

Request for Proposal  
Town of Clarkstown Police Department Review

January 27, 2016

Town of Clarkstown Police Department Review RFP

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## Town of Clarkstown Police Department Review RFP

### I. **Executive Summary**

The Town of Clarkstown (the "Town") is seeking to retain a consulting organization to perform a review of the Town's Police Department and its public safety responsibilities and functions. The purpose of the review is to assist the Town to deliver high quality, resident oriented public safety services, at an efficient cost consistent with the Town's needs, budget and budget projections. As further described in this Request for Proposal ("RFP"), the review will include analysis and recommendations primarily concerning the:

- i. Police Department's current organization and staffing model;
- ii. Police Department's current work load and responsibilities to the Town;
- iii. Police Department's current rules and regulations, standard operating procedures and general orders;
- iv. Police Department's historical, current and projected overtime costs;
- v. Town's current collective bargaining agreement with the local PBA, which expires on December 31, 2017
- vi. Evaluate Police Department's use of their own Records Management System;
- vii. Review of all specialized units in terms of need, historical use, and duplication of services;
- viii. Identification of options for efficiency improvements including the potential utilization of shared services and regionalization;

The Town requires a consulting firm with specific and proven expertise in municipal police department operations, up-to-date expertise in best practices for municipal policing and public safety technology, experience in New York police-related employment standards, laws and trends.

The consulting firm should complete its review and present findings as described in Section IV, Project Timeline & Deliverables.

In addition to retaining a consulting firm for the review of the Police Department and current PBA contract, the Town may, at its option, decide to retain the selected consultant to:

- ix. Assist with negotiations of the PBA contract;
- x. Assist the Town with implementing recommendations as approved by the Supervisor and the Town Board;

The Consultant shall report directly to the Clarkstown Town Board and shall have the cooperation of the Town Supervisor, as well as the Town's Chief of Police.

### II. **Background**

The Town of Clarkstown is located in Rockland County, NY and is a community of approximately 46.9 square miles, with a population of 85,801. The town employs approximately 450 full time employees. The Town of Clarkstown Police Department currently consists of 162 full-time sworn officers and 24 full-time civilian employees. The Police Department's 2016 Adopted Budget, including dispatch services, health benefits, pension, and taxes is \$49,276,008.18 which represent 34% of the total town budget.

**III. Statement of Objectives & Statement of Work**

The Town seeks a review and recommendations from the consultant on the following topics. These topics collectively define the consulting project’s Statement of Objectives. In responding to this RFP, interested consulting firms shall use the Town’s Statement of Objectives to develop a Scope of Work for this effort, which will be included in their RFP response.

1.	Organization & Staffing Model	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review current staffing schedules (shift length, days on, days off). Identify other staffing options, pros/cons. Consider command/control, health, and cost aspects.</li> <li>2. Identify organizational structure and staffing options:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide support for each organizational model and number of officers recommended/required.</li> <li>b. Include organizational models involving shared services (as per #5 below)</li> <li>c. Consider number of patrolmen needed on the road at all times and desired response time.</li> <li>d. Identify function(s) not being adequately fulfilled and provide economical suggestions to remediate.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. As part of identifying organization and staffing models, consideration should be given to:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. HR related issues including career advancement, review practices, employee stress, etc.;</li> <li>b. Issues related to excessive overtime, if any, related to understaffing or other reasons;</li> <li>c. Utilization of non-permanent resources (specials), if any;</li> <li>d. Impact on dependent entities (Fire Departments and Ambulance Corps.);</li> <li>e. Leadership succession plan.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Assess relationship quality (including command/control aspects) between Town leadership (Town Board, Town Supervisor, Police Commission and Police Chief) and PBA members.</li> </ol>
2.	Current PBA Contract	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify any contract provisions not in line with area or national standards, best practices, economic trends and innovations, etc. consider healthcare benefit package before and after retirement.</li> <li>2. Provide a prioritized list and analysis of contract and potential contractual changes.</li> </ol>
3.	Rules & Regulations, Policies & Procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review Police Department’s current Rules and Regulations / Policies &amp; Procedures based on current accreditation model.</li> <li>2. Review current policies and rules applicable to lateral hires and promotion. Compare to County and other municipalities with more flexible recruiting and promotion policies.</li> <li>3. Review information and data regarding complaints from residents. Consult with Police Chief as necessary and identify and report on any appropriate policy changes.</li> <li>4. Review policies and procedures regarding benefits.</li> </ol>
4.	Police Department Resources & Technology	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review current Police Department Equipment and technology. Identify gaps or inefficiencies not in line with area standards.</li> <li>2. Review current equipment and technology in terms of share service potential.</li> <li>3. Cursory review of Police Department spending (non-personnel related) to determine if it is in line with industry norms.</li> </ol>

5.	Organizational Efficiencies and Shared Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify organizational efficiency options including shared services.</li> <li>2. Develop preliminary pros and cons, potential implementation plan.</li> </ol>
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**IV. Project Timeline and Deliverables**

The Town anticipates a three and one-half (3 ½ ) month timeline to complete this project from Notice to Proceed. The Town expects the Consultant to comply with the following timeline and deliverables. (Changes to the proposed timeline will be negotiated with the awarded firm based on actual date of Notice to Proceed)

#	Date	Milestone
1	March 10, 2016	Project Starts
2	March 2016	Consultant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviews existing analyses and reports, Collective Bargaining Agreement, and other materials.</li> <li>• Interviews Town Board</li> <li>• Meets with Town Supervisor and Police Chief</li> <li>• Interviews other police department personnel</li> </ul>
3	April 1, 2016	Consultant delivers analysis of PBA contract to Town Board
4	May 15, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultant completes remaining analyses and provides draft report to the Town Board</li> </ul>
5	June 1, 2016	Town Board submits follow up or clarifying questions to Consultant on draft report
6	June 20, 2016	Final Report for the project is submitted to the Town Board

**V. Proposal Submission Requirements**

Consultant’s proposal should include the following sections:

1. Company background and experience
2. Personnel
  - i. Identification of the specific individuals to be assigned to this engagement and the roles each individual will perform.
  - ii. Resumes and qualifications of named individuals
  - iii. With respect to each individual please list each and every municipality and police department studied within the past ten years; the year of the study; and the name, address and phone number of at least one contact person with knowledge of the individual’s consultation
3. Consultant Qualifications. Consultant shall provide information demonstrating:
  - i. Proven expertise and experience with policing, New York municipal police department management, including operational and budgetary matters, including studies completed
  - ii. Local knowledge and experience with NY municipalities and policing,
  - iii. Understanding of current and evolving relationships between State Police, County Sheriff’s and local municipal police departments,
  - iv. Thorough knowledge of New York State regulations related to Police administration and operations,
  - v. Practical experience with shared services, and

- vi. At least 3 references for recent engagements with objectives similar to the Town of Clarkstown
- 4. Detailed Scope of Work showing how the consultant will meet the Town’s objectives as listed in Section III.
- 5. Identification of all material assumptions consultant makes in order to deliver on consultant’s proposal.
- 6. Identification of all resources consultant will need from the Town in order to deliver on consultant’s proposal.
- 7. Cost should include:
  - i. A breakdown for each objective identified in Section III above. Detail should include:
    - a. The number of hours dedicated to the objective, and
    - b. Personnel to be assigned and hours, level (principal, partner, associate, etc.) and hourly rate for each.
  - ii. Travel, printing and any soft costs should be identified.
  - iii. Price quote shall include a not to exceed amount.

**VI. RFP and Consultant Selection Timeline**

The following schedule is provided as a guide regarding the selection of a consultant. The Town reserves the right to adjust the proposed schedule, as may be necessary.

	Date	Milestone
1	January 27, 2016	RFP Released
2	February 10, 2016	Deadline for receipt of questions regarding the RFP
3	February 17, 2016	Deadline for Town to respond to questions
4	February 24, 2016	RFP Response due by 3 PM
5	February 24- March 8, 2016	Proposal Evaluation, Interviews and Final Consultant Selected

Responses should be sealed with two copies and addressed to:

Town of Clarkstown  
Office of the Supervisor  
c/o Director of Finance  
10 Maple Avenue  
New City, NY 10956

For inquiries, please call 845-639-2050

**No electronic response will be accepted.**

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL BIDDERS

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN

POLICE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION

BY SUBMISSION OF THIS BID, EACH BIDDER AND EACH PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF ANY BIDDER CERTIFIES, AND IN THE CASE OF A JOINT BID EACH PARTY THERETO CERTIFIES AS TO ITS OWN ORGANIZATION, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT TO THE BEST OF KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF:

(1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other bidder or with any competitor;

(2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in this bid have not been knowingly disclosed by the bidder and will not knowingly be disclosed by the bidder prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other bidder or to any

competitor;

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the bidder to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition;

(4) That attached hereto (if a corporate bidder) is a certified copy of resolution authorizing the execution of this certificate by the signatory of this bid or proposal in behalf of the corporate bidder.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHMENT 1

# Annual Report

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## Clarkstown Police Department



**2014**

# Clarkstown

where families and businesses flourish



“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*



**Alexander J. Gromack**  
Supervisor



**Shirley Lasker**  
Councilwoman



**Frank Borelli**  
Councilman



**George Hoehmann**  
Councilman



**Stephanie Hausner**  
Councilwoman



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# Administration



Captain  
Anthony Ovchinnikoff



Chief  
Michael Sullivan



Captain  
Robert Mahon



Detective Lieutenant  
Glenn Dietrich



Administrative Lieutenant  
Daniel Weisberg



Special Operations Lieutenant  
Steven Morgan



Lieutenant  
Thomas Prendergast



Lieutenant  
Raymond McCullagh



Lieutenant  
Jeffrey Wanamaker



Lieutenant  
Kenneth Smith



Photo by Brian Duddy

## Message from the Chief of Police

It is once again my pleasure to present the Clarkstown Police Department's Annual Report for 2014. This report is a comprehensive account of the work performed over the past year. It is presented in both a narrative and statistical format enabling readers to better understand their police department as well as see the numbers that reflect the quantity of our reactive and proactive law enforcement efforts. Our Annual Report may also be viewed on the Town of Clarkstown's website, [www.clarkstown.org](http://www.clarkstown.org).

