

# ROCKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## POLICE DIVISION



## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



*April 19, 1943 – July 24, 2017*

*Dedicated to the memory of Sheriff James Kralik*



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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Rockland County Sheriff's Police Division is dedicated 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.*

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

*As a member of the Rockland County Sheriff's Police Division, my fundamental duty is to serve humankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all people to liberty, equality and justice.*

*I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life. I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.*

*I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.*

*I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...LAW ENFORCEMENT.*

## *CORE VALUES*



**Accountability:** the fact or condition of being accountable; responsibility

**Commitment:** the state or quality of being dedicated to a cause, activity, etc.

**Teamwork:** the combined action of a group of people, especially when effective and efficient.

## *CHIEF'S MESSAGE*



I have been with the Sheriff's Office for over 34 years and have been the Chief of the Police Division since 2012. It is a privilege to lead the men and women of the Rockland County Sheriff's Office who have dedicated themselves to public safety in our county.

The Police Division continually sets ambitious goals for providing quality service and making the County of Rockland a safe community in which to work and live. The men and women of the Sheriff's

Office Police Division dedicate themselves daily to providing a safe environment for our citizens, business owners, and visitors. We are committed to serving the citizens of our county with integrity, honesty, and transparency.

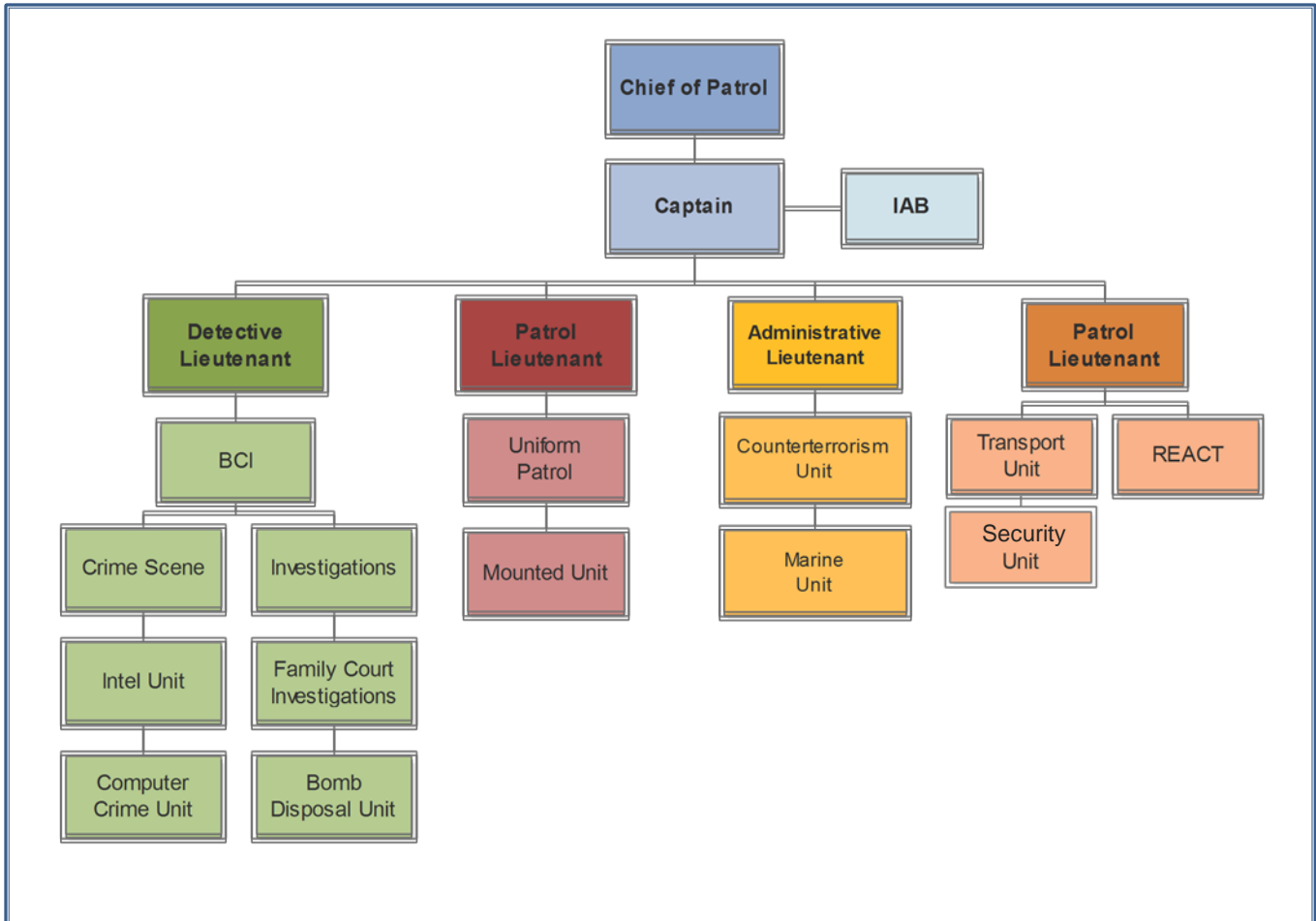
The protection of county properties and road ways are some of our prime functions. We provide specialized services to each and every law enforcement agency within the county. Our centralized services offer county-wide coverage such as the Crime Scene Unit, Bomb Squad, Marine Unit just to name a few.

A key ingredient of our success is input from the citizens we serve. As in previous years, we place a premium on engaging with our community to solve problems that affect our neighborhoods. Public safety has always been our goal. I encourage you to contact us with your concern or comments as we strive toward providing exceptional service.

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### ORGANIZATION CHART



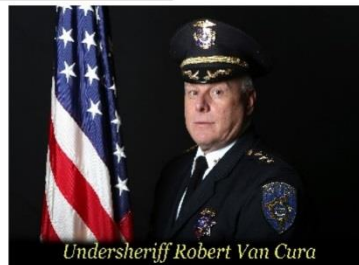
# COMMAND STAFF



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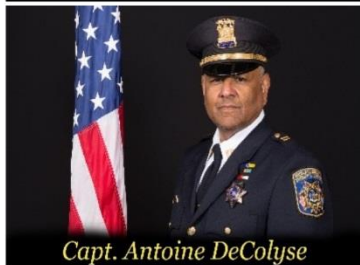
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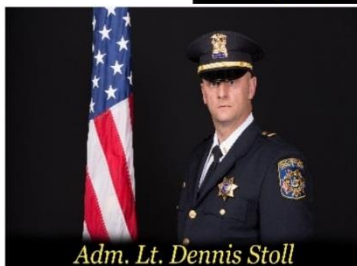
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*Chief William Barbera*



*Capt. Antoine DeColyse*



*Adm. Lt. Dennis Stoll*



*Det. Lt. Theodore Brovanski*



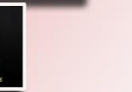
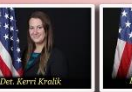
*Lt. John Cuffari*



