

Bethlehem Police Department



2017

Annual Report

Town of Bethlehem, New York

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



On behalf of the men and women of the Bethlehem Police Department, I am pleased and honored to present our Annual Report for 2017. This report contains information on trends in our community as well as the department's proactive approach to crime along with information on department operations, and responsibilities. Our members continue to meet very high standards of training to assure that we have the most capable, effective, efficient and compassionate personnel, along with strong uncompromising enforcement of the laws, which is administered fairly and consistently.

After a lot of research and planning the department will be migrating to a new 800 megahertz shared public safety radio system in partnership with the Albany County Sheriff's Office. The new radio system will allow for enhanced interoperable communications between municipalities in the region. This project is anticipated to be completed by years end or early 2018.

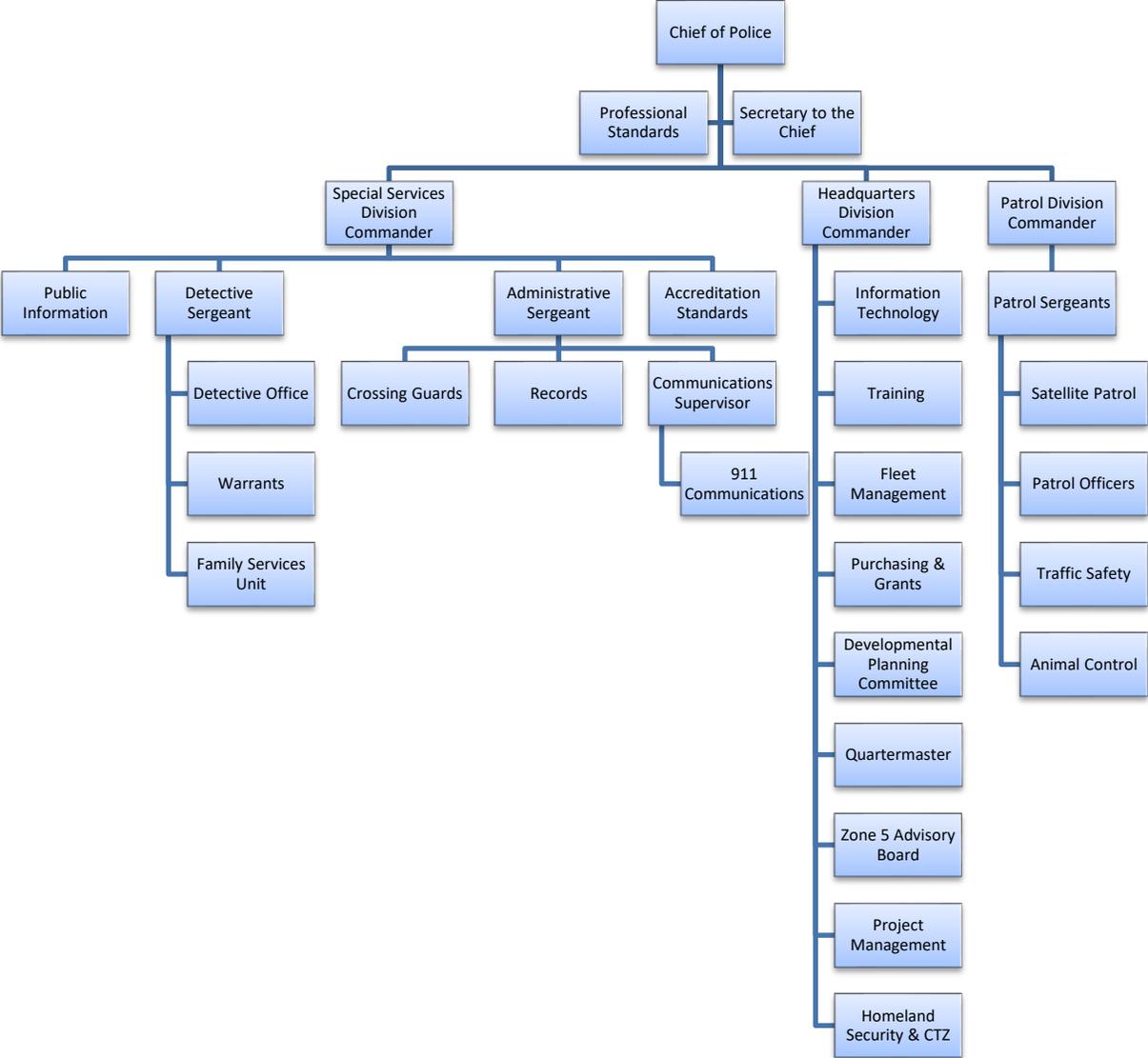
We look forward to 2018 and the many challenges that will undoubtedly face the department. As budget considerations are at the forefront of business decisions, our goals remain the same; to provide the best possible public safety services to our community in a responsible, accountable and cost effective manner. We will never sacrifice service quality when it comes to community safety. Even as we implement service efficiencies, foster sound business practices, and implement fiscally responsible initiatives, we will meet head-on the array of challenges associated with policing our community.

In closing I would like to thank all of the sworn members and civilian employees of BPD for the hard work, dedication, and professionalism that they display each and every day in their service to the Town of Bethlehem.

I welcome your comments and suggestions and hope that you find this report informative.

Respectfully,
Louis G. Corsi
Chief of Police

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Tyler Reinemann *

ADMINISTRATION

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Police Department



Louis G. Corsi *Chief of Police*

Louis G. Corsi is the Chief of Police of the Bethlehem Police Department. He has been a law enforcement officer since 1979 with a degree in Criminal Justice and has held the positions of Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Lieutenant and Deputy Chief before being appointed to the position of Chief in 2003.

Chief Corsi is an active member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Northeastern Chiefs Conference and the F.B.I. Law Enforcement Executive Development Association.

The Chief is a member of the Advisory Board at the Glenmont Job Corps Center, a member of the Albany County Traffic Safety Board and an Executive Board member for the Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Center where he also serves as President on the Board of Directors. Chief Corsi also serves as President of the Executive Board for the Northeastern Chiefs Conference. Appointed by Governor Pataki and then reappointed by Governor Paterson, the Chief held a seat on the New York State Accreditation Council as the representative of the New York State Chiefs Association. He is a strong proponent of police professionalism and continuing education and training.

The police department has assumed a leadership role in the development and implementation of the E-911 countywide emergency communications systems and serves as one of the five primary PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Points) within the county. The department was the first to provide an interactive computer aided dispatch (CAD) and records management system in the county and continues to work closely with federal, state and local agencies to develop new computer applications which will further ensure the delivery of efficient and effective public safety services.

The department is committed to family services and has received statewide recognition for its innovative pro-active programs designed to educate, inform and protect parents and children and to deal with those special types of problems unique to family life and raising children. The police department is a charter member of the Albany County Coalition against Domestic Abuse and actively participates in enforcement, legislation and protection with regards to victims of domestic violence.

Traffic safety is a priority of the department and members have received national, state and local recognition for their accomplishments. The department has received several grants to further traffic safety efforts in the Town of Bethlehem and has accident investigation and reconstruction specialists on staff to determine cause, assist in prosecutions and to determine priorities in our prevention programs. The Division of Criminal Justice Services, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee have honored the department for its contributions to traffic safety.

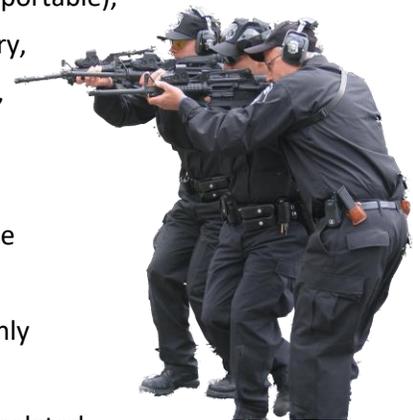
The town has provided state of the art investigational equipment to our detectives including a laser fingerprint device for identifying latent prints, audio and video surveillance equipment, high-resolution photographic capabilities and other technical material used in support of criminal investigations. We have learned that DNA is the fingerprint of the future and have trained our investigators in collecting and identifying DNA evidence, while providing state of the art equipment to accomplish this task. The availability of these types of resources to the investigators provides for increased efficiency and effectiveness and has often led to the identification, apprehension, prosecution and conviction of suspects.

SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION / HEADQUARTERS DIVISION

Deputy Chief Thomas M. Heffernan, Jr. commands the Special Services and Headquarters Divisions. Deputy Chief Heffernan began his law enforcement career in 1990. He has served as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant and patrol commander over the years. Deputy Chief Heffernan holds a degree in criminal justice and is a recent graduate of the FBI National Academy Program. He is responsible for the Detective Office, Family Services Unit, public safety communications, E-911 emergency phone system, computer aided dispatch, police hard copy and electronic records, federal and state record reporting, New York State Sex Offender Registry, Freedom of Information Requests and pistol and explosives licensing. He works closely with local police agencies, fire departments and emergency medical services to assure that responses are coordinated through the communications center so that there is an immediate response to an emergency or other medical service. Sergeant Robert J. Helligrass, Sr. is second in command of the division and in charge of the records section.



The responsibilities of the Headquarters Division include all aspects of departmental training, management of grants, purchasing, overseeing the operation and maintenance of all radio equipment (fixed, mobile and portable), police computer systems (fixed, mobile and portable), Project management, Quartermaster (uniforms and equipment), Inventory, fleet management, crime analysis and statistical research, Annual Report, planning and research. Additionally, Headquarters represents the police department on the town's Developmental Planning Committee. The Development Planning Committee (DPC) consists of representatives of the various Town departments that are involved in facilitating or servicing development projects in Town. The DPC holds regularly scheduled monthly meetings during which prospective developers can present development concepts and receive feedback from the Town on a host of development related issues. The DPC facilitates early communication between the Town and developers during the project concept phase with regard to a variety of issues.



TRAINING

Headquarters is responsible for all departmental training and the maintenance of required certifications. The Division schedules personnel to attend training and sets up in-house programs that we sponsor for law enforcement agencies throughout upstate New York. The Bethlehem Police Department is known statewide for its commitment to law enforcement training and we view the education of our personnel as a very high priority. Although there is an effect on available manpower when personnel are assigned for training, there are certifications that must be maintained regularly.

