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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	On the whole, Tioga County Sheriff is doing a good job of keeping drugs and crime out of area.	12/7/2020 10:41 AM
2	I found this survey difficult to complete because there was no opportunity to indicate that I did not have adequate information to respond to some of the questions.	12/6/2020 1:21 PM
3	When L.E.O. is asked directly for assistance with a safety issue that is a law, the response is "We don't want to upset the public" is unacceptable and very irritating. I AM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC and I AM ASKING FOR YOU TO ENFORCE THE LAW THAT DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!!!! That is what the Sheriff and Deputies are sworn to do along with the entire Legislation Body. It is no different then issuing traffic violations, issuing/ arresting DWI/DUI, Domestic Violence, filing Child Abuse/Neglect incidents, etc. Not addressing the COVID 19 violations and issues is like a Dr. not administering a routine vaccine to a child to prevent a life altering or life threatening illness because the child cries when Dr. gives the the shot. Not addressing violations is like the parent that does not discipline a child after continuous inappropriate behavior. Then after years of ignoring the bad behavior the parent/guardian calls 911/Law Enforcement for assistance with a "Child out of control". If people are not held accountable for their irresponsible behavior, it endangers the entire county and community. When public is aware that there is increased surveillance for traffic violations, majority of the drivers are extra cautious. Those that don't follow the laws, then they pay the cost - BUT THE LAW ABIDING PUBLIC IS NOT PENALIZED. MEDICAL CONDITION/DISEASE/PANDEMIC IS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUES - THESE LIFE THREATENING & LIFE CHANGING DISEASE DOES NOT CARE ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT ANYTHING. We need to stay UNIFIED and more FORWARD. We appreciate living in Tioga County. That is why we have lived our entire adult life in Tioga County. We have been active in many volunteer and career in Tioga County. If anyone talks poorly of Tioga County or NYS, we suggest they live somewhere else, then they would appreciate how good we have it here in NYS.	12/5/2020 6:03 PM
4	The police shouldn't be asked to be mental health counselors, etc. They also always need training in how to deescalate confrontations.	12/4/2020 9:03 PM
5	Don't take training monies away from emergency services - the county already has taken away EMS training funding for classes and now are spending that money on a survey to help EMS? Strange. Lets help our first responders and allow them to have good training - Police, EMS, Fire, Etc. That is how you get work done.	12/4/2020 8:24 PM
6	NA	12/4/2020 5:21 AM
7	I appreciate having three police forces in Owego (local, county, and state).	12/3/2020 2:42 PM
8	Libertarians are anarchists. I will never vote for a Libertarian to be county sheriff. Firm but fair requires us to live by guidelines, not to live by one of two extremes: "anything goes," as is what I hear being said by Libertarians. "Law and order" dictatorial police state. Libertarians cause people to move in the direction of dictatorial "law and order" and do not appear to promote moderation in all things. It's tough to have moderation in all things, but it works. After the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, a person working at the U.S. Dept. of Justice said, "peacemakers and those of moderation catch hell from both sides." That is why being moderate is tough to do, but it does not change my position on seeking moderation in all things.	12/3/2020 9:23 AM
9	Sheriff Department is Very Important for Our Area	12/2/2020 5:22 PM
10	We know people who work in the TCSD, and even they tell us we are better off using the NYS Police when we are victims of crime. When the employees themselves recognize the shortcomings you know there is room for improvement. They and the people they serve all deserve better. As an advocate for all of our emergency service workers I wish I had more positive feedback about TCSD.	12/2/2020 11:55 AM
11	I personally back every patrol officer, corrections and 911 operator full support. Thank you for keeping us safe up on the highway and in town on calls. Without out you we couldnt do our job either. With the current events in todays news we have to change and adapt and overcome those huddles and continue to provide that same level of care and safety as sworn to do so. Just like us firefighters do, our training and certifications are always changing and renewing our education and skills, to provide the best level of service as we intended to do and want. Again thank you and keep safe!! God bless	12/2/2020 3:53 AM

