



# **NYFA Anti-Gun Violence Patrol Unit Charter and Regulations**

## ***Article I. Purpose***

The NYFA Anti-Gun Violence Patrol Unit is established under the New York Firearms Association (NYFA) to support community safety and promote anti-gun violence awareness. Members of the Patrol Unit act as the eyes and ears of law enforcement, assisting in crime prevention through observation, reporting, and community engagement not through direct enforcement or the use of force.

## ***Article II. Membership Requirements***

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident (green card holder).
3. Hold a valid New York State Security Guard License.
4. Have no felony convictions.
5. Have no domestic violence convictions.
6. Support the mission and values of NYFA.
7. Agree to follow NYFA leadership's management, discipline, and patrol rules.

## ***Article III. Conduct and Discipline***

1. Members must serve strictly as observers and reporters, not as enforcers.
2. Members are strictly prohibited from detaining, searching, questioning, or physically engaging any individual.
3. Personal firearms are strictly prohibited during all patrol activities.
4. Members must always maintain professional behavior, discipline, and self-control.
5. Members must treat all residents and individuals with respect, kindness, and professionalism at all times.
6. Uniforms must be neat, professional, and consistent, including:
  - NYFA jackets or outerwear with official insignia
  - An NYFA ID card or NYFA badge
  - Plain black or dark-colored tactical pants
  - Black shoes or boots
7. Members must maintain a patrol log documenting all patrol activities and observations.
8. In the event of witnessing a crime, emergency, or dangerous situation, members must immediately notify law enforcement (911) and must not engage directly.
9. If a member is arrested or formally charged with any offense, the member shall be suspended immediately pending dismissal or final resolution of the case.

#### ***Article IV. Recognition and Awards***

Members with outstanding service and consistent dedication to community safety will be eligible for recognition. NYFA will present and support the following forms of acknowledgment and awards:

1. The Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA):  
Granted in accordance with federal service guidelines to members who demonstrate exceptional volunteer commitment and service hours.
2. The NYFA Outstanding Service Award:  
Awarded annually to members who make significant contributions to patrol operations, public safety education, and community outreach.
3. Official Recommendation Letters:  
NYFA may issue official recommendation or commendation letters to active members who have demonstrated integrity, professionalism, and leadership during service.
  - College Recommendation Letter: May be provided to support academic applications, internships, or university level programs in fields such as criminal justice, law enforcement, or public service.
  - Law Enforcement Reference Letter: May be issued to qualified members applying for positions in police departments, sheriff's offices, or other government agencies as recognition of their service record and discipline.
4. Additional Recognition:  
Members who display extraordinary bravery, leadership, or initiative may be honored with special commendations or certificates as determined by NYFA leadership.

#### ***Article V. Oversight and Authority***

1. The NYFA Executive Committee and Anti-Gun Violence Patrol Unit oversee all Patrol Unit operations.
2. The NYFA reserves the right to suspend or terminate membership for violations of conduct, dishonesty, or actions harmful to the organization's reputation.
3. All activities of the Patrol Unit must comply with federal, state, and local laws, as well as NYFA internal regulations.

#### ***Article VI. Acknowledgment***

All members must sign a written acknowledgment agreeing to abide by this Charter and the policies of the NYFA Anti-Gun Violence Patrol Unit.

Member Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness / NYFA Officer Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Witness / NYFA Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_