

<XYZ Law Enforcement Agency> Facebook Terms

This is the official Facebook page of the <XYZ Agency> in City, State. This page was created to provide people who live and work in City, State, or others with an interest in the <XYZ Agency>, access to information about the <agency> and a platform with which to interact with the <agency>. This page is monitored and managed by the <agency> Communications Office of the <XYZ Agency>.

Before posting on this page, please review these terms.

- A posting on this page constitutes acceptance of these terms.
- In case of emergency, or if you need police assistance, dial 911.
- Do not use this page to report a crime. To report a crime (Crime Stoppers, call the officer indicated within the post, and/or ...)
- If you post information related to a crime on this page, you may be placing yourself in the position of becoming a witness to a crime and subject yourself to subpoena... etc. (needs work)
- “Friending” between <Agency> officers and a citizen does not indicate endorsement of that person’s actions or comments.
- Comments posted by others on the <Agency> Facebook page(s) are not to be considered the opinion of the <Agency>; nor does <Agency> endorse any third-party comments on this page.
- The <Agency> reserves the right to remove and/or block anyone who posts inappropriate material as determined by the <Agency>.
- The TPS does not allow posting of photos or videos by anyone other than members of the <Agency> Corporate Communications Office.
- If you have photos or videos you’d like to share on this page, contact a <Agency> Communications Officer at xxx-xxx-xxxx.

The <Agency> welcomes a person’s right to express his/her opinion and encourages posters to keep comments related to content on this page. The <Agency> reserves the right to remove any comments that are inappropriate or offensive, including comments that:

- defame, abuse, harass, stalk, threaten or violate the legal rights of others,
- include racism, hatred, slander, threats, obscenity, violence, vulgarity,

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Permission to widely distribute and use and edit as required is granted.

- spam or advertise,
- have personal information about another person or that violate a person's privacy,
- include copyrighted material that belongs to another person,
- contain links to inappropriate websites.

-----end of terms here-----

Note 1: The "bio" area of the <Agency> FB page should include "In an emergency dial 911" and "Please read the <Agency> Facebook Terms at the "terms" tab before posting on this page." This second item could instead be "A posting on this page constitutes acceptance of the <Agency> Facebook Terms. See "Terms" tab."

Note 2: This policy is designed to be installed within a Facebook tab which must be installed with FBML. Questions about how to do that? See <http://connectedcops.net/?p=2626> or call Lauri Stevens at 978.764.9887