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Administration

Captain
Anthony Ovchinnikoff

Chief
Michael Sullivan

Acting Chief/Captain
Robert Mahon

Detective Lieutenant
Glenn Dietrich

Administrative Lieutenant
Daniel Weisberg

Special Operations Lieutenant
Steven Morgan

Lieutenant
Thomas Prendergast

Lieutenant
Raymond McCullagh

Lieutenant
Jeffrey Wanamaker

Lieutenant
Kenneth Smith
After being appointed the Acting Chief in July 2016 I dedicated myself to keeping the Clarkstown Police department the top law enforcement agency in Rockland County. As the pages of this report unfold in front of you you’ll see examples of the excellent police work that this department continues to accomplish. This will be presented in both narrative form and by analytical statistics.

One of the most important things that I’ve done as Acting Chief is to continue to embrace the philosophy of Intelligence Lead Policing and Community Policing. Every week Sgt. Earl Lorence and his Criminal Analysts supply a detailed report to the top Administrative, Detective, and Patrol Supervisors which is then in turn, after review, sent to every Police Officer, every Dispatcher and to every single car computer for easy access. Officers are able to review summaries of the most important incidents and recent crime trends. Supervisors and officers themselves are then able to direct patrol activities where they’re needed the most. The Intelligence Lead Policing report also gives them access to the most prolific locations, both in terms of crimes and motor vehicle accidents. Addressing these most frequent locations is a top priority and will certainly make a difference in the quality of life where these problems occur and that are the most motor vehicle accident prone. Analysts assigned to the Intelligence Lead Policing Unit also use numerous data bases for predictive analysis, to scientifically forecast the likelihood of where, when and by whom the next possible criminal act will occur.

One of the most important ways to keep the community safe is to continually inform the public of what is going on around them. One way we are doing this is by dramatically increasing our use of social media. Not only do we inform the public of events and crime trends but this also allows us an additional source of information from the public. We’ve had record numbers of posts on Facebook and tweets on Twitter during 2016. This year we have no doubt attended more community meetings, senior citizens meetings, and other events where we inform the public of what is going on and what we are doing about it. As the number and type of frauds against our citizens continue to grow, this communication with our citizens will be a key part of saving them from becoming victims of these types of crimes. We look forward to working with our IT Department led by Sergeant Brian Gorsky to continue to look for new ways and technologies to keep the public better informed and have them provide us with important information.

We also continue to work with the younger members of our community. We continue to send DARE officers in the elementary Schools, we have officers and K-9 handlers giving presentations at community camps in the summer, we invite groups of young men and women into the police department to show them the complexities of police work. We have our own Police Explorer program and we administer our own Clarkstown Youth Police Academy every semester for High School Students. Our School Resource Officers continually engage high school aged young men and women that are at a very critical junction in their life. The two way flow of information between these students and our officers has proven to be invaluable.

As both the heroin and opiate addiction epidemic continues to grow our Patrol Division, Detective Bureau, Street-Crime Unit, along with our officers assigned to the Rockland County Drug Task Force have done tremendous work towards helping slow down this problem. We’re also working closely with our federal and state drug enforcement partners, the District Attorney’s Office, the schools and the Health Department in a multi prong strategy to try to help reduce this problem. We participate in Operation Take-Back on a bi-annual basis and provide a secure depository at police headquarters for residents to dispose of unwanted and unneeded drugs.

We are already working on projects that will be revealed in 2017 that will help us be a more efficient police department. We look forward to the challenges we face in 2017 and I believe we are ready for them.

Capt. B.G Mahon
Mission

The mission of the Clarkstown Police Department is to work in partnership with the Clarkstown community in order to provide the most professional and ethical police service, protect life and property, bring to justice those who violate the law, reduce fear of crime, and promote the quality of life so that the Town of Clarkstown continues to be one of the safest and most desirable places in the Country to live, raise a family and conduct business.

Code of Ethics

As a Clarkstown Police Officer I recognize that I have been entrusted with great responsibility and authority to protect people and enforce the law. I recognize that my badge is a symbol of public faith and as such I will never act in a manner that would bring discredit upon my department, my profession, or my community.

I will always conduct myself according to the highest ethical principles and the law as it is set forth in our Constitution.

I will enforce the law without passion or prejudice and without regard to personality.

Knowing that the most valuable tool at my disposal is my own credibility, I will never knowingly conduct myself in any manner, whether verbally or in writing, that would cast doubt on my ability to swear any oath.

In addition to any department training I will take it upon myself to make sure that I am always physically, mentally and emotionally fit so that I may honorably carry out the duties of my office that I swore to uphold.

I will never act officiously or condescendingly in carrying out my duties, but always respectfully and with the desire to do good. I will treat those with whom I come in contact with the way I would want any police officer to treat a member of my own family, always keeping in mind that those who come to me with a problem are not the problem, they are the reason I am here.
PERSONNEL 2016

Chief of Police
Michael R Sullivan

Operations Captain
Robert G. Mahon

Administrative Captain
Anthony Ovchinnikoff

Detective Lieutenant
Glenn Dietrich

Special Operations Lieutenant
Steven Morgan

Administrative Lieutenant
Daniel Weisberg

Patrol Lieutenants
Raymond McCullagh
Thomas Prendergast
Kenneth Smith
Jeffrey Wanamaker

Detective Sergeants
Joseph Donnary
Nicholas Lafasciano
James Quinn (Ret.)

Street Crimes Sergeant
James Fay

Strategic Intelligence Sergeant
Stephen Cole-Hatchard (Ret.)

Administrative Sergeant
JoAnne Fratianni

Emergency Management Sergeant
James McCormick

Information Services Sergeant
Brian Gorsky

Special Operations Sergeant
Michael Kelly

Patrol Sergeant
Alan Armstrong
Christopher Brigando
Daniel Burke
Steven Chernick
Glenn Cummings
Joseph Dwyer
Kieran Dwyer
John Fredericks
Earl Lorence
Gerard O’Connor

Detectives
Brian Callanan
Orlando Cruz
Dawn Fantini
William Fritz (Ret.)
Philip Galligan
Robert Galyon
Christopher Kiernan
Patrick Kivlehan
Christopher G. Maloney
Christopher L. Maloney
Robert McDonald
Brian Michel
Peter Monroe

Police Officers
Douglas Arbuco
Michael Baisley
Matthew Barry
Christopher Bax
Matthew Bender
Michael Benzinger
William Berrigan
Gary Bromm
Joseph Caivano
Brian Calore
Victor Caraballo
Frank Carbone
Daniel Chazan
Christian Cortelli
Anthony Culianos
William Cunnane
Thomas Curley
Ryan Davan
Lee Davies
Niles Davies
Richard Detoa
Kara Donohue
Matthew Dowan
Corry Doyle
Thomas Doyle
Anthony Drescher
Brian Dunne
Vitino Errico
Edward Fairclough
Ryan Fay
Martin Farrell (Ret.)

Kevin Quinn
Scott Rios
Thomas Ronan
Richard Von Ronn

Michael Novotny
Charles Owens
Frederick Parent
Brian Quinn
Frank Romano (Ret.)
Robert P. Shine

Michael Feltham
Adam Fitzgerald
Thomas Flanagan
Robert Fortune
Keith Garrabrant
Kathleen Gavin
John Giordano
Jason Gioseffi
William Gomez
Aaron Gould
Michael Graham
John Hanchar
Rory Healy
Timothy Hodges
Michael Keane
Andrew Kelly
Christopher Kelly  
Jacqueline Kennedy  
William Killian  
Joseph Knarich  
Alice Laschet  
Raymond Laschet  
Thomas Latorre  
Eric Levy  
Daniel Maloney  
Michael Maloney  
Jason Manzella  
Daniel Martin  
James McCullagh  
Robert McDermott  
Kyle McKiernan  
Kevin McTigue  
David Mendez  
George Mendez  
Henry Mendez  
Gordon Miller  
John Mollahan  
John Mullins  
Paul Munding  
Frank Negri  
Anthony Nieves  
William Oliver (Res.)  
Christina Pane  
Todd Papenmeyer  
Norman Peters  
Rodney Picott  
Victor Protasiewicz  
Tara Purcell  
Robert Reekie  
Nicolo Rendina  
Robert Reilly  
Christopher Robinson  
Mark Robinson  
William Robinson  
Thomas Rolston  
Michael Ruszkowski  
Kevin Ryan  
Kevin Shannon (Ret.)  
Kevin Shea  
Matthew Sheehy  
Robert F. Shine  
Scott Silver  
Gregory Suarez  
Sean Suarez  
Michael Tasaro  
Keith Teneyck  
Keven Thurston  
Michelle Tierney  
Patrick Tobin  
Michael Valentino  
Paul Valero  
Jay Vejnoska  
Nicholas Veltri  
Peter Walker  
Shaun Weaver  
Daniel Woolley  
Timothy Woolley  
Christopher Woulfe  

**K-9**  
Brody  
King (Ret.)  
Remmy  
Taz  

**Dispatchers**  
Beverly Brooks  
Richard Cummings  
Brian Davidson  
Jason DiSalvo  
Brian Duddy  
Joseph Koester  
Kristy Miranda  
Loraine Monahan  
Seth Needleman  
Doris Quinones  
Laurie Sharkey  
Mary Frances Ginnity-Zayas  
Roberto Zayas  

**Civilian Personnel**  
Kylie Armstrong (PT)  
Samantha Correa  
Joan Gibbs  
Elizabeth Kelley  
Dawn Lafasciano (PT)  
Pierre Llamas  
Patricia McCoy-Coleman  
Joan Murphy  
Elizabeth Noonan  
Daniel Novotny  
Margarita Sandoval  
Patrick Watson  
Linda Willows  

**Chaplain**  
Rev. David Lothrop  

**Electronics Communication Specialist**  
Morton Leifer, P.E.
Patrol Services

At the heart of the police department are the officers from the Patrol Division. These men and women are the first responders and the face of the department. Whether your call is related to police services, medical emergencies or fire calls, often the first person on the scene is a police officer.

The Clarkstown Police Department Patrol Division is comprised of 6 patrol squads. Three larger squads staff the days and evenings, each under the command of a Squad Lieutenant. Three smaller squads staff the overnight shift. These three overnight shifts are under the command of Squad Lieutenant as well.

