2015 Annual Report

Rockland County Sheriff's Office

SHERIFF LOUIS FALCO III

Message from Sheriff Louis Falco III

Dear Friends:

The Rockland County Sheriff's Office continued to engage with our law enforcement partners and the community with the goal to improve the services offered to the residents of Rockland County. I am proud to report that in 2015 the four Divisions of the Sheriff's Office, Civil, Communications, Corrections and Police continued to implement new technologies and services designed to keep our county safe.

The Sheriff's Office has continued to monitor the transportation of crude oil and other hazardous materials by rail through Rockland County. Working in collaboration with the Rockland County Office of Fire and Emergency Services, (OFES) the Health Department and representatives from town and village law enforcement agencies, enabled everyone to strengthen their preparedness for emergency response to a critical rail incident. The Sheriff's Office, OFES and EMS/Health Department, along with members of the Police, Fire and EMS community held a full-scale exercise simulating a rail accident at a crossing in the Town of Orangetown. With the assistance of CSX Transportation and NYS DHSES this full scale exercise identified key capabilities and gaps that exist in equipment and training necessary, to successfully mitigate a complex incident of this nature.

In an ongoing effort to improve communication and collaboration between law enforcement and the community, the Sheriff's Office, along with the New York State Intelligence Center and the United States Department of Homeland Security held a "Building Communities of Trust" roundtable in Haverstraw. The Building Communities of Trust (BCOT) initiative focuses on developing trust among law enforcement, fusion centers, and the communities they serve, to address the challenges of crime and terrorism prevention. The roundtable included 42 participants from local law enforcement agencies, faith-based organizations, educational institutions, and community advocates. Attendees learned about the mission and role of the fusion center; efforts to report suspicious activity; and efforts to protect privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties.

I would also like to thank the men and women of the Sheriff's Office for their hard work and dedication and to acknowledge some accomplishments by each division;

- *In 2015, the Communications Division activated "text-to-911" services for the entirety of Rockland County. The Rockland County Sheriff's Office is one of only six counties in New York State, and the first agency in the Hudson Valley, to offer this critical service. The Communications Division also implemented an emergency medical dispatch (EMD) program. Call-takers receive basic instruction in emergency first aid and common medical emergencies, and follow written protocols for handling calls for illness or injury. Certified emergency medical dispatchers are highly trained and lead callers through critical, life-saving emergency first aid steps before ambulance personnel arrive. Ambulance calls are also triaged to ensure that ambulances are routed to the highest-priority calls whenever possible. A staff of six monitors and updates the EMD program, and is assisted by a Board-certified physician medical director, who approves protocols and instructions for call-takers.*

- *The Civil Enforcement Division recovered nearly $3.5 million for the year 2015 through enforcement efforts by Division staff and generated $370,000 for the County general fund. Additionally, the Civil Enforcement Division became an active participant in the County's Illegal Housing Task Force and provided training for all Deputies in hazardous condition recognition, to help safeguard residents and first responders.*

Undersheriff Mary Barbera

- *In July of 2015, the Rockland County Correctional Center piloted a program called M.A.D.E. Transitional Services', a job-readiness and transitional services program. This program provides participants inside the correctional facility with basic viable tools and resources to begin transforming their lives post incarceration. The program consists of several modules which include job preparation, a session with a certified life coach, effective relationship tools, and basic financial literacy. Making a program like this available to the offender population can improve inmate behavior in the facility; potentially fosters better relations between supervising staff and inmates; and can positively impact the communities we serve.*

Undersheriff Robert Van Cura

- *In 2015, the Police Division implemented Project Lifesaver, through a grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Services. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, and other related conditions or disorders. Searching for individuals who have wandered or are lost with Alzheimer's, autism, Down syndrome, dementia or other cognitive conditions is an increasing concern. This program is an important safety net for people suffering from cognitive impairment, because time is of the essence, every minute lost increases the risk of a tragic outcome.*

As your Sheriff, I pledge to fairly enforce the law and to keep all of our residents, in all of our communities safe. I will continue to make certain that the Sheriff's Office is fiscally responsible and that it does all it can to make Rockland a safe place to live, work and raise our families.

Sincerely,

Louis Falco III

Sheriff

Chief Adam C. Feuer

Communication Division

MISSION STATEMENT

As the primary communications center for the County of Rockland, the Communications Division of the Rockland County Sheriff's Office helps to maintain effective communication between County agencies, County employees, first responders, and the general public. The Division advances public safety and well-being through dispatch and coordination of County resources, and by acting as a central point of contact for government services. The timely and professional delivery of these communication services enables the Division to contribute to the safety and security of both Rockland County and the Hudson Valley region.

CORE VALUES
The Communications Division has adopted a set of core values to guide the actions and decisions of members, both individually and as a group. These core values are defined as:

__Safety.__ We always prioritize the safety and security of our County, including its employees, residents, visitors, and first responders.

__Service.__ We strive to maintain an uninterrupted and continuous service in all aspects of our operation. We also strive to achieve the highest possible quality of service for all stakeholders.

__Professionalism.__ We always pursue a level of dedication and commitment appropriate to our important work and to the overall image of the County of Rockland.

E-911 Call Processing

In 2005, the Communications Division assumed sole responsibility for the receipt and processing of cellular E-911 telephone calls in Rockland County. The exponential growth of cellular telephone use continues to place a heavy strain on emergency call-takers, due to the high volume of calls during emergencies—particularly large-scale or high-visibility emergencies, such as highway crashes, building fires, and events that occur in public venues such as shopping malls and parks.

E-911 Call Processing

	Monthly 911 Total	Daily 911 Average	Quarterly 911 Total	7-Digit Total	Total Calls Answered	% Ans 5 secs	% Ans 10 secs	% Ans 15 secs	Outgoing Calls
Jan	7,134	230		7,247	14,381	86.95	97.53	98.37	5,052
Feb	6,424	229	Q1 21,099	6,620	13,044	79.45	99.21	99.94	4,821
Mar	7,541	243		7,158	14,699	78.92	99.14	100.00	5,380
Apr	6,961	232		6,375	13,336	77.50	98.92	99.89	4,684
May	8,890	287	Q2 24,709	6,740	15,630	77.87	99.03	99.97	5,973
Jun	8,858	295		6,930	15,788	77.07	99.30	100.00	6,179
July	9,787	316		7,106	16,893	77.54	98.95	99.93	6,713
Aug	9,317	301	Q3 27,210	6,855	16,172	77.88	98.70	99.88	6,170
Sep	8,106	270		7,554	15,660	76.14	99.06	99.98	5,409
Oct	7,714	249		7,776	15,490	76.41	99.04	99.90	5,536
Nov	7,818	261	Q4 23,398	6,627	14,445	71.77	98.80	99.92	5,448
Dec	7,866	254		6,803	14,669	73.84	98.82	99.97	5,281
	96,416	264		78,268	174,684	77.61	98.88	99.81	66,646

Efforts over the past five years to reduce and redistribute the crush of calls encountered by call-takers has been noticeably effective at keeping rising call statistics at bay, but as cellular telephones continue to proliferate, call volume has once again resumed its upward creep. In spite of these challenges, the Communications Division has met an internal goal for call-answering times. In 2015, 98.88% of all E-911 calls were answered by an emergency call-taker in 10 seconds or less. This performance handily exceeds industry standards for emergency call answering.

Structured Call Processing

*The Communications Division is the only public safety answering point in Rockland County equipped with modern technology for **automated call distribution** (ACD), wherein computer servers assign incoming calls to call-takers. This helps ensure efficient processing of emergency calls, even when call volume is heavy. It also ensures that calls received on emergency and prioritized lines are handled first, before calls that arrive on non-emergency lines.*

In 2015, the Communications Division implemented a structured call processing program. Call-takers follow detailed protocols on the exact questions to be asked of emergency callers, to ensure that the most important information is obtained first during emergencies. Questions are structured based on nationally-accepted guidelines and standards.

*Also in 2015, the Communications Division implemented an **emergency medical dispatch** (EMD) program. Call-takers receive basic instruction in emergency first aid and common medical emergencies, and follow written protocols for handling calls for illness or injury. Certified emergency medical dispatchers are highly trained and lead callers through critical, life-saving emergency first aid steps before ambulance personnel arrive. Ambulance calls are also triaged to ensure that ambulances are routed to the highest-priority calls whenever possible. A staff of six monitors and updates the EMD program, and are assisted by a Board-certified physician medical director, who approves protocols and instructions for call-takers.*

Training and Quality Assurance
*Emergency dispatch personnel employed by the Communications Division receive regular training and feedback to ensure the highest quality of service to callers. All call-takers are required to hold certifications as **Public Safety Telecommunicators** (PSTs) and **Emergency Medical Dispatchers** (EMDs) with the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International. Supervisors review call recordings and computer records weekly and provide written feedback to line personnel on performance and improvement. Call-takers also receive at least twenty-four hours of **continuing education** annually, delivered by certified in-house instructors.*

*The Rockland County Sheriff's Office is the only agency of any kind in the entire Hudson Valley region to have on staff a certified **Emergency Number Professional** (ENP). The ENP certification process is a rigorous and comprehensive demonstration of knowledge pertaining to the E-911 industry and emergency call programs.*

The Communications Division continues statistical studies measuring the impact of structured call processing programs.   It has applied for accreditation through the New York State Sheriff's Association (NYSSA). The NYSSA accreditation process reflects the Communications Division's commitment to providing the best possible service to Rockland County, and in accordance with standards and expectations promulgated by the emergency services industry at large.

Text-To-911 and Next-Gen 911 (NG911)

In 2015, the Communications Division activated "text-to-911" services for the entirety of Rockland County. The Rockland County Sheriff's Office is one of only six counties in New York State, and the first agency in the Hudson Valley, to offer this critical service. The service can provide a lifeline to victims who are trapped in circumstances preventing voice communications, such as kidnappings and school safety situations. Text-to-911 service also provides much-needed E-911 access for those with hearing and speech impediments. The Communications Division continues to prepare for "Next-Gen 911" (NG911), a digital migration for 911 planned by the Federal government, to modernize public safety answering points nationwide.

Also in 2015, the Communications Division activated Mutualink, a networking product that offers instant interoperability with public safety agencies, government entities, schools, the military, and other stakeholders in public safety. Using Mutualink, instant and secure communication can be established between any participating agency–enabling seamless voice, data, video, radio, and telephone integration at the click of a button. The Communications Division can remotely communicate with schools and government buildings, instantly retrieve live camera video and radio traffic from remote facilities, and communicate with agencies across Rockland and New York State, all in a matter of moments.

Emergency Communications Center (ECC)

In 2013, the Communications Division officially moved into its new Emergency Communications Center (ECC). The ECC can accommodate up to fourteen Radio Operators, along with one supervisory platform, several administrative offices, and a training room. The ECC also houses the central electronics for the County's Public Safety Communications System. The ECC complex is protected by two independent emergency standby generators, either of which can power the complex for up to a week in the event of utility loss.

Inside the ECC, Radio Operators receive emergency calls via cellular E-911 and traditional landline, and send emergency response units or offer other assistance to callers. During large-scale County-wide emergencies, the ECC may receive thousands of calls in a single day. If necessary, the ECC can queue up to forty-five simultaneous telephone calls for processing.

Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD)

Since 2006, the Communications Division has operated its own independent computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system, a complex software system designed for use by public safety agencies, furnished by New World Systems, Inc. Radio Operators key information received from callers, responders, and other agencies into the system, tracking emergency and non-emergency incidents on digital mapping systems.

A large part of daily operations at the ECC are that of maintenance and systems management. Digital systems are used by Communications Division staff and hundreds of responders County-wide to manage and resolve emergency incidents. Careful planning, budgeting, and technical expertise have enabled the Communications Division to have zero full system failures in the past eleven years—an enviably perfect 100% uptime record.

The Division's CAD system is integrated with telephone and internet systems, allowing Radio Operators to automatically alert responders by text message, mobile data terminal (MDT), web services, and smartphone apps. Many County emergency service agencies link their own computer systems to the Division's CAD system, making exchange of vital information automated and seamless.

