

BETHLEHEM POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Annual Report

Town of Bethlehem, New York

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



I am proud to provide the 2012 department annual report for your review. This report contains information on trends in our community as well as the department's proactive approach to crime and information on department operations and responsibilities.

2012 brought with it many changes and challenges. Retirements and budget restraints were the two big hurdles to overcome. Reorganization and shifting of responsibilities were necessary to maintain operational preparedness, which oftentimes is not easily accomplished under such adverse conditions. Managing overtime was extremely challenging when staffing levels were down and officer injuries were high. The ability to use resources more efficiently has become absolutely essential under current budgetary restrictions. It is through the unwavering commitment, dedication, prevailing attitude, and professionalism of each member of the Bethlehem Police Department that we are able to meet all challenges and achieve excellence.

Our members are the finest trained professionals, which I have had the pleasure of working with. My heartfelt thanks to them for the job they do each and every day in their service to the Town of Bethlehem.

We look forward to 2013 and the many challenges that will undoubtedly face the department and Town. 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.

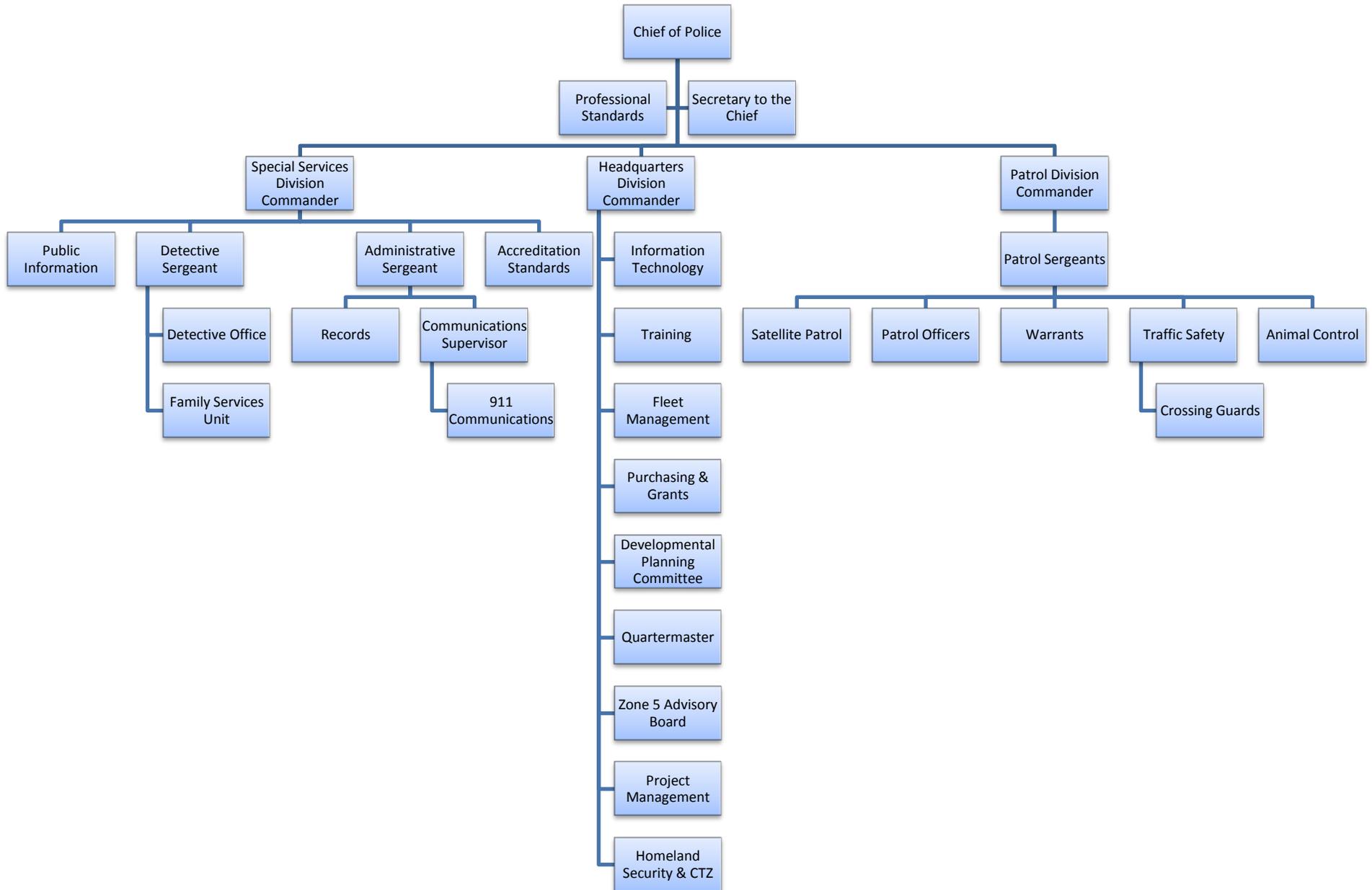
I welcome your comments and suggestions and hope that you find this report informative.

Respectfully,

Louis G. Corsi

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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 is a thirty- three year veteran of law enforcement 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 Five Regional Law Enforcement Training Center where he also serves as President on the Board of Directors. Appointed by Governor Pataki and then reappointed by Governor Paterson, the Chief sits 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.

HEADQUARTERS DIVISION



The Headquarters Division is commanded by Deputy Chief Timothy Beebe, a thirty year member of the police department, a U.S. Army veteran and a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

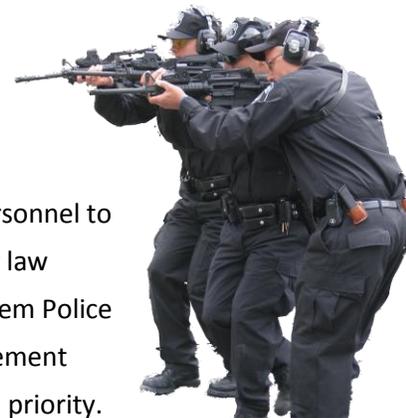
Deputy Chief Beebe is an active member of the Northeastern Chief's Conference, the New York State Chiefs of Police Association, FBI National Academy Associates, the International Chiefs of Police Association, and the New York State Law Enforcement Training Directors. He is a member of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and serves as the department's representative to the federal, state and local law enforcement task force on counter-terrorism and serves on the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Training Academy Advisory Board which oversees the daily operation of the academy and recommends policy to the Executive Board. Deputy Chief Beebe also 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.

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.

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:

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



Other training courses sponsored by the Bethlehem Police Department include:

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing

School Resource Officer

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

TASER

Street Survival

Basic Course-Telecommunicators

Drug Abuse Resistance Education

New York Statewide Police Information Network

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 and Deputy Chief Beebe serves on the Advisory Board of Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy, which oversees the academy operation. This cooperative effort saves money for every municipality in the zone which participates and provides consistent, quality and professional training.

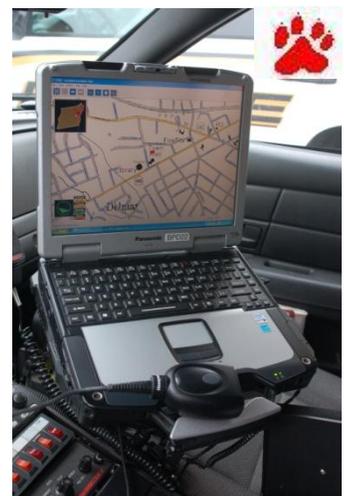
FLEET MANAGEMENT

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, DARE car 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 a VHF vehicle radio modem or VRM. 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.