The Clarkstown Police Department has entered into a partnership with the Rockland County District Attorney's Office to create a brand new collaborative unit called Intelligence-Led Policing and Prosecution. This very new and dynamic law enforcement concept is built upon the earlier policing philosophies of Community Policing, Problem Orientated Policing and COMPSTAT. The goal of this unit is to utilize sophisticated computer equipment by trained personnel to combine criminal intelligence with crime data analysis to provide both tactical and strategic intelligence. This unit will gather data from multiple sources in order to identify potential suspects. In addition, with the use of the most modern technology involving predictive analysis, this unit will also attempt to identify and predict potential crime locations. The purpose would be to provide officers with potential suspects and crime locations in order to more

rapidly apprehend criminals and solve crimes. This unit would also be able to provide on-going long term analysis of criminals and crime patterns in order to more efficiently direct resources to the goal of reducing overall crime. There are not that many police departments in the Country using this concept and very few in the northeast. If successful, this approach could have a dramatic effect on the manner in which policing is conducted. We here in the Clarkstown Police Department are happy to be working with our District Attorney to bring this exciting new concept of policing to Rockland County.

Although the topic has been out of the news for a while, school safety continues to be one of the top priorities for the Clarkstown Police Department. "Operation Safe Schools" combines both a proactive and reactive approach to protecting our schools. Our Juvenile Aid Bureau, DARE Officers and School Resource Officers continue to work closely with our school administrators and teachers to provide guidance to our children, and to identify and intercede in potential threats. Through the Rockland County Police Academy the Clarkstown Police tactical team continues to train the officers of Rockland County to immediately and effectively respond to any acts of violence in our schools. Our uniformed patrol officers continue to make daily inspections of both the exterior and interior of all of our schools. These techniques have proven to be both

effective and popular.

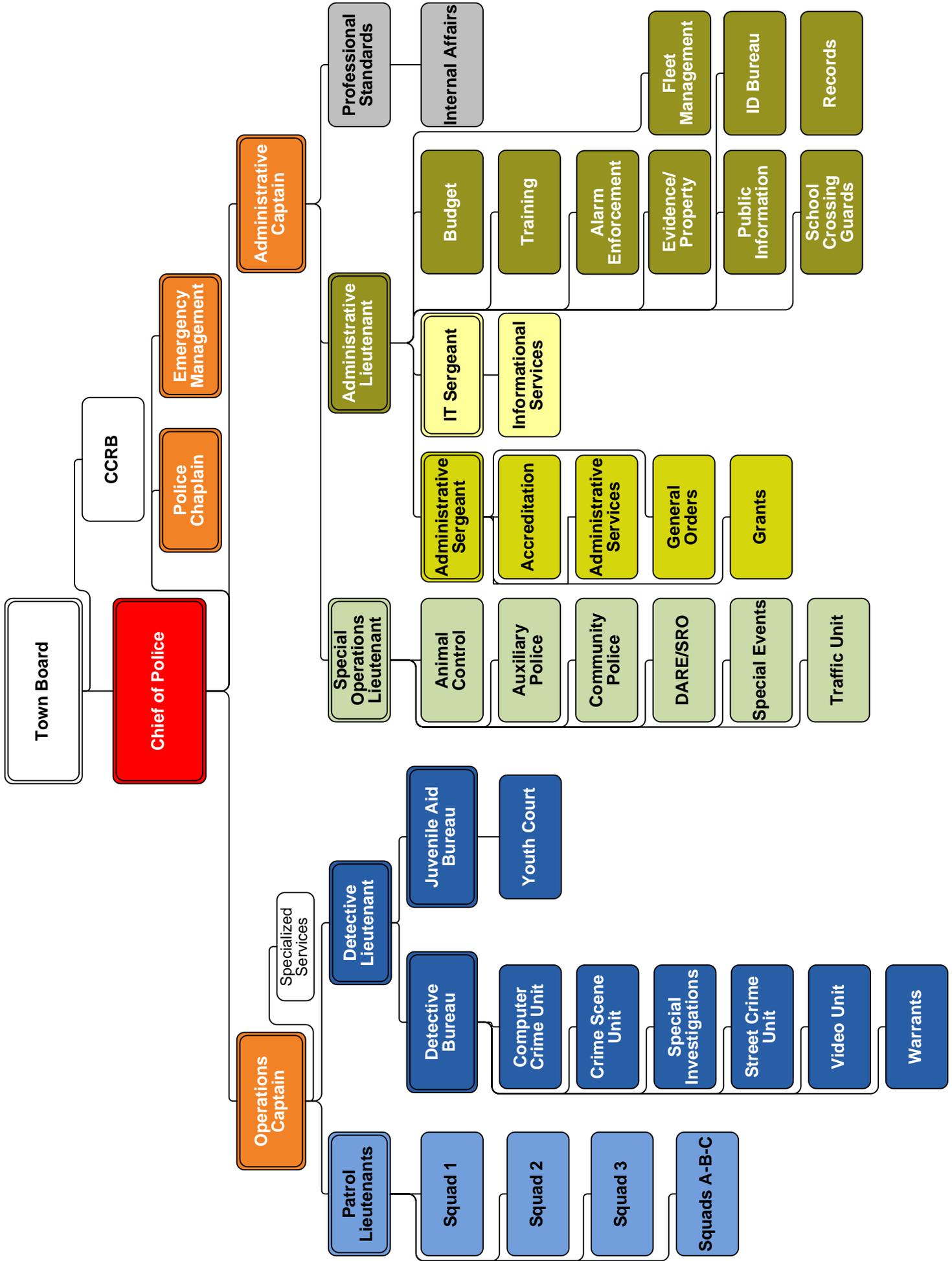
These tactics have also been at the forefront of protecting our malls, government buildings and other critical infrastructure. We have all seen the recent video from the Al-Qaeda terrorist backed group Al Shabaab calling for attacks in our malls throughout the world. Long before this video was released our officers have been collaborating closely with both the Palisades Center and Shops at Nanuet mall management and security teams to better protect our citizens and visitors, as well as to respond to any potential threat. This collaboration is based on mutual plans, training, drills and constant information sharing. No one can guarantee that nothing will ever happen however, rest assured that while you are enjoying your time at the malls we will be watching

out for you.

The Clarkstown Police Department continues to work hard for the safety of all our residents. We have a top notch emergency management team that works closely with local, state and federal authorities to make sure that Clarkstown has the ability to respond effectively to any emergency whether it is manmade or natural. A critical component of our emergency response is the Town's Ready Clarkstown Emergency Notification system. I urgently recommend that everyone sign up for this emergency notification system. Just go to the Town's web site and click on the big red dot. Yes, it is that easy! We continue to have officers assigned to the County Narcotics Task Force, Organized Crime Unit, and Drug Enforcement Agency. And of course we continue to work closely with the Town Board to make sure that our police department is properly staffed and deployed in the most efficient and economical manner possible.

Here in the Clarkstown Police Department we closely analyze all of our incidents to make sure that we identify and correct any of our mistakes and build on our success. We take great pride in serving you and doing our part to make sure that the Town of Clarkstown continues to be one of the safest and best places to live in the Country.

Michael R. Sullivan  
Chief of Police



# Department Personnel 2014

## Chief of Police

Michael R Sullivan

## Operations Captain

Robert G. Mahon

## Administrative Captain

Anthony Ovchinnikoff

## Detective Lieutenant

Glenn Dietrich

## Special Operations Lieutenant

Robert Donaldson (Ret.)

Steven Morgan

## Administrative Lieutenant

Daniel Weisberg

## Patrol Lieutenants

Raymond McCullagh

Thomas Prendergast

Kenneth Smith

Jeffrey Wanamaker

## Detective Sergeant

Bernard Cummings (Ret.)

