



Town of Bethlehem Police Department 2022 Annual Report

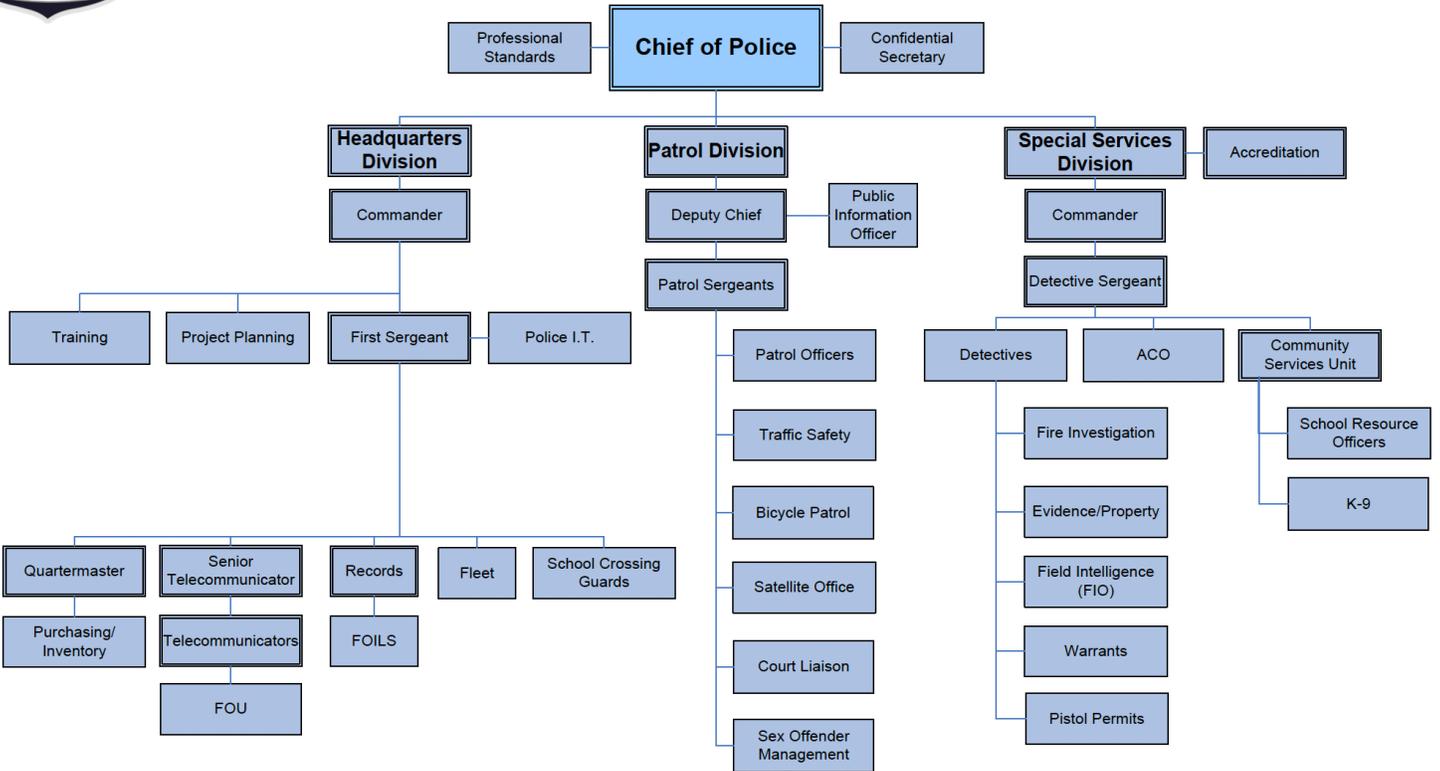
Gina F. Cocchiara
Eighth Chief of Police



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DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

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Deputy Chief

James L. Rexford

Commanders

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Michael A. Cozzy

Robert Baldwin

Administrative Sergeant

Brian A. Hughes

Patrol Sergeants

Christopher Shunk

Francis R. Muller **

Michael S. Whiteley

Chad A. Ferraro

James E. Corrigan

Kristen N. Spinnato

Roy K. Swann, Jr.

Detective Sergeant

James E. Cross, Jr.

Traffic Safety Investigator

William D. Austin

Patrol Officers

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Rico R. Fiore

Jeffrey M. Gallagher

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Yekaterina N. Dickerson

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Amanda L. Mueller

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Cameron Apple

Corey J. Watts

Alexander S. Hazelton

Brady G. Hughes

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Alexander Griffin

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Antonio Archina

Stephen Celestino

Detectives

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Michael J. Berben

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Senior Telecommunicator

Brent W. Dragon

Telecommunicators

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Animal Control Officers

Richard A. Watt

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***Retired*

2022 DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Chief's Confidential Secretary

Susan Heath

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School Crossing Guards

Isabella D. Glastetter

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Senior IT Specialist

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Records

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Charles J. Asprion - Alternate

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***Retired*

**Resigned*

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Police Department



Gina F. Cocchiara
Chief of Police

Gina F. Cocchiara was sworn in as Bethlehem's eighth Chief of Police on August 31, 2020. Chief Cocchiara began her policing career in 1994 and joined the Bethlehem Police Department in 1998 and has been a resident of the Town of Bethlehem since 2000. She started in the Patrol Division, and was later promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant in 2008. After spending a number of years working in the Patrol Division, Sergeant Cocchiara was promoted to the position of Detective Sergeant in 2015, leading Detectives in both the Detective's Office and then the more specialized division, the Family Services Unit (now known as the Community Services Unit). In 2020, Detective Sergeant Cocchiara was promoted to the rank of Chief of Police where she currently leads all operations within the Bethlehem Police Department. Chief Cocchiara is the first woman in the history of the Bethlehem Police Department to attain any rank above patrol officer, and most notably the rank of Chief.

Chief Cocchiara holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration. She is a graduate of the 2020 Inaugural Session of the F.B.I.'s National Command Course at Quantico, VA. She is on the Board of Directors for New York State Women in Law Enforcement (NYWLE) and Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy. She is an active member in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the New York Association of Chiefs of Police, and the State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association (SNYPJOA).

Chief Cocchiara was born and raised in Suffern, NY. Outside of work, Chief Cocchiara enjoys hiking, bike riding, and taking quick trips to explore new places.

