

# POLICE2PEACE™

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## Overview of Research Process: Department Self Review

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The Self Review program is an analysis performed by the department in concert with professional researchers furnished by Police2Peace for the purpose of evaluating important areas such as:

- Community perceptions of the department and its officers;
- Students' perceptions of the department, its role as SRO if applicable, and officers;
- Businesses' perceptions of the department and its officers;
- Community volunteers' perceptions of the department and its officers; and
- Officers' perceptions of the department, the community, their role in the community and their jobs.

These reviews are performed through surveys of all groups using online resources and paper surveys when necessary. All surveys are generated at the direction of the department and can also include questions about operations, administration and investigations that may also reveal underlying policies and practices to be addressed.

### The Particulars

- The program is a no cost whatsoever to the department
- The research is performed primarily or entirely online, as the department directs
- The research program is entirely under the department's control; our research team will design a study to meet the department's needs which can go beyond decals to research any aspect of their department or community
- The study design can be done in as little as one phone call between a department's representatives, such as the Chief, Sheriff or training officer, and our research team
- The NYU public policy institute called BetaGov performs the study for the department at no cost whatsoever to the department
- The study consists of survey questions of various stakeholder groups which the department would like feedback on
- All of this takes as little as 3 months and as much as 6 months depending on the department's desired schedule
- The department receives a published copy of their individual study to share with the community, city officials, etc.

To get started:

1. We set up an initial phone call with the research team and the Chief, Sheriff, training officers or other members of the department's team.
2. This call is scheduled at their convenience.
3. After that initial call, we interact with staff members whom the Chief or Sheriff designates with the intention of minimizing the departments use of resources in favor of less work for the department and their staff

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## Overview of Research Process: PEACE OFFICER Identity Program

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The PEACE OFFICER identity program is designed to develop community engagement and lower the barriers between police and the community.

It does this by assisting law enforcement departments such as police, sheriffs, marshals, etc. in adding decals with the words PEACE OFFICER on them to their vehicles, and then performing an academic research study to gauge the impact of the change on their staff and the community.

### The Particulars

- The program is a no cost whatsoever to the department
- The decal design is entirely under the department's control, we just pay the bills
- Ideally, decals should be applied to all eligible vehicles but that is up to the department
- The research program is entirely under the department's control; our research team will design a study to meet the department's needs which can go beyond decals to research any aspect of their department or community
- The study design can be done in as little as one phone call between a department's representatives, such as the Chief, Sheriff or training officer, and our research team
- The NYU public policy institute called BetaGov performs the study for the department at no cost whatsoever to the department
- The study consists of a pre-decal survey and a post-decal survey when the vehicles have driven around for a couple of months
- All of this takes as little as 3 months and as much as 6 months depending on the department's desired schedule
- The department receives a published copy of their individual study to share with the community, city officials, etc.
- Departments see an average of 5 positive news stories as a result of the program, and a good bump in social media
- Once the decal program is complete, Police2Peace offers a number of other programs available should the departments wish, all at no cost

### To get started:

4. We set up an initial phone call with the research team and the Chief, Sheriff, training officers or other members of the department's team.
5. This call is scheduled at their convenience.
6. After that initial call, we interact with staff members whom the Chief or Sheriff designates with the intention of minimizing the departments use of resources in favor of less work for the department and their staff