

# **TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN**

# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**2008**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**Chief Peter T. Noonan**

To the residents of the Town of Clarkstown:

It is my honor and privilege to present the Clarkstown Police Department's 2008 Annual Report. This report is a comprehensive account of the work performed over the past year. It is presented in both a narrative and statistical format enabling readers to better understand their police department as well as see the numbers that reflect the quantity and quality of both proactive and reactive police efforts. I am also proud to announce that our Annual Report may now be viewed on the Town of Clarkstown's website, [www.town.clarkstown.ny.us](http://www.town.clarkstown.ny.us).

Many of the goals and objectives outlined in last year's report have been met while others remain works in progress.

It has been and remains our intent to support the national, state and local efforts to combat terrorism. Since the tragic events of 2001, your police department has conducted drills, enhanced contingency plans and upgraded emergency operation plans throughout our community and across Rockland County. Our department has two members on the Rockland County Intelligence Task Force. This task force has proven to be the most effective means of maintaining efficient communication between local, state and federal resources.

Our community and police department are extremely proud that the Morgan Quinto Fourteenth Annual Awards announcement ranked Clarkstown as the second safest community in the United States with a population greater than 75,000 people. It was one of our goals for 2008 that was met. This achievement is the result of all the fine institutions and people that comprise our town.

By its nature, police work is most often reactive. We respond to calls for service and investigate crimes that have occurred within the Town. As you read through this report you will see that the department has solved many crimes and assisted many residents. These statistics are evaluated monthly to identify trends. These trends enable your police department to take proactive measures to address negative trends and bolster positive ones.

We will continually strive to bring the best service possible to the residents by remaining a proactive and progressive law enforcement agency.

As we progress into 2009, the residents of the Town of Clarkstown can be assured that the men and women of the Clarkstown Police Department will be ever-vigilant as we all strive to maintain Clarkstown as a safe and enjoyable place to reside, recreate, work and raise our families.

Sincerely,

Peter T. Noonan  
Chief of Police

# CLARKSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## CLARKSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Clarkstown is located within the “New York Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area” in Rockland County, N.Y. It is situated on the west bank of the Hudson River, in the center of Rockland County. Its geographical center is 33 miles north of the business district in New York City. Within 10 miles lies the Hudson River Valley to the North, Westchester County and Connecticut to the East, northern New Jersey to the South and Orange County to the West. Rockland County is easily accessible by major roadways including the New York State Thruway (Interstate 287/87), Palisades Interstate Parkway, Garden State Parkway, and Routes 9W, 17, and 202. The international airports of Kennedy, Newark, LaGuardia, and Stewart are all within a one hour drive.

The Town of Clarkstown is approximately 40 square miles, and serves as the County seat. According to the 2000 census, there are 82,082 residents in the Town of Clarkstown. The Clarkstown Police Department has 173 sworn officers and employs 25 civilians in its support services. The Town is comprised of the following Hamlets - Bardonia, Central Nyack, Congers, Nanuet, New City (largest Hamlet in New York), Rockland Lake, Valley Cottage, West Nyack. We also provide coverage to portions of the Villages of Nyack and Spring Valley.

The Clarkstown Police Department handled 64,798 calls for service this year. The following is an example of yearly statistics within the Clarkstown Police Department:

Arrests	5,880
Youth Court	96
V&T Violations	19,788
Auto Accidents	2,992

## **Clarkstown Police Department**

### **Goals and Objectives**

Each year the Chief of Police will submit an annual report detailing the activities of the Police Department during the previous year. The report will describe the activities in which the department was involved, including the following:

- \* Crimes reported
- \* Incidents reported
- \* Calls for service
- \* Any special issues or trends that may affect our town
- \* Motor vehicle accidents (including injuries and deaths)
- \* Other department activities

The statistics collected and summarized in the yearly report will be analyzed to determine trends, and based upon those trends, a review of the previous goals and objectives will be conducted. When reviewing the previous goals and objectives of the department, consideration will be given to the realignment of department assets to better achieve the goals and objectives. If it is determined during the review process that the goals and objectives of the department should be amended or updated, this shall be accomplished. After the review of goals and objectives, a report detailing the results thereof and the Department's success in attaining those goals and objectives will be prepared.

Whenever updated department goals and objectives are issued, they shall be distributed to all members of the department in the same manner as the distribution of the General Orders.

The Morgan Quitno Fifteenth Annual Safest City and Metropolitan Area Awards has named the Town of Clarkstown the sixth safest community in the United States and the safest community in the State of New York. This survey is based upon a statistical analysis of the violent crimes in 2008 in communities with populations greater than 75,000. The Police Department continues to strive to maintain this prestigious ranking by being ever vigilant and supporting the other departments and institutions in our community that play a major role in this achievement. This ranking has its roots in our State Accreditation as well as in the respect, support and confidence our community has for our service and profession. To

maintain this confidence and support, the department has made significant progress in enhancing some of the services we provide. Our public information, computer division and emergency management officers continue to enhance the City-Watch program. This program enables us to notify residents via a pre-recorded message of any information that may be of value to them. Our community police officers attend meetings throughout Clarkstown, thereby keeping an open dialogue with various groups and organizations. The Town's website is a continued source of information about the police department and the services we provide. To provide the service that is expected, the department continues to improve the overall training of personnel. We believe this training will make us more effective as we strive to encourage minority citizens to participate in the civil service process. The training provided to our members far exceeds accreditation standards and is made possible through the good graces of our elected and appointed officials who fully understand the role training plays in the quality of service provided to our residents.

The Clarkstown Police Department is playing a major role in the development of a new outdoor training range. This new facility will provide the necessary range time well into the future.

### **2009 Police Department Goals**

- Support the National, State and County Anti-Terrorist efforts.
- Maintain our status as one of the safest communities in the United States.
- Complete development of new range facility.
- Complete construction of a communication tower.
- Modernize the communications center.
- Complete power supply backup.
- Make the department's website more interactive and informative.

## **Patrol Force Goals**

- Maintain inter-agency cooperation and the exchange of information to enhance the security of the Town and the protection of our citizens.
- Continue our proactive approach to law enforcement and actively seek to prevent criminal activity in the Township.
- Maintain a safe environment for our commercial establishments.
- Increased enforcement of Vehicle and Traffic Laws.
- Increased enforcement of driving while intoxicated (DWI).
- Increase the use of seatbelts and child safety seat restraint devices.
- Reduce traffic accidents, their severity and identify hazardous intersections.
- Maintain enforcement of Commercial Vehicle statutes.
- Maintain a professional demeanor in all aspects to those people who we are sworn to serve.

## **Detective Bureau Goals**

- To improve the capabilities of our specialized units by providing them with the latest equipment, tools and training to do their investigations.
- Continue to improve and expand our relationships with other County Police Departments, the Narcotics Task Force, and the Intelligence Unit as well as outside police agencies.
- Develop new strategies to combat white-collar crime and identity theft.
- Improved working relationship with the newly elected District Attorney.

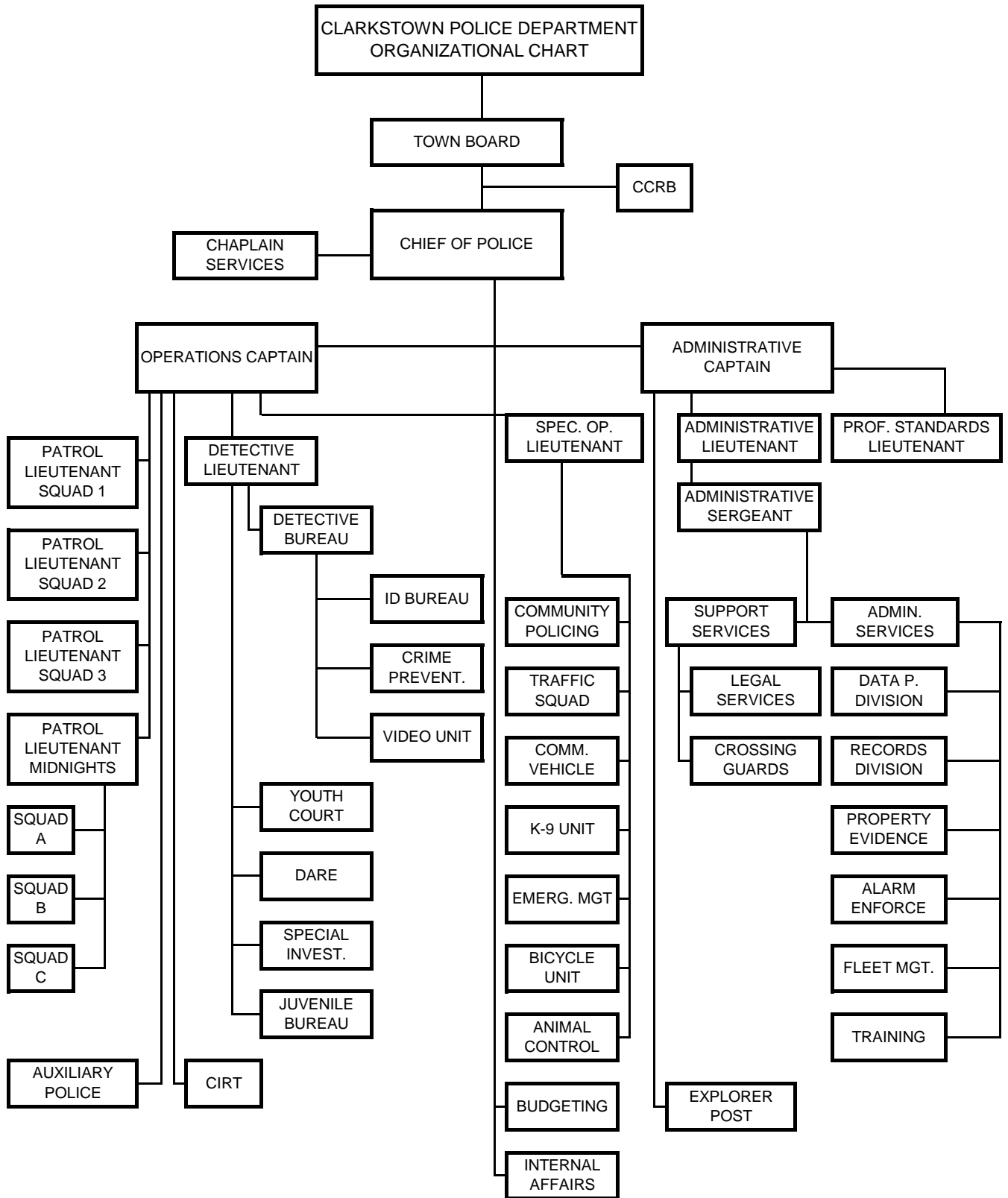
## **Community Relations Goals**

- Continue to work with school administrators to ensure a safe educational environment in our schools.
- Enhance the department's image in the community through positive interactions.
- Integrate community resources with this department through recruiting, developing community partnerships and outreach efforts.
- Increase citizen's awareness on matters in which they can assist in the prevention of crime.
- Continuation and expansion of the Youth Police Academy.
- To continue to initiate Community programs that will address Quality of Life issues.

