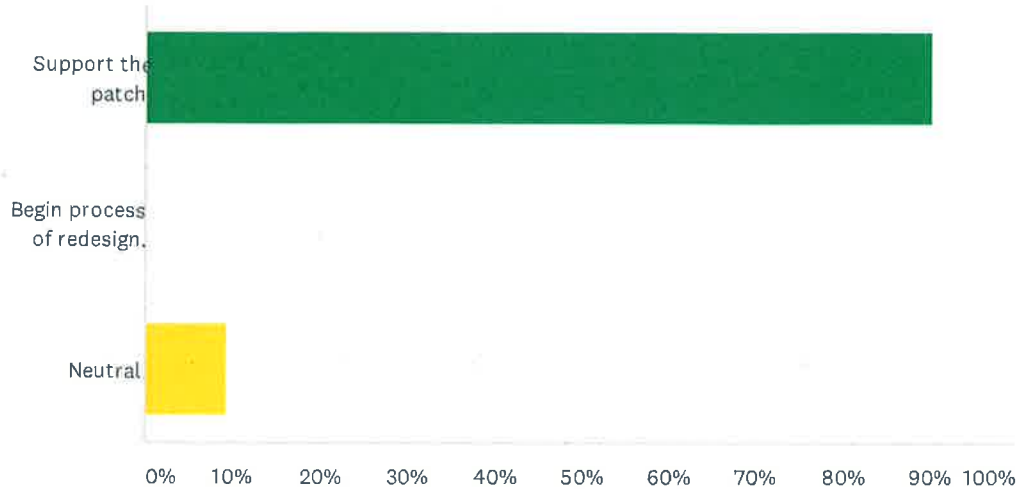


Q1 In light of recent concerns presented to the Village of Mount Prospect calling for the removal of the thin blue line patch on our Officers' uniforms, how would you choose to respond?

Answered: 53 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support the patch.	90.57%	48
Begin process of redesign.	0.00%	0
Neutral	9.43%	5
TOTAL		53

Q2 Do you have other suggestions to address the concerns or comments on this topic?