Some examples include:

- First Aid-CPR, Automatic External Defibrillators
- Firearms Certification (twice a year)
- Rapid Response to an Active Shooter
- Use of Force/Defensive Tactics
- Domestic Violence
- Hazardous Materials/Incident Response
- Blood Borne Pathogens-HIV/AIDS-Hepatitis Risk Avoidance



Federal and state requirements for training are ever increasing and the burden for this training is placed directly on each municipality due to budget cuts. We are very fortunate to have outstanding personnel who are certified trainers so that we may meet and exceed minimum training guidelines. The unfortunate effect of these requirements is the reduction in the number of officers available to respond to calls for service.



The concept of regionalism is clearly demonstrated by our participation in the Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy, which coordinates all state certified training in ten counties. Chief Corsi serves on the Board of Directors as President. This cooperative effort saves money for every municipality in the zone which participates and provides consistent, quality and professional training.

FLEET MANAGEMENT

The Headquarters Division is responsible for the police department fleet of vehicles, consisting of marked and unmarked patrol cars, unmarked administrative/command/detective cars and specialty vehicles. (Field Operations Unit, Forensic Unit and Animal Control vehicle). The goal of fleet management is to provide the necessary transportation for the delivery of services to the people of the Town at the best possible price. We are fortunate to have the Town Highway Department maintaining these vehicles and keeping them in safe operating condition. They do an excellent job at a reasonable cost. Through the management of fleet operations, substantial savings were found in the cost of replacing police vehicles.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Headquarters is also responsible for servicing and supporting the I.T. needs of the police department. Currently the department has a mobile computer fleet consisting of fifteen mobile data terminals or MDTs. Each MDT is a ruggedized Panasonic Toughbook with several peripherals to include a printer, barcode scanner, GPS antenna, and GOBI cell connectivity. The predominant software used in patrol cars is TraCS (Traffic and Criminal Software) which allows for electronic tickets and accident reports to be issued. Electronic tickets and accident reports have greatly increased the efficiency of the department by reducing paper work and time consuming data entry tasks.



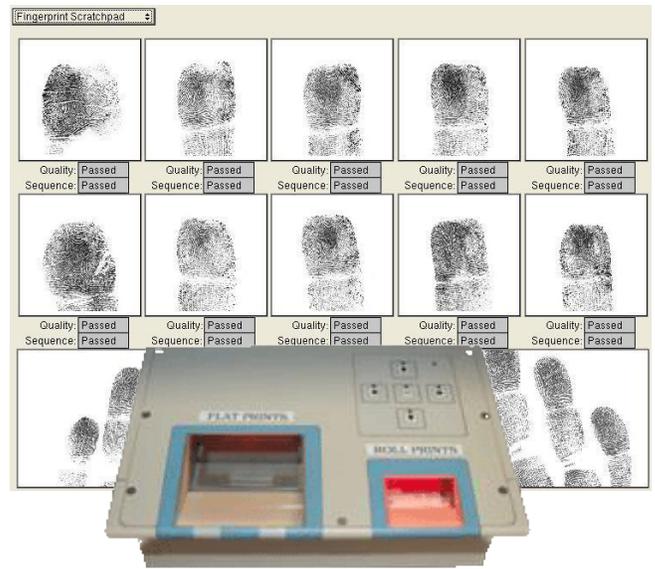
The Police Department is currently in a project to outfit every patrol car with an in car camera system. At the time of this report, approximately half the fleet will have been outfitted with the new Coban cameras. The vehicle data modems allow for the officer to receive information about suspects, and vehicles, directly to their MDT rather than having to rely on a dispatcher to relay information to them over the radio.

Additional technology in the fleet is two License Plate Readers or LPRs (left). The LPR system is a tool that the traffic enforcement officers use to investigate and locate more serious infractions of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law such as, suspended drivers and suspended vehicle registrations. Since the implementation of the LPR system, Vehicle and Traffic Law misdemeanor summons have increased.



The police department also uses technology inside the station, including the arrest booking process. Fingerprints

are no longer done on print cards, but via a laser fingerprinting system that captures the fingerprints and instantly digitizes them for transmission to NYS DCJS and the FBI. Photographs are also done digitally and transmitted along with the fingerprints allowing for rapid confirmation of a suspects identity and more efficient data flow both ways between the department, DCJS and the FBI.



Evidence integrity is a major consideration of any criminal investigation. That is why the Bethlehem Police Department's Detectives Division employs evidence barcode tags. All evidence taken in by the Detectives is tagged with a computer generated barcode label containing pertinent case information and automatically logged into evidence. A handheld barcode scanner

is then used to track the evidence through its life cycle in the department's evidence lockers ensuring that a proper chain of custody is always maintained. The scanner has also increased the efficiency of the Detective Division by greatly decreasing the number of man hours required to conduct evidence inventories.

 The Headquarters Division also maintains a cellular network connecting the patrol cars to both internal and external law enforcement databases. This is accomplished using a VPN or Virtual Private Network that allows for the fast, secure, and uninterrupted exchange of data between patrol vehicles and the police station. Police officers can now access law enforcement records on the road as well as transmit completed accident reports and tickets to the station. This gives our officers the critical information they need at their fingertips and allows the officers to spend more time on patrol and less time in the station.



DETECTIVE OFFICE

The Detective Office consists of three detectives under the immediate direction of the Detective Sergeant. Their duties include the investigation of all major offenses and unattended deaths. They conduct extensive background investigations of applicants for employment and are responsible for the security, storage, accountability and disposition of all evidence and property coming into the possession of the police department. The Detectives Office works closely with the Albany County District Attorney's Office, as well as with the victims of crime. They work cases with investigators from other law enforcement agencies including local police, state and federal authorities. They assist patrol officers in investigations and arrests and ensure continuity in the chain of evidence necessary for the successful prosecution of a criminal case.

FAMILY SERVICES UNIT

The Family Services Unit (FSU) consists of three Detectives, two School Resource Officers and a D.A.R.E. Officer under the immediate direction of Detective Sergeant Gina Cocchiara. Members of the FSU are specially trained and state certified experts in dealing with adolescent behaviors and problems. They are New York State certified Police Juvenile Officers, School Resource Officers and members of the State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association. All FSU members are assigned to specific schools within the Town of Bethlehem in conjunction with their necessary duties.

These assignments assist in creating a relationship that helps with the investigations they are assigned. They visit all elementary, middle and high schools in the Bethlehem School District and A.W. Becker Elementary School in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District, as well as St. Thomas the Apostle Parochial School.



The FSU has an expanded role in the way that the department interacts with families at risk. Not only is the unit responsible for all investigations where the suspect is less than sixteen years of age, but is also directly involved in other family matters, such as: domestic violence follow-up, sex offender notifications /management, elder abuse, child sexual exploitation and abuse both physical and sexual, and provides a number of child safety presentations throughout the town.

The primary focus of the Unit is threefold:

Investigations – Members of the FSU conduct a wide range of investigations. Some of the more common complaints investigated are: Criminal mischief, graffiti, drug sales, drug possession and sexual assaults. Additionally, the FSU conducts “sting” operations to prevent the sale of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products to underage persons.

Prevention - Crime prevention efforts are provided to make individuals, businesses, neighborhoods and certain vulnerable persons more aware of how to protect themselves from becoming the victim of a crime.

Education - Educational and informational programs are conducted throughout the year. Presentations such as internet safety, young adult legal rights, elder concerns, home alone and bicycle/walking safety are some examples.



The FSU works closely with the Albany County Family Court, Albany County Attorney’s Office, Albany County District Attorney’s Office, Albany County Probation Department, Albany County Office of Children and Family Services as well as a variety of other social agencies. The members are sensitive to family dynamics and attempt to bring together all of the resources necessary to help a child or family in crisis. Additionally, the establishment of the Bethlehem Youth Court has provided another avenue for the disposition of non-violent offenses. The involvement of students as prosecutors, judge, jury and defense representatives has had a meaningful impact on all of those who participate as well as the offender, who is judged by his/her peers.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program was initiated in January of 1996 with the approval and cooperation of the Bethlehem Town Board and the Bethlehem Central School District. This pilot program

was completed at the end of the school year and upon review, all agreed to continue the program full time. The program continues today and is recognized statewide as one of the most successful youth violence prevention programs between a municipality and a school district.

The concept behind the SRO Program is simple. To put another positive role model in the schools to help with children at risk, provide specialized teaching and instruction, interact with children in an informal setting and to provide a presence, which helps to assure a safe, effective learning environment. This partnership between the schools and the police has proven to be a very effective means for sharing common concerns and providing a unified effort in our children's education and well-being.

SROs interact with school administration, guidance staff, teachers, school support staff and students. They attend most school social functions and sporting events. They work closely with school staff and parents to support children entering the Middle School and the High School.

Bethlehem Central High School

Detective Chad Rice is assigned to the Bethlehem Central High School during the school year. Detective Rice is a certified school resource officer, juvenile officer and a D.A.R.E. instructor. He is a member of the New York State Juvenile Police Officers Association, the state and national D.A.R.E. Officers Association and the state and national School Resource Officers Association.

Some of the activities that Detective Rice is involved in at the high school include:

- Teaching and participating in Health and Social Problems classes.
- Participating in Government, Business, English, Physics and Physical Education classes.
- Assisting with student orientation in the move from the eighth grade to the ninth grade.
- Partnering with administration and students to help maintain a safe and orderly environment throughout the school year.

Bethlehem Central Middle School

Detective Mike Whiteley is assigned to the Bethlehem Middle School during the school year. Detective Whiteley is a certified school resource officer, juvenile officer and a D.A.R.E. instructor. He is also a member of the New York State Juvenile Police Officers Association and the state and national D.A.R.E. Officers Association. Detective Whiteley remains an active member of the board of directors for the Bethlehem Youth Court. Further information about Detective Whiteley and the SRO program can be found at http://bcsd.k12.ny.us/middle/BCMS_SRO.html

Some of the activities that Detective Whiteley is involved in at the middle school include:

- Teaching Stranger Abduction, Project Adventure, Substance Abuse Avoidance and Physical Education.
- Mediation between students.
- Acting as mentor to several students; assisting with personal problems, school projects and family activities.
- Partnering with school administrators in developing and implementing school safety standards as required by the State Education Department and monitoring the response to assure compliance.
- Participating in school social activities as well as professional development programs attended by the teaching staff.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Detective Ken Beck is assigned to all Town of Bethlehem public Elementary Schools during the school year. Detective Beck's primary responsibility within the schools is to present the nationally known Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. When not teaching D.A.R.E, Detective Beck is frequently called upon to conduct presentations on various child safety issues to students in kindergarten through fourth grades or to assist the School Resource Officers assigned to the other schools.

DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION



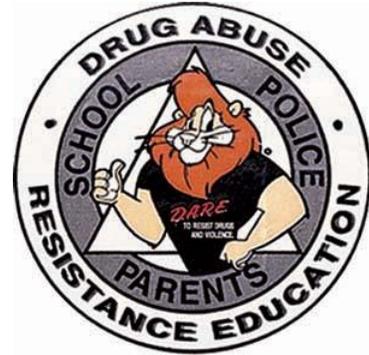
The most visible program that the department provides is Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.). Each fifth grade class at Bethlehem Central Schools and St. Thomas School and A.W. Becker Elementary School is provided this nationally recognized program, teaching more than 500 kids each year. The D.A.R.E. program teaches students self-esteem at a critical time during their adolescence and provides no-nonsense information about drug and alcohol abuse as well as preventing violence.

The D.A.R.E. program is sometimes criticized on a national level, mainly because the value of the program is not fully understood by its critics. Any prevention program is difficult to quantify with regards to its success. D.A.R.E. is just one piece of the puzzle that works together with educators, business leaders, community leaders, the clergy and local government to provide support for adolescents during a difficult time of their life.

The D.A.R.E. Program brings together the many resources in the community in a common effort to provide our children with the knowledge and techniques for avoiding substance abuse, negative peer group pressure and helps to raise a child's self-esteem. The success of this program lies with our ability to bring government, law enforcement, schools, clergy, parents, students and community leaders together, working as partners for the future of our youth.

SUMMARY

The School Resource Officer Program and the D.A.R.E. Program are prevention efforts. Their value cannot be measured or quantified. But in our experience of more than thirty years, we have found that when segments of the community come together with a common mission such as with the schools and the police, the children benefit, the schools enjoy a resource not otherwise available and the image and the effectiveness of the police are increased by making them part of this common effort.



Positive role models in our schools and otherwise in our community provide a base from which our children's lives may be enriched. These partnerships help to provide a safe, nurturing environment and contribute to the quality of life in the Town of Bethlehem.

BIKE PATROL

The Bike Patrol program is used to supplement vehicle operations and provide a presence in areas of the town not readily accessible by patrol cars. It promotes a greater public contact while increasing police presence. Bike patrol officers are also responsible for presenting bicycle safety courses.

CRIME PREVENTION

Preventing crime saves money, saves lives, reduces injury and reduces property loss. The patrol car that you see on the street is by its presence, a crime prevention tool used in conjunction with a formalized crime prevention program that works together with community groups and the elderly to help educate against elder abuse and current crime prevention programs. Specially trained officers follow-up every serious offense to provide information to victims on how better to protect themselves and their property.

OPERATION ID

Operation ID is a program where Crime Prevention Officers provide a distinctive identification number that can be tracked anywhere in the country by any police department. This number, specific to a person or a family, is then applied to any of the owner's property by use of an engraver, provided by the department. The use of owner-applied numbers deters theft and facilitates the recovery and establishment of ownership of lost and stolen property.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



The Police Department is responsible for police, fire, advanced and basic life support and heavy-duty rescue dispatching in the town. Communications personnel are highly trained and have often sustained life, or helped to revive patients while awaiting the arrival of emergency medical services.

CAD, or Computer Aided Dispatching, is a fully interactive system providing computer based support for daily call taking and dispatching of single and multiple units of police, fire and emergency medical services. All call and unit activity are automatically time stamped and tracked. "Run cards", programmed for all of the mutual aid agreements between fire departments and EMS, quickly identify the appropriate units to dispatch, and thereby eliminating any delay. Access throughout the system by all officers and telecommunicators can be made directly to state and federal criminal/informational systems from any terminal.

CAD also coordinates all information coming in to the police department and records information about persons, addresses, offenses and incidents. This data is instantly available when an inquiry is made about any of these subjects and provides lifesaving information to units responding to an emergency.

CAD can provide information such as hazardous material storage, medical histories, history of violence with a person or at an address and other information that is readily available to the first responders to an incident. CAD allows them to more efficiently, safely and effectively serve the public.



CAD further provides for electronic reporting of data required by the federal and state government, the automatic entering and printing of the majority of reports generated by the department and direct-link

operations to the Division of Criminal Justice Services, Motor Vehicle Department, National Crime Information Center and Interpol.

Future enhancements of the CAD system will provide for on-scene direct entry and inquiry to federal, state and local computer data banks. All of this technology will reduce the time needed for an officer to do paperwork in the station and keep more officers available to respond to calls for service.

Fully implemented in 2011, the eJusticeNY Integrated Justice Portal (the Portal) provides a single interface through which authorized users can access information from a variety of federal, state and local agency sources. The Portal improves the administration of justice by ensuring that data needed to support criminal justice is available when and where it is needed through a single point of access – at the click of a mouse! The Portal represents a significant milestone in ongoing and longstanding efforts to enhance the quality and availability of criminal justice information. By tying information together and pushing it to the “front-line”, the Portal addresses the need for an efficient data delivery system, and provides authorized users with simple and inexpensive access to timely and complete information to improve public safety and the administration of justice.

FIELD OPERATIONS UNIT

The field operations unit is capable of providing all emergency functions, including a direct link to state and federal databases, from anywhere in the town. The unit can be used at the scene of major incidents as a command center.

RECORDS

The Records Section secures and stores all departmental records. It is the repository for all departmental records of arrests, incidents, accidents and other departmental reporting. The Records Section is responsible for data entry and retrieval for all federal, state and local statistical reporting. The Records Section is also responsible for all Freedom of Information Requests received. Only authorized personnel can access prohibited information such as juvenile records, sealed court records, etc.

NEW YORK STATE SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRY

New York State provides law enforcement agencies with a registry of sex offenders who have been convicted and are now living in our communities. The Special Services Division maintains this registry and makes information available to the public as allowed by law. Offender Watch is a free resource available to the public that alerts and informs them about registered sex offenders in their neighborhood.

For residents of the Town of Bethlehem the web site is:

http://www.sheriffalerts.com/cap_main.php?office=54797.

There are also links to this resource on the town's web site.



ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is the process by which police organizations demonstrate that they operate within generally accepted standards. Its purpose is to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and professionalism of an agency while promoting training and public confidence in law enforcement. Originally accredited in 1990 as the fourth department statewide to achieve this honor, the Bethlehem Police Department received its fifth re-accreditation in 2015.

PATROL DIVISION



The Patrol Division is commanded by Commander Adam Hornick. Commander Hornick has been a sworn law enforcement member since 2000, and has held the positions of Patrol Officer, Detective and Detective Sergeant. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Marist College and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the State University of New York at Albany. Commander Hornick has also been an instructor at the Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Center for new police recruits since 2003, and has been an instructor for Zone 5 in the training of police supervisors since 2014. In 2015 he also began serving as the Region 3 Vice President of the New York State Association of Traffic Safety Boards.

Six Patrol Sergeants supervise twenty-two Patrol Officers and provide the initial response to calls for emergency services. Patrol personnel work out of the main building located at 447 Delaware Avenue in Delmar and out of a satellite office located in the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance building on Route 9W in Selkirk.

Patrol vehicles are equipped with modern equipment including multi-channel two-way radios, emergency extrication equipment, hazardous/emergency warning lights, signs and other devices and emergency first aid supplies. All of the vehicles have mobile data capability which enables officers to have a direct link to federal and state data bases from the field. All of the patrol officers are trained to sustain life in an emergency until relieved by Emergency Medical Service personnel and have often saved lives, or even brought a victim back to life, through their dedicated efforts.

Officers are provided with safety equipment to make them more visible in reduced lighting situations, disinfectants and cleaning materials to prevent contamination by the AIDS and Hepatitis-B viruses and materials to clean scenes where rabies exposure or other contamination is suspected. Each car also carries biohazard disposal equipment and evidence collecting gear for safely securing biohazard evidence.

The Patrol Division is responsible for the initial investigation of most criminal offenses and motor vehicle crashes. They provide services that are often found in suburban communities that are unavailable to larger municipalities, such as assisting people who are locked out of their vehicle, checking vacant properties and homes when people are away on vacation, as well as many "quality-of-life" issues, through a modified community policing program.

Making property checks for example, is not only a service to our community, but assures that the patrol units get into every residential neighborhood with a degree of regularity. Often the erroneous

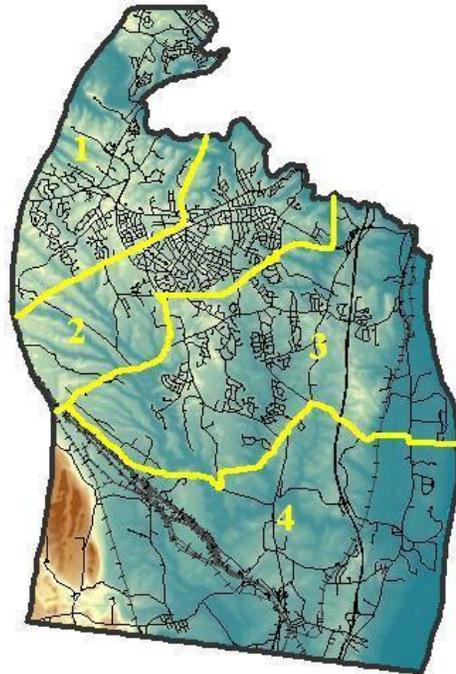
perception is that the police only patrol the main highways, but this is only because they are more visible to more people at those times.

The Bethlehem Police Department takes a pro-active role with regards to traffic safety. All officers regularly enforce traffic laws in residential areas as well as on major highways and in special areas that have been identified as potential hazards. Two officers are specially trained and certified as federal and state inspectors and conduct road checks throughout the town to assure that commercial vehicles are in compliance with all safety regulations.



Federal, state and county grants have been awarded to the police department, which makes it possible for the Patrol Division to engage in selective enforcement activities and "Community Policing" efforts. Some of these activities include STOP-DWI programs; Vehicular Homicide, Manslaughter and Assault initiatives where a person has been killed or seriously injured by a driver under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and Victims' Impact Panels. "Operation Access", a handicapped parking enforcement effort, educational presentations to students and to the public, seat belt/passenger restraint, child safety seat inspection stations, and speed and alcohol enforcement. The purpose of these initiatives is to save lives, prevent and reduce serious injuries to motorists and passengers, and to be part of a nationwide effort to promote the principles of traffic safety.