In total, there are currently 101 officers including supervisory personnel assigned to Patrol. This also includes our three K9 officers, who in addition to their specialized training are assigned to routine patrol duties as well.

Our officers respond to numerous calls for service throughout their working day. In 2016, the Clarkstown Police handled 54,458 calls for service. This number is actually under reported, as many of our interactions with the public and services we perform on a routine basis do not generate a call for service number, and thus are not “counted” towards our total calls for service. There are many agencies that do include these ancillary calls in their reported totals, so side by side comparisons can be misleading.

The patrols cover the following areas (all or part) within the Town: New City, Congers, Valley Cottage, Rockland Lake, Upper Nyack, Nyack, Central Nyack, West Nyack, Nanuet, Spring Valley and Bardonia. The population of the Town per the 2010 census is 84,187.

The patrol division also handles all calls at both of our malls, the Palisades Center and the Shops at Nanuet.

Our patrol officers are trained and equipped to handle a wide variety of emergency and non-emergency situations. We encourage citizens to remain alert and to contact the police department whenever they observe behavior that appears suspicious.

Many of our officers have advanced educational achievements and degrees, to include various Master’s and Doctorate of Laws.

In addition, many officers have served in one of the branches of the United States Military, and some continue to serve as active reservists.

We also have many officers who have prior police experience. Most of the prior experience was with the New York City Police Department, but others have served locally in Rockland, Westchester and Orange County, while others have prior experience with departments such as the Greenwich, CT Police as well as the United States Secret Service and United States Park Police.

While we offer a wide variety of specialized services for the residents and visitors of our Town, it is the day to day work of our patrol officers that is the visible arm of our department and therefore we take great pride in putting a well-educated, well-trained and highly experienced force out every day to serve our citizens.

No matter what type of situation we encounter, whether it is criminal in nature, a civil matter, or one that just requires a trusted person to speak with and try to resolve an issue of concern, we know that the men and women of our patrol division are more than up to facing those challenges.
Communications

Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year the Clarkstown Police Department Communications Center is staffed by highly dedicated and professional Communications Dispatchers. Collectively our 12 Dispatchers are responsible for fielding calls for service and direct all emergency and non-emergency police services in the Town under the supervision of a Coordinator of Dispatch Services and Police Supervisors. In 2016 our Dispatchers fielded 105,432 incoming phone calls. In addition to police related services, the Dispatchers also direct dispatch all medical emergency response of the Town’s Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Paramedic Services. The Communications Center is in direct contact with Federal, State, County and Local Emergency Service Agencies to direct and coordinate response to any public safety contingency within the Town of Clarkstown as well as mutual aid service to other jurisdictions; this includes Fire Services, Highway Departments, Utility Companies, Building Inspectors and a myriad of support services both public and private.

All Emergency 911 calls from landline phones of residences and businesses in the Town of Clarkstown are answered directly by CPD Dispatchers as well as all non-emergency calls for services. Currently all cellular 911 calls are transferred through the Rockland County Communications Center to Clarkstown Communications Center for direct dispatch of emergency services.

The CPD recognizes that the time between our Dispatchers receiving a call for medical assistance and the arrival of emergency personnel on scene can be critical; what happens in those minutes before help arrives can make the difference between saving and losing a patient. CPD Dispatchers are Emergency Medical Dispatch certified and will provide pre-arrival telephone medical instructions based on the criteria set forth by recognized protocols and in compliance with federal guidelines. Our Dispatchers will give callers the instruction and confidence they need to perform medical assistance such as childbirths, cardiac incidents, severe lacerations, and over 40 other medical emergencies.

Our Dispatchers operate within a state of the art integrated command and control Communication Center providing full interoperability and integration of the 911 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) and the radio dispatch console. This system also interfaces with computer aided dispatch software that collects and collates data for public safety records, crime analysis and data sharing as well as interoperability with local, state and federal communications networks and databases.
The Clarkstown Police Detective Bureau is comprised of three investigative bodies. The main Detective Bureau, the Juvenile Aid Bureau, and the Street Crime Unit. The Bureau is supervised by a Detective Lieutenant, three Detective Sergeants, and a Sergeant in charge of the Street Crime Unit. The Bureau is staffed by 15 detectives, 11 assigned to the main Detective Bureau, 4 to the Juvenile Aid Bureau, and 1 on assignment to the Rockland County District Attorney’s Office. The Street Crime Unit is staffed by five Police Officers, two assigned to the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force. Within the Bureau we have Detectives specializing in Crime Scene Investigation, Arson Investigation, Video Forensics, Cell Phone Forensics, Computer Forensics, Polygraph Examinations, and Social Media Investigations.

The Detective Bureau works closely with our Patrol Division, Rockland County Detective Bureau’s, Rockland County District Attorney’s Office, Parole, Probation, New York State Police, NYPD Intelligence, Westchester County Intelligence, and Federal Agencies including the FBI, United States Marshals Service, Secret Service, United States Postal Inspectors, Homeland Security, and DEA.

The Detective Bureau investigated 747 incidents in 2016. 48 burglaries were reported in 2016. Out of the 48, 5 were attempts which is a slight increase from last year. The Bureau investigated 15 robberies resulting in 8 arrests. One of the robberies was the Key Bank in Central Nyack where the armed suspect fired 1 round towards one of the tellers. Clarkstown Detectives were able to identify the suspect’s vehicle after reviewing hours of video of the surrounding area. Detectives were able to obtain a federal search warrant with assistance from the FBI, and had the suspect in custody within two days of the robbery. There was one home invasion/robbery which resulted in the arrest of 3 suspects 10 minutes after the reported incident. 2 of the 3 suspects entered the victim’s home and robbed him of cash and jewelry at gunpoint. Street Crime Officers stopped the suspect vehicle on the NY State Thruway and recovered the proceeds. Detectives located 2 pistols on the side of the road which were used during the robbery. All 3 suspects were indicted and are being held in the Rockland County Jail. There were 12 Rape/Sexual Assaults investigated, resulting in 2 arrest. 117 Grand Larcenies were investigated, resulting in 22 arrests. There was 1 homicide in 2016. On July 16th, Patrol and Detectives responded to a stabbing at an address in Nanuet. The victim was stabbed numerous times by an acquaintance. The suspect fled the scene and was stopped by State Police that evening in Putnam County. The victim expired from his injuries days later and the suspect was charged with Murder 2nd.

Opiate addiction in the form of pills and heroin continues to be a prolific problem in the community. There were 51 overdoses reported in 2016. 8 of these resulted in deaths. 29 of these overdoses survived due to Narcan, 13 survived with no Narcan. Narcotics investigations are aggressively pursued by our Street Crime Unit and the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force.

Various frauds targeting our residents involve phone scams from outside the country. Suspects posing as IRS investigators, Police Officers, Utility Company representatives, etc. are asking residents to wire money to various addresses around the country and outside the country. These cases are being referred to our federal partners. 2016 saw a decrease of these incidents due to educating the public.

The Clarkstown Police Detective Bureau will continue to maintain a high standard of service to the community. We will continue to train our Detectives in the most current crime trends. Through our dedication and commitment, and with the support of the community, we will strive to make the Town of Clarkstown one of the safest communities in which to live.
Juvenile Aid Bureau

The Clarkstown Police Department Juvenile Aid Bureau is staffed by four Detectives and one Detective Sergeant. During 2016, the Juvenile Aid Bureau reviewed and handled 162 complaints; of these 62 Juvenile Aid Bureau case files were initiated and investigated. The cases handled by the Juvenile Aid Bureau, as the attached figures indicate, ranged from crimes classified as felonies, misdemeanors as well as violations and other various police related incidents. The 162 complaints consisted of various crimes, violations and incident types. In addition, 51 juvenile and 49 adult missing person complaints were reported and investigated. The total number of the complaints, missing persons and Juvenile Aid Case Files was 324.

The Juvenile Aid Bureau investigated five Rape cases in 2016. The number of suspicious incidents/persons and luring totaled thirteen. The Juvenile Aid Bureau investigated twenty-two Sexual Abuse/Child Abuse cases as well as one case of Sexual Misconduct and Criminal Sexual Act 1st degree. In addition, the Juvenile Aid Bureau handled 19 cases of petit larceny, the same amount as in 2015.

The Juvenile Aid Bureau is charged with the responsibility of registering Sex Offenders, and during the course of 2016, this agency registered eight sex offenders of varying levels. That number increased from five in 2015. Juvenile Aid detectives also accompanied Probation Officers from Rockland County to do periodic home visitations of all Sex Offenders who are on probation as well as high risk probationers.

The Juvenile Aid Bureau is the principal investigating unit that deals with Missing Person cases. During 2016, 100 Missing Persons complaints were received by the police department. Any cases which were considered to be of an emergency nature and any cases in which the missing person was not located within 24 hours were investigated by the Juvenile Aid Bureau. All of the persons reported missing in 2016 have been located as of this report.

The Detectives of the Juvenile Aid Bureau attended a number of training classes during 2016. These classes included a four day seminar in Dallas, Texas entitled “Crimes Against Children”. Juvenile Aid detectives attended a five day training seminar for the Advanced Juvenile Officer Course in Geneva, NY offered by the State of NY Police Juvenile Officers Association. Detectives also attended seminars hosted by the NY State Police regarding Crimes Against Children. Other training received addressed sexual assault investigations, sexual deviance training and cold case long term missing person investigations.

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

The Special Victims Center at Good Samaritan Hospital has a part-time medical doctor on staff, and Rockland County continues to contract services with Westchester Medical Center for medical services. The Juvenile Aid Bureau made use of these services several times during the course of the year to provide medical services for sex crime victims.

The Clarkstown Police Department Juvenile Aid Bureau is the benchmark for Juvenile Services in the Rockland County Law Enforcement and continues to provide a crucial service to the people of Clarkstown.
Street Crimes Unit

The Clarkstown Police Street Crime Unit (SCU) falls under the command of the Detective Bureau. The unit is comprised of one sergeant and five officers whose primary focus is to address street level criminality and quality of life offenses within the Town. These crimes include, but are not limited to; drug offenses, prostitution, larcenies, property crimes and the apprehension of dangerous or wanted individuals. The unit works closely with the Detective Bureau, Patrol Division, Community Police Unit and other interdepartmental units. Similarly, the SCU interacts and collaborates with other municipal, state and federal agencies in order to maximize its efficiency and enhance the work it provides for the Town.