## **Youth Bureau Goals**

- Further development of Internet Crime detecting abilities.
- Increasing JAB officers' technical and investigative training.
- Continued cooperation with the School Resource Officers.
- Streamline efforts with the Rockland County Probation Department to allow for the timely disposition of juvenile matters.
- Become a more active partner with the Rockland County Probation Department in monitoring Sex Offenders.

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## **CLARKSTOWN TOWN BOARD**

Supervisor Alexander Gromack

Councilman John Maloney

Councilman Ralph Mandia

Councilwoman Shirley Lasker

Councilman Frank Borelli

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Chief of Police Peter T. Noonan

Captain Thomas M. Purtill

Captain Robert G. Mahon

**DETECTIVE DIVISION**  
**LIEUTENANT**

Charles Delo

**DETECTIVE SERGEANTS**

Bernard Cummings  
Christopher Goodyear

James Quinn  
Timothy O'Neill

**DETECTIVES**

Daniel Alvarado  
Stephen Cole-Hatchard  
David Elmendorf  
Alan Fehsal  
John Fredericks  
William Fritz  
Robert Galyon  
Robert Hoeneveld

Earl Lorence  
Eileen Malloy  
Christopher L. Maloney  
Robert McDonald  
Lorraine McGrath  
Michael Novotny  
Frederick Parent  
Charles Quinn

Juan Rocha  
Frank Romano  
Thomas Sheehy  
Robert Shine  
John Tobin

## **UNIFORMED OFFICERS**

### **LIEUTENANTS**

Glenn Dietrich  
Robert Donaldson  
Steven Morgan

Anthony Ovchinnikoff  
Thomas Prendergast  
Michael Sullivan

Daniel Weisberg

### **SERGEANTS**

Alan Armstrong  
Harry Baumann  
JoAnne Fratianni  
Steven Chernick  
Eric Eisele  
James Fay

Michael Garvey  
Brian Gorsky  
Michael Kelly  
Nicolas Lafasciano  
James McCormick  
Raymond McCullagh

Raymond Mullins  
Gerard O'Connor  
Joseph Reiter  
Kenneth Smith  
Jeffrey Wanamaker

### **POLICE OFFICERS**

Peter Aiston  
Craig Alemi  
Douglas Arbuco  
Michael Baisley  
Charles Barone  
Matthew Barry  
Christopher Bax  
Michael Bartolotta  
Matthew Bender  
Michael Benzinger  
William Berrigan  
Kathleen Borriello  
Geoffrey Bradley

Christopher Brigando  
Gary Bromm  
Daniel Burke  
Brian Callanan  
Joseph Caivano  
Frank Carbone  
Daniel Chazan  
Christian Cortelli  
Orlando Cruz  
Glen Cummings  
Thomas Curley  
Lee Davies  
Niles Davies

Richard Detoia  
Daniel Doherty  
Joseph Donnary  
Thomas Doyle  
Joseph Dwyer  
Kieran Dwyer  
Dawn Fantini  
Martin Farrell  
Thomas Flanagan  
Patricia Flynn  
Robert Fortune  
Philip Galligan  
Keith Garrabrant

William Gomez	Jason Manzella	Nicolo Rendina
Ellen Greis	Daniel Martin	Robert Reilly
Andrew Grosso	Christopher McCrudden	Scott Rios
Mark Hamilla	Steve McCrudden (Ret.)	Mark Robinson
John Hanchar	Terrence McCrudden	Thomas Ronan
Douglas Harle	James McCullagh	Ricky Roscoe (Ret.)
John Hayden	Kevin McTigue	Lawrence Rudden
Rory Healy	George Mendez	Michael Ruskowski
Timothy Hodges	Brian Michel	Kevin Ryan
Thomas Holstine	Gordon Miller	Mitchell Schroeder
Michael Keane	John Mollahan	Kevin Shannon
Andrew Kelly	Peter Monroe	William C. Sherwood
Christopher Kelly	John Mullins	Robert Shine Jr.
Jacqueline Kennedy	Paul Munding	Scott Silver
Christopher Kiernan	Frank Negri	Sean Suarez
William Killian	Anthony Nieves	Edward Stoker
Patrick Kivlehan	William Oliver	Michael Tasaro
Joseph Knarich	Charles Owens	Keith Teneyck
James Landry	Chris Palacios (Ret.)	David Trois
Alice Laschet	Norman Peters	Michael Valentino
Raymond Laschet	Rodney Picott	Paul Valerio
Kara Lynn	Victor Protasiewicz	Jay Vejnaska
Robert Lynn	Tara Purcell	Nicholas Veltri
John Mahoney	Brian Quinn	Richard Von Ronn
Michael Mahoney	Kevin Quinn	Peter Walker
Christopher G. Maloney	William Quirk	Daniel Woolley
Michael Maloney	Robert Reekie	Stanley Young

## **DISPATCHERS**

Beverly Brooks

Brian Duddy

Richard Cummings

Brian Davidson

Jason DiSalvo

Loraine Monahan

Karl Muller

Seth Needleman

Doris Quinones

Kristy Sanfratello

Laurie Sharkey

Mary Frances Zayas

Roberto Zayas

## **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES**

Patricia Barad (Ret.)

Samantha Correa

Nancy Fuchs

Joan Gibbs

Elizabeth Kelley

Pierre Llamas

Patricia McCoy-Coleman

Patricia McGrogan

Joan Murphy

Helena Nejman

Daniel Novotny

Margaret Rascoll

Margarita Sandoval

Patrick Watson

Linda Willows

Morton Leifer-

Electronics Communication

Specialist P.E.

## **Accident Investigation Unit**

The Clarkstown Police Accident Investigation Unit continued its service to the town in 2008. The unit consists of nine officers who are extensively trained in accident investigation. These officers are available to respond twenty-four hours a day and do not receive any added compensation for this detail. They are assigned to regular duty until they are needed. The accident investigation unit responds to all potentially fatal accidents in the township. The unit is also available to other police agencies when requested and authorized by the Chief of Police.

The unit responded to a total of nineteen incidents during 2008. Fourteen of those incidents occurred within the Town of Clarkstown, and of those, four involved fatalities. Of those four fatalities, two were the result of a vehicle occupant being killed in a traffic crash, and two of the fatalities were pedestrians struck by trains. The accidents involving the pedestrians struck by trains were investigated jointly with the MTA and CSX Police Departments respectively. The unit also responded on five occasions to assist other police departments in the county investigate accidents; two accidents in the Town of Haverstraw, and three in the Village of Spring Valley. Two of those accidents involved fatalities.

The Accident Investigation Unit measures crash scenes using the Sokkia total station, a laser measuring instrument which provides greater range, speed and accuracy than can be obtained by measuring with tapes. The data is then imported directly into CAD software to produce scale diagrams and 3-D drawings of the accident scene. This results not only in a technical improvement in the way in which evidence is documented, but also produces a more professional product for court testimony, as well as reducing the number of hours required to investigate most crashes. All members of the Accident Investigation Unit have received 40 hours of classroom training in the use of the total station and Crash Zone computer software to diagram crash scenes using data downloaded from the Total Station.

The following chart shows the number of accidents investigated since 2000:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Clarkstown Accidents</b>	<b>Clarkstown Fatalities</b>	<b>Other Jurisdiction Accidents</b>	<b>Other Jurisdiction Fatalities</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>

Advanced accident investigation and reconstruction is the application of the principles of physics to automobile accidents. Members of the Clarkstown Police Accident Investigation Unit have a minimum of 160 hours training in advanced accident investigation, and most of the officers have an additional 80 hours of training in accident reconstruction. Three officers are certified by the Accreditation Commission for Accident Reconstruction (ACTAR).

Accident investigation has evolved into a very technical field with the advent of safety systems such as anti-lock brakes, Supplemental Restraint Systems, electronic stability control and the availability of automobile crash research. The Accident Investigation Team also utilizes a Crash Data Retrieval System. The Crash Data Retrieval System consists of hardware and software that downloads pre-crash and crash data from a vehicle's air bag module to a computer. This device provides officers with another tool with which to determine the causes of a crash by interpreting empirical data obtained directly from the crash vehicle. At present, three officers are trained and certified to operate the Crash Data Retrieval System.

The goal of the Clarkstown Police Department's Accident Investigation Unit is to decrease the future number of fatal and serious accidents by diligently investigating today's accidents. The unit also hopes to advance its capabilities by adding additional

officers to the unit, as well as continuing to send current members for more advanced training. The unit, in conjunction with other units of the department and other concerned agencies, continues to play a role in the reduction of accidents and injuries on the roads of the township. The only acceptable number of fatal accidents is zero.

## **ALARM ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

The Clarkstown Police Alarm Enforcement unit had another productive year for 2008. It is always a challenge to reduce alarm activations. Every year more businesses and residents acquire an alarm system. The amount of users always goes up, but we did have a small reduction in activations over 2007 (57).

Again, I have been involved with the Department of State as an advisor on many issues regarding false alarms. The problem of false activations is a statewide issue which impacts all the police departments here in New York State. I'm proud to say our reduction program is a starting place for others to follow. Our participation is a positive reflection on our department, not only statewide but also throughout the country.

The Clarkstown Alarm Users Review Board again has been a helpful tool in resolving appeals from users, both residential and commercial. Much work is done on a daily basis via phone in reducing false alarms. Often residents call and ask about ideas and tips on helping them reduce these annoying activations. I also update all the bank information for the town. This includes informing them of all procedures involving a bank alarm, and also making sure they know what to do in the case of a robbery. The Alarm Enforcement unit has collected \$ 47,110 in fines and permits this year. I look forward to continuing the progress we have made.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

There were a total of one thousand forty four (1044) animal calls generated in 2008. Five hundred forty five (545) were dog complaints. The remaining four hundred ninety nine (499) calls were involving other animals. Dogs at Large, Barking Dogs, and Unlicensed Dogs accounted for the majority of calls with Chasing and Pooper-Scooper violations close behind. The Animal Control Officer handled four (4) Dangerous Dog Cases in 2008.