Mobile Communications Unit

The Communications Division staffs and operates a Mobile Communications Unit ("Command-Van"), a portable dispatch center and incident command vehicle. The unit responds with two specially-trained Radio Operators and is available for emergency response twenty-four hours a day, all year long. The vehicle has its own power generator, heat, air conditioning, galley, and outdoor tent enclosure. The Command-Van can also be "shore-lined" to an existing facility to extend capabilities or add more working area. The unit was originally purchased in 1999, and was upgraded in 2014.

The vehicle can serve as a mobile dispatch center. Telephone, radio, internet, printing, and electronic messaging can all be facilitated independently from the vehicle. The Command-Van can serve as a radio communications base at the scene of incidents in the field, or can act as a replacement for local town or village dispatch centers in the event of failure or evacuation. The unit is equipped with equipment for interoperability on local, County, State, and Federal radio frequencies. The dispatch area can accommodate up to four Radio Operators simultaneously.

The Command-Van can also serve as an Incident Command Post (ICP) for large-scale, long-term, or complex incidents. Administrators and field commanders have access to a conference area with television, commercial radio, telephone, fax, print, and internet capabilities. Cameras and video equipment enable scene survey and management abilities from a distance. The Communications Division staff regularly participate in local and regional incident command and interoperability exercises with other communications agencies in Westchester and the New York City metropolitan area.

Fire Dispatch

The Communications Division is the sole dispatch center for Rockland County's twenty-six volunteer fire departments, along with the County's hazardous materials (HAZMAT) team, the Rockland County Regional Technical Rescue Team (RRTRT), Fire Police, and Fire Safety Officers.

In accordance with local law, 130 alarm companies maintain 3,737 automatic fire alarms that transmit signals directly to the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) for emergency fire dispatch. Dozens of other alarm companies report residential alarms and fires via telephone.

The ECC manages emergency fire response with thirteen conventional radio frequencies and six trunked talkgroups. Volunteer firefighters are notified to respond by personal pagers, email, and text messaging (SMS) twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Structural Fires	464	560	515	773	781
Rescue services	1859	931	698	739	830
Alarms	4417	4263	4358	4138	4554
Fire inside buildings	696	733	712	414	439
Fires outside buildings	1871	1865	1325	1342	1368
Special incidents	947	954	789	980	1046

New York State Police

In 2014, the Communications Division assumed primary responsibility for dispatch of the New York State Police (Troop F, Mount Ivy barracks). State Police are entirely responsible for the length of the Palisades Parkway in Rockland County, along with certain state properties within the County. Troopers carry radios compatible with the County's trunked radio system. The Communications Division also handles all routine telephone coverage for the barracks, including fingerprints, report inquiries, etc.

2015	
NYS Police	
Administrative	558
Animal struck/in roadway	158
Arrest processing, police records	108
Assist other police agency	114
Assist fire department/EMS/utility	56
Disabled vehicle	2100
Erratic operator	716
Obstructed/hazardous roadway	183
Other or special assignment	512
Over-height vehicle	261
Motor vehicle accident (no injury)	743
Motor vehicle accident (injury)	97
Pedestrian on roadway	94
Property check	8
Pursuit or Trooper emergency	4
Traffic stop	1515
Transport	202
TOTAL	7429

Early analysis indicates that State Police volume varies drastically depending on the time of day and day of week, due to commuter traffic. For high-priority assignments, or when State Police resources are stretched thin by multiple incidents simultaneously, the Sheriff's Police Division is dispatched to assist.

Local Police

The Emergency Communications Center (ECC) provides centralized radio and electronic data services to the County's local police departments and the Sheriff's Police Division. Coordination is primarily performed on the County-wide police radio talkgroup for large-scale or multi-jurisdictional events. State-wide and Federal frequencies are also available for disaster scenarios.

The ECC provides electronic law enforcement data, such as driver license, vehicle registration, and warrant checks, to five local police agencies, the Sheriff's Police Division, and a host of affiliated agencies in Orange and Bergen Counties, as well as State and Federal agencies. Services are primarily processed via the eJustice-NY data portal. The Division manages an estimated 10,000 paper records on wanted persons and criminal investigations.

Emergency Medical Services Dispatch

In late 2015, the Communications Division assumed primary responsibility for dispatch of emergency medical services (EMS) for the Town of Haverstraw. This added to the Division's existing EMS dispatch for the Village of Piermont.
The Communications Division operates an emergency medical dispatch (EMD) program. Callers requesting emergency medical services receive structured, pre-approved instructions on first aid, emergency action steps, and safety from Radio Operators. Critical medical information is collected and relayed to responders. Radio Operators issue emergency instructions to callers on cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), use of an automated defibrillator (AED), choking, emergency childbirth, bleeding control, and more. EMD services are offered whenever possible, regardless of location in County.

The EMD program is overseen by a Board-certified physician who acts as Medical Director and certified program administrators. Calls are randomly and extensively reviewed for quality assurance.

Emergency Medical Services Dispatch

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Special incident or standby	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
Abdominal pain	NA	NA	NA	NA	21
Allergic reaction, insect stings, snakebite	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Assault, sex assault	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
Back pain	NA	NA	NA	NA	7
Bleeding, laceration	NA	NA	NA	NA	17
Breathing problem	NA	NA	NA	NA	38
Burns	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
Cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
Chemical expsoure, HAZMAT	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Chest pain	NA	NA	NA	NA	33
Choking	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
Diabetic	NA	NA	NA	NA	7
Drowning, water-related emergency	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Emotionally disturbed, suicidal	NA	NA	NA	NA	18
Electrocution, lightning strike	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Extrication, special rescue	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Eye problem or injury	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Fall	NA	NA	NA	NA	29
Headache	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
Heart problem	NA	NA	NA	NA	8
Heat/cold exposure	NA	NA	NA	NA	0
Motor vehicle crash	NA	NA	NA	NA	14
Overdose, poison	NA	NA	NA	NA	8
Pregnancy problem, childbirth	NA	NA	NA	NA	5
Seizure	NA	NA	NA	NA	9
Sick, general malaise	NA	NA	NA	NA	47
Stabbing, gunshot, penetrating trauma	NA	NA	NA	NA	2
Stroke	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
Medical transport	NA	NA	NA	NA	6
Traumatic injury	NA	NA	NA	NA	7
Unconscious, fainting, dizzy	NA	NA	NA	NA	22
Unknown problem	NA	NA	NA	NA	16
TOTAL	NA	NA	NA	NA	329

"Rockland Warning Point"

The Communications Division serves as the initial contact point for Rockland regarding all emergency operations at the Entergy Indian Point Energy Center in Buchanan.
During an emergency at the power plant, the Communications Division is responsible for notifying County personnel of the matter. The Division's Emergency Communications Center (ECC) is designated as the "Rockland Warning Point" in the Radiological Emergency Communications System (RECS). Radio Operators receive notifications directly from the Indian Point Control Room (or the designated backup contacts, if the Control Room is compromised) and in turn notify the Office of Fire and Emergency Services.

Multiple contact methods, including telephone, internet, fax machine, and radio are all utilized in the emergency communications plan to ensure that Rockland is notified, regardless of the circumstances.

After receiving notification of a so-called "Nuclear Unusual Event" (NUE), the ECC may sound the "Alert Notification System" (ANS) in Rockland County. The ANS includes a variety of notification methods to the public, including the well-known "Indian Point sirens" scattered throughout Rockland County, and the Emergency Alert System (EAS).
In conjunction with Indian Point and the Office of Fire and Emergency Services, the Communications Division participates in weekly tests of the RECS system to ensure readiness in the event of an actual

emergency. Also, the Communications Division participates in two full-scale drills yearly. During the drills, the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated as an exercise, and Radio Operators simulate notifying County personnel of a nuclear event.

The Communications Division continues to work with all of the stakeholders in nuclear safety to ensure the highest level of protection for Rockland County.

Emergency Communications Center

In 2013, the Communications Division moved into its Emergency Communications Center (ECC). The facility's design is based on research into the latest trends in emergency communications. The ECC can accommodate up to fourteen Radio Operators, along with one supervisory platform, several administrative offices, and a training room. The County's previous facility accommodated no more than four Operators. The new center is the result of several years of planning and construction.

The new ECC also houses the central electronics for the County's Public Safety Communications System. The system is protected by two independent emergency standby generators, either of which can power the system for up to a week in the event of utility loss. Replicated servers and specialized equipment provide critical redundancy. The core electronics room is protected by a waterless fire extinguishing system, to prevent damage to sensitive electronic equipment.

Inside the ECC, Radio Operators receive emergency calls via E-911 and traditional landline, and send appropriate emergency units or offer other assistance to callers. During large-scale County-wide emergencies, the ECC may receive thousands of calls in a single day. The ECC can queue up to 45 simultaneous telephone calls for processing. Operators track incidents using a sophisticated computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system, with integrated digital mapping. Responders are dispatched by a variety of methods, including radio, pager, telephone, email, and text messaging.

The Communications Division continues to investigate options for a completely separate, redundant backup communications center somewhere in Rockland County. The current ECC is designed to be as fail-safe as possible, but realistic evaluation of the County's needs indicate the requirement for a backup center in the event of disaster.

Public Safety Communications System

In 2013, Rockland County began final roll-out of its much-anticipated interoperable radio system. The system is primarily based on the latest Motorola TDMA trunking technology, which is at the cutting edge of public safety communications.

Using this system, responders of all types

(including police, fire, EMS, and government responders) can have secure, reliable communications from hand-held and mobile radios at the push of a button. The County's radio system is also interfaced with many local, State, and Federal governmental agencies, making possible full interoperability at large-scale incidents.

The Communications Division is the lead technical agency for the system, managing infrastructure deployment and maintenance, field mapping, and site repair. The Division's Emergency Communications Center (ECC) houses the central servers and other critical equipment necessary for the system's operation.

Rockland County Public Safety Communications System

Voice messages	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
System repair and testing	NA	NA	43,198	1,471	5,978
Police	NA	NA	694,434	2,053,556	2,161,455
Hospital	NA	NA	376	692	421
EMS	NA	NA	211,644	646,982	644,055
Fire	NA	NA	50,861	333,976	321,951
Interoperability/disaster coordination	NA	NA	1,816	11,435	17,826
TOTAL	NA	NA	1,002,329	3,048,112	3,151,686

System statistics	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Voice messages	NA	NA	1,002,329	3,048,112	3,151,686
Emergency signal activations	NA	NA	1,272	2,192	2,939
Access denials	NA	NA	0	0	0
Busy signals	NA	NA	15,582	88,603	93,797
Log-ins	NA	NA	465,907	1,634,467	1,721,635
Affiliations	NA	NA	506,858	1,635,532	1,835,412
Log-outs	NA	NA	462,799	1,516,509	1,631,043
TOTAL	NA	NA	2,454,747	7,925,415	8,436,512

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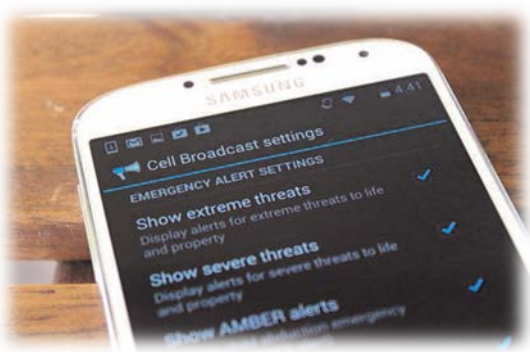
The Communications Division participates in NY-Alert, an internet-based service maintained by New York State. The NY-Alert system allows anyone interested to receive emergency alerts from local government regarding road closures, public emergencies, missing persons, and more. Participants simply complete a short enrollment process through the NY-Alert website and they can start receiving alerts immediately.

NY-Alert users can choose the alerts that they wish to be notified about. Alerts are often routine (such as pre-planned road closures, construction, and detours). However, alerts are also issued for emergencies that threaten life or property. In 2015, the Communications Division issued alerts for missing and suicidal persons, flooding conditions, and police manhunts, just to name a few. Major road closures are also a common notification topic. Users receive notifications by text message, email, fax, or voice phone call (recorded audio message).

