

Department of Public Safety

2025 Executive Proposed Budget



WESTCHESTER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY
POLICE OPERATIONS

1 Saw Mill River Parkway
Hawthorne, NY 10532

Westchester
County

Core Programs & Functions

- **DPS provides police services to the following:**
- Bronx River, Saw Mill River, Hutchinson River and Cross County Parkways
- County parks
- County office buildings and facilities (e.g. MOB, DSS, Grasslands, etc.)
- Westchester County Airport
- Westchester Community College (“WCC”)
- Several county homeless shelters
- The Village of Mount Kisco and the Town of Cortlandt
- Five school districts throughout northern Westchester County

Core Programs & Functions

- **Aid to Local Police Departments**
 - Training
 - Investigative Services
 - Special Operations Services
 - MACS (Multi Agency Coordination System)- coordinates the response to major incidents.
 - Mutual Aid Staffing
 - 911 Back-Up Call Taking

Core Programs & Functions

- **Special Units and Teams:**

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

Budget Summary

ITEM	2024	2025
Operating Positions	348	351
Trust Positions	41	40
TOTAL POSITIONS	389	391
Personal Service	58,976,697	59,919,775
Equipment	4,693,115	1,927,362
Materials & Supplies	2,863,229	2,711,474
Contractual Expenses	5,539,001	5,673,784
Inter-Departmental Charges	7,612,325	7,979,379
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	79,684,368	78,211,774

Budget Summary

ITEM	2024	2025
Inter-Departmental Revenue	13,877,365	14,667,531
Departmental Revenue	18,004,650	19,144,891
State & Federal Aid	5,050,483	4,982,954
TOTAL REVENUE	36,932,498	38,795,376
DEPARTMENT TAX LEVY	42,751,870	39,416,398

New Initiatives/Program Highlights

- **Patrol Division**

- Parkway patrol officers enforce vehicle and traffic laws to promote safe driving.
- DWI enforcement is a cornerstone of parkway patrols and aims to reduce the risks of accidents associated with driving while impaired. In 2023, patrol officers made 269 DWI arrests. As of the end of the 3rd quarter of 2024, patrol officers made 216 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. As of the end of the third quarter of 2024, patrol officers issued 861 summonses for speeding, 291 summonses for using a cell phone while driving and 2,281 summonses for prohibited commercial vehicles on the parkways.

New Initiatives/Program Highlights

• **School Safety**

- Patrol enhances school and community safety with specially trained school resource officers (SRO's) and community resource officers (CRO's)
- Twelve SRO's are assigned to five school districts covering twenty buildings throughout northern Westchester County.
- One CRO is assigned to WCC's Valhalla Campus and one CRO is assigned to the Town of Cortlandt.
- SRO's and CRO's provide deterrence and response capabilities to active shooter threats and school violence. SRO's serve a fundamental role with school safety plans and emergency management (prevention, preparedness, response and recovery).

New Initiatives/Program Highlights

- **PACS and Police Cadets**
- DPS proudly continues to host Police Allied with Community and Schools (PACS) and Cadet programs.
- PACS coordinates SRO training and networking initiatives with other police departments and schools throughout Westchester County.
- DPS's Cadet Program is open to students grades 8-12 and runs from October through June. It focuses on strengthening relationships, fostering leadership skills, promoting public service and exploring law enforcement and criminal justice professions. The Cadet Program for the 2024-2025 academic years includes 60 cadets.

New Initiatives/Program Highlights

- **Community Policing and Project Alliance**
- Patrol officers serve both the Town of Cortlandt (in partnership with the New York State Police) and the Village of Mount Kisco.
- Project Alliance partners DPS with the Department of Community Mental Health (“DCMH”), the Department of Emergency Services and the Department of Social Services to address the needs of Westchester residents with behavioral health challenges.
- Mobile Crisis Response Teams (“MCRT’s”), which are under the supervision of DCMH, are comprised of mental health professionals and peer specialists. Patrol officers continue to work with MCRT members as they respond to de-escalate behavioral health-related incidents and facilitate services for those in crisis.
- As of the end of the 3rd quarter of 2024, the Mount Kisco catchment area handled 61 MCRT calls for service and 195 follow-ups.

New Initiatives/Program 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.
- 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, leading to decline in Burglary rates in the County.
- Assisted with the investigation of numerous high-profile cases including homicides, sexual assaults, shootings, kidnapping and hate crimes.

New Initiatives/Program Highlights

- **Special Operations Division**
- Provides specialized support services {Aviation, Environmental Security, Marine Patrols, Hazardous Devices/HAZMAT Response, K9s that detect explosives, narcotics and accelerants and tracking humans), and a Special Response Team with Crisis Negotiators to local municipalities.
- 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 routine patrols of critical infrastructure and key resources assets and respond to emergency calls for service.
- Provides radiological/nuclear detection and identification response to all areas within Counter Terrorism Zone 3 {CTZ3) as part of Federal Homeland Security Program, Securing the Cities program (STC).
- 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.

New Initiatives/Program Highlights

- **Support Services Division**
- Westchester County School Bus Stop Arm Safety Camera Demonstration Program.
 - Lakeland Central School District
 - Mamaroneck Schools
 - Ossining Union Free School District
 - Eastchester Union Free School District
 - Tarrytown Union Free School District
 - Blind Brook-Rye Union Free School District
 - Katonah-Lewisboro School District
 - Greenburgh Central School District
 - Hendrick Hudson Central School District
 - Croton Harmon Schools
 - Harrison Central School
 - Rye Neck Union Free School District
 - Irvington Union Free School District
- Pistol License fee project
 - New fees will better match County costs in doing the processing work.