Answered: 38 Skipped: 16



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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I agree with the statement put out earlier in 2017 - the blue line on our patch is 'to honor officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty as well as the oath officers take to protect citizens.' Complete removal of the current patch would be a dishonor to current officers and past officers.	1/30/2021 3:50 PM
2	Personally I voted for our old patch, but the current one is now ours and it shouldn't be changed because a few people want to misconstrue what it means and represents.	1/28/2021 1:32 PM
3	The patch should not be changed for the very few people who disagree and misunderstand what it representa	1/27/2021 11:19 PM
4	The thin blue line has a special meaning for law enforcement. however in these times we need to be sensitive to cultural changes. While I do not feel that we should cave to the voices of the loud minority, we should actively look to be sensitive to images that could be construed as devisive such as some of the images and phrases we have displayed in the police department. Ultimately keep the patch.	1/27/2021 2:43 PM
5	if we need a compromise leave one sleeve the current blue line flag and change the other side to a traditionally colored US flag	1/26/2021 12:35 PM
6	My suggestion is to let the residents or anyone who has an issue with our patch is to invite them to meet with our officers and or come on a ride a long. Of course, Ideally that would be better suited once the Covid Pandemic gets under control. Also, why are they worried about the patch, doesn't the content of our character (sounds familiar) mean more than anything else? Please don't entertain the complaint of 6 people, one of which we've helped in the past regarding issues in her family. Quite honestly, what's happening here is these folks are just jumping on the anti-police bandwagon and finding things to complain about. The MPPD patch represents the men and women of our Police Department who serve with pride day in and day out. I'm not aware of anyone currently employed by MPPD to have ever violated anyone's civil rights or been accused of being a bigot. The events at the capitol while disturbing and Un-American they shouldn't be used as an excuse to go after the American Police Officer. 99% of Police Officers are Great officers and are invested in their communities. Thanks!	1/26/2021 10:49 AM
7	Mr. Cassady, First and foremost, I would like to thank you and acknowledge your transparency in addressing the attempt to remove the thin blue line on our uniform patch. This mere aim to discredit our police department is nonetheless motivated by unprecedented ideologies that is being pushed through the masses. In my almost 2 years with the Mount Prospect Police Department, I can attest that my fellow officers display impeccable service through professionalism, dedication, courage and honor day in and day out. Their daily sacrifices and the lives given by those who are no longer with us is represented by the thin blue line. Allowing discontent by a few individuals to dishonor our law enforcement is an irrevocable decision. With the outpouring support from other law enforcement agencies and neighboring communities, it is evident that the thin blue line represents more than the Village of Mount Prospect. In order to mitigate this issue brought to our attention, we as a community must educate and present the true meaning of the thin blue line. I am requesting and confident that you will approach this decision with the utmost consideration of the selfless sacrifices our law enforcement community face on or off duty. Considering the challenging times our nation and law enforcement have face the past year and continue to do so, I am honored and proud to say that I stand with the most resilient members of the Mount Prospect Police Department. Thank you.	1/26/2021 8:44 AM
8	I like it, and it's grown on me. I take greater pride in the role I played creating this patch than I do in defending it though. If we are going to change it, I would ask that you allow officers here to redesign it.	1/25/2021 4:23 PM
9	Mr. Cassady, To be brief, I believe you understand the view point of the police officers employed by this village well. The thin blue line will never and has never represented anything but the dividing line between good and evil, as well as the men and women who hold the peace together every day. Just because one or two members of a radical faction decided to fly a blue line flag at one point at some rally does not mean it represents us as a whole. The same people who are offended by our current patch also are offended by the American Flag, historical statues, and not using the proper pronoun when being addressed. On the financial side our department literally has our blue line flag laser etched on every single dumbbell weight in our gym and painted on every wall throughout the station. The cost to remove and replace these patches would be an outrageous price tag that the tax payers of this village would be	1/25/2021 4:18 PM

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forced to bear. I'm sure after the tax money hit this village took from countless businesses forced to close due to COVID this past year does not need to be piled on with an unnecessary patch update expense. I implore you to back your employees and the large majority of our residential population in keeping our current patch where it belongs. Thank you