Alerts are often customized by specific area, neighborhood, or district. This ensures that only those persons directly affected by a particular incident will receive notifications. The notification area can be as small as a few addresses, or can encompass an entire town or village, if needed. Users can also select whether to receive only emergency (life-threatening) notifications, or all messages.

The system can also utilize cellular towers and telephone company records to send extremely critical messages to anyone within a given area – whether they are enrolled in the NY-Alert program or not.

The Communications Division maintains trained staff on duty at all times to receive and broadcast NY-Alert messages on behalf of requesters from town, village, and County government. Everyone who lives, works, or travels through Rockland County is encouraged to join the NY-Alert program. For more details, visit http://www.nyalert.gov.

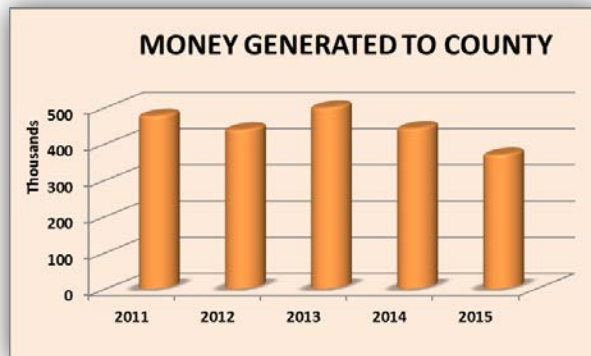## Civil Division

MISSION STATEMENT

The Rockland County Sheriff's Civil Division is dedicated to the protection of life, property, and maintaining public confidence by providing fair, professional and cost-effective civil law enforcement when serving process, executing judgments and enforcing court orders within the community.
The Rockland County Sheriff's Office was established in 1798. The Civil Enforcement Division's primary responsibility is to enforce court mandates issued out of the civil judicial system. The division is staffed with two commanding officers who oversee six Deputy Sheriff's, two part-time Deputy Sheriff's and five civilian staff members tasked with processing and executing service of process such as summonses, petitions, notices, citations, family court paperwork, garnishments and more, as well as enforcing evictions, property seizures, levies, arrests, and conducting Sheriff's sales of both personal and real property.

Money Generated to the County

In 2015 the Civil Division collected $3.5 million dollars. The money collected represents all money received from fees charged for services, and the collection of judgments awarded to plaintiffs by the various courts within Rockland County, and throughout the State of New York. It generated $369,810 to the County's general fund. (Since 2002 there has been a 74% increase in revenue generated and a 75% increase in monies recovered by enforcement efforts). This figure denotes money collected through fees for service, mileage and poundage fees, as well as, interest from various bank accounts. The Civil Enforcement Division is responsible for enforcing all court mandates, which include mandates such as Income Executions, Property Executions, Orders of Attachment, Orders of Seizure, summonses and subpoenas. The serving of Family Court summonses, Orders to Show Cause, Citations, and PINS petitions are also under the auspice of the Civil Enforcement Division. In addition, it is also responsible for the service and execution of all Warrants to Remove (evictions) within the County. Warrants of Commitment and Warrants of Arrest issued by the court are also enforced.

Enforcement Activity

Sheriffs' Civil Divisions serve and execute civil court process, such as summons, evictions, Family Court orders, executions, and orders of attachment, orders of seizure, and many more civil process items. Additionally, these divisions must collect and account for millions of dollars
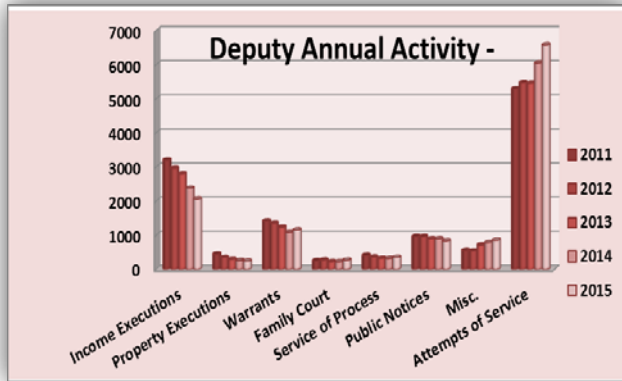
received by the Sheriff in enforcing civil judgments. To help Sheriffs assure that these divisions operate efficiently and properly, NYSSA in 1995 developed a civil accreditation program that now contains 121 civil accreditation standards. Standards are divided into ten areas impacting nearly every area of the Division. Standards cover such topics such as records, training, fiscal management, accountability and office operations containing detailed requirements regarding the handling and accounting of money collected for judgments – money collected by Sheriffs on behalf of the County.

In December 2009 Peter Kehoe, Executive Director of the New York State Sheriff's Association, awarded official accreditation to the Rockland Civil Division. It is now among only 15 civil units in the state that has been granted the association's accreditation and it is proof that the Civil Division continues to be an effective unit, even as its workload has increased
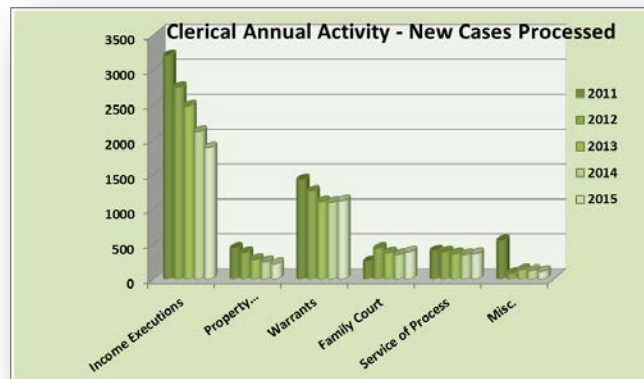
over the years. Again in 2014, the Civil Enforcement Division was re-accredited meeting all of the 121 professional standards. The staff members of the Civil Enforcement Division are specially trained to carry out the many complicated steps involved in executing and enforcing civil law enforcement. All employees have completed the NYS Sheriff's Associations' courses on Civil Enforcement as well as standards set forth by New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Municipal Police Training Council for all sworn personnel. All employees have completed the NYS Sheriff's Associations' courses on civil enforcement. All of the Deputy Sheriff's are police officers, certified by the Municipal Police Training Council.

2015 Civil Enforcement Accomplishments

- *Enhanced the current system of scanning court documents to existing files to reduce paper files and to have immediate access of the documents by attaching them to each computer case file.*

- *Developed a training program in conjunction with the police academy to train police supervisors in the handling of landlord/tenant issues.*

- *Installed mobile data terminals in all vehicles for immediate data access for deputies.*

- *Recovered approximately $3.5 million for the residents of Rockland County generating over $375,000 revenue for the County.*

Correction Division

Chief Anthony J. Volpe

MISSION STATEMENT

The Rockland County Correctional Center will provide detention facilities for males and females over the age of 16 who are either awaiting trial or sentenced to serve one year or less and who have been legally committed by a judge. The Rockland County Correctional Center will additionally provide a secure, safe, humane, well managed, cost efficient, low profiled facility for individuals temporarily removed from society until legally released. It is designed, managed, administered and staffed in order to insure those personnel, inmates and visitors are physically, emotionally and psychologically supported while in the facility. The Rockland County Correctional Center shall provide for its inmates the basic human needs of food, clothing, shelter, health, religion, recreation, family visitation and by offering counseling, education and release preparation services to aid in the inmates return into the community.

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Population	258	256	241	195	185
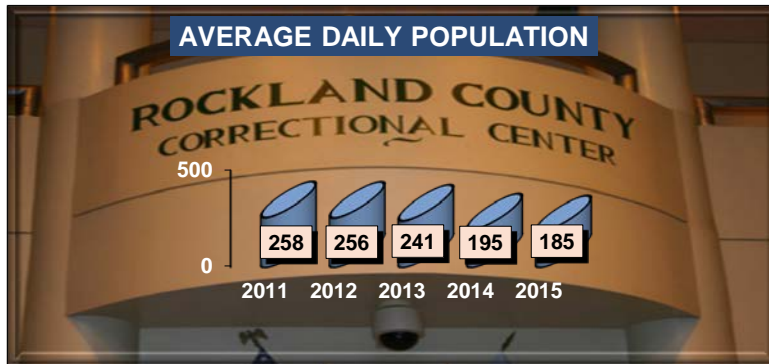
Programs for Inmates

- *Vocational education, career explorations and guidance-Program for people 21 or under who are interested in finding a career in response to their talents.*
- *Literacy programs to improve reading, writing and speaking skills-One on one tutorial help for reading, writing, and speaking. Is offered to all ages and will teach English as a second language.*
- *Sexuality awareness programs and counseling-Discusses symptoms of sexually transmitted diseases, individual counseling*
- *Alcohol and substance abuse programs-Through the use of support groups, members learn how to abstain from the abuse of alcohol, cocaine and/or other narcotics*
- *Life skills and vocational programs for youth-Helps youth under the age of 21 choose, find, get and keep a job*
- *Parenting skills-Workshops to aid in parenting and staying in touch with children while in Jail*
- *Occupational skills for women-Program that helps women inmates explore areas such as substance abuse, child abuse, and women's role in society*
- *General Equivalency Degree programs-Program for adults who do not have a high school diploma and who want to work toward obtaining one while incarcerated*
- *Vocational training in areas such as computer skills-Courses on basic computer operations, in addition life skills programs*

NEW ADMISSIONS

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Admissions	3219	2972	2844	2558	2354

Community Service Work Program

The **SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK PROGRAM** *is a cost effective alternative to incarceration. Although estimates of the cost of confinement may vary widely, criminal justice experts agree that the cost of confinement is the most expensive form of punishment. By allowing offenders to report and perform community service work, offenders are able to "pay their debt" in a more productive manner while eliminating the costs of confinement. Since its inception in 1985, thousands of offenders have worked hundreds of thousands of hours resulting in significant savings in the cost of labor to various local community agencies. In many cases, the cost of this labor may have prevented many projects, routine and special, from being accomplished.*

The program operates seven days a week from 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM. A uniformed officer supervises Work groups either present on site during the entire period or an unannounced periodic check at the site. The program receives non-violent offenders as well as first time offenders. In **2015,** *a total of* **30** *different job sites were served with* **5,472** *hours completed**. Their tasks included landscaping, brush removal, litter removal, interior and exterior painting, washing official vehicles, etc. for various county departments, municipalities, public safety departments and numerous religious civic and charitable organizations.*

During 2014, the Sheriff's Office Corrections Division partnered with the Rockland County Department of Social Services to save taxpayer money and combat fraud by ensuring inmates in the correctional facility were not continuing to receive benefits that they were not legally entitled to receive while under incarceration. Since the inception of this program more than $100,000.00 in taxpayer costs were avoided or recovered.