The town is divided into four patrol zones as determined by the number and type of calls for service. Zone 1 covers Slingerlands and North Bethlehem, Zone 2 covers Delmar and Elsmere, Zone 3 covers Glenmont and parts of Delmar, and Zone 4 covers Selkirk, South Bethlehem and part of Glenmont.



The Satellite Station, located in Selkirk, is responsible for all of the Zone 4 area and portions of Zone 3. Officers report to their office in the Bethlehem Ambulance building for duty and work out of that office 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The response from the public for this effort has been overwhelmingly favorable and our ability to respond to emergencies more quickly in the southern part of the town has saved lives and made the police a more visible presence in the community. Officers working out of the satellite office have formed a "partnership" with the community in the spirit of community policing. Initial funding for this very effective concept has been provided through a "COPPS"

(Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving) grant, a program made possible by the Omnibus Crime Bill of 1994. The satellite office is under the direction of the Station Commander, Sergeant Brian Hughes, an experienced veteran of the department.

The Selkirk satellite operation has involved the police department in the community with excellent results. This program and the "Community Policing" concept has shown itself to be the standard for future public safety policies. Community programs conducted in the satellite areas include snowmobile safety, young boater safety, ATV safety, pedestrian safety and bicycle safety. Crime Prevention and Town Senior Services programs are also provided to residents and businesses. Because of the high volume of truck traffic moving through the area, commercial vehicle safety inspections are conducted in conjunction with the State Department of Transportation to assure that commercial vehicles meet all safety standards.

The Patrol Division of the Police Department is the most visible of all of the public safety services provided in the town. The division takes a very pro-active position in the enforcement of the vehicle and traffic law in an effort to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries. Strict enforcement of speed, seatbelt, and occupant protection, child restraint statutes, active drinking and driving enforcement and the many safety features now found in motor vehicles have led to a dramatic reduction in fatalities and have reduced the severity of injuries suffered in car crashes.

Today there is a much greater public awareness of traffic safety issues. Communities demand that their local governments provide highway safety for vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, in-line skaters and others who share the roadway. The public is also more aware of their own responsibilities in taking steps to maximize personal safety.

Miles driven on patrol in the town average about 360,000 or more per year. The patrol fleet consists of marked vehicles that are fully equipped with emergency equipment and supplies. Vehicles are maintained in top condition economically and efficiently by the Town Highway Department.

The Bethlehem Police Department has a serious concern for the heavy commercial traffic traveling over the roadways in the town. Industries such as CSX, Sabic Innovative Plastics, Owens-Corning, BOC Gases, Air Products, TEPPICO, Callanan Industries and several large freight and construction companies, put large trucks and other vehicles on the road, often laden with hazardous materials or other dangerous cargo. We have taken an active role with the State Department of Transportation in monitoring this traffic and conducting periodic road checks to remove commercial vehicles from the road when they do not meet state and federal safety standards.



TRAFFIC SAFETY



Traffic safety is a broad responsibility for police agencies. The Bethlehem Police Department has established itself as being proactive in many facets of traffic safety while being tempered with consistency and fair enforcement. The department uses the three “E’s” generally associated with traffic safety. Enforcement and Education are the

two more commonly associated components with Engineering being overshadowed.

The goal of our efforts is to reduce every type of crash, including those caused by impaired driving, motorcycles, pedestrians, bicycles and commercial vehicles, making our roadways safer. To accomplish this goal we will remain dedicated to traffic safety and responsive to the community.

Our traffic safety efforts are consistent with national programs and target the dangers of aggressive and distracted driving behaviors, occupant restraint compliance, speed enforcement and zero tolerance for operating while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

There are several independent programs that the department has undertaken and remains committed to that allows a greater commitment to traffic safety as well as a flexibility that continually addresses the changing and varied needs of the Town.

In order to understand our commitment, it is necessary to look at the formalized program, which began in the 1990's. The Department received funding from the National Highway Safety Administration, (NHTSA) through the acceptance of a grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee for restraint compliance and motorcycle helmet enforcement. In response, the department created the position of Traffic Safety Investigator in order to meet the goals set forth by the grant. The resulting efforts by this program in conjunction with overall department participation raised the Town's restraint compliance well beyond the National and State compliance level.

As the traffic safety program evolved, the department expanded its role for both enforcement and education. The following are community presentations made by Traffic Safety Investigators:

- Defensive Driving
- Pedestrian Safety
- Occupant Restraint and child passenger safety
- DWI Deterrence
- Mock DWI crashes for High School students
- High School Driver Education programs
- Alcohol Awareness/SLA Seminar
- Commercial Motor Vehicle awareness & compliance
- Bicycle Safety



These topics have been presented in the Town of Bethlehem and in support of County and State events, which have been held at Colonie Center and Crossgates Mall, as well as other venues such as the Times Union Center and the Empire State Plaza.

Officers start receiving their law enforcement education at the Police Academy. Currently, Chief Louis G. Corsi serves as the Board president for the Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy. The following traffic safety curriculums have been designed for both recruit and in-service personnel:

- Commercial Motor Vehicle enforcement
- Standardized Field Sobriety testing
- Breath Analysis Operators certification/re-certification
- Professional Traffic Stops
- Vehicle and Traffic Law
- Traffic Direction and Control

In addition, the department sends personnel to training conferences, provides in-service training and education on legal updates and court decisions to maintain a high degree of officer proficiency.

New York State has enacted "Zero Tolerance" laws for vehicle operators under the age of twenty-one who drive under the influence of alcohol. Young drivers may now be summoned for a blood content as little as .02% and their driving privileges subsequently suspended or revoked after an Administrative Motor Vehicle hearing.

The Bethlehem Police Department was involved in one of the first cases in Albany County that resulted in a license suspension. Subsequently, the department actively participated in statewide training for officers. Attorneys and motor vehicle administrative law judges participated as well.

The department's goal for community education is to develop voluntary compliance which will further reduce injuries and deaths from traffic crashes, but studies and real experiences have shown that the lessons learned here carried beyond the borders of the Town and impact many other lives.

The department has long realized the changing needs of traffic safety. There is an ongoing analysis of statistics received from the State Department of Motor Vehicles, from data collected by the department and, most importantly, from the involvement of the residents in response to traffic complaints and concerns, which are subsequently investigated and evaluated. The Town is not a large enough sample to forecast broad trends so as to identify clearly a cause and effect relationship. However, what has been seen is that our long term data supports what is being reported on a statewide and national level. This nationwide initiative coordinates state, county and local law enforcement efforts, traffic engineering planning and data collection all in a concerted effort to reduce injury and fatal crashes.

The department's ability to investigate crashes has also been enhanced by funding with the purchase of an electronic total work station (ETWS). This surveying and mapping equipment, most easily recognized at construction sites, had been adapted for use by law enforcement in the collection and documentation of evidence points. The department has used this equipment for vehicle crashes as well as felony criminal cases.

Partnerships have been developed with members of the NY State Police Crash Reconstruction Unit, which have enhanced these investigations and provided documents necessary for presentations to court cases.

The year 2007 brought about many changes in the department, but especially in the field of traffic safety. The Chief of Police, in recognition and acknowledgement of expanding and redefining the role of the Traffic Safety Officer, designated the position as Traffic Safety Investigator. The Investigator status defines more appropriately their job description.

The department implemented the TraCS system equipping all patrol units with mobile data terminals capable of electronic ticketing and motor vehicle/NYSPIN inquiries. In 2008 the role of TraCS was expanded to include electronic accident reports.

The Division of Criminal Justice Services has added new technology to the breath-testing instrument. The department was able to replace the existing breath-testing instrument upgrading to a new generation of infra-red breath-testing instrument.

The Bethlehem Police Department has recognized that the daily commute for many is a quality of life issue. The department continually looks for ways to improve its response to the community's desire to travel in safety. Education, Engineering and Enforcement are all part of the solution. Safety is everyone's business and, though not a pleasant experience, the issuing of citations is a necessary step in the overall traffic safety program to reduce injuries and deaths. When traffic laws are disobeyed, all users of the roadways are endangered. The department hopes that the use of the three "E's" will encourage all to drive safely and responsibly making our roadways safer for all users.

ALBANY COUNTY STOP-DWI PROGRAM

The Albany County Special Traffic Options Program is focused on the enforcement of the Driving While Intoxicated or Impaired laws and provides payments to localities for enforcement, training, education and equipment. Funding comes from fines collected for DWI and DWAI convictions in local courts. The money is turned back to the municipalities through local grants, administered by the County. The department continues to support the saturation patrols known as DWI Blanket Patrols for alcohol and drug impaired enforcement on the County and State level.



Victim Impact panels, the first of which was conducted at the Bethlehem Central High School, mock DWI crashes, and Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.) sponsored events are part of the STOP-DWI program and have continued to personalize the tragedies resulting from alcohol related, speed and non-restraint use crashes in an attempt to heighten the awareness of the seriousness of this problem. The Traffic Safety Investigators and the School Resource Officers partner with students in a continuing commitment to prevent the unnecessary loss of lives.

The Chief of Police, as a member of the Albany County Traffic Safety Board, is able to assure the department's participation in all regional events. Further, the distribution of federal and state funds to police agencies in Albany County must be done with the approval of this board and the Chief's membership provides for equitable distribution for the Town's share of these funds.

ALBANY COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARENESS COMMITTEE

The Bethlehem Police Department is a member of the Albany County Traffic Safety Awareness Committee, which focuses on preventing crashes and reducing injuries through education and coordination of law enforcement agencies for traffic safety events. The committee also provides programs on child restraint seats and occupant protection. Currently, the department holds child safety seat checks by appointment only.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION GRANTS

Federal grants are administered through the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and provided to localities for specific traffic safety efforts with the approval and recommendations of the County Traffic Safety Board. This provides for a consistent, nation-wide direction in priority areas of traffic safety.

NHTSA is currently funding a traffic safety program to encourage the use of seat belts and child restraints, for the dangers of aggressive and distracted driving behaviors, and for driving while intoxicated or impaired enforcement. The purpose of these grants is to reduce every type of crash.

Public education and increasing public awareness is an important part of this effort. Trained officers go into the schools and teach young drivers and students too young to drive the importance of wearing a seat belt and shoulder harness, as well as using child restraint seats whether they are the operator or a passenger. Parents often tell us how they were admonished by their children for not properly using restraints; the kids often quoting the officer that they had met at one of our training programs. Other programs are presented to civic groups, concerned citizens and professional organizations, all in an effort to raise awareness as to the importance of buckling up.

