



# BOXFORD POLICE

DEPARTMENT

--- Community Partnership ---

*The Office of  
Chief James B. Riter*

June 3, 2020

An Open Letter to the Residents and Visitors to The Town of Boxford:

The Town of Boxford and the Boxford Police Department stand with all of our residents in condemning the actions by the Minneapolis police officers who caused the death of George Floyd. Their actions remind us that at all times we must uphold the sworn oath we have taken as police officers to protect the rights and wellbeing of all people.

We want our community to know that the Boxford Police Department has been and will continue to be a community-oriented police agency that works with and assists all members of our community whether it be law enforcement issues, community events and outreach or in any other way we are able to be of service to our community and its visitors.

In the interest of transparency, we'd also like you to know the Boxford Police Department is comprised of 13 fulltime officers and 11 reserve officers, a number of whom are members of the community. All officers have attended their respective academies and continue to participate in yearly trainings in all the latest law enforcement practices to ensure the highest level of servanthood is upheld by our department. We seek to actively prevent any actions not in the interest of protecting and serving our community and its members.

As the Chief of Police, I am open and willing to hear any concerns that you may have, as is the Police Department. Our officers have dedicated their careers to this community and we are committed to working together with our citizens to promote dignity, safety, respect and justice for all people.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James B. Riter', written over a white background.

James B. Riter  
Chief of Police