Officer Safety Alert
Facebook Graph Search

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Facebook is rolling out its new Graph Search, a way to search for social contacts that greatly expands its earlier search capability.

Facebook’s Graph Search allows users to easily search the site using plain language such as (from Facebook’s Help Center), “Friends who live in my city,” “Restaurants nearby that my friends like,” or even “Music liked by people who like music I like.” Of particular concern is the ability to search by place of employment and then break that search down to very specific detail.

Graph Search capabilities could create a security concern, especially for employees of law enforcement agencies. FFC Cyber Security encourages law enforcement personnel to consider the issues involved in listing their place of employment on their Facebook profile; you may wish to remove it or insure it is shared with friends only.

Things to Consider
• It is easier than ever to search for personal information on Facebook.
• Social information on Facebook can be used to harass, socially engineer, phish, and victimize site users.
• Facebook’s privacy options change frequently; take time to familiarize yourself with your profile settings.
  (Employment information is located in the About section of your profile)

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