

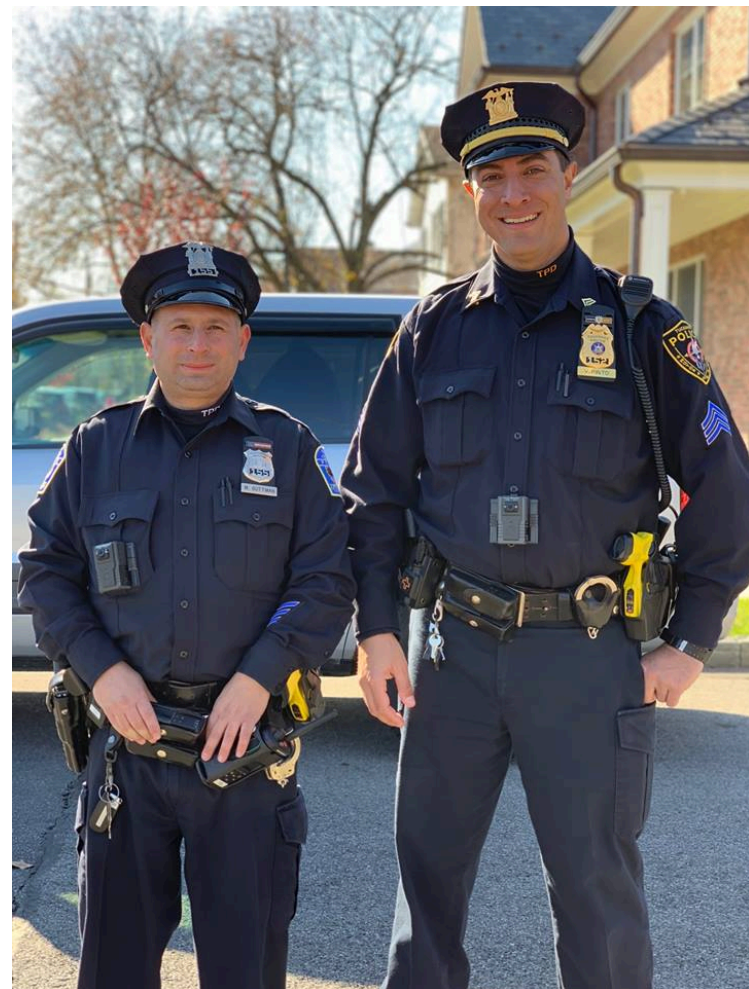
TUCKAHOE POLICE

2018 ANNUAL REPORT





***THE MISSION OF THE
TUCKAHOE POLICE
DEPARTMENT IS TO
PROTECT THE
QUALITY OF LIFE IN
OUR COMMUNITY IN
PARTNERSHIP
WITH THOSE WE
SERVE***



LETTER TO CITIZENS



Village of Tuckahoe Residents:

As you will quickly notice, the 2018 Police Department Annual Report has a completely different look. Special thanks to Sergeant James Kennedy for putting this new format together. What has not changed from previous yearly reports is that the police department has experienced yet another year of progress, incredible low levels of crime and award winning traffic safety programs. Due to the dedicated efforts of our police officers and supervisory staff, the Village of Tuckahoe is ranked amongst the safest communities in New York State.



The success of the police department in addressing crime, traffic safety and quality of life issues is based on the hard work and professionalism of our members, as well as the partnerships that we share. The Department continues to work with our law enforcement partners on local, county, state and federal levels. The assistance received from residents, businesses, houses of worship and civic associations enhances the safety and well-being of all.

Looking forward, we will continue to move ahead using new technologies and tactics. There are always new obstacles to face, however, the men and women of this department are more than capable to meet these challenges. I am extremely thankful to every police officer for their dedicated service. The support of our elected officials and the cooperation of the entire community make Tuckahoe so extraordinary. Let's continue to work together to make Tuckahoe a safe place to live, work, visit and raise our families.