*Lt. James Benison*

# 2017 DIVISION PERSONNEL

## ROCKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICE DIVISION-2017



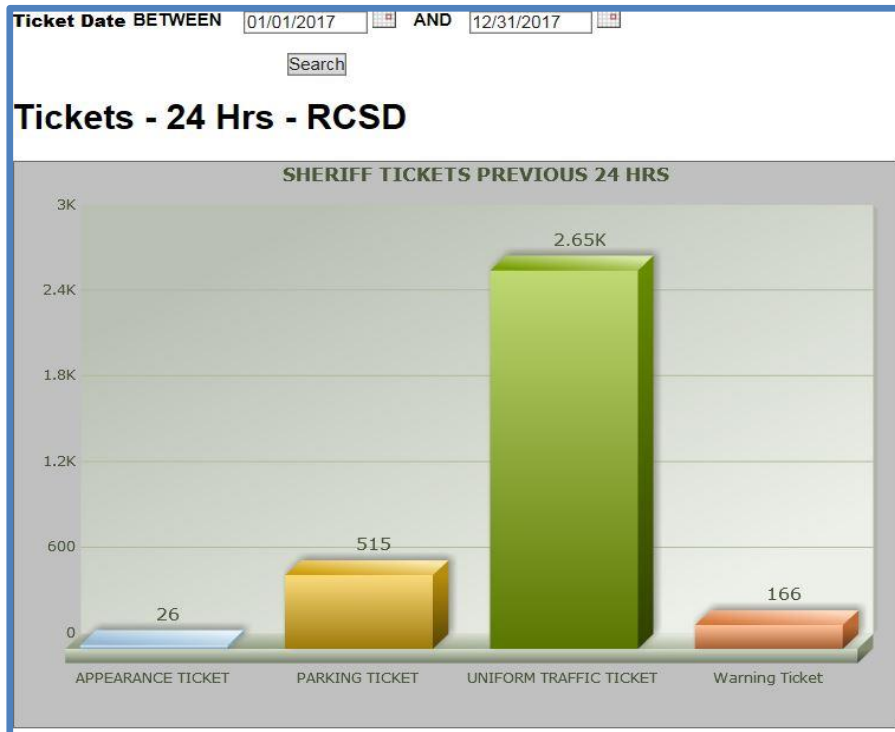
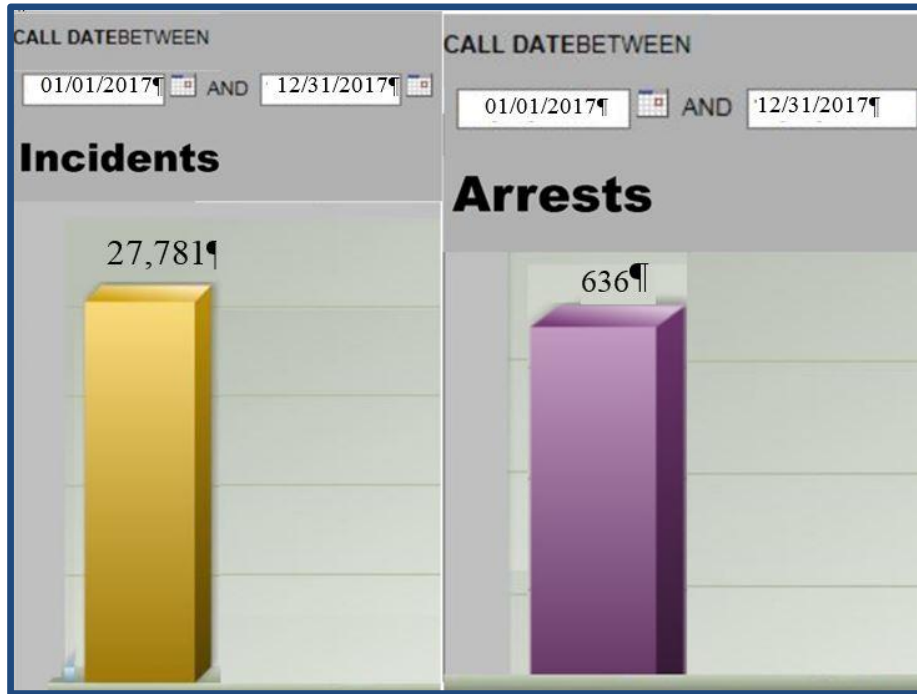
1	Chief William Barbera	44	Det. Henry Bender
2	Capt. Antoine DeColyse	45	Det. Brian Sherry
3	Admin. Lt. Dennis Stoll	46	Det. John Read
4	Det. Lt. Theodore Brovarski	47	Det. Aloysius McMahon
5	Lt. James Benison	48	Det. Matthew Winters
6	Lt. John Cuffari	49	Det. Steve Pelzar
7	Det. Sgt. Kenneth Johnston	50	Det. Pierce Redmond
8	Sgt. Joseph Guidice	51	Det. Douglas Lerner
9	Sgt. Albert Brunner	52	Det. Milson Jenkins
10	Sgt. John Murphy	53	Det. Mark Swammy
11	Sgt. Joseph Sapienza	54	Det. James Tafuri
12	Sgt. Christopher Ford	55	Det. Daniel Lungen
13	Sgt. Michael Mondelli	56	Det. Michael Bauer
14	Sgt. Omar Munoz	57	Det. Melissa Johnston
15	Sgt. Todd Farmer	58	Det. Keith Latarski
16	Sgt. Seth Shubert	59	Det. Richard Madden
17	Sgt. Christopher Corbett	60	Det. James Davis
18	P.O. Walter Famular	61	Det. Dwayne Defino
19	P.O. Gerald Verdicchio	62	Det. Brian Welikson
20	P.O. John Foody	63	Det. Kerri Kralik
21	P.O. Robert Hayward	64	Det. John Squillini
22	P.O. Robert Vlastelica	65	Det. Patrick Bauer
23	P.O. Joseph Reicher		
24	P.O. Richard Martucci		
25	P.O. John Scanlon		
26	P.O. William Hickey		
27	P.O. Erica Defilippo		
28	P.O. Robert Moger		Administrative Staff
29	P.O. Paul Garrison		
30	P.O. Yvonne Raggo	66	Camille Muscatella
31	P.O. Charles Lowther	67	Arlene Rooney
32	P.O. Jose Nunez	68	Dolores Contessa
33	P.O. James Russell	69	Kathleen Hurley
34	P.O. Christopher Finch	70	Aileen Wynne
35	P.O. Thomas Hendrickson	71	Eileen Diffley
36	P.O. Simon Perrone		
37	P.O. Matthew Myers		
38	P.O. Kevin Golden		
39	P.O. Angelo Bragaglia		
40	P.O. Matthew Leach		
41	P.O. Sergei Tchertkoff		
42	P.O. Joseph Selchick		
43	P.O. Steven Perry		

1	P.O. (Rlf) Steve Levy	39	T/O (Rlf) Jennifer Lambausta		<b><u>SENIOR SECURITY AIDES</u></b>
2	P.O. (Rlf) Sean Russo	40	T/O (Rlf) Timothy Lang	1	Robyn Richi
3	P.O. (Rlf) Francis Armstrong	41	T/O (Rlf) Brett Levine	2	O'Neil Moreau
4	P.O. (Rlf) Joseph Bonardi	42	T/O (Rlf) Brandon Levy	3	Shikiera Dumas
5	P.O. (Rlf) Peter Claussen	43	T/O (Rlf) Steve Malloy		
6	P.O. (Rlf) Joseph Grunski	44	T/O (Rlf) Christine Marino		<b><u>SECURITY AIDES (F/T)</u></b>
7	P.O. (Rlf) Seamus Lyons	45	T/O (Rlf) Patrick McCormick	1	Randy Estores
8	P.O. (Rlf) Gregg Soriano	46	T/O (Rlf) Franics McCoy	2	Stephen McGowan
9	P.O. (Rlf) Ronald Serano	47	T/O (Rlf) Jean Mondestin	3	Barry Doynow
10	P.O. (Rlf) Howard Tabankin	48	T/O (Rlf) Peter Monroe	4	Richard Levi
11	P.O. (Rlf) Scott Tabankin	49	T/O (Rlf) Dennis Murphy	5	Michael Maciocca
12	P.O. (Rlf) James VanCura	50	T/O (Rlf) Derek Neretich	6	Juan Vargas
13	P.O. (Rlf) Brian Donohue	51	T/O (Rlf) Lawrence Praino	7	Kristin DiMauro
14	P.O. (Rlf) James O'Connell	52	T/O (Rlf) Joseph Reardon		
15	P.O. (Rlf) James Nawoichyk	53	T/O (Rlf) Patrick Reilly		<b><u>SECURITY AIDES (P/T)</u></b>
16	T/O (Rlf) Mark Acker	54	T/O (Rlf) Thomas Rizzo	1	Charles McBean
17	T/O (Rlf) Pio Annunziata	55	T/O (Rlf) Carmine Romeo		
18	T/O (Rlf) Maria Barberis	56	T/O (Rlf) Steven Ruffino		<b><u>SECURITY AIDES (LFT)</u></b>
19	T/O (Rlf) Robert Bardio	57	T/O (Rlf) Edward Sheehan	1	Robert White
20	T/O (Rlf) Frank Buonaiuto	58	T/O (Rlf) John Simpson		
21	T/O (Rlf) Tara Cable	59	T/O (Rlf) Robert Sormani		<b><u>SECURITY AIDES (RLF)</u></b>
22	T/O (Rlf) John Carty	60	T/O (Rlf) Martin Steinberg	1	Johnson Abraham
23	T/O (Rlf) Kenneth Clark	61	T/O (Rlf) Ronald Taggart	2	Timothy Adler
24	T/O (Rlf) Ronald Click	62	T/O (Rlf) Brett Thiesing	3	Kevin Cavanaugh,
25	T/O (Rlf) Paul Crowley	63	T/O (Rlf) Pasquale Valentino	4	Ernest Cebian
26	T/O (Rlf) Yolanda Cruz	64	T/O (Rlf) Eric Vazquez	5	Abdher Celme
27	T/O (Rlf) Christopher Eliopoulos	65	T/O (Rlf) Christopher Watson	6	Willy Chrispin
28	T/O (Rlf) Richard Emhardt	66	T/O (Rlf) Edward Weireter	7	Norris Dowdy
29	T/O (Rlf) Kieran Farrell	67	T/O (Rlf) Mark Yellen	8	Anne B Flax,
30	T/O (Rlf) George Galione	68	T/O (Rlf) Daniel DeViccaro	9	Jeffrey Grogan
31	T/O. (Rlf) Denise Garcia	69	T/O (Rlf) Guiseppe Erbetta	10	Charles Hinsch
32	T/O (Rlf) Thomas Giannattasio	70	T/O (Rlf) Joseph Agosto	11	Amy Jenkins
33	T/O (Rlf) David Grossbard	71	T/O (Rlf) Robert Goldrick	12	Joann Jenkins
34	T/O (Rlf) Charles Harnan	72	T/O (Rlf) Peter McCafrey	13	William Larkin
35	T/O (Rlf) Frank Ippolioto	73	T/O (Rlf) Elizabeth Mayer Feinberg	14	Richard Levi
36	T/O (Rlf) Nomathade Jenkins	74	T/O (Rlf) John Ryan	15	Chukwinwike Nriaka
37	T/O (Rlf) Michael Klein	75	T/O (Rlf) Kevin Goggin	16	Mark A Pieroni
38	T/O (Rlf) William Koutsoupis	76	T/O (Rlf) David Intrator		