There were sixty-six (66) dogs impounded and sent to the Hi-Tor Animal Care Center. Forty four (44) of these dogs were reunited with their owners. Of the remaining twenty two (22) dogs, ten (10) were adopted, four (4) were euthanized, eight (8) were DOA. Forty seven (47) lost dogs were reunited with their owners.

Three hundred twelve (312) warnings were issued along with thirty five (35) summonses. Forty eight (48) animal bites were reported to the Rockland County Health Department. Of these, forty-five (45) were dogs and the remaining three (3) were bites from cats.

Of the four hundred ninety nine (499) calls involving other animals, raccoons, skunks and cats remain the majority of calls. There was also an increase in calls concerning coyotes, foxes and turkeys.

Deer population in the town continues to be a problem. There were two hundred thirty two (232) deer complaints in 2008, up again from 2007. The majority of these incidents are motor vehicle accidents involving deer.

Four (4) more animal control poles were added this year; all of these devices placed in-service in patrol vehicles. Traps continue to be made available to Clarkstown residents that are having cat issues on their property. One cat colony was disbanded from Hemptor Road in New City with a second one investigated in the Woodhaven Drive area of New City.

The office of the Animal Control Officer and the Town Code Enforcer Officer continue to work together to assist residents that have problems with Pooper-Scooper violators that may require signs or other code issues. Changes in the Town Code Section for Dogs in 2008 prompted many calls to the Town Clerks' Office. The Animal Control

Officer has been working with the Town Clerk's Mobile Office to assist residents with dog law questions.

The total number of calls that generated police reports (1044) does not reflect the number of calls fielded by the Animal Control Office. There is much work that is done that does not require a Police Report. This office fields numerous questions and concerns on a regular basis dealing with issues related to animals. This office also works closely with the Rockland County Health Department to insure all residents are complying with rabies shots for their pets. This department maintains an open door policy to the community regarding any and all Animal Control issues that may arise.

The Animal Control Officer continues to be part of the County Animal Response Team should there be a disaster that requires residents to seek shelter for themselves and their pets. Handouts are available both at the Police Department and Town Hall at the Town Clerks' Office.

There were two rabid animals in 2008, one cat from Clarkstown and one raccoon in Upper Nyack; 28 animals were tested from Clarkstown by the Rockland County Health Department who handled a total of 66 cases.

Goals for 2009 are to update the Clarkstown Town Code for Other Animals and the Village of Upper Nyack's Ordinance concerning animals.

## ANTI-CRIME UNIT

In 2008, the Clarkstown Police Department's Anti-Crime Unit has continued its objective to help reduce overall crime in the town. The unit has done this through aggressive proactive patrol and investigations. To help achieve the success of the unit we conducted area checks of different drug prone and quality of life plagued locations within the town. Some of these locations include abandoned houses/buildings, area motels, gas stations, parking lots, bar parking lots, and town parks. Also targeted were specific locations such as residences and business in which established intelligence suggested criminal activity. To help achieve the success of the unit's goals, several interviews, surveillance operations, controlled narcotic buy operations, and drug interdiction traffic stops were conducted. These tactics resulted in numerous arrests of individuals that inhibit the quality of life in our town.

Throughout the year, the Anti-Crime Unit conducted several interviews and debriefings with arrested suspects and general citizens. These conversations resulted in an abundant amount of useful information. Some of these interviews led to the establishment of Confidential Informants.

The Clarkstown Police Department's Anti-Crime Unit has continued to work closely with the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force. On several occasions this unit assisted with backup and intelligence sharing. This working relationship has proved positive for both of the unit's investigations. The Anti-Crime unit also assisted the Task Force with narcotic interdiction traffic stops which resulted in several arrested suspects.

The Anti-Crime Unit also continues to work closely with other units within the department. These include the following:

- **School Resource Officers** – Information is shared on school aged individuals who are involved with criminal activity. This activity includes drug use and sale, criminal mischief and stolen vehicles.
- **Detective Bureau** – Assisted with investigations including robberies, burglaries, assaults and larcenies from vehicles.

- **Mall Detail** – Worked in conjunction with members of the mall detail in regards to incidents of larcenies, frauds, drugs and gang activity.
- **Patrol** – Information sharing and support in regards to various activities including missing persons, drug activity, juvenile complaints, and criminal mischief.

## **MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS**

- During 2008, the Anti-Crime Unit conducted a prostitution investigation involving the website “Craigslist”. The “Craigslist” site allows people to offer items for sale as well as a discussion forum. After conducting surveillance at area hotels, it was determined that individuals were responding to ads for sexual services which were posted on “Craigslist”. The Anti-Crime unit started an investigation and posed as potential customers. Recorded phone calls were made to the listed ad and arrangements were made to meet. At the hotel, the final price and service agreements were made. At that point, the suspects were arrested. These investigations have significantly reduced the number of posted listings for these types of services unwanted in our town.
- Also during the year, the unit has been conducting controlled narcotics buy operations. These operations have involved the purchasing of narcotics from suspects and resulting in their arrest. One such operation took place in Central Nyack. Several purchases of crack cocaine were made from a suspect. An arrest warrant was obtained for this individual and a search warrant for his apartment. Upon execution of the warrant, in addition to narcotics, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia, several GPS devices were recovered. Some of the devices were traced back to their owner and found to have been previously stolen in our town.
- The Anti-Crime unit has continued to work closely with other agencies throughout Rockland County. During the early summer, the Town of Ramapo had a shooting occur at one of their public pools. It was determined that the suspect in the shooting was an individual that congregated in the Nanuet area. The Anti-Crime Unit, along with members of the Ramapo Detective bureau and Street Crime Unit, conducted surveillance. It was determined that the individual was present at the suspect location and the officers involved moved into the area. The shooting suspect was taken into custody along with four other individuals for possession of marijuana.

On another occasion, the unit was contacted by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE). The agency was conducting an investigation, and it was determined through an informant that a suspect was in possession of a large quantity of cocaine. The Anti-Crime Unit conducted a drug interdiction traffic stop and recovered more than one pound of cocaine and arrested two individuals.

The Rockland County Narcotics Task Force conducted a lengthy narcotics and firearms investigation. The investigation title “Operation Ghost rider” was based in the Nyack area, but stretched across the county, down to NYC and as far as North Carolina. The Anti-Crime Unit assisted with surveillance and conducted numerous traffic stops in connection with this case. Several of the stops resulted in the arrest of individuals for narcotics and illegal firearm offenses. The case culminated with a county wide warrant sweep. During that sweep, we executed an arrest warrant for an individual at the Waldron Terrace Apartments in Central Nyack. While at the suspects residence it was determined that he was also in possession of a sizeable amount of marijuana. Upon searching the apartment, two illegal loaded handguns were recovered. In addition to the warrant for Conspiracy, the suspect was charged with the two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon and Criminal Possession of Marijuana.

### **OPERATION IMPACT**

During 2008, the Anti-Crime Unit, along with members of the Detective Bureau, conducted an investigation under the New York State Operation Impact program. The focus of the investigation was a bar located in Nanuet. Information was obtained that there were narcotics and prostitution occurring at that location. Members of the Clarkstown Police entered the establishment as patrons. Several purchases of cocaine were made from an employee. The NYS Liquor Authority was brought into the investigation and an ABC (alcohol beverage control) violation check was conducted. Numerous violations were found and the State Liquor Authority will be suspending the liquor license with hopes of permanently revoking it which would result in the closing of the establishment.

## **ARRESTS**

During the year 2008, the Clarkstown Anti-Crime Unit arrested 155 individuals for various felony and misdemeanor offenses including, but not limited to the following:

- 18 Felony Narcotics Possession Arrests
- 28 Misdemeanor Narcotics Possession Arrests
- 99 Marijuana Possession Arrests
- 8 Weapons Possessions Arrests
- 9 Outstanding Active Warrants
- 38 Miscellaneous offenses including Robbery, Possession of Forged Instrument, Criminal Impersonation, Larcenies, Prostitution, DWI/ DWAI, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Criminal Mischief, Trademark Counterfeiting, Unlawful Possession of Alcohol by a Minor and Vehicle and Traffic offenses.

The majority of these arrests were the result of proactive street level investigations. These arrests positively impacted the quality of life in the Town of Clarkstown.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

In the upcoming year, the Clarkstown Police Department Anti-Crime Unit will attempt to improve the quality of life in the town. The unit will employ the same tactics that have proven to be successful in the past. This will also be accomplished by continuing the strong working relationships with other agencies and departments. The unit will strive to make the Town of Clarkstown one of the safest communities to live and work in.

## **CLARKSTOWN AUXILIARY POLICE**

Clarkstown Auxiliary Police Officers are dedicated and unselfish volunteers who serve their community and assist the Clarkstown Police Department in bringing the best possible service to the town's residents. This elite unit allows the town to provide a police presence at many special functions which would otherwise be uncovered. Notwithstanding the financial savings, the town is the benefactor of additional eyes and ears for its police department and residents of Clarkstown.

Heightened awareness has continued since September 11, 2001 and the Auxiliary Department continues to assist. Clarkstown Auxiliary Police still continue to provide stepped-up patrols, throughout the weekend and some weekdays, around the Palisades Center Mall in a special detail called Project Freedom.

Another special detail in which the auxiliary department has assisted is nicknamed Operation Bright Light that patrols for improperly functioning streetlights. The town benefits from streetlights working properly by means of safer driving conditions and crime prevention.

The members involved are town residents who assist with residential house-checks and crime prevention, senior citizen patrols, traffic and crowd control at parades, sporting events, guard election returns, Gate Night Patrol, Halloween Patrol, street light outage checks, run-a-thons, bike-a-thons, and even assist our neighboring towns when in need.

Auxiliary members are trained at scheduled monthly meetings by Clarkstown Police Officers. Training includes CPR, Automated External Defibrillator, First Aid, defensive tactics, arrest techniques, firearms, crime prevention, defensive driving and traffic control.

The thirty-four members of the Clarkstown Police Auxiliary Department participated in (220) two hundred and twenty details and (18) eighteen training classes. These officers dedicated over (6500) sixty-five hundred hours to details and training classes.

Members must have a strong desire for community service. Recruits must be at least 21 years of age, be a resident of Clarkstown, have a NY State Drivers License, have no criminal background and must complete a physical exam with the Police Surgeon.

