

Department of Public Safety

2019 Executive Proposed Budget

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Budget Summary

ITEM	2018	2019
Operating Positions	333	338
Trust Positions	36	37
TOTAL POSITIONS	369	375
Personal Service	44,922,029	46,529,068
Equipment	199,920	303,569
Materials & Supplies	1,827,904	1,722,046
Contractual Expenses	2,510,575	2,549,542
Inter-Departmental Charges	4,598,192	5,236,636
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	54,058,620	56,340,861

Budget Summary

ITEM	2018	2019
Inter-Departmental Revenue	12,346,288	13,046,418
Departmental Revenue	14,458,971	15,527,649
State & Federal Aid	3,036,049	3,011,947
TOTAL REVENUE	29,841,308	31,586,014
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	24,217,312	24,754,847

New Initiatives & Highlights

- **Real Time Crime Center**

- Staffed by detectives from WCPD and other agencies
- Leverages technologies to investigate crime in real time
- Since inception in October 2017, more than **2,200** requests for assistance from law enforcement agencies
- Directly responsible for the arrest of **135** suspects for multiple offenses, including robbery, burglary, and grand larceny, and recovery of more than **100** stolen vehicles

- **Expanded SRO program**

- Our department now has nine School Resource Officers assigned to schools in four north county districts.

- **Expanded Training Initiatives**

- Large increase in requests for Active Shooter CRASE and ALERRT Training

Westchester County Department of Public Safety



2019 Budget Highlights



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WATCHING OVER WESTCHESTER
Westchester County Department of Public Safety
2019 Proposed Operating Budget

Mission

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Department Initiatives

NEW

- The Patrol Services Division expanded the School Resource Officers (SRO) program in 2018 and now provides nine (9) SROs to four northern Westchester school districts. It also works closely with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to coordinate Threat Assessment Teams and training for administrators, teachers and school security personnel.
- The Forensic Investigations Unit (FIU) utilizes state-of-the-art training and equipment for rendering FARO 3D scans into a VR (virtual reality) environment, which greatly enhances documentation and evidence preservation at crime scenes. FARO 3D technology is now also used by our Accident Investigation Teams at scenes of accidents involving fatalities or significant injury.
- FIU continues to augment its capabilities in video enhancement and analysis by utilizing the latest techniques, equipment and training via LEVA (Law Enforcement Video Association).
- The Real Time Crime (RTC) was opened in October 2017 to ensure crime data and criminal intelligence are provided immediately to officers and detectives in the field. This Unit is proactive in the investigation of crimes in progress. In its first 12 months of operation, RTC has received more than 2,200 requests for assistance from law enforcement agencies. It is directly responsible for the arrest of 135 suspects for multiple offenses, including robbery, burglary, and grand larceny, and the recovery of more than 100 stolen vehicles.
- RTC expanded to include officers from New York City, Yonkers, Mount Vernon, and Mount Pleasant PDs as part of an information and data exchange program. Officers from these agencies are assigned full-time and part-time to the Real Time Crime Center to bolster its information and data sharing capabilities. The Putnam County Sheriff's Department is also set to assign an investigator to RTC in the coming weeks.

- The General Investigations Unit established a Welfare Fraud Unit to investigate individuals and companies for improper or fraudulent Medicaid billing schemes. The state-funded unit works in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office to recover taxpayer money through successful fraud prosecutions.
- The Intelligence Unit participates in the FBI Cyber Crime Task Force and utilizes a digital evidence K-9 that is the only one of its kind in Westchester.
- The Special Operations Division acquired a tactical armored vehicle. This tracked vehicle is custom-designed and fabricated to operate at hostage rescues, barricaded suspects, riot scenes or natural disasters. It will also allow Special Operations personnel to operate at an elevated level and on uneven terrain. It has the following attachments: an armored deployment platform, hydraulic breaching ram with cameras/video, vehicle extraction tool, grapple claw and bucket.
- The Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU) is responding to a growing number of calls for service that include suspected improvised explosive devices, bomb threats, deteriorated explosive materials, fireworks, military ordnance, hazardous chemicals, biological, radiological and nuclear material incidents as well as post blast investigations.
- HDU has trained new Explosive Detection Canines (EDCs) to conduct sweeps at community events, schools, parades, dignitary visits and other large pre-planned events throughout the County. These canines replace other EDCs who have been retired from service.
- HDU provides hazardous devices and explosives training for law enforcement, first responders, schools and the private sector throughout the County and conducts community outreach with municipalities and schools to showcase Hazardous Devices Unit equipment and K9s.
- HDU acquired a new trailer specifically equipped with tools to mitigate a Large Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (LVBIED). This trailer will be used for command and control at this type of incident and will house and transport robotic assets and other Bomb Squad equipment needed at a scene where a large truck or other large vehicle is suspected to contain a large explosive device.