# UNIFORM PATROL SERVICES

The Rockland County Sheriff's Patrol is responsible for the protection of county properties, roads, thoroughfares, holdings and interests. The Uniform Patrol will answer calls for service and handle any and all complaints occurring in or on Rockland county properties. The Uniform Patrol comprises of 3 patrol squads covering the day and evening shifts. Each squad is headed by a sergeant. The midnight shift comprises of three teams headed by two sergeants. The patrol squads supervised by two patrol lieutenants, who also supervise specialized uniform services, like the Marine and Mounted units. In 2017 the calls for service totaled 27,781, an increase of 13% over 2016.



## Marine Unit



The Marine Unit is a full service navigational safety and enforcement unit. It is 50% funded by The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Marine Unit is based out of two locations one on the southern end of the county at the Tappan Zee Bridge and the other at the northern end of the county in Stony Point. It utilizes three vessels to patrol the County's 33 mile water boundary from Bear Mountain South to Palisades, NY.



Marine 1 is our new Lake Assault 34ft Aluminum Cabin Patrol Boat powered with twin 300HP engines (600HP total) Equipped with a davit, Flir thermal imaging, Radar, Side scan sonar, electric dewatering pumps, stand-alone radiation detection (RS-700)by RSI, marine generator, misc. rescue equipment such as throwable floatation devices (sticks, buoys, etc.). This is a year round boat. Radio Capabilities are 700Mhz to include interoperations and all fire channels along with our PD channels. Marine VHF capable with all Marine channels accessible. First aid equipped.

This vessel was acquired mostly with Port Security funding. The County of Rockland matched just 25% of the cost keeping the cost to taxpayers at a minimum. Our partnership with Port Security requires us to patrol the Hudson River and provide security to High Value Assets as well as Targets such as the Bear Mountain Bridge, Indian Point, Tappan Zee Bridge as well as water taxi/ferry landings and any other vulnerable targets.



In recent years, the Marine Unit has been requested to provide additional security for the Tappan Zee Construction project. The Marine Unit provides a high visibility patrol in the area of the Tappan Zee Bridge while enforcing the security zone set by the US Coast Guard. The Marine Unit focuses on educating boaters while enforcing the rules and regulations of the Hudson River. The Marine Unit can be requested all year round 24 hours a day.

Accidents Investigated: 8  
Searches and Rescues Conducted: 21  
Vessel/Person Assists: 158  
Vessels Reported Stolen/Lost: 1  
Total Vessel Inspections: 97  
On Water Inspections: 62  
Launch Sites/Marina Inspections: 35  
Total Tickets: 58

## Mounted Unit



The Mounted Unit was established to provide specialized and general mounted police services to all the people of Rockland County.

The Mounted Unit regularly patrols the County parks and County operating centers. Upon request, mounted patrols are also conducted in public access and parking areas of local malls during times of high traffic. Mounted Units have responded to the scenes of labor disputes and public disorder, to

assist with containment and dispersal operations. During the school year the Unit is assigned to Rockland Community College.

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 function in conjunction with local police jurisdictions to provide coverage in areas that have shown a high incidence of street crime, like drug sales, robberies and assaults. In response to a request from the Chiefs of Police, the unit is currently assigned to the Villages of Nyack, Spring Valley and Haverstraw on the weekends.

Total Incidents: 517
Directed Patrols: 66
Property Checks: 39
Homeland Security Checks: 4
Police Dept. Assists: 55
Public Assists: 62
Agency Assists: 14
Training: 148
Other: 129
Total Incidents: 1034



## **K-9 Unit**

The Patrol K9 team is a full time unit, and in addition is made available on a 24 hour basis for tracking and drug detection. The Patrol K9 Unit currently consists of three K9 Teams.

In 2017 Patrol K9 Teams had a total of 264 deployments. Of these total deployments 84 were calls for narcotics detection, tracking, warrant assistance, REACT support, public/school demonstrations and evidence searches. Due to the successful addition of two K9 Teams dedicated solely to the RC Correctional Facility, the Patrol K9 Unit had less narcotic detection deployments in 2017. All K9 Teams have been established using asset forfeiture funds.



### **Sgt Christopher Ford/K9 Shadow - Patrol/Narcotics**

This Patrol K9 Team, the first established at RCSO, has been in service since 2011. K9 Shadow is a 9 year old German Shepherd from the Czech Republic. Sgt Ford and K9 Shadow are graduates of the Orange County Sheriff's Office K9 Patrol/Narcotics School and are DCJS certified in tracking, evidence searches, apprehension, handler protection and narcotics detection. The K9 Team is also used to assist the County's tactical REACT team.



### **PO Kevin Golden/K9 Lennon - Patrol/Narcotics**

This Patrol K9 Team was started in March 2017. K9 Lennon is a 2 year old Dutch/German Shepherd. They are successful graduates of the Orange County Sheriff's Office K9 Patrol/Narcotics School. Officer Golden and K9 Lennon are DCJS certified in tracking, evidence searches, apprehension, handler protection and narcotics detection. This K9 Team was officially put into service in November 2017 after completing narcotics detection school. K9 Lennon is named after PO Brian Lennon who passed away in February of 2017. PO Lennon was one of the officers who responded to the Brinks Robbery in 1981.



### **PO Mathew Myers/K9 Holder – Tracking**

Officers Myers and K9 Holder are still Rockland County's sole bloodhound team. DCJS and FBI certified in tracking, this K9 team is routinely used to for tracks of missing endangered, children, robberies and burglaries. K9 Lennon is often utilized in tracks that range from hours to several days old. K9 Lennon was donated by the National Police Bloodhound Association (NPBA) and named after fallen NYPD Detective Randolph Holder.