10	<p>The patch represents Ofc Larry Rosenbarski who had died while still employed at MPPD. This patch is reminder to me of his life and how he did believe in the thin blue line. It represents everyone on pins and needles all summer hoping rioters don't come to their suburb next. It represents how Menards and Home Depot barricaded their properties like they were planning for an invasion. The thin blue line represents how LITTLE it takes for society to eat themselves (hence why its THIN) People need to remember how they felt in July, with the fake Facebook posts about rioters going to the NW Burbs and how they felt watching Chicago burn. Please do not give into the tiniest of voices when the majority of the community supports us. You cannot please the ones who seek to only find problems. If you do choose to change the patch, I implore you to make the financial costs of redesigning and distributing the patch public information. Make it crystal clear, in the height of uncertain economic times ahead, the amount of money dedicated to this redesign would equal at least a rookie officer's salary for one year. (Side note, if you want to stir the pot, start selling MPPD Thin Blue line shirts and see the response grow and silence the minority opinion). The fact that this needs to be done in a private setting, and something which is not FOIA-able, speaks to the current state of affairs. A strong stance of backing police will never be looked at negatively in Mount Prospect. I appreciate your concern in asking the ones who actually wear the patch, and note, the ones who ACTUALLY wear it. If they don't like the color of our police cars will you change them next? The buildings, the PW trucks are too bright and distracting? This is a low hanging fruit news story done in the middle of the week. Bars and restaurants are opening and no one cares about this. It only becomes a thing if you make it a thing. Thank You</p>	1/25/2021 3:43 PM
11	<p>This patch represents many things to me, it represents those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to others. The Blue Line is also a reminder of my oath of office and the thin line we hold to keep the public safe from those who would do them harm.</p>	1/25/2021 3:20 PM
12	<p>I don't think this needs to be yet another situation in today's society where the masses cater to the few. The blue line flag means a lot to our profession.</p>	1/25/2021 3:07 PM
13	<p>No, that patch should stay. There shouldn't be a need to cater to a handful of residents that don't approve. When the majority of residents appreciate the police and the patch!</p>	1/25/2021 12:12 PM
14	<p>further inform the public the village of mount prospect will not let the fear mongering minority dictate what it supports and believes in. continue to support and remember the fallen officer's which our patch represents. have an open dialogue and remind people that at the protests there were multiple normal american flags held by the hate groups, and not just the blue line flag. I think the village should be very careful in giving even an inch when it comes to redefining something as revered as the blue line of remembrance.</p>	1/25/2021 11:47 AM
15	<p>While I can confidently say the decision to remove or keep the patch will not impact my beliefs or optimism in the Village, I cannot say the same for my peers. Given my current position, I am somewhat of an outsider looking in on our department. When I stop by and talk with my colleagues, it is apparent to me that this past year has taken a significant mental and emotional toll on many of the men and women I work with. It is my personal belief that forcing the department to change the patch based on the public criticism of so few will create more negative energy than positive. There is a silent majority that exists within the citizens of Mount Prospect that deeply support our department and the Village as a whole; however, that is becoming harder and harder for our officers to continue to recognize. While I did not wholeheartedly support the design of the patch when it was created, I do, unequivocally, support my peers and thus my opinion is to keep the patch design. Thank you, Alison Teevan</p>	1/25/2021 11:29 AM
16	<p>The thin blue lined patch was designed to honor the law enforcement profession, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their communities. Mount Prospect Police Officers should be able to wear this patch on their uniforms with a great sense of pride and respect for our profession and the work that each of us do on a daily basis.</p>	1/25/2021 10:36 AM
17	<p>I am a Jewish man and if I thought the blue line meant anything to have to do with White Supremacy I would never have worn this patch!!! Please feel free to share with village board that you have Jewish officers that where this patch proudly along with other minorities. This is absolutely absurd.</p>	1/25/2021 9:51 AM
18	<p>Continue to detail the origin and meaning of the patch and specifically the Blue Line. This is a</p>	1/25/2021 9:47 AM

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respectful and non-political representation of the bond between officers.