## **CHILD SAFETY SEAT UNIT**

The Clarkstown Police Department Child Passenger Safety Program is a public awareness and education program aimed at informing parents on the proper use and installation of child safety seats. The goal of the program is to ensure that child safety seats are installed and used properly so as to provide the highest level of protection possible to children. According to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, three out of four child safety seats are improperly installed and an improperly installed child safety seat can lead to death or serious injury in the event of a vehicle collision. NHTSA research also indicates that 8,325 lives have been saved by the proper use of child restraints during the past 30 years. Unfortunately, motor vehicle crashes still remain the number one killer of children ages 4 to 14 in America.

The program educates parents and caregivers on the proper use of child safety seats in vehicles and runs a monthly fitting station in which child seats are checked. At the fitting station, trained inspectors check child seats for damage and recalls and demonstrate proper installation techniques to parents and caregivers on a one-to-one basis. The child passenger safety team continues to be the largest and most active in Rockland County.

In 2008, the Department's eleven NHTSA Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians inspected 429 child safety seats and 354 of those seats were checked at our monthly fitting station.

A grant from the New York State Governors Traffic Safety committee was secured for the 2007-2008 funding year, and again for the 2008-2009 funding year for the purchase of supplies for the program. Approximately \$270. in donations was collected from individuals.

In 2009, the program will continue to pursue its mission of keeping children safe on the roads and will continue to run our very successful monthly fitting station.

## **COMMUNITY POLICE UNIT**

During the year of 2008, the Clarkstown Police Department Community Policing Unit continued to address issues that affect the quality of life within the Town of Clarkstown. The Community Policing Unit approaches the issues by forming relationships within the community, social agencies, political leaders and the media. The contributions of these various groups working with the Community Policing Unit, can address and resolve negative conditions, thus improving the quality of life in the Town of Clarkstown.

The Community Policing Unit participated in numerous community programs resulting in a positive relationship being formed with various organizations within the Town of Clarkstown. The residents have expressed their concern of quality of life issues such as numerous unregistered vehicles parked at residences, littering, failure to maintain property, abandoned vehicles, and unlicensed repair shops in residential areas, graffiti and traffic complaints. Quality of life issues such as these can have a negative impact on the community and often cause the deterioration of neighborhoods. The residents have expressed that their complaints are often never resolved or are in a never ending process when involving quality of life issues. The Community Police Unit has worked with Town Code Enforcement in an attempt to expedite the process and come to a final resolution within a reasonable amount of time. The Community Police Unit has researched and submitted the success stories of other communities and has requested the Town of Clarkstown adopt similar town codes.

The Community Police Unit has also assisted the traffic squad with traffic complaints and conducting commercial vehicle inspections as well as the Child Safety Seat Unit with installations. Some of the community-related programs include the St. Agatha's Equestrian Program (COPS Barn), Student Internship Program, Community Safety Issues such as Identity Theft and various scams, and the United Way Day of Caring (Rockland County Family Shelter). The Community Policing Unit regularly attends the meetings of organizations in Clarkstown that include the civic associations, senior citizens, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.), Rockland County Triad and neighborhood associations.

The goals for the Clarkstown Community Policing Unit in 2008 are to continue to develop partnerships within the community. The unit will continue to initiate community programs that will address quality of life issues for the Town of Clarkstown.

### Community Police Meetings and Activities

<b>Meetings Attended</b>	<b>Number of Meetings</b>
1. Congers Civic Association	4
2. Trailer Park Association	2
3. Nanuet Civic Association	8
4. New City Condo Association	4
5. Little Tor Civic Association	1
6. Valley Cottage Civic Association	4
7. Keep Rockland Beautiful	8
8. Mid- Hudson Library Association – Babysitter Safety Class	2
9. Rockland County TRIAD	9
10. Clarkstown Parks & Recreation (New Park, Valley Cottage)	1
11. Clarkstown Parks & Recreation (Nanuet Little League)	2
12. Mothers Against Drunk Driving	9
13. Clarkstown Senior Citizens	81
14. Nanuet Middle School – Safety Talk	2
15. Saint Agatha’s/ COPS Barn	3
16. West Clarkstown Jewish Center – Safety Talk	1
17. Central Nyack Civic Association	5
18. New City Gardens	1
19. Elmwood Drive (New City Elementary School, V&T)	3
20. Mid Hudson Library Association	1
21. Mountainview Condo Homeowners Association	4
22. Meals On Wheels	4
23. Rockland County Board of Health	3
24. Safe Elder Driving Program	3
25. Nanuet Homeless- Attorney Generals Office, N.Y. State Police,	3

## **Programs and Special Events**

1. Internship Program - Various Colleges
2. Tappan Zee Bike Event
3. M.S. Bike Event
4. Nyack Hospital Road Race
5. Chanukah Parade – Rockland County
6. United Way Day of Caring – Rockland County Family Shelter
7. Clarkstown Youth Academy
8. Rockland County Citizens Police Academy
9. Clarkstown Explorers
10. New City Fire Department – Safety Day
11. TRIAD – Medical Alert Cards for Vehicles
12. Rockland County Girl Scouts – Safety Talk
13. Watch Your Car Program – Auto Theft Prevention / Vin Etching
14. Rockland Family Shelter – Grand Opening, Johnson Lane
15. Rockland County Cub Scouts
16. Congers Italian Festival
17. Temple Beth Shalom
18. Nyack Middle School – Safety Presentation
19. Rockland County Chief’s Association – Reintroduction of Offenders
20. New City Hadassah – Personal Safety for Women
21. International Tour – Chinese Visitors (350)
22. Clarkstown High School South – Presentation on Alcohol/Accidents
23. Commercial Vehicle Inspections
24. Watch Your Car / Vin Etching Program
25. Funeral Details throughout the Town of Clarkstown
26. Rockland County Boces – Security Survey
27. Clarkstown Central School District – Lockdown

## **CRIME PREVENTION UNIT**

The Clarkstown Police Department Crime Prevention Unit has three members assigned to it, PO Mark Hamilla, PO Paul Valerio and PO Niles Davies. The Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for giving talks on Neighborhood Watch, personal security, burglary and robbery prevention, babysitting training programs and the Watch Your Car vin etching program.

In 2008, the Crime Prevention Unit gave eight (8) talks, held two (2) Watch Your Car programs and conducted two (2) residential security surveys.

- Gave eight (8) babysitting training classes at the New City, Nanuet West Nyack and Valley Cottage Libraries.
- Two (2) talks on general crime prevention
- Held two (2) Watch Your Car Vin etching programs
- Conducted (2) residential security surveys.

**Members of the Crime Prevention unit belong to the following associations.**

### **Associations:**

- New York State Crime Prevention Coalition
- International Crime Prevention Association
- American Society of Industrial Security
- Are New York State Certified Crime Prevention Officers

## **DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION**

In 2008, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (*D.A.R.E.*) program entered its twentieth year in the Clarkstown Police Department. The *D.A.R.E.* program is taught in sixteen public schools and three parochial schools (St. Paul's, St. Augustine's and St. Anthony's) within the township. During 2008, the program was presented to over one thousand-five-hundred fifth grade students in the Clarkstown, Nanuet, Nyack, and East Ramapo school districts. Police Officers Kevin Shannon and Mark Robinson are the Department's *D.A.R.E.* officers.

The *D.A.R.E.* program is a drug and violence prevention program that focuses on development of positive social skills to enable young people to resist peer pressure and to lead them away from becoming involved with drugs and acts of violence. The Clarkstown Police *D.A.R.E.* program also sponsors a series of extracurricular activities to promote positive alternatives to drug use. The *D.A.R.E.* officers visit lower elementary K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and conduct safety lessons, including lessons on stranger danger. The *D.A.R.E.* officers visit the middle and high schools to keep in touch with past *D.A.R.E.* graduates. The *D.A.R.E.* program consists of spring and fall basketball tournaments and spring and fall street hockey tournaments. At each tournament, canned food donations are accepted and given to People to People of Rockland for distribution. The *D.A.R.E.* officers continue to interact with teachers and school staff in other areas, such as disciplinary problems and superintendent hearings, school bus safety, emergency/safety planning, and the family resource centers. The *D.A.R.E.* officers also participate in after-school YMCA programs, parent nights, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade sponsored dinners and plays.

In 2008, the *D.A.R.E.* officers continued to meet with the Clarkstown Central School student assistance counselors to establish better lines of communications. These meetings are held bi-annually to talk about topics pertaining to special needs of children. The *D.A.R.E.* officers, when discussing a wide range of topics in class, often become aware of a child's specific problem. The *D.A.R.E.* officers also met with members of 21st Century Collaborative for Children and Youth. This collaborative operates family resource centers in those elementary schools where *D.A.R.E.* is taught. The *D.A.R.E.*

officers can refer these problems to the school counselors so the child and /or family can receive immediate assistance.

In 2008, the *D.A.R.E.* curriculum continues to be revised to better reflect the changing needs of 5<sup>th</sup> grades students. Our officers are continually receiving training to upgrade these changes. The program continues to receive the support of the Clarkstown Town Board, school administrators, students and their families. During the year, *D.A.R.E.* receives donations from numerous civic organizations and individuals to make the *D.A.R.E.* graduations and the entire *D.A.R.E.* program a success.

## **DETECTIVE BUREAU**

A Detective Lieutenant, two Detective Sergeants and thirteen Detectives staff the Clarkstown Police Detective Bureau. The Detective Bureau is charged with investigating all major crimes that occur within the Town of Clarkstown.

**Crime Trends:** Fraud, identity theft and property crimes continue to be the most prolific crimes in Clarkstown. There were also nine reported rapes, one attempted rape, fifteen robberies, and two attempted robberies investigated by the Bureau this past year. There were no homicides in the town in 2008. The last time that occurred was 2003. We are starting to see an increase in gang related incidents, a trend we feel will continue to grow in both number and severity of incident. We also saw an increase in the number of crimes involving firearms.

**Specialized Units:** The Clarkstown Police Detective Bureau has specialized units dealing with Crime Scene Investigation, Arson investigations, Video and Computer Forensics, and Polygraph Examination investigation. The Video/Computer Forensics unit investigated 530 cases this year resulting in the creation of over 9,000 files of original and enhanced imagery that included cases referred to Clarkstown by twelve outside local and Federal agencies. They assisted in solving crimes involving fraud, narcotics, prostitution, burglary and various other crimes. Our polygraphist conducted twenty-one criminal and pre-employment polygraphs.

**Review of 2008:** 2008 was a relatively busy year with a slight increase in violent crime, especially involving firearms. We have developed a great relationship with the new District Attorney and we are collaborating on some new ideas to help combat crime, especially white collar crime. Our relationship with the US Secret Service involving multi-jurisdictional white collar crime has intensified resulting in several successful prosecutions.