Two of the five SCU officers are assigned to the Rockland County Drug Task Force. These officers focus exclusively on narcotics investigations within the Town of Clarkstown and throughout Rockland County as a whole. The SCU officers assigned to the Drug Task Force work closely in conjunction with their SCU counterparts and actively work with all Rockland County law enforcement agencies as well as the U.S. DEA and Department of Homeland Security. Mandated information sharing and a focused coordination of effort between the Drug Task Force and the SCU provides for precisely concentrated investigative efforts. Street level enforcement operations begun by the SCU are thus generated into larger, more sophisticated investigations by their assigned counterparts at the Drug Task Force. This dynamic allows the SCU to pursue its mission on a daily basis, while simultaneously utilizing expanded law enforcement resources in order to improve the quality of life within the Town of Clarkstown.

The SCU this year has collaborated closely with the U.S. DEA and the RCDTF in addressing the opiate epidemic. Seven residents died this year as a result of opiate overdoses in our jurisdiction, while over 50 others were revived by CPD patrol though the administration of Noloxone (Narcan). Multiple investigations with regard to these occurrences and the heroin trade in Clarkstown and beyond are ongoing. This very serious matter affects a significant number of families within Town and is of the utmost importance to the SCU.

During the past year the SCU made a determined effort to address the issue of prostitution and its related offenses. Due to the availability of internet advertising and the sheer number of hotels located within the Town of Clarkstown, we have witnessed a significant increase in prostitution. The initiative put forth by the SCU, which has resulted in the arrest of 70 individuals and the seizure of $21,500 USC during the last 12 months, has been successful in greatly diminishing the amount of prostitution within the Town. The SCU works closely with the Rockland County District Attorney’s Office in terms of prosecution and in terms of seeking assistance for persons believed to be victims of sex trafficking, those seeking help with drug addiction and persons who are otherwise determined vulnerable and in need of help. Prostitution is not a victimless crime by any means and, in its broader sense, falls well beyond the definition of a “quality of life” offense. The SCU intends to continue with this initiative in 2017 and is prepared to expand the scope of these investigations to include persons and organizations beyond those traditionally targeted in such cases. While we will continue to address prostitutes, their customers, those who promote prostitution and sex traffickers, the SCU will also begin to aggressively target the third-party benefactors of the prostitution trade.

The SCU this year consistently utilized the assets of the Rockland County Strategic Intelligence Center. This unit is extremely useful in assisting with social media, predictive analysis, asset forfeiture and a multitude of other investigative tools specific to the type of work pursued by the SCU.

The strong partnership the SCU enjoys with the Rockland County Drug Task Force directly resulted in the RCDTF generating approximately thirty five additional cases specific to drug sales. This reciprocal relationship is a model of coordinated effort and an example of how agencies can combine their attributes and resources to achieve greater results.

In 2016 the SCU initiated and participated in investigations and enforcement efforts pertaining to drug sales, drug possession, drug overdoses, prostitution / sex trafficking, robberies, burglaries, dangerous / wanted persons and a myriad of other offenses. The SCU arrested 129 separate individuals, charging them with over 275 offenses. This activity is specific to the three officers and one Sgt. assigned to HQ.

In 2017 the Street Crime Unit will continue to pursue its mission of addressing street level and quality of life crimes. The unit will continue to collaborate with internal and external resources in order to implement intelligent and meaningful enforcement efforts for the benefit of the Town of Clarkstown and its residents.

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*includes prostitution, promoting prostitution, soliciting a prostitute and sex trafficking offenses
Strategic Intelligence Unit

The Strategic Intelligence Unit was created in early 2015 jointly by the Town of Clarkstown Police Department and the Rockland County District Attorney’s Office as an intelligence based operation. One of the primary missions of the Unit is to transition the Clarkstown Police Department to an “Intelligence Led Policing” model.

In most police departments throughout the United States current police operations entail responding to calls when requested, and tackling past crimes one laborious investigation at a time. Response time and problem solving generally increases and decreases in direct relationship to money and resources available.

Intelligence Led Policing (“ILP”) allows for more effective and productive police work without the need to spend more money or increase police resources. In essence, ILP provides the tools to do more with less – to reduce crime and enhance quality of life without spending more taxpayer dollars.

Using computer models, statistics on prolific offenders, data on previous crimes, and information on the physical environment, officers and civilian crime analysts forecast crime patterns, anticipate criminal and other dangerous activity, and recommend action to prevent it.

During 2016, the Strategic Intelligence Unit saw a leadership change and various crime analysts turnover.

However, the SIU continued to provide outstanding service to the citizens of Clarkstown and Rockland County.

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TOTAL CASES = 220*

Warrant Squad

The Clarkstown Police Warrant Squad continued forward during the year 2016. 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 City 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 Bureaus have also benefited from the aid of the Warrant Squad through informants and information given in pending cases.

In the year 2016, the Clarkstown Justice Court issued two hundred fifty three new warrants. The Warrant Squad was responsible for clearing two hundred forty eight warrants consisting of thirty seven felonies, three driving while intoxicated, two violations of probation, three bail jumping warrants and two hundred eleven various misdemeanors and violations.

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

The Warrant Squad also assists the Clarkstown Justice Court and patrol force with providing court security during criminal and civil hearings.
The Clarkstown Police Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) was formed in 1991. The Department recognized a need for a highly trained tactical team to handle high risk warrants, barricaded felons, emotionally disturbed individuals, hostage situations, and executive protection of VIP’s. High standards were set for members to be part of an entry element, marksman/observer element, and negotiators. These standards included physical fitness, shooting skills, tactical movement, mental conditioning, and their background with the department. The team is led by a Lieutenant as the Commanding Officer, and a Lieutenant as the Executive Officer. The team consists of an entry element of 15 officers led by 2 Sergeants, a marksman/observer element of 9 officers, and a negotiator element of 6 officers. The team is supported by 2 K9’s and their handlers who train with the team and are deployed on operations. We are also supported by tactical medics and a Medical Doctor supplied by Rockland Paramedics.

On April 6, 2016, the CIRT Team was one out of 8 teams in New York State to be awarded with SWAT Certification presented by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC), and the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). This is also the second year in a row that we were awarded the $100,000.00 State SWAT Grant. 2016 is our Teams 25th anniversary. We are very proud of our accomplishments over the last 25 years, we are also very proud of attaining our State SWAT Certification which reflects on our training and performance over the years. The CIRT Team is a part time team and all members have regular duty assignments in the Police Department. Training is conducted twice a month, and one full week per year, which follows the National Tactical Officers standards for training time. Members have trained with the FBI, NYPD, DEA, US Army Counter narcotics and Special Weapons and Tactics, H and K International Training School, Singleton International Hostage Rescue School, LAPD SWAT, and the Naval Special Warfare Development Group.

There are Team members who are certified instructors in firearms, diversion devices, explosive and shotgun breaching, less lethal munitions, defensive tactics, ballistic shields, tactical movement, hostage negotiations, NTOA Certified Active Shooter Instructors, MACTAC (Multi Assault Counter Terrorism Action Capabilities) Instructors, and marksman-observer operations. Members of the Team serve as primary instructors for the Rockland County Police Academy recruit and in-service program for active shooter, and MACTAC classes. The CIRT Team has a working relationship with the Rockland County REACT Team, and the Spring Valley Police Department Tactical Team. All 3 teams in the County continue to train and work together to ensure the safety of all County residents.
Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) reports to the Chief of Police and is responsible for managing and mitigating incidents of natural and man-made emergencies that affect the town, endanger its citizens and threaten its assets. The OEM identifies potential hazards, implements procedures to pre-plan responses, and assists with coordination of rescue and recovery efforts between law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, other government agencies, utility providers, and public and private entities that may be called on to assist in the time of need.

The OEM prepares and implements the Town of Clarkstown’s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The Office is also responsible for the management of the town’s Emergency Operations center, ensuring that stakeholders and department heads have readily accessible information in real time to assist their decision making process.

The OEM maintains and operates the town’s “Ready Clarkstown” emergency notification system, a computer based reverse 911 system that allows the town to notify tens of thousands of residents of pending events via telephone, computer, text message or e-mail. The system has been used to notify residents of emergency conditions such as natural gas leaks, train derailments, potential hazardous material releases and threatening weather conditions. The system is also available to inform the public of crime prevention methods as well as topics of general interest to residents, such as street closings, suspension of trash pickup, etc.

The OEM educates the department’s officers on the safe detection and awareness of hazardous materials. On site, members of the OEM work to contain spills and facilitate their proper cleanup. The OEM works with the Rockland County Hazardous Materials Response Team, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and private vendors. The OEM also works with the town to recoup financial losses stemming from spills or dumping where applicable.

The OEM conducts New York State mandated Bloodborne pathogen training for all members of the department each year. The OEM also is charged with the documentation and follow up of employees exposed to illness or transmittable diseases, as well as the use of personal protective equipment to prevent exposures. This year’s in-service training included response to CSX train incidents. Because of the large increase of crude oil being transported through our approximate seven miles of rail that run through the town, preplanning and drills are extremely important. Our team is part of a rail regional planning group tasked to updating and improving plans to include evacuation routes, sheltering and sustained water supply and staging areas.

This year several accidents occurred at the Congers CSX railroad crossing where drivers accidentally drove onto the tracks and became stuck. Oncoming trains have struck two of these vehicles thankfully resulting in no injuries. The Unit led a coordinated effort that led to the installation of new street lighting, roadway markings and added signage and signaling. Many agencies participated in this project that included the Federal Railroad Agency, CSX, New York State Department of Transportation, Rockland County Transportation, Rockland County Highway Department and the Clarkstown Highway Department.

The town community centers, located in New City, Nanuet, Congers and Central Nyack are equipped to act as emergency warming centers in the event of prolonged and widespread outages or other emergencies. In addition, OEM has assets in place to utilize the Palisades Center Mall and Nyack High School as emergency shelters.