The Corrections Division accomplished the following:

- *Training completed for all staff in compliance with DCJS and accreditation standards*
- *Standing orders reviewed and updated*
- *Upgraded existing CCTV system*
- *Successfully completed two Corrections/Peace Officer Academies*
- *Upgraded the Commissary to include a Kiosk at the front desk thereby eliminating the need for an officer to receive funds*
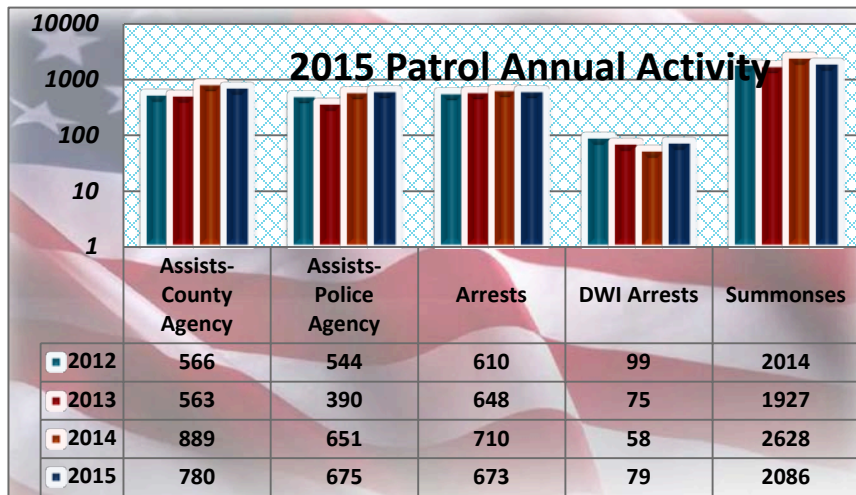- *Reduced overtime costs without impacting training or security*

Police Division

Chief William Barbera

MISSION STATEMENT

The Rockland County Sheriff's Police Division is dedicated the to the protection of life and property, reduction of crime through patrol and enforcement, and the provision of a safer environment in which our citizens can live, work, and pursue a better quality of life. This is a 24/7, 365-days a year operation. Officers assigned conduct the primary and basic function of the Division's mission, which is the provision of public safety services to the County of Rockland. These services include physical security and police response to all county operating centers, facilities and holdings including but is not limited to:

- *Rockland Community College*
- *The Robert L. Yeager Health Complex*
- *The New City Government Complex*
- *County roads*
- *County Parks*
- *Rockland County Jail*
- *Rockland County Sewer Department*
- *All County owned properties and buildings*

2015 Patrol Annual Activity

	Assists-County Agency	Assists-Police Agency	Arrests	DWI Arrests	Summonses
2012	566	544	610	99	2014
2013	563	390	648	75	1927
2014	889	651	710	58	2628
2015	780	675	673	79	2086

Officers of the uniform road patrol serve all Orders of Protection issued by Rockland County Family and County Courts in addition to the following:

- *Missing Persons*
- *Local Disasters/other Law Enforcement Emergencies*
- *Joint Law Enforcement Operations*
- *Crowd Control and Traffic Enforcement*
- *Commercial Vehicle Enforcement*
- *Warrant Executions*
- *Calls for service in local jurisdictions when requested.*
- ***The total calls for service for 2015 were 20,166***

2015 Orders of Protection

2012 (475)
2013 (478)
2014 (532)
2015 (552)

Specialized Units

Prisoner Transport Unit

The prisoner transport unit has responsibility for the handling and movement of all inmates committed to the Rockland County Correctional Facility. They assume the duties of care, custody control of inmates outside the facility. The prisoner transport unit executes all court remand orders from local and county courts as well as orders to produce from both these jurisdictions. In addition officers transport inmates for medical assistance to the local clinics and hospitals and other institutions. Inmates are also

transported out of the county to and from State and New York City facilities.

2015 Transport Incidents

County court transport (946)
Justice court appearance (881)
Medical transport (431)
Remand transport (751)
Other (282)
Total – 3,291

Child CARE (Computer Aided Rescue Effort)

A program initiated by the Sheriff and local Chiefs of Police. Local schools are visited by trained Officers and the school provides photographs which are identified by name, age, and school. The data is then stored electronically for immediate retrieval in the event of an abduction or missing child report. The division has the capability to transmit photographs and descriptors to police agencies in the Tri-state area and other locations within minutes of the report.

Traffic Safety

Child Passenger Safety

The Sheriff's Police Division runs a monthly fitting station where child seats are checked and parents/guardians are instructed in proper installation and use, by trained technicians. The fitting station is run by appointment only. Besides the fitting stations the CPS unit also runs major events in conjunction with local car dealerships and other police agencies around the county. Seats are procured through grants from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and used to replace any seats found to be damaged or outdated.

Police Traffic Services

The Sheriff's Police Division conducts targeted vehicle and traffic enforcement like

red light, seat belt and distracted driving (texting and cell phone) violations. The funding for these programs is received through grants from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

2015 Child Passenger Safety

Checked Vehicles (184)
Checked Seats (222)
Seats Distributed (21)

How is crude oil transported?

By Train

CSX moves 2 crude oil trains per day through the Hudson Valley.

CSX has expanded capacity on its Hudson Line.

Each oil train carries 80-120 cars.

Each car holds about 30,000 gal.

That's 6 million gal. per day—2.2 billion gal. per year.

This crude oil is destined for refineries near Philadelphia, which have expanded capacity.

Traffic may increase with proposed expansion of Global Partners LP oil terminals in New Windsor.

Oil trains along the Hudson. Photo: Riverkeeper

Railroad Speed Checks

Recent railroad accidents involving freight cars with hazardous materials (not disclosed to first responders) have caused grave community concern. In response the Sheriff's Patrol periodically monitors the speed of freight trains passing through Rockland.

Mounted Unit

The Mounted Unit was established to provide specialized and general mounted police services to all the people of Rockland County. The Unit is staffed by six officers and seven horses stabled at a base in Suffern, New York. All operations and deployments are conducted from this location.

It regularly patrols the County parks and County operating centers. In addition the Mounted Unit participates in community policing functions like crowd control, traffic direction and search and rescue. The ability of the horses to negotiate terrain that vehicles cannot access vastly increases the chances of locating a lost or injured person. High visibility mounted patrols regularly function in conjunction with local police jurisdictions in Nyack, Haverstraw and Spring Valley to provide coverage in areas that have shown a high number of incidents, such as narcotics, robberies, assaults and disorderly conduct.

Upon request, mounted patrols are also conducted in public access and parking areas of local malls during times of high traffic. Mounted Units have also responded to the scenes of labor disputes and public disorder, in order to assist with containment and dispersal operations

2015 Mounted Incidents

Police Agency assists (64)
Public assist (60)
Directed Patrol (104)
Other (115)

Marine Unit

The Marine Unit was established as a full service navigational safety and enforcement unit. It is 50% funded by state revenues and is based in the northern part of Rockland County, New York. It utilizes three vessels to patrol the County's 26 mile water boundary from Bear Mountain South to Palisades, New York. This unit provides enforcement, safety and rescue services while

2015 Marine Incidents

Homeland Security (549)
Police Agency Assist (101)
Directed Patrol (378)
Other (297)

interacting with all emergency services and environmental agencies. The unit became an integral part in the protection planning following the terrorist events in New York City, Washington and Pennsylvania in 2001. The Unit was tasked with providing security at the Tappan Zee Bridge and the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant, in conjunction with United States Coast Guard and the Governor's Hudson River Estuary Law Enforcement Task Force. The Tappan Zee Bridge is regularly monitored for all suspicious activities and enforcement of the Regulated Navigation Area around the construction of the new Bridge. The Unit also works with other enforcement agencies along the Hudson River namely Orange, Duchess, Ulster and Putnam County Sheriff's offices, Westchester County Department of Public Safety, the NYS Police and the NYS ENCON Police. It provides security at the Bear Mountain Bridge, Tappan Zee Bridge and the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant, in conjunction with United States Coast Guard and the Governor's Hudson River Estuary Law Enforcement Task Force. Recently the Marine unit has been requested to provide contract policing by the Tappan Zee Constructors for the new bridge being built. Coverage will be split between the North and South ends of the county.

Drug/Tracking Canine

2015 Patrol K9 Incidents

Narcotics(25)
Incidents (16)
Jail Perimeter (10)
Jail Narcotics (17)
Demonstrations (8)
Training (20)

 In our continuing effort to combat the dangers of drugs the Sheriff's Office has an operational K9 Patrol Narcotics Unit. Sergeant Chris Ford & K9 "Shadow" provide drug detection & tracking services to police agencies and work to prevent and detect contraband at the Correctional Facility.

Reserve Unit

The Rockland County Sheriff's Reserve Police Force is an all-volunteer force from diverse social, ethnic, religious and occupational backgrounds. It is used to augment and supplement full time law enforcement staff. The unit assists the regular staff during times of declared emergencies/disasters. They may assist with traffic and crowd control at parades, sports/ special events, residential use checks, crime prevention and traffic safety.

Investigations

The Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) conducts criminal investigations into all criminal matters specifically originating within the Patrol Division, the Correctional Facility, all County- owned properties/facilities and all activities related to the municipality and community in general. Officers carry out investigative work relative to the Department of Social Services Adult Support Collection function. In addition, the unit also conducts investigations into internal affairs of the department and works with local and state police on matters of mutual interest and concern. The unit renders investigative assistance to all police departments and criminal justice agencies as required. Besides the investigative unit the Bureau is comprised of several specialized components.

Warrants/IV D Support Collection

The Bureau of Criminal Investigation conducts criminal investigations into all criminal matters specifically originating within the Patrol Unit, the Correctional Facility, all County owned properties/facilities and all activities related to the municipality and community in general. Officers are responsible for warrants execution and extraditions from outside jurisdictions. Officers carry out investigative work relative to the Department of Social Services Adult Support Collection function. This unit boasts a 90% clearance record for cases received. In addition, the unit also conducts investigations into internal affairs of the department and works with local and state police on matters of mutual interest and concern. The unit renders investigative assistance to all police departments and criminal justice agencies as required.
In May 2015, a coordinated law enforcement initiative was launched by Sheriff Falco to execute the several thousand active warrants throughout the County that were issued by County, Town and Village Courts. The operation was dubbed "Operation Look Over Your Shoulder" and was conducted in three phases, The BCI unit managed and coordinated the entire operation in partnership with Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies. Additionally the BCI unit alone has more than 600 active warrants, the majority of which have originated in cases generated by other agencies.

Warrant Wednesdays / Monthly Top Ten
In 2015 the BCI unit introduced and implemented the above programs. A wanted subject is selected each Wednesday and the details publicized throughout law enforcement communities and on social media. Similarly ten wanted subjects are chosen each month for publication. The program has resulted in 19 arrests to date.

Contraband Interdiction at County Facilities
In June 2015 upon information that drugs and other contraband were being smuggled into the jail the unit began a series of K9 sweeps aimed at prevention and interdiction. This was accomplished in partnership with K9 units from the State and local agencies. Simultaneously the involvement of civilian employees at the jail was investigated resulting in the arrest and prosecution of a cook. Targeted monitoring of inmate phone calls led to the interception of heroin being sent by mail to inmates via the US Postal service. Targets were identified as part of a narcotics conspiracy and are now awaiting prosecution. Additional investigations into heroin dealing at the methadone clinic on County property are ongoing.

Evidence/Property
507 items of evidence/property were processed in course of various investigations in 2015.

Probationer Sex Offender Checks (Project Halloween)
Detectives from the BCI investigations assist County Probation officers in conducting residential checks of registered sex offenders during Project Halloween to ensure that they are in compliance with the conditions of their probation.

The Rockland County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Unit was established in 1958 at the request of the Police Chiefs and District Attorney of Rockland County. It is the main source of Crime Scene Investigation for nearly every Police agency in Rockland. The Rockland County Sheriff's Crime Scene Unit has six level 3 fingerprint examiners, certified by the State of New York. No other law enforcement agency in Rockland County has attained such a high level of certification. The members of this unit also provide expert courtroom testimony in county, state and federal investigations.

Live Scan Fingerprinting System

The Rockland County Police Division utilizes the Live Scan Fingerprinting System for printing criminal subjects as well as private citizens. All fingerprints are taken digitally and sent directly to Albany for processing using a computer. The Division now also has the ability to process fingerprints in the field through the use of a portable unit funded the County STOP DWI Program.

The Crime Scene Unit provides fingerprinting services on a daily basis for the Rockland County Clerk's Office (Pistol Permit Section). Fingerprinting services for the private sector are also provided for licensed professions such as nursing, or childcare which require certification. In cases where the identity is in question, their fingerprints can be sent out directly and returned within two hours.

In 2015 32 fugitive extraditions were were conducted from outside Rockland.