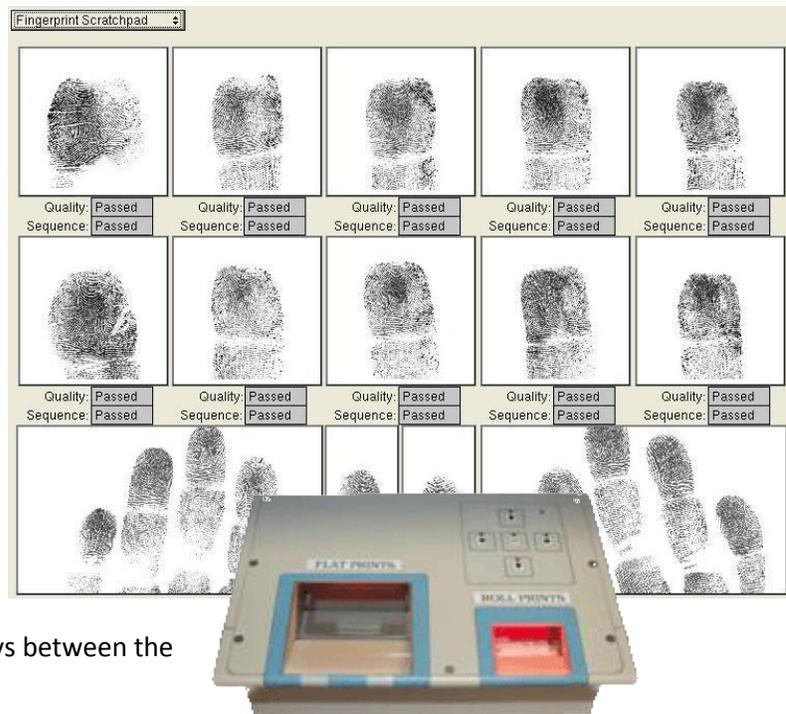
Each traffic unit has a DVM or Digital Video Mirror (left) that digitally records video and audio anytime the emergency lights are activated. The vehicle data modems allow for the officer to receive information about suspects, and vehicles, directly to their MDT from NYSPIN (New York Statewide Police Information Network) rather than having to rely on a dispatcher to relay information to them over

the radio.



Additional technology in the fleet was the acquisition of a License Plate Reader or LPR (left) in 2008 through a grant from DCJS. 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 & Traffic Law misdemeanor summons have increased. In 2010 a second LPR was added, equipping both traffic safety units with the system.

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.



During 2012 the Bethlehem Police Department was selected by New York State to pilot test the newest traffic and criminal software, TraCS 10. In selecting the Bethlehem Police Department for this process, the state cited "The reason why we are offering is because your agency produces a good volume of forms and we have had excellent past interactions with both the PD and the IT dept." Numerous glitches were identified and consequently, the state was able to make several corrections. As a result, a stable and better working program will be released state wide in 2013. Additionally, the police department gained valuable insight into administering this program.

SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Lieutenant Thomas M. Heffernan, Jr. commands the Special Services Division. Lieutenant Heffernan has served as a patrol officer, patrol sergeant and patrol commander. He has more than 21 years of law enforcement experience. He holds a degree in criminal justice and 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.

DETECTIVE OFFICE

The Detective Office consists of four detectives under the immediate direction of Detective Sergeant Robert Markel. 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 in to 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 two Detectives and a D.A.R.E. Officer under the immediate direction of Detective Sergeant Robert Markel. 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 DARE instructor. He is a member of the New York State Juvenile Police Officers Association, the state and national DARE 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 DARE instructor. He is also a member of the New York State Juvenile Police Officers Association and the state and national DARE 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://bcasd.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, English, 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

Officer David Harrington is assigned to all Town of Bethlehem public Elementary Schools during the school year. Officer Harrington'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., Officer Harrington 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 (DARE). Each fifth grade class at Bethlehem Central Schools, St. Thomas School and A.W. Becker Elementary School is provided this nationally recognized program, teaching more than 500 kids each year. The DARE 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.

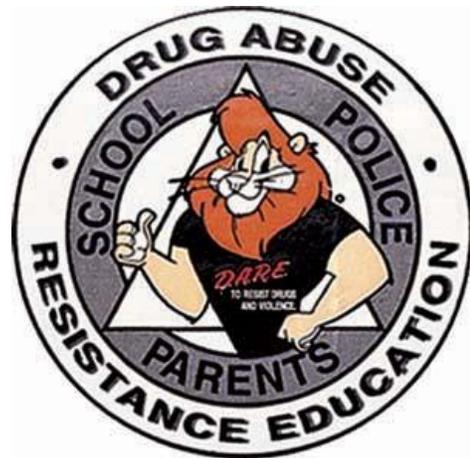
The DARE program is sometimes criticized on a national level, mainly because the value of the program is not fully understood by its critics. Any prevention program is difficult to quantify with regards to its success. DARE is just one piece of the puzzle that works together with educators, business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

The DARE 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 DARE 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

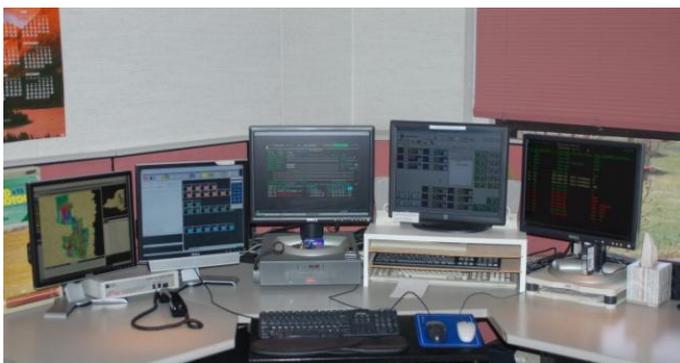


The Police Department is responsible for police, fire, advanced and basic life support and heavy-duty rescue dispatching in the town. Communications personnel are highly trained and have often sustained life, or helped to revive patients while awaiting the arrival of emergency medical services.

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, 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 life saving 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. The system is also part of NYSPIN (New York Statewide Police Information Network) which is the system by which all law enforcement agencies in the state communicate.

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 provided 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.



The Field Operations Unit in action responding to a Hazardous Materials Situation at 633 Delaware Ave.

RECORDS

The Records Section secures and stores all departmental records. It is the repository for all departmental records of arrest, incidents, accidents and other departmental reporting. The Records section is responsible for data entry and retrieval and 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.

PROMOTING SEX OFFENDER AWARENESS!

SEARCH for sex offenders in your local area
REGISTER to receive email alerts
PROTECT your family with safety tips and information

Offenderwatch[®]
Knowledge is a click away

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 is preparing for its fifth re-accreditation which is scheduled for 2015.



PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is commanded by Lieutenant Robert Berben. Lieutenant Berben has more than 25 years of law enforcement experience with a degree in Criminal Justice and has held the positions of Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant and Special Services commander.

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 state and federal 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 where 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.

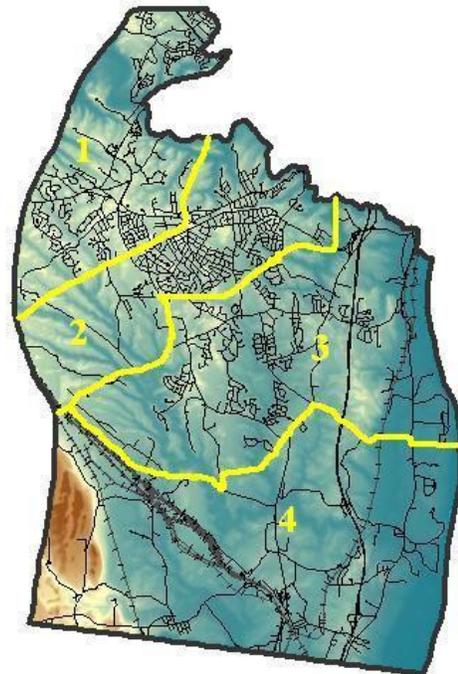
The Bethlehem Police Department takes a proactive role with regards to traffic safety. All officers regularly enforce traffic laws in residential areas as well as on major highways and in special areas that have been identified as potential hazards. Two officers are specially trained and certified as 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 & 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 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 & 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.