The OEM continues to work with the management of the Palisades Center Mall, one of the largest shopping venues, to pre-plan responses to threats at the shopping center. The mall houses more than 400 stores on four floors, and welcomes over 20 million visitors per year.

The OEM has conducted numerous active shooter drills with the retail stores at both the Palisades Center Mall and the Shops at Nanuet. During these drills members of the department discussed procedures an employee may take during such an event and gives an opportunity for these employees to ask other questions and review their emergency plans.

The OEM will be training with our newly elected and appointed officials in the NYS Emergency Management Certification: Tier 3. This training will assist in creating unified emergency management training, education, communication and response protocols for our town.

In the upcoming year, the OEM hopes to continue to build on our relationships with other agencies, and formulate plans to share information and resources to achieve common goals. This year we are participating in several drills including a CSX tabletop drill and an Active Shooter exercise at one of our shopping centers.
The Office of Professional Standards is under the command of the Administrative Captain who reports directly to the Chief of Police. This unit ensures that the Department upholds its high level of professionalism in order maintain the public trust. The primary duties of this unit are:

1. Investigate complaints of misconduct by members of the Department.
2. Investigate civilian complaints against members of the Department.
3. Maintain standards required by New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program
4. Develop, maintain and review the Department’s policies and procedures.
5. Department training and certifications.

The department continued its successful use of the Internal Affairs computer software called "IAPRO". This software has greatly assisted the Professional Standards unit with the proper recording, registering, tracking and controlling of investigations of complaints against our Police Officers. "IAPRO" 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. Additionally, all officer Use of Force incidents are investigated through several command levels to ensure that the force used was proper, justified and within departmental policy. This program is also used to analyze and track on-duty police vehicle accidents and for the documentation of all random drug tests administered to our officers.

In 2016, the Professional Standards Unit received and successfully resolved twelve (14) investigations. Of these, twelve (12) were administrative investigations and two (2) were civilian complaints. After investigations, the civilian complaints were classified as follows:

One was unfounded and the other was exonerated.

The twelve administrative investigations resulted with ten being “sustained” with disciplinary action taken, one was “closed without finding” and one the Officer was “exonerated”.

In order to maintain the public’s trust and to protect the integrity of the Department, forty two (42) random drug screenings were conducted, all resulting in negative results.

Every Use of Force incident is also investigated to insure that it was in compliance with Department policy. Use of Force incidents are defined as physical force, less lethal weapons such as Tasers, pepper spray, impact weapons such as a baton, canine, firearm display to discharge of a firearm. In 2016, forty one (41) use of force incidents were investigated with none involving the discharge of a firearm. All use of force incidents were found to be within policy.

Additionally, fourteen (14) motor vehicle accidents involving police vehicles were investigated, reviewed and appropriate action taken where necessary. Considering the fact that our vehicles are driven 24 hours a day, 365 days a year logging over 800,000 miles in 2016, our accident rate is very low with 13 of these accidents being minor property damage accidents and the other resulting in minor injuries only. We attribute this very low accident rate in part to the continued Emergency Vehicle Operation training our Officers go through as part of our annual in-service training.

The Office of Professional Standards 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 of 2013, 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 annual compliance with applicable standards. An annual maintenance schedule established by the Office 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. The Department is next due for a full reaccreditation in the spring of
2018 with the process beginning in 2017. Training needs and issues are also coordinated through the Office of Professional Standards. Ongoing training is critical to the efficient and professional administration of a modern police department. 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 terrorist threat, both foreign and home grown. With active shooter incidents seeming to be so prevalent in the country, we regularly train our Officers in responding to such incidents. The department also regularly trains our schools staff and other community organizations in Active Shooter drills. We feel that being prepared and properly trained is the best way to protect our children, staff and residents in the event of such an incident. Moving into 2017 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.

FBI National Academy

The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. Approximately 1,000 law enforcement officials are selected to attend this prestigious training each year. The officers selected come from local, state, Federal and International agencies. Clarkstown has been fortunate to have had several officers attend over the years. The list shows those active and retired officers who attended the NA.

In 2015, Lt. Jeffrey Wanamaker joined the ranks of proud Clarkstown Officers who attended and graduated from this prestigious training program.

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Clarkstown Malls

The Town of Clarkstown is home to two large shopping malls, the Palisades Center and The Shops at Nanuet. Since its opening in 1998, the Palisades Center has been a very busy venue, attracting approximately 24 million visitors a year. The volume of people at the mall provides some unique law enforcement challenges for the Clarkstown Police Department. In 2013, the smaller Shops at Nanuet opened on the site of the old Nanuet Mall.

CPD works closely with mall management and security personnel, as well as mall merchants and merchant loss prevention/security to provide a safe environment for employees and customers of these large retail-shopping complexes. In 2016 the Clarkstown Police Department responded to two thousand one hundred eighty three (2,183) incidents at the Palisades Center. This number represents approximately 6.5% of the calls answered by the department. Incidents are those calls that require a police report to be generated. Approximately one-half of the calls for service handled by the department are classified as incidents. A statistical review of the incidents shows the five most frequent incident types at the malls are:

Due to its size and the volume of people who work and visit the Palisades Center, the mall has officers specifically assigned to it on a daily basis. Officers assigned to the Mall detail were responsible two hun-
dred and eighty one (281) persons arrested for offenses ranging from violations to felonies.
The number of suspects arrested accounts for 21.3% of the persons arrested by the Clarkstown Police Department in 2016.

The Clarkstown Police Department will continue to work with other agencies including the United States Secret Service, the New York Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other agencies across the country in order to ensure the arrest and prosecution of identity thieves who decide to target the

Information Services

The Information Technology (IT) Division is staffed by an Information Technology Sergeant, the Coordinator of Dispatch Services and 3 other civilian IT personnel. They are responsible for all aspects of technology in the Police Department, including but not limited to:

- the installation, repair and upgrades of all desktop computers, mobile/car computers and related peripherals
- the servers and software that run the many software applications used on a daily basis by the members of the Police Department
- the video camera systems at police headquarters as well as the Town commuter lots in Nanuet
- the 911 Communications Center and its related equipment (phone lines, both regular and 911, video wall, computers, etc.)
- the in-building Voice over IP (VoIP) telephone system and door access control system at Police Headquarters
- the maintenance of computers in the Town’s Justice Court located on the third floor of the Police Department facility
- the maintenance of computers and connectivity at the 2 police substations at the Palisades Mall and Shops at Nanuet
- the maintenance of connectivity between the Police Department systems and the County of Rockland and New York State Division of Criminal Justice’s systems

Internet Infrastructure and Cybersecurity Initiatives
In early 2016 the Town, in order to save money and increase bandwidth, decided to switch their Internet service provider. This involved replacement of all fiber connectivity for both Internet as well as the Town’s private wide area network (WAN) infrastructure. The switchover was completed in the fall of 2016. As a result, in addition to lower monthly costs, the Police Department now has an Internet connection with ten times more bandwidth than the previous connection.

We at the Police Department decided that this switch provided us with a good opportunity to save some additional money on services by also replacing our main Internet router and hardware firewall. The existing router and firewall were aging, no longer being produced by the vendor, didn’t contain the latest security technologies and were not adequate for the higher bandwidth requirements that were put in place. The replacement router and firewall provide the latest technology to protect against cybersecurity threats and improved performance as well as provides a tertiary backup for Internet access using wireless 4G technology. This is being done as we become more and more dependent on the Internet and cloud based services and prepare for all contingencies.

We also took the opportunity to evaluate our connectivity to other Town and County resources and further harden those connections by routing them all through the new firewall and subjecting that traffic to the same scrutiny as that of Internet traffic.

Virtual Server Infrastructure and Disaster Recovery
About 7 years ago, the Police Department moved from a network consisting of dozens of physical servers stacked in several racks to a VMWare/Cisco/EMC virtual environment consisting of just 3 physical servers and a storage array. This not only saved money but also reduced the need for space and reduced maintenance.

As technology evolved over the years, many more cost effective and space efficient solutions came to market. Anticipating the need to upgrade our current virtual environments hardware as well as underlying operating system and after much research, we chose to move to a less expensive virtual environment with a smaller footprint using Nutanix hardware.

Due to the significantly lower cost, this also allowed us to move forward on a long overdue project to stand up a Disaster Recovery Center in Pomona at the Rockland County Radio Communications Center (44-control). We were able to purchase 2 identical Nutanix systems for less than the cost of one new VMWare/Cisco/EMC system. This will allow us to have a mirrored server environment and to continue operations in the event of a weather event, fire, flood or other catastrophe that would render our police headquarters unusable.

It is anticipated that both environments will be in place and operation by the middle of 2017.

Clarkstown Police Information Network (CPIN)
In 2015 the Department introduced the Smartforce system to serve as the platform for the Clarkstown Police Information Network (CPIN); the Department’s Intranet. A cloud based solution,
it allows officers more access from more places to the information in CPIN. Instead of being limited to accessing CPIN on the Police Department’s internal network, officers can now access the information they need from their smartphone, tablet or other computer. During 2016 we moved forward implementing more modules of the Smartforce solution including compliance management and training.

As a result of our progressive and forward thinking philosophy, Adventos, the developers of the Smartforce Agency Management Solution, presented the police department with the LEAP Command Academy 2016 Leadership Excellence Award. The award was given to us in recognition of our achievements in creating law enforcement administrative efficiencies that greatly enhance organizational effectiveness and productive policing hours.

In-House Video System Upgrade
In early 2016, we began phase 1 of the upgrade of our decade old in-house analog cameras and video recorders by replacing the cameras in our cell area and implementing a new video management system (VMS) to configure and manage them. The new system provides megapixel, IP-based cameras connected to network video recorders for high quality video.

During the summer of 2016, we proceeded with phase 2 of the project which included replacement of the remaining 4 analog video recorders with 2 new digital network video recorders. Since we did not have enough funding to replace all of the building cameras, we used encoders to convert the old analog camera signals to digital so they could be configured and managed in the new VMS.