## Transport Unit

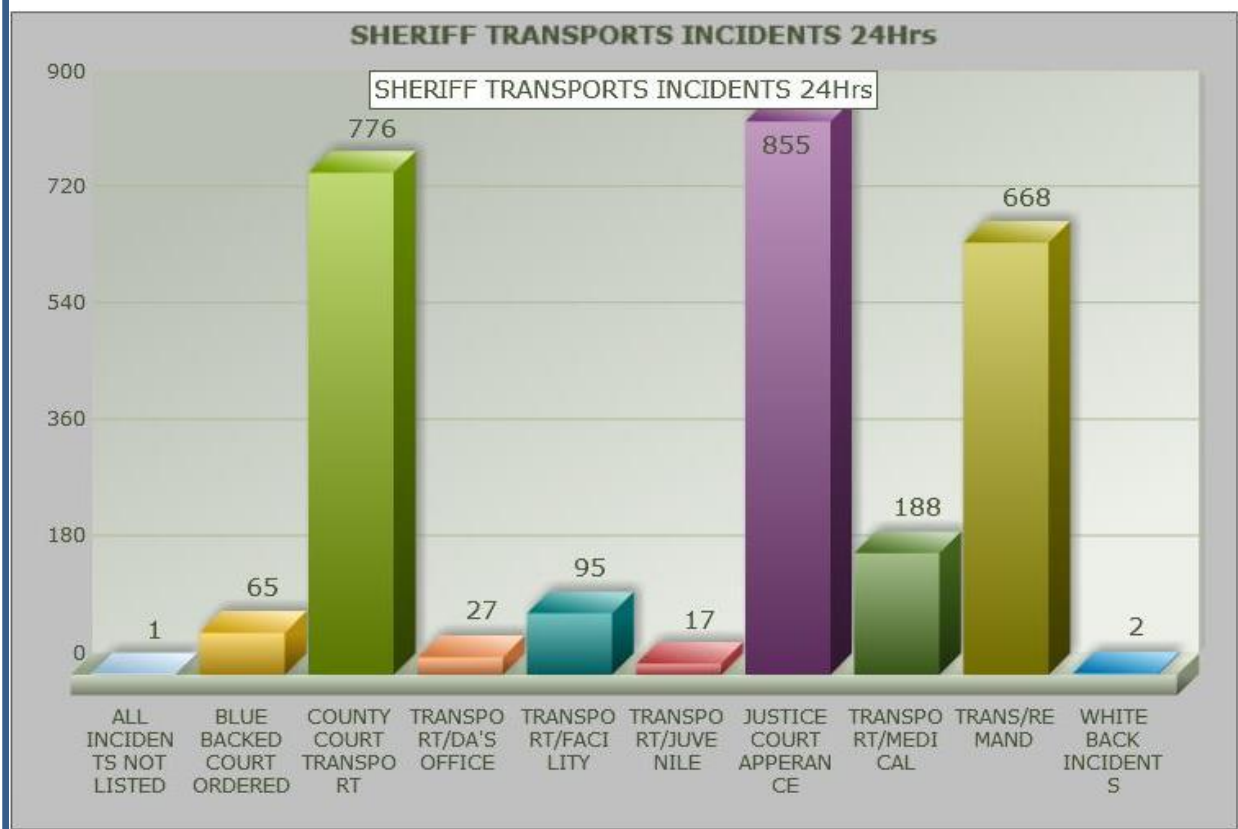


The prisoner transport unit was established in the early 1980s after the New York State Chiefs' Association filed a lawsuit and forced all Sheriffs throughout the State to take custody of all prisoners upon remand by the Judge to the custody of the Sheriff. The unit is responsible for the handling and movement of all inmates committed to the Rockland County Correctional Facility. It executes all remand orders from local and county courts as well as orders to produce from both these jurisdictions. In addition inmates are transported to and from local clinics and hospitals and other institutions, out of the county, including State and New York City correctional facilities. The unit comprises of recently retired law enforcement professionals. The officers of this unit are responsible for the care, custody and control of several thousand inmates, yearly, while transporting them, outside the Correctional facility.

### 2017 Totals

County Court transports:	776
Justice Court transports:	855
Medical transports:	188
Remands:	668
Other:	207
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2694</b>

## Transports



## Security Unit

In January of 2017, the Rockland County Sheriff's office took over the security operations for all county buildings. Previously, these responsibilities fell under the Department of General Services. Upon incorporating the existing New York State licensed civilian security personnel, into the Police Division new policies and procedures were implemented. The Sheriff's Office outfitted the civilian security aides with new uniforms, equipment, and a marked patrol vehicle. The security personnel were also provided enhanced training. The "Guard 1" system which electronically tracks the precise time and location that security aides have checked a particular area was deployed to ensure accountability. Additional plans are currently in place to enhance security with the installation of magnetometers, wands and surveillance cameras. Furthermore, a visitor management system, which will identify and track visitors to county buildings, is being implemented.

The Division also added 10 police officers to the unit to provide a professional armed police presence in the Rockland County Office Building, the Department Of Social Services building and other strategic and critical locations throughout the county. These officers assigned to the security unit receive annual training in defensive tactics, firearms, CPR, AED, Narcan and less lethal weapons.

The goal of the Rockland County Sheriff's Office Security Unit is to provide a safe and secure environment for all Rockland County workers as well as the visitors who are conducting county business. The Security Unit strives to accomplish this with professionalism and treats all people with dignity, courtesy and respect.

## Reserve Force

The Rockland County Sheriff's Reserve Police Force is an all-volunteer force from diverse social, ethnic, religious and occupational backgrounds that is used to augment and supplement full time law enforcement staff. It is dedicated to the protection of life and property and the preservation of a safe environment for the citizens of Rockland County.

The Reserve Force assists the regular staff during times of declared emergencies, disasters, or war. They may assist with traffic and crowd control at parades, sports and special events, residential house checks, crime prevention and traffic safety. They are the eyes and ears of regular police officers and the community.



# Traffic Safety

## DWI Enforcement

### STOP DWI (Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated)



It remains our objective to continue aggressive DWI enforcement throughout Rockland County. With the continued support of the Rockland County STOP DWI and organizations such as MADD we will remain truly dedicated to DWI enforcement and hope to provide a safer environment for our citizens. Through diligent D.W.I. enforcement, and use of the DWI Mobile Field Unit, this agency has sought to increase its DWI arrest activity over the past few years. In 2017 the Division made 58 DWI arrests.

The breakdown is listed below:

1192.1 Impaired by Alcohol	2
1192.3 DWI (M)	37
1192.3 Felony	5
1192.2aa (Aggravated DWI)	7
1192.2ab (Leandra Law)	0
1192.4 (Drug only)	4
1192.4a (Drug/Alcohol)	1
1198.7 Interlock Violation (M)	2

## **STOP DWI Victim Impact Panel**

A panel of victims speaks briefly about the drunk driving crashes in which they were injured or a loved one was killed. Each panelist tells their story and how their lives were affected by the crash or the death of a family member. There is no interaction between the victims and the audience; however, a question and answer period may follow if the victims are willing to participate. The audience members consist of people convicted of alcohol-related offenses and those on probation for Driving While Intoxicated.

Two officers attend each and every victim impact panel meeting. The officers are responsible for monitoring all of the Court Ordered (CO) attendees. The officers conduct Alco-sensor tests on all the CO attendees to insure they are attending in a sober condition, and in addition all CO vehicles are screened when entering the parking lot area. This is to identify anyone operating while his or her driving privileges are either suspended or revoked for DWI.

The panel meets six times each year at the Rockland County Fire Training Center, Fireman's Memorial Drive Pomona, New York. Each year, approximately 1,000 people attend the Rockland County Victim's Impact Panel meetings.

There were 6 Victim Impact Panel Details in 2017.

## **DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE)**

The Division now has two certified DREs, thanks to the assistance of the County STOP DWI program. In 2017 PO Russell joined PO Moger as the second certified DRE for the Division. These experts are called on out on a regular basis to assist other agencies (besides our Division) in evaluating and identifying impaired driving which has become a major hazard on the road.

PO Moger is often requested to speak at schools and other venues on the effects of impaired driving and has gained recognition from STOP DWI and MADD for his efforts.

Total DRE Callouts: 19

## **DCAT (Drug Court Random Alcohol Testing Program)**

Drug Court is a specially designated Court wherein a range of services and sanctions are utilized to reduce drug abuse and recidivism among non-violent, drug-addicted offenders. Drug Court programs bring the full weight of interveners (the judge, probation officers, correctional and law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, defense counsel, drug-testing personnel, rehabilitation and treatment specialists, educators, etc.) to bear, forcing the offender to deal with his or her drug abuse problem or suffer the consequences.

Officers of the Sheriff's Uniform patrol are requested by Drug Court to conduct random Alco-sensor testing on Drug Court participants in order to monitor their alcohol intake on a 24-7 basis. These tests were conducted utilizing two separate methods. First method consisted of Random Home Visitations that were conducted primarily in the late evening hours by two officers. The second method is the Fuchsia testing, in which subjects were ordered to respond to our station during the early morning hours, for alcohol testing, before going to work. All tests are random and unannounced. The subjects are only given 30-minute prior notice before having to submit to an Alco-sensor test. Since the program's inception date of August 1, 2008 members of the Uniform Patrol conduct on the average 200-300 tests per year.

In 2017 a total of 280 tests were conducted, 172 of which were conducted at the station.



## **FCAT (Family Court Random Alcohol Testing Program)**

This Treatment Court is designed to oversee and monitor the defendants who have been ordered into treatment after being in the position of losing their children because of substance abuse and other issues. The program demands that parents enter drug rehabilitation, get tested regularly, take parenting classes and receive counseling for their addiction. If they complete the three-phase program, which can last up to 18 months, their children are allowed to live with them.

Officers of the Sheriff's Uniform patrol are requested by the Treatment Court Coordinator to conduct random alcohol testing on those subjects believed to be in violation of the Treatment Court orders. Unlike Drug Court, the officers visit only the home, and do not contact the subject prior to their arrival. The purpose of this spot-check is not only to determine if the subject is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, but is also an avenue to observe the home environment and to check on the welfare of children who may still reside within the household or who have been returned to the household. If anything is discovered either criminal or negligent in nature, the officers immediately contact representatives from Child Protective Services and an investigation ensues.