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 the expanding and redefining 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 are 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.

Over the past four years the number of New York State Law Enforcement agencies that submit their crime reports through IBR has increased by 70 percent, with 184 agencies reporting through IBR as of July 2006. Many additional agencies are working with DCJS to make the switch from UCR to IBR.

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	2010	2011	2012
100 - Kidnapping	6	11	11
11A - Forcible Rape	6	6	2
11B - Forcible Sodomy	8	4	4
11C - Sexual Assault with an object	1	0	0
11D - Forcible Fondling	11	9	4
11E - Course of Repeated Sexual Contact	1	0	0
120 - Robbery	0	6	2
13A - Aggravated Assault	13	14	12
13B - Simple Assault	180	167	202
13C - Intimidation	125	89	96
200 - Arson	1	5	0
210 - Extortion/Blackmail	2	1	0
220 - Burglary/Breaking and Entering	90	92	65
23A - Pocket-Picking	2	2	0
23B - Purse-Snatching	2	2	1
23C - Shoplifting	49	71	95
23D - Theft from a Building	108	95	66
23E - Theft from a Coin-Operated Machine or Device	1	0	0
23F - Theft from a Motor Vehicle	76	59	64
23G - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	8	6	7
23H - All Other Larceny	246	280	229
240 - Motor Vehicle Theft	12	12	5
250 - Counterfeiting/Forgery	40	43	26
26A - False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	13	5	8
26B- Credit Card/ATM Fraud	0	0	1
26C - Impersonation	77	91	86
280 - Stolen Property Offenses	42	33	24
290 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	202	250	214
35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations	80	117	117
35B - Drug Equipment Violations	9	6	7
36B - Statutory Rape	3	1	2
370 - Pornography/Obscene Material	1	1	7
40B - Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0	1
510 - Bribery	0	0	1
520 - Weapon Law Violations	20	34	29
90A - Bad Checks	14	3	5
90C - Disorderly Conduct	3	8	5
90D - Driving Under the Influence	143	164	128
90G - Liquor Law Violations	0	1	0
90J - Trespass of Real Property	157	154	123
90Z - All Other Offenses	953	1453	1100
999 - Do Not Count	2	2	0
TOTAL OFFENSES	2710	3297	2749

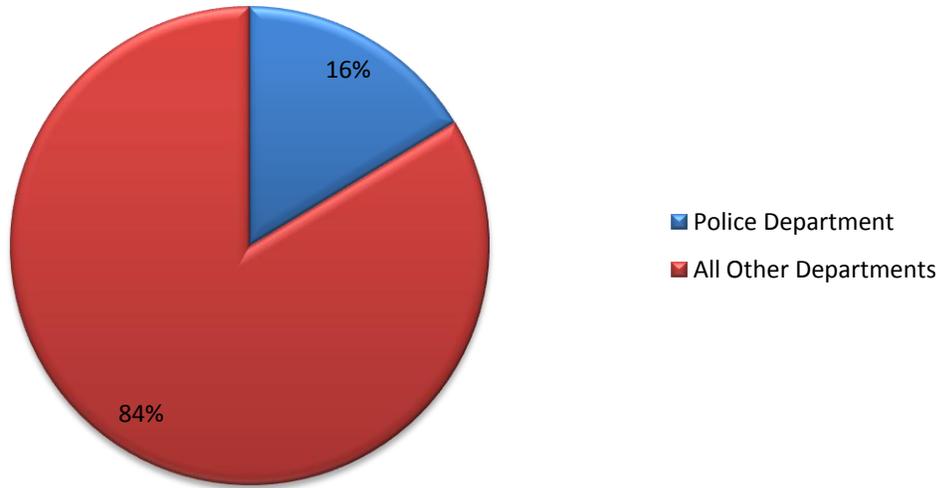
BUDGET

The Chief of Police is responsible for administering the funds for police services, public safety communications and animal control, found in three separately managed accounts. The majority of money spent within each of these accounts is for personal services.

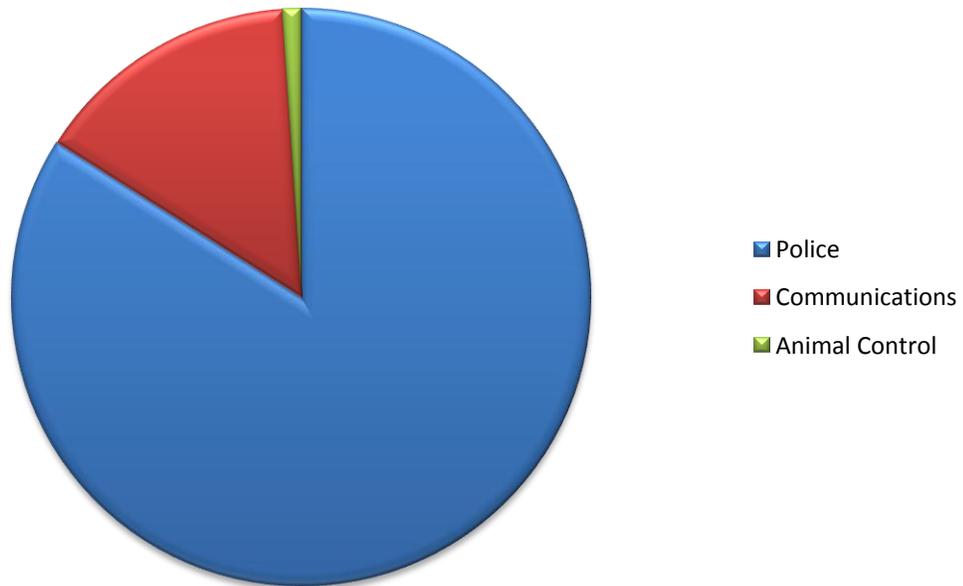
The following is a brief overview of recent budgetary expenditures:

Police Department	2009	2010	2011	2012
Personal Services	4,957,250	5,185,887	5,454,457	5,606,592
Equipment	133,000	110,000	114,825	118,000
Contractual Expenses	613,000	625,500	613,441	615,884
Total	5,703,250	5,921,387	6,182,723	6,340,476
Communications				
Personal Services	1,066,700	1,107,350	1,062,999	1,079,442
Equipment	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000
Contractual Expenses	37,950	40,950	38,950	38,900
Total	1,119,650	1,163,300	1,111,949	1,128,342
Animal Control				
Personal Services	61,260	68,773	63,181	64,552
Equipment	0	0	0	0
Contractual Expenses	20,650	18,650	14,604	13,084
Total	81,910	87,423	77,785	77,636
Department Totals	6,904,810	7,172,110	7,372,457	7,546,455
Total Town Budget	38,461,915	40,166,283	39,723,421	38,587,715
% of Total Town Budget	18.0	17.9	18.6	19.6

