

SPECIAL ORDER



Amityville Village
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COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

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Crowd Control

It is the policy of the Amityville Village Police Department to protect individual rights related to assembly and free speech, effectively manage crowds to prevent loss of life, injury, or property damage; and minimize disruption to persons who are not involved.

Crowd management techniques such as pre-operational planning, communication and collaboration, when possible, shall be used to achieve public safety and protect civil liberties.

The Amityville Village Police Department Members assigned to protests shall exhibit professionalism and restraint while using de-escalation techniques, verbal judo, active listening and persuasive speaking to maintain control.

In instances where protesters disobey clearly expressed requests by officers to not block roadways and or intersections during their protests, circumstances permitting, officers may in lieu of a physical arrest issue a Uniform Traffic Ticket for NYS VTL section 1156 Pedestrians on roadways.

S 1156. Pedestrians on roadways.

(a) Where sidewalks are provided and they may be used with safety it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.

(b) Where sidewalks are not provided any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall when practicable walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction. Upon the approach of any vehicle from the opposite direction, such pedestrian shall move as far to the left as is practicable.

**By authority of Chief of Police,
Chief Bryan O. Burton Jr.**

