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## Madison County Sheriff's Office Asking for Public Comment for Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan

**Wampsville, NY** – Madison County Sheriff Todd Hood and the Madison County Sheriff's Office want to hear from our residents as we draft the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative plan. On June 12, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 203 requiring each local government in New York State to adopt a policing reform plan by April 1, 2021. The Order authorizes the Director of the Division of the Budget to condition State aid to localities on the adoption of such a plan.

The New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative asks all local police agencies to actively engage with stakeholders in the local community and have locally-approved plans for the strategies, policies and procedures of local police agencies. The plan must include the appropriate role of the police, but allow the police to do their jobs to protect the public. The Madison County Sheriff's Office has put together a committee to help draft the plan. The committee is comprised of community leaders from the Board of Supervisors, County Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, faith-based groups, Mental Health Department, school districts, and the District Attorney's Office.

Now, we are asking for public comment so that we can learn from the community as we review the current perspective of their relationship with the Madison County Sheriff's Office. The public comment period is open until October 23, 2020. The comments will assist the Sheriff's Office and the committee with drafting their plan. Please either comment by using [an online form](#) or mail in your comments to:

Madison County Board of Supervisors  
138 N. Court St.  
PO Box 635  
Wampsville, NY 13163

"The Madison County Sheriff's Office prides itself on being one of 150 police agencies in New York State accredited by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services," said Sheriff Hood. "Accreditation provides a formal recognition that we here in Madison County meet or exceed general expectations in all operations (training, fiscal management, personnel practices, policies, etc.) and acknowledges the implementation of policies that are conceptually sound and operationally effective."

"The Sheriff's Office also, prides itself on its presence in our community, including programs like child bike safety, child car seat safety, Special Patrol Officers in the schools, and even our Yellow Dot program," continued Sheriff Hood. "We look forward to solidifying our relationship with the community as we move forward with this plan."

For more information visit: <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=232>.

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