Joseph Donnary

Christopher Goodyear (Ret.)

Nicholas Lafasciano

James Quinn

## Street Crimes Sergeant

James Fay

## Intelligence Led Policing Sergeant

Stephen Cole-Hatchard

## Administrative Sergeant

JoAnne Fratianni

## Emergency Management Sergeant

James McCormick

## Information Services Sergeant

Brian Gorsky

## Special Operations Sergeant

Michael Kelly

Joseph Reiter (Ret.)

## Patrol Sergeant

Alan Armstrong

Christopher Brigando

Daniel Burke

Steven Chernick

Glenn Cummings

## Detectives

Daniel Alvarado

Brian Callanan

Orlando Cruz

Dawn Fantini

Alan Fehsal (Ret.)

William Fritz

Philip Galligan

Robert Galyon

## Police Officers

Douglas Arbuco

Michael Baisley

Matthew Barry

Matthew Bender

Michael Benzinger

William Berrigan

Geoffrey Bradley (Ret.)

Gary Bromm

Joseph Caivano

Brian Calore

Victor Caraballo

Frank Carbone

Daniel Chazan

Christian Cortelli

Anthony Culianos

William Cunnane

Thomas Curley

Ryan Davan

Lee Davies

Niles Davies

Joseph Dwyer

Kieran Dwyer

John Fredericks

Michael Garvey

Earl Lorence

Christopher Kiernan

Patrick Kivlehan

Eileen Malloy (Ret.)

Christopher G. Maloney

Christopher L. Maloney

Robert McDonald

Lorraine McGrath (Ret.)

Brian Michel

Richard Detoia

Kara Donohue

Matthew Dowan

Corry Doyle

Thomas Doyle

Anthony Drescher

Brian Dunne

Vitino Errico

Edward Fairclough

Martin Farrell

Michael Feltham

Thomas Flanagan

Robert Fortune

Keith Garrabrant

Kathleen Gavin

John Giordano

Jason Gioseffi

William Gomez

Aaron Gould

Michael Graham

Gerard O'Connor

Kevin Quinn

Scott Rios

Thomas Ronan

Richard Von Ronn

Peter Monroe

Michael Novotny

Charles Owens

Frederick Parent

Brian Quinn

Charles Quinn (Ret.)

Frank Romano

Robert Shine

Ellen Greis (Ret.)

Mark Hamilla (Ret.)

John Hanchar

Rory Healy

Timothy Hodges

Thomas Holstine

Michael Keane

Andrew Kelly

Christopher Kelly

Jacqueline Kennedy

William Killian

Joseph Knarich

Adam Kone

James Landry

Alice Laschet

Raymond Laschet

Thomas Latorre

Eric Levy

Robert Lynn (Ret.)

Michael Mahoney (Ret.)

# Department Personnel 2014

Daniel Maloney  
 Michael Maloney  
 Jason Manzella  
 Daniel Martin  
 James McCullagh  
 Robert McDermott  
 Kyle McKiernan  
 Kevin McTigue  
 David Mendez  
 George Mendez  
 Henry Mendez  
 Gordon Miller  
 John Mollahan  
 John Mullins  
 Paul Munding  
 Frank Negri  
 Anthony Nieves  
 William Oliver  
 Christina Pane  
 Todd Papenmeyer  
 Norman Peters  
 Rodney Picott  
 Victor Protasiewicz  
 Tara Purcell  
 Robert Reekie  
 Nicolo Rendina  
 Robert Reilly  
 Christopher Robinson

Mark Robinson  
 William Robinson  
 Michael Ruskowski  
 Kevin Ryan  
 Kevin Shannon  
 Kevin Shea  
 Matthew Sheehy  
 Robert Shine Jr.  
 Scott Silver  
 Edward Stoker  
 Gregory Suarez  
 Sean Suarez  
 Michael Tasaro  
 Keith Teneyck  
 Keven Thurston  
 Michelle Tierney  
 Patrick Tobin  
 Michael Valentino  
 Paul Valerio  
 Jay Vejnaska  
 Nicholas Veltri  
 Peter Walker  
 Shaun Weaver  
 Daniel Woolley  
 Timothy Woolley  
 Christopher Woulfe  
 Stanley Young (Ret.)

## Dispatchers

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

## Civilian Personnel

Samantha Correa  
 Joan Gibbs  
 Elizabeth Kelley  
 Dawn Lafasciano (PT)  
 Pierre Llamas  
 Patricia McCoy  
 Joan Murphy  
 Elizabeth Noonan  
 Daniel Novotny  
 Margarita Sandoval  
 Patrick Watson  
 Linda Willows

## Chaplain

Rev. David Lothrop

## Electronics Communication Specialist

Morton Leifer, P.E.



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

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

## Patrol Services

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.

While we offer a wide variety of specialized services for the residents



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 2014, the Clarkstown Police handled 53,517 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

calls at both of our malls, the Palisades Center and the newly opened 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

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.



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 2014 our Dispatchers fielded 57,517 Calls for Service. 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 Assists in Birth Over Phone

On Saturday November 15, 2014 at 7:00 AM the Clarkstown Police Department received a 911 call from a 25 year old female who told Clarkstown Police Dispatcher Lorraine Monahan that her sister in law was having contractions and she needed to get to the hospital. As Dispatcher Monahan was asking questions about the condition, it was apparent that the baby was not going to wait. Dispatcher Monahan immediately started to give the 25 year old girl



Dispatcher Monahan with Meredith Vieira

medical instructions on how to deliver the baby. Both Dispatcher Monahan and the 25 year old girl worked well together, both remaining calm during the entire life changing event. Responding patrol officers assisted the baby girl and her mother until paramedics and the New City Ambulance arrived. The new baby girl and her mother, 26, of New City, were transported to Nyack Hospital and both are doing well.

# Detective Bureau

The Clarkstown Police Detective Bureau is charged with investigating all major crimes that occur within the Town of Clarkstown. The Bureau is supervised by a Detective Lieutenant, three Detective Sergeants, a Sergeant in charge of the Street Crime Unit, and a Sergeant in charge of the new Intelligence-Led Policing and Prosecution Center. The Bureau is staffed by 19 detectives, 13 assigned to the Detective Bureau, 4 to the Juvenile Aid Bureau, and 2 on assignment to the Rockland County District Attorney's Office. The Street Crime Unit and the Juvenile

Aid Bureau also fall under the command of the Detective Bureau. Within the Bureau we have

Detectives specializing in Crime Scene Investigation, Arson Investigation, Video, Cell Phone, Computer Forensics, Polygraph Examinations, and Social Media Investigations.

The Detective Bureau works closely with our Patrol Force, 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, Secret Service, United States Postal Inspectors, Homeland Security, and DEA.

There was one homicide in 2014. During the early morning hours of January 25, Valley Cottage resident Peggy Nadell was violently murdered inside her home. Mrs. Nadell's home alarm system had been deactivated, and very little physical evidence was left at the scene. Clarkstown Police Detectives were called to the scene, and an intense five month long investigation began. Utilizing both traditional police tactics and advanced technological tools, Detectives interviewed dozens of neighbors, friends, and family members,



viewed hundreds of hours of video recordings, and analyzed over one half million telephone and text records. Detectives leveraged Federal, State and local law enforcement resources to follow thousands of leads, and obtain scores of search warrants and subpoenas, and engaged in wiretap activities. In May, 2014, Clarkstown Detectives arrested four subjects for the murder of Peggy Nadell, including the victim's daughter-in-law, Diana Nadell, of Miami, Florida. The remaining suspects resided in Washington D.C., Maryland, and California. All those

arrested have pled guilty for their roles in the murder.

There were 57 burglaries investigated last year that resulted in 23 arrests. 13 Robberies were investigated, resulting in 7 arrests. There were 8 Rape/Sexual Assaults investigated, resulting in 3 arrests, and 5 unfounded. 77 Grand Larcenies were investigated, with 19 arrests.

The scourges of heroin and prescription pills continue to be a prolific problem in the community. Many of the crimes reported are related to suspects with substance abuse problems. Narcotic investigations are aggressively pursued by our Street Crime Unit and the Rockland County Narcotics Task Force.

Fraud, Identity Theft, and Property Crimes continue to be the most prolific crimes in the Town. Scams involving the lottery, various utility companies, and the IRS have increased in the past year. These cases are being referred to federal authorities.

## Goals for 2015

The Clarkstown Police Detective

# Warrant Squad

The Clarkstown Police Warrant Squad continued

forward during the year 2013. 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 2014, two hundred eighty three new warrants had been issued by the Clarkstown Justice Court. The Warrant Squad was responsible for clearing two hundred eighty six warrants consisting of thirty three felonies, nine driving while intoxicated, two violations of probation, three bail jumping warrants and two hundred forty four various misdemeanors and violations.

The Warrant Squad has multiple purposes that it fulfills. First and foremost, its objective is to clear the back load of the Clarkstown Police Department's outstanding warrant files and assist in the clearing 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 with providing court security during criminal and civil hearings.