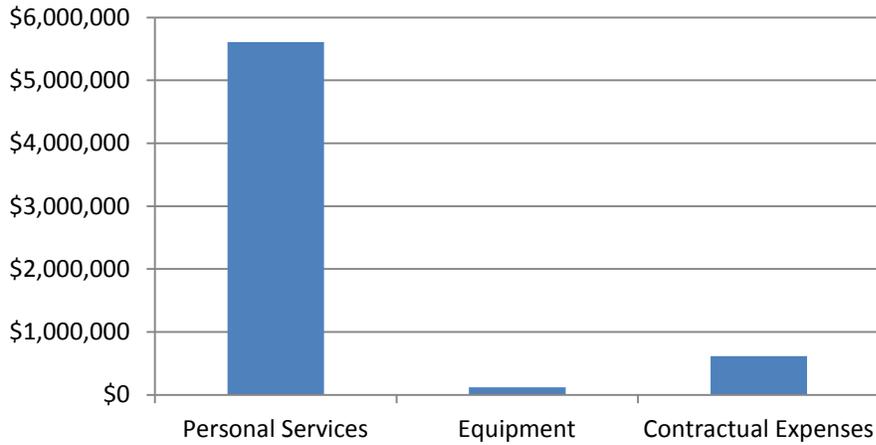
2012 Town Budget \$38,587,715



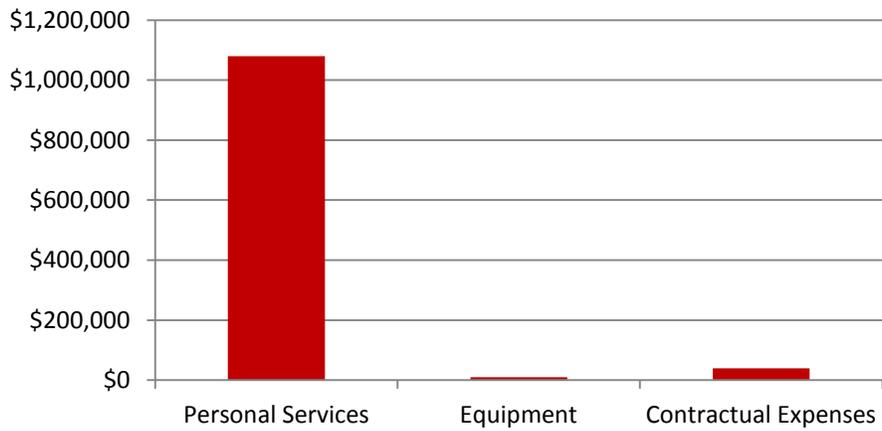
2012 Police Budget \$7,546,455



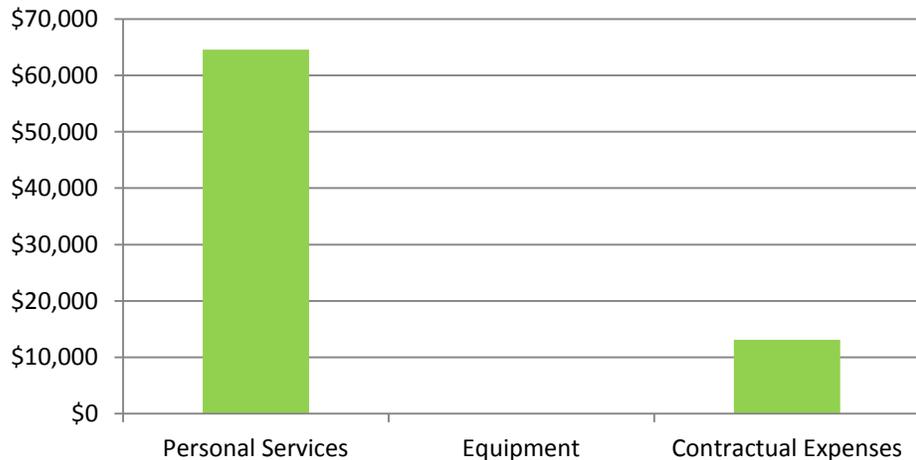
Police \$6,340,476



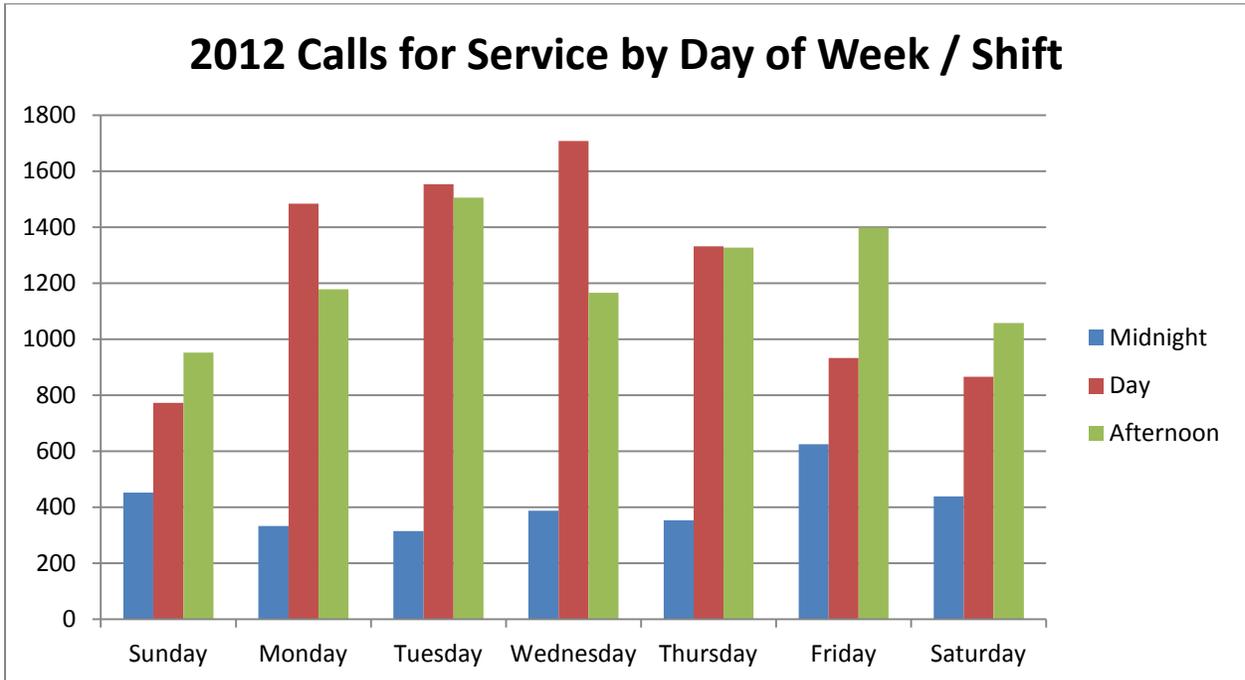
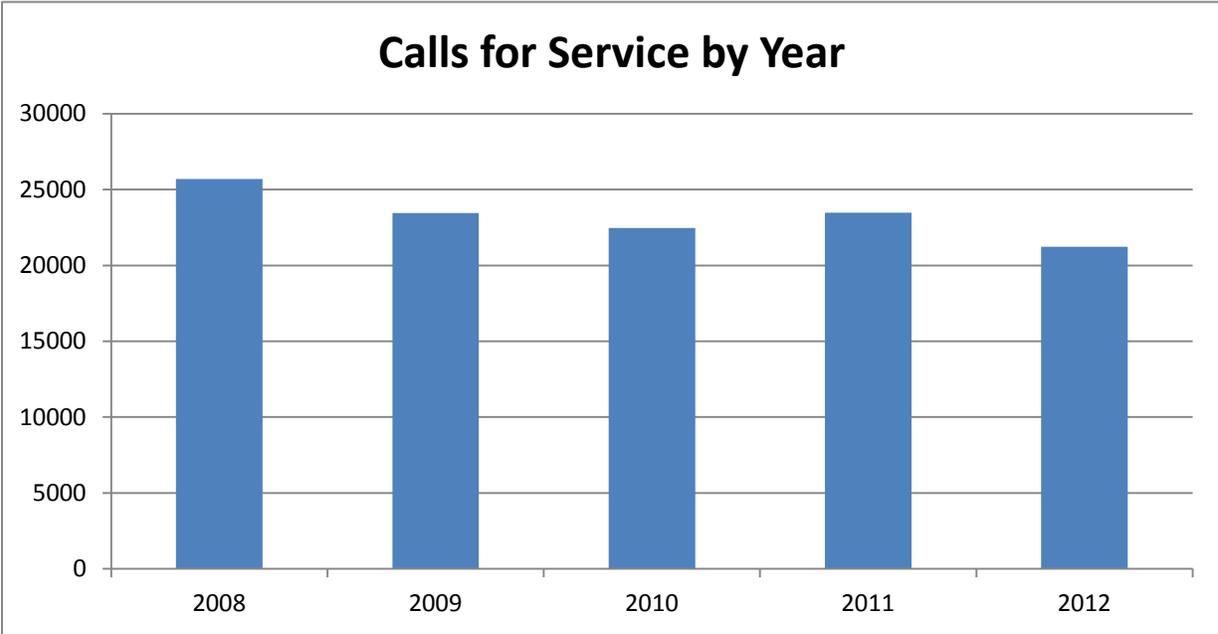
Communications \$1,128,342



