

Westchester County Department of Public Safety



2014 Budget Highlights



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WATCHING OVER WESTCHESTER
Westchester County Department of Public Safety
2014 Proposed Operating Budget

Mission

It is the mission of the Department to enhance the quality of life in Westchester County by working in partnership with the community and, consistent with constitutional rights, enforcing laws, preserving the peace, reducing fear, and providing a safe enforcement.

Public Safety has made a concerted effort to increase the effectiveness of the law enforcement services provided throughout Westchester County. They are as follows:

Department Initiatives:

NEW

- The Special Operations Division (SOD) is awaiting delivery of a new conversion storage body for an existing vehicle. This new storage body will allow SOD to respond more efficiently to CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive) incidents.

ONGOING

- 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.
- Civil enforcement of fines and judgments from the Taxi & Limousine Commission, Health Department, and Weights and Measures.
- Patrol Services Division (PSD) places emphasis on quality-of-life issues and aggressive enforcement of alcohol- and speed-related violations.
- SOD continues training County and local entities in procedures for handling bomb threats, recognition of improvised explosive devices, military ordnance, and other potentially hazardous or hoax devices.
- SOD continues to provide air support to local agencies for crime suppression, suspect apprehension and scene support and lost/ missing persons.
- SOD continues to provide maritime safety and security along the Hudson River.
- The Forensics Unit maintains its ASCLD/LAB and NYS Forensic Science Commission Accreditation while transitioning to ISO Accreditation with mandated inspections. The Forensics Unit is the only Crime Laboratory in NYS accredited in all the following forensic disciplines: Crime Scene, Ballistics, Latent Prints, and Digital Evidence.
- The Warrant Fugitive Unit received 509 warrants in 2012 and cleared 514 warrants. They carry over and investigate 811 warrants on a yearly basis.
- Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) tracks and monitors registered sex offenders in Westchester County pursuant to mandates of NYS Corrections law.
- The Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) provides specialized expertise investigating sex crimes and crimes against the elderly and other vulnerable populations.
- Offer 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 New York State's Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) program for all local police municipalities in Westchester County.
- Continue to assist municipalities with TLC's shared services.
- Continue TLC Enforcement Training with municipalities.
- Provide a TLC and Stop-DWI Driver Training Program for prom enforcement.

- With a continued emphasis on shared services, the Department's Unified In-Service Training Program is in its second full year of operation, with another 23 sessions scheduled for 2013 with an anticipated attendance of 410 officers from eight different police agencies in Westchester County.
- TLC established a second livery vehicle permit known as a Municipal Car Permit to be issued to applicants located only in those municipalities within Westchester County. The designated vehicle, driver and Dispatch Company is regulated by the Westchester County Taxi and Limousine Commission.

Accomplishments

NEW

Special Operations Division

- The Marine Unit took delivery of a new 36' safeboat funded by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

ONGOING

Patrol Service Division

- Regular patrol units 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 2012, there were 355 DWI arrests made.
- While driving at excessive speeds continues to be an unnecessary risk for drivers, the increase in 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 2012, 2,603 summonses were issued for speeding and 243 summonses were issued for using a cell phone while driving.
- PSD partners with various other agencies to conduct Commercial Vehicle Enforcement details.

Police Academy

- From January through June 2013, a total of 88 courses were held for a total of approximately 8,000 student-training days. A total of 107 courses were held at the Academy's Firing Range for a total of approximately 2,300 student-training days.

Pistol Permit Licensing Unit (PPLU)

- PLU processed 1,300 original applications through April 2013, and secured or accounted for 125 weapons from delinquent pistol license holders for the same period.
- PLU closed over 100 delinquent cases through April 2013, and have reviewed more than 100 cases for the same period.

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 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.
- The Canine Unit (explosive detection, narcotics, tracking, and apprehension) continue to support department functions as well as local agencies with the expertise and canine services in each of the specialized canine areas.

Detectives Division

- The Warrant-Fugitive Unit is expected to perform 60 extraditions in 2013.
- The General Investigations Unit is continuing investigation of Westchester County unsolved homicides. To date major case investigations have resulted in the arrest of 36 persons for murder.

- Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) continues in a partnership with the Westchester County Intelligence Center (WIC) to provide Westchester County law enforcement agencies a one stop shopping for real time intelligence based solutions needed to combat inter- connected criminal activity within Westchester.
- Narcotics Unit in 2012 investigated 122 narcotics cases resulting in 245 purchases of illegal drugs resulting in the arrest of 187 persons on drug related charges. Additionally the Narcotics Unit seized over 3 kilos of cocaine 143 grams of crack cocaine and over 143 pounds of marihuana.
- General Investigations Unit investigated 1,095 criminal cases, 27 welfare fraud cases, and arrested 214 persons for criminal activity in 2012.
- Forensic Investigations Unit processed 58 crime scenes in 2012 and also performed 580 latent print comparisons.

Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC)

- Continue outreach to municipalities to take advantage of WCTLC Fine Revenue Sharing Initiative whereby participating police departments will receive a portion of TLC fine revenue collected from local enforcement efforts.
- Continue outreach to municipalities to take advantage of WCTLC shared-service process for licensing of taxi drivers. Local benefit includes cost savings and decreased liability.
- Continue to strengthen cooperative measures for the identification and recoupment of TLC Scofflaw revenue.

Tax Levy

The 2014 Proposed Budget that is before the Board of Legislators at this time proposes a tax levy of \$25,248,658 that represents an increase of \$482,914 or 1.9% higher than the 2013 Adopted Budget tax levy of \$24,765,744. The following outlines those budgetary accounts impacting the Department's 2014 tax levy.

Expenditures

Annual Regular (1010)

2012 Actual	\$29,616,588
2013 Adopted	30,826,476
Current Appropriation	30,826,476
Current Forecast	30,337,427
2014 Proposed	32,311,775

\$1,485,299 The 2014 proposed budget increase is based on the PBA contract settlement. The 2013 Forecast is less than 2013 Adopted based on vacancy savings.

Overtime (1400)

2012 Actual	\$6,086,834
2013 Adopted	5,426,278
Current Appropriation	5,426,278
Current Forecast	6,637,278
2014 Proposed	5,671,937

\$245,659 The 2014 proposed budget increase is based on the PBA contract settlement and \$110,000 associated with participation in a IRS Task Force that is reimbursed. The increase in the 2013 Forecast versus 2013 Adopted is based on overtime required to provide mandated services to cover manpower shortages due to vacancies and also while multiple police officers are out on long-term 207-C injury.

Replacement Equipment (2300)

2012 Actual	\$76,288
2013 Adopted	90,729
Current Appropriation	412,270
Current Forecast	412,270
2014 Proposed	166,486

\$75,757 2014 Proposed Budget increase is due to two special purpose replacement vehicles.

Automotive Supplies (3010)

2012 Actual	\$617,725
2013 Adopted	603,150
Current Appropriation	603,150
Current Forecast	603,150
2014 Proposed	625,000

\$21,850 2014 Proposed Budget increase is due to higher projected unit costs and increased usage.

General Supplies (3240)

2012 Actual	\$763,483
2013 Adopted	817,815
Current Appropriation	901,285
Current Forecast	921,284
2014 Proposed	874,698

\$56,883 2014 Proposed Budget increase is due to increased uniform allowance expense as per the PBA contract settlement and increased fuel usage for the marine patrol boats for safety and security along the Hudson River especially in the vicinity of the Tappan Zee Bridge project.

Equipment Service & Rental (4070)

2012 Actual	\$509,353
2013 Adopted	538,611
Current Appropriation	546,111
Current Forecast	546,111
2014 Proposed	586,026

\$47,415 2014 Proposed budget increase is associated with increased expense for maintenance contracts covering communication systems and specialized law enforcement software systems.

Investigations (4901)

2012 Actual	\$49,801
2013 Adopted	65,000
Current Appropriation	95,000
Current Forecast	105,000
2014 Proposed	104,600

\$39,600 2014 proposed budget increase is based on additional expense associated with the participation in an IRS Task Force. This additional expense is reimbursable from the IRS.

Job Injury – 207C (5020)

2012 Actual	\$644,638
2013 Adopted	408,615
Current Appropriation	408,615
Current Forecast	863,000
2014 Proposed	441,740

\$33,125 2014 Proposed Budget increase from the 2013 Adopted Budget is based on the PBA contract settlement.

Revenue

The Department of Public Safety’s hourly rate charged to other County departments for a police officer for the current year is \$164.42 and the rate used to calculate the 2014 Budget is \$168.30. The change in the hourly rate can be attributed to the PBA contract settlement.

Interdepartmental Revenue (9508)

2012 Actual	\$8,451,320
2013 Adopted	9,615,405
Current Appropriation	9,615,405
Current Forecast	9,615,405
2014 Proposed	10,463,754

\$848,349 2014 Proposed increase over 2013 Adopted is primarily due to two factors. The increase in the police officer hourly rate that is based on the PBA contract settlement and additional revenue from DSS to provide two detectives for the investigation of Medicaid Fraud.

Police Services (9230)

2012 Actual	\$8,605,083
2013 Adopted	9,049,734
Current Appropriation	9,049,734
Current Forecast	9,224,734
2014 Proposed	9,523,169

\$445,087 2014 Proposed increase over the 2013 Adopted is due to two factors. The Increase in the police officer hourly rate based on the PBA contract and additional revenue for school resource officers.

Service Fees (Civil) (9127)

2012 Actual	\$1,144,191
2013 Adopted	1,350,000
Current Appropriation	1,350,000
Current Forecast	1,200,000
2014 Proposed	1,200,000

(\$150,000) 2014 Proposed decrease over the 2013 Adopted is primarily due to two factors. First, the NYC Marshals have extended their jurisdiction into the County to serve income executions which has a negative impact on the number of cases being handled by the Civil Unit. Second, as the economy improves, there has been an overall decline in the number of judgments filed in the County Clerk’s office which has resulted in fewer cases requiring enforcement by the Civil Unit.