Safer Together Challenge

I will remember why I chose this profession and why I put on my uniform every day.



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everyone I encounter within my sphere of influence.

I will show respect to

I will always be aware of my mission and my role in creating transparency and trust.

I will not forget that the key to preventing crime is earning public support.

I will earn that support by making a positive difference in the community I serve and by building a healthy community climate.

I will build a positive community climate by taking an extra moment during every possible contact to connect and engage with the people in my community.

I will use active listening skills to better understand problems, express empathy, and provide solutions.

I will remember that positive, healthy community climates engender mutual trust, respect, and collaboration.

I will ensure that my appearance and demeanor generate a positive first impression of who I am as a police officer. I will humanize myself during every contact by being genuine and using plain, appropriate language.

I will work hard to create the best possible outcome in all the interactions I have, both on and off duty.

I will improve my own safety and wellness and reduce stress by contributing to healthy relationships within my community.

I will take time to ask myself whether I am taking the extra steps to build these relationships.

I will not let my actions negatively impact the safety and wellness of my fellow officers or the community I serve.

I will remember that I have the ability to improve both local and national climates through my daily individual interactions.

I will maintain a level of competence that allows me to remain calm and be the problemsolver my community deserves. I will seek to better understand my community and make it safer by building relationships through value-added interactions.

I will commit to being part of the solution.

Because we are . . . safer together.



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