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

# Juvenile Aid Bureau

The Clarkstown Police Department Juvenile Aid Bureau (JAB) is presently staffed by one Detective Sergeant and four Detectives.

During 2014, JAB reviewed and handled 298 complaints; of these 50 JAB case files were initiated and investigated. The cases handled, as the attached figures will indicate, ranged from charges of assault to weapons possession investigations. During the first half of 2014 the Detective Sergeant in charge of Juvenile Aid continued to administer the DARE and School Resource Officer Programs supervising that staff of 12 officers and detectives.

The JAB saw an increase in rape cases, from 1 in 2013 to 6 in 2014, and there was an increase in grand larceny cases from 0 in 2013 to 3 in 2014. We investigated 3 child pornography cases and 14 sexual abuse/child abuse cases as well as 2 cases of sexual misconduct. In

addition, the JAB handled 26 cases of petit larceny. The JAB also conducted this department's first human trafficking investigation/undercover operation in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Rockland County District Attorney's office during the Super Bowl in the New York area. JAB Detectives also investigated a teen accused of exposing himself on numerous occasions which was adjudicated in Rockland County Family Court.

The Juvenile Aid Bureau is charged with the responsibility of registering Sex Offenders. During the course of 2014, this agency registered 10 sex offenders of varying levels. In addition we accompanied Probation Officers from Rockland County to do home visitations with all Sex Offenders who are on probation in 2014.

The JAB is the principal investigating unit that deals with missing person cases. During 2014, 91 missing persons complaints were investigated; all of these persons have been located as of this report.

The Detectives of the Juvenile Aid Bureau attended several extensive training classes during 2014. These

classes included a seminar on "Money, Power & Religion: The Susan Brock Investigation", which highlighted how a female sex offender groomed her molestation victim by using her position in the community as well as her financial means. Members of the Juvenile Aid Bureau also attended a webinar regarding Sexting and Sextortion. In addition, training was received at the Crimes Against Children Conference and the forensic interview clinic given by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children.

During 2014, the JAB Detectives conducted several tours of police headquarters for various civic groups including Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops as well as schools. These people were able to study the workings of our agency and hopefully gained a better knowledge of the job that we strive to accomplish.

The JAB 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.

Our goals for 2015 will be to have a fully trained staff that can work in a partnership with the Clarkstown, Nanuet Nyack School Districts and BOCES to help ensure a safe educational environment on our schools.

The Special Victims Center at Good Samaritan Hospital is still absent a working medical component; The County has contracted with Westchester Medical Center in the Valhalla for medical services. In lieu of a medical component in the Victim Center, Westchester will be more accessible for the victims as well as the investigators.

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



Abandonment	1
Aggravated Harassment	3
Assault	0
Assistance	1
Burglary	0
Burn Report	0
Child Abuse	5
Child Fatality	0
Child Pornography	3
Criminal Mischief	0
Criminal Trespass	0
C.P.S.P.	25
Disseminating Indecent Materials	1
Domestic	1
Endangering	7
Forcible Touching	2
Fight	0
Fire	0
Fraud	0
Grand Larceny	3
Harassment	2
Human Trafficking	0
Information	9
Making Terroristic Threat	0
Menacing	0
Missing Persons	91
Narcotics Possession	0
Petit Larceny	26
Public Lewedness	2
Rape	6
Reckless Endangerment	0
Recovered Property	21
Registry, Sex Offender	10
Riot	0
Robbery	0
Sexual Abuse	9
Sexual Misconduct	2
Stolen Vehicle	0
Suspicious Incident	3
Suspicious Person	1
Unlawful Deal W/Child	1
Unlawful Poss/Alcohol	6
Unlawful Poss/Marijuana	3
Unlawful Poss/Weapon	2
Vehicle & Traffic Offenses	1
Welfare Check	1

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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

standards for training time. Members have trained with the FBI, NYPD, DEA, US Army Counter narcotics and Special Weapons and Tactics, H and K International Training School, Singleton International Hostage Rescue School, LAPD SWAT, and the Naval Special Warfare Development



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 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.

The CIRT Team maintains a high level of technical and tactical proficiency, and is always ready to respond to any crisis in the community.

## Critical Incident Response Team



Group. This year 2 of our operators were certified in explosive breaching techniques which give the team an added advantage in dealing with hostage and or terrorist events.

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

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.

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



In 2014, the Clarkstown Police Department entered its fifteenth year of the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. This program was started in January 2000 in cooperation with the Clarkstown School District. In September of 2000, Nyack School District implemented the program with one officer assigned to Nyack High School. In September 2001, the Nanuet School District implemented the school resource officer program. A uniformed officer is assigned to Nanuet High School, with the officer spending one day a week at the Nanuet Middle School.

In 2004, the Clarkstown School District in cooperation with the police department and the town board expanded the SRO program by assigning a full time officer to the Felix Festa Middle School.

In September of 2013 the SRO Program was expanded to the BOCES campus in West Nyack. This new position was solidified through a subsidized contract between BOCES and the Town of Clarkstown. This brought the SRO staff to 6 full time officers. With this additional officer, every public middle and high school in the township is participating in the program. The salaries of these officers are minimally subsidized by the respective school districts, which slightly offsets the police Department's commitment to the public schools.

As the SRO program continues to grow, the role of the SRO has become an integral part of the entire school staff. Due to the SRO's presence, important relationships have developed

## School Resource Officers

with school administrators, teachers, staff, school psychologists, and most importantly, the students. The SRO's presence is important as it provides the direct conduit between the school administrations and the police department. Many of our serious crimes, including burglaries, arson, and an array of bias related crimes, have been solved because of this exchange of information. Many more crimes have been prevented because the SRO was aware of potential problems. The police department, along with the school district, was able to be proactive, rather than just reactive, in the truest sense of community policing.

The SRO program was founded on the "triad" concept of school-based policing that divides the SRO's responsibilities into three areas: Teacher, Counselor, and Law Enforcement Officer. Our SRO program focuses well beyond 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.

The SRO's continue to interact with teachers and school staff in other areas, such as disciplinary hearings and emergency/safety planning.

The SRO's are also called upon to testify at School Superintendent's hearings to testify to their roles in specific events that warrant District discipline.

In 2014, Clarkstown Police School Resource Officers continued to team with other school resource officers and continue to utilize K-9 units from numerous county police agencies to do drug sweeps of schools as requested by the administrations of those districts. The SRO's attend sporting events, proms, school superintendent training days and other functions. The School Resource Officer has become an important, if not an essential part of the entire school and police department mission to insure safety for the students of our community.

In 2014, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program completed its 25th year in the Clarkstown Police in thirteen (13) public schools and two



Education (D.A.R.E.) program completed Department. The D.A.R.E. program is taught (2) parochial schools within the township.

The Department's two DARE Officers teach the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. Our D.A.R.E. Officers teaches 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. The program focuses on 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, 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.

# Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards is under the command of the Administrative Captain who reports directly to the Chief of Police. This unit ensures that the Department upholds its high level of professionalism in order maintain the public trust. The primary duties of this unit are:

- 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.

equal treatment to the citizens of the Town of Clarkstown. This software 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 2014, the Professional Standards Unit received and successfully resolved twenty-two investigations. Of these, two were civilian complaints and twenty were administrative investigations. The two civilian complaints, following investigations, were classified as "not sustained".

The twenty administrative investigations resulted with eighteen being sustained with disciplinary action taken, one determined to be unfounded and one as "training need identified".

In order to maintain the public's trust

Enforcement Accreditation Program. In April of 2013, the Clarkstown Police Department was again successfully reaccredited by the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. Accreditation is a source of great pride both for the Clarkstown Police Department and the community that we serve. The Clarkstown Police Department must work hard to achieve this honor and also establish procedures to ensure our ongoing compliance with applicable standards. An annual maintenance schedule established by the Office is absolutely critical for several reasons. It allows the agency to remain proactive as it continually monitors policies and procedures; it enables the department to respond effectively to potential litigation; and it enhances the likelihood for success of the on-site reaccreditation visit by program assessors. The Department is next due for a full reaccreditation in the spring of 2018.

## Professional Standards



In 2014, the department continued its successful use of the Internal Affairs computer software called "IAPRO". This software has greatly assisted the Professional Standards unit with the proper recording, registering, tracking and controlling of investigations of complaints against our Police Officers. "IA PRO" also assists the Police Department in monitoring and documenting all infractions, large and small, so that potential problems can be identified early on and proactive action can be taken. Internal investigations are essential to the efficient operation of any police agency. These investigations are conducted to either disprove or substantiate allegations of misconduct involving police personnel; the primary mission being to assure that the members of the Police Department meet the highest standards of integrity and ethical performance while assuring fair and

and to protect the integrity of the Department, forty-one random drug screenings were conducted, all resulting in negative results.

Additionally, there were twenty-five motor vehicle accidents involving police vehicles that were investigated, reviewed and appropriate action taken where necessary.



