

Westchester Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT



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Police Chief

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DEAR VILLAGE BOARD & CITIZENS OF WESTCHESTER,

This year's Annual Report reflects a department that continues to grow, adapt, and show up for the community we serve. In 2025, we focused on making sure our officers have what they need to do their jobs safely and effectively, continuing to move the department forward through steady improvements.

Just as important, our officers spent a lot of time out in the community this year. We participated in many local events and outreach efforts, connecting with residents in ways that go beyond calls for service. Those interactions matter, and they're a big part of how we build trust and understanding with the people we serve.

I'm also proud of the progress we made within the department. In 2025, we welcomed seven new recruits, helping strengthen our team and plan for the future. Alongside recruitment, we continued to emphasize training, mentorship, and preparing the next generation of leaders.

None of this happens without the dedication of our officers and staff. I'm grateful for their hard work, professionalism, and commitment to serving Westchester. Throughout the year, that dedication was recognized through kind words, emails, phone calls, and public acknowledgments from our residents.

I'd like to thank Village President Greg Hribal, the Village Board, and the Village Administration for their continued support and trust. Their partnership allows us to keep improving and responding to the needs of our community.

Thank you for placing your trust in the Westchester Police Department. We remain committed to serving and protecting this community with integrity, professionalism, and care.

Sincerely,
Daniel Babich
Chief of Police







MISSION

IT IS THE MISSION OF THE WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, TO REDUCE THE OCCURRENCE OF CRIME, AND TO CONTINUALLY PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE WHILE PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE.

OUR GOAL IS TO DO SO WITH HONOR, INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WHILE CONDUCTING OURSELVES WITH THE HIGHEST ETHICAL STANDARDS TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.



CODE OF ETHICS & OATH OF HONOR

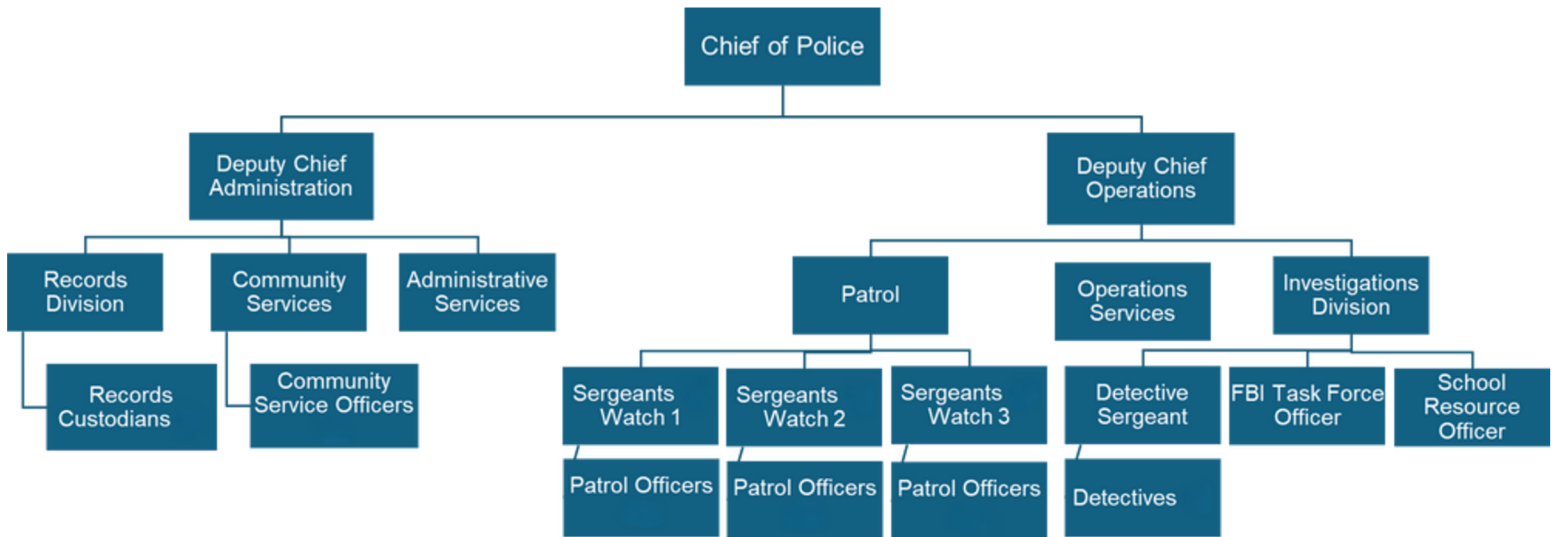
-  As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality, and justice.
-  I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that brings credit to myself and my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless disclosure is necessary in the performance of my duty.
-  I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, never employing unnecessary force or violence, and never accepting gratuities.
-  I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.
-  I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.
-  I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession...law enforcement.

