

Annual Report

Clarkstown Police Department



2015

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Clarkstown ranked one of the safest communities in the nation and one of the 100 Best Places to Live!”

— *Congressional Quarterly Press, CNN Money Magazine*



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Administration



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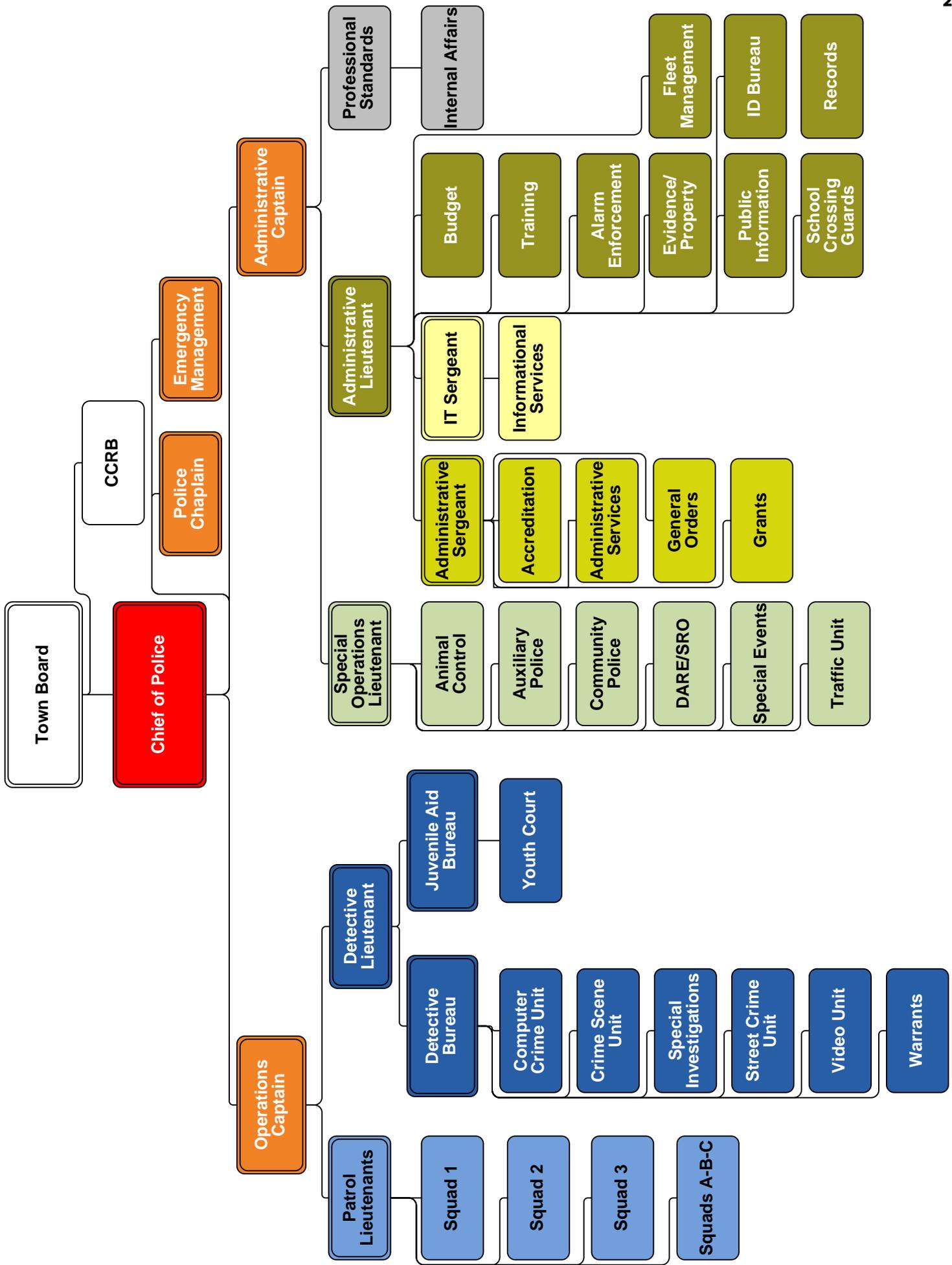
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Message from the Chief of Police



Another year has passed and it is once again my pleasure to present the Clarkstown Police Department's Annual Report for 2015. This report is a comprehensive account of the work performed over the last year. It is presented in both a narrative and statistical format enabling readers to better understand their police department as well as see the numbers that reflect the quantity of our department's reactive and proactive law enforcement efforts. Our Annual Report may also be viewed on the Town of Clarkstown's website, www.clarkstown.org.

In our efforts to bring to the Town of Clarkstown the most modern law enforcement practices the Clarkstown Police Department has initiated a new policing strategy called Intelligence Led Policing. I introduced you to this concept in last year's Annual Report, and informed you that this strategy combines information developed through a wide variety of sources, statistics and analysis

by trained professionals in an effort to identify criminal patterns and attack criminal and quality of life issues in a proactive manner. The infrastructure for this initiative is complete, and our new Strategic Intelligence Unit is currently providing the necessary analysis to provide actionable intelligence to our command staff in order to promote better decision making and use of resources. In addition, through our new computer software programs called Smartforce and Atac Raids, our officers are also being trained to utilize this philosophy in their own individual capacities. Our officers can access these programs from their patrol vehicles and obtain a much more comprehensive knowledge of what has and is occurring in their specific assigned area of responsibility. An officer may now get a detailed report of the specific crimes and calls for service that have occurred, a constantly updated list of prolific offenders, parolees, sex offenders, accidents, and other issues

that they need to know about, and proactively deal with these problems and potential problems.

For example, with a touch of a button, our officers can now identify the location and reason for the most accident prone locations in their area, and specifically address these locations during their proactive time on patrol. In an effort to build a true team in the Clarkstown community, our department will share this information with interested parties. A good example of this is the strategic workup that we created detailing the most active times of the day and week that larcenies occur in the Palisades Mall. After sharing this information with their management team they were able to reschedule their security staffing to accommodate this information. In the time immediately following larcenies dramatically declined at the mall. No additional staffing was utilized; rather existing security personnel were redeployed in order to have the most preventative impact. We would also like to involve our most important partner in the fight against crime – the public. With this in mind we will soon be rolling out a new program called "Raids Online." This is a program that the public can access through our department's website. It will provide important information for all residents who will be able to find out what is happening in their neighborhoods. Privacy rights and concerns for individuals will be protected of course.

The growing problem of addiction still remains a primary concern of ours. The problem is a nationwide epidemic. We here in the Clarkstown Police Department will not turn a blind eye or pretend it only happens other places when our people continue to die from overdoses and young lives are ruined. Clarkstown alone had 50 overdoses in 2015, 10 of them resulting in death. The only good news is that we were able to save 27 of these individuals with the timely intervention of Naloxone Hydrochloride, or as it is more commonly referred to Narcan. With our Street Crime Unit working for the people of Clarkstown, and in conjunction with the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force, as well as local law enforcement partners, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, and the F.B.I., we continue to pursue aggressive criminal investigations to intercept these narcotics at its source. We

are also working with our local schools and addiction prevention partners to prevent and treat those who this disease claims as its victims.

Events in Paris and San Bernardino point out the intense need for a quick and rapid response to any threat of terrorism, foreign or domestic. Our Tactical Critical Incident Response Team has taken the lead in training law enforcement in Rockland County, as well as the school authorities here in Clarkstown, in the proper techniques to deal with these types of situations. At the request of many community members we have also been training our partners in the private sector on how to respond to active shooter situations. The list of those requesting this training is long and our resources are limited, but if you are interested in this type of training contact us, and we will do whatever we can to assist you. I am afraid that this is just a part of daily lives now.