HEADQUARTERS



Commander Robert Baldwin

The Headquarters Division is overseen by Commander Robert Baldwin. Commander Baldwin started his law enforcement career with the Bethlehem Police Department in 2009. He has a Master's of Business Administration from Sage Graduate School and a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and Management from Siena College. Commander Baldwin has held the positions of Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant and in June of 2022 was promoted to Commander, assigned to the Headquarters Division. He is a nationally certified Fire Investigator, a member of the Capital Region Forensic Hazardous Materials Team, and state certified Firearms Instructor.

The Headquarters Division Commander is responsible for and oversees the Telecommunications Section, Records Section, Departmental Training, Police Information Technology and the Administrative functions of Quartermaster/Inventory (uniforms and equipment), Fleet Management, Project Management and Grants.

TRAINING

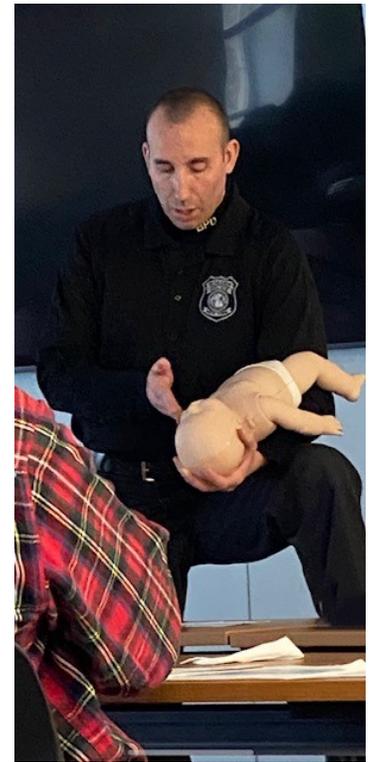
The Headquarters Division is responsible for coordinating departmental training, researching training opportunities and staying current and up to date with training certifications and requirements.

Commander Baldwin schedules personnel to attend training and sets up in-house programs for law enforcement agencies throughout upstate New York. The Bethlehem Police Department is known statewide for its commitment to law enforcement training and views education as a priority.



Some examples of annual training include:

- Sexual Harassment
- Workplace Violence
- De-Escalation Training
- Implicit Bias Training
- 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



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 Cocchiara currently serves on the board of Directors. This cooperative effort saves money for every municipality in the zone which participates and provides consistent, quality, and professional training.

FLEET MANAGEMENT

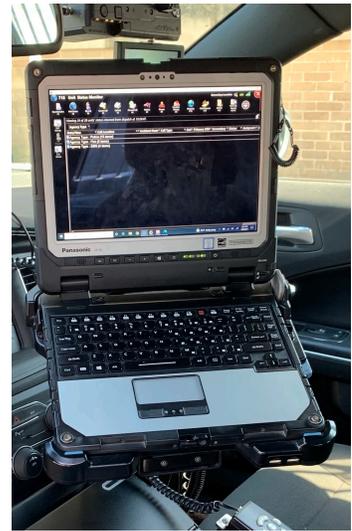


The Headquarters Division oversees the police department's fleet of vehicles, consisting of marked and unmarked patrol cars, unmarked administrative and command cars, detective cars, and specialty vehicles (Field Operations Unit, Forensic Unit and Animal Control vehicle). The goal of fleet management 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 twenty three mobile data terminals or MDTs. Each patrol MDT is a ruggedized Panasonic Toughbook with several peripherals to include a printer, barcode scanner, GPS, and cellular connectivity. Cellular connectivity allows 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. 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.



Additional technology we use are 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 stolen vehicles, suspended drivers, and suspended vehicle registrations. Since the implementation of the LPR system, the number of 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.

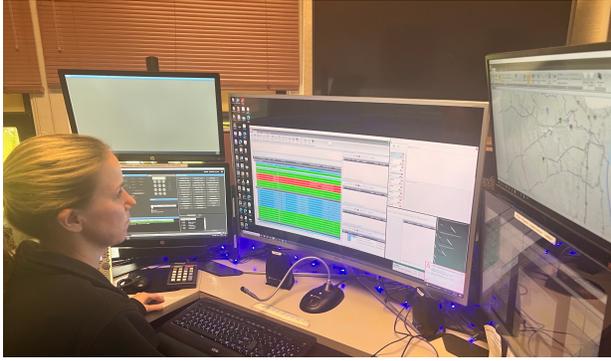


Evidence integrity is a major consideration of any criminal investigation. That is why the Bethlehem Police Department's Detectives Division employs evidence barcode tags. All evidence taken in by the Detectives is tagged with a computer generated barcode label containing pertinent case information and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

Administrative Services administer a secure 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.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



The Police Department is responsible for police, fire, emergency medical services, 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 the 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 (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 is often used at special details throughout the town and 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.

SPECIAL SERVICES



Commander Michael A. Cozzy

The Special Services Division is overseen by Commander Michael Cozzy. It is made up of the Detective Office and the Community Services Unit. Members of the Detective Office and Community Services Unit are overseen by one Commander and one Detective Sergeant. The Detective Office specializes in adult level crimes, while the Community Services Unit specializes in adolescent crimes and public programs. Both units are made up of detectives who often collaborate to complete investigations and solve crimes. Members of the Detective Office work closely with the Albany County

District Attorney's Office as well as the Bethlehem Town Court regarding adult criminal cases. Members of the Community Services Unit work closely with Albany County Family Court, Albany County Probation, and Bethlehem Town Court regarding adolescent cases and diversionary programs such as the Bethlehem Youth Court. Members of both units conduct operations to prevent the sale of alcohol and tobacco products to minors. Detectives are also utilized when conducting pre-employment background investigations.

ACCREDITATION

The New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program was established as a voluntary program that provides law enforcement agencies with a mechanism to evaluate and improve the overall effectiveness of their agency and the performance of their staff. The program is made up of 110 standards which are required to be up-to-date, maintained, and adhered to on an annual basis. An onsite assessment is conducted every five years to insure compliance. The goal of the program is to ensure that each accredited agency is following best practices, policies, and procedures. Accreditation is formal recognition that an agency's policies and practices meet or exceed the standards established by the council in the areas of administration, training, and operations.



The council is the authoritative body responsible for guiding the direction of the program, developing model standards designed to promote excellence and professionalism in the field of law enforcement, and developing policy to establish program rules and expectations. The Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Office of Public Safety (OPS) administers the program in accordance with the council policies.

