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Dear Elmsford Community Members,

The past several months have been a challenging time for all of us, especially for the Law Enforcement community as many Police Officers strive to do the best job they can for the residents that they serve. However thanks to the support and assistance of the Elmsford Community things have been quite different here. I am writing to you today to let you know how much we value the relationship we have with our community and to let you know about some of the Police-Community events that we have been involved with in 2021. On April 27th we had a Book and Badges event at the Mount Carmel School and we held another Books and Badges event on May 1st at Village Hall, at these events our Police Officers were able to greet and hand out books to each child who stopped by. On May 22nd and June 5th our School Resource Officer Douglas Ramirez attended a soccer event at Carol Nichols Park where he handed out soccer balls and water bottles to all the children who play soccer here in Elmsford. On August 3rd all the campers who attended the Elmsford Summer Camp participated in the Wreaths Across America event where they got to meet with our Police Officers and learn about all the great things that Wreaths Across America does. On October 2nd the Village of Elmsford hosted its annual Elmsford Day at Deluca Park where all who attended got to enjoy a day of rides and fun and got to meet our Elmsford Community Affairs Officers who were in attendance. On October 7th we held a Coffee With A Cop event from 7am to 9am at Dunkin Donuts here in Elmsford and held another one that same day from 5pm to 8pm at the Elmsford Police Department, all who attended were given coffee mugs, wrist bands and were able to meet and have a cup of coffee with our Community Affairs Officers as well as take a tour of our Police Station and get a look at our Police Vehicles. On October 15th our Community Affairs Officers assisted with the Annual Family Fun / Movie Night where our Officers handed out glow in the dark necklaces and bracelets to the kids in attendance. Our Police Department participated in two Trunk or Treat events held separately at the Mount Carmel School and Alexander Hamilton High School where our Officers decorated one of our Patrol Vehicles for Halloween and handed out candy to the children who attended. Also on October 29th after the annual Halloween Parade we had an Ice Cream With A Cop event at the Carl Dixson Primary School where our Officers got to meet the school students and hand out ice cream to each one. The Village of Elmsford hosted the Halloween Drive Thru Event on October 30th where our School Resource Officer greeted all the residents who attended and handed out hot chocolate and donuts to the cars as they were getting ready to drive through the Halloween Tent. The annual Menorah Lighting was held on November 30th and our Officers attended the event to provide security for the festivities. On December 9th the Village



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of Elmsford held its annual Christmas Tree Lighting event where our Officers were in attendance to provide security for the event as well as to meet and greet our residents during the Christmas season. On December 11th the Village of Elmsford hosted the Elmsford Christmas Village Drive Thru, once again our School Resource Officer greeted all the cars that drove through and handed out hot chocolate and cookies to them. On December 18th our Community Affairs Officers attended and provided security at the Elmsford Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration. Finally I would like to also mention that our Officers attended numerous events such as basketball games at our local schools and attended all of the Music in the Park events that were held throughout the summer and fall at Deluca Park. As you can see the Police Department has participated in many community events this year and will continue to participate in these events in 2022.

Some other matters of interest that I would like to bring to your attention are that we will be posting our End of the Year reports on the Village of Elmsford's website. We are working on establishing a community hotline for our residents and we have recently mailed out all of the phone numbers for the emergency services here in Elmsford. The Village and the Police Department are hoping to work with Westchester County on getting body cameras for our Officers as well as having Mental Health Teams that will operate throughout the County to assist residents who are in need of their services. You will also notice that all of our patrol vehicles have had the window tint removed so that our Officers will be more visible to the public.

Before I conclude I would also like to inform you that all of our Officers have completed all of their annual training this year and I would also like to inform you about some of the special training that the Officers of the Elmsford Police Department have received. All of the supervisors in the Police Department have received Procedural Justice Training and Implicit Bias Training, these training modules reinforce the principles of listening, fairness, respectful treatment and trustworthiness in policing. Our supervisors have also attended In Service Supervisor Training at the Police Academy which goes over the basics of police supervision with a special attention placed on leadership thought process and police officer mental health. All of our supervisors take the training that they received this year and use it to train our Officers on a daily basis. One final training module that all of the Officers of the Police Department have attended this year was a training module on assessing high risk domestic violence calls. This training will help our Officers when they interview victims of domestic violence and will enable our Officers to immediately refer the victims to domestic violence liaison officers who can provide immediate relocation and support services to them.



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Once again, thank you for your time and thank you for all the support you have given to the Police Officers of the Elmsford Police Department. Please have a safe New Year in 2022.

Sincerely,

Stephen Foster

Commissioner of Police