In the following pages you will read more about our individual units and their accomplishments over the past year. But I would like to finish by assuring each and every one of you that your police department continually strives to improve our methods, reach out to our community, and provide the most efficient and cost effective police department you will find anywhere in the world today.

Michael R. Sullivan
Chief of Police

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.



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Daniel Chazan

Christian Cortelli

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William Cunnane

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Strategic Intelligence Unit

The Strategic Intelligence Unit was created in early 2015 by the Town of Clarkstown Police Department and the Rockland County District Attorney’s Office as a joint 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”) provides the capacity to provide more effective and productive police work without the concomitant 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.

In working toward this policing model, the Strategic Intelligence Unit (“SIU”) collects massive amounts of information and applies human and computerized analysis to it, creating actionable intelligence. That intelligence is then streamed to decision makers and officers in Clarkstown providing the real time ability to allocate available resources to address immediate and dynamic problems.

The SIU creates an ongoing flow of actionable intelligence (referred to as “Action

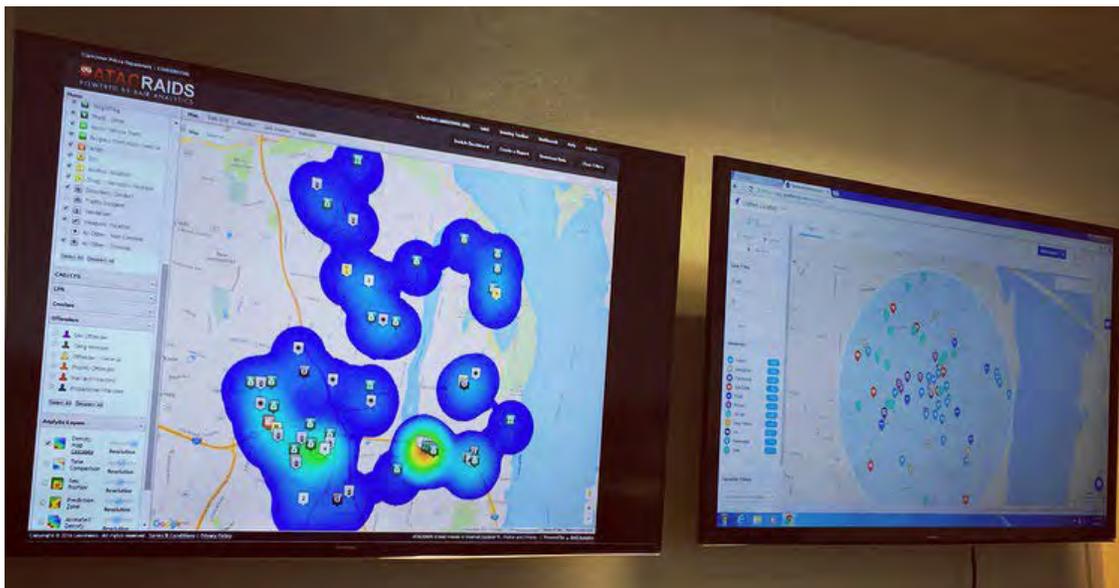
Items”) for officers and supervisors to act upon. The SIU also creates “Intelligence Files” for more complex intelligence matters such as crime forecasts, and investigative support services. In

2015, its startup year, in addition to over 100 “Action Items”,

the SIU opened 192 Intelligence cases. Of those 192 events, 31 involved “Violence Interruption” cases wherein immediate police action was undertaken to prevent harm or death to potential victims.

The SIU has also recently completed development of a public version of its online intelligence mapping program known as the “Clarkstown Police Citizen Crime Mapping” project, otherwise referred to as “Raids Online”. The online program is expected to be launched and made available to the public in the near future. Raids Online is an interactive crime mapping and analytical tool which provides the citizens of Clarkstown the ability to obtain real time crime and public safety information from their Police Department.

BAIR ANALYTICS A LexisNexis® Company Raids Online offers tools for citizens to sign up for “crime alerts”; providing automatic notifications of crimes and related public safety issues occurring in their neighborhoods or other areas of interest, such as the schools their children attend. There are also features to create and maintain neighborhood watch groups, and to provide anonymous tips and information to the Police Department.



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 2015, the Clarkstown Police handled 54,445 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



Photo by Brian Duddy

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 2015 our Dispatchers fielded 112,429 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.

Dispatcher Receives Certificate of Merit

On May 4, 2014 at approximately 6:15PM, Clarkstown Police Dispatch received a call from a male party in Texas advising that a female known to him was trying to commit suicide somewhere in the Nanuet or New City area. Initially, Dispatcher Joseph Koester ran a DMV search for the female, but only upstate addresses were received. Using his skills as a police dispatcher,



Dispatcher Koester at 2015 Awards ceremony

Koester was able to ascertain the endangered party's cellular phone number. After contacting the appropriate cellular provider a ping locator was done due to the exigent circumstances. Koester was able to direct responding officers to Buckingham Drive, Nanuet. The endangered party was found and, in fact, had ingested narcotics in an attempt to harm herself. Officers were able to bring the party to the hospital for treatment and evaluation.

INVESTIGATIONS

The Clarkstown Police Department investigates a wide variety of crimes, and has multiple units that are involved in solving crimes after they happen, as well as proactively working to prevent crimes and interact with the community. These pages will highlight some of those investigative efforts.

Detective Bureau

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 19 detectives, 13 assigned to the main Detective Bureau, 4 to the Juvenile Aid Bureau, and 2 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 Marshal's Service, Secret Service, United States Postal Inspectors, Homeland Security, and DEA.

On February 8th, our Police Officers and the Department's Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), responded to a barricaded gunman in New City. The suspect had threatened members of his family with a firearm. When Police Officers arrived, the suspect threatened them as well, and fired a total of seven

rounds from a .308 scoped rifle. After over five hours of negotiations, and the continued threats to residents and Police Officers, a single shot was fired from one of the CIRT Team marksmen ending the incident. A full investigation conducted by the Detective Bureau and the District Attorney's Office was presented to a Grand Jury who returned a "No True Bill", meaning there was no reasonable cause to vote an indictment.

There were two homicides in 2015. The first occurred in Congers on April 13th. A suspect was immediately taken

into custody and is awaiting trial. The second homicide occurred on December 1st in West Nyack. The suspect was apprehended by responding patrol officers and was charged and awaiting trial.

Investigated burglaries were down from 57 in 2014 to 40 in 2015. The Bureau investigated 14 robberies resulting in nine arrests. There were six Rape/Sexual Assaults investigated, resulting in one arrest. 104 Grand Larcenies were investigated, up 27 from 2014; 27 arrests were made.

Heroin addiction continues to be a prolific problem in the community. There were 50 overdoses reported in 2015. Ten of these resulted in deaths. 27 of these overdoses survived due to the administration of Narcan (Naloxone) by responding officers; 13 survived with no Narcan. Narcotic 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.

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.

Dateline NBC Feature

On January 25, 2014, at approximately 1:30AM, Peggy Nadell, a prominent 80 year old community activist was brutally murdered inside her home in Valley Cottage. She was strangled, beaten, and stabbed to death. Peggy Nadell's estate, willed equally to her son Jim and daughter Susanne, was valued at \$4.5 million.

On the morning of the murder daughter Susanne drove to Peggy's home following unsuccessful attempts to contact her by telephone. Upon entering the home Susanne found her mother at the bottom of the stairs with a knife protruding from her chest. She stated to responding officers that her fingerprints and DNA were on the knife because she pulled it from the victim's

Further investigation led detectives to an electronic database located in the Philippines which revealed the phone number of Andrea Benson, from Washington DC, as the number which activated the TracFone. It was then learned that the person who purchased the TracFone in Miami was Karen Hamm-Samuel, the best friend of the victim's daughter-in-law Diana Nadell.