The Office of Professional Standards is also responsible for assuring that the Police Department meets or exceeds the general expectations of quality required by the New York State Law

Training needs and issues are also coordinated through the Office of Professional Standards. Ongoing training is critical to the efficient and professional administration of a modern police department. In addition to our ongoing goal of meeting the highest professional training standards we must be vigilant and proactive in safeguarding our community from any possible terrorism threat. We are meeting this challenge by training and working closely with other police agencies and emergency service personnel.

Moving into 2015 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.

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

The OEM recently upgraded our ability to respond to severe electrical interruptions that can impact the police department's operations. Multiple portable generators have been acquired that will allow the town to connect directly to traffic lights that have lost power, allowing traffic to flow normally, and freeing up a police officer from directing traffic. Over 20 traffic lights at major town intersections have been wired with transfer switches and receptacles to accept power from portable generators or invertors.

In addition, we have recently acquired three large capacity generators capable of providing long-term emergency power to town buildings during power outages. The generators, which can be transported by trailer from building to building, are capable of supplying power to fully electrify the police station or town hall, including HVAC capabilities. Connections have been installed at town assets including police headquarters, town hall and town community centers. They potentially are able to support non town-owned essential structures, such as schools, hospitals, etc. Portable generators

equipped with light towers are also at our disposal and have been used to provide emergency lighting at accident scenes and large-scale public gatherings.

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, Emergency Management 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 America's 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. On May 5th, 2014 Clarkstown OEM coordinated with the FBI on a regional full-scale exercise at the Palisades Center Mall. The scenario for the exercise was an Active Shooter that involved response from several tactical teams, EMS and Fire departments from around the regional area. This exercise helped us better prepare by causing us to work as a team to resolve a crisis.

In addition, 2014 was the first full year of "The Shops at Nanuet", a major rebranding of the previous Nanuet Mall. The new shopping center has increased the amount of unique visitors to the area and is also a high profile venue in the town. We continue to work with the stores and mall management on preparing for different types of emergencies.

In the coming year, the Unit 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 derailment drill and a Red Cross Point of Distribution drill.



# Street Crime Unit

The Clarkstown Police Street Crime Unit (SCU) falls under the command of the Detective Bureau.

The unit was begun in October of 2014, and 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.

enforcement operations begun by the SCU are thus generated into larger, more sophisticated investigations by their assigned counterparts at the Drug Task Force. This dynamic allows the SCU to pursue its mission on a daily basis, while simultaneously utilizing expanded law enforcement resources in order to improve the quality of life within the Town of Clarkstown.



The SCU became operational on October 28th, 2014 and immediately initiated and participated in investigations pertaining to drug sales, drug possession, drug overdoses, prostitution, weapons possession and grand larceny. Thirty five individuals were

arrested and charged with various offenses related to those investigations as of December 31st, 2014. Additionally, SCU members assigned to the Rockland County Drug Task Force initiated twenty separate investigations and effected numerous arrests during that time frame.

The SCU seeks to identify problematic areas and take necessary action in order to remedy the issue. Some of these locations include abandoned

houses / buildings, area motels, gas station parking lots, bar parking lots, town parks and any other area reported as problematic by members of the public. Once identified, the SCU is able to address these areas of concern by utilizing all resources available within the Clarkstown Police Department and any resources outside of the Department as deemed appropriate.

The dynamic of combining aggressive street level enforcement with task-force-oriented investigative techniques is expected and intended to significantly impact upon the proliferation of drug dealing within the Town of Clarkstown and beyond. Investigations as such often gather significant measures of information and intelligence which span the gamut of drug dealing, burglaries, thefts, assaults and other crimes. In order to share information and collaborate effectively, the SCU has closely aligned itself with similar units from neighboring municipal police departments throughout Rockland County and with the Rockland County Intelligence Led Policing & Prosecution Center.

In 2015 the Street Crime Unit will continue to pursue its mission of addressing street level and quality of life crimes. The unit will seek to further collaborate with internal and external resources in order to implement intelligent and meaningful enforcement efforts. Officers assigned to the Rockland Drug Task Force will continue to aggressively pursue drug cases within Rockland County, with a specific focus on issues within and affecting the Town of Clarkstown.

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



# 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

In continuing with the move towards server virtualization, in 2014, the Town's Voice over IP (VoIP) phone system was migrated to a virtualized server environment using VMWare's virtualization technologies. This move consolidated multiple servers into one, reducing maintenance, saving space and improving efficiency.

Also in 2014, an automated parking summons system was installed. The system uses handheld computers with integrated printers. These devices will allow officers to scan registration stickers and enter commonly used

information once increasing their efficiency and production. Once back at headquarters, the information will then be downloaded and electronically transmitted to the Town's Justice Court; eliminating the need for manually entry of parking ticket data. Currently the system is being used by our Traffic Unit and may be expanded.

Below is a summary of some of the other main areas of activity during 2014.

## 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 the police department since 2004. In 2014, we completed a major upgrade to the Mobile & Field Reporting component.



The upgrade began in the summer of 2013 and was originally planned for completion by the end of that year. After internal testing revealed some issues however, implementation was postponed while the bugs were worked out by the vendor.

Aegis Mobile 10 is the latest iteration of New World's mobile computing product and it offers enhanced communication between dispatchers

and police officers in the field. Using the CAD system, dispatchers send vital call information to mobile computers in the patrol cars within seconds. Mobile also allows for messaging (car to car, car to CAD and CAD to car) and inquiries into both state and local criminal databases as well as DMV records. The Field Reporting Module within Mobile allows officers to complete and submit Case and Arrest reports electronically over a wireless data network without ever having to leave their patrol cars.

The upgrade to Mobile 10 brings a more user friendly interface, additional query abilities and better performance over our wireless network.

## Clarkstown Police Information Network

The Clarkstown Police Information Network (CPINWeb) has played an integral role in information sharing within the Police Department. CPINWeb is the Police Department's Intranet.

CPINWeb is available on any computer at Police Headquarters as well as on the patrol car computers. It contains a variety of information that helps officers do their jobs, including but not limited to:

- officer safety bulletins and information (wanted posters, etc.)

- intelligence information distributed by local, state and federal intelligence agencies

- a list of registered sex offenders in Rockland

County with photos

- emergency plans for schools and other facilities in the Town

- the Police Department's General Orders Manual and administrative orders

- Police Department memo's and downloadable forms

- a calendar of activities, patrol schedules and training opportunities

In 2014, no major changes were made to CPIN, however planning to upgrade the underlying platform on which CPIN was built was begun. Currently we are researching whether or not to upgrade the existing platform or move to a more robust, feature rich platform such as Microsoft's SharePoint or other commercially available systems designed for use as an Intranet.

One of the major components of the planned upgrade is to increase our ongoing efforts to become more efficient by reducing the amount of paper forms, automating workflows and utilizing digital signatures. In 2014, we began to experiment with and test various forms systems and have started discussions with vendors in an effort to educate ourselves on the available options for digital signing.

#### **Intelligence Led Policing Initiative**

In 2014, the Clarkstown Police Department partnered with the Rockland County District Attorney's Office to create the Rockland County Intelligence Led Policing & Prosecution Center (ILPPC). The center has offices at an off-site location. The IT Staff from the Clarkstown Police Department took the lead on the installation of the computer hardware and software at that off-site

location. We also began working with BAIR Analytics to facilitate the extraction of information from our New World database for use in their analytics software. The BAIR software will play a key role for the analysis of data by the ILPCC's crime analysts.

#### **Windows 7 Migration**

Windows XP is reached its end of life/end of support in April 2014. In preparation for this, during 2013 the majority of desktops and car computers were migrated to Windows 7. In 2014, the migration was completed.

#### **Plans for 2015**

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

Continuing the move towards a "paperless" environment and automation of workflows by researching and testing various available technologies.

A major upgrade to the Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) application. Although originally planned for 2014, the NYS TraCS team delayed our upgrade. It is anticipated that it will take place in 2015. This application, provided free of charge by NYS, allows officers to complete accident reports and summonses in their patrol

cars and transmit them wirelessly to headquarters where they are reviewed by supervisors and then transmitted to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicle and Court system. The upgrade is being rolled out by the NYS TraCS team and brings a new user interface and improved functionality.

Purchase and installation of a centralized license plate recognition (LPR) server to allow data from the various mobile LPR devices to be collected and shared with other agencies for investigative & analytical purposes. Also originally planned for 2014, the funding was delayed. In addition, as a result of the formation of the ILPCC, IT has deferred the management of this project to them as it is closely related to crime analysis. IT will however, remain involved to provide technical support and expertise.

Continue to research options available to give our communications center the ability to view disparate CCTV systems of organizations and businesses in the Town at their request during emergency situations. A part of this project will also include upgrading of the headquarters CCTV system to replace older, analog equipment with newer, digital equipment.



The Clarkstown Police Department K-9 Unit supports the department's patrol function, Anti-Crime Unit, and Detective Bureau in the search for outstanding felony and misdemeanor suspects, lost and missing persons, and recovery of evidence. They have also assisted outside agencies such as Rockland County Narcotics Task Force, DEA, US Postal Inspectors, and Homeland Security.