In addition to these in-house camera system infrastructure upgrades, the NYS Department of Transportation (DOT), embarked on a redesign of the Route 59 Commuter Lot’s at Exit 14 in Nanuet. Several years prior, the Town had received a grant to equip those lots with cameras. Those analog cameras were nearly a decade old and beginning to fail. After negotiations with the NYS DOT, they agreed to fund the replacement of said cameras as a part of their redesign project. By the end of 2016, the cameras were purchased and the contractor for NYS began installing them in the lots. It is anticipated that the new cameras will be live in early 2017 and will feed into our new VMS system.

Video Wall Upgrade
Also in early 2016, we embarked on a project to upgrade the video wall system in our communications center by replacing rear-projection, analog video display cubes with more efficient, less expensive, High Definition flat panel LED displays. The video wall provides our police officers and dispatchers with a wall of video monitors that allow them to monitor cameras as well as provide real-time information from our computer aided dispatch and other systems. The upgrade also included replacing the back end server infrastructure that provides the content for the video wall screens. By changing the vendor and back-end technologies used for the video wall, it is estimated that we saved over $100,000 on the upgrade costs alone as well as $20,000+ per year going forward as a result of lower energy usage, software maintenance costs and hardware replacement costs.

Multipurpose Room Upgrade
The multipurpose room in the basement level of police headquarters serves as a meeting facility, training room and emergency operations center. Not since police headquarters was opened in 1994 had a major upgrade to the technology in the room been done. As a result, in 2016 we embarked on a project to improve the technology in the room and make it more user friendly.

The single video screen and projector were replaced with a state of the art podium containing a computer, touch screen and DVD player as well as 2-110” electronic projection screens, 2 full HD projectors, 4 additional LCD displays, an RTI centralized controller system with a touchscreen, 8x8 HDMI matrix switcher and amplifier. The new system is user friendly and flexible enough to be used for all activities that may be conducted in the room. Other 2016 accomplishments included:

- replacement of Case Sentry networking monitoring solution with the significantly lower cost PRTG Network Monitor software
- implementation of KATS K9 software for K9 handlers
- began the POSS software upgrade project to move the police department’s scheduling software to the newest version; estimated to go live in early 2017
- upgrade infrastructure for our connection to NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and DMV from legacy router to new web services connection
- continued to work with NDIRS to facilitate connectivity for the new LPR system

Plans for 2017
In addition to continuing to trouble-shoot, maintain and upgrade various systems in the Police Department, below are some of the plans for 2017:

- Upgrade remaining analog cameras at police headquarters to new IP-based cameras
- Upgrade video camera system at the Nanuet Train Station. We have begun talks with MTA Metro-North Railroad to upgrade the existing camera system covering the train platform and lot adjacent to it.
- Move the Police Department to our own domain for network infrastructure and email
- Complete configuration and installation of the Nutanix virtual environment at police headquarters and the disaster recovery center
- Coordinate the upgrade of the 911 Communications Centers phone and Motorola radio system upgrades
- Upgrade wireless infrastructure at police headquarters
- Continue to evaluate and improve upon cybersecurity, including adding additional endpoint security as well as a real-time security information and event management system (SIEM).

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The Special Operations Division is the Department’s Operational Support Services section comprised of various units staffed to provide proactive police services to the community. These specialized units respond to quality of life issues and concerns in the community and school based programs that fall beyond the scope of normal patrol operations.

**K9 Unit**

The K-9 Unit has three police canine teams that provide support to the Department’s Patrol Operations and Investigative Units. They are deployed daily in patrol operations handling calls for service while also readily available to perform specialized duties including drug interdiction in locating illegal narcotics, tracking criminals, tracking lost or missing persons, locating evidence or lost property, conducting building searches, and serving high risk warrants. The Handlers are constantly training with their K-9’s to maintain certifications and operational readiness at any given time day or night. The Unit will also participate in school and community demonstrations of our K-9’s capabilities. Our current canine teams are PO Michael Keane and German Shepherd “Taz”, PO Bob Reekie and Dutch Shepherd “Remy” and PO Bob Reilly with our newest addition Shepinois “Brody”.

School Programs

School Resource Officers

Schools Resource Officers (SRO) are assigned to the Town’s Four Public High Schools, the Felix Festa Middle School and Rockland BOCES. All SRO’s are sworn officers who are certified members of the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO).

The SRO program is founded on the “triad” concept of school-based policing dividing the SRO’s responsibilities into three areas: teacher, counselor, and law enforcement officer. Our SRO program focuses well beyond an on-site law enforcement resource for school safety, security, and the low probability/high consequence of school violence; it is a collaborative effort with educators, students, parents and communities with the common goal of providing a safe learning environment in our schools and early intervention for “at risk” children. The SROs interact daily with the students on a broad range of topics: bullying, aggression, dating violence, gang violence, driving safety, underage drinking, drinking and driving, drug use, peer pressure, internet safety, search and seizure laws, sex crimes, the rights of victims of crime, and more. SRO’s, in discussing these social problems can provide “real world” information and advice to help students understand and confront issues common to their childhood experience. As students are better able to deal with issues outside the classroom, they are better prepared to excel inside the classroom. More so, these topics can often identify risky behaviors and potential problems that can then be addressed through early intervention and referral to the nexus of parents, educators, counselors, mental health officials, and social services.

School Safety Programs

There are currently 2 technology-based school safety programs being piloted in the Town designed to improve communications and the sharing of information between participating schools and local first responders during an emergency.

Safety Drills on both platforms are now conducted regularly. In an emergency, mere seconds can make all the difference in averting tragedy, this new technology is yet another step we are taking to better protect students and ensure that first responders and law enforcement have access to quick and accurate information.

Mutualink is an IP-based multi-media communications solution for event-based incident management, enabling real-time information sharing, including voice, video, data and text, between schools and emergency responders. School radios, phones and mobile devices are connected to emergency dispatch systems to immediately alert responders.
and help them arrive on-scene faster, thus streamlining the emergency response process and eliminating time wasted during relaying telephone calls and message errors. Mutualink also provides a “panic button” feature which, when activated by the school, gives law enforcement instant access to the schools’ communications.

Current Schools participating are Clarkstown North HS, Clarkstown South HS, Clarkstown District Office, Nyack HS, Albertus Magnus HS, and BOCES. Mutualink was acquired through a pilot program being run by New York State in Rockland and Oneida Counties.

Share911 is operational at all schools in the Nanuet School District.

Share911.com, a private and secure web application that lets the school administrators and staff and the Department share real-time information with one another during any kind of emergency.

Share911 utilizes a decentralized approach in enhancing emergency response to Nanuet Schools.

React – Dispatchers, Administrators and Employees can activate lockdowns, safety holds and alerts instead of having to notify the central office. The alert is sent electronically to every administrator, employees, SRO and Dispatch with mobile devices instantly, wherever they are. Empowering your employees can save time and lives, by separating the threat from their target or getting people away from danger.

Respond – Dispatch will notify or be notified directly on their computers when an incident occurs, letting all stakeholders know the nature of the threat and communicate critical information prior to units arriving on scene and during the event. By monitoring real time data directly to and from administrators and employees throughout the school we can direct resources to exactly where the threat is or where people are trapped or injured.

Check in – When a major event has occurred, the employees will check in with their location, status and account for the students. Dispatchers will have phone numbers of the employees as they check in having direct access to these employees for real-time information.

In 2016, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program completed its 27th year in the Clarkstown Police Department. The D.A.R.E. program is taught in thirteen (13) public schools and two (2) parochial schools within the township.

The Department’s two DARE Officers teach the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program teaching students not just that they should refuse drugs and alcohol, and not participate in violent activities, but how to do so. It gives children the skills needed to recognize and resist the subtle and overt pressures that cause them to engage in risky and self-destructive behaviors by focusing on the development of positive social skills to enable young people to resist peer pressure and that popularity can be found in positive behavior and good choices. The kids learn that belonging need not require them to abandon their values that self-confidence and self-worth come from asserting themselves and resisting destructive temptations.

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 4th grade students and conduct safety lessons, including lessons on stranger danger and cyber bullying. The D.A.R.E. officers also 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 3 on 3 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 also participate in parent information nights.
Community Policing

The Community Police Unit adheres to the proactive policing concept known as “broken windows.” By working with residents as well as various government, community and private entities the Unit attempts to mediate and resolve issues that don’t necessarily arise to or require traditional law enforcement response. The Unit employs a Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) approach: identifying emergent problems, gathering information, bringing together stakeholders, and implementing specific strategies to identify, reduce, eliminate and prevent quality of life issues before they escalate. They will then identify stakeholders and resources necessary to resolve the issues and act as a liaison between our residents and the myriad of local and state agencies and services necessary to facilitate successful resolution. The objective of the unit is to effectively reduce the number of civilian complaints by being proactive in addressing, mediating and mitigating quality of life issues such as abandoned vehicles, graffiti, dumping, failing to maintain property, illegal housing, overnight parking, homeless persons, neighborhood disagreements and the mediation of disputes that are civil in nature.

Community Policing Officers promote citizen awareness in the crime prevention through educational and safety-related presentations at our local civic associations, senior citizen groups and a variety of both public and private sector venues. These crimes include but are not limited to thefts, larcenies, burglaries, scams, and any other predatory activity that public awareness minimizes the risks of becoming a victim. We have seen a tremendous increase in the number of attempted scams during the past year which include the IRS scam, Grandmother-Grandfather scam, Lottery scams, and Microsoft scam all of which target the general population but especially the elderly. During the course of 2018 we will continue to update, remind and warn residents of these various scams. The Community Police Unit participates at various community based events such as Street Fairs and Festivals, School Functions, and Town sponsored events. They also tours of the police department given for boy scouts, girl scouts, seniors, and schools. At the request of residents and businesses the unit conducts security surveys that consists of checking premises for adequate locks, exterior lighting, security systems and landscape obstructions and making recommendations for improvement.

As members of the Counterterrorism Zone 4 Action Team, the Community Policing Officers participate in Operation Safeguard. Operation Safeguard is a New York State Office of Homeland Security (OHS) program that identifies the components of certain private sector businesses whose products can aid terrorists. The OHS has created informational packages whose products can aid terrorists. The Community Police Unit participates in Operation Safeguard. Operation Safeguard is a New York State Office of Homeland Security (OHS) program that identifies the components of certain private sector businesses whose products can aid terrorists. The OHS has created informational packages that won’t necessarily arise to or require traditional law enforcement response.

