



ANNUAL REPORT

2014

ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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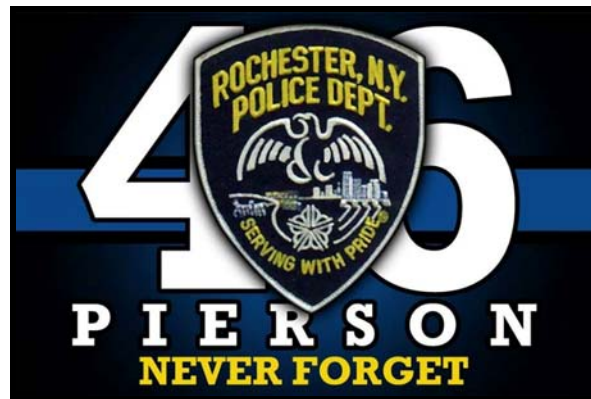
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for more information on the many services, programs, and volunteer opportunities we offer.*

In Memory of Officer Daryl R. Pierson

Rochester Police Officer Daryl R. Pierson was shot and killed in the line of duty on September 3, 2014. Officer Pierson was hired by the Rochester Police Department on August 21, 2006, and served with distinction, earning several awards and commendations throughout his eight-year career as a police officer for the City of Rochester.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

THE ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT:

The RPD is a diverse team of highly trained and skilled professionals, committed to policing in the spirit of service. Through proactive police-citizen engagement, we provide fair, impartial and innovative police services for our culturally diverse community and unique neighborhoods to address crime and solve problems.

THE ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT VISION STATEMENT:

The RPD is a world-class leader in policing and public safety management. We continuously enhance the quality of life in Rochester through our leadership, community engagement, innovation and an undeniable spirit of service.

THE ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT CORE VALUES & PRINCIPLES:

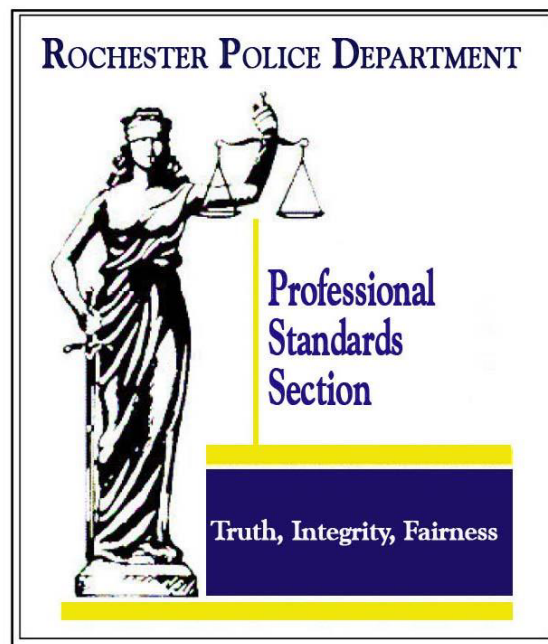
- Professionalism: We are fair and impartial at all times
- Respect: For each other and all we serve
- Integrity: We do what is right—even when no one is looking
- Dedication: To the policing profession and our Mission
- Excellence: Continuous improvement across the Department
- Service: Police the way we would like to be policed
- Teamwork: We achieve the Mission together.
- Collaboration: Both inside and outside the Department

THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SECTION

The Professional Standards Section is responsible for investigations of complaints of police actions, police misconduct, civil claims investigations for the Corporation Counsel, the administrative review of all fleet vehicle accident investigations, and other investigations as directed by the Chief of Police. This Section's Long- Term Disability Unit also monitors disabled personnel as assigned, due to injuries or illnesses that prevent regular performance of duties.

The PSS Annual Report provides a variable snapshot of statistics and reports regarding complaint allegations, use of force incidents, and investigative case findings. It is of the utmost importance to the Rochester Police Department to remain transparent to the community in which we protect and serve. PSS Annual Reports can be found on the City of Rochester website at the following link:

www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589953682



OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau is commanded by a Deputy Chief. It is responsible for providing direct police services to the public. This Bureau is comprised of three Divisions – the Patrol Division, the Special Operations Division, and the Criminal Investigations Division. The Bureau also includes the Special Events Section, Animal Services, and the Crime Research Unit.