ON MY HONOR, I WILL NEVER BETRAY MY BADGE, MY INTEGRITY, MY CHARACTER, OR THE PUBLIC TRUST.

I WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE COURAGE TO HOLD MYSELF AND OTHERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR ACTIONS.

I WILL ALWAYS UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION, MY COMMUNITY, AND THE AGENCY I SERVE.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



RECRUITMENT & GROWTH

In 2025, the Westchester Police Department continued to grow, welcoming **seven** new police recruits!

Our commitment to strengthening the department remains a priority. Through strategic hiring, training, and mentorship, we continue to invest in the future of law enforcement in Westchester.



Welcome



Alexander Garcia
4/14/25



Henry Gresik
4/28/25



Anthony Medina
8/25/25



Jamal Coleman
8/25/25



Nicholas Davis
11/5/25



Veronica Suarez
12/9/25



Erick Rios
12/29/25

HONORING A LEGACY OF SERVICE

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The Westchester Police Department proudly congratulates Officer Matthew Sosnowski on his retirement after **22 years** of dedicated service!

We thank Officer Sosnowski for his years of service, dedication, and contributions to the Village of Westchester. His legacy will be remembered, and we wish him all the best in his well-earned retirement!



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

POLAR PLUNGE, COP ON A ROOFTOP & THE TORCH RUN – SUPPORTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS

In 2025, officers from the Westchester Police Department proudly continued their support of Special Olympics Illinois through several signature fundraising events.

In March, officers braved the cold during the Polar Plunge, helping raise critical funds and awareness for Special Olympics athletes across the state. The momentum continued in May, when Westchester Police once again took their coffee game to new heights by participating in the Cop on a Rooftop fundraiser in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Officers also proudly took part in the annual Torch Run, joining law enforcement agencies and municipal partners from across the region.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest year-round fundraising movement for Special Olympics Illinois, with a shared mission of raising funds and increasing awareness for the incredible athletes who compete. Westchester Police are honored to stand alongside fellow agencies in support of this important cause—year after year.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY BONDS

National Night Out is all about building relationships between law enforcement and the community, creating safer, more connected neighborhoods. The event enhances trust and brings people together in a positive, welcoming environment where residents can ask questions, meet officers, and enjoy a night of camaraderie. We're proud to be part of this nationwide tradition and appreciate everyone who came out to celebrate with us!



BACK TO SCHOOL COOKIES WITH A COP

The Westchester Police Department participated in the annual Back-to-School Giveaway hosted by the former Bear Family McDonald's. Officers helped distribute cookies and backpacks to children and families in attendance, supporting the department's ongoing commitment to community engagement and positive youth outreach.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER WITH TOYS FOR TOTS

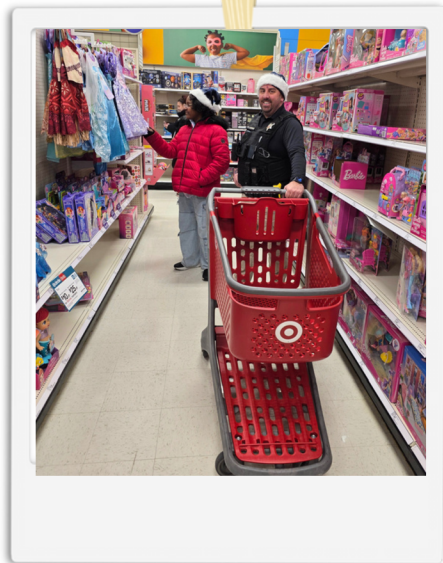
This year, the Westchester Police Department joined the Toys for Tots Celebration again—and we didn't hold back! Thanks to our generous community, we helped collect one of the largest toy donations across the Chicagoland area. Thank you to everyone who donated!



SHOP WITH A COP - BRINGING JOY TO LOCAL FAMILIES

Shop with a Cop is a heartwarming event focused on supporting underprivileged children and families in our community. Many kids may not have regular opportunities to engage with police officers, but this event provides a chance for them to build positive relationships in a fun, relaxed setting.

Beyond the shopping experience, Shop with a Cop teaches children that police officers are real people—individuals with families, hobbies, and a shared commitment to keeping them safe. Most importantly, it reminds them that we are always here to help and protect.



ADVANCING EQUIPMENT & TRAINING FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

The Westchester Police Department remains committed to ensuring our officers have the **tools, technology, and training** necessary to serve and protect the community efficiently. In 2025, we made several upgrades to both equipment and programs, enhancing our operational effectiveness.



- **Patrol Vehicle Replacements:** New patrol vehicles were approved and deployed to replace aging units, ensuring a reliable and safe frontline fleet for officers and the community.
- **Updated Mobile Technology:** New patrol laptops were purchased and issued as part of the department's ongoing technology replacement program, providing officers with modern, reliable tools to support reporting, data access, and in-field operations.
- **Upgraded Communication Equipment:** New police radios were approved to enhance communication capabilities for patrol officers and command staff, improving coordination, safety, and response efficiency.
- **Enhanced Officer Safety Equipment:** New ballistic vests were approved and issued, ensuring officers are equipped with up-to-date protective gear that meets current safety standards.
- **Expanded Aerial Capabilities:** Drones were acquired to support public safety operations, including search and rescue, incident assessment, and situational awareness during emergencies and special events.

