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# Westchester Police Department 2023 Annual Report



# Message From The Chief



I am pleased to present to you the Westchester Police Department 2023 Annual Report. Every year the police department's goal is to protect and serve the members of our community with the highest level of commitment, ethics and professionalism. We strive to be leaders in the community by providing exceptional police services that embody the spirit of community partnerships by being responsive, efficient, and transparent in resolving community concerns in regards to public safety. This is accomplished through a partnership with the community, neighboring agencies, and various law enforcement groups. This report is a reflection of the dedication and commitment of the members of the Westchester Police Department.

As 2024 begins, we look forward to continuing to partner with the community to find news ways to make Westchester a great place to live, work, and play. It is my honor to serve as the Chief of Police to such a dedicated group of men and women and to a community as caring and passionate as the residents of Westchester.



# Law Enforcement Oath of Honor

On my honor, I will never betray my integrity,  
my character or the public trust.

I will always have the courage to hold myself and  
others accountable for our actions.

I will always maintain the highest ethical standards and uphold the values of my community,  
and the agency I serve.

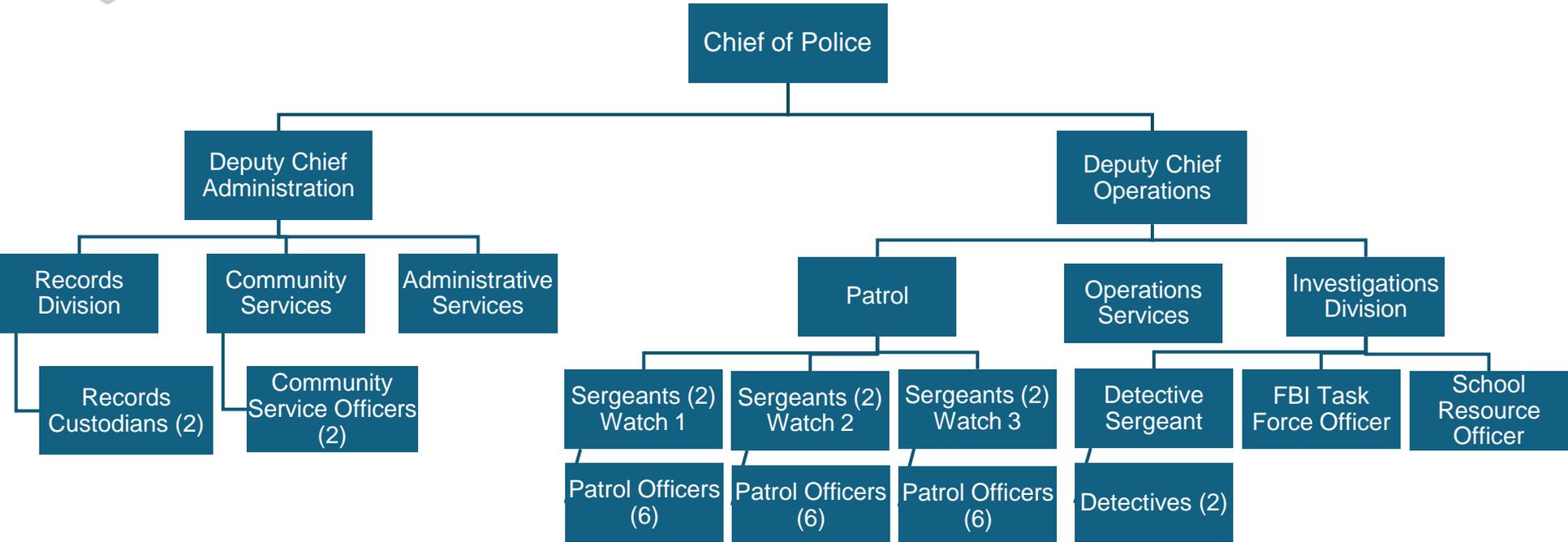
## Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Westchester Police Department to protect the lives and property of the people we serve, to  
reduce the occurrence of crime, and to continually  
provide professional public safety service while partnering with the community to improve the quality of life.

