

Reinvention Policy and Mission Statement

Alexandria Bay Police Department

The principal mission of the Alexandria Bay Police Department is to preserve the rights of all citizens and reduce fear in the community through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property, and the maintenance of order in public places, to anticipate and respond to events threatening public order and the protection of life and property.

It is essential that all members remember that in the execution of their duties they act not for themselves but for the good of the community. They shall respect and protect the rights of all individuals and perform their service with honesty, zeal, courage, discretion, fidelity, and sound judgement.

Police officers must seek and preserve public confidence by demonstration impartial service to law, and by offering service and trust to all members of the public.

It is the express policy of this department that the police officers will adhere to the following principles while performing their duties.

1. To prevent crime and disorder, as an alternative to their repression by military force and severity of legal punishment.
2. To recognize always that the power of the public of the police to fulfill their functions and duties is dependent on public approval of their existence, actions and behavior, and on the ability to secure and maintain the public respect.
3. To always recognize that to secure and maintain the respect and approval of the public means also the securing of the willing cooperation of the public in the task of securing observance of laws.
4. To recognize always that the extent to which the cooperation of the public can be secured diminishes proportionately the necessity of the use of physical force and compulsion for achieving police objectives.
5. To seek and preserve public favor, not by pandering to public opinion, but by constantly demonstrating absolute impartial service to law, in complete independence of policy, and without regards to the justice or injustice of the substance of individual laws, by ready offering of individual service and friendship to all members of the public without regard to their wealth, social standing, race, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation, by ready exercise of courtesy and friendly good humor, and A ready offering of individual sacrifice in protection and preserving life.
6. To use physical force only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient to obtain public cooperation to and extent necessary to secure observance of law or to restore order, and to use only the minimum degree of physical force which is necessary on any occasion for achieving a police objective.

7. To always maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic traditions that the police are the public, and the public are the police, the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.
8. To recognize always the need for strict adherence to police-executive functions, and to refrain from even seeming to usurp the powers of the judiciary of avenging individuals or the state, and of authoritatively judging guilt or punishing the guilty.
9. To recognize always that the test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, and not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with them.

Joshua M. David

Officer in Charge

Reform and Reinvention Plan of the Alexandria Bay Police Department

The Reform and Reinvention Plan of the Alexandria Bay Police Department is to continue to carry out our duties in service to the public as we always have done. This is done by exercising empathy, respect, and kindness to those that we serve. Whether it is a complaint or defendant, this mindset is always maintained throughout the performance of our duties. This department never has nor never will be swayed by race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual preference. We first are problem solvers, helping our public with both simple and complex problems.

We have never been a department that felt the need to put the philosophy of what we do for our community in service to them into text. Our officers just do this willingly and most professionally each day they come to serve this community.

The policy and mission of the Alexandria Bay Police Department comes from the principles for modern day law enforcement crafted by Sir Robert Peel, who is considered to be the “father of modern law enforcement” his principles and philosophy is a model for community policing.

The Alexandria Bay Police Department follows the “Peel Doctrine” in all policing activities. This doctrine is the heart of our Mission Statement and Reinvention Policy. Not reinvention but communicating it for all to read and understand what drives the Alexandria Bay Police Department in service to the residents and visitors of our great community.

The Reform and Reinvention Plan of the Alexandria Bay Police Department is:

1. To communicate the departments mission statement, using the principles of the “Peel Doctrine” and make this the official policy of the department for conducting duties.
2. To revise the department’s use of force policy in order to bring policy up to date with current legislation i.e. Eric Garner anti chokehold act. Etc.
3. To continue to train our officers through regular in-service training.
 - A) The understanding of our mission statement and how it relates to their professionalism and good community policing,
 - B) The ability to recognize and deescalate situations through proper use of force training as a first line of action prior to the use of physical force.
 - C) The understanding of current techniques that are more effective and less harmful to persons in custody but still keep officers safe while performing their duties.
4. To continue to evaluate and improve our professionalism and our relationship with the community we serve through maintaining an open channel of communication with the stakeholders developed in this process, the most important of those stakeholders being, the people we serve.

Respectfully,

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To: All Sworn Members

Subject: Amendment to Article 3 section 3.00 Physical Force

Effective Immediately, the use of any type of arrest, restraint, or technique involving the application of pressure or constricting the throat, neck or cervical spine area of a subject is expressly prohibited. Any officer employing any type of these techniques will be subject to disciplinary action and may be charged with a violation of the New York State Penal Law relating to this type of violation.

Further it is the duty of all officers to intervene if they witness this illegal use of force of any type being used. It is incumbent on all of us to watch each other so that an inadvertent contact with a subject's throat or neck area is not continued on a subject in the heat of a confrontation and if witnessed, to immediately modify our approach in a safe manner for the officer and the subject.

Respectfully,

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