General Background
The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department is headquartered in the Municipal Building located at 7 Maple Avenue. The Department is a full-time police agency consisting of 21 officers and responds to approximately 5,500 service calls. The department also assists Westchester County Fire Control with dispatching all fire and ambulance personnel to emergency incidents. The mission of the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department is to protect life and property, and to create a safe environment. The Department will enforce the law fairly and impartially, protect the Constitutional rights of all citizens, be responsive to the needs of the community and strive to enhance the quality of life within the Village.

On January 21, 2020 the Department applied for New York State Accreditation and has begun the process to ensure all its policies and procedures meet the 110 New York State Accreditation Standards. The Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department achieved New York State Accreditation in 2006 and retained that certification until 2009, when Accreditation lapsed.

Administration and Personnel
The department is governed by the Board of Trustees of the Village and has a three-member Police Commission, which is appointed by the Board of Trustees and serves as a liaison between the department and the Board of Trustees.

Departmental operations are under the command of the Police Chief. Other ranks in descending order include a lieutenant, four sergeants, one detective sergeant, one detective, and thirteen patrolmen. A Youth Officer, who is appointed by the Chief of Police, handles most juvenile cases. Five part-time school crossing guards are employed along with two part-time meter enforcement officers and one part-time meter repairman.

Qualifications for becoming a police officer are established by the New York State Civil Service Commission and are administered by the Westchester County Department of
Human Resource. The diversity of the department is as follows: of the 21-member department, 5 officers (or 24% of the force) are classified as minority, and there are 4 female officers (or 19% of the force). As of 2019, the population in Hastings on Hudson was estimated to be 7,839 with a minority population of 11%.

Equipment and Programs
The department is supported by a wide range of modern crime prevention and computer equipment, which includes a special "Hot Line", linking our department to the Westchester County Police Department and all other police departments in Westchester County. Additional programs include the Crime Prevention program, PAL Program (Police Adolescent Liaison), and a drug-testing program which is run by the Youth Officer. The department participates in the nationally recognized Coffee / Pizza with a Cop program. The department offers a vacation house watch program and S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) program. The department also participates in the Westchester County Programs, such as Stop D.W.I. and S.T.E.P. (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program).

Detention Cells
The police department has three cells for the short-term detention of prisoners and a juvenile detention room for interviewing / short term holding of juveniles.

HPD Policy Manual
The Policy Manual of the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department serves as both an Operation Manual for the members of the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department as well as a template to achieve compliance with New York State law enforcement accreditation standards. The procedures have been developed with reference to many sources including: input by the Officers of the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department; law enforcement sources and procedural manuals; civilian sources; and the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation program.

The manual is a guide to assist the Department in maintaining high levels of professional standards. It does not purport to prescribe the specific actions to be taken in every situation, but it does provide a basis for actions founded on the Department’s mission.

The procedures of the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department are reviewed and revised on a periodic basis by the Chief of Police so as to conform with applicable laws and in response to changing community needs. Officers are encouraged to alert the administration of any errors, omissions, inconsistencies, or situations that need to be addressed.