Our goal is to do so with honor, integrity and accountability while conducting ourselves  
with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence and trust in our police department.



# Organizational Chart

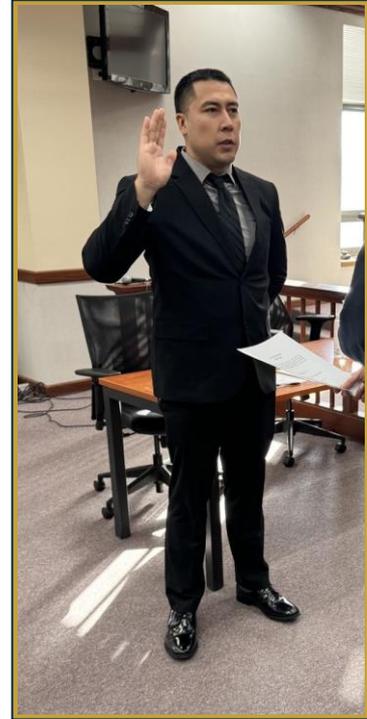




# New Officers

In December of 2023, the Westchester Police Department welcomed newly hired police recruits, Erick McCord III and Jose Rodriguez-Tabuyo, to the department.

Recruits McCord and Rodriguez-Tabuyo are currently attending Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA)-College of Dupage, where they are already receiving high remarks and exhibit an eagerness to serve the community.





# Retirements

The Westchester Police Department would like to congratulate Deputy Chief Rich Stieber for 29 years of dedicated service. Rich started his career with Westchester as a Patrol Officer in 1994. His service included ten years as a Dare Officer, eight years as a Sergeant and three years as Deputy Police Chief.



# Promotions

To fill vacancies created by retirements, the Westchester Police Department promoted Detective Sergeant Michael Fellers and Patrol Officer Joseph Rizzo in July of 2023.

Detective Sergeant Michael Fellers was promoted to Deputy Chief and assigned to oversee operations of the Patrol and Investigation divisions. Officer Rizzo was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Patrol division's afternoon watch.





# Military Service Recognition

Westchester Officers Kamil Czerwonka and Jacob Behnke continue serving their community and country through military service.

In 2023, Officer Czerwonka was deployed overseas and continues his service to his country and community into 2024. Officer Czerwonka's leadership in his deployment has led to his overseas promotion to Staff Sergeant.

In 2023, Officer Behnke continued military training deployments, where he attended advanced leadership training programs. Officer Behnke achieved high praise in his training and graduated within the top of his class, receiving the honor of Commandant's List.



# Community Events

## Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy



The Westchester Police Department, in partnership with the Cook County Sheriff's Office, hosted the 2023 Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy. This academy is a multi-week program designed to give seniors an overview of the responsibilities of law enforcement agencies in Cook County.

The curriculum offers participants an in depth look at law enforcement operations, as well as specific crime prevention methods, including personal safety, gang and drug awareness, home protection and avoiding scams.





# Community Events

## Dunkin' "Cop On Rooftop" for Special Olympics

On May 19, 2023 the Westchester Police Department participated in "Cop on Rooftop" fundraiser held to support the Law Enforcement Torch Run.



# Community Events



The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising movement benefiting Special Olympics Illinois.



The Torch Run has two goals – to raise money and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Illinois. Westchester Police teamed up with other police and municipal partners for the 2023 Torch run event!



# Community Events

## National Night Out



National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.





# Community Events

## Bike Rodeo For Kids



The Village of Westchester, Westchester Police Department, and Westchester Ecological Commission (GROW) partnered with Ride Illinois and hosted a Bike Rodeo/Safety Class for Kids & Teens.





# Community Events

## Shop With A Cop

Shop with a Cop is an event that focuses on underprivileged children and families within a local community, who may otherwise hesitate to engage with police officers on a regular basis.

It also allows children to become familiar with police and feel comfortable in their presence. It teaches the children that police officers are individuals who have unique interests, goals, and families of their own and that they are here to help.

Westchester Police teamed up with Bellwood and Maywood for the 2023 event.