19	I am member of the community group, BREATHE, which Ronak and Joann are also a part of. In last week's meeting it did not seem anyone had anything negative to say about our patch, except for the two of them. I understand how they may view it, but the police do not affiliate with White Supremacy and it seems ridiculous to think that is all the thin blue line stands for.	1/25/2021 8:32 AM
20	We need to stop appeasing to those whos beliefs are nothing but misconceptions, which may cover their true feeling of hate towards a group of people that serve and protect society. We need to stop feeding the hate.	1/25/2021 8:26 AM
21	Roundtable discussion with police, objectors, and members of C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors) to bring all ideas to the table.	1/25/2021 7:59 AM
22	The American Flag was at the Capital during the so called invasion. Are we dumping the American Flag? Answer is no.	1/25/2021 7:51 AM
23	Please remind the residents, that just because a hate group adopted or waved a flag that is not theirs, it is wrong for us to forfeit our flag/patch and it's symbolism, because of a few citizens' perception. We can't give in and let hate groups use our flag against it's intended use. It would be like banning the American flag because we've seen those at hate rallies.	1/25/2021 7:37 AM
24	Please don't give in. The loud annoying detractors will come after something else next.	1/25/2021 7:00 AM
25	bring back the original patch. never wanted it to be changed	1/25/2021 6:14 AM
26	This patch, the blue line, has always symbolized the brotherhood and the sacrifice police officers have made. In these times, when everyone is trying to make the police the "bad guys" in society, the blue line means even more to me. The fact that the village is considering changing it based on so few people is disturbing.	1/25/2021 5:46 AM
27	I think the meaning of the symbol has always been a symbol of police unity and the police departments commitment to serve with respect and honor the oath they take. The Flag should not be removed, but perhaps the village can spend more time explaining the meaning of the flag and its importance to law enforcement.	1/25/2021 4:55 AM
28	These news agency's have it all wrong. The term, the thin blue line has been around for ages. You just have to do some digging. There's a movie out about it from the 90s. It wasn't offensive then. All police jobs posted in illinois are at theblueline.com. That's been there since Atleast 2010 from what I know. I was one of the very few who helped design this patch, many hours of collaborative effort went into this. Number one, this patch was created to honor the fallen police officers who died doing this job. It was to give respect for those individuals. At no point did any of us even think about it representing white supremacy. Wouldn't of crossed our minds, and we still don't see it. Because it doesn't. It represents the police officers of this country who are in no shape or form white supremacists. My argument, so if antifa, blm, a white supremacist group adopts a symbol, let's say, the medical sign (caduceus), or any other monicker or symbol. Are we supposed to immediately denounce it and call all nurses and doctors to delete this symbol from their everyday life because some extremist group is using it for the wrong purposes? I'm sure their are better examples out there. But truth be told, this patch should stay. This patch represents the police across the globe, not just us, everyone. These 6 so called complainers, have nothing better to do but to complain about something which doesn't affect them. Maybe they need something productive to do and we can have them help us conduct a village wide vote for who supports the patch and who doesn't. What's next, police can't have blue lights on their police cars, no blue uniforms, because the color represents the wrong ideas.	1/25/2021 2:47 AM
29	I would point out there are similar color line flags for various professions (Fire, EMS, Military, etc.) and that the police flag is in line with those.	1/24/2021 11:32 PM
30	If the basis of the recent concern presented is the thin blue line being "co-opted" by white supremacy groups, then should all US flags, Gadsden (Dont tread on me) flags, and any other symbol also be taken down, off or stricken from everything? It was deplorable that the thin blue line flag was displayed during the capitol riot, but because of a group inappropriately using a symbol, does not make the symbol itself immoral. The critics cited for the article even said the MP police are wonderful; so why let a patch overtake the person wearing it, because of a different bad group using a good symbol?	1/24/2021 10:58 PM
31	The thin blue line honors fallen LEOs. Period. It is in no way a symbol of hate or racism. This	1/24/2021 10:39 PM

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matter should not be being entertained at the level that it is being simply due to a small group of people attempting to create a problem simply for attention.

32	MPPD has always been an honorable department. We honor the flag very much and would like to keep wearing it as a sign of our noble profession. Majority of residents would agree.	1/24/2021 10:35 PM
33	Please explain to the citizens of Mount Prospect that the blue line represents the sacrifices police have made for our citizens.	1/24/2021 9:32 PM
34	The blue line patch represents the sacrifice of so many police officers nationwide. The removal of our cultural artifacts will have a significant demoralizing impact on the department.	1/24/2021 9:25 PM
35	We need to keep the patch and stop answering for it. These few vocal anti police people are making a mockery of us because we keep trying to make them happy it's never going to happen. No matter what they say they think this noble profession is made up of all racists.	1/24/2021 8:49 PM
36	Is the blue line itself offensive or the blue line on the American flag? I think it's the blue line on the American flag that is being contested. I'd support a redesign if we could incorporate the blue line and compromise by removing the flag.	1/24/2021 8:41 PM
37	Stop catering to the few handful of complainers. Explain to these 6 people what it means to us and not what others hijacked it to mean for them. Have a back bone.	1/24/2021 8:37 PM
38	I believe if you shared some of the officers emails and kept them anonymous at the next village board meeting. It should truly show how the officers feel about the patch and true meaning of "thin blue line".	1/24/2021 8:32 PM