

**EVERYONE WANTS TO BE SAFE**

**As a Citizen  
*you should know***

Be polite and respectful.

Stay calm. Do not escalate in actions or language.

Understand that the Law Enforcement Officer is concerned about his/her safety.

Keep your hands where the Law Enforcement Officer can see them.

A Law Enforcement Officer is not required to explain why he/she has stopped you.

The majority of Law Enforcement Officers are good people and members of your community.

Having a good relationship with Law Enforcement makes your community safer.

**As Law Enforcement  
*you should know***

Be polite and respectful.

Stay calm. Do not escalate in actions or language.

Understand that the citizen may be intimidated or nervous, even if innocent.

Be specific about what you want the citizen to do and why.

Provide the citizen with as much information as appropriate regarding why you have stopped them.

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**FOLLOWING THESE STEPS SHOULD RESULT IN A  
SAFE ENCOUNTER**



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