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12	None	12/1/2020 8:54 PM
13	I thank them for there service to our community	12/1/2020 7:43 PM
14	As civilians, all we can do is hope for is that the Sheriff, his support staff and the Deputies themselves believe that protecting the public is the highest priority, even if it is from a co-worker. The community unfortunately has no way to conduct integrity audits of sworn personnel to verify the actions. There are no body cameras as in nearly every other department, even Waverly. Civilians are though of as "complainers" , and the position from many departments is "if you think you could do a better job....apply" The dept I'm sure does a fundamentally good job, however, the perception is that citizen input isn't really welcome unless mandated.	12/1/2020 3:24 PM
15	Question #24 did not provide for my answer. I have a high school diploma and 2 years of college with no degree	12/1/2020 12:55 PM
16	Lack of personal experience may detract from some of my answers	12/1/2020 9:20 AM
17	Keep up the great work !!	12/1/2020 7:50 AM
18	If you're looking at the whole mental health and drunk and disorderly topic, it's not law enforcement's fault the state make ill informed policies such as the NYS mental hygiene law specifically 9.41, and 22.09. Law enforcement is forced by NYS to drag these ppl to under funded and under staffed hospitals and dump them where they are held against their will until they're evaluated by cpep which can often take upwards of 12 hours where the majority of people make a hollow statement out of pure emotions and are later released back on to the street hating the police for following policy and the hospital for holding them against their will. Policy 22.09 is worthless, dumping drunk and high individuals in emergency rooms, with the 9.41 patients, where they take up beds from real medical patients and individuals that actually need medical attention or actually want to harm themselves, just so they can sober up. A drunk tank at the local jail would solve a lot of issues. Often times these 22.09s assault hospital staff and then are restrained and medicated where it all would have been avoided if the intoxicated individuals were taken to some other location like a jail and held there with a physician to release the individual when they were sober enough. I work at a hospital, I know, I see how your mental hygiene law fails every day	12/1/2020 1:55 AM
19	In order for all police agencies to do their best they must have adequate funding and staffing - anything less is a risk to the public, the officers and the overall stability of the community we live in.	11/30/2020 7:57 PM
20	N/A	11/30/2020 6:34 PM
21	TCSD has been an important resource for ENS. In face EMS could not function without them. Please continue to fund TCSD along with EMS and fire departments. If not people could die early	11/30/2020 5:33 PM
22	Fearful a devastating collision because Sheriff run through town at speeds near 80 we assume. I participate/volunteer for community service but never have the Sheriff come and visit or help with awareness.	11/30/2020 5:14 PM
23	The police are not the problem. The criminals and people whom do not respect themselves or anyone around them are the problem. See it for what it is. Don't break the law and you will never have a problem.	11/30/2020 3:37 PM
24	N/A	11/30/2020 3:15 PM
25	Give them credit for doing their job	11/30/2020 2:57 PM
26	Law enforcement is vital to our community. Police officers do a great job in our community and shouldn't not be negatively impacted.	11/30/2020 2:34 PM
27	I'm pretty pro-police and overall, the agency does a decent job. Communications is a glaring deficiency and is the face of the agency to the County. It needs major changes for the better.	11/30/2020 2:34 PM
28	Please don't defund our police	11/30/2020 2:30 PM
29	The Tioga county Sheriff's office has outstanding officers who are tolerant and professional to the Tioga county residence. I applaud their commitment and dedication to the safekeeping of Tioga's citizens.	11/30/2020 2:27 PM

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30	All people, regardless of race, creed, color MUST be treated fairly, equally. Need no bullies in the police force.	11/30/2020 2:05 PM
31	The people need good law abiding law enforcement. Follow the constitution and keep people safe. They are not above the law themselves. It is expensive to have law enforcement but is needed. Defunding is not the answer. Different training is key to good law enforcement.	11/30/2020 12:23 PM
32	N/A	11/30/2020 8:54 AM
33	Thank you for all the good work you do.	11/30/2020 8:35 AM
34	Know a lot of this is about race, but I think there's a problem with police treatment of women, especially educated women.	11/30/2020 7:38 AM
35	If its anonymous then you should not ask for names not should it matter what race or language I speak.	11/29/2020 4:01 PM
36	No	11/29/2020 1:07 PM
37	I have called Tioga County Sherriff's Office at least 10 times for the same issue and its still happening. It's not even a huge crime, but one day its will get someone hurt. Its speeding drivers in multiple areas of Apalachin. There are several neighborhoods having an issue with this and none of us are getting anywhere with calling the Sheriff's Office. Apalachin Creek, Tioga Terrace and Noyes Echo all have this problem frequently. Refer to the Neighborhood App for information.	11/29/2020 9:25 AM
38	Tioga County is SO close to being just right, but we can smell the freedoms from over the border in Pennsylvania, so we're getting out while it's still allowed by King Cuomo.	11/28/2020 9:42 PM
39	Dont defund our police	11/28/2020 9:03 PM
40	thank you for this opportunity	11/28/2020 3:35 PM
41	Keep up the great work!!!	11/27/2020 11:30 PM
42	Term limit for sheriff is needed. Current staff needs to be weeded out (Moulton). They will never cooperate in order to make the reforms needed.	11/27/2020 4:51 PM
43	Nothing further	11/27/2020 10:54 AM
44	I believe the Sheriffs Office does a wonderful job given their available resources. The deputies should have tasers as an optional resource.	11/27/2020 8:28 AM
45	N/A	11/27/2020 12:40 AM
46	I support the sheriffs department and am very concerned that this exercise is a ruse to take away our protectors.	11/26/2020 4:07 PM
47	I feel this is ridiculous. They are trying to change things to help people that have done wrong. Forgetting about the citizens that have been wronged and five nothing wrong.	11/26/2020 10:30 AM
48	none	11/26/2020 8:04 AM
49	I am highly impressed with the work that the Tioga County Sheriff's Department is able to do with the limited resources that they have. With funding dedicated towards the training and infrastructure necessary to carry out a community policing model, I believe that all of Tioga County will benefit from the increased quality of service from all the brave men and women who lay their lives on the line every day.	11/25/2020 11:52 PM
50	Thank You to those who respond. No affiliation with 911 responders Continue to to treat everyone the same and a majority of us will have your back	11/25/2020 11:46 PM
51	Overall, I have a very high opinion of the staff of the Sheriff's Department, with no complaints nor suggestions for areas needing improvement.	11/25/2020 8:45 PM
52	I have always had very positive interactions with the department. From pistol permit applications, to those times when we have needed the assistance of a deputy. Most recently, we were helped by Deputy Tiefenthaler. He was very professional, efficient and helpful.	11/25/2020 7:27 PM
53	(1) Policing reform cannot be done in a vacuum. Effect on the entire emergency response system must be considered. Other emergency responders (current (EMS, fire, utilities, highway, etc) and perhaps new) should be wrapped in a comprehensive plan. (2) Other than for	11/25/2020 6:40 PM

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providing a jail and civil judgement enforcement the County does not require a Sheriff's department. They are "nice to have functions" that the Sheriff's department provides other law enforcement activities. (3) The County has been "penny wise and pound foolish" in de-funding EMS training. Policing reform is likely to put a larger burden on EMS and Social Services. Not training first-responders (police, EMS, fire, etc.) is the equivalent of eating your seed corn.