Sincerely,

John Costanzo

Chief of Police



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



CHIEF OF POLICE
JOHN COSTANZO



PATROL OPERATIONS
LIEUTENANT
ANDREW ZIROLNIK

- Executive Officer
- Emergency Response Unit Commander
- Personnel & Training
- Traffic Division / Motorcycle Unit
- Internal Affairs
- Community Outreach

Sgt Chris Aubry

- Tour 3 Supervisor
- Radio System/ Desk Console
- Animal Complaints
- P.O. Francisco Ramirez
- P.O. Anthony Solano
- P.O. Ashley Tuccitto



ADMINISTRATIVE
LIEUTENANT
LAWRENCE ROTTA

- Administrative Commander
- Fleet Manager
- Law Enforcement Accreditation
- Grant Management
- Technology Officer
- Equipment/Uniforms

Sgt Chris Santiago

- Tour 1 Supervisor
- Emergency Response Unit Team Leader
- Youth Services
- Det Weinstein
- P.O. Fran Valencia
- P.O. Daniel Coughlin
- P.O. Bryan Madan



DETECTIVE DIVISION
DETECTIVE/SERGEANT
ABELARDO BAUTISTA

- Detective Division Commander
- Case Manager
- Evidence Management
- Uniform Crime Reports
- Det Andrea Pinto
 - Domestic Violence
 - Sex Offender Registry

Sgt Vincent Pinto

- Flex Supervisor
- Field Intelligence Officer
- Business Files
- Det Emila Yankowski
- P.O. Evan Piasta
- P.O. Chris Harris

Sgt James Kennedy

- Vacation Relief Supervisor
- Traffic Safety Unit
- Social Media
- P.O. Michael Guttman
- P.O. Steven Leone
- P.O. Steven McCann
- P.O. Zachary Leone

YOUR COMMUNITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



TORCH RUN

Every year, the Tuckahoe Police Department participates in the Westchester County leg of the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Officers from across the County join together for this event with a mission to promote the Special Olympics and to protect the "Flame of Hope" as it makes its way toward the opening of the Annual Summer Games. The Torch Run comes to our area in May of each year.

DONUT DAY OPEN HOUSE

The Tuckahoe Police Department started a new annual tradition this past year with its first ever "Donut Day" Open House at our Police Headquarters. Kids were treated with free donuts while they toured our facilities and learned about some basic day to day operations that go on at the Tuckahoe Police Headquarters. Children were also presented with Community Safety coloring books and police badges. The kids all enjoyed taking pictures inside the police cars and interacting with our Officers.



BICYCLE SAFETY DAY

For years, the Tuckahoe Police Department has held its annual Bicycle Safety Day where the community comes out with Tuckahoe Police Officers to teach bike safety techniques while enjoying food and drinks with the children of Tuckahoe and surrounding towns. Free helmets are given away and dozens of new bikes are raffled off each year during the event.

SANFORD GARDENS COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

Members of the Tuckahoe Police Department attended the Sanford Gardens Community Block Party. Inflatable sporting games were provided as well as prizes and giveaways. Members of the Police Department enjoyed interacting with residents in various games and being in one another's company.



YOUR COMMUNITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Each year for Thanksgiving, the Tuckahoe Police Department and its PBA donate approximately 60 turkeys to members of the community and local faith groups. This year was no different as Officers continue to work hard to keep this great ongoing tradition .



D.A.R.E. PICNIC

In June, the Tuckahoe Youth Division/D.A.R.E. Officers hosted the annual D.A.R.E. Picnic at Lake Isle for the 5th and 7th grade D.A.R.E. students. Swimming, lunch, snacks, beverages and dessert were provided for all students and faculty.

COMMUNITY FUND 3 vs 3 BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

Members of the Tuckahoe Police Department were on hand at the Main Street Park to attend a community wide 3 on 3 Basketball challenge coordinated by The Community Fund. Officers handed out water bottles and gym towels to all those who participated in the competition. The event was well attended by both participants and fans. Officers in attendance enjoyed being part of the action.



CHILI COOK OFF

Members of the Tuckahoe Police Department, along with other local Police, Fire, and Medical services, took part in a charity Chili Cook Off at the Broken Bow Brewery last year. All proceeds from the event were donated to The Sharing Shelf, a Family Services of Westchester program.

PATROL DIVISION



WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO KEEP YOU SAFE

The Patrol Division is the most visible and largest section of the Police Department. The primary focus of the Patrol Division is the protection of life and property and to enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner, consistent with the values of a free and open society. Uniformed Patrol Officers have the most contact with the community. They provide the Village with a full range of police activities that our citizens have come to rely on. They are the first responders to calls of service that run the gamut from a barking dog to an armed encounter. The most inconsequential and routine activity can develop into a potentially hazardous and volatile situation in a split second



KEEPING CITIZENS SAFE DURING SPECIAL EVENTS

The Village of Tuckahoe hold several special events throughout the year that are patrolled by the Tuckahoe Police Department. Some of these events include: the July Fireworks Event at Parkway Oval, The 5K Run in in September, and numerous other events that are held in the Depot Square area during the year.