Travel records showed that Diana flew to Washington DC on the morning of January 24, 2015. Airport surveillance video showed Andrea Benson picking up Diana upon her arrival in Washington.

Detectives issued 166 subpoenas and search warrants, analyzed a half million phone calls, texts and email messages, and interviewed over 100 suspects,

friends, acquaintances, and potential witnesses. A murder conspiracy involving subjects in Washington DC, Maryland, California, Florida and the Island of Jamaica emerged. With substantial evidence of the international murder conspiracy in hand, detectives obtained wiretap orders for the cell phones of four of the primary suspects and conducted 5 weeks of electronic surveillance.

On May 20, 2014, despite no forensic evidence, witnesses, or traditional evidence typically left behind at such a gruesome crime scene, the four participants in the murder

were arrested based upon their active and passive digital footprints. Subsequently, all four subjects pled guilty.

On May 12, 2015, the daughter-in-law Diana Nadell, and co-conspirator Andrea Benson were sentenced to 23 years to life and 20 years to life, respectively, for murder in the first degree. The other two arrestees, who became cooperating witnesses, were sentenced to time served and probation in July, 2015.

The Nadell story and the subsequent investigation by the Clarkstown Police Detective Bureau were featured on an episode of the NBC series Dateline NBC.



chest. Within days Susanne and her husband Bobby both hired attorneys and refused to speak with detectives.

The crime scene revealed no forensic evidence at all. A review of the victim's phone records showed that a "burner" phone with an area code from the mid-western United States called the victim's home at 1:17AM on January 25th, and three minutes later the victim's alarm system was activated. After reviewing hundreds of thousands of phone records, detectives learned the "burner" phone was a TracFone brand cell phone purchased at a Miami, Florida Dollar Store.

Juvenile Aid Bureau

The Clarkstown Police Department Juvenile Aid Bureau is staffed by four Detectives and one Detective Sergeant. During 2015, the Juvenile Aid Bureau reviewed and handled 316 complaints; of these 61 Juvenile Aid Bureau case files were initiated and investigated.

The Juvenile Aid Bureau investigated four rape cases in 2015, the same number as in 2014. The number of grand larceny cases also remained the same at three. We investigated three child pornography cases and fourteen sexual abuse/child abuse cases as well as two cases of sexual misconduct. In addition, the Juvenile Aid Bureau handled 19 cases of petit larceny, down from 26 in 2014.

The Juvenile Aid Bureau is charged with the responsibility of registering sex offenders, and during the course of 2015, this agency registered five sex offenders of varying levels. That number was down from ten registries in 2014, but that does not reflect a decrease in the number of registered sex offenders residing in the town, just the number of new registries moving in to Clarkstown. Juvenile Aid detectives also accompanied Probation Officers from Rockland County to do periodic home visitations of all sex offenders who are on probation.

The Juvenile Aid Bureau is the principal investigating unit that deals with missing person cases. During 2015, 81 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 2015 have been located as of this report.

The Detectives of the Juvenile Aid Bureau attended a number of training classes during 2015. These classes included a four day seminar in Dallas, Texas entitled "Crimes Against Children," which was attended by two Juvenile Aid detectives. One Juvenile Aid detective attended a five day seminar on Homicide Investigation hosted by the NJ State Police in Princeton. Detectives also



attended seminars on sex trafficking, vulnerable adults, domestic violence and strangulation.

The Juvenile Aid Bureau continues to work closely with the Community Policing Officers and the School Resource Officers in our public elementary, middle and high schools. This partnership 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 now 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

Warrant Squad

The Clarkstown Police Warrant Squad continued forward during the year 2015. In addition to clearing warrants off the books, the Squad continued to build its very strong foundation with the community and other law enforcement agencies. These agencies consist of multiple police jurisdictions such as the New York Police Department, the New York State Police and the Rockland County Sheriff's Warrant Squad, mental health facilities, the Department of Probation, numerous defense attorneys and associations within the Clarkstown Justice Court system. The Clarkstown Detective and Juvenile Aid Bureau's have also benefited from the aid of the Warrant Squad through informants and information given in pending cases.

In the year 2015, two hundred seventy eight new warrants had been issued by the Clarkstown Justice Court. The Warrant Squad was responsible for clearing two hundred eighty three warrants consisting of fifty felonies, ten driving while intoxicated, two violations of probation, two bail jumping warrants and two hundred twenty one various misdemeanors and violations.

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

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

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 Crime 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.



In 2015 the SCU initiated and participated in investigations pertaining to drug sales, drug possession, drug overdoses, prostitution, weapons possession and grand larceny. In 2015 the SCU arrested 113 separate individuals, charging them with over 250 offenses. The vast majority of these arrests were for various drug offenses.

Members of the SCU, Detective Bureau and Patrol collaborated in conducting several undercover prostitution stings. This initiative was put forth as an effort to address the proliferation of prostitution witnessed in local hotels which is largely attributable to internet escort advertisements. Efforts were focused on targeting persons who solicit prostitutes as a means of enforcement and deterrence. The SCU intends to continue running these operations during 2016.

The strong partnership the SCU enjoys with the Rockland County Drug Task Force directly resulted in the RCDTF generating approximately thirty 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 2015 the SCU consistently utilized the assets of the newly formed 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 the type of work pursued by the SCU.

In 2016 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.

Grow House Arrest

On September 29, 2015 the Clarkstown Police Street Crime Unit executed a search warrant in Valley Cottage. The search warrant was obtained as a result of an investigation concerning an illegal marijuana grow operation inside the 5,200 square foot residence. The NYSP Tactical and Haz Mat units were called upon to assist in this matter due to the unique hazards posed by these illegal grow operations. The residence was secured by the NYSP and found to be unoccupied at the time.

Inside the residence a significant grow operation was discovered. The vast majority of the residence was dedicated to growing and harvesting marijuana. Sophisticated filtration, irrigation and lighting apparatus was located in every room of the residence. Several hundred marijuana plants were seized, along with approximately 75lbs of already harvested marijuana. The street value of the seized marijuana was estimated to be in excess of \$250,000. In addition, five loaded handguns were found inside the residence. One handgun was designed to fire rifle rounds, and was loaded with ammunition specifically designed to defeat body armor. Felony weight cocaine, fraudulent NYPD detective badges and approximately \$40,000 cash was also found in the residence. Investigators estimate the hardware and construction involved with setting up and operating the grow operation cost in excess of \$100,000.

The owner of the house, his girlfriend, and an accomplice, all residents of Long Island, were charged with numerous offenses, most of them felonies, and are currently awaiting the final disposition of the case.

Critical Incident Response Team

LAPD SWAT, and the Naval Special Warfare Development Group.

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 8 officers led by a Detective, and a negotiator element of 6 officers led by a Lieutenant. 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 February 8th, 2015, CIRT was requested and deployed to a barricaded gunman call on North Little Tor Road in New City. The suspect had threatened his family with a firearm, and stated that he would kill them and any responding police officers. CIRT Negotiators tried negotiating with the suspect for over five hours. The suspect fired a total of seven rounds from a scoped .308 rifle threatening the lives of civilians

and police officers. A CIRT marksman/observer fired a single shot ending the incident. A full investigation conducted by the Clarkstown Police Department, and Rockland County District Attorney's Office was presented to a Rockland County Grand Jury who returned a "NO True Bill", meaning there was no reasonable cause to vote an indictment.