54	If you do make budget cuts to law enforcement please use that money to fund EMS education in the county. Volunteer fire and EMS agencies are already struggling with membership and crewing calls (look at Owego EMS). So why make it harder for those who do join to get medical training to help serve their community. When it comes to responding to mental health or overdose calls I believe there should be a dual response with both law enforcement and EMS. But for the simple psychiatric call if there is no underlying medical condition then EMS should not be needed for transport.	11/25/2020 4:55 PM
55	Please do not defunded the police like you have defunded EMS training. The police could use some additional training in handling mental ill and OD patients. They can be a challenge for Police and EMS personnel.	11/25/2020 4:27 PM
56	I have been on probation with Tioga county for a Driving without a license ticket for a little over the year, and have had to show up every two weeks, 30 miles away, with travel being a major problem for me. I'm am disabled after a car crash that almost took my life. Since being on probation with Tioga county, I have had my disability questioned and mocked many times, only because they don't understand it, and have never attempted to. Every time I have spoken up tried defended myself during poor treatment by officers, I'm immediately shut down, and get threatened with a mental health evaluation. I'm treated like a child who dare not speak up for themselves while being belittled. The way these officers have treated me have added to my issues by causing SEVERE depression which I'm now under the care of a doctor for. I was also FORCED to have my girlfriend sign an unlawful affidavit promising to not let me drive her vehicle, or face criminal charges. This affidavit was in no part part of my probation conditions, and each time it came up, the probation officer lied MULTIPLE times about laws that required her to sign it, every time being a new law, and a new reason. After each encounter I myself researched it, talked to a lawyer, and found that they were outright lying to get me to sign it. Finally after threatening me and my family with removing me from the household, by deeming it an unsafe living environment, just because I had access to a vehicle that I had never driven, I signed it just to avoid any issues for my daughter, whom would destroyed if anything like that were to happen. The only reason I didn't/couldn't pursue legal actions defending myself in this situation, is because I still owe the lawyer money from the original case, and cannot pay in full until my disability kicks in. The reason for me including this, is due to the fact of how many times the officers STRAIGHT UP LIED to me about the law, and threatening to have me removed from my family if I didn't have my girlfriend of 20 years, who has never committed a crime, sign and unlawful legal document. THIS is the problem with law enforcement in 2020. THIS is the reason I'm receiving this survey. Thank you - Chris	11/25/2020 3:42 PM
57	Please do not defund Emergency services like they defunded EMS training in the county. We need all the help we can get with the increasing emergency call in the county.	11/25/2020 3:14 PM
58	I believe they do a very good job	11/25/2020 2:51 PM
59	Keep up the good work	11/25/2020 2:43 PM
60	I believe the Sheriffs Office does a wonderful job given their available resources. The deputies should have tasers as an optional resource.	11/25/2020 2:31 PM
61	I appreciate all the hard work the police do and I hope they get all the respect and the funding they deserve and desperately need.	11/25/2020 1:34 PM
62	From my limited experience with the Sheriffs Office, I believe they are doing an outstanding job and are fair. I have no complaints. Thank you!	11/25/2020 1:23 PM
63	I believe we need the Tioga County Sherriff's. We need the protection they give us, not only from a first responder side but as a community.	11/25/2020 12:46 PM
64	I don't know how the sheriff's office handles mental health crisis or people with developmental disabilities. My 11 year old son is autistic and I'm fearful that as he gets older if the police aren't educated on things like autism that he can become a statistic. I'd like to know they get training in that area.	11/25/2020 12:33 PM
65	They are doing an fine job and could receive better training with a larger budget.	11/25/2020 12:27 PM

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66	Don't defund the police like you have defunded the EMS budget for Tioga County.	11/25/2020 12:24 PM
67	Continue with the great service	11/25/2020 11:46 AM
68	Nothing further	11/25/2020 10:59 AM
69	I believe that law enforcement has been weakened by the present political and social climate. Law enforcement officers should be respected.	11/25/2020 9:37 AM
70	With the exception of the NYS troopers, I believe our local police departments are fair, hard working and conscientious in their jobs.	11/25/2020 6:20 AM
71	n/a	11/25/2020 5:26 AM
72	I wish to thank all of the Tioga County Sheriff's department staff for their service and dedication during these trying times. Thank you	11/25/2020 3:32 AM
73	I've lived here close to 50 yrs in an integrated community that has had black men serving as chief of police, village mayor, county coroner, deputy director of emergency services, and other roles of leadership. My child's class president was a young woman of color. As far as I'm aware, we have not had racial inequality here, that's not who we are! Re: Sheriff's dept, they're a fine group of professionals in the many contacts I've had during fire/ems incidents. Iraina and her BLM/Equality group need to stop trying to stir up trouble.	11/25/2020 12:06 AM
74	Ive said what needed to be said	11/24/2020 9:25 PM
75	I wish that there was a way the police offices and family's could get together with people in the community and get to know each other so kids would not be afraid because some adults don't know how to act	11/24/2020 8:37 PM
76	Keep striving to help people of different backgrounds. That's done through education and working with other groups to achieve goodwill with everyone.	11/24/2020 8:13 PM
77	I am completely satisfied with the Tioga County Sheriffs Department, it's sheriff and deputies	11/24/2020 8:09 PM
78	We are the parents of a special needs adult child and I do think if I ever needed the Sheriff they would be there. I hope they would be trained to work with young adults with Autism because communication skills vary widely in this population.	11/24/2020 8:04 PM
79	Better keep my mouth shut... nothing that my ethnic background can say that won't be taken the wrong way!!	11/24/2020 7:36 PM
80	There is a problem with drugs in this area maybe in part to unemployment and lack of activities, clubs , events for young people to participate in.	11/24/2020 6:33 PM
81	Thanks for the opportunity to to do the survey.	11/24/2020 6:26 PM
82	Thank you to the brave men and woman who work daily to keep us safe from crime. Especially those who must work in areas where police are not respected and where criminals have more rights than law abiding citizens. In my opinion, "All Lives Matter" unless you break the law then, you forfeit the right to be treated in a kind and compassionate matter! God Bless America and our heroes!	11/24/2020 6:15 PM
83	The police need nothing changed in terms of reform, if anything they need more officers on the streets to combat the BS that is being lashed out at them. we need to retrain the public and our children not the police, they are not the problem, the public and politicians are the problem.	11/24/2020 6:11 PM
84	I support continued and increased funding for our police departments and additional training/education. We may need additional social services, but not at the expense of police budgets.	11/24/2020 6:00 PM
85	We need more state police in the area	11/24/2020 5:50 PM
86	I would be willing to serve on a committee if needed	11/24/2020 5:21 PM
87	I live in the Village of Waverly which has it's own police department so I have little contact with the Sheriff's Department. I am responding based on what others have commented on.	11/24/2020 4:19 PM
88	I support the men and women in blue! I am glad they are there to provide proper protection to my family and friends!	11/24/2020 4:18 PM

