

# Chief Herriott-Sullivan's Brief



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

I would like to welcome our new Deputy Chief of Operations (DCO) David Smith and our new Deputy Chief of Administration (DCA) Debra Dwyer.

**Deputy Chief David Smith** has served with the Rochester Police Department for 28 years. He has served at every rank from Officer to Commander and as a Captain for six years. He has led numerous projects and for several years was the Central Section Commanding Officer. Recently, Deputy Chief Smith served as part of the police chief's transition team at the rank of Commander.

**Deputy Chief Debra Dwyer** has over 25 years of service with the Greece Police Department, to include serving as the Interim Police Chief for 14 months. Deputy Chief Dwyer also served as the Assistant Chief of Public Safety at Monroe Community College. Deputy Chief Dwyer has a track record of excellence with experience over the Community Service Unit and developing emergency response plans utilizing the Incident Command System. She is also graduate of the FBI National Academy and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Please help me welcome them to the Rochester Police Department.

The Fourth of July is only a few weeks away and I would ask that when illegal fireworks are heard or seen to please call 911. The dangers of using illegal fireworks are many. Unlicensed, untrained users of fireworks run the risk of bodily injury to themselves or others, hearing loss, and ground or structure fires, just to name a few. Fireworks being set off in neighborhoods effect the quality of life for all residents. It is annoying and alarming to hear loud booms that often sound like gunshots. I ask that you respect your neighbors.

When calling 911, it is important to be specific on where the illegal fireworks are originating. An actual address is needed for us to take any enforcement. Without a specific location, the police department cannot properly address the annoyance or dangerous condition created by illegal fireworks. If you see something suspicious, please don't hesitate to call 911.

Should you have feedback or ideas to share with us, please connect with us at [RPD.Chief@CityofRochester.gov](mailto:RPD.Chief@CityofRochester.gov).

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

## Recent Actions

On May 13th and May 14<sup>th</sup>, the department completed a two-day mandatory training. The participants had a chance to hear from local and national subject matter experts that covered topics in the area, such on Compassion Fatigue, Mind Set Training, Leadership, Race Relations, Strategies to Respond to Mental illness, Understanding the Adolescent Brain and Excited Delirium. The former United States Attorney General Eric Holder served as the Keynote speaker. This mandatory training will be made available on the RPD Web for the participants that were not able to attend.

Also during the month of May, we ran a “Name The Horse” contest. This was a contest that allowed students in grades K-8, to not only name our latest Mounted Patrol horse, but the winner would also have the opportunity to win a new Apple iPad.

I am pleased to announce the winner of the “Name The Horse” contest is: Emmett Lander McCullough. Emmett’s winning entry was “Chase”; he picked that name as it is his favorite character on the show “Paw Patrol.”

Emmett is a student in the Rochester City School District Mary Cariola program.

Congratulations Emmett!

## Officer Highlights

I’d like to recognize and give special kudos to Officers Mandurano, Demarco and Barnes for their bravery and placing themselves in harm’s way to help save a family from a burning house on Hague Street. The officers were on an unrelated call, spotted the flames coming from the burning house and rushed to the home to try to help the family escape, before firefighters arrived. I would like to send my thoughts and prayers to the family that lost their loved one in this tragic fire.

I am pleased to recognize Officer Jason Lathrop for being selected to receive the 2020 STOP-DWI “Top Cop” for his outstanding work, dedication and commitment.

## 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](mailto:CAB@CityofRochester.Gov) to share your thoughts.