



GREAT BARRINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Re-imagination

The United States Conference of Mayors

Report on Police Reform and Racial Justice

August 2020



The United States Conference of Mayors Report on Police Reform and Racial Justice: August 2020

The report is a summary of recommendations—to give PD's a blueprint for the implementation of real and lasting change.

The main topics of this report are:

‘Trust & Legitimacy.’

- ✓ Department Policies: making our policies available to the public.

‘Redefining the Role of Local Police and Public Safety’

- ✓ Adopting a Co-Responder Model

‘Sanctity of Life’

- ✓ Use of Force, Duty to Intervene and Provide First Aid, De-escalation, Crisis Intervention

‘Equality and Due-Process’

- ✓ Impartial Policing
- ✓ Hiring, Promotion and Retention

GREAT BARRINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICIES

The GBPD announces, as part of an effort to reimagine the department, many policies and procedures can be found on our webpage under 'Resources'.

- Chief William Walsh said, "This is a big step towards transparency and accountability."

GBPD implemented this criminal justice reform initiative as part of an ongoing commitment to promoting public trust in law enforcement.

GBPD PORTAL

- On the GBPD webpage, we have an open data portal that shares information/ statistics such as:
 - ✓ Use of Force (Including taser deployment)
 - ✓ Traffic Accident Data
 - ✓ Department Demographics
 - ✓ Hate Crimes
 - ✓ Community Engagement Activities
 - ✓ And more....

USE OF FORCE POLICY

- BANS CHOKE-HOLDS (except in situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law)
- DUTY TO INTERVENE – 2 CLASSES
- DEESCALATION TRAINING – In-Service FY21 and several articles
- ‘RENDERING AID AFTER USE OF FORCE’ – VIDEO
- DRAWING AND AIMING A FIREARM
- USE OF DEADLY FORCE – Class
- OFFICER WELLNESS CONSIDERATIONS – Possible Justice Assistance Grant
- SHOOTING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE

TRAINING

- Implicit Bias – FY21 In-Service (All Officers)
- Crisis Intervention Training: The 40-hour Crisis Intervention curriculum is designed by local agencies to train a team of specialized officers to respond to calls that involve individuals with mental health disorders such as depression or intellectual disability. The curriculum includes education on various de-escalation techniques as well as live role-play scenarios of officers responding to persons who need mental health assistance. Under the One Mind Campaign started by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), a 30,000 member professional association for law enforcement that provides training, technical assistance, and recruitment services, the GBPD has trained close to 40% of its department, which is well above the 20% required by the pledge. We will continue to get officers trained.

TRAINING

- Hate Crimes (Mass. Chief's of Police Roll-Call Video "Hate Crimes Re-Visited)
- Diversity Awareness Training for Police Departments
- Massachusetts Civil Rights Officer Training (Sgt.'s Carlotto and Storti)
- Bias in Policing- Traffic Stops
- Duty to Intervene



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TRAINING

- Procedural Justice and Legitimacy – FY 2018 In-Service Class
- Integrating Communication, Assessment and Tactics FY2019 In-Service Class
- Refugee & Immigrants: Fostering Positive Relationships with Local Police – FY2019 In-Service Class
- Police Interactions with Mental Illness – FY2019 In-Service

Massachusetts Crime Statistics Site

The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) has launched a website that promotes accountability and transparency by allowing users to analyze detailed crime and arrest data from across the Commonwealth. The grant-funded Massachusetts Crime Statistics site, fulfills a requirement under the criminal justice reform bill signed into law by Governor Charlie Baker providing options to view annual crime data statewide or by municipality.

****We have put this link on our webpage under the 'statistics' tab**

■ Crowd Incident Management for Police Commanders

- Sergeants Paul Storti and Adam Carlotto attended this class in October

“ How To Hire a Police Officer in Massachusetts”

- Details can be found under the ‘Employment’ section of our webpage.

Massachusetts Police Accreditation

- The Police Department enhances the quality of life in the Town of Great Barrington by complying with best practices in law enforcement, including accountability of its employees, and by developing partnerships with the community and the other entities of government in a manner that promotes preservation of life and property, maintains peaceful public order, controls and expedites traffic, provides a safe environment, works with youth and tourists, assures timely response to victims of crime, fosters close cooperation with neighboring law enforcement agencies and assures the enforcement of law with respect for human dignity.
- **FIRST AND ONLY IN THE COUNTY TO ACHIEVE ACCREDITATION AND RE-ACCREDITATION**

DOJ announces certification standards for federal funding

Credentialing organizations will determine if applying law enforcement agencies meet requirements for funding

Oct 30, 2020

By Suzie Ziegler

The Department of Justice on Wednesday announced new certification standards resulting from President Trump's June Executive Order 13929, Safe Policing for Safe Communities.

"The Executive Order's goal is to ensure that, together, we continue striving to provide transparent, safe, and accountable delivery of services to our communities. Our work on the Executive Order will enhance citizen confidence in law enforcement, and facilitate the identification and correction of internal issues before they result in injury to the public or to law enforcement officers," the press release reads in part.

The organizations listed here will serve as the independent credentialing bodies, according to the release.

Law enforcement agencies will be eligible to receive federal funding from the DOJ grant-making components after being certified by a credentialing organization.

A credentialing body will certify an applying agency if it determines that the agency is in compliance with two mandatory safe policing principles in the Principles on Safe Policing and Use of Force. Certification is a prerequisite to a law enforcement agency's eligibility for Department of Justice discretionary grant funding, the statement says.

Agencies must obtain certification by January 31, 2021 in order to be eligible for federal funds in 2021.