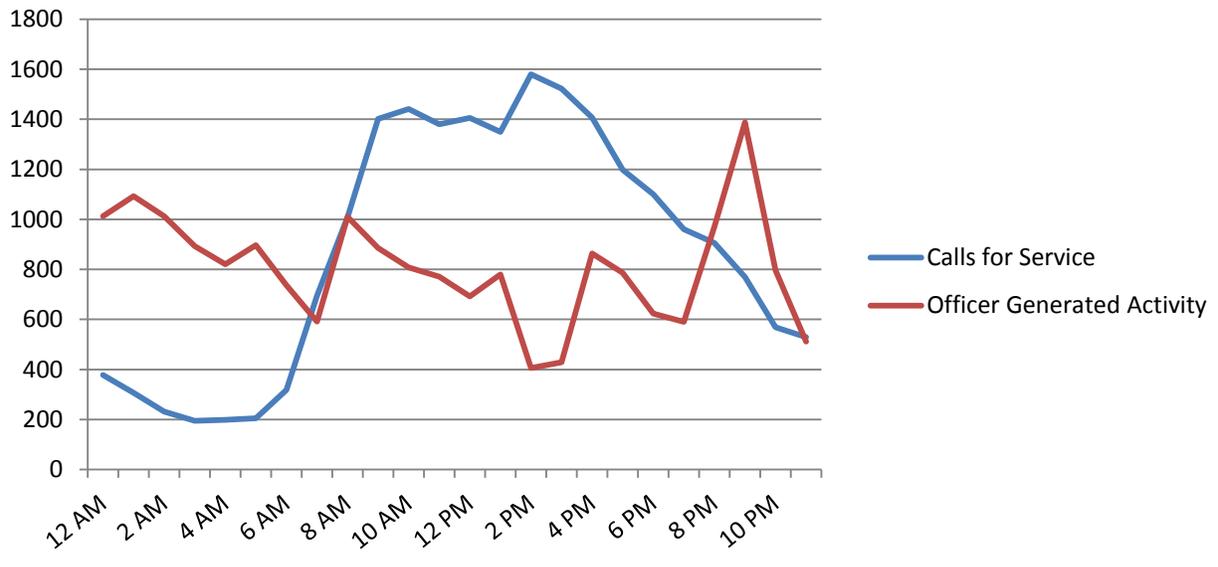
Animal Control \$77,636



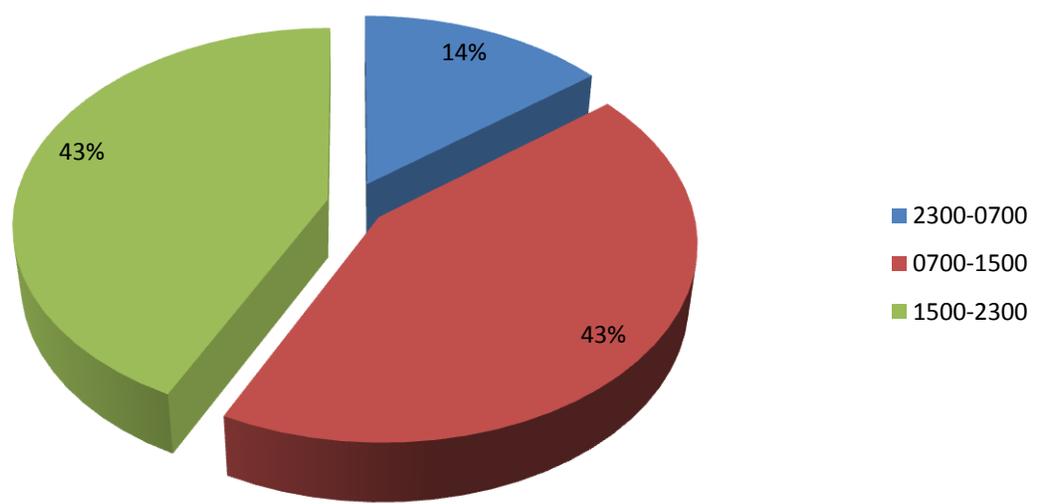
CALLS FOR SERVICE



2012 Calls for Service and Officer Generated Activity by Hour of Day



2012 Calls for Service by Shift

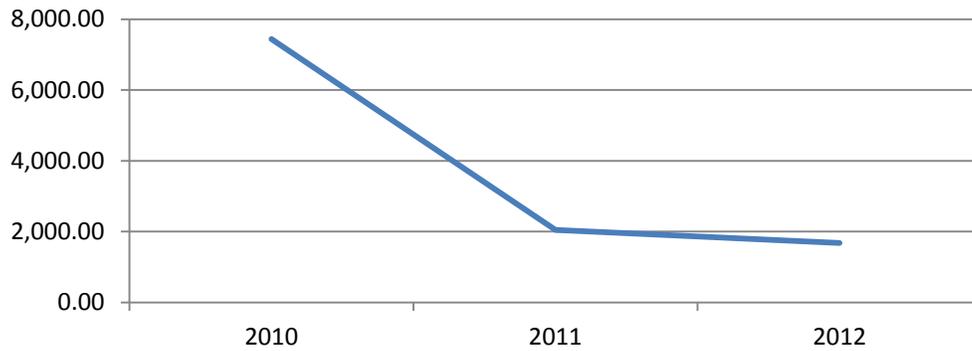


HEADQUARTERS

Training hours:

	2010	2011	2012
Police Department Personnel	7,323.50	1,690.25	1,632.75
Communications Personnel	94	342	15.5
Animal Control	21.5	16	33.5
TOTALS	7,439.00	2,048.25	1,681.75

Police Dept. Total Training Hours



SPECIAL SERVICES

Detectives

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Burglary	82	75	65
Larceny	199	192	180
Robbery	3	4	4
Counterfeit/Forgery	35	34	25
Fraudulent Checks/Fraud/False Business Records	33	50	56
Sex Offenses	21	8	5
DWI Alcohol/Drugs	9	11	4
Murder/Attempted Murder/Conspiracy to Commit	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Imprisonment	4	1	6
Reckless Endangerment	15	0	2
Assault	32	17	34
Weapon Offenses	10	37	15
Controlled Substances	32	66	68
Possession of Stolen Property	23	22	19
Falsely Reporting an Incident	4	0	0
Criminal Impersonation	0	0	0
Arson/Fires of Undetermined Origin	4	9	4
Fatal Vehicle Accidents	2	1	2
Unattended Deaths/Suicide	25	16	24
Background Investigations	0	0	0
Missing Persons	2	0	2
Aggravated Harassment	2	0	2
Harassment/Disorderly Conduct	0	0	6
Criminal Mischief	40	48	57
Criminal Trespass	38	39	40
Violation of Probation/Parole	6	0	0
All Other Investigations	178	141	119
TOTALS	799	771	739