**Goals for 2009:** Plans for 2009 include developing a video surveillance capability in different parts of the town utilizing a microwave system. With the downturn in the economy, we are expecting an increase in property crimes, and we will be monitoring those trends carefully. As always, educating the detectives on the latest investigative techniques and providing them with the latest information to enhance their crime solving abilities is a high priority. We will continue to better our working relationship with outside agencies, the business community and the general public.

The Clarkstown Police Department Detective Bureau will continue to move forward and improve our capabilities in every possible area, in order to better serve the residents and visitors of our community. Through our dedication and commitment, and with the support of the Town and the community, we will strive to make the Town of Clarkstown the safest community in the country in which to live or visit.

## **DWI ENFORCEMENT**

The entire patrol division of the Clarkstown Police Department enforces the laws pertaining to the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. There is a patrol sergeant responsible for the tracking and compilation of driving while intoxicated statistics, which are reported to the department administrators and the Rockland County S.T.O.P.-D.W.I. coordinator on a monthly and semi-annual basis. The sergeant also schedules and coordinates supplemental patrols specifically designated toward driving while intoxicated enforcement on weekends and holidays. He also recommends officers for conferences and training classes related to driving while intoxicated enforcement.

During the year 2008, members of the Clarkstown Police Department made 82 arrests for driving while intoxicated offenses. Of those arrests, four were for driving while ability impaired drugs and three were for zero tolerance offenses. Thirty-five of those arrested had been involved in a motor vehicle accident.

An allocation of funds provided by Rockland County S.T.O.P.-D.W.I. based on driving while intoxicated arrests made by officers of the Clarkstown Police department during 2007 funded the supplemental patrols deployed by the department. S.T.O.P.-D.W.I. also provided for officers to attend the annual New York State DWI Conference.

As always, the goal of the department in 2009 is to increase enforcement in an attempt to reduce frequency of offenses and alcohol or drug related motor vehicle accidents. The department also plans to become more strategic in the use of supplemental patrols in the hope that they will become more productive and effective.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UNIT**

The Clarkstown Police Department Emergency Management Unit is responsible for the development, planning, implementation and coordination of all types of plans to deal with various man-made, natural and terrorist incidents. The unit works daily to coordinate the cooperation of various Town, County and State agencies in the pre-planning process. During major events, the unit coordinates the various activities of the responding agencies.

The unit continued its emphasis on in service training to meet OSHA standards for BloodBorne Pathogens, Hazardous Materials Awareness, use of Personal Protective Equipment, Indian Point Evacuation planning and Traffic Control Point locations within our Town. We also coordinate the annual FIT testing and training of the CBRN full-face respirators issued to sworn personnel. The unit working with the Community Policing and Crime Prevention Units has conducted security audits on several facilities within the Town, making recommendations to enhance the safety and security of the facilities.

The unit responded to various weather related events and hazardous materials incidents, but of major note for the unit was the January 26, 2008 response to a major fire at the Monterey Gardens Senior Citizens Complex. Eight units were completely destroyed and another three units suffered heavy fire and smoke damage, making them uninhabitable. As a result of the fire, residents of seventeen units were forced to evacuate their units. Our unit worked with the American Red Cross to assist the residents with temporary housing. We further worked with O&R Gas/Electric, United Water and MAG Electric, a private electrical contractor, on the coordinating and the restoring of necessary utility services to the affected units. The unit also coordinated an informational meeting for residents of the complex in which officials from the Fire Department, Fire Inspector, Building Department, Senior Citizens Liaison, Community Policing Unit, complex owner and management participated in addressing residents concerns of the fire and the future of the affected units at the complex.

The Emergency Management Unit also oversees the daily operations and maintenance of the City Watch notification system. The system is a reverse 911-computer system, which allows for recorded messages to be phoned out to residents of

the Town Of Clarkstown. Our in-house system contains 48 phone lines, which gives us the capability to notify approximately 20,000 recipients in approximately 85 minutes. Through a subscription based service to the AVTEX mass callout service, our system will receive access to an additional 193 phone lines, permitting access to a total of 241 phone lines, which permits us to reduce a callout to 20,000 recipients from approximately 85 minutes to approximately 20 minutes. The system is used to alert residents of the Town of any emergency situation or event such as hazardous materials incidents, flood warnings, traffic detours, evacuations orders and instructions, as well as road closures, missing persons, burglar activities, robberies, or any other situations or information important to our residents. In 2008, the system was utilized in excess of 300 times for events such as callouts for road closings/heavy traffic warnings for the Clarkstown South graduation, Congers Fire Department Carnival and Fireworks display, Town of Clarkstown Concert and Fireworks display, Valley Cottage Revitalization, Congers Italian Festival, Brinks Memorial Service, burglary investigations and missing persons, As well as for flood warnings for West Nyack, Valley Cottage and Nanuet residents, and flooding conditions south of Lake Deforest reservoir and missing persons and sex offender notifications. The system also serves as a voice-mail system for department personnel, a community bulletin board with information about department events, such as the Child Safety Seat Program, Indian Point Siren Information and directions to our Police/Court Facility. The system is maintained on an ongoing basis by working in conjunction with our Computer Division and Town GIS Coordinator, which has enabled us to have a system that had virtually no down time during the year.

In 2008, a second Speed Alert Portable Variable Message Sign was placed into service. This unit, as with the first unit, has proven to be a valuable source of providing information during not only emergencies for road closures or detours, but notifications of specials events within the Town and a deterrent for speeding motorists and changes in speed limits.

In 2008, our unit responded to 24 Hazardous Materials Incidents, which ranged from minor petroleum product releases from motor vehicle accidents to larger fuel spills from tank failures, chemical releases from tank failures and accidental damage to tanks. The major response was on the evening of June 13, 2008 when a 1000 lb. underground

propane tank was struck by an unlicensed contractor working on the property at 4 Waldron Avenue, Central Nyack, New York. The leak caused the closure and evacuation of nearby homes and businesses and threatened the evacuation of a nearby housing complex. The incident necessitated the response of numerous fire companies, EMS, and Medic Units from within and outside the Town, as well as the Rockland County Emergency Management Communications Van. Our unit worked with and coordinated the response, notifications, and mitigation between initial emergency responders, local, County, and State responding agencies, as well as private contractor companies.

The goals for 2009 will be to continue working on and developing the updated emergency plans, converting them into digital format for rapid access during emergency events. The majority of these plans are now accessible via MDT's for officers out in the field.

## **EXPLORER POST**

The Clarkstown Police Explorer Post was established in October 2002. The program utilizes the Learning for Life Organization guidelines and is for young men and women between the ages of 14 through 20 who are interested in learning about law enforcement and related fields. The program's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help its participants mature and to prepare them for becoming responsible and caring adults. Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between the participants and the organizations in the community. The program consists of activities which help the young adults to pursue their special interests, grow and develop. This is accomplished through bi-monthly meetings and activities aimed at providing leadership skills, career opportunities, and life experiences. Explorers receive training in police specific topics, participate in special events, and ride along with patrol officers.

The Explorer Program helps to build the leadership skills of its participants. Explorers are appointed to serve in Executive Board roles such as President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Each meeting is separated into two parts. The first part of the meeting is conducted and led by the Executive Board while receiving guidance from the Advisors. Topics discussed include community service, problem solving, and special event planning. The second portion of the meeting is whereby police specific training is provided to the participants. Explorers learn the inner workings in the field of law enforcement.

The Explorer Program has no particular starting date or ending date. It is a continuous program where participants gradually earn privileges based on time in service and by achieving specific goals and training. An Explorer who has reached certain pre-set criteria is eligible to receive a department issued uniform, and after completing additional criteria, becomes eligible to ride along and assist Auxiliary Police at special events.

In 2008, the program had twenty active members and eight new members. Explorers conducted approximately 175 hours of community service. They also assisted at the following special events: Clarkstown Police Open House, Keep Rockland

Beautiful, the D.A.R.E. Basketball Tournament, the Santa Project, and People to People. A Clarkstown Police Explorer website was maintained and updated by a committee consisting of post members.

In 2008, the Explorers formed a Ceremonial Unit. In November, Explorers performed for the first time at the Rockland County Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner which was attended by more than 300 people. The color guard team presented the American flag, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and God Bless America. In December, members of the color guard team also performed at the 2008 Explorer Holiday Party and Recognition Dinner.

In 2008, the Explorer Post adopted a less fortunate family for the holiday season and donated approximately \$200. worth of clothing and educational toys. The end of the school year trip was held in June. A trip to the Statute of Liberty and Ellis Island was taken with a private tour of New York Harbor conducted by the United States Park Police.

Objectives for 2009 include increasing Explorer membership, community service hours, and special event involvement, and also increasing involvement with other posts on both the local and national levels.

## **CLARKSTOWN POLICE HONOR GUARD**

The Town of Clarkstown Police Department Honor Guard was formed in the fall of 1983 under the leadership of Chief Schnakenberg. The goal of the Honor Guard was to represent law enforcement at ceremonies throughout the County of Rockland, with the most important role being to give those who gave their lives in the line of duty an honorable, dignified, and respectful farewell.

The Clarkstown Police Honor has more than met the goals set by Chief Schnackenberg 23 years ago. This volunteer unit has represented Clarkstown and Rockland County in over 600 ceremonies from Massachusetts to our Nations Capital. This May the Honor Guard, as always, took a prominent role in the Law Enforcement Memorial service held in Washington D.C. for those officers who have made the supreme sacrifice to their communities and nation. In fact, during the dedication ceremony for the Law Enforcement Memorial in 1991, the Clarkstown Police Honor Guard had more representation during the service than any police department in the Nation and is now responsible for the coordination of the National Emerald Society's Ceremony at the memorial site that is attended by over 50 pipe bands as well as over 35 Honor Guards from across the Nation. The members attending this ceremony in Washington do so on their own personal time at no expense to the Department or the Town. The Clarkstown Police Department Honor Guard further coordinates the Rockland County Law Enforcement Memorial service as well as participating in Memorial Day Ceremonies throughout the Town as well as services remembering those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

This Unit trains extremely hard and each member is dedicated to representing law enforcement at its best. We have trained other law enforcement agencies in Rockland County as well as up and down the East Coast. Our goal continues as always to respectfully represent the members of the Town of Clarkstown Police Department.

## INFORMATIONAL SERVICES

The following is a report documenting the activity of the Computer Division for the year 2008. The report begins with projects which were initiated in previous years, and have been continuing throughout 2008. There is a description of the project which is followed by results for that project throughout the year.

New World Systems has been the primary public safety software vendor for CPD since 2004.

