

Town of Pound Ridge Criminal Justice Reform Collaborative

Background

On June 12, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order called the NEW YORK STATE POLICE REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE (EO 203: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-203-new-york-state-police-reform-and-reinvention-collaborative>). This mandate calls for the formation of a local committee to work with their police agency to update policing policies and practices with stakeholder input.

On October 6, 2020, the Pound Ridge Town Board authorized the creation of a **Criminal Justice Reform Committee** (CJRC). The purpose of the committee is to:

1. Review the needs of the community served by its police agency,
2. Evaluate the department's current policies and practices;
3. Establish policies that allow police to effectively and safely perform their duties
4. Involve the entire community in the discussion;
5. Develop policy recommendations resulting from this review;
6. Offer a plan for public comment;
7. Present the plan to the Pound Ridge Town Board for approval, and;
8. Certify adoption of the plan to the State Budget Director on or before April 1, 2021

CJR Committee Composition

To ensure our plan is developed through an inclusive process, the State recommends the committee composition of the following community stakeholders: (EO No. 203 ¶18)

- Police Leadership
- Members of the community
- Non-Profit representative
- Faith-Based representative
- District Attorney representative
- Local Public Defender representative
- Local Elected Officials
- Local Education Official
- LGBTQ advocate
- Healthcare
- Mental Health Professional
- Diversity / Bias Consultant
- Survivor
- Business Leader
- IT Consultant
- Transit Officials
- Legal or Academic Experts
- Healthcare Leaders or Advocates
- IT Specialist

Proposed Timeline

October 2020: Conduct interviews for potential committee members

October–November 2020: “Listening and Learning”

- Listening sessions: organized through meetings and subcommittees
- Hold Community Forums
- Develop webpage to create ways for community participation and to share information
- Engage experts: share background info on Town and Police Training and policy in place

November-December 2020: Drafting Plan, Seeking Public Input, and Legal Review

January-March 2020: Revisions, Legal Review

March 2021: Town Board ratify Plan, Submission on State Certification form

April 1, 2021: Ratify by NYS

Important Contacts

Criminal Justice Reform Collaborative Supervisor:

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Important Information

- **Public Access to CJR Committee materials can be found here:** LINK to GoogleDrive
- **Police Reform Guidelines:**
 - https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Police_Reform_Workbook81720.pdf
- **Procedural Justice Information:**
 - <https://cops.usdoj.gov/procdceduraljustice>

Thank you for your participation!