DETECTIVE DIVISION



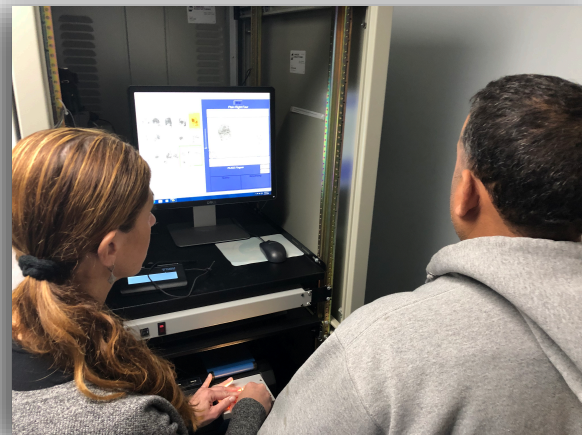
THE DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Tuckahoe Police Department's Detective Division is in charge with the responsibility of investigating all criminal activities, internal investigations and the records management of the entire police department. The duties of a Detective may range from obtaining documentation relating to harassing/annoying phone calls, to retrieving essential DNA samples at a burglary scene. The Detectives at the Tuckahoe Police Department strive to excel in all aspects of criminology including evidence collection, interview and interrogation, case documentation and court testimony. Aside from investigations, the Detectives are also assigned to the task of actively pursuing and arresting those subjects who evade court proceedings. In 2018 the Detective Division vacated out 10 active warrants for subjects wanted by the Tuckahoe Police Department for various crimes.



THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

The Town of Eastchester, and the Villages of Tuckahoe, Bronxville and Scarsdale reformed its Alcohol and Drug Enforcement Task Force over the last year. The task force is run out of the Detective Division who work tirelessly, following up on leads obtained through police duties. The cooperative efforts of the task force focus on the sale and consumption of illegal drugs and the sale of alcohol to minors, as well as, underage drinking. The "B.E.S.T.A.D.E." Task Force is comprised of members of all four departments assigned on a part-time basis. Police Officer Steven Leone is assigned to the task force. Members work in tandem with neighboring jurisdictions to strengthen enforcement and awareness. The collaborative effort of the task force has been very successful and has achieved results that could not have been attained working independently.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT



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The Tuckahoe Police Departments Emergency Response Unit is a highly trained and skilled tactical team used as a resource for the department in the handling of critical incidents. The use of well managed police tactical units has shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, police officers and suspects with a high success of favorable resolutions of critical incidents. The Unit trains and deploys with members of the Eastchester Police Department, Bronxville Police Department, and Pelham Police Department. The team received certification from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services after meeting and exceeding all accreditation standards.

The Emergency Response Unit consists of five active tactical operators. Lt. Zirolnik will continue to be the multi-jurisdictional Team Commander. While emergency call-outs were minimal, the team continued partaking in Operation Hercules exercises and training. Training opportunities have been consistent through out multi-jurisdictional team training with the Westchester County Police SRT team on a monthly basis. The members continue to be enthusiastic and eager to assist whenever called upon.



OPERATION HERCULES

Members of the Emergency Response Unit have participated with other jurisdictions, more notably the MTA Police, in order to provide extra security during the holiday season on the rail system. In addition, special attention has been given to high risk security threats related to terrorism, such as storage facilities and houses of worship. While most of our local focus was on both the Tuckahoe Train Station as well as the Crestwood Train Station, the team has increased its presence in neighboring jurisdictions and CTZ3 affiliates.

CALL-OUTS

In August, members of the Emergency Response Unit responded for an area search of a robbery suspect in the Town of Eastchester. The suspect was found and apprehended without incident.

DIGNITARY PROTECTION

Team members provided personal protection to high profile dignitaries at public events on two occasions.

TRAINING

Team members participate in a collaborative training schedule with the Westchester County Police SRT (Special Response Team). Over the course of the year, each operator completed a minimum of 96 hours of tactical training. This shared service allows for training venues and extensive equipment accessible to our team members. The collaborative effort has been a huge success and further illustrates the importance of multi-agency team work.

