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Law Enforcement review Committees,

Community acceptance and trust of the police is greatly enhanced when citizens view police officers as fellow community members. In citizen/police interactions this may be accomplished by following accepted social conventions such a personal introduction. In addition to an officer actually introducing themselves verbally some police departments require officers to wear name plates while others use business cards that officers provide to citizens.

Police agencies should also provide the community information about their staff. Biographical information such as education, employment history, special training/abilities, languages spoken, and personal interests would help citizens see officers as fellow community members. The SUNY Cobleskill Police staff page is an example, <https://www.cobleskill.edu/campus-life/university-police/university-police-staff.aspx> This type of PR effort could be enhanced by the addition of images of each officer.

Municipalities and police agencies should provide prompt public access to information concerning controversial police/citizen incidents. Withholding names of officers involved damages community relations and calls into question legitimacy of the officer's actions. Additionally, the community must be made aware of resulting disciplinary actions if any.

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Thank you Wayne.

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Bill-

Happy Thanksgiving.

This should probably be a topic following the addressing of the current topic (Use of Force) however, the repeal of 50a by the Governor in June of 2020 made those files accessible to the public through a FOIL request. ALL deputies do wear name plates and those who wear outer carriers do have their names displayed as well. The only officers who do not have their names displayed are the investigators who work in plain clothes.

Business cards are generic excluding Administrators and Investigators, but do have a place where deputies can and do include their names. This is more about cost and ease of use.

The other ideas of an online information center is certainly one that should be entertained however, would be an exhaustive undertaking for IT to enter all the information for every officer and incredibly difficult to "keep up with" with continual and ever evolving training for all officers.

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