The department has three K-9 teams consisting of a handler and canine. All three canines are narcotics trained,



patrol function trained, and tactically trained. One K-9 team is trained in cadaver searching. The K-9 teams are assigned to squads that rotate between the day and night shifts. If there is no K-9 team working and one is needed, they can be called in at the discretion of the on-duty supervisor.

# K9 Unit

In 2014 there were 253 total K-9 deployments. In addition to the deployments, the K-9 units have been utilized by the local school districts to conduct random narcotics sweeps of the various schools at their request.

All K-9 teams train a minimum of 16 hours per month. The training is dedicated to narcotics searches and patrol functions. Patrol functions include the search for missing persons as well as searches for and apprehensions of criminal suspects. Training is done with the Yonkers P.D. K-9 Unit, Dutchess County Sheriffs K-9 Unit, Orange County Sheriffs K-9 Unit, and NYSP K-9 Unit. All three K-9 teams have also completed tactical K-9 courses. The K-9 teams will also train with the department's Critical Incident Response team and will deploy with the team on call outs. During In-Service training the K-9 Unit will train officers on tactical movement with



the K-9 and the benefit of using a K-9 team when clearing structures and outside areas.

During 2015 the K-9 Unit aims to remain readily accessible to the patrol and aggressively assist in the proactive detection of illegal drugs. They will also continue to work with specialized units as needed and as they become more familiar with their capabilities.

CLARKSTOWN POLICE K9 UNIT				
	PO Knarich "Oz"	PO Reilly "King"	PO Keane "Taz"	TOTALS
Building Searches	21	4	19	44
Area Searches	2	3	9	14
Narcotic Searches	24	27	31	82
Narcotic Finds	9	3	11	23
Non-Criminal Tracks	0	2	3	5
Criminal Tracks	8	4	7	19
Evidence Recovery	2	1	2	5
Tactical Deployment	8	9	4	21
Assist. Other Agency	11	0	11	22
Community Demos	10	25	16	51
Cadaver Search	3	0	0	3
<b>Total Deployments</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>253</b>

## Alarm Enforcement Unit

The Clarkstown Police Department received 5,992 burglar alarms in 2014; this calculated into 8.9% of the Department's total calls for service. On an average day, nearly 60% 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.

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.

# 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. The Department has two trained Drug Recognition Experts to combat the increasing trend of motorists operating while impaired by drugs and we are planning on getting at least one more officer trained in this specialty during the year.

In 2014, the Department made 88 arrests for driving while intoxicated and driving while impaired by drugs. Of these arrests, 36 were involving motor

vehicle accidents. Supplementing normal patrol operations, the Department conducted 26 selective enforcement details funded in partnership with Rockland County STOP DWI that included Hi-Visibility Patrols and Targeted Crackdowns focusing on specific dates throughout the year known for increased DWI activity. This was 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, as well as five other designated periods during the

year.

The Town of Clarkstown Police Department, in conjunction with the Rockland County Sheriff's Department, also participated in an annual DWI Checkpoint, which was conducted on Thanksgiving Weekend and resulted in 8 arrests. The Checkpoint serves as not only as a means to apprehend offenders, but as a high visibility deterrent by showing that our community takes driving while intoxicated/impaired

offenses seriously. The Town of Clarkstown Command Van is utilized as a mobile command post for this detail, as is the Sheriff's Department Command Van which allows for expeditious processing of any arrests.

For 2015, our goal is to increase the amount of

enforcement and arrests for violators of New York Driving While Intoxicated/ Impaired laws. Further training will be of benefit to reach our goals, as well as utilization of our most productive officers' skills.



# Child Safety Seats

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. Although more than ever, car seats are being used, many are still not used properly. Proper car seat use can reduce the risk for death to infants by 71% and toddlers by 54%.

Our program is the largest and most active program in Rockland County. In 2014, 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 11 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 medical professionals are required to do to remain licensed) and remaining active in the field. We run a monthly fitting station at which the officers check child seats for proper installation, damage and recalls. If incorrect usage is found, they instruct the parents/caregivers on proper installation techniques.

More than 250 child safety seats were checked by our officers in 2014. A grant from the New York State Governors Traffic Safety committee was secured for the 2013-2014 funding year, and again for the 2014-2015 funding year for the purchase of supplies for the program.

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



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# Smart Sales

In 2014, 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 2014, the S.M.A.R.T. Sales Unit conducted 149 compliance checks conducted at local businesses of which 21 businesses (14%) were cited for selling alcohol to a minor. This

represents a 6% 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 2014, 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 2015 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



# Accident Investigation

The Clarkstown Police Accident Investigation Team continued its service to the town in 2014. The team consists of ten officers (now nine due to a retirement) who are extensively trained in accident investigation. These officers

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

accidents. Members of the Clarkstown Police Accident Investigation Unit have a minimum of 160 hours training in advanced accident investigation, and most of the officers have an additional 80 hours of training in accident reconstruction. All members of the team attend additional classroom and field training each year. Two officers are certified by the Accreditation Commission for Accident Reconstruction (ACTAR).



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 four motor vehicle accidents during 2014. Two of those incidents occurred within the Town of Clarkstown, the other two were in the Village of Spring Valley. There were no fatal motor vehicle accidents in the Town of Clarkstown this past year. Both accidents in Clarkstown involved a pedestrian being struck by a vehicle. One of the accidents in Spring Valley involved a fatality of a child that was struck by a vehicle in a parking lot.

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

The Accident Investigation Unit measures crash scenes using the

diagrams and 3-D drawings of the accident scene. This results not only in a technical improvement in the way in which evidence is documented, but also produces a more professional product for court testimony, as well as reducing the number of hours required to investigate most crashes. All members of the Accident Investigation Unit have received 80 hours of classroom training in the use of the total station and computer software to diagram crash



scenes using data downloaded from the Total Station.

Advanced accident investigation and reconstruction is the application of the principles of physics to automobile

Accident investigation has evolved into a very technical field with the advent of safety systems such as anti-lock brakes, Supplemental Restraint Systems, electronic stability control and the availability of automobile crash research. The Accident Investigation Team also utilizes a Crash Data Retrieval System. The Crash Data Retrieval System consists of hardware and software that downloads pre-crash and crash data from a vehicle's air bag module to a computer.

This device provides officers with another tool with which to determine the causes of a crash by interpreting empirical data obtained directly from the crash vehicle. At present, three officers are trained and certified to operate the Crash Data Retrieval System.

The goal of the Clarkstown Police Department's Accident Investigation 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. This past year, the Accident

Investigation team is able to report that there was an acceptable number of fatal accidents in the Town of Clarkstown, zero.

# Traffic Enforcement

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



CLARKSTOWN POLICE TRAFFIC DIVISION						
	UTT/SPEED	UTT/OTHER	PARKING	ARRESTS	WARNINGS	TOTAL
JAN	74	169	39	6	55	343
FEB	69	201	83	12	108	473
MAR	171	218	15	22	100	526
APR	100	273	38	9	59	479
MAY	56	401	75	10	91	633
JUN	45	286	12	17	65	425
JUL	50	208	127	4	69	458
AUG	59	222	173	7	68	529
SEP	74	181	147	8	44	454
OCT	78	171	85	13	66	413
NOV	121	204	315	17	87	744
DEC	73	174	518	5	65	835
TOT	970	2708	1627	130	877	6312

The Traffic Unit will also address complaint driven traffic issues from the community with "Operation Slowdown", a public awareness and enforcement initiative against speeding and reckless drivers in neighborhoods throughout the Town. Community complaints are evaluated based on reported and observed traffic violations, it will then be determined to be either a selective enforcement issue or a traffic calming issue that requires high frequency high visibility patrol by normal patrol operations as well as the deployment of our speed trailer, message boards and decoy cars.

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.

Vehicle Inspection details are performed in conjunction with NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) monthly. 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 vehicles are also subject to a safety inspection.

## Commercial Vehicle Enforcement



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, 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.

## Project Lifesaver

Our department currently manages 17 active clients, 7 adults and 10 children. In 2014 the Unit was called out twice to search and locate clients that had wandered off. An adult client went missing 6/3/14 from her home and was located in a wooded area behind houses in their neighborhood within 6 minutes using our tracking equipment. A second incident the Unit responded and located the transmitter immediately at resident's home under a pile of papers – the client had removed the bracelet but was then located shortly thereafter.

# Animal Control

The Clarkstown Animal Control Officer (ACO) is responsible for the enforcement of state and local regulations concerning animals at large, cruelty to animals, dangerous/vicious animals, animal bites, and prohibited pets. The ACO patrols the township and responds to citizen calls regarding stray, sick / injured, feral and /or unwanted domestic animals and wildlife. The ACO strives to educate

the public on proper animal care, wildlife problems, and animal control regulations. The ACO also performs emergency animal rescue service and animal first aid when required. The ACO has the authority to serve criminal summonses and

responds to court as necessary. The ACO also works closely with the Town Code Enforcement Office and the Town Clerks Office to insure education and compliance with local regulations. The office of the ACO is open to the residents of Clarkstown in order to field questions and guide residents in the proper direction for whatever animal issues they seek help with. The office works in partnership with the Rockland County Health Department in monitoring mandated quarantines for dogs that have bitten someone. The ACO and Rockland County Health Department also have partnered to seek remedy to the increased number of feral cat colonies which have been reported.