SPECIAL UNITS



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY UNIT

The CPS unit is comprised of six members, Sergeant James Kennedy, Detective Andrea Pinto, Police Officers Anthony Solano (Unit Leader), Ashley Tuccitto, Dan Coughlin and Police Custodian Person, Elliott Maldonado. The Unit hosted a seat check event on June 2nd at the Eastchester Town Hall with the Eastchester Police Department in conjunction with the department's Bicycle Safety Event. The Unit checked/installed 21 child safety seats at the event.

- On September 29th, the Unit assisted the Ardsley Police Department host a CPS Event in their jurisdiction. Eight new seats were installed and several others inspected.

- 35 Vehicles were checked by appointment or walk-in at Tuckahoe Police Headquarters in 2018.

- Over 64 child safety seats were inspected or installed in 2018.

- Four new seats were provided and installed free of charge to those whose existing seats were defective.



BICYCLE PATROL UNIT

The Bicycle Patrol Unit was in operation from May 1st through October 31st. The high profile, proactive bicycle promotes positive public relations, deters serious crimes, addresses quality of life complaints and fosters and maintains the commitment to the community policing philosophy. Members of the unit patrolled 66 tours in 2018



MOTORCYCLE UNIT

The Motor Unit consists of four specially trained officers who operate three fully outfitted Harley-Davidson Electra Glide motorcycles. The motorcycles were purchased, with a grant from the Generoso Pope Foundation. The motorcycles are a very visible means of patrol, with the primary function of traffic enforcement. The maneuverability of the motorcycles and the ability to accelerate quickly make them excellent tools to enforce speeding violations and other traffic offenses. The goal of the added enforcement is to increase traffic safety and decrease motor vehicle accidents. They maneuver through traffic for improved response time and reach areas such as parks that are not easily accessed by patrol cars. In addition, the unit participated in over 15 ceremonial escorts, which included funeral escorts, parades, charity rides and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

YOUTH SERVICES



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The Tuckahoe Police Department currently has **six Youth Officers: Lt Zirolnik, Sgt. Santiago, P.O. S. Leone, P.O. Piasta, P.O. Solano and P.O. Tuccitto.**

- January 2018, The Tuckahoe Police Department accepted a student from Iona College into our Department's Intern Program. The intern, whose studies focused in Criminal Justice, worked under the supervision of Lt. Andrew Zirolnik and completed 104+ internship hours. In addition, the Tuckahoe Police Department accepted an Eastchester High School student, as well as a Tuckahoe High School student to complete their WISE Internship under the supervision of Lt Zirolnik.
- There were **2 youths mandated by the Village of Tuckahoe Court** to our Community Service Alcohol/Drug Awareness classes and Service Program in 2018. The Court imposed a \$75.00 administrative fee for these classes. This fee is payable on the day of the class, and is directly used toward the cost of running this program. These classes are instructed by Sgt. Santiago, P.O. S. Leone and P.O. Piasta at the Village of Tuckahoe Police Department.
- There were **four juveniles** who were **diverted from the Juvenile Justice System** by our Youth Division and given Community Service Classes and hours relevant to the specific offense.
- There were **five juvenile cards/juvenile activity reports** forwarded to the Youth Division for follow up by our Youth Officers. These juveniles may have been involved in activity that would have constituted a crime, but due to their age they were referred to the Youth Division for appropriate consequences.
- P.O. Piasta taught the 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Program at the William E. Cottle Elementary school. There were approximately 110 students who received ten weeks of instruction utilizing the new "Keep it Real" curriculum which was culminated with a graduation ceremony in June of 2018
- P.O. S. Leone taught the D.A.R.E. curriculum to the Tuckahoe Middle School's 7th grade class. There were approximately 90 students who received ten weeks of instruction in the Middle School curriculum.



EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Tuckahoe Police Explorer Program ended the 2018 year with 12 active Explorers. Post #2008 had 22 regular meetings throughout the year, with additional trips and community service opportunities for all of the enrolled Explorers. The Explorer Program meets every other Wednesday from 5:30PM-7:30PM September to June, at the Tuckahoe Police Department. The two advisors are Sgt. Santiago and P.O. Piasta. This past year, the Explorers attended a CPR Certification Course, took field trips and participated in group challenges, as well as team building exercises.



DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS



2018 OFFICER OF THE YEAR



CHRISTOPHER HARRIS

The Officer Recognition Award is awarded in acknowledgment of a patrol officer's outstanding police work. Officers are chosen for professional dedication, consistent performance at an exceptional level, accomplishments of note-worthy deeds, extraordinary performance of duty, leadership, community participation and continued learning. The picture and name of the recipient is prominently displayed in the Village Hall.