ONGOING

- Evaluation and testing of personal body cameras for Patrol personnel.
- Driving Simulator used for teen driver education to reduce teen fatalities and personal injury vehicular accidents and to train Police Academy recruits and County in-service law enforcement personnel.
- Patrol Services Division places an emphasis on quality-of-life issues and aggressive enforcement of alcohol and speed-related violations. It also enforces laws prohibiting the sale of alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes and vaping products/devices to underage persons in communities where we provide municipal police services.
- Special Operations Division (SOD) continues to provide air support to local agencies for crime suppression, suspect apprehension, scene support and lost/missing persons searches, including Project Lifesaver.
- SOD continues to maintain the Emergency Service Unit that handles medical emergencies, emotionally disturbed persons, accident vehicle extrication, technical rescues and scene support.
- SOD provides primary maritime safety and security on the Hudson River and part-time on the Long Island Sound.
- At the request of the New York State Thruway Authority, the Marine Unit continues marine patrol services during the Tappan Zee Bridge replacement project.
- The multi-agency Westchester County Heroin and Opioid Task Force, which is supervised by our Narcotics Unit, continues to investigate the sources of supply in Southern Westchester and New York City and concludes investigations with arrests and prosecution.
- The Intelligence Unit continues to develop and enhance a License Plate Reader (LPR) intelligence and investigative data sharing platform to assist law enforcement at the local, regional and federal levels.

- The General Investigations Unit continues to provide investigative services to the Village of Mount Kisco and the Town of Cortlandt as well as supplemental services to other municipalities upon request.
- Department offers network support for Livescan electronic fingerprinting to County locals and RICI Electronic Booking System for all local police municipalities in Westchester and Putnam Counties, and the New York State's Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) program for all local police municipalities in Westchester.
- The Department continues to provide contractual police services to Mount Kisco and Cortlandt and contractual Communications support to Tuckahoe.
- The Civil Division, a mandated function of the Office of the Sheriff, continues to be responsible for the service and execution of civil orders, judgments and mandates from State Supreme Court, County Court and local courts in Westchester.
- Civil enforcement continues of fines and judgments from the Taxi & Limousine Commission, Health Department, and Weights and Measures.
- The Department continues to assist municipalities with TLC's shared services and continues TLC Enforcement Training with municipalities.
- The Department provides a TLC and Stop-DWI Driver Training Program for prom enforcement.
- In 2018, the Police Academy completed its seventh full year of the Unified In-Service Training Program. The Unified In-Service Training Program is on track to meet or exceed the training it provided in 2017, when it conducted 901 separate training sessions for 605 officers from 22 Westchester law enforcement agencies.
- Municipal Car Permits are issued to applicants located in municipalities within Westchester County. The designated vehicle, driver and dispatch company are regulated by the WCTL, with the cooperation and authorization of the host municipality.

Accomplishments

ONGOING

Patrol Services Division

- Regular patrol units enforce DWI laws, conduct STOP-DWI details (checkpoints and roving patrols), and enhance roadway safety and security by reducing the risks of accidents associated with DWI. In 2017 there were 227 DWI arrests made.
- Speeding, along with the increase incidence of distracted driving, specifically, the use of hand-held cell phones and text messaging, continues to grow as a major cause of motor vehicle accidents. In 2017 2,270 summonses were issued for speeding and 555 summonses were issued for using a cell phone while driving.
- Patrol Services partners with various other agencies to conduct Commercial Vehicle Enforcement details.

