



County of Cayuga

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Executive Order 203: Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative

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Over the past several months, Cayuga County and Auburn City officials have partnered with our community to conduct an assessment and review of police services provided by the Auburn City Police Department and Cayuga County Sheriff's Office. This effort was initiated to improve law enforcement services provided by both agencies and to comply with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order #203 titled the "*New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative*."

Cayuga County and the City of Auburn have created a mission statement pertaining to this exercise that states, "Continuing with the strategies and objectives that have been employed by the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office and the City of Auburn Police Department, this collaborative community effort seeks to perform a comprehensive review of current law enforcement deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices in order to develop a plan that strives to improve upon them into the future. By utilizing the synergistic "Connecting Bridges" approach, our law enforcement agencies and the people they serve will seek to partner in building mutual trust and respect through understanding of one another while emphasizing the delivery of public safety in a professional, courteous, empathetic, and sensitive way. This will be accomplished if we collectively demand that human dignity for all is the intrinsic goal for the sustained success of these efforts."

As a result of stakeholder groups, public sessions and public engagement through surveys, the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Draft Plan is ready for public comment. The public comment period will occur for two weeks beginning today, February 24, 2021 and end on March 10, 2021. We invite the public to once again participate in this very important review.

Sheriff Brian Schenck and I are asking the public to utilize the Cayuga County website to document feedback on this Draft Plan. The following link will take you to the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department page: [Sheriff's Office | Cayuga County, NY](#)

Please click on the icon labeled "Citizen Feedback". From there you can click on Public Safety tab under the Sheriff heading. You may create an account or log in as a "Guest." You may enter your comments in the comment box provided. All of the comments will be collected and reviewed by the stakeholders and participants.

Your feedback is very important in this process and we encourage your participation. Sheriff Brian Schenck and I were encouraged to see the amount of surveys completed as part of this mandate and we hope you will continue to offer your feedback on this Draft Plan.

After considering public comment, the Cayuga County Legislature is holding a Special Legislature Meeting to review the final document, the commitments being made, and the process for evaluation. This meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, March 18 at 5:30pm and will be livestreamed on YouTube- <https://youtu.be/iEs0GdQQFAo>.

Thank you for your participation!

Aileen M. McNabb-Coleman, Chair Cayuga County Legislature