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89	Tioga County police should not be using their personal phones or, if applicable, work phones for any type of entertainment or personal communication while on the clock.	11/24/2020 4:10 PM
90	Thank you for all you do, it's very appreciated	11/24/2020 3:48 PM
91	In my 20 + years in a local volunteer organization we have seem to have a good working relationship with the road patrol. There has been a big change in the officers who have retired to the new younger team who work good together.	11/24/2020 3:32 PM
92	I don't believe there is much to change about our local sheriff department. They're always respectful and understanding in any situation I've ever been involved with them in. I don't believe they judge anyone base on race or orientation. We are all equal and I feel that we the people of Tioga County would seek a different sheriff if there were issues. Gary and his staff from the call center, public information, corrections, and patrol officers need to be credited for there commitment to our community's safety.	11/24/2020 3:01 PM
93	Thank You for the opportunity to input answers	11/24/2020 2:56 PM
94	I am very dismayed that our Sheriff has chosen a social media platform to be partisan with regard to supporting our governor during this pandemic.	11/24/2020 2:36 PM
95	I wish you good luck in garnering beneficial thoughts and opinions.	11/24/2020 2:00 PM
96	As for the mental health response questions I believe their response depends. Someone in a mental health situation may need health care, however if they are a danger to themselves or others, law enforcement should be there as well as medical response.	11/24/2020 1:31 PM
97	Follow up to questions 13 and 14: In those situations, I think police should be sent only if the individual poses a physical threat to others. I think a social worker or health professional should be sent in any such case, someone who is qualified to handle a mental health or addiction crisis; I do not know if police officers would be qualified other than to help moderate/monitor the situation for a potentially violent person, but I am not familiar with all the training police officers go through.	11/24/2020 12:41 PM
98	The defend the police bandwagon is a joke. Only criminals want to defend the police. George Floyd resisted arrest ,fought with police and died due to his drug abuse. Dont destroy our community because of liberal lies and people that hate law and order.	11/24/2020 12:39 PM
99	I think the no bail thing was the dumbest thing to come out of Albany. I can't imagine what this does for Deputy morale...we are lucky to have the sheriff we have.	11/24/2020 12:37 PM
100	I am the parent of mixed race children and am very concerned about the police treatment of minorities. I have been a witnessed too many time minorities being mistreated by the police. This needs to change now.	11/24/2020 12:21 PM
101	As for police responding to mental health/drug issues, I agree that the presence of other professionals might be more appropriate, but these other professionals require that the scene be made safe and kept safe while they do their work.	11/24/2020 12:18 PM
102	Wish I could give phone scammers your phone number to call.☹	11/24/2020 12:17 PM
103	Considering the question about dealing with citizens experiencing some form of emotional distress, overdose, etc, a deputy seems ill prepared to handle the situation by themselves. A health care profession should be rolling with the deputy on that type of call. The deputy can handle site security and communications while the health care professional deals with the citizen.	11/24/2020 12:16 PM
104	The Sherriff has the right and ability to fly any flag he wants. When he has a Donald Trump flag on his house he says to everyone that he is, at best willing to ignore the racism of Donald Trump and at worst guilty of that racism himself.	11/24/2020 12:15 PM
105	Help victims. At least listen.	11/24/2020 12:05 PM
106	N/A	11/24/2020 12:02 PM
107	Keep up the good work.	11/24/2020 11:41 AM
108	I believe that the Sheriff's department should retain the same amount of allocated money. I also believe that Social Workers are very important in our community and that NYS should	11/24/2020 11:24 AM

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allocate more money so that our Police Department and Social Workers may work together in certain situations.