Police Academy

- From January through June 2018, a total of 234 courses were held for a total of approximately 9,222 student-training days. A total of 133 courses were held at the Academy's Firing Range for a total of approximately 2,348 student-training days.

Special Operations Division

- SOD continues to participate in the Secure the Cities (STC) Counter Terrorism Program with NYPD. Our agency continues to receive STC grant funds for training, drills and exercises associated with detecting, locating, and responding to radiological/nuclear events.
- SOD continues to support local public safety agencies with Hazardous Devices, HAZMAT/CBRNE Incidents, Tactical Situations, Crisis Negotiation, Aviation, Emergency Services Response and Maritime support.
- The Special Response Team continues to support local municipalities with resolution of high-risk search warrant executions, barricaded suspect events and suspect searches and apprehensions.
- Canine Teams (arson, explosives, narcotics and cyber/electronics detection canines and tracking/apprehension canines) continue to support department functions as well as local agencies with expertise and canine services in each of the specialized canine areas.

Detective Division

- The Forensic Investigations Unit prepared for a full, on-site reaccreditation inspection by its new accrediting body, ANAB/ASCLD, in June 2018. FIU successfully passed that rigorous inspection and review process and formally received this prestigious re-accreditation. FIU is the only crime lab in New York State accredited in firearms, latent prints, crime scene, and digital evidence.
- The Intelligence Unit is actively engaging in threat assessment analysis in order to pursue any and all threats made to public officials, including, but not limited to, police officers, judges, district attorneys and any elected officials, whether made in person, in writing or electronically, including on social media outlets.
- The Intelligence Unit continues in a partnership with the Westchester County Intelligence Center (WIC) to provide Westchester County law enforcement agencies with a one-stop shopping for real time intelligence based solutions needed to combat inter-connected criminal activity within Westchester.
- Warrant-Fugitive Unit is expected to perform 45 extraditions as well as over 270 prisoner transports in 2018.

Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC)

- Continues outreach to municipalities to take advantage of WCTLTC Fine Revenue Sharing Initiative whereby participating police departments will receive a portion of TLC fine revenue collected from local enforcement efforts.

- Continues outreach to municipalities to take advantage of WCTLTC shared-service process for licensing of taxi drivers. Local benefits include cost savings and decreased liability.
- Continues to strengthen cooperative measures for the identification and recoupment of TLC Scofflaw revenue.

Tax Levy

The 2019 Proposed Budget that is before the Board of Legislators at this time proposes a tax levy of \$24,754,847 which represents an increase of \$751,070 or 3.1% over the 2018 Adopted tax levy of \$24,003,777. This increase is due to a number of factors including contractual raises, adjustments for other personnel expenses, increase in overtime expenses, increase in equipment request, increase in equipment services & rental and interdepartmental charges offset by increases in interdepartmental billings and Departmental revenue.

We would also like to state that in 2010, 57% of the budget was funded by tax levy. The proposed budget for 2019 requires 44% funding to come from tax levy, a reduction of 23%. Details of expenses and tax levy are given below:

Tax Levy Compared to Expenses. 2010 to 2019

Year	Total Expenses	Tax Levy	Tax Levy Percentage	Operating Positions	Trust Positions	Total Positions
2010 Actual	44,823,735	25,421,638	57%	308	37	345
2011 Actual	48,448,660	25,873,656	53%	327	20	347
2012 Actual	48,073,516	25,076,717	52%	320	20	340
2013 Actual	51,088,297	26,254,742	51%	320	20	340
2014 Actual	50,924,248	25,105,984	49%	320	20	340
2015 Actual	49,325,935	21,920,843	44%	332	7	339
2016 Actual	49,748,102	20,501,054	41%	333	35	368
2017 Actual	55,967,803	27,316,241	49%	333	36	369
2018 Projected	54,199,053	23,965,948	44%	333	36	369
2019 Proposed	56,340,861	24,754,848	44%	338	37	375

The following outlines the budgetary account impacting the Department's 2019 tax levy.

