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On June 12, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 203 – New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. The order requires:

“Each local government entity which has a police agency operating with police officers as defined under 1.20 of the criminal procedure law must perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color.”

As part of the process for developing our plan, the Village will be seeking input from its constituents in a variety of ways. The following “Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement” will help guide our decision making on necessary improvements to our police operations.

It will take approximately five minutes of your time and is completely confidential. The survey is designed to gather opinions and experiences from the members of our community. The survey assesses five key components that involve the Croton Police Department:

- Community involvement
- Safety
- Procedural justice
- Performance
- Contact and satisfaction

Please indicate your response to each item by selecting the appropriate answer based on your feelings, opinions, and experiences. You may skip any survey items you do not feel comfortable responding to or know how to answer, but we encourage you to respond to as many items as possible. This is not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers. Please answer each question honestly. The “Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement” was developed by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) with the support of ICF International and law enforcement experts.

Community Involvement

	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	To a great extent	Unsure/Don't know
1. To what extent does the Croton Police Department develop relationships with community members (e.g., residents, organizations, and groups)?	<input type="radio"/>					
2. To what extent does the Croton Police Department regularly communicate with community members (e.g., websites, e-mails, or public meetings)?	<input type="radio"/>					
3. To what extent does the Croton Police Department make it easy for community members to provide input (e.g., comments, suggestions, and concerns)?	<input type="radio"/>					
4. To what extent does the Croton Police Department work together with community members to solve local problems?	<input type="radio"/>					
5. Community policing involves officers in the Croton Police Department working with the community to address the causes of crime in an effort to reduce the problems themselves through a wide range of activities. Based on this definition, to what extent do you think the Croton Police Department practices community policing?	<input type="radio"/>					

Safety

6. Please select the issues you think are the greatest problems within the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. You may choose as many items as you wish:

- Bicycling/skateboarding issues
- Burglaries/thefts (auto)
- Burglaries/thefts (residential)
- Child abuse
- Child sexual predators/Internet safety
- Disorderly conduct/public intoxication/noise violations
- Disorderly youth (e.g. cruising or gathering)
- Domestic violence (adult)
- Driving under the influence (i.e., alcohol or drugs)
- Drug abuse (e.g. manufacture, sale or use of illegal/prescription drugs)
- Fraud/identity theft

- Hate crimes
- Homeland security problems
- Homeless- or transient-related problems (panhandling)
- Illegal dumping/littering
- Illegal parking
- Loud music/noise from homes
- Mugging
- Physical assault
- School safety (e.g. bullying, fighting or weapons)
- Sexual assault/rape (adult)
- Stray/barking dogs
- Traffic issues/residential speeding
- Underage drinking
- Vandalism/graffiti

	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	To a great extent	Unsure/Don't know
7. To what extent do you feel safe in Croton-on-Hudson when you are outside alone during the day?	<input type="radio"/>					
8. To what extent do you feel safe in Croton-on-Hudson when you are outside alone at night?	<input type="radio"/>					

	Decreased a lot	Decreased some	Stayed the same	Increased some	Increased a lot	Unsure/Don't know
9. Over the last 12 months, to what extent have your feelings of safety in your community increased, decreased, or stayed the same?	<input type="radio"/>					

Procedural Justice

	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	To a great extent	Unsure/Don't know
10. To what extent do officers in the Croton Police Department treat people fairly?	<input type="radio"/>					
11. To what extent do officers in the Croton Police Department show concern for community members?	<input type="radio"/>					
12. To what extent are officers in the Croton Police Department respectful?	<input type="radio"/>					
13. To what extent is the Croton Police Department responsive to the concerns of community members?	<input type="radio"/>					
14. To what extent do you trust the Croton Police Department?	<input type="radio"/>					

	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	To a great extent	N/A
15. If you had contact with an officer of the Croton Police Department during the last 12 months, to what extent did the officer sufficiently explain his or her actions and procedures?	<input type="radio"/>					

Performance

	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	To a great extent	Unsure/Don't know
16. To what extent is the Croton Police Department effective at proactively preventing crime?	<input type="radio"/>					
17. To what extent is the Croton Police Department addressing the problems that really concern you?	<input type="radio"/>					
18. To what extent are you satisfied with the overall performance of the Croton Police Department?	<input type="radio"/>					

Contact and Satisfaction

	0 times	1-2 times	3-4 times	5-6 times	7 or more times
19a. How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with the Croton Police Department for traffic issues (e.g., citation, warning or vehicle crash)? If 0 times, please go to question 20a.	<input type="radio"/>				

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
19b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with the Croton Police Department for traffic issues?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

0 times 1-2 times 3-4 times 5-6 times 7 or more times

20a. How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with the Croton Police Department for 911 emergency calls? If 0 times, please proceed to question 21a.

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Satisfied Very satisfied

20b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with the Croton Police Department for 911 emergency calls?

0 times 1-2 times 3-4 times 5-6 times 7 or more times

21a. How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with the Croton Police Department for non-emergency calls (e.g., to report a crime or suspicious activity)? If 0 times, please proceed to question 22a.

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Satisfied Very satisfied

21b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with the Croton Police Department for non-emergency calls?

0 times 1-2 times 3-4 times 5-6 times 7 or more times

22a. How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with the Croton Police Department for other contacts or interactions (e.g., attend a community meeting or talk to an officer on patrol)? If 0 times, please proceed to question 23.

Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied Satisfied Very satisfied

22b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with the Croton Police Department for other contacts or interactions?

Other Comments

23. Please provide any other comments you wish to share regarding the Croton Police Department below.

Demographics

24. How many years have you lived/worked in Croton-on-Hudson (leave blank if prefer not to answer)?

25. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to answer

26. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

27. What is your race?

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Prefer not to answer

28. What is your age group?

- 17 years or younger
- 18-29 years
- 30-39 years
- 40-49 years
- 50-59 years
- 60-69 years

- 70 years or older
- Prefer not to answer

29. Please provide your name only if you wish to be contacted regarding your survey responses.

30. Please provide your email address only if you wish to be contacted regarding your survey answers.

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