



WESTCHESTER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY
POLICE OPERATIONS

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Department of Public Safety

2024 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, DSS, Grasslands, etc.)
- Westchester County Airport
- Westchester Community College (WCC)
- Several county homeless shelters
- Municipalities that contract for police services:
 - Cortlandt and Mount Kisco
- Five school districts contract for 12 school resource officers.
- Two municipalities and WCC contract for 3 community resource officers.

Core Programs & Functions

Support services provided to every municipality in Westchester including:

- **Special units and teams:**

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

- Mutual aid staffing
- Backup 911 call-taking

Budget Summary

ITEM	2023	2024
Operating Positions	348	348
Trust Positions	39	41
TOTAL POSITIONS	387	389
Personal Service	58,047,136	58,976,697
Equipment	3,097,383	2,524,277
Materials & Supplies	2,737,356	2,690,308
Contractual Expenses	4,903,046	5,141,475
Inter-Departmental Charges	6,914,630	7,612,325
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	75,699,551	76,945,082

Budget Summary

ITEM	2023	2024
Inter-Departmental Revenue	14,338,989	13,877,365
Departmental Revenue	16,986,056	18,004,650
State & Federal Aid	3,780,058	5,050,483
TOTAL REVENUE	35,105,103	36,932,498
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	40,594,448	40,012,584

New Initiatives & Highlights

• **Patrol Division**

- Patrol officers enforce DWI laws to enhance roadway safety by reducing the risk of accidents associated with driving while intoxicated and impaired.
- Speeding and distracted driving, specifically the use of hand-held cell phones and text messaging, are a major cause of motor vehicle accidents. Patrol officers proactively enforce these laws.
- School resource officers (SRO's) provide deterrence and response capabilities to active shooter threats and school violence. SRO's serve a fundamental role with integrated school safety plans and emergency management.

New Initiatives & Highlights

• **Project Alliance**

- Unites the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Department of Community Mental Health (DCMH), Department of Emergency Services and Department of Social Services to address the needs of Westchester County residents with behavioral health challenges.
- Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT), which are under the supervision of DCMH, consist of a diverse group of mental health professionals and peer specialists. The MCRT will respond to behavioral health related incidents, and will work to de-escalate the incident and connect the affected people to services after the crisis has been resolved.

New Initiatives & Highlights

• **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 involving pattern crimes and continued work on Operation Casper (an ongoing ghost gun initiative that has resulted in numerous arrests and the seizure of over 150 firearms).
- 24/7 Operations Desk handled coordination between agencies involved in cross-jurisdictional events on a daily basis. Directly led to the recovery of several hundred stolen vehicles.
- Implemented a proactive, Intel based Burglary Task Force with our partner law enforcement agencies to combat rising burglary rates.
- Assisted with the investigation of numerous high-profile cases including homicides, sexual assaults, shootings, kidnapping and hate crimes.

New Initiatives & Highlights

- **Threat Assessment Management (TAM)**
- State led initiative, run out of the Real Time Crime Center in Public Safety.
- The TAM is designed to be a one stop shop for Law Enforcement, Schools and the public to report threatening behavior. The information is assessed and, working with our partner social service agencies, the TAM team works to mitigate known threats.
- Real Time Crime continues to work with our local partners to provide added support for those concerned about being targeted due to religion.

New Initiatives & Highlights

- **Special Operations Division**

- Provides specialized support services (Aviation, Marine, Hazardous Devices, K9s that detect explosives, narcotics and tracking humans), and a Special Response Team with Crisis Negotiators to local municipalities.
- Provides routine patrols of critical infrastructure and key resource assets, and responds to emergency calls for service.
- Provides Emergency Services Unit to handle technical rescue, animal control, tactical support, motor vehicle extrication, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) operations scene support, non-compliant/violent EDPs, water rescue and emergency medical care.
- Provides radiological/nuclear detection and identification response to all areas within Counter Terrorism Zone 3 (CTZ3) as part of Securing the Cities program.
- Provides environmental guidance and CBRNE Response to CTZ3.
- Provides maritime safety and security patrols and incident response on the Hudson River and Long Island Sound.

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