

## **City of Geneva Reform and Reinvention Collective Group Update**

- *The Collective (for those who have not been following) is a group of stakeholders charged by New York State to submit recommendations and suggestions on current policies in place for the City of Geneva Police Department, which was completed in March 2021. The Collective is charged to ensure that said policies are reformed to help reflect the needs of the community, moreover the needs of communities that have disproportionately impacted by systemic racism with respect to policing.*
- The City of Geneva Collective group, met on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> to continue discussion on Use of Force Policy (GO400). Lt. Matt Valenti updated the group on the changes to GO400 as well as discussed, the Use of Force wheel also referred to Use of Force Continuum also being implemented. The wheel itself is from a policy within the NYSP. It will also be taught in the Finger Lakes Academy in Hopewell.
- Next steps for the collective will be sub-groups to help tackle the other initiatives in the reform plan starting with:
  - Mental health awareness and partnerships with behavioral health agencies
  - Wellness initiatives for GPD and City Staff
  - Trainings for GPD and City Staff
  - Community engagement in collaboration with Community Compact
- As a whole group they are tasked with helping to brainstorm how to measure the impact of these initiatives as we steer forward.
- Community feedback on next steps, or other reform items welcomed by sharing with our city team and/or the collective group.
- Copy of updated GO400 as well as Use of Force wheel are available on our website under *announcement* on the Police Reform page. Hard copies are available by request.
- To provide, input or for more information please contact Erica Collins, [ecollins@geneva.ny.us](mailto:ecollins@geneva.ny.us) or 315-828-6565.