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The Unit sponsors a Vin Etching Program. “Watch your car VIN (vehicle identification number) program” is a nationwide program in which vehicle owners can have a permanent engraving of a vehicle’s federally registered vehicle identification number (VIN) onto its windshield and windows. VIN etching is a deterrent to thieves because it not only makes it nearly impossible for thieves to profit from selling windows and windshields, but it also makes it more difficult for thieves to find a way to dispose of the vehicle once it has been stolen. As a result, VIN etching is recommended by police and insurance agencies to protect against auto theft. Vehicles are usually stolen for one of two reasons, resale value or individual parts. Before selling a stolen vehicle a thief would have to replace the VIN-etched glass, a time consuming and expensive task. And, if a thief tries to sell the parts from a vehicle for profit, the VIN-etched parts are a higher risk for both the thief and the disreputable auto parts seller. Therefore, the reduced profit and high risk associated with stealing a VIN-etched car make it a less likely target for auto theft. The other advantage is that a number of insurance agencies offer a discount off the comprehensive portion of your insurance or waive your insurance deductibles if your vehicle is protected by VIN etching.

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Traffic

The Traffic Enforcement Unit conducts selective enforcement throughout the Town enforcing traffic laws, that when violated, frequently result in motor vehicle accidents, personal injuries and property damage. The Unit employs the Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) by integrating location-based traffic crash and crime data analysis to determine the most effective and efficient areas to deploying our traffic enforcement officers as well as other resources including Speed Counters, Speed Trailers, Message Boards and Decoy Cars. Drawing on the deterrent value of highly visible traffic enforcement and the knowledge that crimes often involve motor vehicles, the goal of DDACTS is to reduce traffic accidents, deter crime, and enforce traffic laws in the Town. The Unit will also enforce State and Local Parking regulations on our roadways, commuter lots and commercial parking lots to maintain public safety, peace and good order amongst our citizens. The Traffic Unit will also address citizen complaint driven traffic issues from the community with “Operation Slowdown”, a public awareness and enforcement initiative against speeding and reckless drivers on secondary roads through local neighborhoods. Citizen complaints are evaluated based on reported and observed traffic violations as well as deploying electronic traffic monitors. It will then be determined to be either a selective enforcement issue or a traffic calming issue that requires high frequency high visibility patrol by normal patrol operations as well as the deployment of our speed trailers, message boards and decoy cars.

The Unit, with supplemental funding from Rockland County STOP DWI, conducts monthly DWI patrols, periodic DWI Checkpoints and targeted enforcement details in and around holiday weekends. The goal is to reduce the number of persons killed or injured in alcohol and other drug related traffic crashes by promoting DWI prevention through aggressive enforcement and public education.

The Unit will also conducted periodic targeted enforcement initiatives funded by the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee to address traffic laws pertaining to stopping for school buses, unlawful mobile device use, seat belt compliance, and aggressive driving. These enforcement initiatives are combined with educational awareness campaigns through press releases and electronic message boards placed strategically throughout the Town.

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The Traffic Unit conducts Commercial Vehicle Inspection and Enforcement details to ensure the safe operation of commercial vehicles on the Highways of Clarkstown. Inspection and Enforcement checkpoints are performed in conjunction with NYS Department of Transportation. Commercial routes such as Routes 303, 304, 59 and 9W are targeted with enforcement of NYS Law and Regulations regarding safety equipment, permits, Hazardous Materials, secure loads, and proper bills of lading and driver licensing. Non-commercial routes, such as county and town roads are also checked with regard to weight restrictions. Any motor vehicle accident involving commercial vehicle are also subject to a safety inspection.
DWI Enforcement

The Clarkstown Police Department maintains a strong commitment to the enforcement of Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Impaired Drugs and Zero Tolerance Laws of the State of New York. With combination of normal patrol operations and selective enforcement details funded in partnership with Rockland County STOP-DWI, the Department maintains constant vigilance for impaired drivers on the roads of Clarkstown. Driving impaired by prescription medications, or by illegal narcotics, is a growing problem throughout the state and to combat that the Department has two trained Drug Recognition Experts to detect and apprehend motorists operating vehicles while impaired by drugs.

In 2016, the Department made 51 arrests for driving while intoxicated and driving while impaired by drugs. Supplementing normal patrol operations, the Department conducted 25 selective enforcement details funded in partnership with Rockland County STOP-DWI that included Hi-Visibility Patrols and Targeted Crackdowns focusing on specific periods throughout the year known for increased DWI activity. Funding for these efforts was further augmented by a grant from the Governor’s Highway Traffic Safety Committee which provided resources for increased patrols during designated holiday periods, including Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Years, Memorial Day, July 4th, as well as three other designated periods during the year.

The Town of Clarkstown Police Department, in conjunction with the Rockland County Sheriff’s Department, also participated in an annual DWI Checkpoint, which was conducted on Thanksgiving Weekend and resulted in 7 arrests. The Checkpoint serves as not only as a means to apprehend offenders, but as a high visibility deterrent by showing that the Clarkstown Police Department takes driving while intoxicated/impaired offenses seriously. The Town of Clarkstown Command Van is utilized as a mobile command post for this detail, as is the Sheriff’s Department Command Van which allows for expeditious processing of any arrests, including administering Blood Alcohol Content tests.

For 2017, our goal is to increase the amount of enforcement and arrests for violators of New York Driving While Intoxicated/Impaired laws. We will also continue efforts to educate the public about the dangers and consequences of operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

S.M.A.R.T. Sales

The S.M.A.R.T. Sales Program targets the point of sale of alcohol through the vigorous use of “compliance checks” to enforce laws against licensed retailers in the Town. The program then educates the owners and employees of our non-compliant businesses on the laws, liabilities, and responsibilities of being a point of sale for alcohol as well as effective sales techniques to identify and refuse sale of alcohol to minors. The strategy of this program has proven efficient and effective in achieving our community’s goals and 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. 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 trained undercover agents in conjunction with officers of the Rockland County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (SPCC), the Clarkstown Police Department with cooperation of the Rockland County District Attorney’s office and the County Magistrate’s Association recommends that first offense cases involving the unlawful sale or possession of alcohol or tobacco products be adjudicated “adjourned in contemplation of dismissal” (ACD) conditional upon attendance of an educational forum for unlawful sale of alcohol conducted by a certified instructor of the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Program. The class content underscores the tragic consequences of underage use of alcohol products, outlines the program’s 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. Businesses that demonstrate a pattern of non-compliance are referred to the NYS Liquor Authority for the suspension and revocation of their liquor license and repeat violators are subject to full penalty of the law.

In 2016 the Unit conducted 124 compliance checks at local businesses and cited 10 business for non-compliance. 2 referrals were made to the NYS Liquor Authority to sanction the liquor licenses of businesses with re-occurring violations and non-compliance. These referrals resulted in a substantial fines levied and a revocation of one liquor license.. The unit conducted 6 Smart Sales Classes to employees of local businesses cited for non-compliance.
Accident Investigation

The Clarkstown Police Accident Investigation Team continued its service to the town in 2016. The team consisted of eleven officers (will be nine in 2017 with the retirements of Det. Sgt. Quinn and Det. Monroe) 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 team responds to all potentially fatal accidents in the township. The team is also available to other police agencies when requested and authorized by the Chief of Police.

The accident team responded to a total of seven motor vehicle accidents, one train accident and one homicide scene during 2016. All of those incidents occurred within the Town of Clarkstown, the team did not respond to any accidents outside of the town. Three of the motor vehicle accidents and the train accident involved a single fatality while the other four were non-fatal accidents. Of the three fatal motor vehicle accidents one was a single car accident, one was a two vehicle accident and one was vehicle/pedestrian. The victim in the vehicle/pedestrian accident did not pass away until several months later. The train accident was an apparent suicide. The accident team was called to the scene of a homicide to take measurements of the scene outside of the residence. The homicide did not involve any motor vehicle collision.

For the past two years the Accident Investigation Team has not been called out to scenes for other jurisdictions. The most likely reason for this is that other local departments have more fully developed their own Accident Investigation Teams.

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 80 hours of classroom training in the use of the total station and computer software to diagram crash scenes using data downloaded from the Total Station.

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. All members of the team attend additional classroom and field training each year. Two officers (Det. Monroe and PO Shine) 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, four officers (Det. Monroe, PO Shine, Sgt. J. Dwyer and Det. Owens) are trained and certified to operate the Crash Data Retrieval System.

The goal of the Clarkstown Police Department’s Accident Investigation Team is to decrease the future number of fatal and serious accidents by diligently investigating today’s accidents. The team also continues to send current members for more advanced training. The team 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. As always, the only acceptable number of fatal accidents in the Town of Clarkstown is zero.

The following chart shows the number of accidents which the team has been called upon to investigate in the past ten years:

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Auxiliary Police

Clarkstown Auxiliary Police Officers are dedicated volunteers, town residents who serve their community as a critical support unit to the Department. Auxiliary Officers assist with traffic and crowd control at our community and school events, conduct residential house-checks, conduct operation safe shopper patrols in our commercial districts, conduct Gate Night and Halloween Safety Patrols, and will patrol our schools and parks as an extra set of “eyes and ears” to the Police Department. The Auxiliaries also conduct street light patrols to identify and report improperly functioning street lights. The town benefits from street lights working properly by means of safer driving conditions and crime prevention.

The Auxiliary Police Unit is a paramilitary organization led and managed by dedicated and professional Command Staff. They maintain the professional standards of the unit, coordinate details, conduct monthly meetings and coordinate annual in-service training that includes CPR, Automated External Defibrilator, First Aid, defensive tactics, arrest techniques, crime prevention, defensive driving and traffic control.

In 2016 the members of the Auxiliary Police Department collectively served the community with 164 assigned details for a total of 7,418 service hours including attendance at monthly meetings and in-service training.

