

INTRODUCTION

On June 12, 2020, Governor A. Cuomo issued an executive order directing municipalities that employ police officers to actively engage stakeholders in the local community and develop locally approved plans for the strategies, policies and procedures of local police agencies. In accordance with this order, the Village of Angelica entered a collaborative effort to move through the required process to enact police reform plans.

At the end of the process, the pertinent local governments would be required to submit a plan to New York State or risk losing State funding.

New York State laid out eight mandates to each agency that included the following:

1. Civil Penalties for Filing False Reports on Members of a Protected Class
2. Require Police Officers to Report the Discharge of their Weapon
3. Require the Reporting of Police Acts or Omissions Resulting in a Person's Death to the Office of Special Investigations
4. Ban Choke Holds
5. Require Medical Responses for Arrestees
6. Require Policing Statistics to be Reported to the Division of Criminal Justice Services
7. Recording of Law Enforcement Activity
8. Provide the Public Access to Personnel Records of Police Officers

DEPARTMENT PROFILE

Municipality: Village of Angelica
Law Enforcement Agency: Angelica Police Department
Village of Angelica Executive Officer: Michael Trivisondoli
Chief of Police: Matthew Heller

MUNICIPALITY DEMOGRAPHICS

The Village of Angelica is a small upstate New York Community with a population of approximately 869 according to the 2010 Census. The village is approximately 2.15 square miles.

Demographic data indicates our community is predominantly white (97+%)

with the balance composed of the following ethnicities: black (1%) and Hispanic (1%) (<https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US3602176-angelica-ny/>)

Angelica is geographically located near the center of Allegany County NY and was formally the Allegany County seat. Angelica is known as “The Town Where History Lives”. The Village is home to a number of antique shops which attract shoppers from throughout the state. These shops are accessible in part due to the Southern Tier Expressway (I-86) passing through the Southern part of Angelica.

ANGELICA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Village of Angelica has a part time Police Department with six total Officers. There are five patrol Officers and an Officer in Charge. There are five males and one female Officer and all Officers are white. All of the Village Officers have full time jobs including with other law enforcement agencies. The overall operating budget of the Police Department is about \$30,000. The Police Department responds to all calls for service within the Village of Angelica and responds outside the Village to assist other agencies requesting mutual aid and to assist the Angelica Ambulance. The Village Board receives monthly activity reports from the Chief of Police.

POLICE REFORM PROCESS

The Village sent a survey to everyone with an electric bill asking for their feedback. Individuals were given the option to do a hard copy and drop it off to the Village Office or do the survey on line. The Village received 29 total responses to the survey, 17 people completed a hard copy survey while 12 people completed the survey on line. Not all respondents answered all the questions. Based on public comment and the survey, the Angelica Police Reform action plan was formed. A public hearing was held for comment on the action plan and comment was requested by the Allegany County District Attorney’s office, as well as the Allegany County Public Defender’s Office. After the public hearing, the Angelica Village Board voted to accept the Angelica Police Department’s action plan and authorized the mayor to sign any and all documents. Below is a summary of the general responses:

What is your Role in the Community	
Primary Residence Owner	22
Own House	1
Primary Residence Owner, Business Owner, Formally OIC of the PD	1
Renter	1
Was a primary resident	1
Work in Village	1

Which Law Enforcement Agencies have you directly interacted with

APD Alone	8
APD and NYSP	7
APD and ACSD	2
APD, ACSD, NYSP	2
NYSP	2

Please select the top 5 services you think are MOST important for the Angelica Village Police Department to provide

Traffic/Speed Enforcement	10
Public Safety/Order	9
Law Enforcement	6
Patrol Activities	4
Weekend/Special Event Assistance	4
No PD Needed	3
Community Policing and Interactions	3
Assist Residents/Motorist	3
Crime Prevention	2
Domestics	2
Property Checks	2
Assist other Agencies	2
DWI Patrol	2
Extended/More Patrols	2
911 Response	2
Crime Detection	1
Gun Control	1
Don't Care about Snowflakes	
Feelings	1
Drug Enforcement	1
Criminal Investigations	1
Fair Patrol	1
Respond to MVA's	1
Professionalism with Public	1

Please select the top 5 services you think are LEAST important for the Angelica Village Police Department to provide

Parking Enforcement	2
Animal/Dog Complaints	2
I-86 Traffic Enforcement	2
Traffic Control	1
Noise Control	1
Dumb Ass Question	1
Taking on Parental Responsibilities	1
Neighbor Disputes	1
Fair Patrol	1
Property Checks	1
Catering to the Liberals	1
What ever a cops shouldn't be doing	1

When was the last time you directly interacted with the Angelica Village Police Department

Never	2
Not Recently	1
1996	1
2013	1
2005	1
2016	1
2019	3
2020	6
2021	3

What was the purpose of your last interaction with Angelica Village Police Department

Filed a Complaint	6
When I saw them on street	5
As a result of a Traffic Stop	3
Work Related	2
When I needed an Ambulance	1
I was on the Fair board	1
Saving lives on I-86	1
As needed or when assistance is requested	1
There was a complaint against me	1
I had a death in Family	1
When they were investigating injured or dead person	1

Given the nature of your last interaction (e.g. traffic stop, investigation, request for assistance, informal conversation, etc.), how would you categorize the interaction with Angelica Village PD?

<u>Positive</u>	19
<u>Neutral</u>	5
<u>Negative</u>	2

Overall, including your last interaction, how would you categorize your interactions with Angelica Village Police Department

<u>Positive</u>	20
<u>Negative</u>	2
<u>Neutral</u>	5

The Angelica Police Department are responsive to the need of the community

<u>Strongly Agree</u>	9
<u>Agree</u>	6
<u>Neutral</u>	7

The Angelica Police Department makes decisions based on bias towards certain groups of people

<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	14
<u>Disagree</u>	3
<u>Neutral</u>	8
<u>Strongly Agree</u>	2

The Angelica Police Department strives to make a positive impact in the community

<u>Strongly Agree</u>	13
<u>Agree</u>	9
<u>Neutral</u>	4
<u>Disagree</u>	1

I trust the Angelica Police Department

Strongly	
Agree	13
Agree	9
Neutral	4
Disagree	1

Seeing an Angelica Police Officer makes me feel safer

Strongly Agree	14
Agree	8
Neutral	2
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	3

POLICE REFORM ACTION PLAN- SEE ATTACHED