The Bethlehem Police Department, the Chief of Police and our Traffic Safety Investigators have received awards from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the Albany County Traffic Safety Awareness Committee for our efforts, which resulted in seat belt/child restraint compliance, exceeding 80%. This recognition represents the efforts of our officers whose purpose is to save lives and reduce injuries in automobile crashes.

The police department has a continuing Alcohol Awareness Program, which has several purposes - to create a police liaison between the various school, government, parent, student, community and civic groups who share a concern for youths under the age of twenty-one who unlawfully use or possess alcoholic beverages. It also provides factual, non-judgmental information to youths about the dangers of alcohol use and abuse. Our goal is to create an atmosphere in the Town of Bethlehem that tells our children that we know that they have problems, but that we care about their future and are working hard to make Bethlehem a better place to live and grow up. In furtherance of this, our efforts are directed at adults as well as children so that the many influences that contribute to the problems may be addressed.

Our Alcohol Awareness Program compliments our enforcement efforts by providing information to our residents and their children; by becoming part of a community wide effort to intervene with people at risk, or people who put themselves at risk before they suffer medical, legal, emotional or family problems resulting from the use or abuse of alcohol.

ANIMAL CONTROL



The town has one full time Animal Control Officer scheduled for forty hours a week coverage. Calls for Animal Control Services continue to increase, fueled mainly by the public's awareness and concern for the possibility of exposure to rabid animals and most recently, the West Nile Virus. The purpose of Animal Control Services in a suburban community are best described by Animal Control Officer Richard A. Watt:

"To provide the enforcement of the appropriate Federal, State, County and Town laws, regulations and codes. To provide humane care to animals both domestic and wild. To protect both people from animals and animals from people. To provide educational information to the public concerning animal/people cohabitation. To help coordinate the efforts of different groups and agencies involved with the above. To serve the residents, their guests and their animal companions of the Town of Bethlehem, in a professional and compassionate manner."

Animal Control Services are provided by specially trained and equipped personnel who are also available in emergency situations. They are active in assisting our residents with domestic and wild animal problems, presenting informational seminars on rabies and other animal threats, licensing, animal cruelty enforcement and town code enforcement.

Animal Control also contributes in many unseen ways, such as a first line of warning for environmental problems and diseases. Animal Control Officers collect and provide the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Wildlife Pathology Unit with specimens that meet certain criteria for forensic

examination, such as rabies vector species, suspicious or unnatural animal deaths and various birds such as crows and their related species. Animal Control is and has been for years the single-leading contributor to the New York State Wildlife Pathology Unit of gathered animal specimens in the state. The results of these submissions have provided evidence of illegal hunting, illegal pesticide application and toxic waste. In addition, it allows a variety of other agencies such as the New York State Department of Health and Center for Disease Control to use the information gathered from animal submissions to monitor and understand such diseases as rabies and West Nile Virus.

The Capital District Animal Control Officers Association was formed in 1995 with Bethlehem ACO Richard Watt elected the first president. They are dedicated to:

- Increasing requirements and qualifications for officers
- Improving public education
- Working more closely with the public
- Improving training
- Improving interdepartmental cooperation
- Attaining peace officer status to more effectively enforce cruelty to animal statutes.

Animal Control Officer Richard A. Watt continues to serve the Town of Bethlehem with compassion and kindness, and a dedication to protecting our residents, their pets and wildlife in general.

Crime Reporting

NYS Incident-Based Reporting (IBR)

Incident-based reporting (IBR) is a streamlined way of submitting a police department's required crime reports. IBR replaces multiple reports with a single monthly computerized submission. Instead of summarizing key events, Incident Based Reporting records specific incident details, including information about the offender, victim, and property. Data are collected on all types of crimes, not just the most serious offenses. If multiple crimes occur during a single incident, they are all reported. DCJS then uses the computer-generated IBR files to classify the crimes into Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) categories.

Advantages of Using IBR

1) IBR reduces police department crime report paperwork and saves staff time. Uniform Crime Reporting requires the department to submit seven different monthly forms. These forms can be complex and time consuming to complete. IBR files are produced by the department's records management system (RMS) software and submission of most data can be done by email.

2) IBR improves the accuracy of reported information. When agencies transition to IBR, they generally report improved accuracy in their reported crime data. Agencies report that there are significantly fewer errors with regard to classification of crimes. In addition, crimes that are reported and then subsequently determined to be unfounded are automatically removed from the IBR submission files. The current UCR reporting protocols have no mechanism to remove unfounded cases from the month in which they were originally reported.

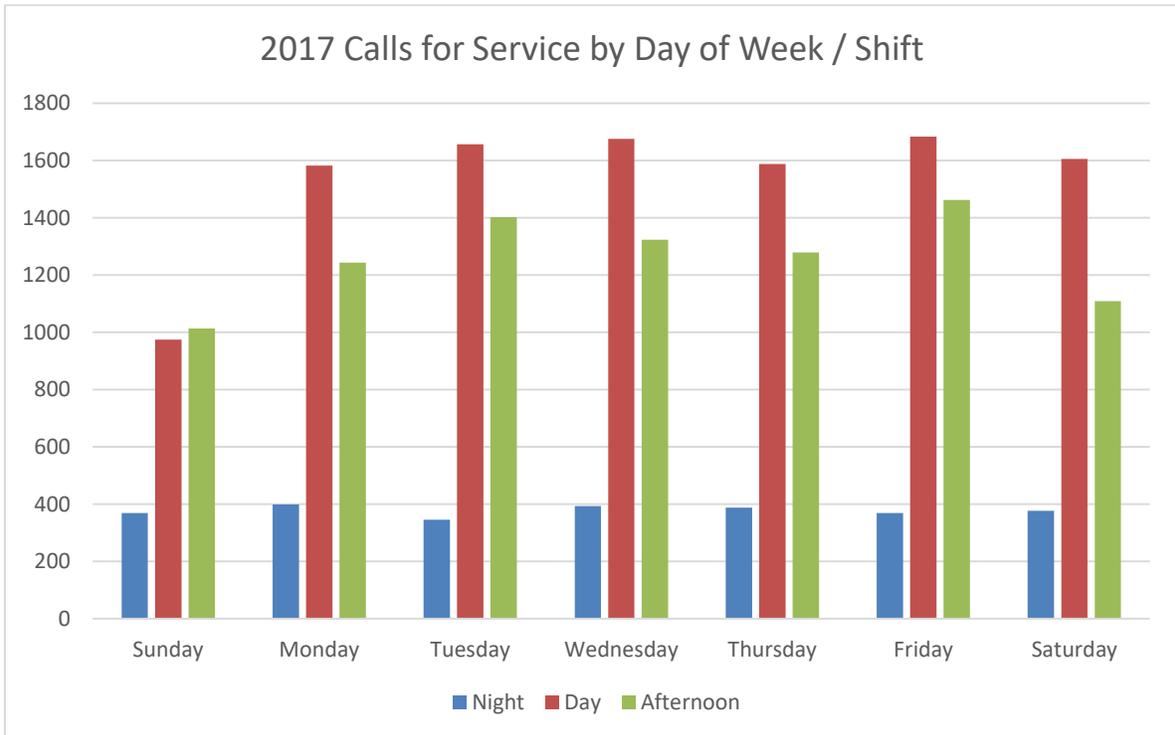
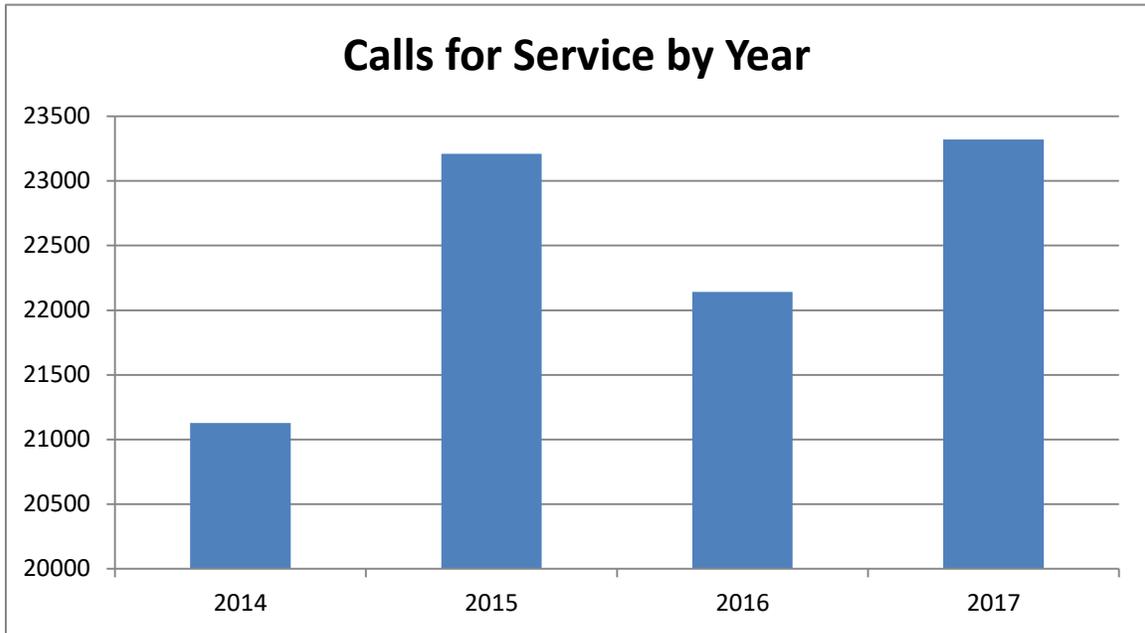
3) IBR expands the information on the local crime picture which is readily available to local departments. All participating IBR agencies receive a crime analysis report on their reported crime from DCJS. This report provides an excellent starting point for understanding the local crime picture, and includes details on victims, suspects, crime locations, drugs seized and weapons used. Ad hoc reports are also generated by DCJS upon request. In addition, the structure of IBR files makes local crime analysis, including mapping, easier to do.