## **CVE (Commercial Vehicle Enforcement)**

CVE Details are carried out in conjunction with the NY State Police, NYS Department of Transportation and local police departments. In 2017 one CVE detail was conducted in conjunction with Piermont PD in their jurisdiction. Eleven (25 UTTS were issued).

## **PTS (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. In 2017 a total of 265 tickets were issued for the Buckle Up, Safe Stop and Distracted Driving programs.

## **Child Passenger Safety Program**



The Rockland County Sheriff's Office Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Program continues to educate parents and caregivers about the proper ways to transport children safely using child safety seats and seat belts. The purpose of a child safety seat check is to focus on the appropriate child restraint selection and proper installation. As a test to insure the knowledge and capabilities of a parent/caregiver, they are requested to perform the final installation of the child safety seat in the vehicle before leaving the event hosted.

In 2017 the program conducted three Monthly Fitting Station Seat Checks at Sheriff HQ. A total of 112 vehicles responded to these events for seat checks, 116 seats were installed or checked and 33 seats were given away. Funding for the car seats comes from a grant allocation by the NY State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. There are 7 Certified technicians.

## LPR (License Plate Reader)



In 2005-2006 the Rockland County Sheriff's Office was awarded a grant from NYS DCJS for a Mobile License Plate Reader (LPR) to be installed in one (1) patrol vehicle. Subsequently as part of the Secure the Cities (STC) initiative, an additional LPRs were added to the RCSO patrol fleet, bringing the RCSO total to 7 mobile plate readers for patrol fleet operations



In 2016 the Sheriff's Office added a fixed position LPR to monitor traffic in and out of the Sheriff's Office/Jail complex. All collected data is uploaded to the info-sharing database.

The use of the LPR has resulted in several significant arrests such as stolen vehicles and a vehicle known to contain handguns.

## Driving Simulator



The Rockland County Sheriff's Office along with the County Legislature and the Rockland County Traffic Safety Board have partnered up to purchase a new machine that allows people to learn about the potentially fatal consequences of driving while texting.

Rockland County Sheriff Louis Falco stated that "Texting while driving makes it six times more likely to have a crash than drinking while driving." "Texting while driving is equal to having four drinks while you're driving. It's dangerous and potentially deadly. If you don't

want to hurt or kill another driver, a pedestrian, your passenger or yourself, then don't text or drive."

This machine will be brought to area high schools to educate students on distracted driving, the dangers of driving while intoxicated and provide a real life experience for beginner drivers.

## TruNarc Digital Drug Analyzer

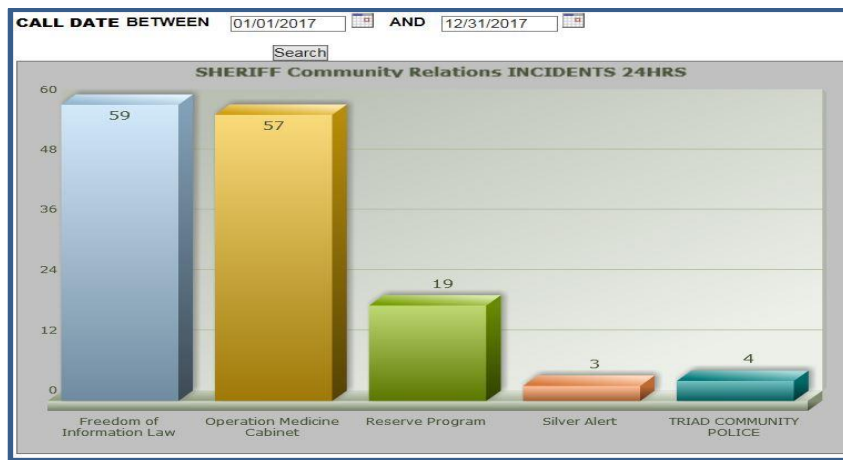


The Rockland County Sheriff's Office has purchased with the use of asset forfeiture funds a ThermoFisher Scientific TruNarc digital drug analyzer.

The TruNarc is a handheld device that enables officers to scan for more than 415 illicit substances, including heroin, fentanyl and carfentanyl, in a single test. Most samples can be scanned directly through plastic or glass minimize contamination, reduce exposure and preserve evidence. The TruNarc uses proven technology and is currently used by nearly 40 other law enforcement agencies in New York, including police laboratories.

The TruNarc test takes the place of a traditional NIK kit field test and has been used in grand jury proceedings. A full lab test will still be required for trial as currently required.

## Community Relations



### Operation Medicine Cabinet (Prescription Drug Disposal Program)

As part of a statewide prescription drug disposal program, the Rockland County Sheriff's Police Division has been approved as a 24/7 drop-off location (as of 2012) for disposal of expired or unwanted prescription drugs. Members of the public can simply come to our front desk and discard their unwanted or expired medication into a pre-marked container located within the lobby area of the Sheriff's HQ. (With no questions asked). Officers do not request ID from subjects, nor do they ask any questions pertaining to description or ownership of the medications being discarded.

The purpose of this program is to remove unwanted drugs from the household, where they can be easily accessed and taken for the purpose of illegal sales and consumption. Since the program's inception, thousands of pounds of unwanted prescriptions have been collected and destroyed via the Sheriff's Police Division.

In 2017 alone 3,090 *pounds* of unwanted prescription medication was destroyed.

### CARE (Computer Aided Rescue Effort)



The Rockland County Child C.A.R.E. Program is a proactive program designed to protect and educate the children of Rockland County on the issues of child abuse and abduction. This is a program initiated by the Sheriff and the local Chiefs of Police. A trained officer visits over 80 individual schools and the children, are digitally imaged and identified by name, age and school. The data is stored electronically for immediate retrieval in the event of abduction or a missing child report within minutes of the report of the missing child. This information is used for local alerts as well as Amber Alert activations and sent to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). The division has the capability to transmit photographs and descriptors to law enforcement agencies in the region as well as a myriad of other public locations.

## Silver Alert Program



To help protect an increasing number of citizens with cognitive impairments who wander and become missing, the County Legislature in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office and various town and village police departments initiated the "Silver Alert" program. The Silver Alert program is modeled after the Amber Alert program for missing children now in effect in all 50 states. The alert programs can quickly distribute information about missing persons to law enforcement, radio, and television stations. The alerts are designed to advise the public of a missing adult, by utilizing all forms of media, as well as using other

messaging alternatives such as traffic signs. While the Amber Alert programs quickly disseminates information about missing children, Silver Alert programs are designed particularly to protect individuals over 18 years of age suffering from Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other cognitive or intellectual impairment.

The Silver Alert program is a county-wide law enforcement initiative; it allows local law enforcement to disseminate to media outlets, vital information about these vulnerable individuals who have wandered from their caretakers and to aid in the search and safe return of these individuals to those responsible for them.

In 2017 a total of 7 subjects were registered in the program.

## Project Lifesaver



Project Lifesaver is a program to electronically locate those who wander. It provides a timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children suffering from Alzheimer's disease, dementia or other cognitive or intellectual impairments which place them at risk. The program places personalized radio transmitters on identified persons. These transmitters assist in locating those who wander resulting in an average rescue time of less than 30 minutes.

In 2017 a total of 5 subjects were enrolled in the program.

## TRIAD



This is a program that focuses on reducing the criminal victimization of older Americans, and the enhancement of the delivery of law enforcement services to these individuals. It is a symbol of unity between the Sheriff, local police, and the American Association of Retired Persons (A.A.R.P.) The main purpose is to reduce senior victimization, enhance a sense of security among seniors through education, training and involvement. It is designed to improve the overall quality of life for seniors. The Rockland County TRIAD and all police agencies in Rockland County recognize that the safety concerns of our senior citizens are a priority consideration. They are most vulnerable to the criminal element and require a special efforts and plans for their protection.

In 2017 a total of 10 Triad meetings were attended along with 29 Senior Clubs. In total we have spoken to approximately ~2,250 seniors.

## Internship Program

Officers from this agency administer the Internship Program for areas high schools and colleges. Students are afforded to the opportunity to interact and observe members of this agency in every aspect such as Corrections, Civil, Patrol and Communications. Interns receive a tour of the County Judicial system and observe criminal court proceedings. They visit the county jail and the police academy and generally learn about law enforcement as a profession. The student is then required to write a reaction paper to convey their experiences and fundamentals derived from the entire process.

In 2017 a total of 12 students were enrolled in the internship program.

## Animal Abuse Registry

Animal cruelty being a serious problem, The Rockland County Legislature established Local Law # 2 of 2011 known as “the Animal Abuser Registry Law” to establish an online animal abuser registry. This registry is for individuals residing in Rockland County, who are convicted of animal abuse crimes. The Rockland County Sheriff was directed to maintain this registry. Currently there are 3 offenders on this registry.