The Bethlehem Police Department originally became an accredited agency in 1990. At the time, it was only the fourth agency in the state to do so. In 2020, an onsite assessment was conducted and the Department once again earned re-accreditation status. Being part of the accreditation program for 30 years has been both an honor and a privilege.

DETECTIVES OFFICE

The Detectives Office consists of one Detective Sergeant and three Detectives. The Detective Office is tasked with investigating all major crimes, unattended deaths, and adult sexual based offenses. Members of the Detective Office are highly trained in evidence collection, crime scene investigation, and interviewing techniques. All evidence and non-evidentiary property fall under the purview of the Detective Office.

The Detective Office is the primary point of contact when conducting large scale or joint investigations involving other local, state, or federal agencies. These investigations can consist of anything from financial crimes to homicides. All vice related investigations, such as human trafficking and drug offense operations are conducted by the Detective Office. Members of the Detective Office also assist patrol with investigations that lead our members outside of Town.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

The Community Services Unit consists of two detectives who are supervised by the Detective Sergeant from the Detective Office. Members of the Community Services Unit oversee all investigations involving juvenile suspects and victims. Criminal investigations range from criminal mischief, graffiti, larceny, sex offenses, and narcotics. Members of the Community Services Unit are specially trained to investigate adolescent crimes and conduct forensic interviews involving juveniles. Members of the Community Services Unit are experts at evaluating adolescent behavior and identifying concerns. Domestic violence follow-ups, elder abuse, and child abuse are also the responsibility of the Community Service Unit.

Members of the Community Services Unit also served in a dual role as School Resource Officers. As School Resource Officers, members of the Community Services Unit visit Bethlehem Central School District elementary schools, St. Thomas School, and A.W. Becker Elementary school. During such visits the School Resource Officers teach D.A.R.E, assist with fire drills, safety planning, and safety drills. School Resource Officers are often called upon by school officials to assist with home visits, criminal activity, and to address a myriad of additional concerns or issues that may arise.

The Community Services Unit focuses on crime prevention through education. Education plays a major role in crime prevention and safety. Members of the Community Services Unit perform classroom presentations and outdoor program events for school age children on such topics as, internet safety, young adult legal rights, and bicycle/pedestrian safety.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

The School Resource Officer Program was established in the Town of Bethlehem in 1996. The program curriculum has evolved over the years in order to stay up-to-date with modern issues and educational requirements of the children. School Resource Officers are assigned to specific schools within the Town of Bethlehem. The School Resource Program is a partnership between the Police Department and the schools. The goal of the School Resource Program is to provide specialized education, safety, and trust. The partnership between the schools and the police allows for the sharing of concerns and solutions in a way that prioritizes the wellbeing of the children.



DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

The most visible program that the department provides is Drug Abuse Resistance Education known as D.A.R.E. 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 D.A.R.E. officer works with children to raise their self-esteem at a critical time during their adolescence and provide 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.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The town has one full-time and one part time Animal Control Officer who serve the Town of Bethlehem with compassion, kindness, and a dedication to protecting our residents, their pets, and wildlife in general. The duties of the Animal Control Officers include dog licensing, animal cruelty cases, and capture of loose and stray dogs. In addition, Animal Control Officers also care for and transport sick or injured animals to veterinarian clinics and coordinate with rehabilitation centers when possible. On any given day, an Animal Control Officer could be dealing with anything from an injured bald eagle to loose livestock. The number of calls for Animal Control services continue to increase, fueled mainly by the public's awareness and concern for the possibility of exposure to nuisance, injured, or sick animals. Calls have also increased due to loose and possibly dangerous, wild, domestic and companion animals. Most citizens also realize rabies, tick borne, and other zoonotic diseases (ones that can pass between humans and animals) are still very present. The purpose of Animal Control Services is best described by veteran Animal Control Officer Richard Watt:

“To provide the enforcement of the appropriate Federal, State, County and Town laws, regulations and codes. To provide humane care for animals including companion, 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 manor.”

PATROL DIVISION



Deputy Chief James L. Rexford

The Patrol Division is overseen by Deputy Chief James Rexford. Deputy Chief Rexford started his career in law enforcement officer in 1997 with the Town of Coeymans Police Department and lateraled to the Town of Bethlehem Police Department in 1998. He has a Bachelor's Degree from the State University of New York at Albany in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Marist College. Commander Rexford has held the positions of Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Master Sergeant, Commander, and in July of 2022 was promoted Deputy Chief overseeing the Patrol

Division. The Patrol Division is comprised of the

uniformed officers that people commonly see responding to calls for service and patrolling the streets of our community. It is made up of six Patrol Sergeants who supervise twenty-one Patrol Officers. Patrol Division personnel are either assigned to the main station located at 447 Delaware Avenue in Delmar or the satellite station located in the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance building at 1121 Route 9W in Selkirk. 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 is responsible for all of the Zone 4 area and portions of Zone 3. The Patrol Division is responsible for traffic safety, investigating motor vehicle crashes, and the initial investigation of most criminal offenses. They also provide additional services to the community such as assisting people who are locked out of their vehicle, checking homes when people are away on vacation, as well as addressing "quality-of-life" issues.



TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT

Within the Patrol Division there is also the Traffic Safety Unit. This unit is comprised of one Traffic Safety Investigator who is specially trained in commercial vehicle enforcement and vehicle crash management. As of 2022, the Traffic Safety Investigator is part of the Albany County Crash Reconstruction team, which specializes in investigations of serious and fatal vehicle crashes.



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 increased communications between officers and the community. Bike patrol officers are also responsible for presenting bicycle safety courses.

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 community. The Patrol Division maintains this registry and makes information available to the public as allowed by law. Offender Watch is a free resource available to the alert and inform the public 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 of Bethlehem web site.

PATROL DIVISION – GRANT FUNDED INITIATIVES

The Patrol Division participates in several grant funded initiatives. The first is STOP DWI which is an initiative that is administered by Albany County, which specifically focuses on education and enforcement of impaired driving.

“High Visibility Engagement Campaign”, formerly known as “Crackdown”, is another initiative the Town of Bethlehem Police Department participates in. The focus of this program is impaired driving and it is a two prong approach. First, there is a component that requires police departments to provide educational material to help educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving. Secondly, it provides funding for enforcement of impaired driving laws.

“Click It or Ticket”, which is funded by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee with the focus of reducing personal injury crashes. This grant requires grant recipients to provide educational and enforcement efforts focused on occupant protection with the goal of saving lives, preventing and reducing serious injuries to motorists and passengers, and is part of a statewide effort to promote the principles of traffic safety.

