



HANOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHARLES B. DENNIS, CHIEF OF POLICE

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In an effort to promote increased transparency in policing, Hanover Police Officers will be asking for information regarding race, ethnicity and sex when dealing with members of the public.

For consistency purposes, an officer will ask a question similar to: *“In order to ensure transparency with the public, our agency needs to document specific information with regard to our contacts with the public. For statistical purposes, how do you identify your race, sex and ethnicity?”*

We want to be able to provide the most accurate information when inquiries are brought forth and as we review all aspects of the way we conduct investigations and day-to-day operations, it is important that we are able to provide this statistical demographic information. We also want to make sure that our officers are asking individuals directly and not making assumptions about race, ethnicity and sex in the course of their duties.

We are dedicated to serve the residents and members of our community with the standards we uphold in our Core Values: Integrity, Respect, Fairness, Excellence and Positivity.

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