The Patrol Division is responsible for providing general police services throughout the City, centralized coordination of bicycle patrols, and certain special services. Patrol services are directed over two geographical patrol divisions – East and West.

The Special Operations Division is comprised of Special Investigation Section, Special Operations Section, and Specialized Teams. The Division provides support activities city-wide.

The **Special Investigations Section** consists of the Narcotics, Intelligence, Administrative, Firearms Suppression and Surveillance and Electronic Support Units, Violent Crime Team, and the Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (GRANET).

The Special Investigations Section is responsible for the suppression of illegal narcotics trafficking, organized crime and other vice-related activity. This Section has investigative, enforcement, and intelligence gathering responsibilities, as well as the responsibility of conducting other investigations deemed appropriate by the Chief of Police.

Special Operations Section has five components: K-9, Mounted, Tactical, Traffic Enforcement, and Youth Services.

The **K-9 Unit** provides K-9 services for building, narcotics, nitrate and explosives searches, as well as assists with dignitary support. All K-9 dogs are

German Shepherds, and undergo intensive training in compliance with New York State requirements. All the K-9 dogs are patrol tracking dogs, with some cross-trained for nitrate searches or narcotics searches.

The **Mounted Unit** provides specialized mounted horse patrol capabilities to augment regular patrol. Mounted capability offers high visibility patrol for special details and is also an important part of special events, offering crowd control and a uniformed presence. Mounted units can be seen patrolling in neighborhoods and downtown, at parades, and at special events such as the 4th of July fireworks, Music Fest, Blue Cross Arena functions, and the Lilac and Corn Hill festivals. Mounted also performs Honor Guard functions and offers tours of their Verona St. facility.

The **Tactical Unit** is responsible for augmenting and assisting patrol operations in covert surveillance, saturation patrol, and providing coordination and technical assistance for specialized details related to robbery, burglary, rape, and feud-related violence. The Tactical Unit also provides uniformed Honor Guard for various functions and dignitary funerals, uniform support for the Special Investigation Section, as well as being an integral part of the Mobile Field Force (MFF).

The **Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU)** is a highly trained, specialized group of officers whose main function is the reduction of traffic related accidents, fatalities, and injuries. TEU officers are trained in radar operations, DWI enforcement, taxi inspection, weigh scale operation, vehicle and traffic law, and motorcycle operation. TEU performs enforcement, traffic direction, traffic-related in-service training to the Department, provides dignitary escorts, Honor Guard, special events, and neighborhood speed watch programs.

The **Youth Services Unit** coordinates youth related programs. Its focus is the prevention of youth-related crimes and the reduction of youth violence. It coordinates the Department's educational and crime prevention programs for at-risk youth. Intervention services include the Truancy program and the School Resource Officer program.

Specialized Teams consists of the Bomb Squad, Crisis Negotiation Team, Emergency Task Force, Mobile Field Force, and SCUBA Squad.

The **Bomb Squad** responds to incidents involving explosives, bombs, explosive chemicals, military ordnance, fireworks, and conducts post blast investigations. All members have been trained to respond to any chemical, nuclear, or biological terrorist threat. The Bomb Squad is one of the only RPD part-time squads directly involved in case investigations, arrests, and expert testimony.

The **Crisis Negotiation Team** responds to incidents involving hostage taking and barricaded suspects. Negotiators establish a dialogue with the hostage taker, with the goals being the release of hostages and the capture of the hostage taker. Negotiators also work with suicidal persons and in various crisis intervention matters.

The **Emergency Task Force (SWAT)** is a group of volunteer officers, selected and specially trained and equipped to deal with unique situations; barricaded armed subjects, high risk warrant service, high risk suspect apprehension, hostage rescue, protection of dignitaries and other special assignments.

The **Mobile Field Force** is a specially trained group of personnel assigned to provide rapid, organized, and disciplined response to civil disorder, crowd control, or other tactical situations.

The **SCUBA Squad** is a volunteer team specially trained and equipped to handle underwater assignments such as emergency rescues in cold water, near-drowning victims, surface rescues, water recovery of bodies, criminal evidence or other property recoveries. Other duties include safety standby operations at special community water events.