Family Services Unit

	2010	2011	2012
CALLS FOR SERVICE	1222	1278	1240
INCIDENT REPORTS / SUPPLEMENTAL	681	700	715
ADULT ARREST	58	33	17
JUVENILE ARREST	38	73	33
INVESTIGATION	494	550	575
CLASSROOM PRESENTATION	226	254	250
SCHOOL EVENTS ATTENDED	722	450	460
SAFETY LECTURES - PROGRAMS	130	112	100
COMMUNITY EVENTS	69	54	20
STUDENT MEDIATION	432	486	400
PARENT CONTACT / NON ARREST	582	610	550
COURT APPEARANCE	35	42	25
REFERRAL TO CPS / MH	15	13	20
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY	23	30	27
SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAMS	11	7	2
DARE CLASSES TAUGHT	193	190	207
TOTAL	4931	4882	4641

Family Services Unit Programs:

	2010	2011	2012
Station Tours	3	4	4
Crime Prevention	30	27	15
Substance Abuse Education	42	38	7
Bicycle Safety/Rodeos	2	4	1
Santa Claus Letter Program	1	1	1
Personal Safety	45	37	10
Pedestrian Safety	2	3	1
Kid Care Identification	65	48	15
"Beware of Strangers"-Stranger Awareness	40	32	20
Internet Safety	25	23	25
TOTAL	255	217	99

PATROL DIVISION

Patrol:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Motor vehicle stops	7,771	7,490	5,391
Traffic Arrests	4,677	5,610	4,033
Speed Arrests	634	576	499
DWI Arrests	75	92	65
Violation Arrests	110	184	91
Misdemeanor Arrests	931	681	943
Felony Arrests	119	210	108
Seat Belt/ Child Restraint Violations	400	514	201
Cell Phone Use	188	116	83
Parking/Warning Tickets	359	205	117
Traffic Details in response to Community Concerns	2,498	2209	1,817
Fatal Accidents	2	1	2
Personal Injury Accidents	158	116	119
Alcohol Related Personal Injury Accidents	2	6	4
Property Damage Accidents	586	586	521
Property Damage Accidents (Non-Reportable)	377	362	337
Property Checks	10,430	11,001	10,676

SELECTED ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS

	2010	2011	2012
Information Requested	0	1	8
Animal Annoying	261	275	360
Animal Bite	17	19	20
Animal Cruelty	60	58	71
Dead/Injured Animal	277	285	251
Lost animal	164	170	163
Found Animal	129	152	142
Rabies Investigation	125	51	106
Running at Large	285	278	277
Trapped Animal	5	5	8
Animal other	125	112	90
Total	1448	1406	1496

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service by Dispatch Type:

Dispatch Type	
911 EQUIPMENT FAILURE	10
ABC-UNDER AGE DRINKING (65C)	6
ACCIDENT-LEAVING THE SCENE OF A PDA	61
ACCIDENT-OTHER	23
ACCIDENT-PERSONAL INJURY AUTO	139
ACCIDENT-PROPERTY DAMAGE AUTO	802
ACCIDENT-Unknown Injury Auto	13
ALARM-BURGLARY NON-BANK	1089
ALARM-BURGLARY-BANK	21
ALARM-OTHER	77
ALARM-ROBBERY BANK	3
ALARM-ROBBERY NON-BANK	4
ALL OTHER INCIDENTS	1203
ALL OTHER SELF INITIATED ACTIVITY	82
Animal Control Request for info	8
ANIMAL CONTROL-All Other	90
ANIMAL CONTROL-Animal Annoying	360
ANIMAL CONTROL-Animal Cruelty	71
ANIMAL CONTROL-Animal In Trap	8
ANIMAL CONTROL-Dead/Injured Animal	251
ANIMAL CONTROL-Dog Bite to Human	20
ANIMAL CONTROL-Dog Killing Animal	4
ANIMAL CONTROL-Dog Running at Large	277
ANIMAL CONTROL-Found Animal	142
ANIMAL CONTROL-General Assistance	47
ANIMAL CONTROL-Lost Animal	163
ANIMAL CONTROL-Overdue Dog License Inv	2
ANIMAL CONTROL-Possibly Rabid Animal	106
ARREST-BENCH WARRANT-BETHLEHEM COURT	27
ARREST-BETHLEHEM COURT WARRANT	65
ARREST-OTHER	58
ARREST-OTHER AGENCY	3
Assist FBI - Task Force	3
ASSIST-AMBULANCE/EMS	2570
ASSIST-CDPC	12

ASSIST-CITIZEN (DIRECTIONS,INFO,ETC)	1086
ASSIST-FIRE DEPARTMENT (RESCUE/TRAFFIC)	623
ASSIST-OTHER	35
ASSIST-OTHER PD/LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY	413
AWOL FROM INSTITUTION-NOT FILE 6 YET	9
BURGLARY	68
CHECK-FOR DEBRIS IN ROADWAY	134
CHECK-FOR EXPLOSION	2
CHECK-FOR FLOODING CONDITION	10
CHECK-FOR GAS ODOR/LEAK	1
CHECK-FOR WATER BREAK/LEAK	5
CHECK-FOR WIRES DOWN/ARCING	36
CHECK-ON ROAD CONDITION	32
Child Safety Seat Check	75
COMMUNITY CONTACT	1
Court Security Detail	78
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	216
Department Sponsored Program	1
Detective Office Investigation	149
DISORDERLY CONDUCT/PERSON	1
DISPUTE-CIVIL	25
DISPUTE-DOMESTIC-BELIEVED/NON-VIOLENT	218
DISPUTE-NEIGHBOR	40
DNA Child ID Kit	13
DRUG RELATED INCIDENT	85
Equip in need of service	36
FAMILY COURT ORDER VIOLATION	14
Family Services Programs	358
Fatal Accident	1
Fingerprinting	130
FIREWORKS	47
FOIL Request	200
FOLLOW-UP	1010
FORGERY	97
HARASSMENT	95
HARASSMENT-AGGRAVATED	137
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	25
INFORMATION-POLICE/GENERAL	953
LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTE	13
LARCENY-BAD CHECKS	16
LARCENY-GENERAL PETIT/GRAND	431
LARCENY-POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY	1
LARCENY-SHOPLIFTING PETIT/GRAND	73

LARCENY-THEFT OF SERVICES	1
Letter of Good Standing	6
LOCKOUT RESIDENCE	5
LOST LICENSE PLATE	46
MOTOR VEHICLE STOP	399
NOISE COMPLAINT	90
NOISE-LOUD PARTY	17
On Job Injury	14
OPEN DOOR	29
Order of Protection violation	25
OVERDOSE	4
Peddlers Permit's	1
PERSON-ACTING STRANGELY	8
PERSON-ANNOYING	6
PERSON-CHECK ON THE WELFARE OF	258
PERSON-DESPONDENT	82
PERSON-INTOXICATED	19
PERSON-MISSING (FILE 6)	73
PERSON-OTHER	58
PERSON-SUSPICIOUS	347
PERSON-UNWANTED	77
PERSON-WITH GUN	10
PISTOL PERMIT APPLICATION	53
POWER OUTAGE	14
Project Child Safe	4
PROPERTY LOST	82
PROPERTY-CHECK VACATIONS/ETC.	105
PROPERTY-FOR DESTRUCTION	14
PROPERTY-FOR SAFE KEEPING	10
PROPERTY-FOUND/ABANDONED	143
PROPERTY-OTHER	53
PROWLER	22
Record Check	320
Request Report	211
ROBBERY-STRONGARM/WEAPON	1
Serve family court papers	28
SEWER PROBLEM	218
Sex Offender Registration	27
SEX OFFENSES/RELATED INCIDENTS	14
Street Light Malfunctions	63
TEST	71
Tower Test	40
TOWN-SOLICITING W/O A PERMIT	24