Honor Guard

The Bethlehem Police Department maintains an 7 member Honor Guard unit lead by a Honor Guard Sergeant. This unit travels around the Capital District, representing Bethlehem Police Department at memorial services, funerals of fallen Law Enforcement, and other similar events. In 2022 the Bethlehem Honor Guard, along with Chief Cocchiara and other members of our agency, joined local Law Enforcement to travel to New York City for the services of NYPD Officer Wilbert Mora, who was gunned down in an ambush on January 21, 2022, along with his partner Officer Jason Rivera.



Crime Reporting

NYS Incident-Based Reporting (IBR)

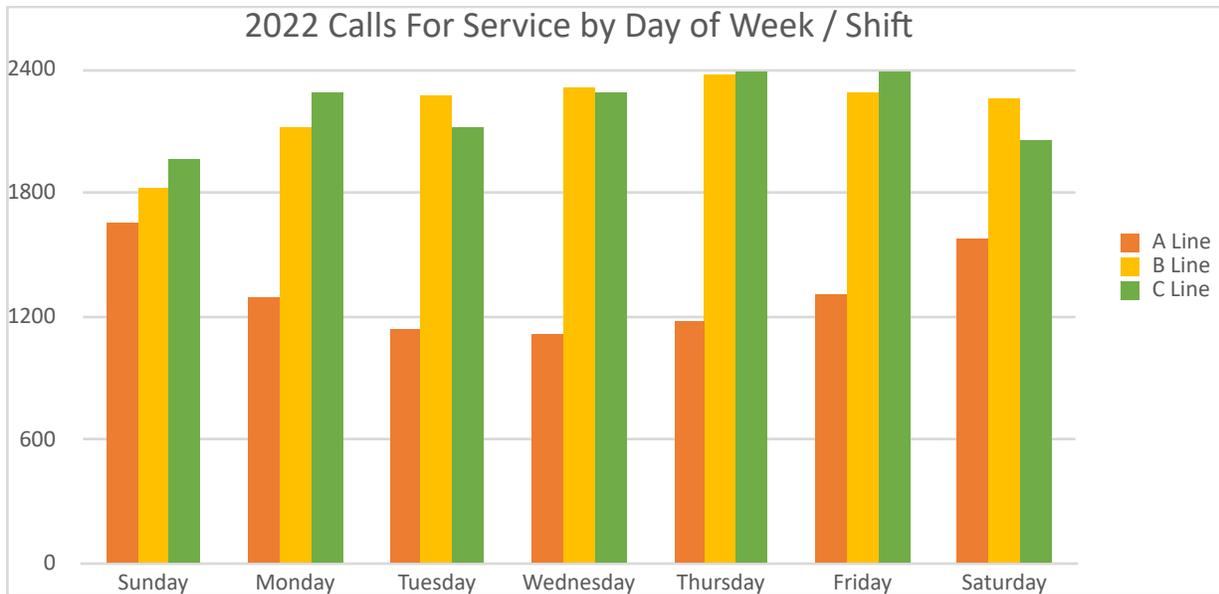
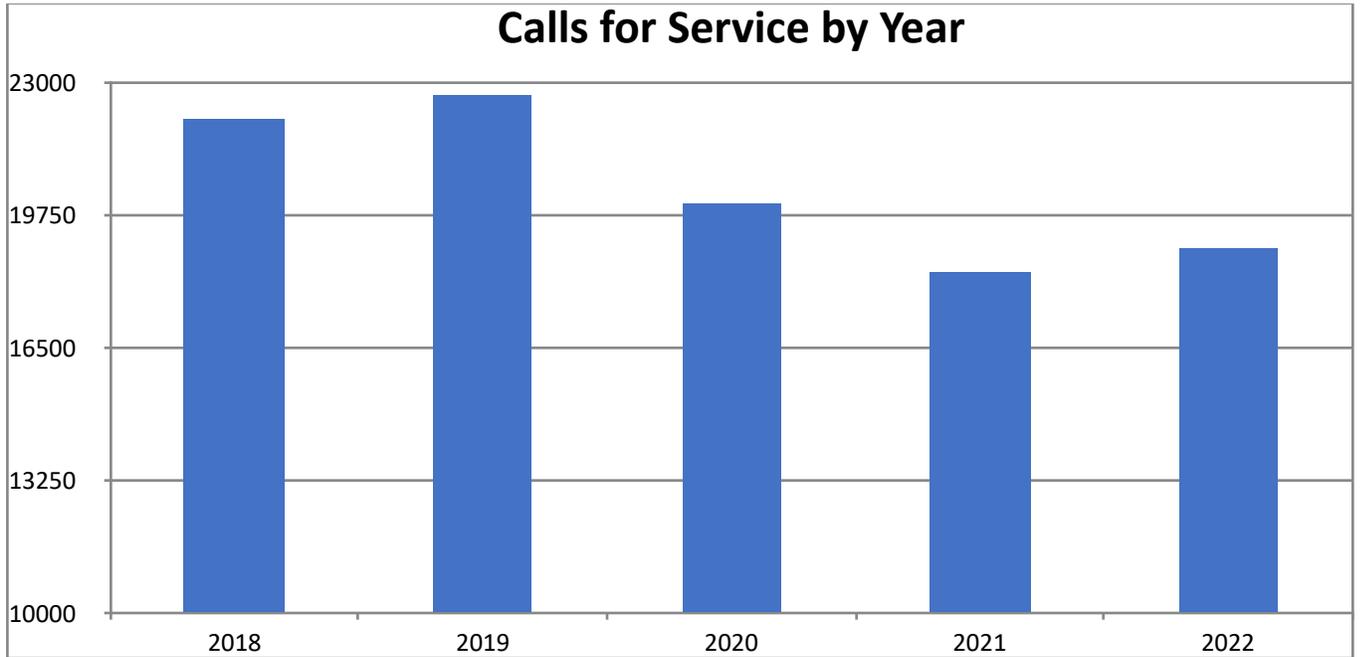
Incident-based reporting (IBR) is a streamlined way of submitting a police department's required crime reports. IBR replaces multiple reports with a single monthly computerized submission. Instead of summarizing key events, Incident Based Reporting records specific incident details, including information about the offender, victim, and property. Data is 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

