

SARATOGA SPRINGS POLICE REFORM TASK FORCE

Agenda

LOCATION: Canfield Casino, 25 E. Congress Street, Saratoga Springs NY 12866

DATE: September 30, 2020

TIME: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting (if applicable)**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Let's Share** – please share something you deem noteworthy
4. **New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative: Resources & Guide For Public Officials and Citizens**

- a. Excerpt from Part 2: Developing Your Collaborative Plan

The New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative (the Collaborative) was designed to bring each community together with its local police agency to chart its individual course forward. Your most important task in this Collaborative is to ensure a healthy, productive engagement and fostering a relationship of mutual trust between the police and the community – including all segments of the community. In some localities, that relationship is already strong. In others, it is frayed or broken. Each community will have to approach this task in a way tailored to its unique experiences and needs, and will come to its own shared vision of the role of law enforcement (p.109).

- b. Assess Where You Are Now

Gather information on how your police department currently operates including data, policies, procedures, prior complaint history, budget, contracts, equipment, etc. Share this information with the public. This self-assessment will help focus the conversation on what you and your community want to change (p.112-113).

- c. Vision for the Police – Determining the Role of the Police
 1. How should the police and the community engage with one another?
 2. What goals do we want our police department to accomplish?
 3. What Functions Should the Police Perform?

d. Suggested Workplan



5. Task Force Operations

- a. Task Force Meeting Schedule
- b. Subcommittees
 1. Review and recombine
 2. Subcommittee meet up
 3. Subcommittee presentations
- c. Community Organizations to Contact List
 1. Bring Your Community to the Table
The Governor’s Executive Order specifically requires an inclusive, open and transparent process. The Executive Order identifies some of the key stakeholders who must be involved:

- Membership and leadership of the local police force;
- Members of the community, with emphasis on areas with high numbers of police and community interactions;
- Interested non-profit and faith-based community groups;
- The local office of the district attorney;
- The local public defender; and
- Local elected officials. (p.110)

6. Task Force Communications

- a. External Task Force Email Address
- b. Subcommittee shared document locations
- c. Twitter - <https://twitter.com/SaratogaReform>
- d. Website
- e. Minutes

7. Public Comment (15 minutes)