In 2015 the CIRT Team applied and was awarded the New York State SWAT Equivalency Certification. This is the first step in acquiring New York State SWAT Certification, one of only five teams in the State to do so. In addition we were awarded the \$100,000.00 State SWAT Grant, and expect to have full certification in 2016, our 25th anniversary as a Team.

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. These classes are taught to all police officers in Rockland County concentrating on active shooter and/or terrorist incidents in our schools and office complexes. The CIRT Team has a working relationship



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,

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. The CIRT Team continues to have a good relationship with the school districts in our jurisdiction, and continues to provide training to teachers and administrators in lock down and evacuation procedures.

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-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.

Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) 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:

- Investigate complaints of misconduct by members of the Department.
- Investigate civilian complaints against members of the Department.
- Maintain standards required by New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program
- Develop, maintain and review the Department's policies and procedures.
- Department training and certifications.

The department continued its successful use of the Internal Affairs software called "IAPRO". This software has greatly assisted the OPS with the proper recording, registering, tracking and controlling of investigations of complaints against our Police Officers. "IA PRO" also assists the Police Department in monitoring and documenting all infractions, large and small, so that potential problems can be identified early on and proactive action can be taken. Internal investigations are essential to the efficient operation of any police agency. These investigations are conducted to either disprove or substantiate allegations of misconduct involving police personnel. The primary mission of the OPS is 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 2015, the OPS received and successfully resolved thirteen of fourteen (14) investigations. One of these investigations is still pending. Of these, seven (7) were administrative investigations and seven (7) were



civilian complaints. After investigations, the civilian complaints were classified as follows:

Three were not sustained, two exonerated, one unfounded and one the officer acted within department policy.

The seven administrative investigations resulted with five being sustained and disciplinary action taken, one was determined that the officer acted within policy and one is still pending final determination.

In order to maintain the public's trust and to protect the integrity of the

Professional Standards



Department, forty four (44) random drug screenings were conducted, all resulting in negative results.

Additionally, eighteen (18) motor vehicle accidents involving police vehicles were investigated, reviewed and appropriate action taken where necessary.

The OPS 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 OPS 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 re-accreditation visit by program assessors. The Department is next due for a full re-accreditation in the spring of 2018.

Training needs and issues are also coordinated through the OPS. 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 school's 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 2016 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.

Active Officers

Rank	Name	Session	Year
Lt.	Thomas Prendergast	195	1998
Capt.	Robert Mahon	197	1999
Chief	Michael Sullivan	205	2001
Capt.	Anthony Ovchinnikoff	220	2005
Admin. Lt.	Daniel Weisberg	225	2006
Det. Lt.	Glenn Dietrich	233	2008
Lt.	Raymond McCullagh	241	2010
Lt.	Jeffrey Wanamaker	262	2015

Retired Officers

Chief	William Sherwood	172	1993
Chief	Kevin Kilduff	183	1995
Det. Lt.	Charles Delo	181	1995
Chief	Peter Noonan	191	1997
Capt.	Vincent White	190	1997
Det. Sgt.	Timothy O'Neill	198	1999
Det. Sgt.	Bernard Cummings	200	2000
Det. Sgt.	Chris Goodyear	207	2001
Sgt.	Joseph Reiter	212	2003



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 2015 the Clarkstown Police Department responded to 2868 (2,152) incidents at the two malls. This number represents approximately 8.7% of the incidents handled 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:

Shoplifting/Larcenies	564
False Alarms	535
Motor Vehicle Accidents	332
Medical Emergencies	322
Lost or Found Property	145

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 for 215 arrests for over 1000 arrest counts ranging from violations to felonies.

The number of suspects arrested



Clarkstown Malls

accounts for 25.2% of the persons arrested by the Clarkstown Police Department in 2015.

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 Palisades Center Mall. The officers who are regularly assigned to the mall continue to share information with the Clarkstown Detective Bureau, the Rockland County Intelligence Unit and the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force.

Informational Services

The Information Technology (IT) Division is staffed by a Sergeant, a Coordinator of Dispatch Services and 3 other civilians. 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 closed circuit television systems (CCTV) 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 Cisco 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

The highlight of 2015 was the launch of the 3rd major iteration of the Clarkstown Police Information Network (CPIN). CPIN is the Police Department's Intranet and has played an integral role in information sharing within CPD.

Our major goal was to increase our effort to become more efficient by reducing the amount of paper forms, automating workflows and utilizing digital signatures, all while keeping costs as low as possible and avoiding an

expensive custom designed application.

We evaluated several options and concluded that the SmartForce Agency Management System by Adventos was the best way to go. SmartForce is a law enforcement specific software product that was developed to connect agencies internally and make officers more efficient and informed by sharing and collaborating on intelligence and managing internal processes.

Development on the new SmartForce system began in early 2015 and it went live in August 2015. Utilizing a cloud based solution, it allows officers to access the information they need from their smartphone, tablet or other computer.

In addition to providing the information that had been typically stored in CPIN (intelligence bulletins, offender information, school emergency plans) officers now have access to discussion boards as well as thousands of intelligence resources and documents from other local, State and Federal agencies never previously available and searchable in a single database. Further, there are many internal resources available as well and links to other programs and applications used by officers on a daily basis. Internal processes such as training, compliance management and certain payroll functions have been automated and many others are on the roadmap to be automated in 2016.

One of the other advantages to using a cloud based solution is the rapid availability of security and functionality upgrades from Microsoft as well as those provided by SmartForce. The SmartForce product continues to evolve into a Swiss army knife of sorts enabling CPD to save money by automating

other processes and workflows going forward as well as eliminating the need for specific, separate software solutions that would require daily maintenance and annual costs.

The other major accomplishment in 2015 was the upgrading of our Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) to version 10. TraCS is used daily by patrol officers

for electronic accident report writing and traffic summonses. TraCS is provided by New York State to over 400 local agencies as well as the New York State Police.



In addition to upgrading the TraCS program, the Police Department's IT staff had

previously upgraded the TraCS database from Microsoft Access to Microsoft SQL Server earlier in 2015 in preparation for the TraCS 10 upgrade. The database upgrade helped improve the speed and efficiency of the TraCS program while eliminating data corruption issues that were common in Access.

Below is a summary of some of the other main areas of activity during 2015.

Computer Aided Dispatch & Law Enforcement Records

New World Systems (NWS) Aegis software provides Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Law Enforcement Records Management (LERMS) and Mobile Data services. It has been the primary public safety software of CPD since 2004. After completing a



major upgrade to the Mobile & Field Reporting components of this system in 2014, during 2015 IT staff focused on maintenance, bug fixes and planning and research for a possible future upgrade to the CAD and LERMS components.

We also started monitoring the transition of New World Systems from a privately held public safety software company to becoming a part of Tyler Technologies,

a much larger, publicly held company after an

acquisition in Q4 of 2015. To date we have not seen any negative effects from the acquisition and will continue to monitor the situation in 2016.

Intelligence Led Policing Initiative

After the Police Department partnered with the Rockland County District Attorney's Office in 2014 to create the Rockland County Intelligence Led Policing & Prosecution Center (ILPPC), we focused on the technological needs of the newly formed partnership. In 2015, the name of the ILPPC was changed to the Rockland County Strategic Intelligence Unit (RCSIU).

After taking the lead on setting up the technology needed at their off-site location in 2014, the IT staff continued to assist through all of 2015. IT staff worked through the year with BAIR Analytics, the primary software vendor for the RCSIU, to facilitate the extraction of information from our New World and TraCS databases for use in their analytics software. The BAIR software will play a key role for the analysis of data by the RCSIU's crime analysts.