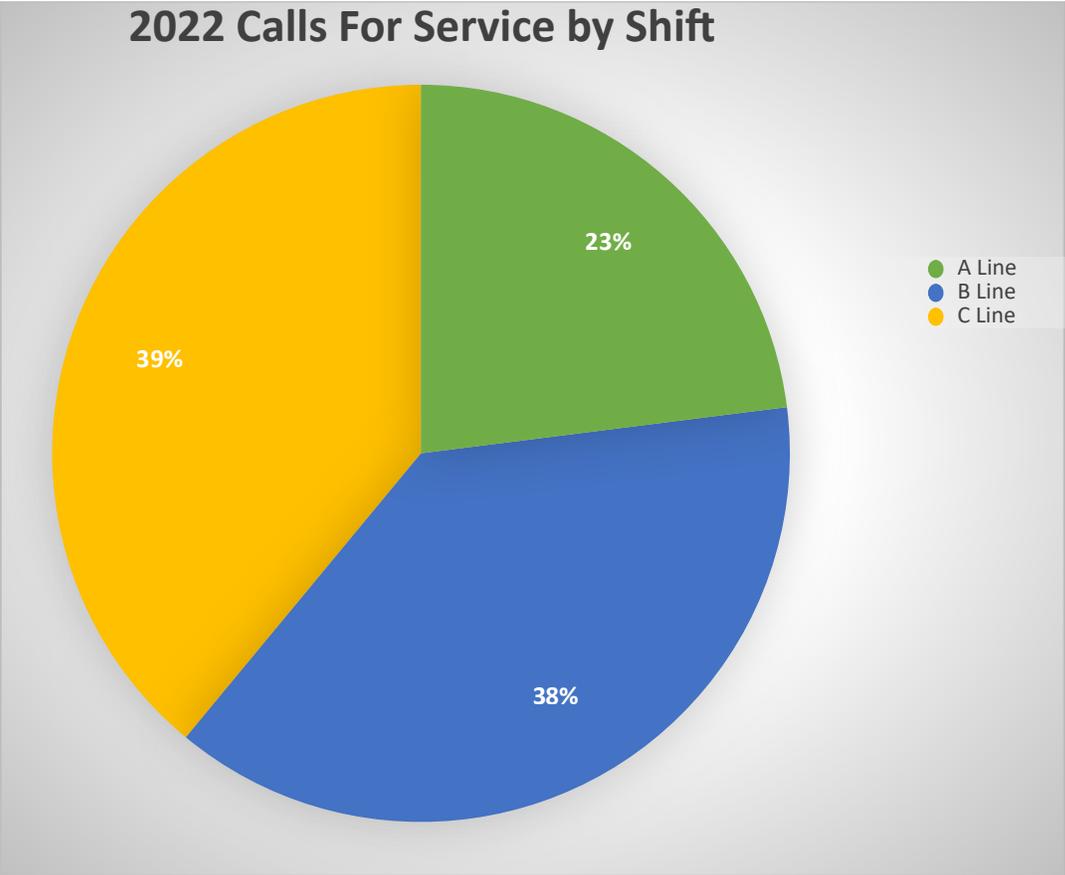
- 1) IBR reduces police department crime report paperwork and saves staff time.** Uniform Crime Reporting requires the department to submit seven different monthly forms. These forms can be complex and time consuming to complete. IBR files are produced by the department's records management system (RMS)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