The daily focus on up time, problem solving, and product maintenance of the New World Software encompassed over 75 percent of the Computer Division's time throughout the year. Although the records and dispatch programs performed daily with no significant amount of down time experienced, the mobile program (which includes the field reporting and merge modules) had extensive issues that needed to be resolved by the vendor on a monthly and sometimes weekly basis. The Computer Division participated in an ongoing daily effort to track, report, and resolve product issues due to the product's infancy at New World Systems. These efforts, along with the application of quarterly upgrades, weekly troubleshooting and administration continued throughout the year.

**Aegis CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch)** from New World is used in the communications room by dispatchers and officers. It is the primary tool used for monitoring all situations in the field.

In the *First Quarter*, two new servers and software were purchased to facilitate a recommended redundancy solution from New World Systems that would create a highly available CAD and Records solution. In the event of a primary server failure, the backup server would take over. In the *Second Quarter*, New World Systems installed the new redundancy solution with the Computer Division to the new servers. The system consisted of a combined Microsoft Cluster and Doubletake Geocluster solution. The system constantly replicates data, therefore providing an almost seamless failover.

After the installation of new servers, the memory leaks that seemed so prevalent in the previous year now seemed non-existent and CAD slowdowns became a rarity.

Map issues caused the CAD server to crash unexpectedly throughout the year. This issue should be resolved in the 2009 with a new version of the mapping software.

The main source of time spent on CAD by the Computer Division can be attributed to the mapping issues with New World. Any maintenance or updating done on the map consistently caused problems with CAD and required a large amount of time to resolve. In the *Third Quarter*, New World and the Computer Division implemented a new test server to better simulate software upgrades as well as testing map issues. In the *Fourth Quarter*, New World Systems and the Computer Division upgraded the test server to implement the latest ESRI mapping version of the New World Software in preparation for a live release.

**Aegis LERMS (Law Enforcement Records Management System)** is used to maintain and administer the main database of the Clarkstown Police Department. Both Aegis Mobile and Aegis CAD help feed information into the LERMS system.

LERMS ran stable throughout the year. IBR reports have been submitted on a monthly basis by the Records Supervisor and accepted by the state without major issue.

**Aegis Mobile** enhances communication between dispatchers and police officers in the field. Using Aegis CAD (Computer Aided Dispatching), dispatchers can send vital call information to mobile computers in the patrol cars within seconds. Mobile also allows for messaging (car to car, car to CAD and CAD to car) and inquiries into both state and local criminal databases as well as DMV records. The Field Reporting Module allows officers to complete and submit Incident, Case, and Arrest reports electronically over a wireless radio network without ever having to leave their patrol cars. Field Reporting assists the officers in meeting NYS Incident-Based Reporting standards and Aegis system requirements by prompting them to complete mandatory fields and flagging data errors. Each quarter, the Computer Division implemented an upgraded release to this software to address warranty issues and software suggestions.

**AVL** (Automatic Vehicle Location) was implemented in 2005. This system uses satellite based global positioning technology to pinpoint the location of each patrol car on a map at headquarters. AVL enhances officer safety and overall efficiency by allowing dispatchers and supervisors to monitor the location of all police officers in the Town at any given point in time.

**TRACS** is an electronic ticketing program that allows officers to use handheld scanners to automatically populate traffic tickets with license and registration data. This data can then be sent electronically to the state. The program was paid for predominantly through grant funding, which covered all necessary computer hardware. The software, training and technical support were supplied at no charge by the state. Initially the program was only used for ticketing. In 2007, it was used for accident reporting as well as an accusatory instrument. This program continues to require weekly troubleshooting and administration by the Computer Division. In the *Second* and *Fourth Quarters*, the Computer Division implemented an upgraded release to this software to address warranty issues and software suggestions.

**Livescan (The Imaging and Fingerprint System)** replaces the old way of fingerprinting and taking photographs. Everything is done digitally through a computer and sent to DCJS (the State) to check the status of an arrested person. Clarkstown Police Department continues to be the host for Rockland and Orange counties. All agencies in these counties must store their data in the Livescan server in our server room. They also use our dedicated line to DCJS to send their data back and forth to the state. In the *First Quarter*, an additional booking station was purchased as a backup to the primary booking station in the jail cells. In the *Second Quarter*, the Computer Division and Comnetix installed this second booking station with all necessary hardware and software. In the *Fourth Quarter*, the Administration requested that the backup booking station be installed behind Communications for civilian finger printing. The Computer Division and Comnetix proceeded to install this system along with a printer for civilian finger printing.

**Aegis Justice Link (Regional Data Sharing)** The County purchased the Regional Data Sharing package from New World systems in 2004. Now called Aegis Justice Link (AJL), the program allows transfer of basic global subject, gun and vehicle data for all connected agencies throughout the entire county. In 2007, the County

decided to implement a new data-sharing product called Planet J. The New World AJL server was supposed to be maintained as is necessary for the Mobile interface soon to be built for Clarkstown. However, in the *First Quarter*, the County elected to terminate the AJL server for financial reasons and further develop the Planet J data-sharing product. In the *Second Quarter*, the Computer Division created users for all police and dispatch personnel. The new RCPIN Data Sharing connection was added to computer desktops throughout the police department.

**CityWatch** is a reverse 911 computer system, which allows for recorded messages to be phoned out to Clarkstown residents to alert them in case of emergencies. Citywatch was used approximately 300 times for the year. The majorities were flood related warnings but they also included missing persons and CIRT team responses. The system ran stable throughout the year. The Computer Division worked in conjunction with Emergency Management to perform hardware and software upgrades to the server throughout the year.

The **Eventide System** is used for evidentiary purposes to digitally record all 911 and administrative telephone calls that are answered by dispatch in the Communications Division. The system experienced minimal issues throughout the year. In the *Third Quarter*, the Computer Division along with Goosetown Communications performed an upgrade to the Eventide software on the server and client workstations throughout the building.

**Air Mobile** is a file transfer program from Motorola that utilizes wireless hot spot technology. The system automates processes and has been used to eliminate sneaker net for the Tracs system. In the *Second Quarter*, the Air Mobile client was installed on in-house workstations in addition to the mobile units to perform updates in-house as well. In the *Third Quarter*, the server software was updated with the latest patches by the Computer Division and Motorola.

**Websense** is an Internet filtering solution that was implemented by the Computer Division in 2007. In the *First Quarter*, additional RAM was ordered and installed to bring the server up to the minimum requirements of the software. In the *Second Quarter*, the Computer Division updated the software with the latest release and patches associated with that release. The Computer Division and the Websense technical support team resolved periodic system failures. However, the system ran stable for most of the year.

**Wireless Access Points** were installed inside and outside the building for separate uses. The Wireless Access Points inside were installed to offer open Internet access to wireless clients with a login and password required. In the *Second Quarter*, the internal Wireless Access Points were detached from the Police Department's T1 line and attached to a high-speed cable modem for wireless Internet access. In the *Third Quarter*, an additional external Wireless Access Point for the Air Mobile system was installed for the upper parking lot.

The **Livevault** Backup Service provides a critical off-site backup solution for the Police Department in addition to its standard backup solutions. The service provides nightly backups by Iron Mountain, which are off site and provide a recovery guarantee. In the *Second Quarter*, additional servers were added including two from Town Hall's Computer Division. The system ran stable and one upgrade was performed in the *Fourth Quarter*. The system was also used to recover lost or corrupted files and did so without issue.

The **Network Upgrade Project** began in the *First Quarter* with the purchase of new Cisco switch and router technology. It replaced equipment that was end of life and no longer covered under warranty. It also provided the Police Department with the capability of implementing a Voice Over IP phone system. In the *Second Quarter*, the equipment was staged for implementation by the Town's Cisco vendor, Shoregroup Solutions. They also provided training on the new equipment for members of the computer division. In the *Third Quarter*, with the assistance from Shoregroup, the computer division performed a forklift upgrade to the entire Cisco network by replacing the core switch and router. In the *Fourth Quarter*, the computer division began replacing all the old Category 5 network lines with new Category 6 lines to eliminate problem lines and provide a faster more robust network backbone. These new lines would also support the new Voice Over IP phone system which would be installed in 2009.

## **JUVENILE AID BUREAU**

During 2008, the Juvenile Aid Bureau reviewed and handled 454 complaints, and of these, 119 Juvenile Aid Bureau cases files were initiated and investigated. The cases handled, as the attached figures will indicate, ranged from Harassment violations to Rape investigations. During 2008, the Detectives of the Juvenile Aid Bureau participated in ongoing training to meet the unique needs of this unit. During 2008, we completed training components that certified the credentials of the Juvenile Aid Bureau.

The Juvenile Aid Bureau also saw an increase in Sexual Abuse Cases, from twelve in 2007 to twenty in 2008, five Rapes, fifteen Assaults, two Grand Larcenies and nine cases of Child Abuse / Neglect cases as well as 6 cases of Sexual Misconduct. The Juvenile Aid Bureau is charged with the responsibility of registering Sex Offenders. During the course of 2008, this agency registered ten sex offenders of varying levels.

A principal responsibility of the Juvenile Aid Unit is to handle Missing Person cases. In 2008, one hundred twenty eight Missing Person complaints were investigated, and one hundred twenty eight of these persons have been located as of this report. Our primary source of Missing Person cases can be attributed to the Summit School and Abbott house, both located in Upper Nyack. The remainder comes from the general populace and some of the group homes within our borders.

In 2008, the Juvenile Aid Bureau was successful in conducting joint investigations with the Manhattan District Attorney's Office as well as the New York City Police Department and the Bergen County Prosecutors Office. This investigation led to the arrest and incarceration of a sexual predator that for seven years was victimizing children both locally and in the tri-state area. The diligence of these investigators is noteworthy. There were also three other investigations that emerged after victim recollection that resulted in an arrest by this bureau.

During 2008, the Detectives of Juvenile Aid conducted several tours of police headquarters for various civic groups including Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops as well as schools. Over 120 people were able to study the workings of our agency, and hopefully gained a better knowledge of the job that we strive to accomplish.

The Juvenile Aid Bureau continues to coordinate the distribution of our Halloween Safety Program materials. These consist of the circulation of over 4000 pamphlets and reflective Trick or Treat bags to all students in grades K-2. This is an ongoing effort to make our children and their parents aware of some of the dangers that may arise during Halloween.

The Juvenile Aid Bureau continues to work closely with the Community Policing Officers and the School Resource Officers in our public elementary, middle and high schools. This partnership has proven to be a very successful formula for preventing and solving juvenile related crimes within our community.