Also in 2015, we began work with NDI Recognition Systems, a license plate

reader (LPR) company, to set up a server and storage at the Police Department for storing LPR data for analysis by the RCSIU.

Livescan System

The livescan system is used daily for fingerprinting and photographing arrested subjects and transmitting that data to the NYS Department of Criminal Justice (DCJS) and then subsequently to the FBI. Additionally, the information contained

in the livescan system is used by investigators throughout Rockland County for investigative

purposes.

In 2004, the Clarkstown Police Department took the lead in implementing the livescan system in Rockland County. Prior to that hardcopy fingerprints and photographs were sent to DCJS by mail. For more than ten years we remained the lead agency for livescan in Rockland County and hosted the server used by nearly a dozen agencies.



In early 2015, it was decided that the proper host for the system was the Rockland County Sheriff's Office and

plans were begun to move the server to their facility. After months of planning and testing, IT staff from the Police Department working with IT staff at the Sheriff's Office successfully completed the move of the server and all connections to the Sheriff's Office in December 2015.

Plans for 2016

In addition to continuing to troubleshoot, maintain and upgrade various systems in the Police Department, during 2015 we are planning the following technology projects:

Upgrade the aging CCTV system at CPD by installing new digital network video recorder's (NVR) to replace 10+ year old analog recorders as well as replacing older analog cameras with new, digital, IP-based ones. This upgrade will also allow the Police Department to move forward with the acceptance of outside video sources as requested by other organizations such as schools.

Upgrade the video wall system in our communications center by replacing rear-projection, analog video display cubes with more efficient, less expensive, HD flat panel LED displays. The upgrade also includes replacing the back end server infrastructure that provides the content for the video wall screens. This project is estimated to save over \$100,000 immediately and additional money in the years to come from lower energy usage, software maintenance costs and hardware replacement costs.

Replace the main Internet router at the PD to improve performance and provide a tertiary backup for Internet access using wireless 4G technology. This is being done as we become more and more dependent on Internet or cloud based services and prepare for all contingencies.

Purchase & install hardware, software and networking equipment needed for a disaster recovery (DR) center. This facility will allow the Police Department to continue operations in the event of severe weather, fire, flood or other catastrophe that would render our police headquarters unusable.

Continuing the move towards a "paperless" environment and automation of workflows by further developing CPIN/ SmartForce.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS



ELI GILL/10-75.NET

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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.

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 canines are German Shepherd "King", German Shepherd "Taz", and our new canine, Dutch Shepherd "Remy". The purchase and training of "Remy" and his handler was made possible through a generous donation from the Rockland Kennel Club in the honor and memory of Welles Remy Crowther, "The Man in the Red Bandana", a resident of Upper Nyack who selflessly sacrificed his own life at the World Trade Center on 9/11 while saving others.

In 2016, we are anticipating the retirement of Canine "King" after 10 years of service. "King" will join his handler's family as a pet. In 2016, the Department will be purchasing a new canine to replace "King".

K9 Unit



Deployment Type	Totals
Building Searches	7
Area Searches	6
Narcotic Searches	59
Narcotic Finds	19
Non-Criminal Tracks	2
Criminal Tracks	10
Apprehensions	0
Evidence Recovery	5
Tactical Deployment	10
Cadaver Search	5
Community Event	68
Assist Other Agency	9
Totals	200



P.O. Keane and K9 Taz



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.

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 2015, the Department made 50 arrests for driving while intoxicated and driving while impaired by drugs. Of these arrests, 25 were involving motor vehicle accidents. Supplementing normal patrol operations, the Department conducted 34 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 were further augmented by a grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee which provided funding for increased patrols during designated holiday periods, including Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Years, Memorial

also participated in an annual DWI Checkpoint, which was conducted on Thanksgiving Weekend and resulted in 5 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



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,

Command Van which allows for expeditious processing of any arrests, including administering blood alcohol content tests.

For 2016, 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.



In 2015, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program completed its 26th 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 the "broken windows" theory and attempts to resolve small problems before they become larger ones. By working with the community as well as various government and social agencies, local civic associations, community organizations, and local businesses the Unit responds to resolve issues that don't necessarily 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 Town of Clarkstown has various communities within it, each is different, and what one area of the township requires is not necessarily the same for the other. The ultimate goals for the Community Police Unit is to work with the residents to effectively reduce the number of complaints and assist people as well as being proactive in addressing, mediating and mitigating 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 prevention of the victimization of crime 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 frauds, larcenies, burglaries, scams, and any other predatory activity that public awareness minimizes the risks in 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 2015 we notified the pharmacies in the Town of Clarkstown about these scams and asked the managers to be aware of elderly spending large sums of money on "green cards." We have worked with T.R.I.A.D. in attempt to educate the elderly. TRIAD is a program whose philosophy focuses on reducing criminal victimization of older Americans, and the enhancement of the delivery of law enforcement services to



these individuals. It is a partnership between local police, the Sheriff, and the American Association of Retired Persons (A.A.R.P.).

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 for specific types of high concern businesses indicating material used by the businesses that could assist terrorists. The Action Team distributes information to the public via press releases, social media, and handouts containing information on how

to identify suspicious individuals and how to report that information to authorities to local authorities and the State's free terrorist hotline, 1-866-SAFENYS.

The Community Police Unit participates at various community-based events such as street fairs and festivals, school functions, and town sponsored events. They also conduct tours of the police department for boy scouts, girl scouts, seniors, and schools. The Community Police Unit had several interns throughout the year from various colleges.

The Unit sponsors a Vin (vehicle identification number) etching program. "Watch your car VIN program" is a nationwide program in which vehicle owners can have the

Clarkstown Police etch the vehicle's VIN number into the windows of the vehicle. These etched numbers are difficult to remove and have been proven effective in making vehicles less likely to be targeted by car thieves.

At the request of many residents, schools, and religious institutions we conducted security survey audits in an effort to be proactive for crime. The survey consists of

checking locks and the lighting of the facilities as well as procedures, interviewing employees, and signage for the area.

The goal for 2016 will be to continue to address the various concerns of the community. This would include continued meetings with senior clubs, senior facilities, churches, residents, rotary clubs, chamber of commerce and civic associations. We plan on continuing to develop partnerships within the community so the quality of life concerns are addressed on a continual basis.

Traffic Unit

The Traffic Enforcement Unit conducts selective enforcement throughout the Town enforcing traffic laws, that when violated, frequently result in motor vehicle accidents. The Unit employs the Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) integrating location-based traffic crash and crime data to determine the most effective methods for deploying Officers and other resources that include Speed Trailers, Message Boards and Decoy Cars.

enforcement vehicles, the goal and enforce traffic Local Parking and apprehend while under the

The Traffic Unit the community enforcement neighborhoods are evaluated it will then be issue or a traffic visibility patrol by normal patrol operations as well as the deployment of our speed trailer, message boards and decoy cars.



Drawing on the deterrent value of highly visible traffic and the knowledge that crimes often involve motor of DDACTS is to reduce traffic accidents, deter crime, laws in the Town. The Unit will also enforce State and regulations and aggressively attempt to identify drivers who choose to operate their motor vehicles influence of alcoholic beverages or drugs.

will also address complaint driven traffic issues from with "Operation Slowdown", a public awareness and initiative against speeding and reckless drivers in throughout the Town. Community complaints based on reported and observed traffic violations, determined to be either a selective enforcement calming issue that requires high frequency high

The Unit will also conducted periodic targeted enforcement initiatives funded by the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to address 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.