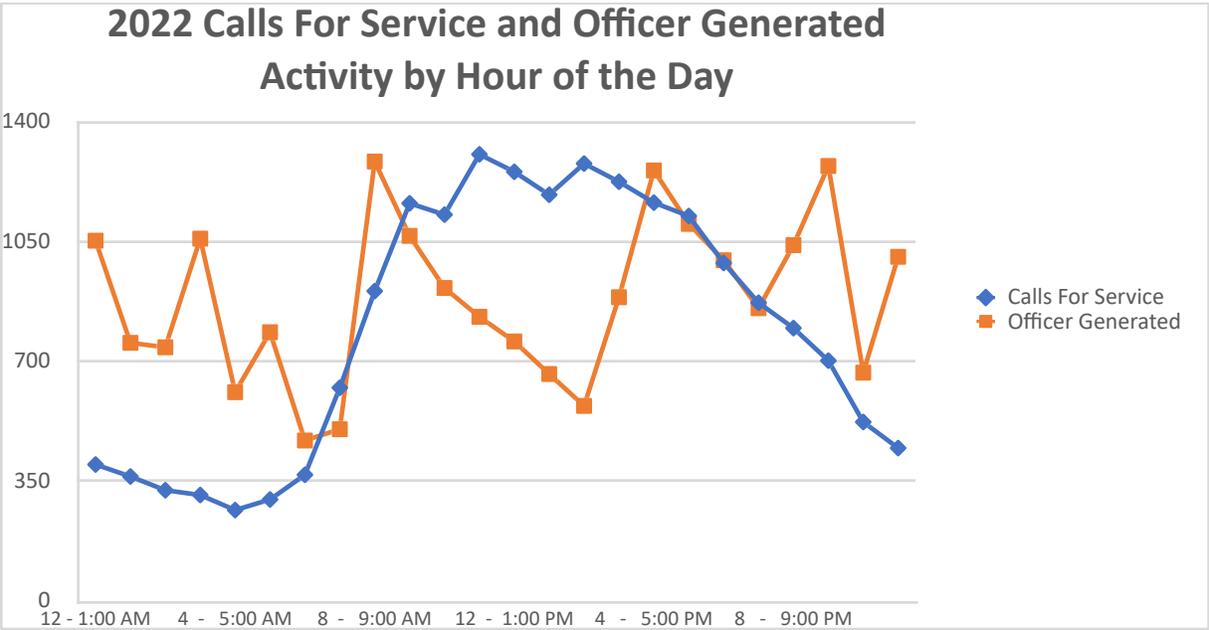
CALLS FOR SERVICE



2022 Calls For Service by Shift

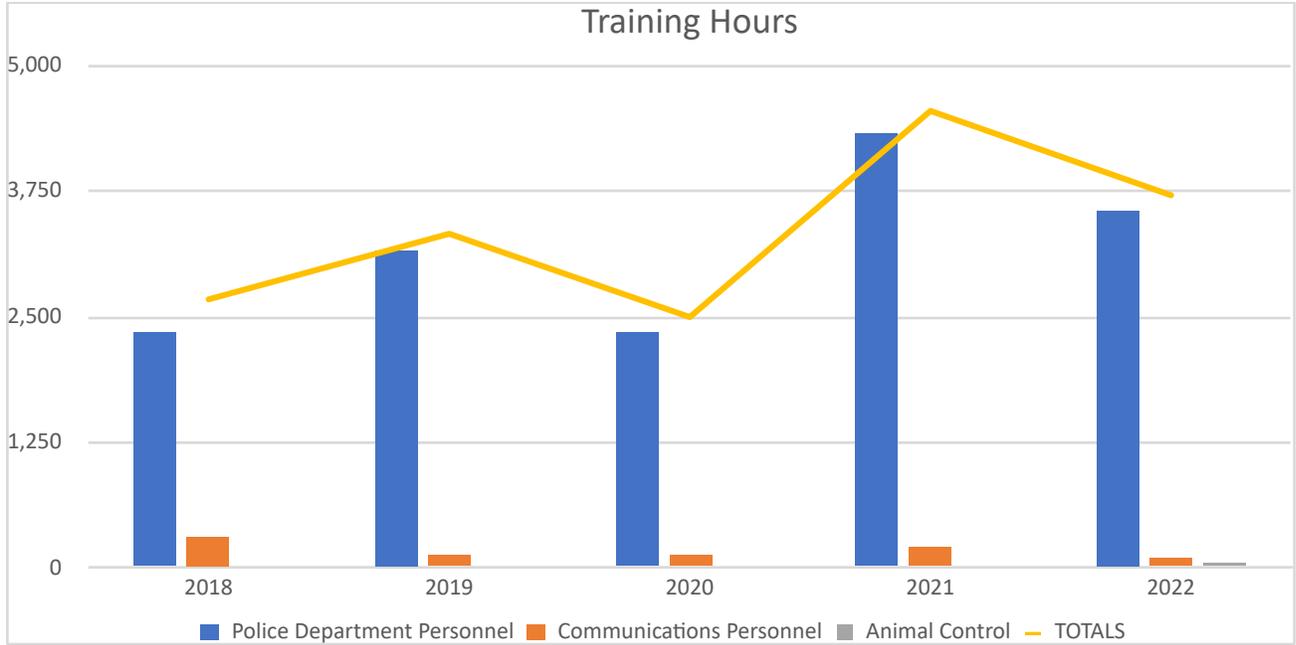


2022 Calls For Service and Officer Generated Activity by Hour of the Day



HEADQUARTERS

Training Hours:

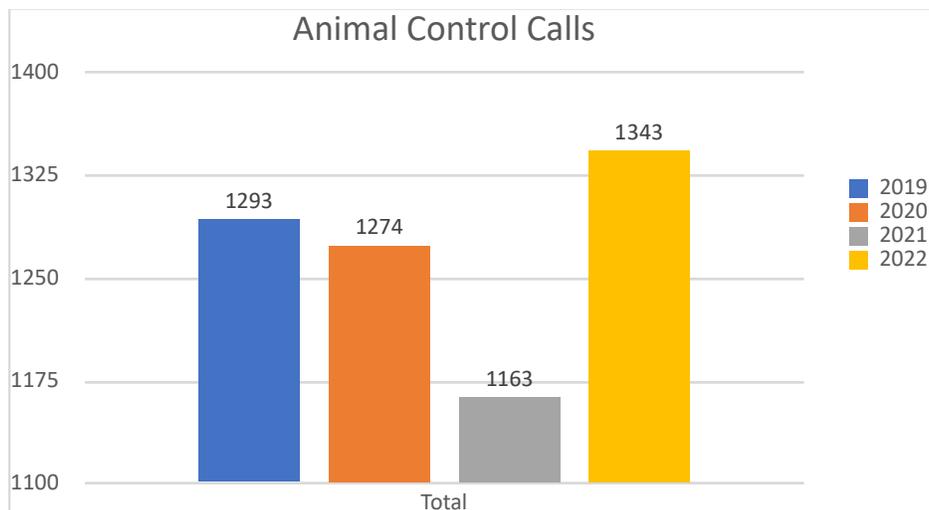


	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Police Department Personnel	2,343	3,162	2,343	4,322	3,560
Communications Personnel	314	133	132	212	110
Animal Control	18	32	24	14	40
TOTALS	2,675	3,327	2,499	4,458	3,710



PATROL/SELECTED ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Motor vehicle stops	7,991	7,229	2,611	3,337	7,105
Traffic Arrests	3,985	3,956	1,385	1,895	2,861
Speed Arrests	511	558	209	293	280
DWI Arrests	35	37	26	24	65
Violation Arrests	279	124	130	98	33
Misdemeanor Arrests	394	456	309	200	338
Felony Arrests	74	128	118	70	149
Seat Belt/ Child Restraint Violations	104	117	15	68	85
Cell Phone Use	200	187	20	93	196
Traffic Details in response to Community Concerns	4,200	3,792	2,057	2,236	3,975
Fatal Accidents	0	1	2	1	1
Personal Injury Crashes	133	121	168	96	122
Alcohol Related Personal Injury Crashes	4	3	5	2	5
Property Damage Crashes	701	645	804	594	607
Property Damage Crashes (Non-Reportable)	325	290	242	202	247
Property Checks	10,952	10,233	10,292	9,021	10,087



CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service by Dispatch Type

911 Accidental	737
911 Hang Up	678
Administrative	261
Alarm (Bank)	16
Alarm (Burglary)	727
Alarm (Hold Up)	5
Animal Control	1,339
Assault	17
Assist Other Agency	258
Assist Person	1,025
Bravo (EMS)	931
Burglary	21
Check A Person	1,138
Check A Vehicle	1,597
Community Programs	533
Court	55
Crash (Property Damage)	795
Crash (Personal Injury)	122
Crash (Unknown)	28
Criminal Mischief	42
Dispute Civil	139
Domestic (Physical)	101
Domestic (Verbal)	323
DPW Notification	251
Drugs	182
Echo (EMS)	69
EMD	6
Emotionally Disturbed Person	63
EMS Call	103
Fight	29
Fire Call	7

Fireworks	43
Get A Report	366
Hazardous Conditions	110
Investigation/Follow up	367
Juvenile Incidents	22
Larceny	509
Missing Person	40
Open Door/Window	40
Other	52
Outdoor Fire	46
Person Suicidal	5
Person With Weapon	4
Police Information	814
Property	286
Property Check	10,090
Prowler	18
Rescue	13
Robbery	2
Sex Crimes	62
Shots Fired	26
Structure Fire (Alarm)	218
Structure Fire (Confirmed)	23
Structure Fire (Possible)	43
Structure Fire (Vulnerable)	135
Town Offense	97
Traffic Detail	3,975
Traffic Hazard	417
Traffic Stop	7,096
Train Incident	4
Vehicle Fire	23
Vehicle in Violation	349
Vehicle Lockout	170
Warrant	130
Grand Total	40,131