The **Central Investigation Division** is responsible for the Major Crimes, Economic Crimes, License Investigations and Technicians Units. The Family and Victim Services Section also falls within this Division. This Division has the main responsibility of coordinating liaison activities both internally and inter-agency.

The **Special Events Section** is responsible for logistics, coordination, and direct supervision of over 500 community events per year. Section personnel act as liaison with the City Communications Bureau, area festival committees, and private entertainment venues. Events this year included the Lilac Festival, Corn Hill Arts Festival, Park Ave. Festival, Rochester International Jazz Fest, and the Rochester Marathon.

The **Animal Services Section**, located at 184 Verona St., is composed of the Animal Control Unit, Animal Care Unit, and Shelter Veterinary Unit. The Animal Control Unit is responsible for impounding unleashed and menacing dogs, sick or injured stray animals, and animals that have bitten or scratched a person. The Animal Control Unit enforces all local and state animal control ordinances including, but not limited to, leash law, barking, number of dogs allowed per household, rabies control, dangerous dog law, and dog licensing. Animal Control Officers (ACO) respond to animal-related calls for service dispatched from the 911 center. ACOs also assist Police Officers in the execution of warrants and work to ensure the safety of officers and the public when animals are involved.

The Animal Care Unit operates a shelter for temporarily housing impounded animals. The shelter serves both as an adoption facility and as a lost and found center for pets. Animal Care Technicians maintain the shelter and the animals and assist citizens in finding missing pets and adopting new ones.

The Shelter Veterinary Unit ensures that all sheltered animals receive appropriate care and nutrition and includes an on-site spay/neuter clinic. The Low-Income Spay/Neuter (LISN) Program provides discounted sterilization surgeries for pets of qualifying residents.

Animal Services offers awareness programs such as Dog Bite Prevention and Responsible Pet Ownership. Animal Services also has an active volunteer program that is essential to the maintenance of care and enrichment for the animals and a foster care program that helps extend the walls of the facility to increase adoptions.

For more information about Animal Services, visit www.rochesteranimalservices.com.

Service Requests:	13,943
Tickets Issued:	826
Warnings Issued:	889
Reported Dog Bites:	239
Live Release Rate:	71.23%
Dogs:	
Impounded:	2,447
Redeemed:	348
Adopted:	881
Transferred:	359
Euthanized:	829
Sterilized:	1,039
Cats:	
Impounded:	1,941
Redeemed:	12
Adopted:	770
Transferred:	612
Euthanized:	514
Sterilized:	784

The **Crime Research Unit** is an active partner in the **Monroe Crime Analysis Center (MCAC)**.

The mission of the Monroe Crime Analysis Center (MCAC) is to assist law enforcement agencies in Monroe County by providing analysis and intelligence products which improve law enforcement's capacity to more effectively prevent and reduce Part I crime in the City of Rochester and Monroe County.

MCAC is a partnership between the Rochester Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), New York State Police, Monroe County Probation and Monroe County District Attorney's Office. The center is housed on the third floor of the City Public Safety Building and includes a staff of 20. Personnel analyze crime trends and patterns throughout Monroe County. In addition to analysis, the center has five full-time field intelligence officers (FIOs) whose responsibility it is to develop new intelligence on emerging crime problems or to assist investigators on cultivating additional intelligence on patterns or other crimes of interest.



ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

The **Administration Bureau** is commanded by a Deputy Chief. It is responsible for providing administrative services necessary to Department operations. This Bureau consists of the following sections: Budget, Personnel, Professional Development, Technical Services, and Research and Evaluation. This Deputy Chief also oversees the Officer Assistance Program of crisis intervention and stress counseling services to members and their families.

The **Budget Section** is responsible for overseeing all purchasing and accounting activities, and monitoring all Department revenues and expenditures.

The **Personnel Section** is responsible for maintaining Department personnel records, payroll records, preparation of job descriptions and Department hiring procedures.

The **Professional Development Section** develops, coordinates, and administers the Department in-service and recruit training programs. The Professional Development Section includes the Firearms Training, Defensive Tactics Training, Recruit and Field Training, Background and Recruitment and In-Service Training Units. It also includes the Volunteer Services Unit, which is responsible for assisting with recruitment, placement of civilians in unpaid positions, maintaining and monitoring a variety of programs within the Department as well as developing new programs as needed.

