

Chief Herriott-Sullivan's Brief



[A Message to the Rochester community from Chief Herriott-Sullivan](#)

The Rochester Police Department has received several reports of reckless and illegal operation of dirt bikes and ATVs on public streets in the City. Unfortunately, this recent activity has resulted in the loss of two young lives, neither of whom were wearing helmets. These types of vehicles are prohibited on any public street and/or sidewalk in the City of Rochester.

At the Rochester Police Department, we are doing everything we can to curb the issue of illegal operation of dirt bikes, minibikes, go karts and ATVs on city streets, to reduce the risk of further loss of life. This effort will take the community's support, and we encourage you to call 911 (anonymously if requested) when you see these off-road vehicles operating on city streets and/or pedestrian sidewalks or are concerned for your safety. **Please do not try to stop any of these vehicles on your own.**

We are always looking for ways to partner with our community to create a brighter future. Should you have feedback or ideas to share with us, please connect with us at RPD.Chief@CityofRochester.gov.

- Cynthia Herriott-Sullivan, Chief of Police
Rochester Police Department

[Recently Completed Actions](#)

Anti-Violence Detail

As mentioned in my last brief on April 1, 2021, we have begun adding foot and bike patrols to target locations based upon real-time data and analytics. We are also increasing our anti-violence (GIVE) patrol details in the areas that have historically seen the highest numbers of violent crime. Section captains have developed individual anti-violence strategies for their specific sections of the City, as each must be supported based on its unique needs. Additionally, we have been actively strategizing with community and faith-based organizations and local groups to identify and discuss how the community can assist in reducing violence in our city and turn ideas into action. We look forward to sharing formal plans with the community in the coming weeks.

Policy Review and Changes

Within the last month, we've rolled out four policy updates to officers including [Duty to Intervene](#), [Chokeholds](#), [Mental Hygiene Detention](#), and [De-escalation](#). These updates were publicly announced on March 15, 2021 and March 30, 2021, respectively. We continue to review existing policies and will announce additional updates as warranted.

[Progress on Key Initiatives:](#)

RPD is in the process of developing and rolling out department-wide trainings. This week, members of the Department will attend Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). This training will give officers and supervisors additional tools and skills to better deal with mental health situations.

Officer Highlight

I'd like to take a moment to congratulate one of Rochester's finest, our own Lieutenant Waldo, for being named Monroe County American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year! His nomination included information on his work with the Best Buddies International program. As a result of a variety of charitable fundraisers in 2019, Lt. Waldo and his staff raised over \$10,000.00 for the Best Buddies program. Lt. Waldo was also instrumental in the development and execution of the Holiday "Goodnight Lights" program for the children in residence at the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong Memorial.

Ways to Connect with Us:

We encourage our community to share with us what information would be most important to them. Please connect with us at CAB@CityofRochester.Gov to share your thoughts.

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