2022 SYNOPSIS OF SIGNIFICANT CASES

January 30, 2022 - Members of the Bethlehem Police received a report of an individual holding his family hostage in a Delmar residence. Responding officers were able to establish a perimeter and make contact with the resident where they learned the call was a hoax. Members were able to utilize search warrants to identify the suspect and arrest him for this incident and a second similar incident. 2022-3005

February 5, 2022 - Members of the Bethlehem Police were requested to respond to the area of 750 Delaware Ave, near the Bethlehem High School for a multi-vehicle crash. Members arrived and determined that a 25 year old male was operating his vehicle west on Delaware Ave at a very high rate of speed. Upon approaching the intersection of Delaware Ave and Vandyke Rd he collided with several vehicles leaving the road way and striking several small trees. The operator then fled on foot but was caught a short distance away. The driver was found to be impaired by drugs and was arrested. 2022-3542

March 26, 2022 - The Bethlehem Police were contacted by the family of a female individual to report that she was missing. Members began to work with surrounding agencies with efforts to locate the missing girl when her vehicle was located in Lee Massachusetts. Members then worked with the Lee Police department during the investigation. A short time later the missing individual was located deceased in Lee. 2022-8928

April 26, 2022 - Members of the Bethlehem Police were called to a construction site on River Rd for a larceny. Upon arrival members learned that during the day a suspicious person on the site did steal a truck belonging to one of the employees. Members did utilize an LPR system to track the vehicle down the thruway and then west into Pennsylvania. The vehicle was located in Wilkes-Barre, PA where the suspect was identified, located and taken into custody. 2022-11770

May 10, 2022 - Members of the Bethlehem Police were called to a local department store for a report of a burglary. Upon arrival it was learned that a suspect had forced entry into a rear door and smashed the gun cabinets allowing him entry. The suspect then selected several long guns and ran from the store. While fleeing he did drop all of the long guns. Detectives were able to develop a suspect and are working to complete the case. 2022-13324

June 6, 2022 - Members of the Bethlehem Police and several fire departments were called to 45 Beacon Rd for a structure fire. After investigation, it was determined that a juvenile had attempted to set fire the neighbor's residence and successfully set his own house on fire. The juvenile was taken into custody and charged with Arson. 2022-16278



July 26, 2022 - Members of the Bethlehem Police were requested to assist the New York State Police with a search warrant in a Slingerlands multi- unit residence. During the execution the suspect was found to be in possession of personal items from another resident in the complex. Investigation revealed that the suspect had broken into the residence and stole the property. 2022-21469

August 8, 2022 - Members were contacted by a female victim at the Bethlehem Police station where she wanted to report a domestic incident. The victim reported that in February she had been confronting the father of her child about a relationship he was having when an argument ensued. The argument escalated to the male suspect drawing a firearm and shooting 2 rounds into her car, missing the victim by only inches. Detectives were able to build a case and charge the suspect with attempted homicide. 2022-23159

August 24, 2022 - Members of the Bethlehem Police were called to a local grocery store for a larceny in progress. Upon arrival members were able to quickly locate the suspect vehicle attempting to leave the store. A motor vehicle stop was conducted by arriving officers. Upon the officers approaching the vehicle the suspect then fled crashing into a patrol car and leaving the scene. Through investigation members were able to identify the suspect who was located in the city of Albany and taken into custody. 2022-24992

September 16, 2022 - Members of the Bethlehem Police were called to a multi- unit residential location in Selkirk for a report of a violent attack. Upon arrival members quickly located a male victim bleeding from multiple stab wounds. Members initiated life saving measures until medical personal arrived. It was discovered that the male suspect had fled on foot. Several hours later he was located driving a stolen car in East Greenbush where he was taken into custody and charged with attempted homicide. 2022-27908

October 7, 2022 - Members of the Special Services Division became involved with investigators from a local financial institution after it was discovered that suspects were utilizing fraudulent documents to obtain personal loans. Members were able to take 2 of the individuals involved into custody while attempting to secure money from one of the fraudulent loans. The following investigation identified 3 additional suspects, 1 of which was an employee for the institution. Members were able to recover some of the lost funds along with a loaded handgun. 2022- 30846

November 8, 2022 - A member of the Bethlehem Police conducted a motor vehicle stop in the parking lot of a local department store. The operator was found to have a suspended license. Upon further investigation members recovered a ghost gun hand gun and a ghost gun assault rifle, along with several other personal weapons and ammunition. 2022-30550





November 17, 2022 - Members of the Bethlehem Police were called to the area of Delaware Ave and Minnowbrook Ave for found property. Upon arrival members were met with 2 individuals who had been walking when they recovered a black 9mm ghost hand gun. The gun was processed for DNA and was believed to be related to a vehicle pursuit from the night before. 2022-34961

December 5, 2022 - Members of the Bethlehem Police were called to a financial institution in Glenmont for a larceny. Upon arrival it was learned that suspects had defeated the ATM allowing them to steal over \$100,000 in currency. 2022-37095

2023 Annual Awards Ceremony Recipients

Exceptional Duty Award

Officer Luke Mara - On May 2, 2023 Officer Luke Mara received the Recognition of Excellence Award from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Stop DWI of New York State and the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Officer Mara led the Department removing 29 impaired drivers from the Bethlehem roadways in 2022.

