

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK  
NEW YORK



POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
POLICE COMMISSIONER

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Over the past few years, the Suffolk County Police Department has been dealing with a significant increase in the number of reported school threats. While some of these reports are the result of the heightened sensitivity of the school community, many more are the result of individuals who are motivated by a variety of source and nature of such reports can be determined, their individual significance, priority. The initial response and follow up investigations require significant investments in terms of police resources, and the educational institutions' operations are subject to significant disruption.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the seriousness of this situation, and the large of the gravity of this situation. Statements or remarks that appear to be threatening to a school, students, or staff members will be handled in the same manner that comments about terrorism and explosives are dealt with at our airports. In other words with ZERO TOLERANCE. The fact that the threat was made as some sort of prank or joke will not be considered in determining the severity of the threat.

Statements made aloud, in written material, in graffiti, posted on any kind of social media platform, or transmitted electronically over the phone/fax about firearms, shootings, explosives, bombs, or any other threats will result in a thorough and comprehensive investigation. When appropriate, the individuals responsible for these threats will be arrested and prosecuted in criminal court. Don't joke around with your future.

Sincerely,  
Robert C. Brown  
Chief of Patrol

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