Expenditures

Annual Regular (1010)

2017 Actual	\$34,982,991
2018 Adopted	34,190,577
Current Appropriation	34,190,577
Current Forecast	33,697,500
2019 Proposed	35,365,549

\$1,174,972

The 2019 Proposed increase of \$1,174,972 against the 2018 adopted salary is mainly due to the contractual salary adjustment, step increases, request for added starter positions and the salary offset against the 207-C budget.

Overtime (1400)

2017 Actual	\$7,156,772
2018 Adopted	5,389,086
Current Appropriation	5,389,086
Current Forecast	6,275,576
2019 Proposed	5,835,621

\$446,535

The 2019 Proposed budget increase of \$446,535 is based on current year's actual expenses adjusted for increase in hourly overtime rate based on the salary increases as per PBA contract.

Job Injury -- 207C (1520)

2017 Actual	\$914,409
2018 Adopted	994,797
Current Appropriation	994,797
Current Forecast	829,250
2019 Proposed	873,915

(\$120,882)

The 2019 Proposed budget decrease of \$120,882 against 2018 Adopted Budget is based on an actual 207-C injury experience and expense over the past two years. For 2019, the Department estimates that seven FTE police officers will be on the injured list.

Holiday Pay (1490)

2017 Actual	\$2,271,131
2018 Adopted	2,219,946
Current Appropriation	2,219,946
Current Forecast	2,219,946
2019 Proposed	2,324,691

\$104,745

The 2019 Proposed budget increase of \$104,745 is based on the actual expenses of 2017, and the current year expenses trend adjusted for salary increases as per PBA contract.

Equipment (2300 & 2400)

2017 Actual	\$258,874
2018 Adopted	174,174
Current Appropriation	199,920
Current Forecast	174,174
2019 Proposed	303,569

\$129,395

The 2019 proposed budget increase of \$129,395 is due to the required replacement of several pieces of equipment which will exceed their recommended life cycles.

Utilities (3200)

2017 Actual	\$254,002
2018 Adopted	270,355
Current Appropriation	270,355
Current Forecast	270,355
2019 Proposed	283,976

\$13,621

The 2019 Proposed budget increase of \$13,621 is due to the higher price of Heating Oil and Natural Gas. We are anticipating that the higher price trend will continue in 2019.

Equipment Service & Rental (4070)

2017 Actual	\$433,985
2018 Adopted	596,411
Current Appropriation	609,421
Current Forecast	596,411
2019 Proposed	699,013

\$102,602

The 2019 Proposed Budget increase of \$102,602 is due to the cost escalation of various maintenance contracts, parts and repair expenses. A large increase in DPS's share of Radio Tower maintenance also contributes to the proposed increase.

Inter- Departmental Charges (599)

2017 Actual	\$4,613,581
2018 Adopted	4,598,192
Current Appropriation	4,598,192
Current Forecast	4,598,192
2019 Proposed	5,236,636

\$638,444

The 2019 Proposed Budget increase of \$638,444 is due to a large increase in the estimated charges by the DoIT Department.

Revenue

The Department of Public Safety’s hourly rate charged to other County departments for a police officer for the current year is \$207.85, and the rate used to calculate the 2019 Proposed Budget is \$213.25

Inter Dept. Billings (9508)

2017 Actual	\$10,881,558
2018 Adopted	12,346,288
Current Appropriation	12,346,288
Current Forecast	12,346,288
2019 Proposed	13,046,418

\$700,130

The 2019 Proposed increase of \$700,130 against 2018 adopted is due to the increase in the hourly rate due to salary adjustments for police officers based on the PBA contract charged to other County Departments.

Police Services (9230)

2017 Actual	\$10,394,709
2018 Adopted	11,305,132
Current Appropriation	11,305,132
Current Forecast	11,656,717
2019 Proposed	12,339,020

\$1,033,888

The 2019 Proposed increase over the 2018 Adopted is due to the increase in the police officer hourly rate. Estimated additional reimbursement of \$712,838 from various School Districts for providing five more School Resource Officers also contributed to the increase.