2015 TRAFFIC UNIT ENFORCEMENT						
	SPEEDING	OTHER	PARKING	ARRESTS	WARNING	TOTAL
JAN	142	182	129	4	105	562
FEB	124	193	124	6	88	535
MAR	158	257	153	8	104	680
APR	195	365	135	15	104	814
MAY	67	344	86	7	80	584
JUN	51	296	83	16	63	509
JUL	115	352	97	24	80	668
AUG	82	227	78	11	73	471
SEP	178	274	132	13	95	692
OCT	173	309	79	23	62	646
NOV	158	208	282	16	53	717
DEC	41	144	554	2	82	823
TOTAL	1484	3151	1932	145	989	7701



The Traffic Unit conducts Commercial Vehicle Inspection and Enforcement details to ensure the safe operation

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

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.

Smart Sales

In 2015, the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Program (Safe Management of Alcohol and Retail Tobacco Sales) continued to enforce laws pertaining to the licensing, sale and distribution of alcohol in the Town Of Clarkstown, primarily the laws pertaining to the sale of alcohol to minors..

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 effective in achieving our community's commitment to keep these products out of the hands of our youth.

The enforcement component of the program conducts bi-monthly compliance checks targeting businesses licensed for both on-premise and off-premise sale of alcohol products. Though enforcement

efforts are geared towards the sale of products to minors, the unit also enforces general compliance to NYS Alcohol Beverage Control Laws, the NYS Penal Law, Public Health laws and local ordinances. These compliance checks consist of primarily "buy and bust" operations utilizing underage undercover agents in conjunction with officers of the Rockland County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (SPCC) supplemented by periodic law enforcement compliance checks targeting local bars and restaurants.

In 2015, the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Unit conducted 131 compliance checks conducted at local businesses of which 20 businesses (15%) were cited for non-compliance. This represents a 1%

increase in non-compliance from the previous year.

To accomplish the goal of the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Program, the Clarkstown Police Department with cooperation of the Rockland County District Attorney's office and the County Magistrate's Association recommends that first offense cases involving the unlawful sale or possession of alcohol or tobacco products be adjudicated "adjourned in contemplation of dismissal" conditional upon attendance at an educational forum for unlawful sale of alcohol conducted by a certified instructor of the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Program. All those

full penalty of the law.

In 2015, the Educational Forum component of the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Program conducted 11 alcohol educational forums to those arrested and charged with "unlawful sale to minor" offenses. Though many local businesses provide their own employee training on the sale of Alcohol and Tobacco Products, many have voluntarily sent their employees to these forums to supplement their own training and to underscore their willingness to partner with law enforcement towards the stated goals of the program.

With the strong support and

expectations of community and civic groups to stay on top of this problem, we have set our goal for 2016 to continue our efforts to remain an effective deterrent in the sale of alcohol products to our youth. With the cooperation



and participation of our local retailers, this initiative underscores the commitment of our community to limit the access, use and abuse of alcoholic beverages by our youth, thereby avoiding the tragic consequences of underage drinking.

arrested by Rockland County Law Enforcement Agencies are given the option to attend this diversion program by the respective municipalities. 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 products. Businesses that demonstrate a pattern of non-compliance are referred to the NYS Liquor Authority for the suspension and revocation of their liquor license. In addition, repeat violators are subject to



Other Aspects of Special Operations

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 2015, the Department billed out \$208,333.75 for 1,666.67 hours of police service.

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.



Photo by Mario Burger

The newly acquired Barricade/Traffic cone response vehicle gives the capability to deploy barricades and traffic cones more efficiently in the event of a major incident or event. In 2016 the Department is looking to add an off-road 4WDR Quad to increase our capabilities in search and rescue operations as well as community events.

The Bicycle Unit also engages in community service in its own right by teaching bicycle safety to school children and youth groups.

Project Lifesaver

The Clarkstown 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 14 active clients, 3 adults and 11 children. In 2015 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.

Animal Control

There were a total of 1138 animal control related calls for service in 2015. Dog complaints were the most common type, with 528 calls, while “other” animals accounted for the remaining 610 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 (ACO) handled eight dangerous dog cases in 2015 and closed out two from 2014. The total number of these calls for service does not reflect a myriad of other services provided by the ACO. 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 residents 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 610 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 coordinates the posting of “Turtle Crossing Signs” during the annual snapping turtle migration on Western Highway in West Nyack.

Seventy-two dogs were taken to the Hi-Tor Animal Care Center by the ACO. Fifty-three of these dogs were eventually redeemed by their owners. Of the remaining nineteen dogs, 9 were adopted, 2 went to rescue, 1 was euthanized, and 7 died and were cremated.

The ACO issued eighteen criminal summonses and 382 Warnings to town residents in violation of Town Ordinances. Ninety-nine bites reports were taken and referred to the Rockland County Health Department. The ACO also works with the community in conjunction with the Town Clerk to assure the proper

licensing of dogs.

Countywide there were sixty-two specimens submitted to the Rockland County Health Department to test for rabies. Of that amount, the ACO was responsible for sending out thirty-one from the Town of Clarkstown and the Village of Upper Nyack. Of these specimens, 6 tested positive (5 raccoons and 1 skunk) for rabies.

The Animal Control Officer works closely with the Rockland County Health Department for both dog bite and feral cat colony complaints and assists in organizing free rabies clinics for your pets.

Goals for 2016 are 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 also 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.

Auxiliary Police

Clarkstown Auxiliary Police Officers are town residents who are dedicated volunteers, 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 Defibrillator, First Aid, defensive tactics, arrest techniques, crime prevention, defensive driving and traffic control.

In 2015 the members of the Auxiliary Police Unit 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.



Accident Investigation

The Clarkstown Police Accident Investigation Team continued its service to the town in 2015. The team consists of nine officers (soon to be eleven with the addition of two new officers) who are extensively trained in accident investigation. These officers are available to respond twenty-four hours a day and do not receive any added compensation for this detail. They are assigned to regular duty until they are needed. The accident investigation 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 ten motor vehicle accidents during 2015. All of those incidents occurred within the Town of Clarkstown.

The team did not respond to any accidents outside of the town. Five of the accidents involved fatalities (each one involved a single fatality) while the other five were non-fatal accidents. Of the five fatal accidents one was a single car accident, one was a two

vehicle accident, two were vehicle/bicyclist and one was vehicle/pedestrian. One of the fatalities was determined by the medical examiner to be the result of a seizure disorder. The victim in this case suffered the seizure while driving, went off the road and rolled his vehicle. His passenger was only slightly injured. Two of the fatal accidents involved buses being operated on Route 303 in West Nyack. In one case the bus operator was at fault while in the other the bicyclist victim was at fault.

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

team attend additional classroom and field training each year. Two officers are certified by the Accreditation Commission for Accident Reconstruction (ACTAR).

Accident investigation has evolved into a very technical field with the advent of safety systems such as anti-lock brakes, Supplemental Restraint Systems, electronic stability control and the availability of automobile crash research. The Accident Investigation Team also utilizes a Crash Data Retrieval System.



The Crash Data Retrieval System consists of hardware and software that downloads pre-crash and crash data from a vehicle's air bag module to a computer. This device provides officers with another tool with which to determine the causes of a crash by interpreting empirical data obtained directly from the crash vehicle. At present, four officers 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.

