

To our Residents, Commuters, and Visitors.

We are here to protect the community. Public Safety Officers are required to use skills developed through observation, training, and experience in order to identify suspicious circumstances, unusual occurrences and violations of law (municipal ordinance, criminal and traffic) and to act according to the situation. We contact people who, according to our training, experience, and knowledge, are in a place or are acting in a way to make us believe that a crime was committed, is about to be committed or is in the process of being committed. This proactive approach aids in the detection and apprehension of criminals, maintains the safety of our streets and highways, and protects our citizens and community from crime.

We want to do the right thing. Discriminatory enforcement practices can alienate our citizens, foster distrust of police in the community, invite media scrutiny, legislative action and judicial intervention, and potentially lead to allegations of constitutional and civil rights violations. As we perform our duties, it is imperative that we afford all citizens the Constitutional and fundamental right to equal protection under the law.

What is Biased Policing?

The inappropriate consideration of specified characteristics when enforcing the law or providing police services. Special characteristics may race, ethnic background, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic status, age, disability, political status or any other identifiable group.

Jupiter Island Public Safety's Philosophy

Persons having contact with members of the Jupiter Island Public Safety Department shall be treated in a fair, impartial, equitable and objective manner, in accordance with law, and without consideration of their individual demographics



How to Report Bias-Based Policing.

Citizens who feel they have been stopped or searched due to bias-based policing are encouraged to file a complaint with our Department. Complaints may be filed in person, by mail, electronic mail, or by telephone. To file a complaint in writing or by e-mail please include as much detail as possible such as:

Facts, names, dates, and places known

Citizens Complaint form can be done in person or requested from:

**Jupiter Island Public Safety Dept.
103 Bunker Hill Road
Hobe Sound, FL 33455**

