

2022

VILLAGE OF TUCKAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT



CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS



OUR MISSION

The Tuckahoe Police Department shall protect the quality of life in our community in partnership for those who we serve.



LETTER TO CITIZENS



Village of Tuckahoe Residents:

I am happy to share with you the Tuckahoe Police Department 2022 Annual Report. It is just a glimpse into the services and achievements over the past year. A year when our department and our community emerged from the obstacles of the Covid-19 Pandemic. After dealing with the many challenges presented over the past few years, we were so pleased to be able to restore many of our outreach events and have daily contacts with the public. The hard work and dedication of our officers allowed the department to continue to move forward while providing the highest level of police services.



Our community remains amongst the safest in New York State with a low crime rate and award winning traffic safety practices. We supplemented security cameras in our downtown area and bolstered our partnership with the Westchester County Department of Public Safety to solve and prevent crimes using state of the art technology and investigative prowess. The addition of new digital speed signs and traffic signal upgrades, along with vigilant traffic enforcement by our patrol officers have kept our roadways safe.

With the hiring of four new officers, we are at full staffing of 23 sworn members. All four of the newly appointed officers are residents of our community who share the strong values, character and culture of the department's commitment to fairness, dignity and respect for all. Our officers are our greatest strength. We pledge to keep them well trained in all facets of policing, as well as offer programs to improve their health and well-being.

This past year was filled with many successes, some which are documented in this report. All of our accomplishments are achieved through the efforts of our incredible officers, professional staff, support of elected officials and partnerships with our community. I look forward to another year of leading such a tremendous team that keeps Tuckahoe a safe and special place to live, visit and work.



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. Steven McCann
- P.O. Peter Costa
- P.O. Brandon Belles



ADMINISTRATIVE
LIEUTENANT
LAWRENCE ROTTA

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

Sgt. Christopher Harris

- Midnight Supervisor
- ERU Team Leader
- P.O. Francisco Ramirez
- P.O. Daniel Coughlin
- P.O. Rober Lalli
- P.O. Jalen Laboy



DETECTIVE DIVISON
DETECTIVE SERGEANT
CHRISTOPHER SANTIAGO

- Detective Division Commander
- Case Manager
- Evidence Management
- Uniform Crime Reports
- Det. Steven Leone
- Det. Ashley Tuccitto
- Domestic Violence
- Sex Offender Registry

Sgt. James Kennedy

- Vacation Relief Supervisor
- Traffic Safety Unit
- Social Media
- Business Files
- Det. Yankowski
- P.O. Anthony Solano
- P.O. Evan Piasta

Sgt. Vincent Pinto

- Flex Supervisor
- Field Intelligence Officer
- Motorcycle Unit Leader
- P.O. Michael Guttman
- P.O. Bryan Madan
- P.O. Daniel Belles

YOUR COMMUNITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



PIZZA WITH THE POLICE

This past fall, members of the Tuckahoe Police Department hosted our second annual "Pizza with the Police" event. The event took place at Sanford Gardens and Senior Centers and it was a great opportunity for members of the community to come out and get to know some of the men and women of their police department over some hot pizza.



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 amazing event with a mission to promote the Special Olympics and to protect the "Flame of Hope" as it makes its way through Westchester County. The Torch Run comes to our area in May of each year.



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.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Members of the Tuckahoe Police Department participated in National Night Out this past summer with other local police agencies like the Eastchester Police Department and Bronxville Police Department. This once a year event is held in Depot Square and is a great opportunity for the public to meet and talk with their local police officers.



YOUR COMMUNITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



TURKEY GIVE AWAY

Each year for Thanksgiving, the Tuckahoe Police Department and its PBA donated dozens of 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.



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. The Tuckahoe Police Department once again took home 1st Place this year!

CONE WITH A COP

The Tuckahoe Police Department held our 3rd annual "Cone with a Cop" day this year outside Swirl N Joy. It was a great opportunity for the youth of Tuckahoe to come out and meet their Police Department while enjoying free ice cream! The turnout for this event was far more than we anticipated and we will definitely be holding the event again in the upcoming year!