TOWN-UNLAWFUL DUMPING	16
Traffic Detail	174
TRAFFIC-CHECK FOR POSSIBLE DWI	74
TRAFFIC-HAZARD	74
TRAFFIC-OTHER	112
TRAIN/RAILROAD COMPLAINTS	16
TRESPASS	46
VEHICLE-ABANDONED	22
VEHICLE-BLOCKING	72
VEHICLE-DISABLED (IN/OUT OF TRAFFIC)	249
VEHICLE-ERRATIC OPERATION	354
VEHICLE-IN VIOLATION (PARKING, ETC)	39
VEHICLE-INSPECTION RE EQUIPMENT VIOL	84
VEHICLE-LOCKOUT	320
VEHICLE-OFF ROAD	64
VEHICLE-OTHER	277
VEHICLE-STOLEN/UNAUTHORIZED USE	13
VEHICLE-SUSPICIOUS	362
VIOLENCE-ASSAULT	33
VIOLENCE-ATTEMPTED SUICIDE	24
VIOLENCE-BARRICADED SUSPECT	1
VIOLENCE-CHILD ABUSE	1
VIOLENCE-DOMESTIC/VIOLENT	184
VIOLENCE-EXPLOSIVE DEVICE	3
VIOLENCE-FIGHT	26
VIOLENCE-OTHER	4
VIOLENCE-RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT	6
VIOLENCE-SHOTS FIRED UNKNOWN	41
VIOLENCE-UNATTENDED DEATH	20
Warrant Issued	110
WATER PROBLEM	138
YOUTHS ANNOYING	189
Grand	21053

2012 SYNOPSIS OF SIGNIFICANT CASES

January 15, 2012, A multi agency investigation, involving agencies in Albany and Greene counties, as well as the US Secret Service results in the identification of a Greene County man who is passing counterfeit \$50 bills in the Capital District. The subject is identified and after fleeing to Maine, is arrested by federal authorities. Citing the strength of the case in Bethlehem and surrounding

jurisdictions three subjects are prosecuted federally for counterfeiting offenses. All three subjects are eventually sentenced to federal prison for their roles in these cases. 11-22759

January 17, 2012, Bethlehem Police respond to a report of an abandon vehicle on the Route 9W bridge over the Normanskill Creek. The investigation determines that the subject may have jumped off their bridge to take their own life. The next day divers recover the victim from the Creek. 12-00969

January 30, 2012, A subject escapes to safety after a domestic in the Town of New Scotland. The subject is located in Bethlehem and advises officers that a male subject is highly agitated and armed with an assault rifle at the residence in the Town of New Scotland. A trained Bethlehem Police negotiator makes contact with the subject and after thirty minutes convinces the subject to surrender without violence to Troopers who are outside his residence. The subject is taken into custody by State Police and multiple weapons are located in the residence. 12-01630

February 10, 2012, Acting on information from a concerned parent members of the Family Services Unit arrested a twenty-four year-old Selkirk male who was expecting to engage in sexual intercourse with a sixteen year old female. The subject was charged with felony dissemination of indecent material to a minor, attempted dissemination of indecent material to a minor, attempted rape, and endangering the welfare of a child. He was remanded to the Albany County Jail. 12-01980

February 17, 2012, After attempting to stop a motor vehicle, Bethlehem Police units engage in a vehicle pursuit through portions of Delmar. The suspect subsequently crashes his vehicle and flees on foot. He is located a short time later and arrested. The subject was found to be in possession of ten and one-half pounds of marijuana. 12-02684



February 22, 2012, As a result of information developed working with a confidential source and in conjunction with the DEA and New York State Police a subject is arrested for selling ten pounds of marijuana. A subsequent search warrant leads to the recovery of an additional ten pounds of marijuana, four rifles, a handgun and 100 grams of cocaine. 12-02945

February 28, 2012, As a continuation of a previous drug investigation and while working with the DEA and NYSP, a source purchases 100 grams of cocaine. The arrest results in the recovery of over 450 grams of cocaine, two handguns, one of which is stolen, steroids, two pounds of marijuana and about \$337,720 cash. 12-03247.

March 1, 2012, After a rash of overnight burglaries and larcenies from motor vehicles, police obtain a search warrant for a Glenmont residence. Upon executing the search warrant stolen property is located and the subject is charged with burglary and larceny. This arrest also results in the recovery of evidence that leads to an arrest for a 2011 larceny from a motor vehicle. As well as the arrest of the same defendant for Rape in the third degree in reference to an unrelated case. 12-03394

March 12, 2012, After a joint investigation with Colonie Police, Bethlehem Detectives arrested an Army national guard soldier for felony scheme to defraud, unlawfully receiving gratuities, fraudulent accosting, official misconduct and ten counts of petit larceny. The subject was responsible for a multi-county scheme where he went door to door soliciting funds for troops overseas. The investigation revealed that there were over 50 victims. 12-03987

March 18, 2012, After checking on multiple occasions for an active violent felony warrant at a Selkirk address, the subject is seen by detectives and patrol officers. He is taken into custody on six active warrants from Schoharie and Columbia counties. 12-04482.

March 27, 2012, Bethlehem Police respond to a reported domestic incident in South Bethlehem and encounter a male subject barricaded inside a residence. A trained Bethlehem Police negotiator convinces the subject to surrender peacefully and without harm to anyone. 12-04969

April 4, 2012, An investigation is conducted into a female passing numerous forged checks at area Price Chopper stores. The suspect is identified and arrested in the Ulster County Village of Saugerties, by Bethlehem and Saugerties detectives. She is remanded to jail and ultimately charged in multiple other jurisdictions. 12-05261

April 16, 2012, After an investigation into a resident selling marijuana out of his Delmar home, Bethlehem Police execute a search warrant. The resident is charged with multiple misdemeanor and felony counts of criminal sale of marijuana. 12-06074

April 23, 2012, An investigation is initiated after a local Laundromat owner discovers a bullet hole in the store's floor. The case results in the arrest of a Delmar man who is currently on Parole. He is charged with weapons violations and reckless endangerment, as well as a parole violation. 12-06516

May 1, 2012, After a four month investigation into the sale of psilocybin mushrooms a Slingerlands teen is arrested on felony charges of criminal sale of a controlled substance 2nd and criminal sale of a controlled substance 3rd. 12-00165 and 12-01437

May 8, 2012, As veteran members of the Capital District Forensic Hazardous Materials Team, two Bethlehem Police members are assigned to the presidential visit of President Barack Obama to Albany.



May 16, 2012, After a four month investigation Bethlehem detectives arrest a Delmar convenience store clerk on multiple warrants for criminal sale of marijuana, criminal tax fraud, selling cigarettes under cost, possession and sale of untaxed cigarettes and criminal nuisance. The investigation determines that the clerk was unlawfully selling cigarettes and marijuana out of the convenience store that was located within walking distance of the Bethlehem Central high School. 12-7804

May 21, 2012, After a month long investigation Bethlehem detectives arrest three New York City men on charges of possession and use of counterfeit credit cards at Glenmont businesses. The subjects are arrested and later indicted in Albany County Court. Shortly after making bail one of the defendants is the victim of a homicide in New York City. 12-06909

May 29, 2012, While assisting New York State Parole officers conducting a home visit of a Delmar resident, heroin and a large amount of drug paraphernalia is located at the subject's home. The subject is charged with multiple felony and misdemeanor drug offenses as well as a parole violation and remanded back to state prison. 12-08741

June 4, 2012, Bethlehem Police respond to a domestic dispute in Selkirk. Just prior to arrival it is learned that the subject is armed with a rifle and has fled the house. Arriving officers locate a loaded fully automatic machine gun in the residence. A search warrant is then executed by detectives and police discover numerous assault rifles, a sawed-off shotgun, multiple defaced firearms and over 100 pieces of weaponry evidence. The suspect is located a few hours later and taken into custody. 12-09051