Chief's Achievement Award

Sergeant Michael Whiteley - Starting in 2020, Sergeant Whiteley was assigned the task of expanding and reimagining the Bike Patrol Unit for our Department. In 2021, Sergeant Whiteley developed a certified DCJS five day Law Enforcement Bike Patrol course. The Department then afforded this training opportunity to all members of the Department who were interested. Sergeant Whiteley worked with Steiner's Sports to purchase, outfit, and coordinate the maintenance of additional E-bikes for our Department. He continues to oversee the Bike Patrol Program as we continue to work toward our goal of expanding bike patrols within the Town. As our bike training program continues to grow, our agency is constantly being requested to assist in the training of officers from other local agencies. To date Sergeant Whiteley has trained a total of 30 Police Officers and he isn't done yet. Sergeant Whiteley continues to work on the vision of a complete bike patrol unit for this Department

Department/Unit Citation Award

Detective Sergeant James Cross, Detective Chad Rice, Detective Ken Beck, Detective Adam Cobb - The Bethlehem Police Department Special Services Detectives arrested several individuals who were involved in an organized identity theft operation. The suspects in the investigation were going to SEFCU branches and using fraudulent documents to steal money and open loans using other people's identity. The investigation started when Detectives and Officers responded to check a person at the SEFCU branch located in Slingerlands, who were attempting to withdraw \$20,000 from an account using fictitious identification. The suspect and his accomplice were arrested on scene. Detectives, with the assistance of SEFCU Fraud Prevention, were able to identify additional suspects, one of which was an employee of the SEFCU Branch located in Glenmont. In total 4 people were arrested on multiple Felony and gun charges. It was uncovered that this fraud ring had already yielded over \$100,000.00. This case was solved due to the diligent efforts from the entire unit.

Meritorious Service Award

Sergeant Michael Whiteley, Officer Alex Griffin, Officer Daniel Callahan - On September 7, 2022 at 5:42 pm, a 911 call was received from 489 Orchard Street, stating that there was a fire in her basement near the furnace. Officer Callahan was first to arrive at that location and reported a heavy smoke condition in the residents basement and first floor. Officer Griffin and Sergeant Whiteley were next on scene along with the Delmar Fire Chief. At this time thick black smoke was observed coming out of a basement window and side door of the residence. The homeowner advised that there were 7 puppies in one of the front bedrooms. Officer Callahan made an attempt to enter the residence, but was quickly pushed back by the heavy smoke condition. Officer Callahan, Officer Griffin and Sergeant Whiteley assisted fire personal in gaining entry to the bedroom—through the bedroom window. Officer Griffin and Officer Callahan assisted in retrieving 7 puppies and the K9 mother as they were handed out the window by firefighters. Officer Griffin and Officer Callahan did not hesitate to ensure that not only human life but the lives of a family of canines were pulled from the burning structure and saved. If not for their brave actions the canines would certainly have perished in the fire.

Life Saving Awards

Officer Cameron Apple - On July 6, 2022 at 4:48 pm, Officer Apple was dispatched to the Walmart Parking lot for an unresponsive female inside a motor vehicle / possible overdose. Prior to Officer Apple's arrival the call was upgraded to an Echo response with CPR now in progress outside the vehicle, by a bystander. Upon Officer Apple's arrival he found the female still unresponsive and not breathing. Officer Apple administered one 4mg Narcan intranasal and took over CPR. Upon the arrival of Sergeant Whiteley, a carotid pulse was palpable as Sergeant Whiteley was preparing the BVM (bag-valve-mask) when EMS arrived to take over care. The female was regaining consciousness prior to being transported in the ambulance. It was not known how many pills or what drugs she had taken. Officer Apple showed no hesitation to render care to a patient suffering a life threatening overdose, if not for his swift actions, the woman may not have survived.

Sergeant Michael Whiteley, Officer Alexander Hazelton, Officer Alex Griffin, Telecommunicator Kristina Leamy, Telecommunicator Christopher Kowalski - On September 8, 2022, at 9:44 pm, a 911 call was taken by Telecommunicator Kowalski from a woman stating she needed an ambulance for her husband, and then walked away from the phone. There were sounds of what was believed to be CPR being done and a woman yelling "Michael, no no". Telecommunicator Leamy immediately dispatched PD/EMS personnel for an Echo response. Upon arrival, Officer Hazelton, Officer Griffin and Sergeant Whiteley observed a female pushing on a man's chest while he was seated in a chair. The man was unresponsive. He was immediately lowered to the floor and found to be breathless and without a pulse. CPR was started and a department AED was attached to the male patient. First analysis indicated a shock, which was delivered by Officer Griffin. Following the shock, Officer Hazelton continued CPR and Sergeant Whiteley provided respirations. A second analysis by the AED indicated another shock, which was delivered by Sergeant Whiteley. EMS then arrived on scene and care was transferred. The Officers continued to assist EMS personnel and the male regained a pulse, was breathing, and holding a high blood pressure before being transported to St. Peter's for further care. The quick recognition of a true emergency by the Telecommunicators, along with the responding officers showing great skill in providing emergency cardiac arrest care were all integral in saving the man's life.

Officer Brady Hughes, Officer Luke Mara, Officer John D. Springer - On December 10, 2022, at 5:48 am, a 911 call was received for a 37 year old male patient that had overdosed in a hotel room at the Quality Inn and Suites, located in Glenmont. Upon PD arrival, a male was found in the bathroom of a hotel room with drug paraphernalia near his person. The male was unresponsive, with slow respirations and frothing from the mouth. The officers moved the male out of the bathroom and into the hallway. One 4mg Narcan intranasal was administered. Approximately 5 minutes later, with no change in the male's condition and no EMS arrival on scene, a second 4mg Narcan intranasal was administered. EMS did arrive shortly after and took over care. With further EMS intervention on scene the male regained consciousness, and was transported to Albany Medical Center for evaluation and treatment. Officer Hughes, Officer Mara, and Officer Springer handled this call with professionalism, displayed great knowledge of how to handle an overdose emergency, and did not hesitate to render care to a person suffering from a life threatening overdose.

Career Recognition Awards

Officer Peter Resnick (Retired) - September 2, 1995 - September 22, 2022, Officer Resnick was a consistent staple within the Patrol Division. With a career that spanned 27 years with our Department. Officer Resnick always held himself to the highest of standards, making him an asset. Officer safety was something Officer Resnick took very seriously. As a reality based Instructor, he was dedicated to training officers not only how to watch out for themselves, but also to keep his fellow officers safe. He not only trained Bethlehem Police Officers, but also future and current police officers from around the capital district. He was a dependable and respected member of our Department, and the Law Enforcement Community as a whole. He was a field training officer, a mentor, and a leader amongst his peers. Officer Resnick brought with him a sense of humor, an air of confidence, and was always someone we all could rely on. His attitude and demeanor complimented his professionalism. He was truly valued and has been missed.

Detective Gerald Young (Retired) - October 14, 2022, Detective Young was a valued member of the Department. Detective Young brought a lot of experience and expertise with him when he came to our department from the Troy Police Department. Detective Young was a respected and dedicated Detective that we relied on to bring solid decision making and utmost professionalism to the job at all times. He was a true team player, always there to assist any member of the Department that needed help. He was a truly valued and has been missed.