One of our goals for 2009 will center on in-service training for members of patrol to focus on Missing Person Investigations, Child and Sex Abuse Investigations as well as familiarity with the Amber Alert System. We will insist the administrators of those residential facilities are more cognizant of the location of their clients.

Clarkstown Police Department's Juvenile Aid Bureau continues to provide a crucial service to the people of Clarkstown. While other law enforcement agencies in Rockland County have diminished juvenile services, this unit continues to work addressing the youth-related problems within the town.

Our goal for 2009 will be to continue our partnership with Rockland County Probation in the monitoring process of our resident Sex Offenders. This will be part of our Operation Impact mission. This action will demonstrate our continuing commitment to be proactive in efforts to safeguard our children.

**JUVENILE AID 2008  
YEAR END STATISTICS**

A.B.C. COMPLAINTS	1	MISSING PERSONS	128
AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT	6	NARCOTICS POSSESSION	1
ARSON	1	PETIT LARCENY	80
ASSAULT	15	RAPE	5
BURGLARY	2	RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT	1
CHILD ABUSE	9	RECOVERED PROPERTY	
COMPUTER CRIME	0	REGISTRY, SEX OFFENDER	10
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	14	RIOT	0
C.P.S.P.	60	ROBBERY	3
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	6	SEXUAL ABUSE	20
E.D.P.	0	SEXUAL MISCONDUCT	6
ENDANGERING	11	STOLEN VEHICLE	0
EXPLOSIVES/BOMB THREAT	1	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	0
FALSE REPORTING	2	SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	4
FIRE	0	THEFT OF SERVICE	1
GRAFITTI	2	TOWN ORDINANCE	3
GRAND LARCENY	2	TRESPASS	5
HARASSMENT	11	UNAUTHORIZED USE	0
INFORMATION	15	UNLAWFUL DEALING W/CHILD	3
LARCENY	11	UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT	0
MARIJUANA COMPLAINT	5	V&T	3
MENACING	4	WEAPON	3

TOTAL COMPLAINTS	454
TOTAL RECOVERED PROPERTY	\$8258.81

## **PALISADES CENTER MALL DETAIL**

The responsibility of the police officers assigned to the Palisades Center Mall Detail is to function as the primary response unit to all emergency calls at the Mall during the high volume period of the day. Additionally, officers provide community-policing services while serving as a law enforcement presence at this significant population center within the town. The detail also functions as a secondary response unit to emergency calls within the remainder of the town as needed.

The detail works closely both with mall management and security personnel, functioning as the liaison between the Clarkstown Police Department, the Town of Clarkstown, Mall Management, mall merchants and merchant loss prevention/security personnel. The detail's officers also utilize proactive policing methods to combat identified crime trends at the mall.

In the year 2008, the Clarkstown Police Department responded to three thousand four-hundred ninety-two (3,492) incidents at the Palisades Center Mall. This is exactly 100 hundred more incidents than reported in 2007. This number also represents approximately 10.4% of the incidents handled by the department for the 2008 calendar year.

A review of the incidents at the Palisades Center shows the five (5) most frequent incident types at the Mall were:

- Medical Emergencies (600)
- Shoplifting/Larcenies (596)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (381)
- Alarms (387)
- Lost and Unconfirmed Stolen Property (173)

The three officers assigned to the Mall Detail were responsible for five hundred thirteen (513) persons arrested for over one thousand three hundred charges, ranging from felonies to violations. The number of suspects arrested by the three officers assigned to the Detail accounts for approximately 21.2% of the persons arrested by the Clarkstown Police Department in 2008. The detail's officers further issued over four hundred fifty traffic summons, parking tickets and warning notices during the year.

The officers assigned to the mall detail continually train to increase awareness in areas of concern regarding the mall. For example, the detail has attended training seminars in organized retail crime, identity theft, fraudulent documents and gang awareness, among other assorted training courses.

The mall detail will continue to work with other agencies including the US Secret Service, the NYPD, the FBI and other agencies across the country in order to ensure the arrest and prosecution of identity thieves who decide to target the Palisades Center Mall. The mall detail also continues to provide information to the Clarkstown Detective Bureau, the Rockland County Intelligence Unit and the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force.

## **PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT**

During this past year (2008), the Clarkstown Police Department successfully implemented its upgraded internal affairs computer software, “IA PRO” version 5.0. This implementation has greatly assisted the Professional Standards unit with the proper recording, registering, and controlling of the investigation of complaints against our Police Officers. “IA PRO” also assists the Police Department in monitoring and documenting all infractions, large and small, so that potential problems can be identified early on and proactive action can be taken. Internal investigations are essential to the efficient operation of any police agency. These investigations are conducted to either disprove or substantiate allegations of misconduct involving police personnel. The primary mission being to assure that the members of the Police Department meet the highest standards of integrity and ethical performance while assuring fair and equal treatment to the citizens of the Town of Clarkstown. During the 2008 calendar year, the Professional Standards unit received and successfully resolved 23 investigations. Of these 23 investigations, 10 were civilian complaints, 13 were administrative reviews. This unit is comprised of the Professional Standards Lieutenant and is assisted by other supervisory personnel as is deemed necessary by the Chief of Police.

The Professional Standards Unit is also responsible for assuring that the Police Department meets or exceeds the general expectations of quality required by the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. In April, 2008, the Clarkstown Police Department was successfully reaccredited by the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. Accreditation is thus a source of great pride both for the Clarkstown Police Department and the community that we serve. The Clarkstown Police Department must work hard to achieve this honor and also establish procedures to ensure our ongoing compliance with applicable standards. A maintenance schedule established by the Professional Standards Unit is absolutely critical for several reasons. It allows the agency to remain proactive as it continually monitors policies and procedures,

it enables the department to respond effectively to potential litigation, and it enhances the likelihood for success of the on-site reaccreditation visit by program assessors.

Training needs and issues are also coordinated through the Professional Standards Unit.

In addition to our ongoing goal of meeting the highest professional training standards we must be vigilant and proactive in safeguarding our community from any possible terrorism threat. We are meeting this challenge by training and working closely with other police agencies and emergency service personnel. Moving into 2009 we will continue to monitor the ever-changing challenges in law enforcement and meet those challenges with professionalism and the highest standards of integrity and ethical performance.

## **RECRUITMENT UNIT**

The Recruitment Units' objective is to recruit, hire and retain the most qualified candidates from the community for the Clarkstown Police Department. The unit presents a positive image of the Clarkstown Police Department to all aspects of the community. One of the primary goals of the unit is to diversify the department's membership to more closely resemble the community composite. On November 15, 2008, the Rockland County Department of Personnel administered the entry-level police officer exam. In preparation of this exam, a large scale county-wide, multi-jurisdictional recruitment campaign was set in motion. Participating agencies included Clarkstown, Orangetown, Ramapo, Rockland County Sheriff, Spring Valley, and Stony Point.

Recruitment efforts included setting up a booth at various venues, displaying a recruiting message on a portable LED sign placed along various state highways, contacting local media outlets for public service announcements, distributing applications and informational flyers to target organizations, associations, churches, colleges, and community centers. An interview was conducted for a Haitian-French Creole cable television show. The recruitment effort was coordinated through scheduled meetings attended by members of the above-listed departments and the Rockland County Department of Personnel. Please see the Clarkstown Police Recruitment Log for a daily list of recruitment efforts undertaken by the Clarkstown Police Department.

Overall, approximately 2000 employment applications were distributed as a direct result of the recruitment campaign. The Town of Clarkstown Recruitment Unit answered approximately 125 e-mails, established approximately 200 community contacts, and fielded numerous phone inquires pertaining to the civil service examination process. The employment tab on the Clarkstown Police Department website was updated and maintained.

The Rockland County Office of Employee Rights, Relations and Training hosted a free police tutorial class for the first 200 qualified applicants. Officers from Clarkstown, Orangetown, and the Rockland County Sheriff's Department participated in organizing and assisting at the registration dates and locations.

## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

In 2008, the Clarkstown Police Department entered its ninth year of the School Resource Officer program. This program was started in January 2000 in cooperation with the Clarkstown School District. Two specially trained uniform officers were assigned to both Clarkstown North and Clarkstown South High Schools, with each spending an alternating day at Felix Festa Middle School. In September of 2000, Nyack School District implemented the program with one officer assigned to Nyack High School. All three school districts continued the program into January 2001. In September 2001, the Nanuet School District implemented the school resource officer program. A uniformed officer is assigned to Nanuet High School, with the officer spending one day a week at the Nanuet Middle School. In 2004, the Clarkstown School District in cooperation with the police department and the town board expanded the SRO program by assigning a full time officer to the Felix Festa Middle School. This request by the school district to expand the program exemplifies the success of the SRO program. With this additional officer, every public middle and high school in the township is participating in the program.

As the SRO program continues to grow, the officers have become an important part of the entire school curriculum. Due to the SRO officer's presence, important relationships have developed with school administrators, teachers, staff, school psychologists, and most importantly, the students. The SRO officer is an important connection between the schools and the police department's patrol force and detective division. Many serious crimes, including burglaries, arson, and an array of bias related crimes, have been solved because of this exchange of information. Many more crimes have been prevented because the SRO officer was aware of potential problems. The police department, along with the school district, was able to be proactive rather than just reactive, in the truest sense of community policing.

The SRO officers continue to interact with teachers and school staff in other areas, such as disciplinary hearings and emergency/safety planning. In 2008, the SRO officers continued drug, violence and alcohol awareness with a presentation of educational films and brochures appropriate for high school students. The SRO

officers made several presentations to the junior and high school students on the following topics:

**\*Internet Safety:**

- Cyber bullying,
- myspace
- Social networking sites, and cyber security

**\*Law Related Education :**

- Bill of Rights, Constitutional Law, Family Law, and Consumer Law
- DWI and Zero Tolerance Laws, Proper Traffic Stop Behavior
- Gangs, Graffiti
- Mock Trials
- NYS Graduated License Requirements
- New York Gun Laws
- Shoplifting-Facts and Consequences
- Teenagers and the Law

**\*Other:**

- Teen Suicide
- Self-Mutilation
- Bullying

**\*For the Staff:** Bomb Threat Awareness and Procedures, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Critical Response Plans, Gang Awareness, and Predictors of School Violence.

In addition, during the past year, the SRO officers continued the Youth Assistance Program (YAP). The YAP program, instituted in 2001, was started with the cooperation of the police department, the Clarkstown and Nyack school districts and the New York State Department of Corrections. The program is held at several maximum-security prisons where most inmates are serving life sentences. The day begins with personal presentations by the inmates on selected topics with examples of choices and

consequences. The students are taken on a tour of a housing block to view actual cells occupied by inmates not much older than themselves. Round table discussions follow where students can ask questions of the inmates. YAP focuses on communication rather than intimidation.