109	Do not defund our police agencies ! Do not release criminals because they can't afford bail !!!	11/24/2020 11:20 AM
110	Police are under paid and under trained. We as a community and the police officers serving us deserve better. More fire power will not improve issues however officers put their lives at risk and need protection. Education is key for not just the police but members of the community.	11/24/2020 11:18 AM
111	I think that there should also be a some reflection and work to improve how the community responds to law enforcement officers and others. This is one of the forgotten components involved in a lot of the current cancel culture.	11/24/2020 11:15 AM
112	Hopefully the people actually takes these surveys for what they are which is a joke. You cannot get accurate information from a survey in which anyone or their brother can participate. I'm sure the 6 BLM protestors that frequented the courtyard will be filling out this survey over and over. To go with his emmy, maybe we can give Andrew Cuomo the Nobel Peace Prize for this fantastic idea.	11/24/2020 11:03 AM
113	Please stay safe. You have the hardest job in the whole world. I can't imagine doing what you all have to do every day. Just don't loose perspective that most people aren't like the people you have to deal with daily.	11/24/2020 10:52 AM
114	My friends and family have always had good experiences with the TCSD. We hope that they are able to hire more officers to ease the burden on their work force.	11/24/2020 10:37 AM
115	Please defend us! It is your constitutional duty to defend the people! Stand up against the Tyranny of Cuomo.	11/24/2020 10:25 AM
116	The mental health system is broken. Again we point the finger at the cops but a broken system causes their "failures". We need way more available professionals. We need more facilities were people can safely be held until their medications can be figured out. Every day I see a woman who screams and hits herself nonstop where in work. She is paper thin and usually not dressed for the weather. I wonder if she's going to make it through the winter without literally freezing to death. In our modern society she's left walking the streets with no help. I'd offer but I've seen her screaming at people and I'm afraid. I'm not saying we need facilities to put people for life but we need places were people can temporarily be placed for their safety and the safety of others so medications can be adjusted. They could also receive the medical care they need.	11/24/2020 10:24 AM
117	Overall I am satisfied with the police force, however I think like in every other Tioga County situation, that Owego is always put first and Apalachin seems to be considered less important. I was born in Apalachin 52 years ago and that has always been the case.	11/24/2020 10:19 AM
118	Good luck	11/24/2020 10:16 AM
119	Please do not defund the deputies like other emergency services in Tioga County has been defunded. EMS has been defunded, i hope deputies will not be defunded. Tioga County relies on its emergency services to bring new and bright talent and businesses to the area.	11/24/2020 10:04 AM
120	NA	11/24/2020 9:58 AM
121	I've been a Tioga County citizen for about 30 years and believe the Sheriffs department is a fine agency. But, I and my family obey the law. Some that don't may have a different comments. Please don't be suckered into changing or reducing this department. WE NEED THEM	11/24/2020 9:16 AM
122	Thank you for asking the community for their feedback.	11/24/2020 9:06 AM
123	The department is good. In this small County Law Enforcement has to be flexible and fit into the community.	11/24/2020 9:06 AM
124	.	11/24/2020 8:29 AM
125	Public needs to be retrained, not LEOs	11/24/2020 8:20 AM
126	I believe the activist should get up at 3 am. and accompany a police officer when he covers a auto accident with fatalities !	11/24/2020 7:55 AM
127	I think the sheriff's department is doing a great job. Keep up the great work	11/24/2020 7:49 AM

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128	We must not defund the police	11/24/2020 7:44 AM
129	i think hey do a great job and dont need to be bothered with problems that are far more prevalent in dense cities	11/24/2020 7:38 AM
130	I would like to see a police presence in my community. I hardly ever see a patrol on my road.	11/24/2020 7:30 AM
131	.	11/24/2020 7:15 AM
132	I have adopted children who are of African American decent. On more than one occasion my son has been stopped by state troopers for unwarranted reasons. This was the state police.	11/24/2020 6:50 AM
133	LE needs to respond to over doses and other "medical" emergences since the brainchild behind this has decided that EMS training is not needed in this count to save money, people have decided not to join because they don't want to spend an hour driving to take classes. While I think the TCSO does a fantastic job overall with the elected county officials they have to work with. The county leadership along with the stated leadership is the driving force on why I am looking to leave NYS!.	11/24/2020 6:24 AM
134	I believe using narcan on users repeatedly do they can go overdose again is a waste. You can't help someone who is not willing to help themselves.	11/24/2020 5:13 AM
135	Police officers bust their humps to protect people. They have families and should also focus on deescalating and conflict resolution. They need to go home to their families. Police officers should never feel that they are the enemy that is depicted on Fox News , cnn, or any other news source	11/24/2020 3:12 AM
136	The crime has gotten worse and we need more police.	11/24/2020 12:16 AM
137	Defunding is to me never the option but it is the new war cry from some groups. How bout we get back to teaching respect for every single person? Mental illness is an issue always has been around and is a very hard issue to deal with. Drug use also big problem all over the country. But I would say to me if parents taught their kids more respect for others instead of looking to confront police it would help. I don't care if your rich or poor , minority or not I don't play identity politics on every issue. Just more two way street where the police handle incidents carefully and also people don't automatically police won't trwat me fairly.	11/23/2020 11:37 PM
138	Great job on the survey.	11/23/2020 11:18 PM
139	As a community member, retired police lieutenant, and someone who currently works to transform the crisis response system for a non-profit organization, I would be interested in being a part of this committee if possible.	11/23/2020 11:18 PM
140	I think the Tioga County Sheriffs do a good job with the limited people that they have. I am glad that they exist and appreciate their responses.	11/23/2020 11:15 PM
141	Trump 2020	11/23/2020 10:18 PM
142	I have not had many interactions with law enforcement here and recognize that it makes it hard to fairly evaluate the police. But because I don't notice many issues, I believe they do a good job policing owego. I think in general having additional help when responding to drug overdoses or domestic disputes (such as a social worker, paramedic, counselor, etc) would benefit those situations as police should only be responsible for deescalating a situation, not for solving it.	11/23/2020 10:03 PM
143	I firmly believe that the Sheriff's Deputy's need to be paid a more comparable salary and benefits. It is drastically more expensive and detrimental to continually lose quality employees to nearby agencies due to lack of pay and benefits. As a taxpayer I am losing out and as a citizen I am getting a diminished service. Any entity that cannot compete will have a lesser product.	11/23/2020 9:43 PM
144	none	11/23/2020 9:35 PM
145	I run a business in Tioga County.	11/23/2020 8:19 PM
146	We need to keep our sheriffs department but can understand wanting someone to accompany them if there is a mental problem.	11/23/2020 8:07 PM
147	I think dispatch has been very poor, They're obviously good ones but there's a lack of Professionalism and lack of training. I think they need better training and education. I stand for law enforcement, but I do believe in higher standards better training and Especially mental	11/23/2020 8:04 PM

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health training for the officers. Police officers deal with very difficult situations and I just think that they need a little bit more help on the sidelines.