CHARTS

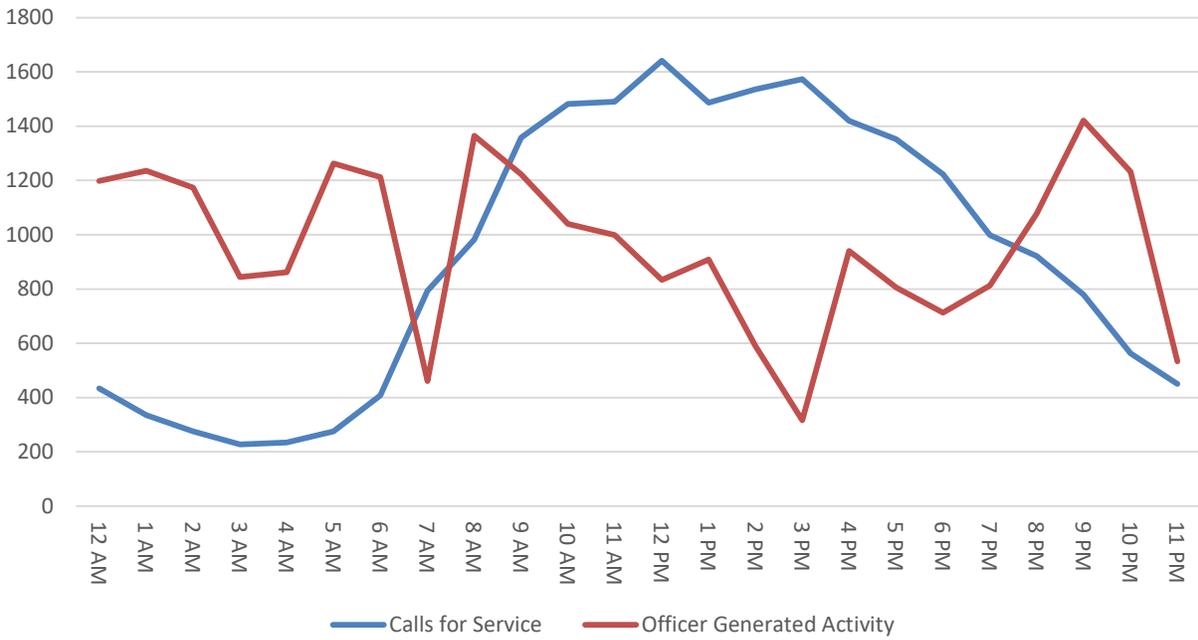
IBR Offenses

IBR Offense	2015	2016	2017
100 - Kidnapping	2	2	4
11A - Forcible Rape	4	1	4
11B - Forcible Sodomy	7	6	3
11C - Sexual Assault with an object	0	2	0
11D - Forcible Fondling	11	13	7
11E - Course of Repeated Sexual Contact	4	0	0
120 - Robbery	2	2	4
13A - Aggravated Assault	14	11	13
13B - Simple Assault	177	155	188
13C - Intimidation	55	54	42
200 - Arson	1	0	0
210 - Extortion/Blackmail	0	2	1
220 - Burglary/Breaking and Entering	60	53	46
23A - Pocket-Picking	1	0	1
23B - Purse-Snatching	2	1	0
23C - Shoplifting	99	170	177
23D - Theft from a Building	75	74	54
23E - Theft from a Coin-Operated Machine or Device	1	0	0
23F - Theft from a Motor Vehicle	40	25	38
23G - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	11	7	9
23H - All Other Larceny	229	190	223
240 - Motor Vehicle Theft	9	8	9
250 - Counterfeiting/Forgery	44	39	34
26A - False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	5	6	7
26C - Impersonation	149	95	103
280 - Stolen Property Offenses	11	12	14
290 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	159	160	148
35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations	105	102	113
35B - Drug Equipment Violations	4	11	6
36B - Statutory Rape	3	2	1
370 - Pornography/Obscene Material	2	16	2
510 - Bribery	1	0	0
520 - Weapon Law Violations	14	14	22
90A - Bad Checks	6	3	5
90C - Disorderly Conduct	2	3	2
90D - Driving Under the Influence	127	79	108
90F - Family Offense, Nonviolent	0	2	1
90H - Peeping Tom	2	0	0
90J - Trespass of Real Property	102	67	99
90Z - All Other Offenses	673	611	599
999 - Do Not Count	1	3	97
TOTAL OFFENSES	2215	2001	2184

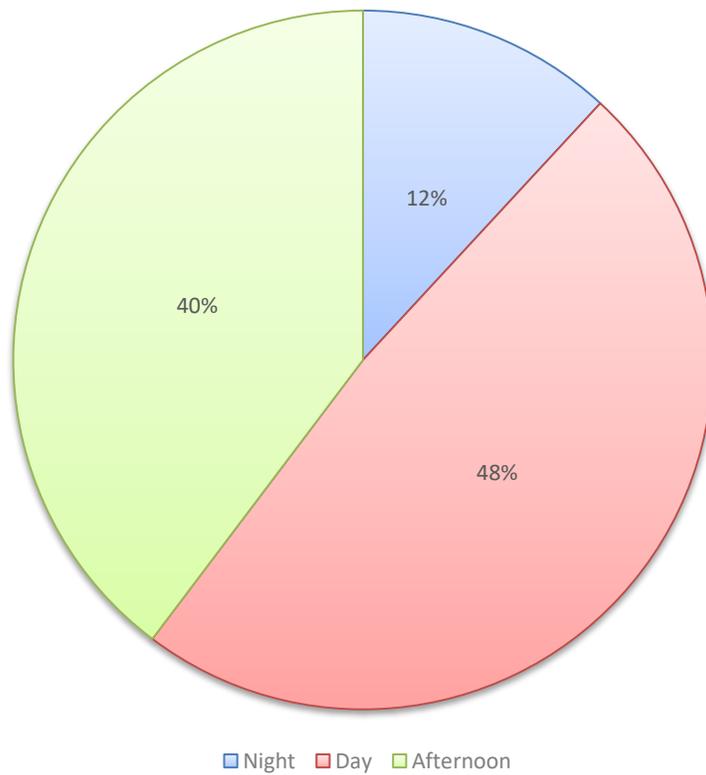
CALLS FOR SERVICE



2017 Calls for Service and Officer Generated Activity by Hour of Day



2017 Calls for Service by Shift



HEADQUARTERS

Training Hours:

	2015	2016	2017
Police Department Personnel	1,357	4,341	2,107
Communications Personnel	0	74	170
Animal Control	0	30	0
TOTALS	1,357	4,445	2,277



SPECIAL SERVICES

Family Services Unit

	2015	2016	2017
Calls for service	1,011	1,029	985
Reports	115	121	96
Adult arrest	32	41	21
JV arrest	17	11	16
Investigations	860	865	486
School events	78	65	65
Referral to CPS/MH	22	25	21
Sex offender registry	80	84	67
Senior Programs	4	3	2
D.A.R.E. classes taught	146	146	156

Family Services Unit Programs:

During 2016 FSU members also taught the following programs to our schools and community. These multi-faceted programs are designed as outreach programs and are taught in a variety of locations in town. The purpose of these programs is awareness, education, safety and crime prevention. During the year these family services programs reached our community's youth, parents and elderly population in efforts to raise awareness and partner with the community.

In school programs

Internet safety
 Investigations Q & A
 US Constitution and Law
 Career Day
 CSI
 Fingerprinting
 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety
 Officer Friendly
 Constitution Day
 Men/Women in law enforcement
 Halloween safety
 Santa letters

Community programs

Cell/internet safety
 School safety (for parents)
 Personal safety
 Camp Counselor training
 Fingerprinting
 Crimes against the elderly
 Consequences of Actions
 BYC Code of conduct
 Officer friendly
 Halloween tour and safety
 BYC Induction
 Station tours

PATROL DIVISION

Patrol:

	2015	2016	2017
Motor vehicle stops	5,315	5,889	8,166
Traffic Arrests	2,218	2,361	3,606
Speed Arrests	238	425	594
DWI Arrests	73	50	56
Violation Arrests	141	168	348
Misdemeanor Arrests	563	532	480
Felony Arrests	134	159	117
Seat Belt/ Child Restraint Violations	80	88	154
Cell Phone Use	84	84	256
Parking/Warning Tickets	62	112	290
Traffic Details in response to Community Concerns	1,643	3,069	3,461
Fatal Accidents	0	1	1
Personal Injury Crashes	122	140	125
Alcohol Related Personal Injury Crashes	9	7	9
Property Damage Crashes	642	603	661
Property Damage Crashes (Non-Reportable)	360	335	279
Property Checks	11,684	10,086	9,939

SELECTED ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS

	2015	2016	2017
Information Requested	0	3	2
Animal Annoying	253	229	241
Animal Bite	10	20	18
Animal Cruelty	87	71	81
Dead/Injured Animal	266	270	303
Lost animal	165	141	165
Found Animal	138	150	130
Rabies Investigation	39	68	101
Running at Large	222	220	207
Trapped Animal	3	5	7
Animal other	129	212	95
Total	1,312	1,389	1,350

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service by Dispatch Type:

CAD INCIDENT TYPE	
911 EQUIPMENT FAILURE	5
ABC-UNDER AGE DRINKING (65C)	5
ACCIDENT-INVOLVING A BOAT	1
ACCIDENT-INVOLVING AIRCRAFT	1
ACCIDENT-LEAVING THE SCENE OF A PDA	97
ACCIDENT-OTHER	27
ACCIDENT-PERSONAL INJURY AUTO	137
ACCIDENT-PROPERTY DAMAGE AUTO	850
ACCIDENT-Unknown Injury Auto	6
ALARM-BURGLARY NON-BANK	1015
ALARM-BURGLARY-BANK	11
ALARM-OTHER	95
ALARM-ROBBERY BANK	1
ALARM-ROBBERY NON-BANK	4
ALL OTHER INCIDENTS	1598
ALL OTHER SELF INITIATED ACTIVITY	646
Animal Control Request for info	2
ANIMAL CONTROL-All Other	93
ANIMAL CONTROL-Animal Annoying	241
ANIMAL CONTROL-Animal Cruelty	81
ANIMAL CONTROL-Animal In Trap	7
ANIMAL CONTROL-Dead/Injured Animal	303
ANIMAL CONTROL-Dog Bite to Human	18
ANIMAL CONTROL-Dog Killing Animal	3
ANIMAL CONTROL-Dog Running at Large	207
ANIMAL CONTROL-Found Animal	130
ANIMAL CONTROL-General Assistance	64
ANIMAL CONTROL-Lost Animal	165
ANIMAL CONTROL-Overdue Dog License Inv	2
ANIMAL CONTROL-Possibly Rabid Animal	101
ARREST-BENCH WARRANT-BETHLEHEM COURT	40
ARREST-BETHLEHEM COURT WARRANT	190
ARREST-OTHER	85
ARREST-OTHER AGENCY	1
ASSIST-AMBULANCE/EMS	3044

