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Hello, thank you for this opportunity.

My thoughts on the police, based on my experiences, is that they need to re-examine their approach to all people and their people skills.

- The police departments should continue to get full support by the government and others, we need them and anyone who says different supports criminal activities proliferating.
- They need to address how to **not always intimidate** those that they pursue, basic manners and normal conversation processes should be required - unless a situation is detrimental or extremely urgent - to facilitate the best rapport and outcome for any situation.
- They should address their poor image to the black population - who appear to have a significant fear of the cops - admittedly some of this is perpetuated by the media, hearsay and other avenues. Perhaps have an outreach program to the black community to figure it out or get a head of it by laying out /establish what to expect when they arrive.
- I am not familiar w the police incentives or disincentives to make comment on those options, maybe a points system. Of course the union will have something to about that!

I, as a white woman have experienced the negative side of the police on more than one occasion, so its not just a race issue. I always try to be reasonably polite for fear that they will escalate the situation because some appear to be on power trips. Two of my experiences:

- I was pulled over on the incredibly busy 4 lane bridge in Norwalk on I95 , i took a bit of time to be pulled over because it was a dangerous place for ANYONE to be pulled over and I wanted a safer area to pull over - maybe .25 to .5 a mile ahead. None the less the cop got out just to yell at me for not pulling over immediately - I feared his life due to heavy fast traffic. He let me go because he never actually had a reason to pull me over other than I was the one in hundreds of cars going by he decided should pull over to the shoulder. it was just dangerous what he did.
- I had conversation with a detective on murder of a close family member, he wasn't particularly cooperative - he was slurring his words and ended the conversation with "who is this again?" I moved out of Danbury because of cops like him.

There are other incidents too. I hope you arrive on a solution to improve this for all. Thank you,
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