The Professional Development Section works in partnership with the Monroe County Public Safety Training Facility for recruit and many advanced training programs. The Citizens Police Academy is also coordinated by this section.

BACKGROUND AND RECRUITMENT STATISTICS

Total number of applicants for the November 2014 written exam: 2824

Total number that participated in the written exam: 1698

Total number that passed the written exam: 1467

Total number that participated in the physical agility exam: 272

Total number that passed the physical agility exam: 162

Total number of sworn background investigations: 162 (101 were minority candidates)

Class #58: 20 hired (15 were minorities)

The **Technical Services Section** is responsible for providing technical support to field personnel, and public access to Department records. It coordinates fleet vehicle purchasing and maintenance, and control of fixed assets. This Section includes the Headquarters and Records, Juvenile Records, Identification, Warrants, Photo Lab, Court Liaison, Call Reduction, Property Clerk, Firearms Investigations, Quartermaster, Auto Pound Units, as well as the Police Overt Digital Surveillance System (PODSS)/ Violence Cameras and Red Light Cameras.

The **Research and Evaluation Section** develops Department policies and procedures, prepares and revises Administrative and General Orders, represents the Department in matters with outside agencies, and is responsible for data management. Duties include coordination with the Monroe County Office of Emergency Preparedness, policy development for handling emergencies with Department units and external agencies, as well as oversight of Department accreditation processes. This section procures and administers all grant funding, oversees special projects and experimental programs, prepares analytical reports, and provides staff assistance to the Department as required. The Section is responsible for the field testing of new products, equipment and technologies under consideration by the Department, and generally assesses compliance with rules, regulations, and directives.

STATISTICS

Budget, Year-To-Year Comparison

<u>Bureaus</u>	Budget		<u>Change</u>	Percent <u>Change</u>
	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>		
Office of the Chief	3,426,300	3,742,700	316,400	9.2%
Operations	68,069,000	66,478,200	-1,590,800	-2.3%
Administration	<u>15,490,600</u>	<u>14,853,700</u>	<u>-636,900</u>	<u>-4.1%</u>
Total	86,985,900	85,074,600	-1,911,300	-2.2%

Assignment of Authorized Positions

<u>Year</u>	<u>Office of the Chief & Administration</u>			<u>Operations</u>			<u>Department Total</u>		
	<u>Sworn</u>	<u>Non-Sworn</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Sworn</u>	<u>Non-Sworn</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Sworn</u>	<u>Non-Sworn</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014-15	45	67	112	681	56	737	726	123	849
2013-14	45	66	111	681	76	757	726	142	868

Authorized Sworn Positions

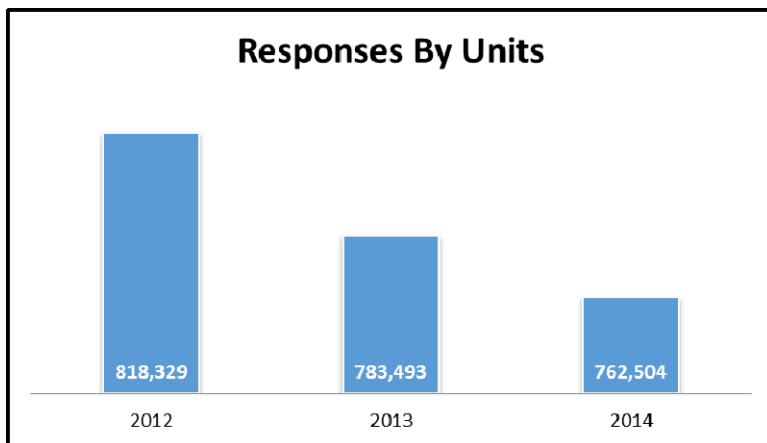
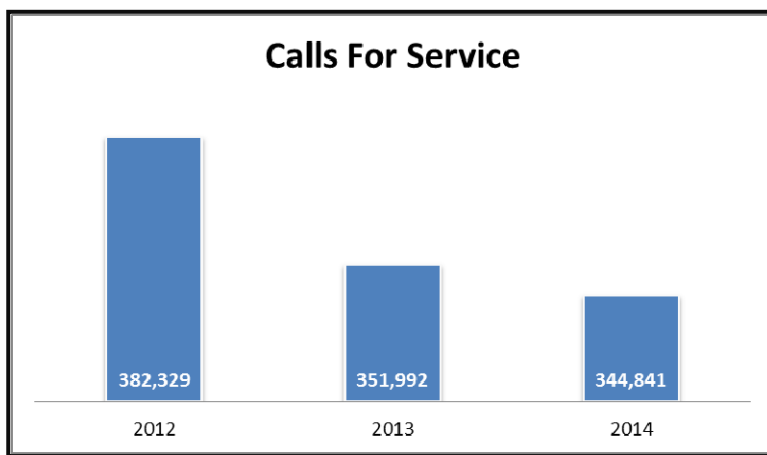
<u>Positions</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
Chief	1	1
Executive Deputy Chief	1	1
Deputy Chief	2	2
Commander	3	3
Captain	11	11
Lieutenant	33	34
Sergeant	90	89
Police Investigator	80	80
Police Officer	505	505
Total	726	726