## Safe Haven



The Rockland County Sheriff’s Police Division is also designated as a safe haven drop off location. A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for their infant can give up custody of their baby, no questions asked. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. It's safe as long as they locate a person at the safe haven drop off location to turn over the child.

## Social Media



The Sheriff’s Police Division maintains a website, a Facebook page and a twitter account for the speedy dissemination of information via social media. It also uses the Mobile Patrol App which can be downloaded on any smartphone.

## Flow Control

This program is conducted in conjunction with the Rockland County Solid Waste Facility and Rockland County Health Department to monitor the flow control in the county and determine if all waste generated in the county is brought to the Rockland County Solid Waste Facility for disposal. We have documented 285 observations in 2017.

## Internet Exchange



The Rockland County Sheriff’s Office now has two reserved parking spots in front of the Headquarters Building, designated to provide secure transactions for the buyers and sellers from online marketplaces. Community Meet Up Spots are designated areas for buyers and sellers from online and mobile marketplaces to meet in-person to complete a transaction. The parking spaces are designed for the community as a deterrent to criminal intent or activity. The goal is to protect the buyers and sellers and to provide a location that will allow exchanges to take place in a safe and secure manner. The area is under 24hour surveillance and is also recorded. Officers can monitor the exchange real-time through the use of external camera system.

# Bureau of Criminal Investigations

## Statewide Automated Biometric Identification System (SABIS)

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.

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.

### 2017 Totals

New Case Latent Comparison: 6,975  
New Latents Searched: 279



Total Cases Entered: 113  
Total Identifications: 61

## Crime Scene Unit

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.

### 2017 Totals

Investigations	587	Photo Line ups	27
Evidence processing	30 (for other agencies)	Physical Line ups	1
Photograph detail	24	DNA collection	3



## 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.

### 2017 Totals

Identification	61	Pistol applicants	702	Civilian	403
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### **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 2017 the equipment was deployed in 2 cases.

### **Fire investigations**

The BCI Fire Investigation Unit of the Sheriff's Office has five level 2 (Highest level of certification) and 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. Currently a partnership with the Westchester County Arson K9 ensures coverage for Rockland until the new K9 is trained. The new Arson K9 is currently undergoing training, and will be ready for service by late April 2018

Continuing to work with the Rockland County Fire Prevention committee by assisting with grant writing, and the sharing of equipment (ie: generators/towing capabilities) to adequately support the Rockland County Fire Prevention Trailer.

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.

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.

#### **2017 Totals**

Requests for assistance	69	Fatal Fire	1
Incendiary	24	Accidental	31
Environmental	0	Undetermined	8
Juvenile Firesetter Intervention referral	10	Under investigation	6
New Firefighter Background Checks	154		



## 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 two full time K 9s "Annie", 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.

### **2017 Total Incidents: 958**

Bomb Incidents: 37

Bomb K9 Demo: 16

Bomb K9 Incidents: 58

Bomb Training: 65

Bomb Demo: 19

Bomb K9 Training: 170

Bomb Directed Patrols K9 Checks: 647

Other: 4

## 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.

Total cases opened 280 (including all warrants etc.)

Total cases closed 240 (including all warrants etc.)

## Warrants

The BCI unit alone has more than 640 active warrants, the majority of which have originated in cases generated by other agencies.

Warrants opened: 239

Warrants closed: 227





### Extraditions

The BCI unit is solely responsible for the warrants that necessitate extradition from other states all around the country. Detectives from the BCI unit are sent to various jurisdictions within and outside of New York State to arrest and bring these fugitives from justice back to the county.

		<b>2017 Totals</b>		
Driving	13	Flying	11	Total
				24

### 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 1 arrests to date.

### Contraband Interdiction at County Facilities

Targeted monitoring of inmate phone calls has 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 brought to justice. In 2017 there were four cases of contraband interdiction at the jail.

### Evidence/Property

504 items of evidence/property were processed in course of various investigations in 2017.

### 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.

### Family Court /IV D Support Collection

The BCI unit handles all warrants either offense or support issued out of the Family court. The offense warrants may be in form of child neglect or a parent/Guardian in the drug treatment program not abiding by the rules set forth by the Court while the support warrants issued are specific to monies owed a petitioner from a respondent. The BCI detectives work in conjunction with the Support collection unit and the Family Court to locate and arrest the respondents.

#### 2017 Totals

IVD Warrants opened	71	Offense Warrants opened	79
IVD Warrants closed	39	Offense Warrants closed	41



## Composite Sketch Artist



The Sheriff's Office BCI unit has a composite sketch artist who can provide a rendering of possible suspect(s) for any requesting agency.

## Polygraph



The Sheriff's Office BCI unit has certified polygraph examiners available to 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 as directed

to a polygraph examination to determine if they have been abiding by their Supervision and treatment stipulations while in the community.

### 2017 Totals

Applicants	4	Criminal	8	Sex offenders	37
Total	49				

## Offender Watch (Sex Offender Management & Community Notification Tool)



The OffenderWatch Program is managed and coordinated by a BCI detective for the Rockland County Sheriff's Office. OffenderWatch manages and monitors the whereabouts, and compliance status of the registered offenders within our County. OffenderWatch provides the most accurate and timely information available. It is updated instantaneously as offender addresses and other offender information is updated in our office. Citizens may search for a specific offender, or for any publishable sex offenders living near a specific address. Users may also confidentially register any address within the participating jurisdictions to receive email alerts each time a new sex offender moves near that specific address. The Rockland County Sheriff's Office maintains the OffenderWatch portal as a community service, in cooperation and coordination with other participating police departments throughout Rockland County. In 2017 there were 18 offenders monitored/updated.

## Administrative Support

The BCI unit has a support staff of two part time and three full time personnel, who process all the paperwork and data entry for the unit. They also process all requests for appointments, pistol permits and the applicant background requests. Additionally the following requests were also handled during 2017.

FOILS 59 Sealed orders 109 Purchase Orders 776

## Informational Technology Services

### 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 and Accidents.

#### Current Sheriff Assignments:

- 1 Detective
- 2 PO (P/T)
- 1 Information Systems Assistant (P/T)

## New RMS (Record Management System)

### SPILLMAN FLEX



In late 2017 the Division transitioned into Spillman's flagship software system, Flex, as part of an overall initiative by the Rockland County Sheriff's Office and other police agencies. This program offers public safety agencies across the country integrated, real-time data. As a comprehensive on-premises software system, Flex offers many advantages to public safety agencies, with industry-leading Records Management Software (RMS), Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD), and Jail Management (JMS), as well as advanced searching, reporting, mapping, and analytics capabilities. Public safety agencies can customize their Flex systems to meet their needs, using more than 60 individual software modules. This public safety software provides agencies with the powerful tools needed to serve and protect their communities. This public safety software is part of a shared system known as the Rockland County Police Information Network (RCPIN) which connects Rockland's Law Enforcement agencies and allows for the sharing of technology and data. The Stony Point, Orangetown, Piermont, South Nyack-Grand View, Spring Valley, Haverstraw and Suffern Police Departments, as well as the Rockland County District Attorney's Office will all share information using Spillman Flex.

## Shared Services

### REACT (Rescue Entry and Counter Terrorism Team)



This multi-jurisdictional team consists of highly trained officers with specific skills in the areas of marksmanship, tactical response containment and deployment of chemical munitions, hostage negotiations, and other specific security threats. These skills would also include the ability to set up defensive positions around buildings, areas, and events for the purpose of deterring and preventing possible terrorist attacks. The Bomb unit supports the REACT function with their explosive breaching program.

#### PERSONNEL SUMMARY: (CURRENT SHERIFF ASSIGNMENTS)

Lieutenant (Commanding Officer): 1  
Detectives: 2  
Officers: 3  
Total: 6

New Operators: Russell, Bragaglia, Troy, Megdanis, Taylor- Tactical  
Mulligan, Agovino, Hiem- CNT  
Operators who left: O'Leary, Kaye, Smith,

#### OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

<b>Total Operations- Team history</b>		<b>Total Operations- 2017</b>	
High risk warrants:	96	High risk warrants:	3
Barricade subject/search:	29	Barricade subject/search:	1
Rescue missions:	0	Rescue missions:	0
Vehicle takedowns:	2	Vehicle takedowns:	0
Fugitive searches:	4	Fugitive searches:	0
Counter-terror:	6	Counter-terror:	3
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>TOATL:</b>	<b>7</b>

Subjects taken into custody: 4  
Weapons recovered: undetermined- collected by requesting agencies  
Evidence recovered: Undetermined amounts of narcotics by requesting agencies

#### SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS:

1. Completed the acquisition of another 6 Motorola APX 6000 radios. We field tested the new radio system at training and tested it operationally. All tests were successful at this point and we have transitioned to the new radio system.
2. Lost power to REACT building in late summer. We are still without power. Equipment is scattered about the county until the power gets restored.
3. Both long time team leaders, John Smith and Steve O'Leary, left REACT. Steve and John were original team members from 2004. Ian Kaye was promoted to LT and will be off the team shortly. We lost over 45 years of SWAT experience in one year.
4. Transitioned to new Team Leaders (Rick Marsh and Matt Sullivan) and re-instituted Asst. Team Leaders (Bill Skinner and Greg Baisley) to help groom potential future leadership on the team.