The Clarkstown Police Department received a total of 1153 calls involving wild or domestic animals in 2014. The office of the ACO assisted as necessary. Statistics regarding these calls are included in the chart above. In addition, there are numerous calls that the ACO handles directly that are not reflected in the call for service totals.

The ACO and the Code Enforcer Officer continue to work together to assist residents that have animal problems. Signs have been placed in

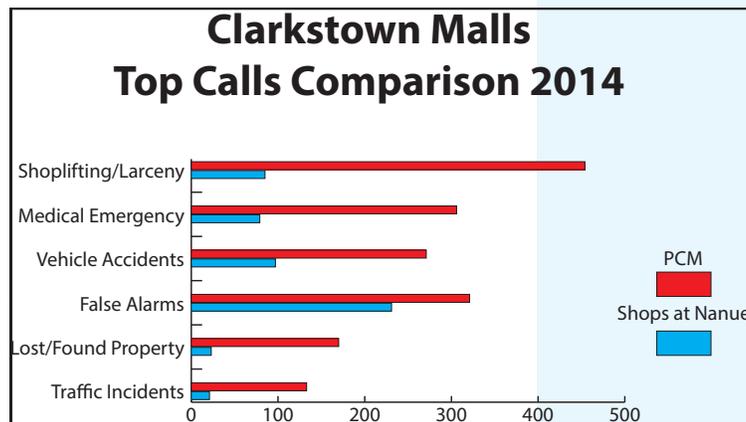
areas after numerous complaints of residents not picking up after their pets. Together we have educated residents that Town Parks are off limits to their dogs; however, there is a County Dog Park available to them at Kennedy Park off of North Main Street, New City.

The ACO continues to work with the Town Clerk's Office to assist residents

<b>Dog Complaints (at large, barking, unlicensed, endangered)</b>	<b>528</b>
<b>Dog bites requiring quarantine</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Canines transported to High-Tor Animal Shelter</b>	<b>59</b>
reunited with owner @ High-Tor	44
adopted otherwise	7
euthanized (dangerous dog)	2
<b>Wild Animal Complaints (m/w accidents, sick/rabid, nuisance)</b>	<b>595</b>
Deer	211
Raccoons, skunks, turkeys, snakes, chickens, etc.	384
<b>Specimens sent to Lab for rabies infection testing</b>	<b>27</b>
Positive specimens returned	3
<b>Enforcement actions taken</b>	<b>318</b>
Written warnings	273
Criminal Summonses issued	45

with dog law questions. In September we participated in the National Hunting and Fishing Day at Congers Lake promoting Responsible Dog Ownership.

The ACO is available to the community when they have concerns about dog bite prevention and wildlife in their neighborhoods.



# Palisades Center Mall

The Clarkstown Police Department 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 this large retail shopping complex.

In the year 2014 the Clarkstown Police Department responded to two thousand three hundred fifty (2,350) incidents at the Palisades Center. This number represents approximately 7.0% of the calls answered by the department.

Officers assigned to the Mall detail were responsible for three hundred and ninety six (396) persons arrested for over one thousand arrest counts ranging from violations to felonies.

The number of suspects arrested accounts for 27.0% of the persons arrested by the Clarkstown Police Department in 2014.

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.

# Awards Ceremony

## Excellent Police Service

Lieutenant Daniel Weisberg  
 Sergeant Steven Chernick  
 Sergeant Joseph Donnary  
 Sergeant Kevin Quinn  
 Sergeant Richard Von Ronn  
 Detective Stephen Cole-Hatchard  
 Detective Robert McDonald  
 Detective Lorraine Mcgrath  
 Detective Peter Monroe  
 Detective Frederick Parent  
 Police Officer Anthony Drescher  
 Detective Frank Romano  
 Police Officer Victor Protasiewicz  
 Police Officer Robert Reilly  
 Police Officer Paul Valerio  
 Police Officer Jay Vejnoska  
 Police Officer Peter Walker

## Meritorious Police Service 2nd

Sergeant Kevin Quinn  
 Detective Stephen Cole-Hatchard (3)  
 Detective John Fredericks  
 Detective Philip Galligan  
 Detective Earl Lorence  
 Detective Peter Monroe  
 Police Officer Douglas Arbuco  
 Police Officer William Berrigan  
 Police Officer Joseph Calvano  
 Police Officer Ryan Davan  
 Police Officer Brian Dunne  
 Police Officer Michael Keane  
 Police Officer Alice Laschet (2)  
 Police Officer Daniel Maloney  
 Police Officer Robert Reilly (2)  
 Police Officer Nicolo Rendina (2)  
 Police Officer Kevin Shea  
 Detective Robert Shine  
 Police Officer Jay Vejnoska  
 Police Officer Peter Walker

## Lifesaving

Sergeant Kevin Quinn  
 Detective Dawn Fantini  
 Police Officer Frank Carbone  
 Police Officer Daniel Chazan  
 Police Officer Niles Davies  
 Police Officer Aaron Gould (2)  
 Police Officer Adam Kone  
 Police Officer John Mullins

## Officer of the Year

Sergeant Brian Gorsky has been a member of the Clarkstown Police Department since January of 1994. Currently he is the Information Technology Sergeant for the computer division, a position he has held since August of 2011.

As the IT Sergeant he is responsible for all aspects of the information technology in the Department; this includes the maintenance, support and upgrades of all hardware and software applications, the CISCO Phone Systems, New World Systems CAD, Records Management, Mobil and Field Reporting applications, Tracs, as well as interfaces with the various law enforcement entities and a myriad of other critical information and communications infrastructure.

In 2013, Sgt. Gorsky implemented and developed the Clarkstown Police

Information Network (CPIN). This is an intranet web site that provides all aspects of Administrative and Operations information to the officers of the department.

He successfully managed a myriad of projects including the virtualization of our IT infrastructure, the transition to G Mail and many other innovative improvements to our Communications Center and other critical IT and communications infrastructure.

Sgt. Gorsky's hard work and dedication provides the officers of the Clarkstown Police Department the IT equipment, services and information necessary to perform their duties efficiently and safely; his efforts to maintain and enhance the Department's standard of excellence in law enforcement technologies earned him the recognition as Officer of the Year. This is a great credit upon himself, his family, the Clarkstown Police Department and the Town of Clarkstown.



# Promotions



Administrative Lieutenant Steven Morgan to Special Operations Lieutenant  
 Lieutenant Daniel Weisberg to Administrative Lieutenant  
 Sergeant Kenneth Smith to Lieutenant  
 Sergeant Joseph Donnary to Detective Sergeant  
 Sergeant Michael Kelly to Special Operations Sergeant  
 Detective Stephen Cole-Hatchard to Sergeant  
 Detective John Fredericks to Sergeant  
 Detective Earl Lorence to Sergeant  
 Officer Daniel Burke to Sergeant  
 Officer Kevin Quinn to Sergeant  
 Officer Richard Von Ronn to Sergeant  
 Officer Brian Callanan to Detective  
 Officer Orlando Cruz to Detective  
 Officer Philip Galligan to Detective  
 Officer Christopher Kiernan to Detective  
 Officer Patrick Kivlehan to Detective  
 Officer Brian Quinn to Detective  
 Officer Christopher G. Maloney to Detective  
 Officer Brian Michel to Detective

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# Retirements

Special Operations Lieutenant Robert Donaldson  
 Detective Sergeant Christopher Goodyear  
 Detective Sergeant Bernard Cummings  
 Detective Alan Fehsal  
 Detective Eileen Malloy  
 Detective Lorraine McGrath  
 Detective Charles Quinn  
 Officer Geoffrey Bradley  
 Officer Mark Hamilla  
 Officer Robert Lynn  
 Officer Michael Mahoney  
 Officer Stanley Young

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# Auxiliary Police

Clarkstown Auxiliary Police Officers are dedicated volunteers who serve their community as a critical support unit to the Department. The Auxiliary Officers are highly dedicated town residents volunteering in a professional and paramilitary organization that brings an important and necessary public safety service to the community. 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 streetlights working properly by means of safer driving conditions and crime prevention.

Auxiliary Officers are led and managed by a dedicated and professional Auxiliary Police Command Staff. They maintain



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the professional standards of the unit staff and 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 2014 the members of the Auxiliary Police Department collectively served the community with 178 assigned details for a total of 7,940 service hours; this does not include attendance and monthly meetings and in-service training.

