Frankly, the survey left me with the feeling that it was designed to be difficult, that few people would be able to respond. Giving the impression that the community wasn't really interested in how the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department does its policing. I was also distressed initially, according to a quote in the Albany Times Union that a sheriff's department member wasn't even sure that the governor's letter dated August 17, 2020 and addressed to Chief Executives, Police Chiefs and Sheriffs announcing Executive Order 203 applied to them, which is a surprising remark considering the comment was made from the sheriff that in 2016, participated on a Presidential Task Force on reforming police. Both the survey and his remarks left me with the impression that the Sheriff's office felt that the Executive order didn't apply to the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office.

To me, the 'yes, no, maybe' responses to a not very well constructed survey would do little to help the task force, and several of the community leaders who have attended the meetings aren't quite sure why they were there. But there were a couple of very relevant and useful remarks:

In closing I would just like to highlight several remarks made to the task force-

- "You don't know what you don't know"
Which was mentioned several times, so I commend the task force for bringing in these community leaders and for them to take the time to participate as they deal with all segments of the county population and may offer valuable insight.
- Ms Patti Morris spoke directly to the theme of the survey and the Appendix that deals with racial bias and she pointed to the same thing that jumped out at me. That the Sheriff's office has not conducted implicit bias training and doesn't appear to have any plan in place to do so.
- She goes on to say "that being governed by policy, as the school chief executive officer, I find that training is really important when it comes to policy that we expect people to follow. We expect people to follow policy, but when it is policy that is so important that people have training for, I would recommend considering training in that area."

I would add to that – that ending racial bias is not as simple as having a policy against it, but training is a good place to start.

Without good policy and the willingness to educate your staff about that policy and provide the training necessary to implement that policy all the time and money spent on developing policy goes to waste and the three ring binder sits on a shelf only to be dusted off when a policy review is necessary.

I appreciate the time and effort that the task force and the Sheriff's department is spending on this and have the confidence in all that they do to make Saratoga County a better place to live and those that provide the policing of our communities the best that they can be.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

Ballston Lake NY 12019

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RE: Saratoga County Sheriff's office response to New York States Governor executive order #203 [NEW YORK STATE POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE] issued on June 12, 2020

Dear Members of the Executive Order 203 Compliance Group:

After following the national coverage of various police actions that are unfortunate, and "shooter" incidences that target various racial or religious communities that have occurred all across this country I have become concerned about the interaction between the police who serve to protect us, and just as importantly the community that needs protection.

Governor's Cuomo Executive order no.203 made me realize that these incidents don't just happen in other places, to other people, but they can also happen here in our own community. Hence, my interest in the police reform and reinvention collaborative.

Besides the input that you have solicited from community members to present to your committee, you also seek input from the general population in the form of a survey that you have provided via the web.

Because I have concerns about the narrative of the questions and I feel the response choices of "yes, no or maybe" are inadequate to be helpful to your committee I'm sending this letter to express my concerns about the survey questions.

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then reviewed by their members and then finalized by management, and then instituted by the department.

- A. 1 Why is the county questioning whether one agrees or disagrees if the county maintains compliance with policies promulgated by the MPTC when they don't use MPTC policies, it appears they use plan on using policies provided by Lexipol that as of yet have not been approved?

What edits, if any, have been made to the Lexipol policies that would pertain to Saratoga County?

Who needs to approve new policies by the department?

When do you expect to have these new policies approved and available?

- Q.2 **The New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (NYSLEAP) Standards**

Do you have any questions or concerns about how the Sheriff's Office maintains compliance with the NYSLEAP?

- A.2 None, as I do not have the means to insure that the department is in compliance with The NYSLEAP 170+ page Standards and Compliance Verification Manual. I will trust that NYSLEAP insures that they do. Therefore the question has no practical significance.

- Q. 3 **Deployment and Question 4. Policing Strategy**

Do you see this deployment practice and policing strategy as demonstrating any racial bias?

Do you feel that this policing strategy results in unfair, disproportionate policing of any community based on race, nationality or any other independent identifier.

- A.3. The narrative for these two questions contains procedural information on staffing. Nowhere is there any racial statistical information given on the makeup of the county, or police interaction by race. Therefore the question has no practical significance.

Comment- A better question would be a comparison of the racial makeup of the county compared to the racial make-up of the sheriff's department, and then ask **Do you see these employment practices as demonstrating any racial bias?**

- Q. 5 **Use of Force**

Do you see this use of force policy as demonstrating any racial bias?

- A. 5 It's impossible to answer this question without any statistical evidence provided as to the racial identity of those upon whom force is used. I would seriously hope no police force in this country would have a use of force policy that pertained to racial groups.