CRIME STATISTICS & INCIDENT REPORTS

The Westchester Police Department is committed to transparency and community awareness. Below is a breakdown of 2025 crime statistics and incident reports, detailing the number and types of calls for service handled by the Westchester Police Department throughout the year.

By analyzing this data, we continue to enhance public safety, allocate resources effectively, and strengthen our partnership with the community.

- Assist other agencies – 2624
- Traffic / Warrants – 1147
- Administration duties – 1150
- Civil matters/assist citizen – 895
- Suspicious incidents – 560
- Public complaints – 501
- Motor vehicle accidents – 408
- Disturbances unwanted – 320
- Other traffic services – 435
- Alarms – 366
- Check well-being – 299
- Domestic – 255
- Animal complaint – 279
- Identity/fraud/deceptive crime – 123
- Criminal damage/trespass – 54
- Lost/recovered property – 110
- Juvenile problems – 71
- Harassment/threat – 51
- Motor vehicle theft – 14
- Crisis intervention – 44
- Battery/assault – 18
- Disorderly conduct – 25
- Sex crimes – 6
- Weapons offense – 3
- Robbery – 1
- Vehicular hijacking – 0
- Homicide (includes attempt) – 0
- Arson – 1
- Possession or sale of drugs – 0
- Home invasion – 0

PERCENTAGE CHANGE

2024-2025

<u>Crime Types & Incidents</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	Observation	% Change
Sex Crimes	8	6	decrease	-25%
Battery/ Assaults	29	18	decrease	-38%
Domestic	281	255	decrease	-9%
Animal Complaints/ Bites	270	279	increase	3%
Burglary/ Thefts	179	114	decrease	-36%
Attempt Burglar/ Theft	10	13	increase	30%
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	14	decrease	-53%
Identity/ Fraud/ Deceptive Crimes	125	123	decrease	-2%
Criminal Damage/ Trespass/ Defacement	84	54	decrease	-36%
Juvenile Incidents	55	71	increase	29%
Narcotics Crimes	1	0	decrease	-100%
Traffic & Warrants	1360	1147	decrease	-16%
Public Complaints	548	501	decrease	-9%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	493	408	decrease	-17%
Harassment / Threat	64	51	decrease	-20%
Disorderly Conduct	24	25	increase	4%
Civil Matter / Assist Citizen	930	895	decrease	-4%
Lost / Recovered Property	139	110	decrease	-21%
Administrative Duties / Community Services	1063	1150	increase	8%
Other Traffic Service	419	435	increase	4%
Assist other Agency	2688	2624	decrease	-2%
Crisis Intervention	31	44	increase	42%
House / Business Checks	5286	6665	increase	26%
Alarms	413	366	decrease	-11%
Suspicious Activity	647	560	decrease	-13%
Robbery	4	1	decrease	-75%
Disturbances / Unwanted	428	320	decrease	-25%
911 Hangup / Misdial	103	110	increase	7%
Unlawful Use of Weapon	3	3	no change	0%
Check Well Being	355	299	decrease	-16%
Home Invasion	0	0	no change	0%
Homicide	1	0	decrease	-100%
Arson	1	1	no change	0%
Vehicular HiJacking	2	0	decrease	-100%
Created in Error	57	54	decrease	-5%

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into 2025, the Westchester Police Department remains committed to excellence, integrity, and community-focused policing. Like many law enforcement agencies nationwide, we have faced challenges in recruiting new officers. However, these challenges have not and will not compromise our high standards. We continue to hire only the most qualified individuals, ensuring that every officer meets our rigorous training and ethical requirements before serving our community.

We are incredibly proud of our team—a group of dedicated, professional, and highly trained officers who work tirelessly to uphold public safety and build trust within our community. Their commitment to protecting and serving Westchester remains unwavering, and we deeply appreciate the strong partnerships we have with our residents and local organizations.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to grow, adapt, and continue strengthening our department. Through ongoing recruitment efforts, professional development, and community engagement, we will ensure Westchester remains a safe and welcoming place for all. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration—together, we make Westchester stronger.



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IN HONOR OF DENISE POLERECKY



In 2025, the Village of Westchester lost a cherished neighbor, longtime volunteer, and dear friend — Denise Polerecky. Denise's kindness, generosity, and support for our Police Department will never be forgotten. Denise believed deeply in community, connection, and service.

As we continue our work, we carry her spirit forward by serving with the same care, compassion, and dedication she showed to others. Her legacy lives on in the way we serve and protect the community we love.