VETERAN'S BBQ

Members of the Tuckahoe Police Department hosted a BBQ for the VFW Post #2285 on Flag Day this past year as a "Thank You" for their service to our country. It was a special event with a great turnout!

YOUR COMMUNITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

Members of The Tuckahoe Police Department had a spooky Halloween this year with the community during our "Trunk or Treat" event and the Tuckahoe Candy Crawl down Main St. There were so many great costumes and candy shared by all and we are looking forward to again this year!



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Tuckahoe Police Officers were on hand along with other local agencies at during this years very successful, Easter EGGStravaganza! The event was held at Eastchester Town Hall and is already in the works to return this April!



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. Over the past year we experience several major weather events that our Officer's were on high alert for to assure the safety of all our residents.



KEEPING CITIZENS SAFE DURING SPECIAL EVENTS

The Tuckahoe Police Department, along with our law enforcement partners, the Westchester County Department of Public Safety Emergency Force, the Eastchester Police and Eastchester Auxiliary Police provided a safe route for the 46th Tuckahoe Challenge Race. It was the largest race to date and was a huge success. This year we also saw the return over the Village's huge firework event that had been previously canceled over the last couple years due to the pandemic.



DETECTIVE DIVISION



THE DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Tuckahoe Police Department's Detective Division is tasked with the responsibility of investigating all criminal activities, internal investigations and the records management of the entire police department. Detectives act as liaisons with representatives from federal, state, county, and other municipal agencies. The duties of a Detective may range from obtaining documentation relating to identity theft, 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 the task of actively pursuing and arresting subjects who evade court proceedings.



REAL TIME CRIME

Real Time Crime (RTC) was established by the Westchester County Police Department in 2017. Detective Sergeant Chris Santiago, Detective Steven Leone and Detective Ashley Tuccitto participate weekly and collaborate with over 40 other police departments. They utilize RTC's resources which includes a combination of surveillance, license plate recognition, and shared police databases. One of the largest LPR systems in the USA, RTC scans & archives approximately 40 million plates a month across 220 MOBOTIX cameras. These plates can generate real-time alerts via a robust software platform, and the archived database. This technology has assisted Detectives with apprehending suspects.



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, which includes Sergeant Chris Harris as the Unit's team leader. While emergency call-outs were minimal, the team continued partaking in Operation Hercules exercises and training. Training opportunities have been consistent throughout 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 ERU team have participated with other jurisdictions across the county in order to provide extra security during various holidays and during Election Day. In addition, special attention was 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 jurisdiction and CTZ3 affiliates.

TRAINING

Administration from our four municipalities agreed upon a collaborative training schedule with the Westchester County Police SRT (Special Response Team). Over the course of the year, each operator is required to complete a minimum of 96hrs per year of tactical training which will be led by instructors within the WCDPS staff. Training venues and extensive equipment are now more accessible to our team members. The collaborative effort has been a huge success and further illustrates the importance of multi-agency team work. Sgt. Santiago, Sgt. Pinto, Sgt. Krause and PO Persico continue to train as certified sniper elements. PO McCann (Tuckahoe), PO Guerriero (Eastchester), PO Sokul (Bronxville) and PO Stein (Bronxville) all successfully completed Westchester County SWAT Operator school and were added to the team in October.



SPECIAL UNITS



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY UNIT

The CPS unit is comprised of five members, Sergeant James Kennedy, Police Officers Anthony Solano, Ashley Tuccitto Dan Coughlin and Police Custodian, Elliott Maldonado. The Unit hosts annual car seat events throughout the Village and at events during the year. Over the 2022 year dozens of car seats were inspected and installed by our Car Seat Technicians.



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, and charity rides.



SPECIAL UNITS



TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT

The Traffic Safety Unit was formed in 2020 and is comprised of five Members, Sgt. Kennedy, P.O. Ramirez, P.O. Solano, P.O. McCann and P.O. Costa. The unit holds monthly traffic details that targets drivers under the influence, unsafe commercial vehicles, vehicles failing to yield to pedestrians, motorists using cellular phones without hands free devices, along with many other targeted enforcement areas.