2015 Fingerprints
Identification (137)
Pistol Applicant (743)
Civilian (337)

2015 Criminal Warrants
Warrants Opened (287)
Warrants closed (268)

2015 IV-D Family Court Warrants
Family Court offense warrants received (35)
Family Court offense warrants closed (36)
IV-D Support Warrants Opened (95)
IV-D Support Warrants closed (83)

2015 Crime Scene
Investigations (390)
Evidence processing (47)
Photograph Detail (115)
DNA Collection (23)

SABIS (Statewide Automated Biometric Identification System)

The crime scene units also houses and maintains the Hudson River West Region Site of the New York SABIS. This site has been in operation since the system's inception in 1989. SABIS sites were initiated by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice (DCJS) as latent fingerprint databases and contain over 8 million criminal and civil fingerprints. Latent searches may now be performed for both fingerprints and palm prints. Search results are usually available for review by examiners within minutes. These prints are constantly being updated in the database. SABIS is a multi-modal biometric system. It has the capability to augment identification processing with facial recognition and iris scan technology. As an operational SABIS site, cases are accepted from any Law Enforcement Agency that makes a request. In addition to serving Rockland County agencies, cases have been received from New York and New Jersey State Police, the local field offices of the F.B.I., and local Police Departments in New Jersey.

2015 SABIS Incidents
Total Identifications (111)
New Cases enterred (245)
New Latents searched (506)
New Case Latent Comparison (9677)

As an enhancement to the site the Authenticated Digital Asset Management System (ADAMS) has been added to increase the unit's quality and productivity. This system allows complete digital management and enhances latent prints while searching the NYS database and the federal (FBI) database thereby increasing the number of total identifications. SABIS can also perform remote searches of the FBI's Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) which has a nationwide file of over 800 million images.

Faro Laser Scanner
Crime Scene unit Detectives are trained in Computer Aided Design applications for this equipment. The equipment is used to capture a 360 degree image of crime scenes, and creates a virtual 3D / panoramic view that can be used to show the details of a crime scene in the courtroom. Investigators also rely on this equipment for its ability to take precise measurements. In 2015 the equipment was deployed in 7 cases.

Bomb Disposal and Explosive Detection

In a continuing effort to combat terrorists and domestic acts of violence, the BCI unit of the Sheriff's Office has established a fully operational Bomb Squad (4 technicians) with three full time K 9s "Annie", "Cable", and "Kelsey" who have explosive detection capabilities. Since 2006 the Bomb Squad has received extensive funding through available federal grants. These grants were initially utilized to start the unit and since have paid for their training and equipment. It has also covered the purchase of two well-equipped response vehicles, robots, and a total containment vessel. In 2012, grants have been utilized for the purchase of new canines (due to retirements) as well as new vehicles for the unit. The Team is trained and equipped to respond to all types of hazardous devices and explosive material incidents, as well as chemical, biological and radiological incidents. The team is also trained in post-blast investigations.

2015 Bomb K9 Incidents
Bomb Incidents (35)
Bomb Demo (18)
Bomb K9 Incident (29)
Bomb K9 Demo (19)
Bomb Perimeter Check (359)

Arson Investigations

The BCI Fire Investigation Unit of the Sheriff's Office has four level 2 (Highest level of certification) and three level 1 investigators all available to respond to and investigate fires that are deemed to be suspicious in nature or for which the cause and origin are unknown. These investigators provide expert testimony in subsequent court proceedings. In addition, the unit has a full time K9 "Scooter" dedicated to the detection of accelerants used to start fires. Scooter was trained and certified by the Maine State Police, and additionally certified by the New York State Academy of Fire Science K-9 Program. The dog and handler test and recertify for both agencies annually. A partnership with the Westchester County Arson K9 ensures mutual coverage for both counties all through the year.

The unit utilizes Bomb Arson Tracking System (BATS), an advanced fire pattern tracking software to monitor and track undetermined fires within the County. Additionally the unit regularly interacts with the Fire services and trains firefighters within the county on the recognition of arson and the preservation of evidence.

The unit also oversees and coordinates the Juvenile Firesetter Program. This program has been established to help reduce the number of fires started by juveniles within our community. The program is designed to assist parents and their children in understanding the dangers of playing with fire, how to prevent repeat behavior, and help those who may have a desire to set fires. It also helps them understand the consequences of their fire setting behavior.

2015 Arson K9
Requests for assistance (94)
Incendiary (36)
Accidental (32)
Undetermined (13)
Under Investigation (8)
Juvenile Firesetter intervention (1)
New Firefighter background checks (146)
K9 Searches (35)
K9 calls for outside agencies (4)

The unit conducts background investigations for all applicants of the 26 volunteer fire departments in the County as per statutory requirements in the State.

Recently the unit began a strategic partnership with the Rockland County Fire Prevention Committee. This new alliance will help both entities fulfill their respective missions by delivering services to the community utilizing shared equipment and expertise from each organization.

Polygraph

The Sheriff's Office certified polygraph examiners assist all local police agencies and the District Attorney's Office with criminal investigations by administering polygraph examinations. The unit is also responsible for conducting Post Conviction Sex Offender Testing for the County Probation Department's registered sex offenders. The sex offenders are required to submit to a polygraph examination every six months to determine if they have been abiding by their Supervision and treatment stipulations while in the community.

Composite Sketch Artist

This agency maintains one of only two composite sketch artist in Rockland County. The artist can provide a rendering of possible suspect for any requesting agency.

Background Investigations
Background investigations are conducted for various requestors including but not limited to local Police Agencies, all local Fire Departments, the County Executive and some Rockland County Department heads.

Ballistic Tank
This agency maintains a ballistic projectile recovery tank sytem which provides a safe and reliable means for recovering spent bullets. The recovered spent bullets are then sent for forensic testing to the New Yorks State Police lLaboratory. This service is prvided to all law enforcement agencies in Rockland.

Gun Keeper Program
The Police Division has installed a read only version of the Gun Keeper Program which is the same program used by the Rockland County Clerk's office to manage gun applications/permits in Rockland County. It provides the 24/7 access to the permit status of pistol permits issued by Rockland County Clerk's office, and enhances officer safety before the execution of search warrants/arrest warrants or when Orders of Protection (Weapons Seizures) are served.

Leads On Line
Leads Online is a tool used by the Sheriff's office in partnership with the County Office of Consumer Protection and local businesses to help recover stolen property, and solve crimes. Leads Online is the link between investigators and missing items or individuals. It is an online investigative system which helps law enforcement catch criminals, while helping businesses reduce the hassles of reporting, since they are typically required by law to report their transactions to law enforcement. This service is provided to every law enforcement agency in Rockland, through the Sheriff's Office.

Counter-terrorism/Emergency Management

The Counter Terrorism / Emergency Management Officer is engaged in the following Rockland County and New York Metropolitan Regional groups for the purpose of situational awareness and to be a source of local information for regional operational plans incorporating Rockland County in the strategic planning of the security of the region:

Office of Fire & Emergency Services Operations Liaison
NYS Weapons of Mass Destruction Program Liaison
NYS CTZ – 4 Anti-Terrorism Operations Liaison
NY Metropolitan Anti-Terrorism Committee Liaison (NYC)
RC Health Department Liaison
RC Bio-Terrorism Committee Liaison
RC E.O.C. Command Center Operations Liaison
Liaison- Hudson Valley Transportation Management Center
Liaison - NYS Regional Hurricane Preparedness Planning Member of RC Law Enforcement Planning Committee
Rockland County A.T.A.G.
Liaison- NYS Office of Public Safety Exec.Comm.CT
Secure the Cites Project / NYC Police Dept. Liaison
NIMS / Incident Command System-
DHS-Protect Critical Infrastructure Program

A primary responsibility of the Emergency Management / Counter Terrorism Prevention, Planning, Response and Mitigation position is to find ways to facilitate the expansion of timely training for Law Enforcement and other Emergency Services in the responsibilities of Counter-Terrorism deterrence and response. To this end, the Office was directly involved in the design, support and operation of NYS Counter Terrorism Zone 4 since its inception in 2002.

To accomplish these directives several major training events were facilitated with the participation of all the Rockland County Municipal Law Enforcement Agencies, Rockland County Office of Fire and Emergency Services, New York State Police, the FBI NY Offices and the NYS Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Services who funded the projects.

"RADIOLOGICAL DETECTION EQUIPMENT UPDATE AND EXPANSION"

In partnership with the Securing the Cities program, the Sheriff's Office hosted additional radiological detection training to an additional 80 police officers at no cost to taxpayers. Additionally, the program was expanded to provide training to twelve town and village fire and building inspectors.

The Securing the Cities program is a federally funded nationally recognized pilot program to design and implement an architecture for coordinated and integrated detection and interdiction of illicit radiological and nuclear materials that may be used as a weapon within the metropolitan area.

Securing the Cities is a coordinated effort involving the US DHS Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, the New York City Police Department and 13 principal partner law enforcement and other first responder agencies in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. This program provides Preventative Radiological / Nuclear (Rad/Nuc) Detection, (PRND), equipment and training to the agencies surrounding New York City to increase the regions overall ability to detect and interdict a radiological or nuclear attack. The intent of this program is to develop a multi-jurisdictional, multi-pathway defense architecture for the Rad/ NUC defense of New York City and the surrounding region.

The Rockland County Sheriff's Office is one of the 13 principal partners in the Securing the Cities Program. All Rockland County Police Agencies voluntarily participate in the program as sub-partners and are actively surveying their respective jurisdictions for the protection of our citizens. Upon receipt of all Equipment & Training as presently planned, the County of Rockland will have received a total of $4,261,733.00 of DNDO Counter Terrorism Support.

"RAIL DISASTER EVACUATION TOOL"

A collaboration of First Responder Agencies including the Rockland County Sheriff's Office, representatives from local municipal law enforcement agencies, and The Rockland County Office of Fire and Emergency Services has developed a tool for first responders to aid in evacuations and traffic control in the event of a rail disaster.

The rail evacuation planning tool consists of a map that creates two half-mile grid sectors on each side of the west shore freight rail line that runs north-south through the county. These grids encompass a total of one mile on either side of the railroad tracks. Within these grid sectors, rail crossings and traffic control points will be identified and other important infrastructure and high risk facilities such as schools, nursing facilities, and office and industrial complexes and buildings are identified. This tool is being developed by a combined effort of Police, Fire and Emergency Services personnel.

Shared with the fire service, these sectors provide a "quick look" at any affected grids where a rail accident occurs and a decision can be made to shelter-in-place or evacuate those affected sectors. As part of the work in progress, NY-ALERT calling groups are in the process of being created to facilitate a quick and efficient means of notifying residences and business in the affected areas.   Once completed, this tool will be delivered in the form of a guidebook for police and fire desks, and an electronic version for distribution to police cars and fire units with laptop capability.

"RAIL DISASTER DRILL"

The Rockland County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the Rockland County Municipal Law Enforcement agencies, the respective Fire and Emergency Medical Services of the various Towns and Villages, Rockland County EMS , and the Rockland County Office of Fire and Emergency Services along with CSX Transportation conducted a full-scale exercise simulating the derailment of a freight train with cars carrying Bakken Crude Oil. This exercise had about 300 participants including police, fire, EMS, volunteers and support personnel.

Rockland County Special Investigations Unit   (S.I.U.)

On February 9th 2009 the Rockland County Sheriff's Police Division and the Rockland County District Attorney entered into partnership when forming the Rockland County Special Investigations Unit. This Unit prosecutes complex cases involving public corruption, white-collar crime, tax fraud, consumer fraud, and other traditional and non-traditional criminal conduct, including organized crime. The Unit uses a variety of techniques, including undercover operations, eavesdropping warrants and the investigative authority of the Grand Jury. The SIU encompasses several specialized functions which include the real estate Fraud Investigations task Force and the Asset Forfeiture Unit.The SIU has conducted joint investigations with the FBI, the US Secret Service, the NYS Banking Dept., the NYS Tax Dept., The NYS Dept. of Labor, the Social Security administration, HUD and many other agencies.

Countywide Special Operations

Regional Entry And Counterterrorism Team (REACT)

The role of law enforcement in all cases, including acts of terrorism, riotous activity, insurrection, barricaded subjects, execution of narcotics warrants, arrest of dangerous felons, and the rescue of hostages or endangered persons, is the protection of lives and property.   In the pursuit of this goal, the Rescue, Entry, And Counter Terrorism (REACT) Team was established.