Bicycle Patrol

The Clarkstown Police Department maintains a Bicycle Patrol unit with the aim of giving the police department more flexibility in patrolling various parts of the community and for patrolling community events. The Bicycle Unit also engages in community service in its own right by teaching bicycle safety to school children. Bicycles are available for deployment on every shift, weather permitting. The high visibility and the opportunity to interact with the public on a personal level make bike patrol an ideal way to staff community events, including parades, large community gatherings, school functions and sporting events. Bicycle patrol also makes quick response to emergency situations possible when crowds and pedestrian traffic would make response by regular patrol vehicles difficult. Continued utilization of this tool will allow the Clarkstown Police Department to best serve the community and to provide the level of service that the public expects.
The Clarksburg Police Department actively participates in the Project Lifesaver Program. The program is designed to assist families with “at risk” individuals who are prone to the dangerous behavior of wandering off by themselves. Our unit will work with families of special needs adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, autism, and other related conditions or disorders; they can register their loved ones in the program and obtain and maintain a tracking bracelet to be worn by the “at risk” individual; in the event of the individual does wander off and missing, the Unit will respond with tracking devices to search for and locate the individual. The Unit currently manages 16 active clients, 4 adults and 12 children. In 2016 the Unit was not called out for an active missing client. The unit does conduct quarterly training that includes client review, equipment maintenance and field training.

Other Aspects of Special Operations

Units with Specialized Vehicles
The Specials Operations Unit supports a Barricade/Traffic cone response vehicle, a Bicycle unit, an ATV unit, and police motorcycles to give the Department more flexibility in our public safety mission. The high visibility, maneuverability and flexibility of these vehicles have proven effective at community events, parades, school functions, sporting events as well as patrolling our Town Parks. They provide quick response to emergency situations when crowds and pedestrian traffic would make response by regular patrol vehicles difficult.

Community Events
The Special Operations Division coordinates and staffs the public safety aspects of community events sponsored by the Town as well as events sponsored by community organizations that require a public safety presence for crowd and traffic control. These Events include Town Sponsored Events and Not for Profit Community Events such as Street Fairs, Festivals, Holiday Parades and Fireworks Displays, Community-based Fundraising Runs/Walks and bicycle races, Parades, and School Events such as scholastic sporting events, graduations and homecoming dances.

Shared Services
The Division coordinates Shared Services for private sector activity in the Town that requires a police presence to insure public safety in terms of traffic control and general impact on public safety. These activities include Film Production Companies, Utility Companies, Highway Construction, and miscellaneous “For Profit” Events held in the Town. These entities are billed for police services to offset the cost to the taxpayer. In 2016, the Department billed out $230,690.89 for 1,827.92 hours of police service.
There were a total of 1149 animal control related calls for service in 2016. 527 of these calls were involving “other” animal complaints, 622 were dog complaints. Most of these dog related calls for service involved Dogs at Large, barking dogs, unlicensed dogs, followed by dogs in vehicles and other miscellaneous complaints. The Animal Control Officer handled eleven (11) Dangerous Dog Cases in 2016 and closed out four (4) from 2015. The total number of these calls for service does not reflect a myriad of other services provided by the Animal Control Officer. The ACO addresses all community concerns and questions involving domestic animals and wildlife and offers advice and referrals to proper agencies and authorities. The ACO assists residence with compliance to local town and state laws involving domestic animals. The ACO will also assist residents who call to have dead animals removed from yards and roadways.

Of the 527 calls involving “other” animals; deer, raccoons, skunks, and cats constituted the majority of the calls. To a lesser extent were bats, bears, coyotes, foxes, woodchucks, chickens, roosters, snakes, turkeys, and turtles. The ACO manages nuisance complaints involving deer, bears, coyotes and other wildlife. She also continues to coordinates the posting of “Turtle Crossing Signs” during the annual snapping turtle migration on Western Highway in West Nyack.

79 dogs taken to the Hi-Tor Animal Care Center by the ACO. Fifty six (56) of these dogs were eventually redeemed by their owners. Of the remaining twenty three (23) dogs, four (4) were adopted, fourteen (14) went to rescue, and five (5) died and cremated.

The ACO issued 38 criminal summonses and 420 Warnings to town residents in violation of Town Ordinances. 98 dog bite reports were taken and 7 cat bites, 1 fox bite, 1 raccoon bite, and 1 pet rat bite. The Rockland County Health Department handled a total of 315 bites.

There were 28 specimens from the Town of Clarkstown & the Village of Upper Nyack sent out to test for rabies out of a countywide total of 55 specimens submitted to the the Rockland County Health Department. 3 of the 25 specimens tested positive in Clarkstown. 1 fox, 1 raccoon and 1 skunk. Total of 6 specimens tested positive for the County.

The Animal Control Officer works closely with the Rockland County Health Department for both Dog Bites and Feral Cat Colony complaints and assists in organizing free rabies clinics for your pets.

The Town Clerks Office makes sure the paperwork for licenses and impounds is done in a timely manner.

The Animal Control Officer attended the Cruelty Investigating Class in October.

Goals for 2017 are continue to continue to assist residents with compliance to local and state laws, enforce violations, and respond to complaints involving both domestic animals and wildlife. The focus is always on educating the community and avoiding common pitfalls in attracting wild animals to private properties.

The ACO is always available to speak with community organizations. The ACO is leading the effort to have the NYS Agriculture and Markets Department create a Dangerous Dog Registry to track and monitor these animals in a way that is transparent to the community and local authorities.

Have State Legislature Law for tattooing of all shelter pets when they are neutered.

Continue to reunite lost pets with their owners. 84 lost dogs were returned to their owners in 2016 because of the efforts of the Clarkstown Police and Dispatch.
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 first event that the Clarkstown Police Honor Guard participated in was the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Pearl River, NY in March of 1984.

The Clarkstown Police Honor Guard has more than met the goals set by Chief Schnackenberg over 30 years ago. This volunteer unit has represented Clarkstown and Rockland County in over 700 ceremonies from Massachusetts to Georgia and as far west as Cleveland, Ohio. This past May the Honor Guard, as always, took a prominent role in the National Law Enforcement Officers 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 National Law Enforcement Officers 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 Clarkstown Police Department Honor Guard also helps coordinate the Rockland County Law Enforcement Memorial Service and the Brinks Memorial Service each year as well.

Our most important role came after the attacks of September 11, 2001. The Clarkstown Police Honor Guard was called upon to participate in services for the heroes who sacrificed themselves saving others that tragic day. The Honor Guard participated in over 40 Funerals for members of the Police Department and Fire Department of the City of New York. The Body Bearing team for 13 consecutive Saturdays volunteered their time and traveled to Long Island, New York City, and New Jersey to fold the American Flags that were presented to the families. These solemn ceremonies showed great respect and honor for those who gave their lives on 9/11. The Clarkstown Police Honor Guard will continue to represent Law Enforcement in Rockland County and to maintain the high standards set forth over 30 years ago.

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.

In 2016 the Honor Guard also provided support to other agencies by participating in funerals for their officers during the year. The Honor Guard, staffing permitting, has embarked this year on supporting local charitable groups with colors presentations and motorcycle escorts. One of these events that the Honor Guard is proud to participate in is the “Carry the Load” march which looks to raise awareness of the real meaning of Memorial Day. The Honor Guard also tries to assist local Veteran groups with their services whenever possible.

In 2017 the Clarkstown Police Honor Guard intends to continue building on the accomplishments of the past by training to maintain our high skill level, by upgrading old outdated equipment and by welcoming new members to replace members who have retired or who have stepped down.
Awards

**Excellent Police Service**
- Police Officer Victor Caraballo
- Police Officer Matthew Dowen
- Detective Dawn Fantini
- Police Officer Thomas Flanagan
- Police Officer Robert Fortune
- Police Officer John Hanchar (2)
- Police Officer Rory Healy
- Police Officer Eric Levy
- Det. Christopher L. Maloney
- Detective Robert McDonald
- Sergeant William Robinson
- Police Officer Thomas Rolston

**Meritorious Police Service 2nd**
- Detective Charles Owens
- Police Officer Kyle McKiernan

**Life Saving**
- Police Officer Victor Caraballo
- Police Officer Daniel Maloney
- Police Officer Daniel Martin
- Police Officer Robert Reilly
- Police Officer Thomas Rolston
- Police Officer Timothy Woolley

**Unit Citation**
- Detective Bureau

**Notable Mention - Narcan Lifesavers**
- Police Officer Joseph Caivano
- Police Officer Victor Caraballo
- Police Officer Ryan Davan
- Police Officer Lee Davies (2x)
- Police Officer Corry Doyle
- Police Officer Vitino Errico
- Police Officer Edward Fairclough
- Police Officer Michael Feltham
- Police Officer Michael Keane
- Police Officer Andrew Kelly
- Police Officer Daniel Maloney
- Police Officer David Mendez
- Police Officer Christina Pane
- Police Officer Tara Purcell
- Police Officer Robert Reilly
- Police Officer Christopher Robinson
- Police Officer Kevin Shea
- Police Officer Matthew Sheehy
- Police Officer Sean Suarez (3x)
- Police Officer Patrick Tobin
- Police Officer Matthew Usefof (3x)
- Police Officer Sean Weaver
- Police Officer Daniel Wooley
- Police Officer Timothy Wooley

**Retirements**
- Sergeant Stephen Cole-Hatchard
- Detective William Fritz
- Detective Frank Romano
- Officer Martin Farrell
- Officer Kevin Shannon
- K-9 King
Training

A highly trained police department is a benefit that the citizen’s of Clarkstown can take pride in. Every officer in Clarkstown receives a solid base of training every year. We have one of the best trained departments anywhere.

In addition to the standard training our officers go through, we have had officers attend a wide variety of training to enhance their skills and specialties.

Our “standard” training is anything but standard. Each year we run an in-service training cycle, supplemented by training offered by the Rockland County Police Academy. In addition, many of the instructors at the Police Academy are courses led by Clarkstown officers.

**Active Shooter/MACTAC**

Active Shooter is a term the public is becoming all too familiar with. An Active Shooter is defined as an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area.” In most cases, active shooters use firearms and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.

Multi-Assault Counter Terrorism Action Capability, or MACTAC, deals with terrorist attacks at multiple locations or multiple terrorists attacking a single location while prepared to take on the law enforcement responders.