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

Awards Ceremony



Retirements

- Detective Daniel Alvarado
- Officer Thomas Holstine
- Officer James Landry
- Officer Edward Stoker



Excellent Police Service

Sergeant Thomas Ronan
 Sergeant Richard Von Ronn
 Detective Brian Quinn
 Police Officer Christopher Bax
 Police Officer William Cunnane
 Police Officer Anthony Drescher
 Police Officer Michael Feltham
 Police Officer John Hanchar
 Police Officer Michael Keane
 Police Officer Alice Laschet
 Police Officer Robert Reilly
 Police Officer Christopher Woulfe

Meritorious Police Service 2nd

Sergeant Stephen Cole-Hatchard
 Sergeant Earl Lorence
 Police Officer John Hanchar
 Police Officer Robert Fortune
 Police Officer Michael Valentino

Lifesaving

Sergeant Daniel Burke
 Police Officer Michael Benzinger
 Police Officer William Berrigan
 Police Officer Ryan Davan
 Police Officer Matthew Downen
 Police Officer Thomas Doyle
 Police Officer Vitino Errico
 Police Officer John Giordano
 Police Officer John Hanchar
 Police Officer Andrew Kelly
 Police Officer Raymond Laschet
 Police Officer Kevin Mctigue
 Police Officer Paul Munding
 Police Officer William Robinson
 Police Officer Kevin Thurston
 Police Officer Matthew Usefof

Certificate of Merit

Dispatcher Lorraine Monahan
 Dispatcher Joseph Koester

Unit Citation

Clarkstown Detective Bureau

Officer Andrew Kelly was a Marine who still embodies the toughness and discipline associated with that branch of the military service in his role as a police officer today.

After the Marine Corps Officer Kelly became a member of the Greenwich, Connecticut Police Department. In addition to his patrol duties he was a member of their tactical SWAT team, deployed as a sniper/observer.

In July of 2006 Andrew became a member of the Clarkstown Police Department. In his 9 years as a member of our Department Officer Kelly has consistently demonstrated the very best traits we could possibly hope to have in any of our police officers. Always professional, always there, always giving 100% in the line of duty, Officer Kelly is the type of officer that supervisors want to see in their squads, officers want to see in their turnouts, and if you are in trouble the officer you want to see answering your call.

In addition to his patrol duties, Officer Kelly also serves the department as a certified paramedic, a member of our tactical CIRT team, a field-training officer for new recruits, and a drill instructor at the Rockland County Police Academy. In his spare time Officer Kelly is a member of the Rockland Emerald Society Pipe and Drum band. Officer Kelly also finds time in his off duty hours as a relentless advocate for our veterans. As a supporter of the Wounded Warriors program Officer Kelly has participated in numerous fund raising events including a 50-mile run, and an incredible 100 mile run in support of this worthy cause.

As a drill instructor he is responsible for molding young men and women

Officer of the Year

into the type of officer needed to succeed and thrive in the very complicated and dangerous world of law enforcement today. Perhaps nothing sums up Officer Kelly's qualifications for Officer of the Year better than this excerpt written by one of Officer Kelly's young recruits at the Rockland County Police Academy:

"Good leaders make other people want to follow them by their own sheer will. There is simply an aura about them which makes people want to follow them and listen to their direction and wisdom. They are people you can trust with anything and people that push you beyond your limits. They are there extending a hand when you are at your lowest point and pushing you higher when you are at your highest. I've only encountered a couple of people like this throughout my life and I have recently had the pleasure of being in that type of presence today. That man is Drill Instructor Andrew Kelly. I've



never met anyone before who literally bleeds what it means to be a good leader in a professional setting before. He showed us that we are capable of pushing ourselves far beyond our limits, while helping us to break down those mental barriers that tell us "You can't do this!" I would follow him to hell if I had to."

Youth Court

The Town of Clarkstown Youth Court was started in April of 1981. Since that time, the Court has heard over 3,265 cases and trained over 1,382 local youth that have served the court Wednesday nights throughout the years. The court provides a voluntary alternative to the Rockland County 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 the cases referred to the Juvenile Aid Bureau resulted in 26 of the cases being heard in Youth Court.



The cases that were not heard by youth court were either transferred to Family Court or the parents chose not to participate in the program. The majority of the cases before the court were petit larceny offenses. In addition, we heard several other minor misdemeanors and violations. We find that shoplifting

continues to be a major problem, and the Palisades Center Mall has led the town with referrals. Unfortunately, a majority of the shoplifters from Palisades Center and the Shops at Nanuet are not eligible to participate in Youth Court. They either reside far outside of Rockland County or have stolen property valued in excess of the monetary limit

(\$250.00) set by the court.

The normal sentence for youth court offenses is community service, an essay, or both. This year 204 hours were spent cleaning up the Town streets, commuter lots and the Police and Courts building, and 12,350 essay words were assigned dealing with the consequences of their action as well as the effects of peer pressure on their decision-making.

This year we also trained nineteen new Youth Court members who went through an intense 10-week course on the operation and goals

of the Court. Upon completion they were all graduated and recognized by the Town Board.

The ongoing goal for Youth Court is to recruit more members from all the local high schools and have a court that better reflects the cultural mix in the community.

Youth Academy

The Clarkstown Police Department conducted the 27th and 28th classes of the Youth Academy Program during 2015 and graduated 48 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 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 their equipment and vehicles. Lastly, students participate in a defensive tactics workshop consisting of handcuffing, "Taser" and baton use.

Objectives for 2016 are to continue to educate our young citizens about the law enforcement profession in a positive and interesting manner.

Explorer Post 201

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 2015 the program had 20 active members and 10 new members. Explorers conducted

approximately 285 hours of community service. They also assisted at the following special events: Clarkstown Police Open House, Rockland County Law Enforcement Memorial, Keep Rockland Beautiful, Emerald Society 5k run, D.A.R.E. Basketball Tournament, New City Memorial Day Parade, September 11th Memorial, Brinks Memorial, 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 2016 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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State of the Union

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While millions of Americans watched President Barack Obama's next to last State of the Union Message on television last night, Patrick Tobin, a Clarkstown police officer, had a front row seat.

Tobin was the guest of Congresswoman Nita Lowey and was appropriately given the time off from patrol duties for the occasion.

"It is an honor to have officer Patrick Tobin as my guest in our nation's capital for the State of the Union, said Lowey. "Tobin has been dedicated to protecting the Clarkstown community, and fighting to defend our American freedoms abroad. His story of overcoming adversity and commitment to public service is truly an inspiration.

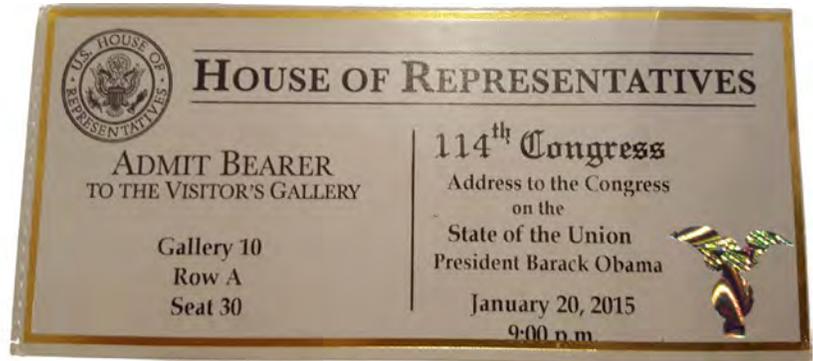
"I have had no greater pleasure than serving my country in the United States Army, and I now get to serve the town I grew up in as a police officer with the Clarkstown Police Department, Tobin said.

Tobin joined the Clarkstown Police in February 2014. He is a former Army Ranger who was seriously injured in a training accident while jumping out of an airplane. Doctors told him he would never be able to physically complete the Ranger training. Tobin had other ideas: he overcame his injury and completed his training.