Rockland REACT is a designated law enforcement team, whose members are recruited, selected, trained, equipped and assigned to resolve critical incidents involving a threat to public safety which would otherwise exceed the capabilities of traditional law enforcement first responders and/or investigative units.

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS:

1. *Explosive Breaching re-established*

2. *Sniper program revitalized and additional training re-instituted.*

3. *Updated SOP's approved and issued*

4. *Breacher conference attended in November 2015*
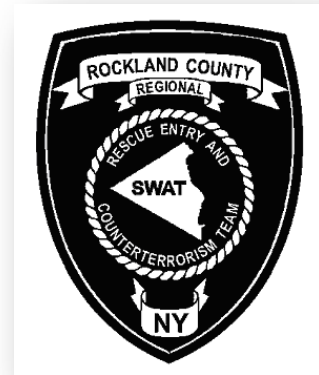
Computer Crime and Forensics

The Rockland County Sheriff's Computer Crime Task Force was formed through the partnership of the Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office, to combat computer-related crime due to the increased use of computers for e-commerce, e-mail and entertainment. The unit carries out a forensic analysis of computer evidence seized by all law enforcement agencies within Rockland County. Online child pornography, pedophilia, business fraud, proprietary information theft, identity theft, credit card fraud, copyright infringement, counterfeiting, remarking computer intrusion (hacking) and terrorism are all areas where the Task Force has been effective.

2015 Computer Crime Stats

Criminal Investigations Opened (178)
Search Warrant (14)
Police Assists (171)
Forensic Examinations (273)
Educational Presentation (1)

Disorder Control

The Disorder Control Unit Concept is a method that allows law enforcement to respond to a civil disturbance by mobilizing a group of police officers and supervisors who have been specifically trained and equipped for this purpose. Additionally these officers also play a role in the County's counter-terrorism plan. They can be used for target hardening and special tactical assignments like:

- Surveillance of critical infrastructure locations
- Restricting threatened facility access to essential personnel only
- Monitoring, redirecting or constraining transportation systems
- Closing or lockdown of public or government facilities

In order to enable Rockland County Law Enforcement Agencies to respond effectively to all of these situations, the Disorder Control Unit concept was jointly adopted, organized and established by the various police agencies in the county. It is by utilization of this concept that Rockland County Law Enforcement hopes to best serve the people of Rockland County as well as assist neighboring jurisdictions. The Disorder Control Unit concept is a standard part of the county mutual aid plan. Crowds and acts of civil disobedience are dynamic and require a flexible response. While such acts may be constitutionally protected, Law Enforcement Agencies have the responsibility to protect the lives and property of all people.

Rockland County Police Information Network (RCPIN)

The Rockland County Police Information Network is used to assist in the records management and information sharing associated with Law Enforcement. The Records Management System that is operational contains information on the people, places and vehicles that are involved in each of following areas:

*Incidents*Cases*Arrests*Property*Warrants*Tickets*Accidents*

Rockland County, New York like many other government agencies has constant needs for information retrieval. Significant technical challenges exist because the information is distributed amongst various backend database systems used by the numerous police agencies. For example, when law enforcement wants to search for information on a particular person, up to 4 different applications need to be accessed and searched individually resulting in safety vulnerabilities and lost productivity.

To solve this problem, PlanetJ, using the WOW Multi-System Query Engine feature, teamed with Rockland County to produce several graphical browser based queries. These queries allowed entry of selection criteria which was used by the WOW engine to search multiple backend databases. Results that matched the search criteria are automatically combined and presented to the user on a single integrated screen. This provides a significant time savings for Rockland users and enhances public safety in cases where real time immediate information is needed.

RCPIN gathers and collects a large amount of data from surrounding communities. What Rockland County needed was a single, efficient, and easy-to-use application that could retrieve data stored on various backend database

systems and used by numerous county agencies. This application would need to be able to provide a quick way of collecting and providing data for detectives.

RCPIN is also utilizing a web based Google Maps integration to plot crime statistics for analysis and trends. The end user can select one or all agencies, date range and filter for specific crimes or all incidents. Once the points are plotted on the map the user can then select a point to see the details of the call for service. They then can click on a link to actually "drill down" into the database which will return details of the call.
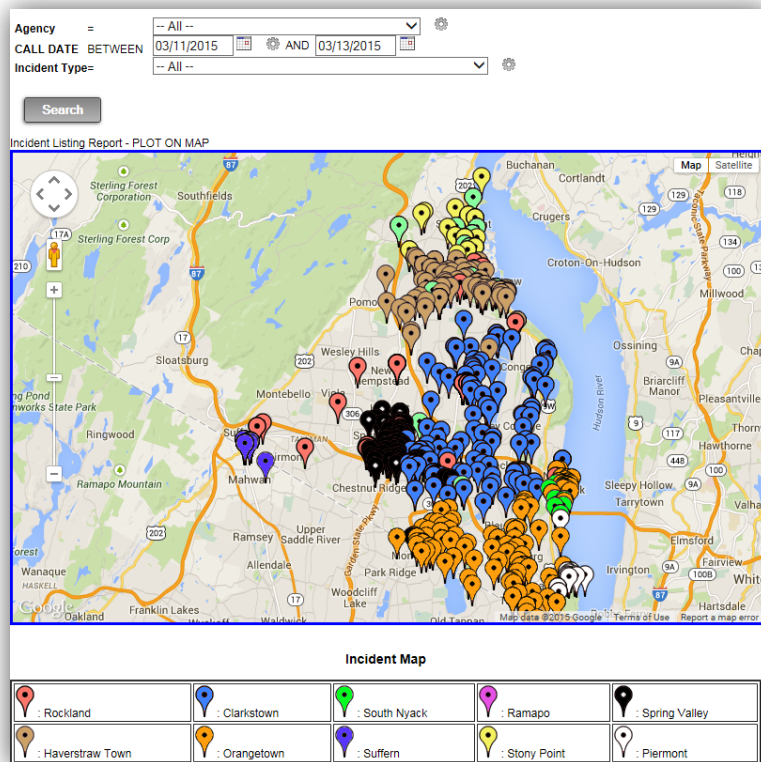
SERVICES PROVIDED:
Comprehensive Records Management System
 – Multi-Jurisdictional
Ejustice Portal Access
NCIC interface – DMV, etc.
ComnetiX Livescan Electronic Fingerprinting Access
– Hosted by Clarkstown PD
Bar Coding Evidence Processing
Remote client connections to key law enforcement personnel
RCPIN secure email – Outlook Web Access
Enterprise AntiVirus
Enterprise Spyware Sweeper
High Availability – Off site data replication
Mutli-Jurisdictional Web Based Data Sharing
Custom Web Based Police Reports
Web Based Data Executive Dashboards
Web Based Graphical Reporting Tools

PROJECTS:
ALL Police Agencies are now on MS Search Page
Upgrading all network hardware
Evaluating new Records Management System Software
Upgraded All IBM i5 Series Servers Operating Systems
Expanding the Mutli-System Search Data Sharing Project to counties surrounding Rockland
Migrated core Windows Servers to VMWare environment - continued
Plan for new Linux platform shared Records Management System- in bid evaluation
Connect Radio HQ with RCPIN Data Ctr via high speed fiber
Continue to roll out Cell based mobile solution to Police Agencies

Rockland County INTEL

The Rockland County Intelligence Center (RCIC), founded in 1995, arose out of a recognized need for a coordinated effort to develop and disseminate intelligence between law enforcement agencies. Criminal organizations and individuals are more sophisticated, more mobile, and better educated than ever before. The challenge for law enforcement is to be prepared for this increasing sophistication in order to reduce the impact of criminal activities on our communities. In order to accomplish this, law enforcement agencies will need aggressive, comprehensive strategies to counteract the threat of criminal groups. Criminal intelligence, when developed and used effectively, is a major weapon in the law enforcement arsenal.

MISSION

To provide intelligence to law enforcement agencies based upon the collection, evaluation, and analysis of information that can identify criminal activity. This intelligence can be presented in the form of:

1. *Strategic Intelligence-which addresses existing patterns or emerging trends of criminal activity.*
2. *Tactical Intelligence-which pertains to a specific event that can be used immediately to further a criminal investigation or patrol function.*

ROCKLAND COUNTY INTELLIGENCE CENTER

1-877-RCINTEL

Since 1995

P.O. Box 295
New City, N.Y.
10956

Chief Paul Modica
Oversight Committee Chairmen

Personnel

RCIC services all law enforcement agencies and is comprised of sworn officers from Rockland County law enforcement agencies. Departments currently represented:

Ramapo Police Department
Rockland County Sheriff's Office
Spring Valley Police Department
South Nyack-Grand View Police Department
Piermont Police Department
Orangetown Police Department
NYS Police
NYS Parole
NYS Park Police

Databases

HIDTA
MAGLOCLEN
Leads Online
NYC School Construction Authority (Mobnet)
Rockland County Sheriff Corrections
Rockland County Police Information Network
ISO Claimsearch
Autotrack
Clear
N-dex
Justice Exchange
NYSPIN

Services

Photo Arrays-create line-ups from HIDTA and Web
RICI photographs
Surveillance (Still, video)
Cell tower tracking
GPS Tracking
Video Flyers

The Intel Center officers are assigned specialized "desks." Each desk focuses on a specific type of criminal activity including:

Street Gangs
Burglary/Robbery
Terrorism
Traditional Organized Crime
Factual Data Analysis
Identity Crime
Jail Intelligence Program

Intelligence Products

Information Bulletins—produced in response to new trends or high priority issues. This information is quickly relayed to the law enforcement community and is intended to alert agencies of a particular pattern or event.

Monthly CODE 6 (Countywide) Report

Monthly burglary/robbery analysis report -detailed as to time of day, method of operation, suspects, victims and proceeds.

Parolee Dissemination— provides local parolee information categorized as to crime conviction.

Gang Awareness—Provides information on local and regional gang patterns...

Telephone Toll Analysis—Analyze phone call records (scanned or disk media) and provide in-depth reports.

Link and Commodity Charting—Produce charts and images which give a visual representation of information known about a case, and how the pieces relate to one another.

Crime Tracking (Mapping) - Produce maps which illustrate a visual representation of crime in a specific jurisdiction as well as in bordering jurisdictions.
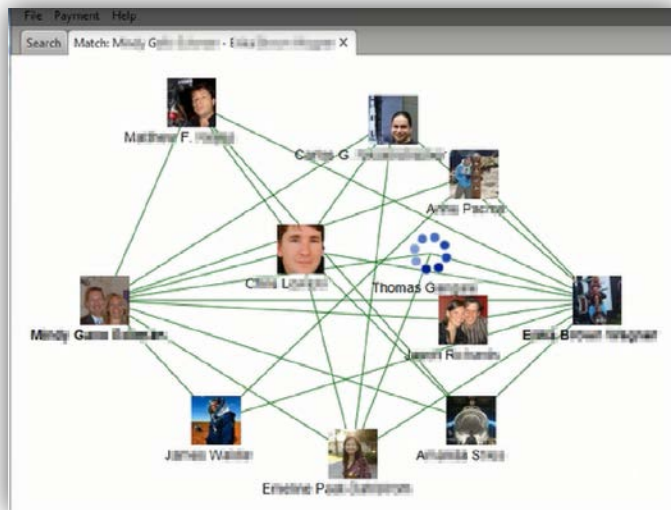
Rockland County Police & Public Safety Academy

The year 2015 saw a decrease in attendance at training programs and events presented by the Rockland County Police and Public Safety Academy. The courses presented reflected current and emerging issues in law enforcement while addressing the increasing complexities of police work. Training plays a critical part in maintenance and upgrading of skills for the professional law enforcement officer. In recognition of this fact, all courses presented at the academy are carefully selected to meet the needs of the law enforcement agencies we serve.