148	I am happy with the service provided by the tioga county sheriffs department. I wish they investigated family disputes further and punished consistent overdoses more and frequent drug abusers. Those individuals do not deserve to roam where children play. I want to feel safer walking through owego and not feel scared with homeless individuals sitting on corners and bus stops or anywhere around town	11/23/2020 7:56 PM
149	I cannot express enough how deeply disappointed I am with the partisanship of the sheriff.	11/23/2020 7:53 PM
150	Kind of difficult to insure actual citizens of the county are answering when you make those questions optional....	11/23/2020 7:40 PM
151	Thanks for the opportunity to comment. You know it probably would not be a bad idea to look at the possibility of having a County Sheriff Dept uniformed mental health professional respond with PD to mental health emergencies and serve as the officer in charge with the guys/gals with guns as on-scene backup. EMS would sure like that,.	11/23/2020 7:25 PM
152	Our Sheriff department provides excellent service mostly as a result of the stewardship provided by Gary Howard. Sheriff Howard is by far and away the best Sheriff we have ever had.	11/23/2020 7:15 PM
153	Go back to protect and serve not harass and collect that policing has become. And stop militarizing your cops not military.	11/23/2020 7:14 PM
154	0	11/23/2020 6:32 PM
155	None	11/23/2020 6:29 PM
156	Inner city issues are not issues in Tioga County	11/23/2020 6:25 PM
157	Thank you for all you do! Despite our one disappointing interaction with the 911 dispatcher, we appreciate you all!	11/23/2020 6:25 PM
158	In general I believe US police forces have become too militarized and too demanding and rude when such behavior is not warranted. I get it in the big city officers are always on edge and I get that it's not as bad here as some cities. But it's still an issue.	11/23/2020 6:24 PM
159	Police need to stop acting like they're somehow better or more important than everyone else. They do NOT deserve more rights or privileges than the average person. Police work for US, not the other way around. They should be caring, compassionate, and happy to help the people around them. Instead they're abrasive, rude, and narcissistic. I think the most important thing that should change about policing in America is the hiring process. Every potential officer should have at least two years of training on how to deal with people and deescalate situations before even being considered. And they should be required to see a licensed counselor for at least six months prior to hiring to determine if their mental state is healthy enough to be handed a weapon and given the authority over others.	11/23/2020 6:20 PM
160	I really do like the Tioga County Sheriff department. I appreciate all the hard work that they do and realize that they may be over worked with some of the phone calls that they receive. I just want my town back to how it was. Low crime and low drug use. But all the burden should not be put on them alone.	11/23/2020 5:42 PM
161	Please do not lessen the effectiveness of our sheriff's officers. They do an excellent job given what they have and rules they must follow.	11/23/2020 5:27 PM
162	I appreciate the opportunity to be provide input on this important issue.	11/23/2020 5:20 PM
163	Mental health management is important. Difficult to manage and there is never enough training. We need to support mental health in this community especially given this past year	11/23/2020 5:18 PM
164	I see no outreach to the community by the Sheriff's Dept. There was no communications regarding department policy in the wake of national police brutality issues. Shame on you.	11/23/2020 5:11 PM
165	n/a	11/23/2020 4:39 PM
166	I greatly appreciate all the men and women of the Tioga county sheriffs department. Keep up the great work!!	11/23/2020 4:37 PM
167	appreciate all that the Sheriff's Dept. and ALL law enforcement officers do to keep our	11/23/2020 4:31 PM

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	community safe	
168	I would very much like to see police reform in our county and hope this is taken seriously. Our force isn't as big as in larger cities, and I think collaboration with mental health professionals in particular would ease the burden on our officers. I do not think that our officers should respond to mental health crises or drug overdoses; those are much better handled by mental health and medical professionals. I love our county, but I think we can be better.	11/23/2020 4:00 PM
169	I fully support Tioga County LEOs. Defunding them is outrageous and a terrible idea.	11/23/2020 3:47 PM
170	Thank you	11/23/2020 3:24 PM
171	I would like to see local support for measures such as funding for partnering social workers with officers to answer calls that come in due to mental health or addiction issues. Not all departments are funded equally, and I get that. But in 2016 the Police Executive Research Forum released a survey that found that law enforcement agencies spend a median of 58 hours on training for recruits on how to use a gun and 49 hours on defensive tactics, but they spend about only eight hours on de-escalation and crisis intervention. That ratio could be more balanced. I would also like to see local (and publicly visible) solidarity with the national efforts of measures to ban and criminalize the use of chokeholds, requiring state troopers to wear body cameras, and the repeal of civil rights law 50-A, which many police forces and local governments used to shield police disciplinary records from the public. Our local branch is still part of a nationwide institution that has massive issues with equity and injustice. Meaningful change and accountability starts at the local level. We can do better.	11/23/2020 2:50 PM
172	Mental Health Professional and a First Responder (EMT's) in tandem SHOULD be a first option call to get a responder for help. This team based on their assessment then would call out the Sheriffs Dept. This would be on the person @911 taking the call to do triage of the situation to know if more than health or medical care is needed...not exclusive to Sheriff or Medical care to resolve..	11/23/2020 2:48 PM
173	My gut reaction upon seeing police officers should not be anxiety and fear, work on that and we'll be good.	11/23/2020 2:20 PM
174	A separate agency with non-uniformed, unarmed, appropriately trained representatives, should be the primary respondents for 911 calls involving family conflicts, psychological crises, drugs and alcohol. Only if there is a credible threat of violence should an armed officer be present, and that in a back-up capacity.	11/23/2020 2:08 PM
175	My gut reaction upon seeing police officers should not be anxiety and fear, work on that and we'll be good.	11/23/2020 1:48 PM
176	As long as they don't illegally enforce covid mandates I'm fine	11/23/2020 1:20 PM
177	x	11/23/2020 12:57 PM
178	Local governments need to support local law enforcement. They have an impossible job and are over-worked/under-paid. Local departments need more funding for additional officers and additional training/support for those officers.	11/23/2020 12:32 PM
179	Again, I'll reiterate I believe our police are excellent. But I have serious concerns about how any laws, like not being allowed to video police interactions or being forced to stand back 20 ft or be charged with a felony will effect those who are repeated victims of their police. We wouldn't know about George Floyd if that law existed when he was murdered. If the police aren't doing anything wrong, they have no reason to fear bystanders recording their movements.	11/23/2020 10:52 AM
180	stay safe	11/23/2020 9:12 AM
181	Removing the police is a ridiculous idea. Defending the police is ridiculous. Retraining should be done, but I fully believe that the police department needs hired mental health professionals to assist with calls, because police officers don't know how to handle mental heath crisis' with people. They do the best they can, but they're not professionals with mental health.	11/23/2020 9:07 AM
182	No	11/23/2020 9:03 AM
183	ACCORD would be happy to partner with Tioga Co Sheriffs and to provide constructive communication or conflict resolution training	11/23/2020 9:00 AM
184	Not everyone in Tioga County is a blue collar conservative. Those who aren't shouldn't be	11/23/2020 7:56 AM