5. Held REACT tryouts early this year to replace depleting manpower.
6. Had to pay for rent out of assessment fees this year which cut into REACT training funds significantly
7. Increased assessment fees from \$1,100 per operator to \$1,500 per operator.
8. Sent 3 operators to the NYS DCJS SWAT operators course

#### **TRAINING SUMMARY:**

Total training hours allotted:	216
Sniper:	96
Breacher:	40
Crisis Negotiators:	80
TMSU:	72



#### **SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS:**

1. Team week of training conducted at New Mexico Technology
2. Additional Sniper added to team (Corbett)
3. Additional Dispatch & response communications system implemented (Web based app for team communications (I AM RESPONDING))
4. Brand new Aimpoint sights to replace recalled EoTech sights at a profit to REACT.
5. A large scale pre-planned stand-by incidents both using pre-deployed observation posts for Intel (Black Lives Matter rally).
6. In August, the team successfully talked a suicidal subject armed with a handgun into surrendering after an approximate 5 hour negotiation with the subject. The team was recognized by the Rockland County PBA for this incident.
7. Team personnel were utilized in the training of the Rockland County Police Academy recruits for high risk work and tactics.

#### **Disorder Control**

Originally instituted as the Mobile Field Force the Disorder Control Force concept has been jointly adopted, organized and established by the Sheriff and the Rockland County Chiefs of Police to replace it. All police officers in the County are trained to respond effectively to situations of civil unrest on Day 4 of the Academy In-service Program. This includes cross training with the Mounted unit for deployment. Additionally the Force also plays a role in the County's counter-terrorism plan. They can be used for special tactical assignments like:

- Target Hardening and surveillance of critical infrastructure locations
- Restricting threatened facility access to essential personnel only
- Closing or lockdown of public or government facilities.

**NEW EQUIPMENT OF NOTE: 6 new radios, - Completed the radio transition.**

## RC DTF



This task force is comprised of officers from various Police Departments in Rockland County as well as officers representing the New York State Police. This task force conducts undercover Narcotics operations with the help of confidential informants, surveillance and eavesdropping techniques.

Current Sheriff Assignments: 1 Patrol officer

## RC Intelligence Unit



The Intelligence Unit's mission is to provide intelligence to law enforcement, based upon the collection, evaluation, and analysis of information that can identify criminal activity. Officers assigned to the RCIC are primarily focused on crimes related to burglary, robbery, traditional organized crime, street gangs, and identity crimes.

Current Sheriff Assignments: 1 Patrol officer

1 Patrol officer (P/T)

1 Correction Officer (Gang Specialist, Spanish Speaking)

936 cases/reports

25 Search Warrants executed

\$50,000 plus seized- gambling investigation

## Computer crimes unit



In June 2000 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 the increase of computer-related crimes 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.

The unit also conducts advanced forensic analysis of cell phones, decryption of locked cell phones, relating to various criminal investigations, and audio/video analysis. It is responsible for the recovery and enhancement of audio and digital evidence. Digital CCTV systems, data recovery, DVR hard drive imaging, digital video evidence recovery, digital recorder hard drive recovery, and video processing techniques.

	<b>Totals</b>
<b>CCTF INVESTIGATIONS</b>	173
<b>CCTF FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS</b>	300
<b>COMPUTERS/HARD DRIVES</b>	27
<b>VIDEO</b>	115
<b>CELLPHONE</b>	59
<b>OTHER *</b>	99
<b>CCTF EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS</b>	0
<b>CCTF POLICE ASSISTS</b>	173
<b>CCTF SEARCH WARRANTS</b>	2
<b>CCTF ARRESTS</b>	0

**\* GPS, PDA, IPOD, IPAD, ISB DRIVES, CD'S, AUDIO RECORDERS, COPY & FAX MACHINES, VEHICLE FORENSICS, SKIMMERS)**

## Special Investigations Unit



On February 9th 2009 the Rockland County Sheriff's Police Division and the Rockland County District Attorney entered into partnership 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 Department, the NYS Tax Department. The NYS Department of Labor, the Social Security administration, HUD and many other agencies.

Current Sheriff Assignments: 1 Detective

## DEA

The Rockland County Sheriff's Office has recently entered into an agreement with the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and assigned a detective to their office for joint operations.

Current Sheriff Assignment: 1 Detective  
1 PO (P/T)



## HELP (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.



Detective Sergeant Ken Johnston of the Police Division is currently the Chief Pilot for the program and personally flies approximately 50 missions per year. Deputy Ed Weireter is the other pilot.



## ***Emergency Management & Counter Terrorism***

### **Mutual Link**



In 2017 the Sheriff's Office continued to work closely with the Mutualink program and expanded our coverage with addition of two Interoperable Work Station Stations (IWS) in the county Emergency Operation Center. A multi-state Mutualink exercise was also successfully held. Additionally, testing was begun to incorporate aerial drone video into the Mutualink system.

### **Emergency Management**

Sheriff's Emergency Management personnel took part in planning and executing numerous "Active Shooter" tabletop exercises with area hospitals, and assisted in training police personnel in Incident Command System (ICS) training at the Police Academy.

### **STC (Secure the Cities)**

STC funding was used purchase a Stand Off Radiation Detector for the Marine Unit. This detector, which is critical our Counter-Terrorism efforts cost in excess of \$200,000.00 and was fully funded by the STC program. STC funds were also used to cover the costs of training 50 officers county-wide in the use of Personal Radiation Detectors (PRD) and Backpack Radiation Detectors (Packeye). All participating agencies in the training are fully reimbursed for salary and overtime costs associated with the training.

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The Sheriff's Office again participated in a statewide "Red Team" exercise conducted in the three-county CTZ 4. Members again covertly tested business awareness and suspicious incident report ability. The Counter Terrorism Unit also conducted numerous "Operation Safeguard" visits throughout the county to educate businesses in suspicious incident reporting and the "See Something, Say Something" program. Members of the Sheriff's ATAG also assisted in the Operation Safeguard visits.

### **ATAG (Anti-Terrorism Analytical Group)**



The ATAG group consists of the Sheriff, an Undersheriff and the Emergency Management and Counter Terrorism Sergeant from the Sheriff's Office, former Chiefs of Police in Rockland County, four former Special Agents of The Federal Bureau of Investigation, a retired General, a former member of Military Intelligence, a person familiar with school safety and health issues, a retired military commander familiar with security issues, 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 reaching conclusions as to the necessity and feasibility for Intelligence and Security procedures. This group has been very helpful in gearing this County in the right direction. The ATAG group is a component of New York State's Counter-terrorism Zone 4, which is a partnership between Rockland, Orange and Sullivan Counties.



## *Professional Standards*

In 2017 the division was Re-Accredited for another 5 Years

Professional Standards reflect the expectations that the police service and the public have of how police officers should conduct themselves. It is not intended to describe every situation but rather to set a framework which everyone can easily understand. Public confidence in the police depends on police officers demonstrating the highest level of training, personal and ethical standards.

Listed below is the training that our officers attend to enhance their professionalism, law enforcement capabilities and specialized skills.

### **FBI National Academy**



The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for active U.S personnel and also for international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. The program enhances credentials in the field of Law Enforcement. The program also seeks to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and also cooperation worldwide. The FBI National Academy is held 4 times a year, when up to 250 candidates go through a 10-week course. While at the FBI

National Academy during the 10 week course there are many different classes including; law, behavioral science, forensic science, the terrorist mindset, communication, health and fitness, and leadership development. At the end of the 10 week course there is a final physical exam called the "Yellow Brick Road" which is 6.1 miles in length and has many different obstacles along the way. The National Academy is located at the FBI Academy on Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia.