The 2015 In-Service training program addressed de-escalation of conflict training, evidence based domestic violence prosecution, ambush of police officers and tactics to prevent ambushes, "Blue on Blue" friendly fire confrontations, disturbance control (classroom and practical), street drug awareness, Narcon training to address heroin overdoses, active shooter scenarios, Article 35, New York State legal updates, human trafficking, "Blue on Blue" confrontations, CPR/First Aid/Defibrillation recertification, blood borne pathogens, self-first aid under combat conditions, mask fit testing, first aid for active shooter victims, MACTAC practical exercises and active shooter practical exercises.

In the area of investigation, training was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the use of digital cameras at crime scenes, surveillance photography and crime scene processing.

The academy offered a number of training courses in the use of weapons in 2015. These courses included Sniper Training, Taser Instructor, Carbine Course, and Annual Training for Peace Officers with Firearms and Other Weapons. The courses were offered to insure that our officers are trained to use "state of the art" equipment in protecting their communities. In August, the academy hosted the FBI National Academy Associates for a one-day training session. The Association consists of law enforcement officers who are graduates of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The training consisted of a lecture at the academy and qualification at the firearms training facility.

Working with the Rockland Alliance for Prevention and the Police Chiefs' Association, the academy staff assisted in developing the tenth "Community Policing to Advance Youth Development Symposium" which was held at the academy on October 19, 2015. One hundred and fifty students and police officers attended the symposium.

The academy Director, as a member of the Criminal Justice Committee of the Stop Fear Coalition, worked with the committee members on presenting a training conference at Dominican College in October.

In 2015, the academy offered retired officers the opportunity to qualify with their firearms to comply with the Federal Law HR 218. 1667 retired officers attended the course, which resulted in an income of $106,880.00. The academy will continue the program at the firearms facility in 2016 and we expect a large increase in attendance due to changes in the Federal law that eases restrictions on where retired officers are able to qualify and the New York State Safe Act, which requires retired officers to qualify every three years.

FUNDING

Funding for the Rockland County Police and Public Safety Academy comes from the County of Rockland and the various municipalities that comprise Rockland County who have Police Departments, together with other municipalities outside of Rockland County and private

companies that utilize the services of the academy. The County of Rockland contributes 50% of the cost of the operation of the Police Academy. The moneys paid by the County are annually appropriated by the Legislature and are specifically designated for the Police Academy as a separate line item in the overall Sheriff's Department budget. The various municipalities within the County pay the remaining 50% of the expenses. The share from the municipalities located within Rockland County shall be based upon the ratio between the number of police in its respective departments over the total number of police officers in Rockland County.

FUTURE TRAINING

In 2016, the academy will conduct fourteen (14) four-day in-service training programs. Topics to be covered are as follows:

- ➢ *Article 35 Use of Force*
- ➢ *Gang Updates*
- ➢ *Cell phone and social media after arrest*
- ➢ *Terrorism Awareness*
- ➢ *Active shooter/MACTAC*
- ➢ *Emergency First Aid*
- ➢ *Disturbance Control –Classroom and Practical*
- ➢ *CPR/Defibrillation Recertification*
- ➢ *TECC*
- ➢ *Rescue Task Force*

In 2016, the academy will be hosting training conducted by outside organizations that provide law enforcement training. These include:

➢ *The New York State Division of Criminal Justice will present training in Cold Case Investigations.*

➢ *The Federal Bureau of Investigation will present courses on Basic Photography, Crime Scene Photography and Surveillance Photography and provide instructors for our Basic School for Police Officers.*

➢ *In October, a seminar on the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act will be presented. The Honorable Steven Mannion, the leading national expert on the topic, will conduct it.*

Firearms training will increase, including additional training in specialized weapons, a Firearms Instructor Course, training on the use of deadly force on the firearms simulator and seven days of additional In-Service Training at the range.

TRAINING MANAGEMENT

Overall, attendance at training courses and events in 2015 was 3967. For the seventeenth year, all training records were computerized, thereby making information easily accessible to the agencies that attend training at the academy.

Revenue	
Basic School/In-Service Training/ Supervisor Course	*$147,825.00*
Range Rental	*$17,808.00*
Retired Officers Qualification	*$106,880.00*
Total	*$272,513.00*

In 2015, In-Service training was offered on a regular basis, throughout the year. From January 26 to December 3, 2015 In-Service was conducted as a four-day program. The training covered academic and tactical training topics. A one-day Firearms In-Service program and training sessions on the Firearms Training Simulator were offered throughout the year. Attendance at all the in-service programs was 1462 in 2015, which is an increase of 44 from the 1418 that attended in 2014.

There were two full-time Basic Schools for Police Officers conducted in 2015 and 35 recruits attended the training.   Also attending the Basic Course Refresher were 15 officers who were-entering law enforcement after being separated for several years.

The academy conducted one New York State mandated Course in Police Supervision, which was attended by 15 newly appointed supervisors. This was an increase of six from the 2014 class.

Through funding received from the Rockland County Police Chiefs Foundation, the academy purchased medical equipment for first responder training, Training DVDs and a new software program for the photo identification equipment for the retired officer's qualification program.

Overall attendance at courses conducted or hosted at the Academy increased in 2015. Agencies such as the F.B.I., D.E.A and the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services provide training courses that were conducted at the academy in 2015. No fees are charged for these courses. The income generated by In-service, the Basic School for Police Officers and the Police Course in Supervision, for which a fee was charged for law enforcement agencies outside Rockland, was $147,825.

The Rockland County Police Academy and Rockland Community College have renewed the agreement to conduct Pre-Employment Training for Police Officers, which was approved by the State in 2003. A municipality that has experience presenting the Basic Course for Police Officers in conjunction with an accredited college having an active criminal justice, public safety program, or other equivalent program registered by the Department of Education can only create a Pre-employment school. This program is viable and will fill a need to provide police officer candidates to over 54 police agencies throughout the training zone. It will bring in revenue to support both the college and the academy. Six approved pre-employment programs are being conducted in the state. Rockland County, the police agencies in the county, Rockland Community College and the Police Academy will benefit by this program. Eighteen Pre-Employment students attended the academy in 2015. Five officers who previously attended the Pre-employment training were hired by a police agency and returned in 2015 to complete Phase II of the Basic School to receive their State certification. We have 11 pre-employment students enrolled in the Spring class of 2016 Basic School.

H.E.L.P.   Helicopter Emergency Lift Program

*The **Helicopter Emergency Lift Program**, Inc. was started as part of the Rockland County Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan in 1969. Organized as an emergency service unit, HELP provides its services to Rockland County only in conjunction and cooperation with the Office of Fire & Emergency Services, the Sheriff's Office, and other emergency service agencies within Rockland. HELP renders a wide range of emergency services, namely, searching, rescuing, aerial firefighting, aerial ambulance work, police assistance and other disaster aid. The Police Division provides two pilots to the program.*

ATAG (Anti-Terrorism Analytical Group)

The ATAG group consists of the Sheriff, an Undersheriff from the Sheriff's Office, former Chiefs of Police in Rockland County, four former Special Agents of the FBI, Secret Service, US Marshall Service, former members of the NYPD, Secret Service and US Marshals Service, a retired General, a former member of Military Intelligence, a person with expertise in school safety and health issues, a military commander familiar with security issues overseas, and a veteran Israeli Army Anti-Terrorism Specialist. They act as a "Think Tank" in order to generate ideas and concepts and to assist in providing recommendations as to the necessity and feasibility for Intelligence and Security procedures. This group has been very helpful since the attacks on 9/11 in assisting the County with the coordination of its counter-terrorism resources.   The ATAG group is a component of New York State's Counter-terrorism Zone 4, which includes Rockland, Orange and Sullivan Counties.
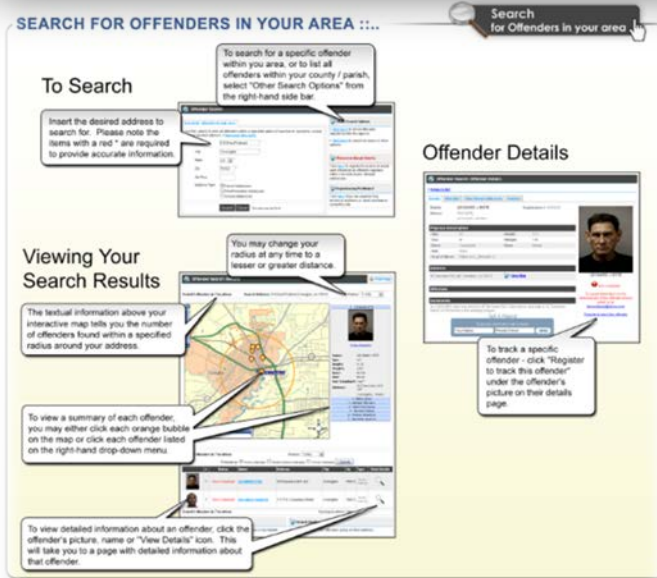
Sheriff's Community Programs

SEX OFFENDER DATABASE: OFFENDER WATCH

TRIAD

CRIME AWARENESS FOR SENIORS

This is a program, which focuses on reducing the criminal victimization of older persons, and the enhancement of the delivery of law enforcement services to these individuals. This program is co-sponsored by the Sheriff's Department, local Chiefs of Police and the Senior Citizens organizations. It is intended to make law enforcement services more responsive to the needs and concerns of seniors. It focuses on crime prevention against the elderly, elder abuse prevention, personal safety tips, home security, neighborhood watch, information about frauds and scams, identity theft, training in coping with door to door salesman and telephone solicitation, recognition and reporting of suspicious activities, victim assistance for and by Seniors, emergency preparation plans for and by Seniors, and communicating with and assisting older persons.

SILVER ALERT

*Former Rockland County Legislator Robert Jackson and the Rockland County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with local police agencies and Triad of Rockland announced the launch of the "**Rockland County Silver Alert System",** a local law sponsored by Legislator Jackson to focus on the rapid and safe return of any at-risk adult who may wander away from their residence or care facility and become lost or disoriented. Similar in nature to **"Amber Alert"** which focuses on missing children, the Silver Alert focuses on missing adults, over the age of 18, who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and developmental or cognitive impairments. Triad is a partnership of local police agencies and senior citizen organizations and is committed to the purpose of reducing senior victimization through education, training and involvement.*

NYS Sheriff's Association Summer Camp

The Sheriffs' Camp is located in the Finger Lakes region on Keuka Lake in Yates County. It is six miles south of the village of Penn Yan. The camp, a former YMCA Camp, is owned by the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute and meets the full compliance of the New York State Health Department. Boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12 who, because of economic reasons would not have an opportunity to attend a summer camp or enjoy a summer vacation. The camp is for economically challenged children.

Each County Sheriff is given a predetermined number of camper slots. Sheriff's Offices use a variety of methods to identify deserving children to attend. The primary criteria are economically challenged children and children who can benefit with the positive interaction with deputy sheriffs.

The camp is staffed with counselors who are highly motivated individuals and are dedicated to helping young people find the right path to a meaningful and productive life. The ratio of camper to counselor is about 4.5 to 1.

Deputy Sheriffs play two roles within the camp community. Typically, about 4 to 6 deputy sheriffs are in residence during each of the six one-week sessions. They work themselves into the camp's daily curriculum. They work hard to project themselves as mentors to the kids. Other deputy sheriffs visit the camp daily to conduct demonstrations of law enforcement techniques and equipment, such as K-9 and scuba diving demonstrations. Each week a deputy sheriff makes a presentation regarding illicit drugs and alcohol use.

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

This program is organized in conjunction with all the law enforcement agencies throughout the

county allowing residents to dispose of medications so they won't pollute the environment or get in the hands of those who might abuse or illegally re-sell the drugs. Drugs collected in this ongoing effort are destroyed at a state-regulated incinerator, preventing unwanted drugs from getting into the waste stream and polluting the environment or from getting into the hands of those who would abuse the drugs or sell them to others to abuse.

One of the biggest drug problems today is the illegal sale and use of prescription drugs — especially among young people. Many people who abuse illegally-obtained prescription drugs risk serious injury or death by misusing the drugs. During 2015 2140 lbs. of unused prescription medication was received from the public and destroyed.