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treated with disdain because they dont go hunting, fishing, or shooting with any members of the sheriff's department.

185	I have dealt with sheriff's 5 times in last 10 years. Twice my mailbox was vandalized, once a traveling construction company wanted to fix my driveway (I wanted to make sure they weren't scammers) and then I had a headlight out, the last was 10 years ago, I was stopped for speeding. The officer was practically screaming at me about my speed, he was agitated. I had my dog in the car and she was softly growling. I do not have an anger toward the officer. When I explained what happened he calmed down. Actually it wasn't 10 years ago it was 12 years ago.	11/23/2020 1:48 AM
186	I've been teaching communication skills, conflict resolution, and emotional intelligence skills for more than 25 years. I could give seminars, work with individual, etc. EQSolutionsU2.com Thank you for listening.	11/22/2020 10:38 PM
187	I would love to see more respect given to the men and women of the Tioga Country sheriffs Department who risk their lives to protect us citizens of Tioga County!!!	11/22/2020 2:33 PM
188	Keep up the good job.	11/22/2020 8:11 AM
189	I believe if there are in cuts in budget it should be at higher level such as those in the DA's office. The officials in these positions don't seem to have the best judgement or more towards favoritism of who you know. They themselves try to intimidate and exhibit borderline extortion when negotiating minor offenses such as non moving violations. In addition any government official that believes there should be a cut in our front line of law and enforcement is out of touch with reality. George Floyd was a criminal, I don't condone the actions by the officer but... if there is a presence of law enforcement and a good relationship with the community crime rates should go down. The riff raft will not want to settle in a community where they know there actions will have consequences. Our community needs to crack down on the drug issues and other items related such as burglary.	11/22/2020 7:56 AM
190	We need to keep the Sherriffs department in tioga county.	11/21/2020 4:20 PM
191	Law enforcement needs to be able to retain their authority and respect within the community.	11/21/2020 10:33 AM
192	I believe that law enforcement is very important to our community and country	11/21/2020 10:19 AM
193	NA	11/21/2020 9:30 AM
194	I have had the privilege of having some very awesome police officers lately but being told they really can not help anyone like they should because of our govenor pisses me right off, like really our cops didnt murder a African American man why are they paying the price for crimes a different county committed. The only protection we have or should I say had. Someone better do something or were going to have a lot more issues then you all know off.	11/21/2020 9:15 AM
195	In the current times we live in, emphasis should be to build a strong police force, not decrease funding. People want to feel safe, less police presence does not accomplish this. Police are not the bad guys.	11/21/2020 7:36 AM
196	Fuck Cuomo	11/21/2020 7:30 AM
197	Keep doing the wonderful job that you do !	11/21/2020 6:58 AM
198	I believe that our bail reform was ridiculous and now they want funding taken away from the police departments I agree we have some bad cops just as you have good but you also have a lot of bad people out there and I know by less officers patrolling means more crimes with the bail reform you have the same criminals using our justice department like a revolving door and laughing at the government i have a brother who has severe mental and drug abuse problems a danger to himself explosive in public and we have not been able to make him get help he just gets released from jail when he gets in trouble from charges from burglary to harassment domestic violence and he refuses meds or treatment so when you have an officer that gets a call on a person in this state of mind and on drugs what are they to do.... my prayers are with you all and I thank you for putting your life on the line for mine	11/20/2020 5:52 PM
199	I believe "defund the school districts" should be a rallying cry. They continually provide less services but demand more money. School taxes are breaking the fiscal backs of the residents of New York. I believe teacher's wages should be tied to the wages of other workers that fall within their district. Also, I believe a tax credit for people forced to stay home to educate their children during this pandemic should be evaluated. I have more respect for the police in my	11/20/2020 3:32 PM

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County than the teachers within it. Why can't New York school districts organize similar to Sheriff Department's in that they are organized by county. I think a big savings would be realized in the administration part of the schooling. Thank you for your time and concern.

