



**WESTCHESTER COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**POLICE OPERATIONS**

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# Department of Public Safety

2023 Executive Proposed Budget

# Core Programs & Functions

## **DPS provides police patrol services to the following:**

- Bronx River, Saw Mill, Hutchinson River and Cross County Parkways
- County park system
- County buildings and facilities (e.g. MOB-1, DSS, Grasslands, etc.)
- Westchester County Airport
- Westchester Community College
- Several county homeless shelters
- Municipalities that contract for police services
  - Currently Cortlandt and Mount Kisco
- School districts that contract for School Resource Officers
  - Currently Lakeland, Somers, Hendrick Hudson and North Salem
  - Presently, we have 9 officers assigned to schools in these districts
  - Additionally, we have 1 College Resource Officer assigned to WCC
- **Aid to Local Police Departments**
  - Training
  - Investigative Services
  - Special Operations Services
  - MACS (Multi Agency Coordination System)- used by DPS and local police departments to coordinate response to major incidents.

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Significant support services provided to every municipality in Westchester including, but not limited to:

- **Special units and teams, including:**

- Hazardous Devices Unit (Bomb Squad)
- Aviation Unit
- Marine Unit
- Special Response Team (SWAT)
- Specialized Canine Teams (Bomb, Drug, Tracking, Arson, Data Device)
- Accident Reconstruction
- Drug Recognition Experts
- Crime Scene Processing and Analysis
- The Police Academy
  - Recruit Training – **all recruits** in Westchester and Putnam
  - Unified In-Service Training – **presently 30 departments participate**
- Project Lifesaver

- Uniformed and investigative personnel with highly specialized training
- Mutual aid manpower
- Backup 911 call-taking

# Budget Summary

ITEM	2022	2023
Operating Positions	342	348
Trust Positions	36	39
<b>TOTAL POSITIONS</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>387</b>
Personal Service	54,251,736	58,047,136
Equipment	3,161,420	1,908,740
Materials & Supplies	2,174,810	2,529,504
Contractual Expenses	3,641,858	4,379,528
Inter-Departmental Charges	5,506,179	6,910,060
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>68,736,003</b>	<b>73,774,968</b>

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ITEM	2022	2023
Inter-Departmental Revenue	13,304,259	14,338,989
Departmental Revenue	16,265,205	16,986,056
State & Federal Aid	3,313,168	3,780,058
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>32,882,632</b>	<b>35,105,103</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY</b>	<b>35,853,371</b>	<b>38,669,865</b>

# New Initiatives & Highlights

## • **Patrol Division**

- Patrol officers enforce DWI laws, and STOP-DWI details (checkpoints and mobile patrols) enhance roadway safety and security by reducing the risks of accidents associated with DWI. In 2021, 202 DWI arrests made. As of the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022, there have been 167 DWI arrests.
- Speeding and distracted driving, specifically the use of hand-held cell phones and text messaging, are a major cause of motor vehicle accidents. In 2021, 6,568 moving violations were issued, 1,537 were for speeding and 277 were for using a cell phone while driving.
- The Patrol Division expanded it's School Resource Officers (SRO) program to cover a total of five (5) school districts & WCC. On the request of Katonah-Lewisboro SD, Hendrick Hudson SD, North Salem SD and WCC, four (4) new SROs have been added, bringing the total number of SROs to thirteen (13).

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- **Real Time Crime Unit**

- Real Time Crime (RTC) opened in late 2017 to ensure crime data and criminal intelligence are brought to officers in the field. This Unit is proactive in the investigation of crimes in progress.
- Real Time Crime (RTC) coordinated numerous multi-agency investigations, including Operation "Casper" to identify, arrest persons who build and possess illegal handguns and Assault rifles. This joint operation resulted in the seizure of hundreds of illegal ghost guns.
- RTC implemented a new investigative initiative targeting high level drug traffickers, this new approach, in contrast to the older methods that targeted low-level users, led to the seizure of 450,000+ bags of fentanyl and 94 kilos of fentanyl packaged in bulk.
- Assisted with the investigation of numerous high-profile cases including homicides, sexual assaults, shootings, kidnapping and hate crimes.



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- **Special Operations Division**

- Special Operations Division (SOD) provides air support to local agencies for crime suppression, suspect apprehension, scene support and lost/missing persons (Project Lifesaver).
- SOD provides primary maritime safety and security on Hudson River and part-time on Long Island Sound.
- SOD maintains the Emergency Service Unit that handles medical emergencies, emotionally disturbed persons, accident vehicle extrication, technical rescues, and scene support.
- The Special Response Team supports local municipalities with the handling of high-risk search warrant executions, barricaded suspect events and suspect searches and apprehensions.
- Hazardous Devices Unit (HDU) responds to calls for service that include suspected explosive devices, bomb threats, deteriorated explosive materials, fireworks, military ordnance, hazardous chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear material incidents.

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- **Information Technology Unit**

- **New Records Management System**

Completed the process to implement the Hexagon Police Records Management System. This system will be deployed as a shared system used by multiple local police agencies. The system will allow for the sharing of information across police agencies to facilitate investigations.

- **Axon Camera System**

- Upgrading in-car & body camera equipment.
- Smaller hardware footprint will reduce installation costs.
- Support payments provide for the automatic upgrade of equipment as it reaches end of life.