# New Equipment

In 2023, with the support of the Village Board, Illinois Department of Transportation, and US Department of Justice, the Police Department was able to replace outdated equipment and purchase new equipment to enhance our services to the community.

- Three Patrol Squads were outfitted and put into service to replace older frontline vehicles.

- Two Ballistic Shields were purchased to enhance patrol and tactical training and response to active threat situations.



- Grants from State and Federal agencies were awarded to subsidize individual officer body armor as well as conducting traffic and speeding enforcement details.

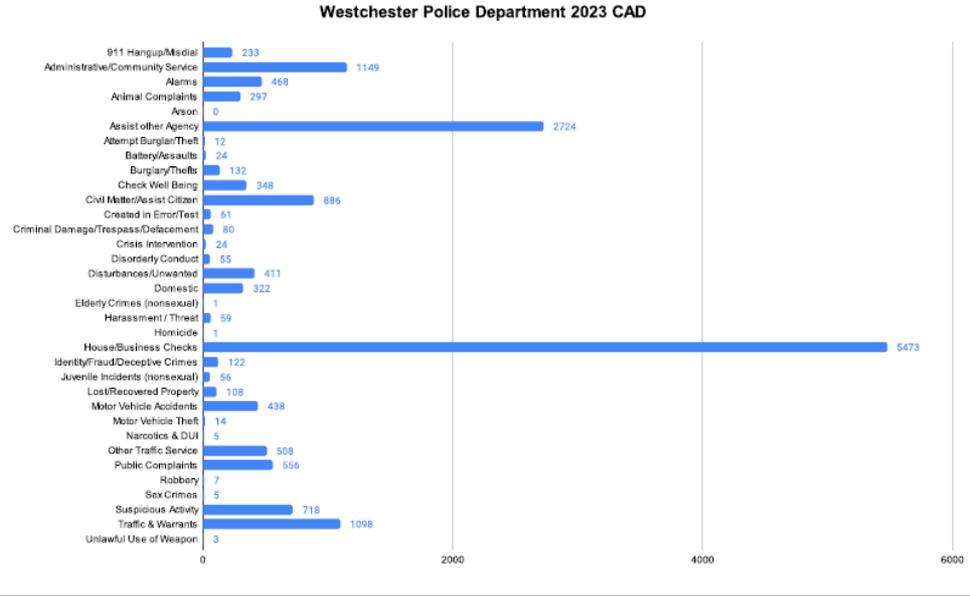
- Radar Speed Sign was put into service to deter speeding and collect valuable traffic data.

- Mobile Digital Forensics Computer was purchased to meet the technological needs for investigations.



# Calls For Service

Categories	2023
911 Hangup/Misdiial	233
Administrative/Community Service	1149
Alarms	468
Animal Complaints	297
Arson	0
Assist other Agency	2724
Attempt Burglar/Theft	12
Battery/Assaults	24
Burglary/Thefts	132
Check Well Being	348
Civil Matter/Assist Citizen	886
Created in Error/Test	61
Criminal Damage/Trespass/Defacement	80
Crisis Intervention	24
Disorderly Conduct	55
Disturbances/Unwanted	411
Domestic	322
Elderly Crimes (nonsexual)	1
Harassment / Threat	59
Homicide	1
House/Business Checks	5473
Identity/Fraud/Deceptive Crimes	122
Juvenile Incidents (nonsexual)	56
Lost/Recovered Property	108
Motor Vehicle Accidents	438
Motor Vehicle Theft	14
Narcotics & DUI	5
Other Traffic Service	508
Public Complaints	556
Robbery	7
Sex Crimes	5
Suspicious Activity	718
Traffic & Warrants	1098
Unlawful Use of Weapon	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>16,398</b>