This question also raises other concerns:

The narrative states "Our newly updated policy, written by Lexipol on use of force is attached as Appendix H. This policy is nearly finalized and has been released to Sheriff's office members for review and comment.

As this is a very important topic to the community, the officers entrusted to enforcing laws, whether they are referred to as policemen, sheriffs or members (the term used in your policy) and, the governmental body responsible for paying "wrongful death" law suit's it is imperative that we get this right.

A major criticism of Lexipol's use of force policy is that it is very carefully crafted to protect against legal action. As is the case with all policies in either writing them or following them wording is key. For example we all know there is a difference between should (a suggestion) and shall (a directive).

In Lexipol's section 300.3.6 it states that "carotid control hold"¹ is limited to those circumstances where deadly force is **authorized** and subject to...

As opposed to the **Use of Force Model Policy** as provided by the **NYS Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC)** which states in **Use of Deadly Force** ... deadly force is **prohibited** unless deadly force is **authorized**.

In either instance, the use of force is permissible, but the addition of the word prohibited and a change in where the word authorized is placed conveys a very different attitude as to whether we want policy to protect the police from lawsuits or should we protect the the community from the use of deadly force whenever possible.

Also, the Lexipol policy uses the word "reasonable" at least 45+ times, whereas the MPTC policy also uses the word reasonable but more often than not uses the term "objective reasonableness" which tries to make a very vague word a bit more specific.

As all parties in a law enforcement call need equal protection from deadly force it is very important that we get this policy right so it is my hope that the committee devotes the time and effort that this question deserves as it is not a question about race but a question of how best to protect the harm that the use of deadly force causes. When used inappropriately it jeopardizes the life of everyone involved.

Are the policies provided for the questionnaire incorrect or does the county intend to ignore the NYS law and allow their officers to use deadly force as it is a procedure upheld by the Supreme Court in *Graham v. Connor*?

¹According to the resource guide provided by New York State on page 27 it states that New York has criminalized the use of chokeholds [obstruction of breathing or blood circulation] by police by signing this measure into law on June 12, 2020 [Eric Garner AntiChokehold Act, NY Senate Bill S6670B]

Q. 6 Procedural Justice

Are there any additional steps that we could take to give people confidence that we treat all citizens equally and fairly?

- A. As evidenced by the comments from the community representatives that have spoken to the committee the engagement of the Sheriff's department received many compliments about community engagement. But what was often mentioned was 'you don't know what you don't know' as one would assume that it is not in your best interest to engage with the police about any mis- treatment you may have received.

The NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative workbook on pages 42-50 has some great suggestion on how community involvement can be improved.

Q. Should the County invest in providing in-car and /or body worn cameras for all Deputy sheriffs while on patrol?

- A. The easy answer would be 'yes' but it appears from the remarks in the minutes that the county has done some preliminary research on this topic and it is not as simple as saying 'yes, no, or maybe'. Without a discussion of the pros and cons and a realistic break-down of the cost, the question is not of much value.

I could go on and provide commentary to the other questions but I think you get the point. As this was the forum that that the committee choose to use for the general public to comment I decided to fill it out.

But I must say that I thought this questionnaire was designed to obfuscate the issues and in all honesty deter someone from filling it out and if they did offering 'yes, no, maybe' choices would tend to elicit

Dr. Prezioso Commissioner of the County's Mental Health & Addiction Services.

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District Attorney Karen Heggen

Mr. Blumenberg said he is the Public Defender for Saratoga County.

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@nycap.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 13:47
To: Michael Prezioso <MPrezioso@saratogacountyny.gov>
Subject: EO 203 Questions

Committee.

- 1) I submitted responses to the first survey. Did the committee receive them and if it did why no response to my concerns?
- 2) Since the county is using Lexipol policies what changes have been made to the policies? If changes are being made who is responsible for the changes?
- 3) Is the the committee using NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative: Resources & Guide for Public Officials and Citizens to aid in its work?
- 4) How is recruiting in the sheriffs department handled?
- 5) A few of the questions in the survey needed statistics to answer the questions. Why were no statistics provided?
- 6) Has the committee discussed the use of carotid holds by the department?
- 7) What are the Sheriff's Department policies on the use of tactical equipment?

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Dr. Prezioso,

Take a look at the Town of Bethlehem Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Committee Report. They giving their first public review this evening. The make up of citizens is similar to Saratoga County, mostly white. They did a study of traffic stops and found people of color were stopped more often. That is just one example of what is in their report. Saratoga County hasn't provided any statistics. Today Governor Coumo said there would be no extension to complete the report because the budget has to be signed by April 1, 2021.

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