

OFFICER ELIZABETH MACPHERSON

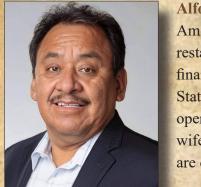


Officer Elizabeth Macpherson was born Elizabeth Rivera in Saturce, Puerto Rico, to Elizabeth Romero and Francisco Rivera. Raised by her mother, she relocated to New York from Puerto Rico in 1986, settling in Rockland County.

Prior to beginning a career in law enforcement, Elizabeth began fulfilling her passion of helping others in 1996 as a social worker for Westchester ARC, assisting individuals and family members with developmental disabilities. She began her law enforcement career in 2000, after graduating from the Rockland County Police Academy. In 2001, she joined the Village of Montgomery Police Department where she was assigned as an undercover police officer. She then

transferred to the City of Peekskill Police Department in 2002 in the patrol division. Committed to community policing, she was named the police liaison to the Hispanic community in 2004, where she established several programs to bridge the gap that existed between the underserved Hispanic community and the police. Elizabeth instituted important programs such as "Hable con un Policia" (Chat with a Cop) and "Domingos con un Policia" (Sundays with a Cop). These programs forged relationships between Hispanic organizations and religious groups and the police department to facilitate a direct dialogue; ensuring the concerns of the Hispanic community and the goals of the police department were communicated. This foundation created a strong partnership between the Peekskill Hispanic community and the Peekskill police that endures today.

ALFONSO ALVAREZ



Alfonso Alvarez is the founding member and former president of the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce of Yonkers. He is the current owner of three restaurants: Tacos El Poblano, Pollo Poblano and Dos Marias. With neither financial resources nor a formal education, Alfonso immigrated to the United States from Puebla, Mexico in 1980. He settled in Yonkers in 1990 where he opened his first small restaurant, Tacos El Poblano. Together with his wonderful wife and life partner, Sury, they are the proud parents of three adult children who are directly involved in the family business.

In addition to his devotion to his business and his family, he is devoted to his community both in Westchester and in his native Puebla. He contributes to many different organizations and events such as Obreros Unidos de Yonkers, the Hudson River Museum, Yonkers Riverfest, Downtown BID, Iglesia San Andres, St. Peter's Church, National Night Out, the Third Precinct Community Council, the YMCA, and YWCA to name a few. He has distributed hundreds of food baskets to those in need during the pandemic. Alfonso was also personally involved in providing an ambulance for people with special needs for his native Municipio de Acatlán De Osorio, Puebla, Mexico. He recently organized a collection of general medical equipment and supplies in New York to supply a newly constructed hospital in his homeland.

Alfonso's tireless contributions to many causes in the City of Yonkers and beyond make him a true community leader. His actions, not his words make him a mentor for all who know him.