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"The Greece Police Department does not embrace division within our community; we embrace collaboration, cooperation, and good faith relationships with our citizens in an effort to build lasting community partnerships and a safe and secure community."

- Chief Patrick D. Phelan

We are aware of today's press release published by the NYCLU. The data put forth by the NYCLU is incomplete, inaccurate and in some instances completely false.

Furthermore, their methodology is flawed in the way they interpreted the data.

Chief Phelan has been a champion of workplace diversity and fair and impartial policing.

A few examples of this include:

- The entire sworn staff of the Greece Police Department has been trained in a curriculum of fair and impartial policing.
- Under Chief Phelan's leadership the entire Greece Police Policy Manual was rewritten. Policies for biased-based policing, racial profiling, and interactions with persons with disabilities have <u>ALL</u> been added to our departments General Orders; policies that were <u>NOT</u> in place prior to Chief Phelan becoming Chief of Police.
- We were recently assessed by the New York State Department of Accreditation and were found to be in compliance with all of their standards regarding policy and procedure.
- Chief Phelan co-founded the Greater Rochester Public Safety Diversity Initiative; a mutli-disciplined team that collects data and promotes discussion and ideas to increase diversity in police departments.

Integrity Professionalism Service

- Chief Phelan was one of the original members of The Greater Rochester Police and Community Relations Committee and has participated and planned the "Summits on Race" that have been conducted by the GRPCRC which help to foster understanding and communication between police and community groups.
- Chief Phelan received an award from the United Christian Leadership Ministries for fair and impartial policing.

"It's unfortunate that the NYCLU has taken this opportunity to spin partial and incomplete data in an effort to promote their agenda of driving divisive wedges between police agencies and their communities."

- Chief Patrick D. Phelan

"The Greece Police Department will always promote an environment of fair, professional, and ethical policing. We will continue to provide our community with a highly trained, disciplined, professional, and diverse police force."

- Chief Patrick D. Phelan

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