To view current and previous budget information go to:
<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/citybudget/>

CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Rochester Police Department tracks all services to the community by “Calls for Service”, “Police Responses”, and “Self-Initiated Activities”. “Calls for Service” are 911 calls dispatched by the Emergency Communications Department (ECD). A “Police Response” occurs each time an additional unit provides service at a given scene. As one call for service may result in multiple units in response, the number of responses is likely to be greater than the number of calls for service. “Self-Initiated Activity” is an event the officer comes across on the beat or initiates.

ECD assigns each specific incident a Crime Report number. The “CR” number is a unique number assigned to each event by which all reports, tickets, arrests, etc. can be traced. When one needs to refer back to a given incident, searches can be conducted by entry of the CR number, as well as the date or location of the incident.



Operations Bureau – Patrol Division Activities

2014 Patrol Division Activities	Total
Investigations- Fielded, Closed, or Warrant Advised	16,514
Investigations- Officed	13,043
Crimes Cleared	10,640
Percentage of Crimes Cleared	30.00%
Arrests Made	19,250
Handguns Confiscated	588
Long Guns Confiscated	444
Field Information Forms Completed	12,455

Crime Statistics

Part I and Part II Offenses are defined in accordance with the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, a cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 city, county, and state law enforcement agencies. Administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) since 1930, the Program's primary purpose is to generate reliable statistics for use in law enforcement administration and operation. The data, which has become one of the leading social indicators of our nation, is reported by the Rochester Police Department to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, and is forwarded to the FBI.

Annual official crime statistics for the Rochester Police Department and all police agencies in Monroe County can be found at the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services website:

<http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/stats.htm>

Annual State and National crime statistics can be found at the Federal Bureau of Investigations website:

<https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/ucr>

2014 Part I Offenses- Yearly Comparisons

Crime Category Description	2012	2013	2014
Homicide	37	39	34
Rape	93	86	110
Robbery	801	895	708
Aggravated Assault	1,016	940	779
Burglary	2,921	2,594	2,207
Larceny	7,370	6,804	6,100
Motor Vehicle Theft	634	534	594
Part I Total	12,872	11,892	10,532

2014 Yearly Comparison- Part II Crimes

Crime Category Description	2012	2013	2014
Arson	156	146	140
Kidnapping	9	22	34
Controlled Substances	1,831	1,404	1,009
Dangerous Weapons	344	377	361
Bribery	2	-	1
Sex Offenses	211	154	144
Extortion	-	9	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting	56	99	66
Prostitution	134	77	69
Stolen Property	53	60	40
Coercion	-	4	2
Criminal Mischief	4,011	3,744	3,406
Fraud	563	549	458
Gambling	-	6	3
Simple Assault	4,680	4,731	4,151
Liquor Law Offenses	21	17	7
Disorderly Conduct	980	708	454
Loitering	13	14	6
Other Offense	1,126	1,887	1,587
Part II Total	14,190	14,008	11,939

PROMOTIONS & RETIREMENTS

PROMOTIONS:

To the Rank of Deputy Chief:

Wayne Harris (10/17/14)

To the Rank of Commander:

Wayne Harris (3/24/14)

To the Rank of Captain:

Korey Brown

Gary Moxley

David Smith

To the Rank of Lieutenant:

Mark Mura

Richard Waldo

To the Rank of Sergeant:

Jason Baird

Timothy Pancoe

Brian Phillips

Shaun Zeluff

To the Rank of Investigator:

Ryan Beyea

Ryan Hickey

Patrick Steiner

Andrew Taylor

RETIREMENTS:

Deputy Chief Michael Wood

Lieutenant Eric Paul

Sergeant Marvin Stepherson

Investigator Thomas Baccanti

Investigator David Giudici

Investigator Christopher Tuttle

Investigator Robert Urtis

Officer Nicole Cookinham

Officer Eric Duckworth

Officer Mark Glaze

Officer William Jeroy

Officer David Klein

Officer Brian Landrigan

Officer Dominic Perrone

Officer Eric Smith

Officer Scott Wehr

Officer Michael Yodice

AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS

34th Annual Rochester Police Department Awards Dinner

The Rochester Police Department, in conjunction with the Rochester Police Locust Club, Inc., held the 34th Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 6th, 2015 at the Riverside Convention Center. This dinner provided all members of the Department, as well as the community we serve, the opportunity to come together and acknowledge the outstanding efforts put forth by the members of the Department during the previous year.

The following employees were recognized:

Officer of the Year

Officer Daryl Pierson

Medal of Valor

Officer Daryl Pierson

Purple Heart

Officer Thomas Flynn

Officer Daryl Pierson

Distinguished Service

Officer Michael DiPaola

Officer Cynthia Muratore

Commendation

Sergeant Henry Rivera

Investigator Doug Boccardo

Officer Matthew Cushman

Officer Joshua Hall

Officer Jonathan Least

Officer Matthew Lebeda

Officer Adam Radens

Officer Peter Resch

Officer Daniel Rizzo

Officer Daniel Santiago

Officer Gary Wegman

Officer Adam Wolford

Lifesaving Award

Officer Ryan Paprocki

Officer Jason Roelle

Unit Commendation

Economic Crimes Unit

Major Crimes Unit

Unit Citation

GRANET

NSC - Northeast

Special Investigation Section

Community Service

Sergeant Brett Sobieraski

Rev. Dr. Samuel McCree Community Service Award

Officer Renee Nichols

Henry Jensen Memorial Award

Investigator Melissa Frasca

Investigator of the Year

Investigator Kevin Wehbring

Civilian Employee of the Year

Nancy Alberto

Officers of the Month 2014

January

Officer Richard Doran III
Officer Thomas Van Acker

February

Officer Andrea Bouffiou

March

Officer Michael DiPaola
Officer Alex Jimenez
Officer Thomas Kirk
Officer Kelley Lusk
Officer Christopher Marsherrall
Officer Robert Osipovitch
Officer Mark Rohr

April

Officer Richard Doran III
Officers Joel Hasper

June

Officer Edward First
Officer Keelin Kenny
Officer Jonathan Marsh
Officer Jamel Mattox

July

Officer Shane DiSanto
Officer Timothy Luety

August

Officer Thomas Luciano
Officer Nicholas Romeo

September

Officer Michael DiPaola
Officer Thomas Lisle
Officer Joseph Zampatori

October

Officer Benjamin Caruso
Officer Michael DiMauro
Officer Thomas Flynn
Officer Donald Lodato

November

Sergeant Henry Rivera
Investigator Doug Boccardo
Officer Matthew Cushman
Officer Joshua Hall
Officer Jonathan Least
Officer Matthew Lebeda
Officer Adam Radens
Officer Peter Resch
Officer Daniel Rizzo
Officer Daniel Santiago
Officer Gary Wegman
Officer Adam Wolford

December

Officer Cynthia Muratore

Police Officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice...

Louis Gomenginger
July 3, 1876

Victor Woodhead
November 15, 1942

William P. O'Neil
December 22, 1888

Harold V. Shaw
December 11, 1959

Charles E. Twitchell
August 7, 1910

Leo L. Kerber
December 10, 1961

Frank Ford
May 12, 1912

John J. Jenkins
January 3, 1979

James Upton
March 19, 1919

Ronald J. Siver
August 19, 1984

William O'Brien
May 2, 1919

Thomas Clark
January 17, 2006

John Mallet
June 19, 1931

Daryl R. Pierson
September 4, 2014

James T. Volz
September 15, 1942