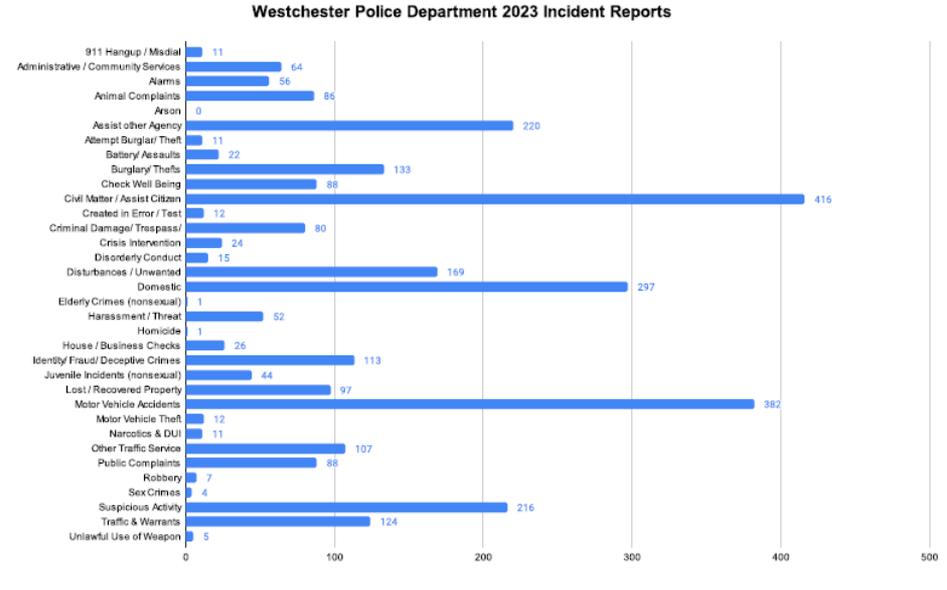


Categories	Descriptions
<b>Burglary / Thefts</b>	Property, Retail, & Services, Loss Property
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	Includes Possession of Stolen Vehicle
<b>Traffic &amp; Warrants</b>	Traffic Stops, Fleeing/Eluding, DUI, Traffic Arrest & Warrant Arrests
<b>Public Complaints</b>	Loud Noise, Parking, Solicitor, Reckless Driving, Fireworks & Littering/Illegal Dumping
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	Includes Village Ordinance Violations
<b>Civil Matter / Assist Citizen</b>	Property Release, Lockout, Accidental Damage, Order Protection, Missing Person, & Child Custody Interference
<b>Homicide</b>	Includes Attempted Murder
<b>Administrative / Community Services</b>	Follow-up, Fees, Community Relations, Notifications, Transports, Training, Maintenance, Fingerprinting, Car wash & Sex Offender Registration, & Property Release
<b>Other Traffic Service</b>	Motorist Assist, Abandon Vehicle, Immobilization, Traffic Control, Repo/Relocate, Obstruction, & TEP
<b>Assist other Agency</b>	Fire, Police, Public Works, & Other Agencies
<b>Suspicious Activity</b>	Person, Vehicle, Circumstance, & Open Window/Door
<b>Robbery</b>	Includes Attempted Robbery
<b>Disturbances / Unwanted</b>	Neighborhood Trouble, Disputes, Shots Fired & Customer Disputes



# Reports Taken

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911 Hangup / Misdial	11
Administrative / Community Services	64
Alarms	56
Animal Complaints	88
Arson	0
Assist other Agency	220
Attempt Burglar/ Theft	11
Battery/ Assaults	22
Burglary/ Thefts	133
Check Well Being	88
Civil Matter / Assist Citizen	416
Created in Error / Test	12
Criminal Damage/ Trespass/ Defacement	80
Crisis Intervention	24
Disorderly Conduct	15
Disturbances / Unwanted	169
Domestic	297
Elderly Crimes (nonsexual)	1
Harassment / Threat	52
Homicide	1
House / Business Checks	26
Identify/ Fraud/ Deceptive Crimes	113
Juvenile Incidents (nonsexual)	44
Lost / Recovered Property	97
Motor Vehicle Accidents	382
Motor Vehicle Theft	12
Narcotics & DUI	11
Other Traffic Service	107
Public Complaints	88
Robbery	7
Sex Crimes	4
Suspicious Activity	216
Traffic & Warrants	124
Unlawful Use of Weapon	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2994</b>



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