Both of these types of scenarios are very real in today’s complex landscape, and there is no substitute for having officers trained in these tactics.

**Hazmat/OSHA Training**

The Office of Emergency Management conducted in-service classes that covered the topics of required OSHA Blood Borne Pathogens and OSHA Hazardous Materials and Emergency Response to events involving Natural Gas, CSX Railroad, Confined Space and the Palisades Center Mall incidents.

Employees are required to be trained/refresher course on their proper use of their department issued PPE (personal protective equipment). Police personnel are trained in the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard which mandates specific requirements to prevent the transmission of bloodborne diseases and other potentially infectious materials to the departments employees.

Police personnel are taught the definition of what confined spaces are and the OSHA standards. They are taught to identify confined space rescue situations and the potential hazards associated with confined spaces.

Personnel are given a review of the CSX train logistics and emergency response plans discussing possible rescue and response situations they may encounter.

**Taser Transition**

In 2015 the Clarkstown Police Department transitioned from the 1 shot TASER X26 conducted electrical weapon to the upgraded 2 shot TASER X2. A conducted electrical weapon fires two probes into a subject incapacitating them for 5 seconds with no residual effects. The new weapon is safer for subjects and a more reliable and effective option for officers. It will also contain features that allow for greater accountability after use.

**Less Lethal Impact Munitions**

In addition, the Clarkstown Police became the 1st department in Rockland County to train and issue less lethal impact munitions to its patrol officers. The munition, a 12 gauge bean-bag round fired from a modified shotgun, is designed to end potentially lethal encounters with minimal injury to subjects.

The deployment of these weapons are part of the highest commitment the Clarkstown Police Department has to it’s citizens to help ensure the safest possible outcomes during encounters that require use of force.

**Firearms**

Each year our officers must qualify with three different weapons at a minimum - handgun, shotgun and patrol rifle. In addition, officers are put through our Virtra firearm simulator when staffing allows. The V-300™ LE is the world’s only 5 screen judgmental use of force training simulator.

**CPR-AED**

Each of our officers are certified first responders, trained in first aid, CPR, the use of automatic external defibrillators, tourniquet use, quick clot and a variety of other life-saving techniques.

Our officers also participated in a variety of simulated exercises with various local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to address and prepare for many different types of emergency scenarios.

These exercises included drills at our local malls to prepare for active shooter events, as well as exercises that were based on real events that happened in Clarkstown, such as the barricaded suspect firing his rifle in New City.

**Future Plans**

In 2017 we will continue to seek training that will keep our department on the cutting edge of law enforcement techniques.

Youth Court

The Town of Clarkstown Youth Court was started in April of 1981. Since that time, the Court has heard over 3,296 cases and trained over 1,412 local youth 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. A review of incidents referred to the Court resulted in 32 cases. The cases that were not heard by youth court were either transferred to Family Court or the
Youth Academy

The Clarkstown Police Department conducted the 29th and 30th classes of the Youth Academy Program during 2016 and graduated 56 students. The Youth Academy is open to all students who attend the five high schools located in the Town of Clarkstown. Students in the Youth Academy participate in a ten-week program which meets once a week for approximately 2 hours.

School Resource Officers help select twenty to thirty students per semester, many of whom 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 learn about the appropriate use of force, street survival, accident investigations, and traffic violations including Driving While Intoxicated. They are able to put into practice what they have learned by conducting mock traffic stops utilizing other students and police officer instructors.

During the ten-week program, students attend a presentation by a local attorney (also a former prosecutor) to obtain a better understanding of the justice system. Current events in law enforcement are also discussed weekly to share perspectives about relevant issues. In addition, the class trains with the Virtra System under the direction of a firearms range instructor. Virtra, used for training by Clarkstown police officers, is a 300 degree wrap-around simulator which presents the trainee with various real-life situations that officers may encounter during their work.

The Youth Academy introduces the students to the K-9 Officer and a demonstration by the CPD canine unit. The Detective Bureau presents a session on how to process a crime scene as well. Another highly regarded component of the program is an introduction to the outdoor range which includes supervised firearm use.

In addition, the Critical Incident Response Team offers a presentation displaying and explaining their equipment and vehicles. Lastly, students participate in a defensive tactics workshop consisting of handcuffing, “Taser” and baton use.

Objectives for 2017 are to continue to educate our young citizens about the law enforcement profession in a positive and interesting manner.
Youth Explorers

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 of the field of law enforcement.

The Explorer Program 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 2016 the program had 29 active members and 10 new members. Explorers conducted approximately 745 hours of community service. They also assisted at the following special events: Clarkstown Police Recruitment Open House, Clarkstown Police Awards Ceremony, Rockland County Law Enforcement Memorial, Keep Rockland Beautiful, Emerald Society 5k run, Cystic Fibrosis Walk, D.A.R.E. Basketball Tournament, New City Memorial Day Parade, September 11th Memorial, Brinks Memorial, Clarkstown Police Recruitment Tutorial classes, Walk like MAD, Santa Project, and Project Joy.

In 2016 the Explorer Post adopted a less fortunate family for the holiday season and donated approximately $200 worth of clothing and educational toys.

Objectives for 2017 include increasing Explorer membership, community service hours, and special event involvement, and to increase involvement with other posts on both the local and national levels.

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Recruitment Unit

The Recruitment Unit 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 19, 2016 the Rockland County Department of Personnel administered the entry-level police officer exam. In preparation of this exam, a recruitment campaign was set in motion.

Recruitment efforts included publishing recruitment posters and flyers, deploying LED message boards, creating a mentorship program, maintaining the department recruitment website and utilizing both traditional and social media outlets. Recruitment personnel were assigned to the following events and locations: New City Street Fair, Race for Peace, Juneteenth Celebration, Clarkstown Police Recruitment Open House, Rockland Community College, Palisades Center Mall, Dominican College, and Saint Thomas Aquinas College.

The Clarkstown Police Department contracted with Police Tutorial Service to deliver live classroom tutorial sessions. On July 16, 2016 two condensed sessions were held. The first was conducted at the Central Nyack Community Center and the second session was conducted at the Pascack Community Center. Thirty candidates received instruction at each location. On October 22 and 23, 2016 full day tutorial sessions were held at the Pascack Community Center and the Nyack Middle School respectively. Eighty-five candidates received instruction at the Pascack Community Center and fifty candidates received instruction at Nyack Middle School. Candidates were required to pre-register for the sessions and registration was open to the first one hundred county residents for each session.

The Clarkstown Police Department also

Alarm Enforcement Unit

The Clarkstown Police Department received 5,621 burglar alarms in 2016; this calculated into 10.3% of the Department’s total calls for service. On an average day, 50% of activated burglar alarms are determined to be false alarms with causes ranging from faulty alarm systems, inadvertent activations and other various non excusable reasons. In comparison to the previous year, this year’s false alarm percentage has been reduced by 5%. Additionally, there has been a 13.8% reduction in non-excusable false alarm activations.

Pursuant to Town Code Chapter 91 entitled BURGLAR ALARM DEVICE CONTROL; the legislative intent of the Alarm Enforcement Unit is to address the frequency of false burglar alarms emanating from automated devices causing unnecessary Police Department response where no actual police emergency exists. This results in police personnel being exposed to avoidable hazards and risks, taxpayer funds being wasted and other residents in need of police and other emergency services experiencing unnecessary delays in police response. The intent is to remedy this waste by seeking to suppress the number of automated false alarms generated in the Town of Clarkstown without unreasonably interfering with the use of such alarm devices when they fulfill the purpose for which they are intended.

Residential and Commercial Permits to operate an alarm system in the Town of Clarkstown are required pursuant to Town Code Chapter 91. The permit process also provides the Police Department with necessary information regarding your home or business in the event of an actual emergency. Burglar alarm activation and response by the Police Department is then tracked and fines are levied on recurring false alarms incrementally based on the frequency at any given location. The Town also provides for an appeal process through the Alarm Users Civilian Review Board.

The Alarm Enforcement Unit has proven effective over the years in addressing the issues associated with the unnecessary police response to false burglar alarms. With the exponential increase of alarm system permits within the Town, the frequency of false alarms has remained steady over the years. This translates into a more efficient and effective Police Department in responding to legitimate calls for service but also the ability to remain proactive in addressing quality of life issues that our community deserves and expects.
partnered with leaders and key members of the community to assist in the recruitment campaign. These community leaders were called upon to inform community members about the Clarkstown Police Open House, the upcoming exam, and the availability of the tutorial classes.

The Clarkstown Police Department Child Passenger Safety Program is a public awareness and education program aimed at instructing parents and caregivers 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 SafeKids World-wide road injuries are the leading cause of unintentional deaths to children in the United States and of those children ages 8 and under who died in vehicle crashes in 2014, 26 percent were not restrained by an age-appropriate device such as an infant seat, booster seat or seat belt.

When installed and used correctly, child safety seats and safety belts can prevent injuries and save lives. Child safety seats can reduce fatal injury by up to 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers (ages 1 to 4).

Since 1999, the Clarkstown Police Department has had specially trained officers staffing monthly car seat fitting stations to assist parents and caregivers with their child seats free of charge. Our program continues to be the largest and most active program in Rockland County with 12 officers certified as National Child Passenger Safety Technicians. This certification is nationally recognized and officers must re-certify every 2 years by completing continuing education units (CEU’s - just as medical professionals are required to do to remain licensed) and remaining active in the field.

In 2016, officers checked nearly 200 child safety seats; most at our monthly fitting station. Officers found 16 of those seats had been recalled for one reason or another and nearly 92% of them had at least one installation/use error that was corrected.

In 2017 we will continue to provide our monthly service and educate the public about the need to properly secure their children in child restraints.


Civilian Staff

Behind the scenes of any agency, there needs to be dedicated support personnel who keep things humming along. The Clarkstown Police Department is very proud of its support staff, who handle some key administrative duties, and also staff our Records Department.

Over the last several years, the number of support personnel has been reduced, and those that remain have picked up the extra work so that the department doesn’t miss a beat. They don’t receive the glory, but they do deserve our thanks for the great job they do, serving both the department and the citizens of the Town.
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