After being deployed once to Iraq and three times to Afghanistan, he was honorably discharged from the army as a certified Ranger. "The Town of Clarkstown is proud to have Patrick Tobin, one of our brave and dedicated Clarkstown Police Officers, attend the State of the Union with Congresswoman Lowey," said Clarkstown Supervisor Alex Gromack. "This is such a wonderful testament and honor to Officer Tobin's service as an Army Ranger and now Clarkstown Police Officer". Clarkstown Chief of Police Michael Sullivan said, "We are grateful to Police Officer Patrick Tobin for the sacrifices he made during

his enlistment as an Army Ranger. We are equally proud to have him as a member of the Clarkstown Police Department. We are honored that

Congresswoman Lowey will have Patrick Tobin accompany her as her guest to the State of The Union."



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 Law Enforcement Memorial service held in Washington D.C. for those officers who have made the supreme sacrifice to their communities and nation. In fact, during the dedication ceremony for the Law Enforcement Memorial in 1991, the Clarkstown Police Honor Guard had more representation during the service than any police department in the nation and is now responsible for the coordination of the National Emerald Society's Ceremony at the memorial site that is attended by over 50 pipe bands as well as over 35 Honor Guards from across the nation. The 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 attack 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.

Honor Guard

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 2015 the Honor Guard, with the backing of the Clarkstown Police administration and Town Board, also provided support to other agencies by participating in funerals for local and federal 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.

In 2016 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.



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. The courses attended during 2015 are listed on the adjoining page.

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.

Some of our in-service training courses.

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

Protecting Law Enforcement Responders

The Clarkstown Police Department hosted a one-day seminar geared towards dispatchers with the goal of protecting the officer on the street. Dispatchers from several departments attended, as did all dispatchers employed by the Clarkstown Police Department.

With high-risk law enforcement-related 911 calls dispatched daily, it is essential that focus on officer safety is continuously reinforced. Our 911 dispatchers are a vital link in the emergency response chain and the lifeline to responding officers. Consequently, they must educate themselves about the dangers the officers might face and how to best minimize those risks.

TOPICS COVERED:

- Felonious line of duty deaths
- High-risk crimes and incidents in progress
- Groups that target law enforcement
- Extremist and street gangs
- Dispatcher tactics to protect officers
- Officer safety in motor vehicle stops
- Officer safety in domestic violence calls
- Barricaded suspects and active shooters
- Radio dispatch procedures and etiquette
- Descriptive

information gathering

- Critical incident stress debriefing

LEARN HOW TO:

- Recognize threats to officers
- Provide pre-arrival instructions" for officers
- Identify potential "suicide by cop" scenarios

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EDUCATION
 By **POWERPHONE**

Clarkstown Police Department has to its 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.

In 2016 we will continue to seek training that will keep our department on the cutting edge of law enforcement techniques.

2015 Training Courses

Academy of Polygraph Science
Accreditation Program Manager
Active Shooter
Advanced Homicide Investigation Conference
Advanced Legal Research
Advanced Police Juvenile Officers Course
Advanced Precision Scoped Rifle
Aerosol Restraint Instructor
Aquatic Death & Homicidal Drowning
Background Investigations Checklist Below 100
Cellebrite Advanced Smartphone Analysis
Cellebrite Certified Logical Operator & Physical Analyst
Cellebrite Mobile Forensics Online
Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification
Command Post Training
Course in Police Supervision
Courtroom Success for DWI Crash Investigations
CPR-AED
Crisis Intervention Training
Crowd Control
Dangers of Vehicle Pursuits
DCJS Chemical Agent Instructor
DCJS Close Quarter Tactics
DRE Recertification
Drive to Survive
Electrical Fire Cause & Determination
FBI Basic Digital Photography
FBI Basic Swat School
FBI Crime Scene Photography
FBI LEEDA Media & Public Relations
FBI National Academy
FBI Surveillance Photography
Fire Behavior/Arson Awareness

Firearms Instructor School
Fundamentals of Grants Management
Grant Writing
HIDTA Clandestine Labs/Marijuana Grow Ops
HIDTA Combating the Plague of Heroin
HIDTA Cultivating and Controlling Drug Informants
HIDTA Drug Recognition: Understanding & Manufacturing
HIDTA Interviewing Gang Members
HIDTA Narcotics/Firearms Investigation
HIDTA Tactics for Patrol and Plainclothes Officers
HIDTA Vehicle Concealment
How Kids are Learning to Kill
I-300 Intermediate ICS For Expanding Incidents
Informant Management
Instructor Development Course
Interview and Interrogation
Intro. to Incident Command System
Issues in Juvenile Justice
Juvenile Gang Awareness and Intervention
K9 In Service Training and Certification
Land Navigation Course
Law Enforcement Camera Based Systems Symposium
Less Lethal Munitions Instructor
Lost Person Behavior & Search
Mass Fatalities Incident Response
Mastering Sharepoint 2013
MDSP Basic Police Motorcycle Operations Instructor
Missing & Abducted Children: Investigative Best Practices & Strategies
NECNA Hostage Negotiation Seminar
NetMotion Certification
NTOA Night Vision Operator
NY Law Enforcement Officers & The Law
NYPD Homicide School

NYS Field Intelligence Seminar
NYS Forensic Interviewing Best Practices
NYSTARS Annual Meeting/Driver Fatigue
NYSTARS Vehicle Systems Forensics
Online Investigations: Tools, Tips, Techniques
OSHA-Hazmat
PIO Awareness Course
Police Marksman (Sniper)
Powerphone EMD/LED Training
Prevention and Detection of Elder Abuse
Protecting Law Enforcement Responders
Public Safety De-escalation Tactics PTSD
Radar/Lidar Operator
Reid Interviewing and Interrogation
Responder Outreach for Train Emergencies
Responding to Commercial Sex Exploitation
Sexual Harassment and Gender Discrimination
Sharepoint 2013 Intro
Sirchie Evidence Collection Course
Social Media for Disaster Response
Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
Stratified Policing - Smartforce
Street Crime Seminar
Suicide Prevention Instructor
Surviving Verbal Conflict
SWAT Command Decision Making & Leadership
SWAT Commander II
Tactical Combat Casualty Care
Taser Instructor
Trench Awareness
Unarmed Doesn't Mean Not Dangerous
Understanding Gun Shot Residue
US Secret Service Fraud Seminar
VALOR Officer Survival
Vehicle Autopsies

Alarm Enforcement Unit

The Clarkstown Police Department received 5,908 burglar alarms in 2015; this calculated into 9.7% of the Department's total calls for service. On an average day, nearly 55% 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%.

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.

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.

In 2015, hundreds of e-mails and telephone messages were received and answered regarding employment opportunities within the Clarkstown Police Department.

Tentatively, the next written entry-level civil service exam is scheduled for November 2016. Another large-scale recruitment effort will be undertaken which will include updating and publishing the department informational brochure, updating and maintaining the employment website link, distributing



public service announcements and contacting various media sources. Objectives will include following the guidelines set out in the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan,

establishing lines of communication with community contacts, attending community events and career forums at schools and colleges.

Child Safety Seats

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 the National Centers for Disease Control (CDC), motor vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death among children in the United States, but many of these deaths can be prevented. In 2014, 340 children under the age of 5 were killed and 47,000 were injured as a result of motor vehicle crashes. Car seat use reduces the risk for death to infants (aged <1 year) by 71%; and to toddlers (aged 1–4 years) by 54% in passenger vehicles.

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. In 2015, two additional officers attended the 4-day training class to become Certified Child Passenger Safety



Technicians. With the addition of those officers, we now have 13 officers in the program. 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 2015, officers checked more than 250 child safety seats; of which 236 were at our monthly fitting stations. The New York State

Governor's Traffic Safety committee again provided some grant funding for 2015 and will again provide some funding in 2016 for the purchase of supplies for the program.

In 2016 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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ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE, MARCH 1984

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911