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

## 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
Lt.	Daniel Weisberg	225	2006
Lt.	Glenn Dietrich	233	2008
Lt.	Raymond McCullagh	241	2010

## Retired Officers

Lt.	William Sherwood	172	1993
Lt.	Kevin Kilduff	183	1995
Lt.	Charles Delo	181	1995
Lt.	Peter Noonan	191	1997
Lt.	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

# 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, and their rank listed was their rank at the time they attended.



# Youth Court

The Town of Clarkstown Youth Court was started in April of 1981. Since that time, the Court has heard over 3,239 cases and trained over 1,363 local youth that have served the court Wednesday nights throughout the years. The court provides a voluntary alternative to family court for first time juvenile offenders who commit minor crimes. Violations that otherwise would go unpunished are also heard in youth court.

One juvenile aid detective and a part-time secretary run youth court on a day-to-day basis. All referrals are sent to the Juvenile Aid Bureau and evaluated to see if they are eligible for participation in the court. A review of the cases referred to the Court resulted in 16 of the referrals being heard. The

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



misdemeanors and violations. We find that shoplifting continues to be a major problem. Palisades Center has led the town with referrals. Unfortunately, a majority of the shoplifters from Palisades Center and the Shops at Nanuet are not

eligible to participate in Youth Court. They either reside outside of Rockland County or have stolen more than the monetary limit (\$250.00) set by the court.

The normal sentence for youth court offenses is community service. This year 126 hours were spent cleaning up the Town streets, commuter lots and the Police and courts building. Also some offenders are assigned an essay along with or in lieu of their community service. This year in essays 9,000 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 19 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.

## Community Police

The Community Police Unit provides community-based police services to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods; these quality of life issues include abandoned vehicles, graffiti, dumping, failing to maintain property, illegal multi-family housing, overnight parking and the mediation of disputes that are civil in nature. 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 and organizations, and local businesses the Unit responds to resolve issues that don't necessarily require traditional law enforcement response. The Unit employees 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. The Community Policing Officers also promote citizen awareness in the reduction and prevention of criminal activity through educational and safety-related presentations. The goal is to educate the public about the current crime trends within and outside of The Town of Clarkstown. These crimes include but are not limited to frauds, larcenies, burglaries, scams, and any other activity that the public would need to know about.

The Community Police Unit assisted with various events such as the New City Street Fair, Congers Italian Festival, July 4th fireworks, and funerals. There were also tours of the police department given for boy scouts, girl scouts, seniors, and schools.

The Community Police Unit had several interns throughout the year from various colleges. They

all completed their necessary assignments. Some of our interns have gone into law enforcement careers in the New York City Police Department and various other agencies as well.

As per the request as many residents, schools, and religious institutions we conducted security survey audits in an effort to be proactive for crime. The survey consisted of checking locks and the lighting of the facilities as well as procedures, interviewing employees, and signage for the area.

Our goals for 2015 will be to continue to address the various concerns of the community. This would include the 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.

The Clarkstown Police Department maintains a Bicycle Patrol unit with the aim of giving the police department more flexibility in patrolling various parts of the community and for patrolling community events. The Bicycle Unit also engages in community service in its own right by teaching bicycle safety to school children. Bicycles are available for deployment on every shift, weather permitting. The high visibility and the opportunity to interact with the public on a personal level make bike patrol an ideal way to staff community events, including parades, large community gatherings, school functions and sporting events. Bicycle patrol also

## Bicycle Unit



makes quick response to emergency situations possible when crowds and pedestrian traffic would make response by regular patrol vehicles difficult. Continued utilization of this tool will allow the Clarkstown Police Department to best serve the community and to provide the level of service that the public expects.

## 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 2014 the program had 17 active members and 8 new members. Explorers conducted approximately 235 hours of community service. They also assisted at the following special events: Clarkstown Police Open House, Keep Rockland Beautiful, Emerald Society 5k run, D.A.R.E. Basketball Tournament, Pearl River St. Patricks Day Parade, New City Memorial Day Parade, Brinks Memorial, Halloween Patrol, Santa Project, and Project Joy.

In 2014 the Explorer Post adopted a less fortunate family for the holiday season and donated approximately \$200 worth of clothing and educational toys. The end of the school year trip was held in June. A trip to the Rockland County Fire Training Center was taken whereby Explorers received training by members of the Rockland County Technical Rescue Team.

Objectives for 2015 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.

# Youth Academy

The Clarkstown Police Department conducted the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth classes of the Youth Academy Program during 2014 and graduated 45 students. The program was started in the fall semester of 2001. The Youth Academy is open to all high school students who attend the five high schools located in the Town of Clarkstown. Students in the Youth Academy attend a ten-week program, which meets once a week for approximately 2 hours.

School Resource Officers help select the twenty (20) to thirty (30) students per semester, many of which have an interest in law enforcement related careers. The course of instruction includes an overview of many areas that police officers deal with on a daily basis. Communications, criminal investigation

and crime scene forensics are three of the subjects that the students learn about first.

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

Also, students are exposed to other areas directly connected to police work. During the ten-week program students receive a presentation by a local attorney (also a former prosecutor) to obtain a better understanding of the justice system. In addition, the class trains with the Virtra System (firearms

simulator) under the direction of a range instructor.

The Youth Academy introduces the students to the K-9 Officer and a demonstration by the Department 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 Department 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 2015 are to continue the present curriculum.



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# Honor Guard



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

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 2014 the Clarkstown Police Department Honor Guard was afforded the privilege of presenting colors for the inauguration of the Rockland County Executive. The Honor Guard, with the backing of the Clarkstown Police Administration and Town Board, also provided support to other agencies by participating in a total of four funerals during the year. The Honor Guard, staffing permitting, has embarked this year on supporting local charitable groups with colors presentations and motorcycle escorts.

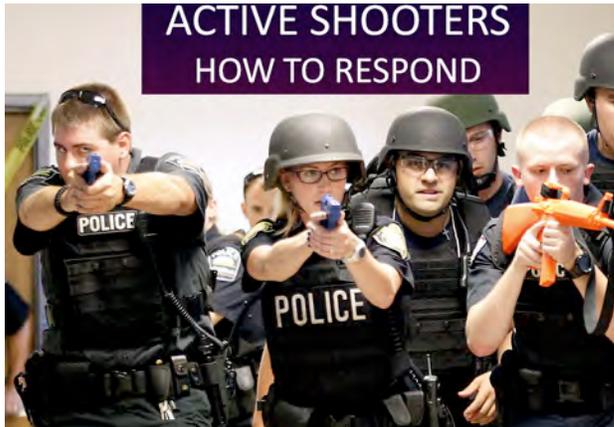
In 2015 the Clarkstown Police Honor Guard intends to continue building on the accomplishments of the past by training to maintain our high skill level, by upgrading old outdated equipment and by welcoming new members to replace members who have retired or who have stepped down.

# 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 2014 are listed on the sidebar.

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 train-tractor collision in Central Nyack and a trench rescue in New City.

In 2015 we will continue to seek training that will keep our department on the cutting edge of law enforcement techniques.

# Virtra Simulator

In 2013 the Clarkstown Police acquired a state of the art firearm simulator to incorporate the next level of real-world training situations.

The VirTra system offers the very best judgmental-use-of-force training simulator available along with full firearms training capability. The system chosen is the most challenging and advanced use-of-force simulator in the world – the V-300™ LE.

The 5 screens afford a 300-degree wrap-around simulator, where officers can train for the most difficult real-world situations, such as ambushes, active shooters, and maintaining situational awareness during extreme stress. Officer presence,



verbal skills, less lethal force options, and deadly force, are all available for simulation use.

The system was acquired through the use of seizure funds, and thus there

was no cost to the taxpayers for this top of the line system. The combination of outdoor live fire and indoor tactical simulations afford the department a wide range of training options.

# Training Courses

- Accident Investigation
- Active Shooter
- Advanced Interview/Interrogation
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement
- Arson Investigation
- BTO Certification
- Canine Training
- CEW Certification
- Child Safety Seat Program
- CIRT Tactical
- Computer Software
- CPR/AED/NARCAN
- Criminal Investigation
- Crowd and Riot Control
- DARE Training
- DWI Training
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Medical Dispatch
- Emergency Vehicle Operation Course
- Forensic Training
- Hazardous Materials
- Homicide Investigation
- Hostage Negotiation
- Human Trafficking
- In Service Supervisor
- Instructor Training
- Internal Affairs
- Internet/Social Media Investigations
- Interview/Interrogation
- Investigative Training
- Less Lethal Training
- Management Training
- Patrol Tactics
- PIO Training
- Police Motorcycle Instructor
- Police Supervision
- Professional Development
- Radar/Lidar Operator
- Radiation Detection Training
- Response to Resistance
- Sexual Assault LE Training
- Sniper Training
- SRO Training
- X2 Taser



1962 Pontiac Catalina outside  
Clarkstown Police Headquarters  
circa 1962

**Pictured left to right: Det. Ron Purdum, Det. Joe Mercurio, Sgt. George Hammond, Chief Ernest Wiebicke,  
Capt. Dwight Eisgrau, Sgt. Andy Thomson, Sgt. Bob Hewitt, Lt. John Ambrose**

**Promotion Ceremony January 14, 1966**



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