VINE

VINE is an automated system that tracks criminal defendants once they enter the corrections system. It has the capability of automatically dialing victims and their family members who have registered with the system to notify them almost immediately if an inmate is transferred, released or has escaped. The system also allows victims or other interested persons to dial in at any time, to confirm that the inmate which they have a concern about is still locked up.   The VINE system was first implemented in Louisville, Kentucky in 1994. Within two years the program had spread across the entire state of Kentucky. It then began to spread around the country as law enforcement officials and victims' advocates learned of the important measure of peace of mind the program could bring to victims.

The first live linkage to the New York Sheriffs' Victim Hotline – our version of VINE – was made in 1999. Today every county in New York is linked to the system, along with New York City and the New York State Department of Correctional Services. Members of each Sheriff's staff were trained on how to "populate" and implement the program. VINE is available to victims, and others, in New York.

The VINE service allows victims to make a toll-free phone call or go online at www.vinelink.com to check an offender's information. Users also can register to be notified by phone or e-mail, and in the coming months by text message, if an offender's custody status changes.   VINE is now a fixture in America's modern corrections systems. Presently, VINE Tracks 2 Million Offenders or 90 percent of the jails and prison population nationwide. During 2009, VINE also fielded over 3.8 million incoming calls from crime victims and other concerned citizens inquiring about an offender's status and received 1.6 million new registrations. Total calls to and from VINE topped 17 million for the year. Since VINE was created in 1994, the system has delivered more than 102 million notifications. In the time since VINE's inception, these crime victims have enjoyed security and peace of mind, knowing the VINE system is always.

Order of Protection Notification Project

SAVIN is an acronym for Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification. The U.S. Department of Justice, through the Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA), implemented the SAVIN program to assist states in building, implementing, and improving victim notification strategies and systems throughout the United States. The New York Sheriffs' Institute is the lead SAVIN agency for New York State. The key to the success of this project is the collaboration between law enforcement, courts, victim advocacy groups, and emergency management agencies. The Sheriffs' Institute is currently working in close partnership with the New York State Association of Chiefs' of Police, the New York State Police, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, the New York State Unified Court System, the New York State Office of Prevention of Domestic Violence, the Westchester County Department of Women and the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence to assure the successful development and implementation of this project.

The period of time immediately following the service of an Order of Protection is recognized as the most crucial period for a victim. Abusers are often more violent during a period of separation. This project will develop and implement a system that will notify a victim when a Family Court Order of Protection has been served. Of course, the decision to take advantage of this service is the victim's choice. If the victim chooses to register for this service, the notification may provide an opportunity for the victim to be proactive and take appropriate precautions during this precarious time allowing the victim to implement a personal safety plan for themselves and any impacted children or other family members. This system is a 24-hour/7 day per week notification service made available to victims who have been granted a Family Court Order of Protection in any Family Court outside of New York City. The system allows the victim the option to register through NY-Alert (www.nyalert.gov) to receive notification when the Order of Protection has been served. It also allows the victim to select how they choose to be notified.

Revenue since 2001

2001	**Dept. of Justice ICAC**	
	Internet Crime Against Children	$45,000.00
	Arson Vehicle LLEBG	$48,000.00
	Bulletproof Vests	$14,000.00
	Bomb Equip.-Lupin	$10,000.00
	Injury Prevention Program	$68,181.00
	NYS for River Patrol	$90,010.00
2002	**Bomb Unit LLEBG**	$30,000.00
	SCAAP Funds	$369,790.00
	Injury Prevention Program	$72,500.00
	Buckle Up New York	$12,534.00
	Child Passenger Safety	$8,500.00
2003	**DCJS-Byrne Grant**	$50,000.00
	Terrorism Training-Lupin	$10,500.00
	NYS Motor Vehicle Theft/Ins. Fraud	$75,000.00
	Buckle Up New York	$14,796.00
	Injury Prevention Program	$64,250.00
	Child Passenger Safety	$4,500.00
	Law Enforcement Training	$23,632.00
	C.A.R.E. Program-Provident Bank	$4,500.00
	The Gannett Fdtn.	$2,000.00
	SCAAP	$211,220.00
	DCJS LLEBG	$20,000.00
2004	**SCAAP**	$251,515.00
	PETCO Foundation	$500.00
	Bulletproof Vest Program	$8,763.00
	Homeland Security LETTP	$350,000.00
	Homeland Security SHSP	$1,250,000.00
	Traffic Safety Awareness	$62,422.00
	TRACS	$17,142.00
	Buckle Up New York	$3,000.00
	Child Passenger Safety	$8,300.00
	DCJS-Computer Crime	$20,000.00
	DCJS-Evidence Grant	$20,000.00

2005	SCAAP	$231,136.00
	Bulletproof Vest	$5,013.00
	Homeland Security LETTP	$350,000.00
	Homeland Security SHSP	$750,000.00
	COPS Technology Grant	$98,664.00
	Buckle Up New York	$4,500.00
	Child Passenger Safety	$6,200.00
	Intel Gang Awareness	$5,000.00
	Traffic Safety Awareness	$63,056.00
2006	SCAAP	$182,436.00
	Bulletproof Vest	$2,143.00
	Homeland Security LETTP	$450,000.00
	Homeland Security SHSP	$416,600.00
	Buckle Up New York	$9,600.00
	Child Passenger Safety	$5,500.00
	Traffic Safety Awareness	$68,068.00
	Operation Impact III	$141,500.00
	CEDAP	$25,000.00
2007	SCAAP	$530,995.00
	Bulletproof Vests	$3,086.00
	Homeland Security LETTP	$324,200.00
	Homeland Security SHSP	$542,400.00
	Homeland Security Bom	$87,000.00
	Homeland Security Rail	$175,000.00
	Buckle Up New Yor	$14,400.00
	Child Passenger Safety	$10,000.00
	STEP	$6,000.00
	Traffic Safety Awareness	$77,924.00
	Operation Impact I	$51,000.00
	CEDAP	$50,000.00
	PETCO Foundation	$406.00
2008	SCAAP	$496,395.00
	Bulletproof Vests	$5,058.00
	Homeland Security LETTP	$256,750.00
	Homeland Security SHSP	$770,250.00
	Bomb Grant	$103,000.00
	COPS Technology	$96,425.00
	Buckle Up New York	$19,200.00

	Child Passenger Safety	$8,000.00
	STEP	$18,000.00
	Traffic Safety Awareness	$77,925.00
	Operation Impact I	$29,550.00
	CEDAP	$25,000.00
	PETCO Foundation	$1,370.00
2009	SCAAP	$617,536.00
	Bulletproof Vests	$7,441.00
	Homeland Security LETTP	$376,250.00
	Homeland Security SHSP	$1,037,030.00
	Bomb Grant	$95,748.00
	COPS Technology	$100,000.00
	Secure The Cities	$169,785.00
	JAG Grant	$26,360.00
	Secret Service	$20,200.00
	DCJS-Triad	$5,000.00
	DCJS-Legislative	$3,000.00
	Entergy Funding	$19,000.00
	Buckle Up New York	$16,560.00
	Child Passenger Safety	$7,500.00
	STEP	$12,900.00
	Traffic Safety Awareness	$77,056.00
	PETCO Foundation	$305.00
2010	Bulletproof Vests	$41,195.00
	Homeland Security LETP	$415,580.00
	Homeland Security SHSP	$1,026,367.00
	Secure the Cities II	$225,000.00
	Bomb Grant	$98,417.00
	K9 Grant	$50,000.00
	Secret Service	$25,000.00
	Buckle Up New Yor	$18,900.00
	Child Passenger Safety	$6,800.00
	STEP	$13,369.00
	Explosive Detection K9	$50,000.00
2011	Homeland Security LETP	$343,746.00
	Homeland Security SHSP	$673,254.00
	Bomb Grant	$84,000.00
	K9 Grant	$50,000.00
	Secure the Cities II	$600,000.00
	Secret Service	$45,000.00
	SCAAP	$497,329.00

2012	Homeland Security LETPP	$149,500.00
	Homeland Security SHSP	$448,500.00
	Maccabi Funding	$75,000.00
	Bomb Grant	$84,000.00
	K9 Grant	$15,000.00
	TRACS	$58,130.00
	Buckle Up New York	$1,400.00
	Child Passenger Safety	$5,500.00
	STEP	$4,200.00
	Secret Service	$40,000.00
	Entergy	$22,500.00
	Bulletproof Vests	$12,522.00
	Explosive Detection K9	$50,000.00
	SCAAP	$421,779.00
	Buffer Zone Prot. BZP	$59,250.00
2013	Homeland Security LETPP	$167,500.00
	Homeland Security SHSP	$502,500.00
	Bomb Grant	$105,936.00
	Police Traffic Safety	$6,650.00
	Child Passenger Safety	$5,500.00
	Secret Service	$72,743.00
	Explosive Detection K9	$20,000.00
	SCAAP	$481,572.00
	Secure the Cities	$417,000.00
2014	Homeland Security LETPP	$186,250.00
	Homeland Security SHSP	$558,750.00
	Bomb Grant	$101,900.00
	Police Traffic Safety	$8,050.00
	Child Passenger Safety	$5,000.00
	Explosive Detection K9	$11,950.00
	SCAAP	$286,409.00
	State BVP	$80,000.00
	Secure the Cities	$416,993.00
	Secret Service	$40,000.00
	GIVE grant	$21,000.00

2015		
Homeland Security LETPP		**$186,250.00**
Homeland Security SHSP		**$558,750.00**
Bomb Grant		**$109,000.00**
Police Traffic Safety		**$8,050.00**
Child Passenger Safety		**$5,000.00**
SCAAP		**$219,805.00**
Secret Service		**$84,540.00**
GIVE Grant		**$12,000.00**
Port Security Grant Program		**$246,317.00**
Secure the Cities		**$227,409.00**

Total Grants Awarded to Sheriff's Office	**$23,290,038.00**
Total Asset Forfeiture Received	$15,320,499.00
Total Funding Received	**$38,610,537.00**

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In Memory

Of the dedicated men and women of Rockland County who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Constable John Cahill - EOW: 8/19/1905	*Chief William J. Thornhill - EOW: 7/30/1933*
Lt. Edson L. Thompson – EOW: 7/4/1958	*Detective William Conklin – EOW: 9/16/1971*
Chief Edward R. Gleason, Jr. – EOW: 7/23/1972	*PO Thomas J. Kennedy – EOW: 8/2/1973*
PO Michael J. Reedy – EOW: 8/2/1973	*PO Waverly L. Brown – EOW: 10/20/1981*
Sgt. Edward J. O'Grady, Jr.-EOW: 10/20/1981	*PO Jason D. Conklin – EOW: 8/21/1997*
PO Francis J. Donato Jr. – EOW: 8/28/1980	*Trooper Robert V. Conklin – EOW: 7/4/1948*
PO Robert J. Byrnes – EOW: 9/4/1962	*PO John Scala – EOW: 1/24/1975*
PO Frank Bugdin – EOW: 2/3/1975	*PO Michael Buczek – EOW: 10/18/1988*
PO Edwin Fogel – EOW: 9/9/1979	*PO James Carozza, Jr. – EOW: 7/20/1984*
Lt. Daniel O'Connor – EOW: 3/14/1974	*PO Michael D'Amico – EOW: 7/7/1981*
Sgt. Keith Levine – EOW: 12/28/1991	*PO Vincent J. Guidice – EOW: 5/22/1996*
Sgt. John G. Coughlin – EOW: 9/11/2001	*PO John D'Allara – EOW: 9/11/2001*
PO Donald McIntyre – EOW: 9/11/2001	*Trooper Robert Ambrose – EOW: 12/19/2002*
PO Michael Wholey – EOW: 9/11/2001	*Detective Robert Williamson – EOW: 5/13/2007*
PO Patrice M. Ott – EOW: 9/8/2006	*DUSM Zacarias Toro – EOW: 6/14/15*
PO Christopher McMurry – EOW: 8/1/2008	*Lt. Luis Lopez – EOW: 6/26/15*

Det. Lt. Christopher M. Pupo – EOW: 6/23/2012