### **FBI National Academy Graduates**

#### **Retired Officers**

Det. Lt. Gary Tortorello	188	1997
Det. Sgt. Patrick Cooney	196	1999
Lt. Anthony Costa	219	2004
Capt. John Schnitker	224	2006
Lt. Gary Bowers	230	2007
Lt. Andrew Esposito	231	2007

#### **Active Officers**

Sheriff Louis Falco III	194	1998
Sr. Det. Henry Bender	200	2000
Chief William Barbera	227	2006
Capt. Antoine DeColyse	242	2010

## ***2017 TRAINING COURSES***

### **In Service and Firearms is mandated for all Officers of the Division**

1. In-Service – Day 1
2. In-Service – Day 2
3. In-Service – Day 3
4. In-Service – Day 4
5. In-Service – Supplemental Training
6. Supervisor's In-Service
7. Range – Patrol/Det's
8. Range – Transports

### **Additionally officers also attended the courses/seminars/symposiums listed below to enhance their professional skills and capabilities:**

9. 2017 VCS USER CONFERENCE
10. Accelerant K-9 Training – Annual Recertification
11. Accreditation Program Manager Training
12. Active Shooter
13. Advanced Cold Case Long Term Missing Investigations
14. Advanced IED Electronics & Render Seminar
15. Advanced Interview & Interrogation
16. ALERRT – Active Shooter Level 2 – Train
17. All-Terrain Vehicle Basic Operator Course
18. Animal Cruelty Investigations
19. AR-15 Carbine Operator
20. Arresting Communication: Advanced Interaction skills
21. Arson Seminar & Arson Investigation
22. ASP Baton
23. ATF Fire Debris Seminar
24. Basic Investigative Photography
25. Below 100
26. Bloodhound K-9 Certification Training
27. Bomb Squad Symposium - NY State
28. CED – (Taser)
29. Cell Block Survival
30. Cell Phone and Social Media
31. Child Passenger Safety Recertification
32. Civilian Response to Active Shooter (CRASE)
33. CPR – Transports
34. CPR/First Aid Instructor Recertification
35. CPS – Child Passenger Safety Seat Technician
36. CPS Recertification – Child Passenger
37. Crime Scene Investigation / Evidence Specialist
38. Criminal and Drug Interdiction Roads
39. Criminal Intelligence Analysis Essentials
40. Crisis Negotiation Course (Basic)
41. Crisis Negotiations Team
42. CTZ-Zone 4 Red Team Exercise
43. Defensive Driving Training
44. Defensive Tactics In-Service
45. Defensive Tactics Instructor Course
46. Defensive Tactics Instructor in-Service
47. DRE Recertification Training
48. DRE Tablet
49. DWI – Seated Battery of S.F.S.T.
50. DWI Conference – Annual Fall Symposium
51. DWI Documentation and Testimony Training
52. EEO Training – Equal Employment Opportunity
53. Electronic Countermeasure Operator Course
54. Emergency Responder Hazardous Materials
55. Enhancing L.E. Response to Gender Based
56. Excelsior Challenge – Explosive K9 Training
57. Explosive Detection K-9 In-Service
58. Explosive K-9 In-Service
59. FBI Basic Digital Photography
60. FBI Crime Scene Photography
61. FBI National Improvised Explosive F
62. FBI Post Blast Investigator Certification
63. Fire Investigative Photography
64. Fire Scene Evidence Collection
65. Firearms Instructor Training
66. Fugitive Investigations
67. Glock Armorer Course
68. Hazardous Devices Re-Certification
69. ICS – 300 – Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
70. Indicators of the Terrorist Attack Cycle - Advanced
71. Intellectual Property Crimes
72. Interview and Interrogation
73. K9 – Bloodhound Training
74. K9 Crim. Patrol Seminar
75. K9 Narcotics Training
76. K9 Patrol Training
77. Latent Print Processing – Level 1
78. Law Enforcement Supervisor Conference
79. Leading by Legacy
80. Lost Person Behavior & Basic Wildland Search Skills

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| 81. Marine Law Enforcement Training                     | 100. Reality Based Training (RBT) Instructor                            |
| 82. Marine Patrol Vessel Operator's Course              | 101. Reality Based Training Instructor                                  |
| 83. Marine Unit Law Enforcement Training                | 102. Remington 870 Shotgun Armorer Course                               |
| 84. Marine Vessel Familiarization – New Boat            | 103. RIID – 2   |
| 85. Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Exec                   | 104. Secondary Screener/Radiation Isotope                               |
| 86. Mid-Hudson DWI Conference                           | 105. Signs of Substance Abuse   |
| 87. Missing Persons Toolbox Training                    | 106. Site Protection through Observational                              |
| 88. NYS DCJS Sniper                                     | 107. Sniper Skills  |
| 89. NYS Fire Investigation Level 2                      | 108. Stabilization Training/FBI – Bomb Unit                             |
| 90. NYS SABIS Site Managers Meeting                     | 109. STOP – DWI NY Regional Training                                    |
| 91. NYTOA Conference                                    | 110. Street Survival – Police Academy                                   |
| 92. Polygraph Training Conference - Annual              | 111. Street Survival – R.C. Sheriff                                     |
| 93. Prevention, Response, Recovery – Campus Emergencies | 112. Supervisor's School – Course in Police                             |
| 94. Property Evidence Room Management                   | 113. T.R.A.U.M.A.   |
| 95. PRSBI – SWAT  | 114. Table Top Exercise – Rapid Response                                |
| 96. Public Information Officer Training Course          | 115. Tactics in Traffic   |
| 97. Radar – Lidar                                       | 116. Terrorism Incidents: Defensive Operations For Emergency Responders |
| 98. REACT   | 117. The Second Front – PTSD in LE                                      |
| 99. REACT – Training Support Personnel                  | 118. Traffic Crash Reconstruction Course                                |
|   | 119. Transport Supervisor Training                                      |
|   | 120. Urea Nitrate Class   |

### ***2017 Awards***

Capt. DeColyse	Sergeant Lawrence J. Leavy Distinguished Duty Award
Det. Swammy	Sergeant Lawrence J. Leavy Distinguished Duty Award
P.O. Leach	Sergeant Lawrence J. Leavy Distinguished Duty Award
Det. Kralik	Detective Lieutenant Gary Tortorello Outstanding Investigative Award
Det. Welikson	Detective Lieutenant Gary Tortorello Outstanding Investigative Award
P.O. Nunez	Lieutenant Robert Moorefield Excellent Police Duty Award
P.O. Perrone	Lieutenant Robert Moorefield Excellent Police Duty Award
Sgt. Corbett	Lieutenant Robert Moorefield Excellent Police Duty Award
P.O. Myers & K9 Holder	Lieutenant Robert Moorefield Excellent Police Duty Award

### ***2017 Retirements***

P.O. John King  
Sgt. Michael Hynes

### ***2017 New Hires***

P.O. Joseph Selchick  
P.O. Steven Perry  
P.O. Stephen Frey

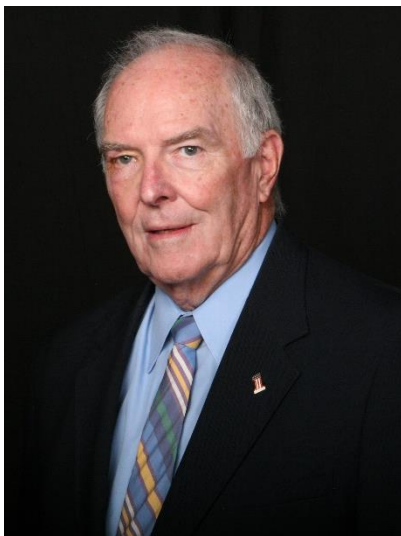
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**IN MEMORIAM**

**JAMES F. KRALIK**  
**SHERIFF OF ROCKLAND COUNTY**  
**1992-2011**



Sheriff Kralik had served 50 years in Law Enforcement for the people of Rockland County. He was first elected to that position in 1991. He served five term Sheriff of Rockland County. He led the Patrol Division for 20 years. He was a natural born leader who transformed the Sheriff's office with his visionary leadership and took it to the forefront in Rockland County. He was also an avid Civil War enthusiast and a certified tour guide at Gettysburg. He will be long remembered for his ability to act as a mediator and bring people together with his warmth and generosity of spirit. He passed away on July 24, 2017.



**THOMAS J. GUTHRIE**  
**UNDERSHERIFF OF ROCKLAND COUNTY**  
**1983-2012**

Undersheriff Guthrie began his career with the NYPD and retired at the rank of Inspector after 25 years. After retiring from the NYPD he was first appointed in March of 1983 as Undersheriff by Sheriff Goldrick. The fact that he was requested to continue in that position by two succeeding Sheriffs was a testament to his long and well respected experience in the field of law enforcement. He passed away on November 12, 2017.