In 2008, Clarkstown Police School Resource Officers teamed with other school resource officers in Rockland County to monitor gang activity in the township. The SRO officers continue to attend sporting events, proms, school superintendent training days and other functions. The focus is for the officer and the students to become familiar with each other in settings outside the normal school day. The SRO officer has become an important, integral part of the entire school and police department mission.

## SMART SALES

In 2008, the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Program (Safe Management of Alcohol and Retail Tobacco Sales) continued to enforce laws pertaining to the licensing, sale and distribution of alcohol and tobacco products in the Town Of Clarkstown and then conduct court mandated education forums to non-compliant licensed retailers of these products. This program underscores the commitment of the Clarkstown Police Department to limit the access of alcohol and tobacco products to the youth of our community, thereby avoiding the tragic consequences of underage drinking and tobacco use and abuse.

The S.M.A.R.T. Sales Program targets the source of alcohol and tobacco products through the vigorous use of compliance checks of licensed retailers in the Town Of Clarkstown to limit the access of these products by our youth. The program then educates the owners and employees of non-compliant businesses on the laws, liabilities, and responsibilities as well as effective sales techniques through monthly educational classes. The strategy of this program has proven efficient and effective in achieving our community's commitment to keep these products out of the hands of our youth.

The enforcement component of the program conducts bi-monthly compliance checks targeting businesses licensed for both on-premise and off-premise sale of alcohol and tobacco products. Though enforcement efforts are geared towards the sale of products to minors, the unit also enforces general compliance to NYS Alcohol Beverage Control Laws, the NYS Penal Law, Public Health laws and local ordinances. These compliance checks consist of primarily "buy and bust" details utilizing underage undercover agents in conjunction with officers of the Rockland County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (SPCC) and supplemented by periodic law enforcement compliance checks targeting local bars.

The S.M.A.R.T. Sales unit currently employs five undercover agents between the ages of 16 and 20, recruited and trained for the enforcement details in conjunction with the SPCC; these dedicated young men and women are under the direct supervision of police officers at all times and their identities are kept strictly confidential in any subsequent legal proceeding.

In 2008, the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Unit conducted 17 enforcement details. 266 “buy and bust” alcohol compliance checks were conducted on licensed on-premise and off-premise business using an underage undercover agent in conjunction with officers of the SPCC of which 25 businesses (9%) were cited for selling alcohol to a minor. The S.M.A.R.T. Sales Unit also worked in conjunction with the Clarkstown Fire Inspectors to enforce fire codes and maximum occupancy regulations during periodic compliance checks of local bars.

**2008 Enforcement Chart**

Type of Detail	Violations	Complied	Non-Compliance Rate
SPCC/ABC	25	242	9%
SPCC/Tobacco	0	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>9%</b>

Four Year Enforcement Comparison Charts

YEAR	Alcohol Checks	Violations	Non-Compliance Rate
<b>2005</b>	271	36	13%
<b>2006</b>	241	22	9%
<b>2007</b>	265	18	7%
<b>2008</b>	266	25	9%

YEAR	Tobacco Checks	Violations	Non-Compliance Rate
<b>2005</b>	35	1	0%
<b>2006</b>	28	3	11%
<b>2007</b>	22	0	0%
<b>2008</b>	0	0	0%

To accomplish the goal of the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Program, the Clarkstown Police Department with cooperation of the Rockland County District Attorney's office and the County Magistrate's Association, coordinates this program in which the District Attorney's Office recommends to the local criminal court that first offense cases involving the unlawful sale or possession of alcohol or tobacco products, be adjudicated contemplating dismissal (ACD), conditional upon attendance of an educational forum (class) for unlawful sale of alcohol as well as unlawful sale of tobacco conducted by a certified instructor of the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Program. All those arrested by any Rockland County Law Enforcement Agency are diverted to the Clarkstown Police S.M.A.R.T. Sales education forum through this process by the respective municipalities. The class content underscores the tragic consequences of underage use of alcohol and tobacco products, outlines the programs strategy and goals, reviews the criminal and civil liabilities and ramifications of unlawful sales to minors, and then teaches guidelines and techniques that will effectively assist the business in reducing the opportunities for underage persons to access alcohol and tobacco products. Businesses that demonstrate a pattern of non-compliance are referred to the NYS Liquor Authority for the suspension and revocation of their liquor license as well as repeat violators subject to full penalty of the law.

In 2008, the Educational Forum component of the S.M.A.R.T. Sales unit conducted twelve alcohol educational forums and zero tobacco educational forums to those arrested and charged with unlawful sale to minor crimes in the Town of Clarkstown as well as from the other municipalities conducting enforcement details in Rockland County. Revenues generated from the educational forums in the amount of a \$60.00 fee per violator totaled \$3,160.00 for 2008. Though many local businesses provide their own employee training on the sale of Alcohol and Tobacco Products, many have expressed interest in sending their employees to the S.M.A.R.T. Sales educational forums as added training to supplement their own training and to work in partnership with the Clarkstown Police Department towards the stated goals of the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Program.

Representatives of the S.M.A.R.T. Sales program also conducted lectures for local community organizations and issued press releases on each detail conducted. The unit works closely with Rockland County STOP-DWI, Clarkstown Community Task Force, our local schools through our Department's D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officers, local chapters of MADD and SADD, as well as other community groups to coordinate our collective strategies in combating this serious social problem.

The long-term goal of the S.M.A.R.T. Sales program is to increase the compliance rate of the local licensed businesses in the sale of alcohol and tobacco products through aggressive enforcement efforts and subsequent educational classes to identified violators but moreover, to work with and encourage their cooperation in a community effort to effectively reduce the access of alcohol and tobacco products to our youth. This remains an on-going effort due to the ever increasing number of licensed retailers in the town, the ownership and employee turnover rate of the existing licensed retailers in the town, as well as the cyclical problem of underage alcohol possession from one generation to the next.

With the strong support and expectations by community and civic groups to stay on top of this problem, we have set our goal for 2009 to continue our enforcement efforts to remain an effective deterrent in the sale of tobacco and alcohol products to our youth and to increase the compliance rate of the licensed businesses in the Town Of Clarkstown.

## **WARRANT UNIT**

The Clarkstown Police Warrant Squad continued forward during the year 2008. In addition to clearing warrants off the books, the Squad continued to build its very strong foundation with the community and other law enforcement agencies. These agencies consist of multiple police jurisdictions such as the New York Police Department, the New York State Police and the Rockland County Sheriff's Warrant Squad, mental health facilities, the Department of Probation, numerous defense attorneys and associations within the Clarkstown Justice Court system. The Clarkstown Detective and Juvenile Aid Bureau's have also benefited from the aid of the Warrant Squad through informants and information given in pending cases.

In the year 2008, four hundred ten new warrants were issued by the Clarkstown Justice Court. The Warrant Squad was responsible for clearing four hundred fourteen warrants consisting of fifty three felonies, ten driving while intoxicated, one violation of probation, twelve bail jumping warrants and five hundred fifty one various misdemeanors and violations.

The Warrant Squad has multiple purposes that it fulfills. First and foremost, its objective is to clear the back load of the Clarkstown Police Department's outstanding warrant files and assist in the clearing of pending cases. The Squad's other objective is to assist the Clarkstown Court clear its hectic docket.

The Warrant Squad also been assists the Clarkstown Justice Court and patrol force with providing court security during criminal and civil hearings

## **YOUTH ACADEMY**

The Clarkstown Police Department conducted its fourteenth Youth Academy Program during 2008. The program was started in the fall semester of 2001. The Youth Academy is open to all high school students who attend the five high schools located in the Town of Clarkstown. Students in the Youth Academy attend a ten-week program, which meets once a week for approximately 2 ½ hours.

School Resource Officers help select the twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) students per semester, many of which have an interest in law enforcement related careers. The course of instruction includes an overview of many areas that police officers deal with on a daily basis. Communications, criminal investigation and crime scene forensics are three of the subjects that the students learn about first.

Students also learn about the appropriate use of force, street survival and traffic violations including Driving While Intoxicated and accident investigations. Selected students are able to put into practice what they have learned by conducting traffic stops with police officers in a controlled setting utilizing other students and police officer instructors.

Students are also exposed to other areas directly connected to police work. During the ten-week program students hear from an Assistant District Attorney, visit the local court to obtain a better understanding of the justice system and tour the Rockland County Medical Examiner Office. In addition, the class spends time at the Rockland County Police Academy and use the Firearm Training Simulator.

The Youth Academy introduces the students to the K-9 Officer and a demonstration by the Department canine. Also, the class observes the Departments' Sketch Artist produce a sketch with the assistance of the class. The Detective Bureau presents a session on how to process a crime scene as well. Other highly regarded components of the program are an introduction to the Department range which includes supervised firearm use and first aid training.

Objectives for 2009 are to continue the present curriculum and add a demonstration by the Department Polygraph Detective.

## YOUTH COURT

The Town of Clarkstown Youth Court was started in April of 1981. Since that time, the Court has heard over 3,050 cases and trained over 1170 local youths that have served the court Wednesday nights throughout the years. The court provides a voluntary alternative to family court for first time juvenile offenders who commit minor crimes. Violations that otherwise would go unpunished are also heard in youth court.

One Juvenile Aid Detective and a part-time secretary run youth court on a day-to-day basis. All referrals are sent to the Juvenile Aid Bureau and evaluated to see if they are eligible for participation in the court. In 2008, ninety six cases were referred to the Court and forty three of the referrals were heard. The cases that were not heard by youth court were either transferred to Family Court or the parents chose not to participate in the program. The majority of the cases before the court were petit larceny, though we heard several other minor misdemeanors and violations. We find that shoplifting continues to be a major problem. Palisades Center has led the town with referrals. Unfortunately, a majority of the shoplifters from Palisades Center are not eligible to participate in Youth Court. They either reside outside of Rockland County or have stolen more than the monetary limit set by the court.

The normal sentence for youth court offenses is community service. This year one hundred seventy four hours were spent cleaning up the town streets, commuter lots and the police and courts building as well as serving several civic organizations within the town. Also some offenders are assigned an essay along with or in lieu of their community service. This year in essays over 7,930 words were assigned dealing with the consequences of their actions as well as the effects of peer pressure on their decision-making.

This year we also trained forty two new Youth court members who went through an intense ten week course on the operation and goals of the Court. Upon completion they were all graduated and recognized by the Town Board.