

## ***Public-Facing Comment Moderation Policy***

Welcome to the official social media page of the Swansea Police Department in Swansea, Massachusetts. This page is maintained to provide timely information on safety issues, community events, department initiatives, and public notices. It serves as a limited public forum for constructive interaction between the Department and members of the public.

This page is monitored and managed by the Swansea Police Department.

### ***Terms of Use***

By accessing or posting on this page, you agree to the following terms:

- In case of emergency, dial 911.
- Do not report crimes via this page. To report a crime or request routine police services, please call 508-674-8464.
- Posting information about criminal activity may subject you to subpoena or place you or others at risk. Please report crimes through appropriate channels.
- "Friending" or "liking" this page does not imply endorsement of any person's views or actions by the Department.
- Comments posted by users do not necessarily reflect the opinions or policies of the Department.
- External links shared on this page do not constitute endorsement by the Department.

### ***Comment Policy and Moderation***

The Swansea Police Department encourages public comments, questions, and concerns. However, all discussions must remain civil, respectful, and relevant to the post or Department activities.

To maintain a safe, welcoming environment, the Department reserves the right to remove comments or content that violate viewpoint-neutral rules, including:

- Incitement to violence or criminal conduct;
- Threats, harassment, or hate speech;

- Obscenity or sexually explicit content;
- Defamatory, false, or knowingly misleading statements;
- Commercial advertisements, solicitations, or spam;
- Comments unrelated to the post's subject (off-topic);
- Repetitive, disruptive posts ("flooding" or "trolling");
- Disclosure of confidential, personal, or sensitive information;
- Content violating copyright or intellectual property rights;
- Links to malware, harmful software, or phishing sites.

**Important:** This page is a limited public forum. Moderation will be conducted in a content-based, viewpoint-neutral manner consistent with constitutional standards.

### ***Additional Terms***

- Posting media (photos/videos): Only Department personnel may post photos or videos. If you wish to share photos or videos, please contact the page administrator via private message.
- User-Submitted Media and Links: To maintain the safety and integrity of this page, users are prohibited from posting or uploading any images, videos, audio recordings, external links, or attachments in comments or posts. The Department reserves the right to remove any such content in accordance with this policy. Users who wish to share photos, videos, or other media with the Department are encouraged to do so via private message or by contacting the Department through official channels. The posting of unauthorized media may result in the content being removed and/or further restriction of access, subject to applicable legal protections.
- Public Records: Content posted on this page may be subject to public disclosure under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.
- Archiving: Removed content will be logged, along with the reason for removal, and retained according to applicable records retention schedules.

### **For More Information**

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