ASSIST-CDPC	5
ASSIST-CITIZEN (DIRECTIONS,INFO,ETC)	1180
ASSIST-FIRE DEPARTMENT (RESCUE/TRAFFIC)	762
ASSIST-OTHER	26
ASSIST-OTHER PD/LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY	370
AWOL FROM INSTITUTION-NOT FILE 6 YET	12
BURGLARY	36
Call Transfer	3
CHECK-FOR DEBRIS IN ROADWAY	199
CHECK-FOR EXPLOSION	2
CHECK-FOR FLOODING CONDITION	11
CHECK-FOR GAS ODOR/LEAK	2
CHECK-FOR WIRES DOWN/ARCING	49
CHECK-ON ROAD CONDITION	51
Child Safety Seat Check	77
COMMUNITY CONTACT	13
Court Security Detail	83
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	121
Department Sponsored Program	1
Detective Office Investigation	152
DISORDERLY CONDUCT/PERSON	5
DISPUTE-CIVIL	17
DISPUTE-DOMESTIC-BELIEVED/NON-VIOLENT	214
DISPUTE-NEIGHBOR	58
DNA Child ID Kit	1
DNA Sample	21
DRUG RELATED INCIDENT	490
Employee Background Check	2
Equip in need of service	68
FAMILY COURT ORDER VIOLATION	21
Family Services Programs	333
Fingerprinting	87
FIREWORKS	45
FOIL Request	152
FOLLOW-UP	878
FORGERY	105
HARASSMENT	56
HARASSMENT-AGGRAVATED	68
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	30
INFORMATION-POLICE/GENERAL	1141
LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTE	10
LARCENY-BAD CHECKS	9
LARCENY-GENERAL PETIT/GRAND	326

LARCENY-POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY	1
LARCENY-SHOPLIFTING PETIT/GRAND	147
LARCENY-THEFT OF SERVICES	5
Letter of Good Standing	13
LOCKOUT RESIDENCE	13
LOST LICENSE PLATE	41
MOTOR VEHICLE STOP	323
NOISE COMPLAINT	74
NOISE-LOUD PARTY	10
On Job Injury	10
OPEN DOOR	43
Order of Protection violation	19
PERSON-ACTING STRANGELY	1
PERSON-ANNOYING	15
PERSON-CHECK ON THE WELFARE OF	399
PERSON-DESPONDENT	102
PERSON-INTOXICATED	23
PERSON-MISSING (FILE 6)	42
PERSON-OTHER	53
PERSON-SUSPICIOUS	362
PERSON-UNWANTED	96
PERSON-WITH GUN	9
PISTOL PERMIT APPLICATION	81
POWER OUTAGE	16
Project Child Safe	5
PROPERTY LOST	89
PROPERTY-CHECK VACATIONS/ETC.	369
PROPERTY-FOR DESTRUCTION	20
PROPERTY-FOR SAFE KEEPING	10
PROPERTY-FOUND/ABANDONED	152
PROPERTY-OTHER	36
PROWLER	8
Record Check	359
Request Report	231
ROBBERY-STRONGARM/WEAPON	3
Serve family court papers	44
SEWER PROBLEM	157
Sex Offender Registration	67
SEX OFFENSES/RELATED INCIDENTS	17
Street Light Malfunctions	15
TEST	78
Threatened School Violence	1
TOWN-SOLICITING W/O A PERMIT	9

TOWN-UNLAWFUL DUMPING	8
Traffic Detail	258
TRAFFIC-CHECK FOR POSSIBLE DWI	25
TRAFFIC-CHECK FOR RECKLESS DRIVER	4
TRAFFIC-HAZARD	161
TRAFFIC-OTHER	98
TRAIN/RAILROAD COMPLAINTS	16
TRESPASS	29
VEHICLE-ABANDONED	16
VEHICLE-BLOCKING	64
VEHICLE-DISABLED (IN/OUT OF TRAFFIC)	341
VEHICLE-ERRATIC OPERATION	388
VEHICLE-IN VIOLATION (PARKING, ETC)	68
VEHICLE-INSPECTION RE EQUIPMENT VIOL	86
VEHICLE-LOCKOUT	265
VEHICLE-OFF ROAD	63
VEHICLE-OTHER	223
VEHICLE-STOLEN/UNAUTHORIZED USE	11
VEHICLE-SUSPICIOUS	353
VIOLENCE-ASSAULT	16
VIOLENCE-ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	9
VIOLENCE-DOMESTIC/VIOLENT	154
VIOLENCE-FIGHT	23
VIOLENCE-OTHER	3
VIOLENCE-SHOTS FIRED UNKNOWN	52
VIOLENCE-UNATTENDED DEATH	34
Warrant Issued	17
WATER PROBLEM	150
YOUTHS ANNOYING	76
Grand	23147

2017 SYNOPSIS OF SIGNIFICANT CASES

January 12, 2017 – Bethlehem Patrols conducted a motor vehicle stop on a vehicle observed failing to stop for a sign. The operator exited the vehicle and fled on foot from the stop location. The vehicle was found to be a rental vehicle leased to a Troy man. The investigation revealed that the man was driving with a revoked driver's license and had multiple outstanding warrants for his arrest. An arrest warrant was signed and the man was arrested for multiple Vehicle and Traffic Law violations a misdemeanor charge for Resisting Arrest and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana charges. 17-687

January 12, 2017 – Bethlehem Police investigated a report from a local business where an employee was falsifying business records and stealing cash proceeds from sales. The Albany man was arrested for felony Grand Larceny and Falsifying Business records. 17-698

January 16, 2017 – A Delmar man was arrested by Parole Officers for violating his conditions as a sex offender by possessing a cellular phone with active social media accounts. Bethlehem Detective's arrested the man for Sex Offender Failing to Report a Change of Status, a felony. He was immediately placed in the Albany County Jail. 17-896

February 21, 2017 – Bethlehem Police began an investigation resulting from a complaint of multiple larcenies from a Glenmont home improvement store. After reviewing surveillance video and securing suspect vehicle information an Albany man was identified and arrested and charged with Grand Larceny. 17-2958

March 1, 2017 – After a lengthy investigation into a burglary spree which spanned seven counties and multiple police agencies, a Waterford man was arrested and charged with felony counts of Burglary and Grand Larceny and misdemeanor counts of Criminal Mischief and Petit Larceny. The man admitted to over thirty burglaries prior to sentencing. 16- 13349, 16-13391, 16-14212

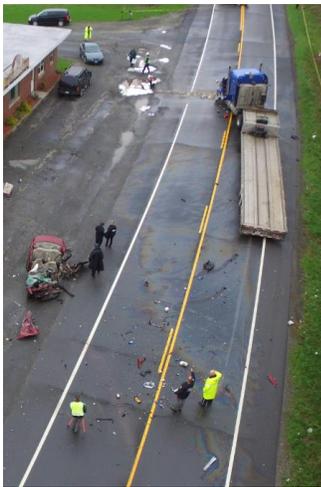
March 7, 2017 – Bethlehem Police responded to a Selkirk residence in reference to a domestic dispute. It was reported that a male subject assaulted another person and then intentionally rammed his vehicle into a car that two children were seated in. The male subject then rammed his vehicle into the overhead garage door causing extensive damage, and then fled on foot. Bethlehem Police assisted by the Albany County Sheriff's K9 unit searched the area. Bethlehem Police continued to search the area overnight and into the morning. Bethlehem Police established a perimeter in a heavily wooded area and were assisted by the New York State Police aviation in efforts to locate the suspect. During this search members of the Bethlehem Police located the suspect on Elm Avenue in the area of Jericho Road and he was taken into custody without incident. The Selkirk man was charged with felony counts of Aggravated Criminal Contempt and Criminal Mischief in the second degree. He was also charged with misdemeanor counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Assault in the third degree, Reckless Endangerment in the second degree and False Impersonation. 17-3811

March 10, 2017 – A Delmar youth was arrested for making a terroristic threat after he distributed a picture throughout social media holding what appeared to be an AR15 with a statement attached

stating “Who wants to shoot up a school with me”. He was arrested by Bethlehem Police School Resource Officers and sent to the Albany County Probation Department. 17-3927

March 15, 2017 – A report of criminal mischief was taken after a motor vehicle was intentionally damaged by a thrown beer bottle. Evidence collected at the scene of the crime was processed by Bethlehem Detectives and forwarded to the NYSP Lab for analysis. A positive DNA identification was made and the man admitted to the crime and was arrested and charged with a misdemeanor count of Criminal Mischief. 15-21349

April 19, 2017- After an investigation involving Bethlehem detectives and National Grid personnel, a Glenmont woman was identified as stealing \$16,989 worth of electricity service to her home from 2011 through 2017. 17-5202



April 25, 2017 – Bethlehem Police and Selkirk Fire responded to a personal injury automobile crash, car versus tractor trailer on River Road in Selkirk. The operator of the passenger vehicle was found deceased on scene and his passenger was unresponsive with serious life threatening injuries. The passenger was extracted from the vehicle by Selkirk Fire and was transported to Albany Medical Center. The operator of the tractor trailer was not injured. New York State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit along with a Bethlehem Traffic Safety Investigator and Bethlehem Police worked to reconstruct the crash. After many months of investigative efforts, the cause was attributed to the passenger car’s operator failing to keep right. 17-6770

April 28, 2017- Bethlehem Police Detectives investigate a report of animal cruelty. A Delmar man was found to be housing his elderly dog in a small locked room while keeping the heat to the apartment turned up to temperatures over 100 degrees Fahrenheit causing the dogs premature death. He was arrested and charged under the Agriculture and Markets Law with Animal Cruelty. 17-6934

April 29, 2017 - Bethlehem Police arrested an Albany man on an outstanding federal warrant after a traffic stop. It was determined that the operator of the vehicle did not have a driver’s license and was wanted by the United States Department of Homeland Security on a sealed indictment issued out of the United States District Court in the Judicial District of Puerto Rico for Dangerous Drugs and a Conspiracy to Distribute Dangerous Drugs, in violation of the United States Code. 17-15584

May 15, 2017 – Bethlehem Detective’s investigated a report of a town employee stealing money from the town landfill. A Selkirk man was arrested after an investigation proved he had been improperly charging and collecting sums of money from various land fill customers and pocketing the proceeds. The man was charged with multiple counts of felony Falsifying Business Records and Petit Larceny. 17-8174