MERITORIOUS POLICE DUTY

Det/Sgt. Abelardo Bautista (x2) P.O. Fransisco Ramirez (x2)
P.O. Michael Guttman (x2) P.O. Ashley Tuccitto
P.O. Evan Piasta P.O. Steven Leone
P.O. Steven McCann

EXCEPTIONAL MERIT AWARD

Sgt. Christopher Aubry Sgt. Vincent Pinto
P.O. Fransisco Ramirez (x2) P.O. Anthony Solano (x2)
P.O. Steven McCann (x2) P.O. Evan Piasta
P.O. Steven Leone
P.O. Ashley Tuccitto

EXCELLENT POLICE DUTY

Sgt James Kennedy (x4) Det/Sgt. Abelardo Bautista
Det Andrea Pinto Det Emilia Yankowski
P.O. Fransisco Ramirez P.O. Ashley Tuccitto (x2)

UNIT CITATION

Domestic Violence - Det Andrea Pinto

PROMOTIONS



Sergeant Abelardo Bautista was promoted to the rank of **Detective/Sergeant**
Police Officer Emily Yankowski was promoted to the rank of **Detective**



TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARDS

The Tuckahoe Police Department was the recipient of the Automobile Association of America's Gold Award. It was bestowed for the Department's superior programs and projects that address local traffic safety. This is the twelfth consecutive year that the Department has been recognized with the prestigious award by the AAA. The award was given to the Police Department's for our effectiveness in addressing local traffic safety issues, by implementing superior programs and projects such as:

- Safe Riders Day - Bicycle Safety Education
- STOP-DWI / Safe and Sober Campaigns - Driving Under the Influence enforcement and education.
- Buckle Up New York - Adult and child restraint enforcement and education.
- Operation Safe Stop - School Bus enforcement and education.

These programs, among other efforts resulted in no DWI related fatal or serious injury accidents, no serious bicycle accidents, no serious school bus accidents, and a high compliance rate of occupant protection for the past 18 years. The Department also received a commendation for 44 consecutive years without a pedestrian fatality.



POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANTS



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Traffic Safety:

1. Selective Enforcement Program:(Governor's Traffic Safety Committee)	\$5,246	Police Overtime
2. STOP-DWI Program (Westchester County)	\$5,400	Police Overtime
3. Child Safety Seat Program: (Governor's Traffic Safety Committee)	\$2,300	Child Safety Seats/ Training/Supplies

Youth Programs

4. Drug Prevention/D.A.R.E. (NYS Office of Children and Family Services)	\$2,375	Education/ Prevention Programs
5. D.A.R.E. (The Community Fund)	\$2,900	Education/ Prevention Programs
6. Youth Programs (The Community Fund)	\$7,600	Events(Cops for Kids, Open House, Explorers, Safe Riders, etc)

Equipment

7. Department of Justice	\$2,005	Soft Body Armor
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Counter-Terrorism

8. NYS Counter-Terrorism	\$11,841	Police Overtime (Tactical Patrols, Training)
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TOTAL: \$39,667

CALLS FOR SERVICE / CITATIONS



2018 Blotter Reports

Total Calls for Service: 3,908

Alarms:	326
Fire Response:	227
Medical Aided:	525
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	122
Domestic Incidents:	66
Assault:	7
Harassment:	31
Robbery:	2
Burglary:	0
Sex Offenses:	1
Larceny:	27
Motor Vehicle Theft:	3
Drug Offenses:	25
Criminal Mischief:	10
DWI/DWAI:	8
Liquor Law Violations:	5
Fraud/Identity Theft:	58

Criminal Cases: Adult	198
Arrests:	132

Traffic Citations

Total Citations: 1,658

Speeding:	183
Red Light:	193
Seatbelt:	79
Unlicensed Operator:	89
DWI / DWAI:	18
Commercial Vehicle Offenses:	7
Registration Offenses:	49
Stop Sign:	207
One Way:	52
Pass School Bus:	12
No Inspection:	71
Light Defect:	138
Improper Lane Use:	185
No Right Turn:	143
Mobile Phone Use	116
Other Offenses:	116

Parking Violations:	11,998
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The logo is a shield-shaped emblem with a yellow border. Inside the shield, it says "TUCKAHOE POLICE" in yellow. Below that is a small illustration of a Native American man in traditional dress. At the bottom, it says "N.Y." in yellow.

TUCKAHOE PD ALERTS

SWIFT911™

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OR VISIT TUCKAHOE.COM TO SIGN UP