

**Comments in response to Question #1 posted October 1-15, 2020**

**What do you expect of a police officer?**

They are understanding and compassionate. Also have to say very appreciative of serving our community

Keep the peace

Quick nonjudgmental assessment of situation

Take care of drug dealers

You cannot have a polite conversation with someone while your hand is resting on your firearm. It's not like having your thumbs tucked into your belt. As Vermonters you should know better when it comes to firearms

I expect fair play for people who count on fair play. I expect wisdom, peace, honesty - I want detectives like the kind on network TV circa 1962

I would like to see a police officer wear at least a day a week, a shift, a khaki uniform. With all the stuff they usually have - wish they don't have to wear their gun - We need to see the person.

You killed my expectations in Jan-Dec 2011. A BPD officer changed my life.

There is a lot of bad attitudes especially to people who are poor or uneducated - those whom the police stop for some reason, usually without cause

Help our community see what it needs

Fair treatment of all regardless of race, gender, socioeconomic status, sexual preference, nationality, political preferences. NO abuse of power.

Keep doing a good job. You guys are great.

I expect them to do a good job. I also expect the community to give them respect when they do just that.

Trust that we all want safety and respect

Be a listener. De-escalate when possible. Be vigilant vs. crime

To not annoy people

Police are cool

To respect people and keep us safe

Maybe not to kill people who are innocent.

The police need to stop acting like autocrats and remember they are public servants - not better than anyone else. And they need to respect us before we can respect them.

Do their job correctly, not just harass people over false allegations. Leadership is wrong on many things they do.

INTEGRITY Doing the right thing when no one is watching

Non-violent training. De-escalation training w/the understanding of 0 gun use as a "resort"

Keep everyone safe not just businesses and tourists.

To be protectors NOT warriors. Protect and serve.

Public safety and their safety

Safety for kids

Public Safety

Remember they are not above the law. No texting inappropriate stuff.

The Academy should teach them better ways to take someone down without risk of injury for both the officer and suspect. I support law enforcement 100%. I back the blue.

Respect for me as a person.

An officer should be fully educated in methods to de-escalate potentially violent situations first.