May 20, 2017 – The Bethlehem Police responded to an in progress fight at a Glenmont department store. Three females approached the customer service manager and one of the females forcibly

removed a necklace from the employee. A fight ensued and the three female suspects assaulted the employee before fleeing the store. The suspects were quickly identified and warrants were issued for their arrest for two felony counts of Robbery, a felony count of Conspiracy and a misdemeanor count of Assault. 17-8575

May 25, 2017 – The Bethlehem Police conducted a SLA (State Liquor Authority) sting at various local businesses which are licensed to sell alcohol. During the sting three business establishments were cited for misdemeanor counts of unlawfully dealing with a child for selling alcohol to an under aged person working with Bethlehem detectives. 17-8951, 17-8953, 17-8956

May 30, 2017 – The Bethlehem Police along with the FBI, NYSP, Schenectady Police, Child Protective Services and local news media outlets worked together to successfully locate a 16 year old missing person. The youth was safely located on June 9, 2017 in an apartment building in Schenectady. 17-9261

June 11, 2017 – The Bethlehem Police were notified of a plane crash at the South Albany Airport. A Briarcliff NY man attempting to land his plane, landed short of the runway causing his plane to lose the front tire. The plane skidded for a rough landing however, no injuries were reported. The runway was closed for a number of hours while the Bethlehem Police and NTSB investigated the incident. 17-10030



June 19, 2017 – Bethlehem Police responded to a Glenmont bank for a report of a male and a female attempting to cash fraudulent checks. Upon arrival the couple was still inside the bank and were arrested. The couple, both Albany residents, had attempted to cash fraudulent checks earlier in the day at two other banks in the capital district. The female was charged with a felony count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument and both parties were additionally charged with Attempted Grand Larceny and a misdemeanor count of Conspiracy. 17-10642



July 11, 2017 – An investigation involving months of surveillance on a Selkirk residence resulted in a search warrant being conducted with the assistance of the NYSP and ACSO. Bethlehem Detectives uncovered a large marijuana grow room and various unregistered firearms. The occupants of the residence, a male and female were charged with multiple counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon and Unlawful Growing of Cannabis and Criminal Possession of Marijuana. 17-11503



July 22, 2017 – The Bethlehem Police responded to a report of a suspicious person on River Road in Glenmont. After interviewing this person it was found that he was in the area looking to pick up friends who had called him for a ride due to their boat taking on water. Bethlehem Patrol located the two individuals from the sinking boat on shore a short time later. Observations revealed that the male who admitted to piloting the boat showed signs of intoxication. He was subsequently instructed to complete field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was placed in custody and charged with Boating While Intoxicated. 17-13107

July 26, 2017 – Bethlehem Police arrested an Albany man for public lewdness. Bethlehem Police responded to the waiting room of a Slingerlands doctor's office after receiving a complaint of a male engaging in a lewd act while in the waiting room. The man was arrested and charged with one misdemeanor count of Public Lewdness. 17-13318

August 8, 2017 – The Bethlehem Police conducted a joint investigation with the Albany County Sheriff's Department, which yielded information leading to the apprehension of a Delmar man, involving theft from multiple construction companies in the Capital District. The man was charged with multiple counts of misdemeanor Auto Stripping, Petit Larceny, and Trespass. 17-12999, 17-13163, 17-13226

August 10, 2017 – Bethlehem Police responded to an Eddy Alert call to 911 reporting an active domestic and physical altercation. Upon patrol's arrival the officers had to physically remove and restrain a female from assaulting her ailing husband while he lie in his bed. The woman was charged with felony counts of Assault and Strangulation and Endangering the Welfare of a Vulnerable Elderly Person. The case was

indicted by a Grand Jury and the woman now faces an additional charge of Attempted Murder. This case is still pending in county court. 17-14302

August 23, 2017 – The Bethlehem Police received a report that a 2007 Toyota Prius had been stolen from Glenmont. Shortly after receiving the report the vehicle was found crashed, unoccupied in the City of Albany. The car was towed back to Bethlehem and held as evidence. Bethlehem Detectives quickly determined that the vehicle was never stolen, and the story had been fabricated to conceal the fact that the driver was on parole with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and was not supposed to be driving prior to the accident. The vehicle owner, a female from Albany, was arrested and charged with misdemeanor counts of Conspiracy and Making a False Written Statement. Bethlehem Police also arrested an Albany man with misdemeanor counts of Falsely Reporting an Incident and Conspiracy. 17-15194

September 1, 2017 – The Bethlehem police were called to a Delmar pharmacy for a report of two persons attempting to use counterfeit bills to load and activate gift cards. The suspects left the store before patrols arrival. A short time later the NYSP located the suspect vehicle occupied by the couple. The NYSP and Bethlehem Police secured counterfeit 100 dollar bills. The female suspect, a Brooklyn resident and the male suspect, a Bronx man were arrested and charged with 18 counts of possessing a forged instrument, grand larceny and conspiracy, all felonies. 17-15812

September 2, 2017 – The Bethlehem Police were called by a Glenmont gas station regarding the passing of a fraudulent \$20.00 bill for merchandise and US currency change. After an investigation was conducted the identity of the suspect was made. A search warrant of his Albany residence was conducted. The man was charged with a felony count of Possession of a Forged Instrument and Petit Larceny. 17 – 15853

September 9, 2017 – The Bethlehem Police responded to a Delmar sports apparel store where an assault on the store clerk had just taken place. The clerk had intercepted fraudulent credit cards that a man was trying to use to purchase sneakers. The clerk also secured the suspects ID prior to the suspect becoming irate and attacking the clerk and biting him in his right hand. An investigation into the suspect revealed he was also a suspect in a larceny and use of fraudulent credit cards in the local supermarket. A warrant of arrest was issued and the Brooklyn man was arrested and charged with 2 felony counts of Possession of a Forged Instrument, Burglary, felony Assault and misdemeanor Scheme to Defraud and Petit Larceny 17-19833 and 17-17594



September 10, 2017 – Bethlehem Police responded to a report of a despondent Slingerlands male who had left his residence on foot. Patrols responded to the area in search of the man. Within minutes a call was received from an area residence that a male had broken a window and was inside of the home. Patrols arrived to find the despondent male naked and running through the house bleeding from a laceration to his foot. The man was arrested and transported to a local hospital for treatment. He was then charged with felony counts of Burglary and Criminal Mischief and remanded to Albany County Jail in lieu of \$100,000.00 cash/bond. 17-16344

September 24, 2017 – Bethlehem Police responded to a reported traffic crash on South Albany Road in the area of Currey Avenue in Selkirk. The crash scene showed a 2013 Chevrolet Express Van had exited the roadway and crashed into a tree, sending a wheel from the van into a parked car. Witnesses reported to police that the operator and a young child fled from the vehicle on foot. Bethlehem Police located the operator and the five-year-old child in a nearby residence. As a result of the investigation the Selkirk man was arrested and charged with one felony count of Aggravated DWI with a Child in the Vehicle, and misdemeanor counts of Driving While Intoxicated, Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Blood Alcohol Content Greater than .08%, Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated for Operating a Motor Vehicle with a Blood Alcohol Content of .18% or Greater, Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Accident, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and multiple traffic infractions. The man was remanded to the Albany County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail. 17-17240

October 9, 2017 - After an investigation regarding the passing of forged payroll checks was uncovered, Bethlehem Detectives arrested an Albany woman for a felony count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument and a Misdemeanor count of Petit Larceny. 17-13430

November 11, 2017 - An investigation involving the Bethlehem Police Department and AT&T Senior Investigators resulted in the identification and arrest of a Ravena man for Grand Larceny of various electronic products from the AT&T store in Glenmont. 17-20407

December 1, 2017 - The Bethlehem Police conducted a SLA (State Liquor Authority) sting at various local businesses which are licensed to sell alcohol. During the sting two business establishments were cited for misdemeanor counts of unlawfully dealing with a child for selling alcohol to an under aged person working with Bethlehem detectives. 17-21593 & 17-21608

December 2, 2017 – Bethlehem Police responded to Hoffman’s Car Wash for a report of found human remains. A hunter tracking a deer came upon the remains approximately 50 yards off of the hillside

behind Hoffman's Care Wash. The body was first photographed, evidence collected and then transported to the Albany Medical Center Morgue for examination by a medical examiner. The decedent's dentures were examined by a dental specialist and the decedent was identified. A thorough search of the area was conducted by members of the Bethlehem Police Department with assistance from the New York State Police and the New York State Forrest Rangers. The death was determined to be non-criminal. 17-21659

December 8, 2017 – The Bethlehem Police responded to a report of a possible explosive device found in a grassy area adjacent to a Delmar street. The New York State Police, Albany County Sheriff's Department K9 unit and the Elsmere Fire Department responded to assist. The Bethlehem Police advised local residences and cordoned off the area until the device could be properly identified and removed. The device was x-rayed and found to be false. The device was secured by Bethlehem Detectives and processed further for identification of a possible suspect. Placing a false bomb is a felony in NYS. 17-21994

December 09, 2017 – Bethlehem Police received multiple reports of larcenies from vehicles during the overnight hours. Bethlehem Detectives mapped patterns of are larcenies against known possible suspects and found a Delmar man to be in the area on the date and time of the larcenies while wearing an ankle monitor device due to previous court adjudications. Bethlehem Police assisted NYS Parole with a home visit of the man's residence. The man was found in possession of an imitation hand gun, prescription drugs not in its original container, burglar's tools and proceeds and evidence from the area larcenies. The man was arrested and charged with a felony count of Grand Larceny, multiple counts of misdemeanor Petit Larceny, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawfully Dealing Fireworks and violations of Trespass. His Parole was also violated. 17-22164, 17-22188, 17-22020 and 17-22023,

December 27, 2017 – An Albany man was arrested for one felony count of Burglary and one felony count of Criminal Mischief after he was investigated as a suspect in two December burglaries at the same residence. 17-21764, 17-22660

2017 Officer of the Year Award

Officer Kristen Spinnato



In 2017, Officer Spinnato was assigned to maternity duty. During this time she was a tremendous asset by completing many special projects, which included General Orders and Accreditation standards. The largest assignment she was tasked with was the completion of Operation Safeguard. Operation Safe Guard is an initiative from the New York State Intelligence Center, which involves police agencies working to partner business owners, on warning signs for criminal acts and potential precursors of terrorism. During this assignment Officer Spinnato personally visited over 600 business in the Town and helped educate them on the process. Instead of just completing the process she went above and beyond and worked to forge long term bonds with our business partners on this important topic. The completion of this assignment was recognized by not only BPD Command staff, but also by the staff at the NYSIC.

