

Survey on the Delaware County Sheriff's Office

On June 20, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed Executive Order 203, NYS Police Reform & Reinvention Collaborative. As part of this process, Delaware County has established a committee that is hoping to better understand the relationship between our citizens and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, with the goal of creating/changing policies where necessary to ensure the needs of the community are being met. This survey is intended to give you a chance to share your opinions of, and experiences with, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office (positive, negative or anywhere in between). **This survey is only focused on the Delaware County Sheriff's Office**, and not on the other agencies (like local police departments) that also serve residents throughout our community. Your responses to this survey are anonymous, and completely voluntary. The Sheriff's Office is not administering this survey, though results will be shared with the office during upcoming committee meetings. If you choose to take the survey, you only need to answer those questions that you feel comfortable with, and we hope that you feel comfortable being open and honest with your answers, so that our understanding is as full as possible. If you need more space to answer these questions, please use and attach a separate sheet(s) of paper. You can return your paper survey to the Board of Supervisors 111 Main Street, Delhi, NY 13753, or visit the Delaware County Website (<https://www.delcony.us/departments/shrf/lawenforcementreview.htm>) to take the survey online. We ask that **all surveys be returned by February 2nd, 2021**. If you have any questions about this project, please contact committee member Simon Purdy at purdsj@delhi.edu. Thank you for your help!

Una traducción al español de esta encuesta está disponible aquí:
<https://www.delcony.us/departments/shrf/lawenforcementreview.htm>

1) How much do you agree with the following statements regarding the Delaware County Sheriff's Office?

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I trust the Delaware County Sheriff's Office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Officers/Deputies of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office are respectful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Delaware County Sheriff's Office communicates well with the residents of Delaware County	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Delaware County Sheriff's Office often works to address problems and concerns in my community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel safe in Delaware County	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Delaware County Sheriff's Office can be trusted to treat everyone in my community fairly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My interactions with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office have been positive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Officers/Deputies of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office are well trained	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Officers/Deputies of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office interact well with community members	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2) If you have any additional feedback for your responses to the questions/statements above, feel free to share it here:

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3) Have you had contact with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office in the last 12 months in any of the following ways?

Select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No contact in the last 12 months | <input type="checkbox"/> In a school or at a school event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Called for a non-emergency or complaint | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone call to report a crime or suspicious activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual interaction with on-duty officer(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Was detained or arrested |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Made a 911 emergency call | <input type="checkbox"/> Was questioned as a suspect to a crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic stop (pulled over, citation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Was questioned as a witness to a crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle accident | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

4) If you have reported an issue to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office in the last 12 months, how satisfied were you with the resolution to the issue? Circle your response.

Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Strongly Dissatisfied	N/A
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5) Have you (or someone close to you) ever been the victim of a crime in Delaware County? Circle your response.

Yes	No	Prefer not to answer
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6) Do you know anyone who has ever committed a crime in Delaware County? Circle your response.

Yes	No	Prefer not to answer
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7) If you have any additional feedback for your responses to the questions above regarding interactions, reporting, and victimization, feel free to share them here:

8) If you had a need to report any of the following issues, which issues would you feel comfortable reporting to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office? Select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health crisis | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving under the influence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance use disorder/addiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud/identity theft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burglary/theft | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical assault |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual assault/rape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual predators/Internet safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Hate crimes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disorderly conduct/noise/public intoxication | <input type="checkbox"/> Gun violence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disorderly youth (cruising, drinking, loitering) | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic issues (speeding/reckless driving) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism/graffiti |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug dealing | <input type="checkbox"/> Police misconduct |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above | |

9) If you have any additional feedback for your responses regarding these issues (including why you chose the options that you did), feel free to share them here:

10) Is there anything else you would like to share regarding the Delaware County Sheriff's Office?

The final questions are for demographic purposes only, and will be important for making comparisons of communities across our county

11) What is your connection to Delaware County? Select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Second-home owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I work in Delaware County | |

12) In which town/village do you spend most of your time in Delaware County? _____

13) How long have you been a part of the Delaware County community?

- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- 21+ years
- Lifetime resident
- I am not part of the Delaware County community

14) What is your gender?

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| <input type="radio"/> Female | <input type="radio"/> Non-Binary |
| <input type="radio"/> Male | <input type="radio"/> None of these |
| <input type="radio"/> Transgender | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer |

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15) With which race/ethnicity do you identify? (select all that apply)

- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Prefer not to answer
- White
- Hispanic/Latino
- Other (please specify):

16) What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

<END OF SURVEY>

If you used additional sheets of paper for your answers, please remember to include them when returning your survey.