200	I think this mandate laid down by the Governor is a knee jerk reaction to problem that doesn't exist.	11/20/2020 3:29 PM
201	They do a great job, please don't start sending unarmed social workers into dangerous situation or whatever nonsense has become popular these days.	11/20/2020 12:22 PM
202	I do not support the current mind set of police being an evil or punishing element that need disbanded or de-funded. I believe on a whole in Tioga County that all of our officers try hard to be good officers and community minded. As someone who had a brother with mental problems due to Epsolpsy I know how hard it can be to deal with someone who may not understand what they are doing it would be good for our officers to have more training in this field but remember each person with mental problems can behave differently depending on the stimulus. But the public needs to understand that these officers are trained to not only defend the public from danger but also each other and themselves. I feel that our police in general handle themselves in a professional way and I for one feel sorry for the officers who are trying to do their jobs and are being linked to the few bad ones in their profession and we have that in ANY profession.	11/20/2020 11:45 AM
203	i THINK WE NEED TO VOTE IN A NEW SHERIFF NEXt year, and retrain the officers, and 911 operators.	11/20/2020 11:27 AM
204	I have nothing further to comment on.	11/20/2020 10:31 AM
205	Fuck Cuomo	11/20/2020 10:19 AM
206	...	11/20/2020 10:05 AM
207	thank you for participating in the reform process	11/20/2020 9:53 AM
208	Cuomo is a fascist dictator and is hand cuffing our police. Biden will only make it worse and people will get hurt only because they are a police officer and for no other reason	11/20/2020 9:27 AM
209	Governor Cuomo needs to mind his own business. Law enforcement here in Tioga county is doing just fine.	11/20/2020 9:00 AM
210	Na	11/19/2020 11:06 PM
211	Mandatory body cameras should be in place if not already, protects the officer(s) and tax payers while also providing best possible corroborating evidence. Steep penalties should be in place for failure to use body-cams. Never had a bad experience with local enforcement nor have I ever given them reason to do so, but cameras would be an un-biased observer keeping everyone accountable. We support our police but we can always do better.	11/19/2020 10:52 PM
212	The new skill they have learned to work with people with different disabilities and personal issues has greatly been a big help to our community!	11/19/2020 9:19 PM
213	I believe the police do a good job, however you should always strive for improvement, and make sure to provide the most good to the entire community.	11/19/2020 9:16 PM
214	I have had no interactions with the Tioga County Sheriffs in the fifteen years I have lived in Tioga Country. With this lack of exposure to the department, it is hard to answer some of these questions. Currently, the police have a very difficult job. What I would expect from Law Enforcement is that they treat everyone respectfully especially if/when they are being disrespected. Trust starts with building relationships within the community such as having community events like car seat checks, tables set up at different establishments throughout the community to get to talk with the residents in an open candid setting. These provide opportunities for the community to "Get to know your Sheriffs" , maybe even feature short articles in a local Tioga county newspaper highlighting a different sheriff each month . The more positive interactions like this the community has with the police seems, it seems to me will help build trust in situations where the sheriffs need to take control for the safety of the public.	11/19/2020 9:13 PM
215	Given today's environment I think the Deputies do a good job. I do not envy them one bit. Fortunately I don't see ALOT of the same issues around here that we are seeing nationally.	11/19/2020 9:13 PM
216	I have not had much to do with law enforcement therefore I could not give answers to some	11/19/2020 8:52 PM

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	questions.	
217	Sherriff office is doing a outstanding job !	11/19/2020 8:38 PM
218	Proud to be a resident of Tioga County New York	11/19/2020 7:50 PM
219	Na	11/19/2020 7:47 PM
220	They do a wonderful job!	11/19/2020 7:45 PM
221	Thank you to the sheriff's department and to the local government officials dedicated to our county	11/19/2020 7:34 PM
222	Learn to work better with other police departments less competition	11/19/2020 7:02 PM
223	Back the Blue!	11/19/2020 6:11 PM
224	My Sisters first Husband was a Owego Police, and my Uncle Lives in Owego so I have slight ties to that area...	11/19/2020 6:06 PM
225	I think that the law enforcement in this area are doing a great job. Keep it up.	11/19/2020 5:55 PM
226	Cuomo sucks, you rock	11/19/2020 5:54 PM
227	They let criminals get away with crimes because it is easier than dealing with it.	11/19/2020 5:54 PM
228	Females definitely need to be more respectful they think there bad ass cops .and don't cover up there domestic violence at own home,other female an husband both cops are assholes	11/19/2020 5:27 PM
229	No further comments	11/19/2020 5:14 PM
230	-	11/19/2020 5:08 PM
231	NA	11/19/2020 5:05 PM
232	Keep doing what you're doing -member of the AFD	11/19/2020 3:43 PM
233	They need more resources to cover a large area	11/19/2020 3:33 PM
234	Overall TCSD is much more professional and has a much better track record than BCSD. I applaud you all for the professionalism I see working as a Paramedic day in and day out. As for dispatch, the dispatch center should be using EMD to provide a "level playing field" if you will for all dispatchers to obtain the same information regardless of experience level. This is imperative to provide road EMS crews with the most pertinent information possible and allow them to make informed response decisions as well as prioritize calls when multiple calls come out at the same time. EMD is a requirement at most dispatch centers big and small and streamlines the process for everyone involved.	11/19/2020 3:26 PM
235	We need to stand toy with our Law Enforcement Officers and show them respect and Thank them for their Service every day putting their lives on the line to Protect us	11/19/2020 3:19 PM
236	Thank you I support you!	11/19/2020 3:17 PM
237	This was the BEST survey I've ever taken!	11/17/2020 1:15 PM