BICYCLE PATROL UNIT

The Bicycle Patrol Unit was in operation from July 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 49 tours in 2022. Almost all members of the Department in their career have taken the treacherous five day Police Mountain Bike Patrol Course.

ANNUAL TRAINING



Unified In-Service Training (Westchester County Police Academy):

includes firearms qualification, , less lethal certifications, CPR & First Aid, Legal Updates, Domestic Violence, report writing, NarCan, Procedural Justice, Principled Policing & modern trends

-Defensive Tactics & Use of Force / Response to Emotionally Disturbed Person

-Active Shooter Response

-Tuckahoe Police In-House Firearms Qualification & Use of Force

-Path of the Guardian (weekly roll call training):

online program to focus on important policy and police practice issues developing across the country including Supreme Court updates.

-LexiPol Policy and Procedural Updates and training:

Department rules and regulations manual in digital format which provides critical content immediately available to staff as well as training updates/quizzes relevant to our individual policies

-Use of Force interactive training simulator

-Car Seat Installation technicians

-Breathe test Operator Certifications



YOUTH SERVICES



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The Tuckahoe Police Department continues to make strong efforts to continue our goal of serving our community and its youth. Some minor adjustments were made in various programs and community outreach concepts over the years due to the pandemic, but we are excited to continue our current programs, and add new ones in the future.

The Tuckahoe Police Department currently has 6 Youth Officers: Lt. Zirolnik, Sgt. Santiago, Det. Leone, PO Piasta, PO Solano, and Det. Tuccitto. Lt. Zirolnik will continue to oversee the Youth Services Division.

The Tuckahoe Police Department accepted one High School intern into our department Intern (WISE Program.) The intern worked under the supervision of Lt. Zirolnik and Lt. Rotta and was involved in various departmental projects and observed daily operations. The internship program has been a great success and we were happy to host young ambitious students who seek experience and knowledge within the law enforcement career.

There were 4 Juvenile cards and 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 were referred to the youth division for appropriate consequences.

PO Piasta taught the 5th Grade DARE program to the William E. Cottle 5th Graders. There were approximately 110 students who received 10 weeks of instruction utilizing a "Keeping it Real" curriculum which culminated with an in-person graduation ceremony. A Dare BBQ at Lake Isle was provided for the students.



EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Tuckahoe Police Explorer Program had 14 active Explorers. Post #2008 had approx. 22 regular meetings throughout the school year, which included community service opportunities for all of the enrolled Explorers. The Explorer Program meets every other Wednesday, from 5:30PM-7:30PM, September-June at the Tuckahoe Police Department. The two advisors are Officer Steven McCann and Officer Bryan Madan.



Officer of the Year / New Officers



2022 OFFICER OF THE YEAR



The Officer Recognition Award is awarded in acknowledgment of a patrol officer's outstanding police work. The 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.

PETER COSTA

NEW OFFICERS IN 2022

The Tuckahoe Police Department, welcomed four new Officers this past year, who all completed 6 months of training at the Westchester Police Academy. P.O. Daniel Belles and P.O. Brandon Belles graduated in May 2022, while P.O. Robert Lalli and P.O. Jalen Laboy graduated in December 2022.



