

Vision

The Sarasota Police Department utilizes a proactive, intelligence led law enforcement strategy to prevent and reduce crime.

Mission

Professional, dedicated police services in partnership with our community.

Core Values

Service

Professionalism

Dedication



Contact Us

Emergency:
911

Non-Emergency:
941-316-1199

Front Desk:
941-263-6025

Department Main Line:
941-263-6773

Criminal Investigations Division:
941-263-6070

Patrol Division:
941-263-6010

Support Services Division:
941-263-6063

Office of the Chief:
941-263-6012

Records Unit:
941-263-6045

Internal Affairs

Compliments & Complaints:
941-263-6864

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Bias-Free Policing



This brochure is designed to educate the public on the issue of bias-based policing including what it is and what you can do if you believe you have been a victim.

To our Residents, Business Owners, Commuters, and Visitors.

We are here to protect the community. Law enforcement officers are required to use skills developed through observation, training, and experience in order to identify suspicious circumstances, unusual occurrences, and violations of law (municipal ordinance, criminal and traffic) and to act according to the situation. We contact people who, according to our training, experience, and knowledge, are in a place or are acting in a way to make us believe that a crime was committed, is about to be committed or is in the process of being committed. This proactive approach aids in the detection and apprehension of criminals, maintains the safety of our streets and highways, and protects our citizens and community from crime.

We want to do the right thing. Discriminatory enforcement practices can alienate our citizens, foster distrust of police in the community, invite media scrutiny, legislative action, and judicial intervention, and potentially lead to allegations of constitutional and civil rights violations.

As we perform our duties, it is imperative that we afford all citizens the Constitutional and fundamental right to equal protection under the law.

What is Biased Policing?

The inappropriate consideration of specified characteristics when enforcing the law or providing police services. Special characteristics may include race, ethnic background, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, age, disability, political status, or any other identifiable group.

Sarasota Police Department **Philosophy**

Persons having contact with members of the Sarasota Police Department shall be treated in a fair, impartial, equitable and objective manner, in accordance with law, and without consideration of their individual demographics



How to Report Bias-Based Policing.

Citizens who feel they have been stopped or searched due to bias-based policing are encouraged to file a complaint with our Department. Complaints may be filed in person, by mail, electronic mail, or by telephone. To file a complaint in writing or by e-mail please include all the facts, names, dates, and places known. Please include as much detail as possible.