June 5, 2012, After a joint investigation with Schenectady PD detectives, Bethlehem detectives arrest an Albany women in reference to an Identity Theft case. The suspect is charged with numerous counts of identity theft and grand larceny for illegally using another person's credit card. 12-07046

June 9, 2012, Bethlehem Police arrest an individual for stalking and aggravated harassment. During a court order weapons seizure the subject is found in possession of an assault rifle and over four ounces of marijuana. 12-09416 and 12-09429

June 19, 2012, Based upon a month long drug investigation, Bethlehem detectives obtain and execute a superior court search warrant into a suspected marijuana growing house in Selkirk. Police find a multi-room elaborate growing operation with plants in various stages of growth. The residence is charged with 1st degree criminal possession of marijuana. 12-08860



June 21, 2012, A Selkirk teen is reported missing by his mother. Within hours of his report of being missing, Bethlehem detectives develop information that the subject may be in the state of Texas. A possible address is determined and authorities in Texas respond to the residence and locate the subject. It was determined that the missing person was not in any danger and had willingly gone to Texas to meet an acquaintance they had met over the internet. 12-10159

June 28, 2012, Bethlehem Police responded to a Glenmont business for a report of subjects using counterfeit credit cards. Upon arrival two subjects from Chicago, Illinois were arrested and found in possession of multiple counterfeit credit cards. As a result of a continued investigation another subject was identified as having used counterfeit cards the week before at multiple businesses in Glenmont. A joint investigation headed by Bethlehem detectives and members of the New York State Police, East Greenbush Police and NYPD 75th Precinct identified the ring leader in the operation who was transporting women from Chicago to New York to use counterfeit credit cards. Through Grand Jury proceedings Bethlehem Detectives obtained two sealed indictments on the two subjects who had since fled back to Chicago. Work with the special investigation unit of the Cook County Illinois State's Attorney's office, the subjects were arrested and extradited by Bethlehem detectives and New York State Police investigators, back to New York. Both subjects have since pled guilty and were sentenced to state prison terms. 12-10599 and 12-10811

July 5, 2012, While assisting Albany Police Detectives on an unrelated case, a Bethlehem Police detective is advised of a larceny in progress at a Glenmont residence. Police quickly locate the suspects and make arrests as the suspects are found in possession of a stolen motorcycle. 12-11082

July 18, 2012, Working through a source of known information Bethlehem Police Detectives develop multiple leads on a large scale burglary operation in the State of Vermont. Based upon the information supplied by Bethlehem Police, Vermont authorities make two arrests and are able to close burglary cases in which victims lost over \$50,000. 12-11869

July 18, 2012, Bethlehem Police respond to a reported bicyclist vs. tractor trailer accident in Selkirk. A Bethlehem Police detective and CSX Police Officer, both trained EMTs administer first aid to the victim who is transported to a local hospital. The victim makes an amazing recovery, while still having additional surgeries ahead. The crash also leads to the arrest of two Selkirk subjects for hosting an underage drinking party that the crash victim had just left. 12-11888

July 21, 2012, Two transients locate a deceased and badly decomposed male body in the woods in Selkirk just off Route 9W. Bethlehem detectives lead a multi-agency investigation and through the use

of tattoos and fingerprint records are able to identify the subject as being a drifter from the state of West Virginia. The cause of death is determined to be natural causes. 12-12091

August 7, 2012, After a ten month investigation into the armed robbery of a Glenmont gas station, detectives arrest a Troy man. The suspect is also found to be responsible for multiple armed robberies in Troy, Albany and Rensselaer. As a result of a joint investigation by numerous agencies, the subject pleads guilty to the armed robbery cases and is sentenced to 15 years and 20 years in Albany and Rensselaer counties respectively, for his offenses. 11-18613

September 4, 2012, Bethlehem police respond to a reported home invasion robbery in Elm Estates. The homeowner was assaulted with a baseball bat, and robbed at gun point, before the suspects stole cash and property from the residence. After a four month investigation detectives arrest two Albany men on 8 violent felony counts of robbery, burglary, assault and strangulation. 12-14608

September 17, 2012, Bethlehem Police respond to a residence in Delmar in reference to a suicidal subject who left on foot. The subject is texting a friend stating that they are on a bridge and going to jump off. A Bethlehem detective, and trained crisis negotiator, locates the subject on an abandoned bridge and is able to convince the subject to come in off of the bridge in a very short period of time. 12-15406

September 26, 2012, Bethlehem Police are alerted to two subjects passing fraudulent prescriptions for narcotic drugs at the Delmar CVS. After arriving and conducting undercover surveillance, the two suspects exit the store and both parties are placed into custody. Police locate seven fraudulent prescriptions in the vehicle and a large amount of Oxycodone pills that were obtained fraudulently. 12-15947

October 9, 2012, Bethlehem Police are alerted to two subjects passing fraudulent prescriptions for narcotic drugs at the Delmar CVS. After arriving and conducting undercover surveillance on the two subjects detectives, and patrol officers arrest the subjects in the store parking lot. A search of their vehicle results in numerous other counterfeit prescriptions being located, as well as a large amount of US currency, and other people's personal identification information and pharmacy information. 12-16631

October 16, 2012, Bethlehem detectives observe a subject who is in Bethlehem Court and recognize him to be wanted by Albany Police and US Marshal's for assault in the first degree. The subject is arrested without incident and turned over to Albany Police. 12-17052

October 23, 2012, An elderly Selkirk resident confronts two subjects attempting to break into her residence in broad daylight. After being supplied with the suspect description a responding patrol officer locates the suspects in a vehicle in Glenmont. The suspects are taken into custody. It is later learned that they had committed two other burglaries in the Town of Bethlehem in the past two days. Further interview and investigation by Bethlehem detectives lead to the arrest of both subjects for burglaries in the Town of New Scotland, East Greenbush and Schodack. One suspect had an active County Court warrant for burglary and the other suspect was on probation for burglary at the time of the crimes. 12-17329

October 27, 2012, After investigating multiple thefts from unlocked vehicles in Delmar, detectives identify a suspect. The suspect is also observed on surveillance footage from Albany using numerous stolen credit cards. The subject is arrested and subsequently sentenced to state prison. 12-16093

November 29, 2012, Bethlehem detectives conduct a two month investigation into a new massage parlor that opened in Delmar after receiving complaints of prostitution services. As a result of the investigation a multi-agency search warrant is conducted by BPD, state and federal authorities. Two subjects are arrested on multiple felony counts. The investigation continues into other crimes that related from the subjects involved at this location. 12-15497

December 4, 2012, After a series of commercial burglaries over the first weekend of December in Bethlehem, Albany and Colonie, Bethlehem detectives quickly identify a suspect from surveillance footage. A multi-agency effort takes place and the suspects are quickly apprehended. Bethlehem and Albany detectives interview the suspects extensively. They are later charged with numerous burglaries in Bethlehem, Colonie, Albany and North Greenbush. 12-19578.

December 17, 2012, After investigating a report of identity theft to a Slingerlands resident Bethlehem detectives make contact with authorizes in the state of Idaho. As a result of the lead from Bethlehem PD, Idaho police interview a subject who is found to be in possession of numerous computers that were being purchased with stolen credit card information and then shipped overseas. 12-20432

As continued proof that crime knows no boundaries in 2012 alone, Bethlehem detectives traveled to the following counties on investigations, cases and arrests; Schenectady, Ulster, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Warren.

Two fugitives were also extradited by detectives from the State of Illinois and returned to Bethlehem to face felony identity theft charges.

Detectives also traveled to the State of Virginia on a criminal investigation that lead to a rape arrest and conviction.

2012 Officer of the Year Award

Deputy Chief Tim Beebe was the 2012 Officer of the Year Award recipient