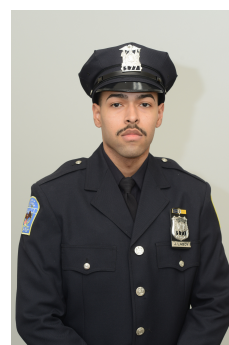
P.O. Daniel Belles



P.O. Brandon Belles



P.O. Robert Lalli



P.O. Jalen Laboy

PROMOTIONS / RETIREMENTS



Police Officer Ashley Tuccitto was promoted to the rank of **Detective**

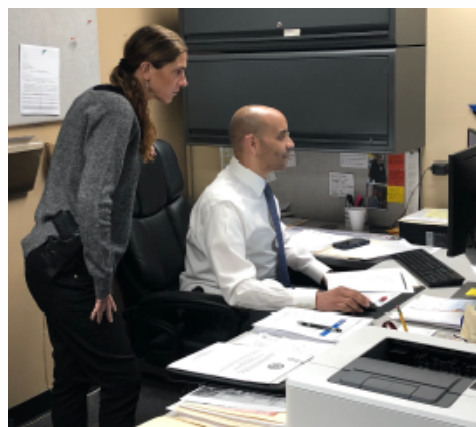


RECENT RETIREMENTS

The Tuckahoe Police Department congratulated both Detective Sergeant Abelardo Bautista and Detective Andrea Pinto on their amazing careers with the department. Both Detective Sergeant Bautista and Det. Pinto started their careers in law enforcement in 1994. We congratulate them again on their hard work and dedication during their chapter with the Tuckahoe PD!



Detective Sergeant Abelardo Bautista



Detective Andrea Pinto

ACCREDITATION / TRAFFIC SAFETY



ACCREDITATION

The Tuckahoe Police once again earn its Accreditation from NY State this past year. The accreditation program is a progressive way to aid Police Departments in evaluating and improving its overall performance. It provides a formal recognition that an accredited agency meets or exceeds general expectations of quality service. The program is comprised of 110 standards, divided into three categories; Administrative, Training, and Operations. The program is voluntary and only about 33 percent of police agencies in New York State are accredited. This professional accomplishment is a team effort and verifies our department represents the highest standards of police services.



TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARDS

The Tuckahoe Police Department was the recipient of the Automobile Association of America's Silver Award. The award was bestowed for the Department's superior programs and projects that address local traffic safety. This is the fourteenth consecutive year that the Department has been recognized with the prestigious award by the AAA. The award was given to the Police Department 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 20 years. The Department also received a commendation for 47 consecutive years without a pedestrian fatality.



POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANTS



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Traffic Safety:

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| 1. Selective Enforcement Program:(Governor's Traffic Safety Committee) | \$7,930 | Police Overtime |
| 2. STOP-DWI Program (Westchester County) | \$5,400 | Police Overtime |
| 3. Child Safety Seat Program: (Governor's Traffic Safety Committee) | \$2,500 | Child Safety Seats/ Training/Supplies |

Youth Programs

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| 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) | \$4,100 | Education/Prevention Programs |
| 6. Youth Programs (The Community Fund) | \$9,000 | Events(Cone with Cop, National Night Out (The Community Fund), Explorers, Safe Riders, etc) |

Counter-Terrorism

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| 7. NYS Homeland Security | \$2,400 | Police Overtime (Tactical Patrols) |
| 8. NYS Homeland Security | \$9,500 | Tactical Training |

TOTAL: \$42,205

CALLS FOR SERVICE / CITATIONS



2022 Blotter Reports

Total Calls for Service: 3,709

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| Alarms: | 180 |
| Fire Response: | 213 |
| Medical Aided: | 619 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents: | 117 |
| Domestic Incidents: | 83 |
| Assault: | 0 |
| Harassment: | 21 |
| Robbery: | 1 |
| Burglary: | 3 |
| Sex Offenses: | 3 |
| Larceny: | 36 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft: | 1 |
| Drug Offenses: | 2 |
| Criminal Mischief: | 15 |
| DWI/DWAI: | 5 |
| Liquor Law Violations: | 0 |
| Fraud/Identity Theft: | 38 |

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| Criminal Cases: | 194 |
| Adult Arrests: | 129 |

Traffic Citations

Total Citations: 1,174

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| Speeding: | 114 |
| Red Light: | 101 |
| Seatbelt: | 39 |
| Unlicensed Operator: | 111 |
| DWI / DWAI: | 10 |
| Commercial Vehicle Offenses: | 15 |
| Registration Offenses: | 122 |
| Stop Sign: | 100 |
| One Way: | 23 |
| Pass School Bus: | 4 |
| No Inspection: | 150 |
| Equipment Violation: | 153 |
| Improper Lane Use: | 63 |
| No Right Turn: | 37 |
| Mobile Phone Use | 49 |
| Other Offenses: | 83 |

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| Parking Violations: | 10,848 |
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