

# **RYE BROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **2024**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**



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## Rye Brook Police Department, 2024

This Rye Brook Police Department annual report for 2024 contains statistics and information about the performance of the Rye Brook Police Department to keep the public informed about public safety in Rye Brook, New York. It is not possible to measure and quantify everything performed by a police department, overall, crime is low, and Rye Brook remains a safe place to live and raise a family.

The Department said farewell to two officers who retired, and we welcomed two new police officers, one officer transferred in May 2024 from the DEP Police and the second officer transferred from the NYPD in August 2024.

Overall, the Rye Brook Police Department had a good year, and I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the men and women of the department for their extraordinary work effort and commitment to serving the citizens of our community. Their dedication is evident by our continued strides in building stronger partnerships with our citizens, business owners, community leaders, and visitors. Exceptional service to the community continues to remain our focus.

Thank you to all that support the Rye Brook Police Department as we will continue to provide excellent and professional public service. I am proud to be the Police Chief of this Department, and I look forward to an exciting and productive 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chief Eric Dengler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

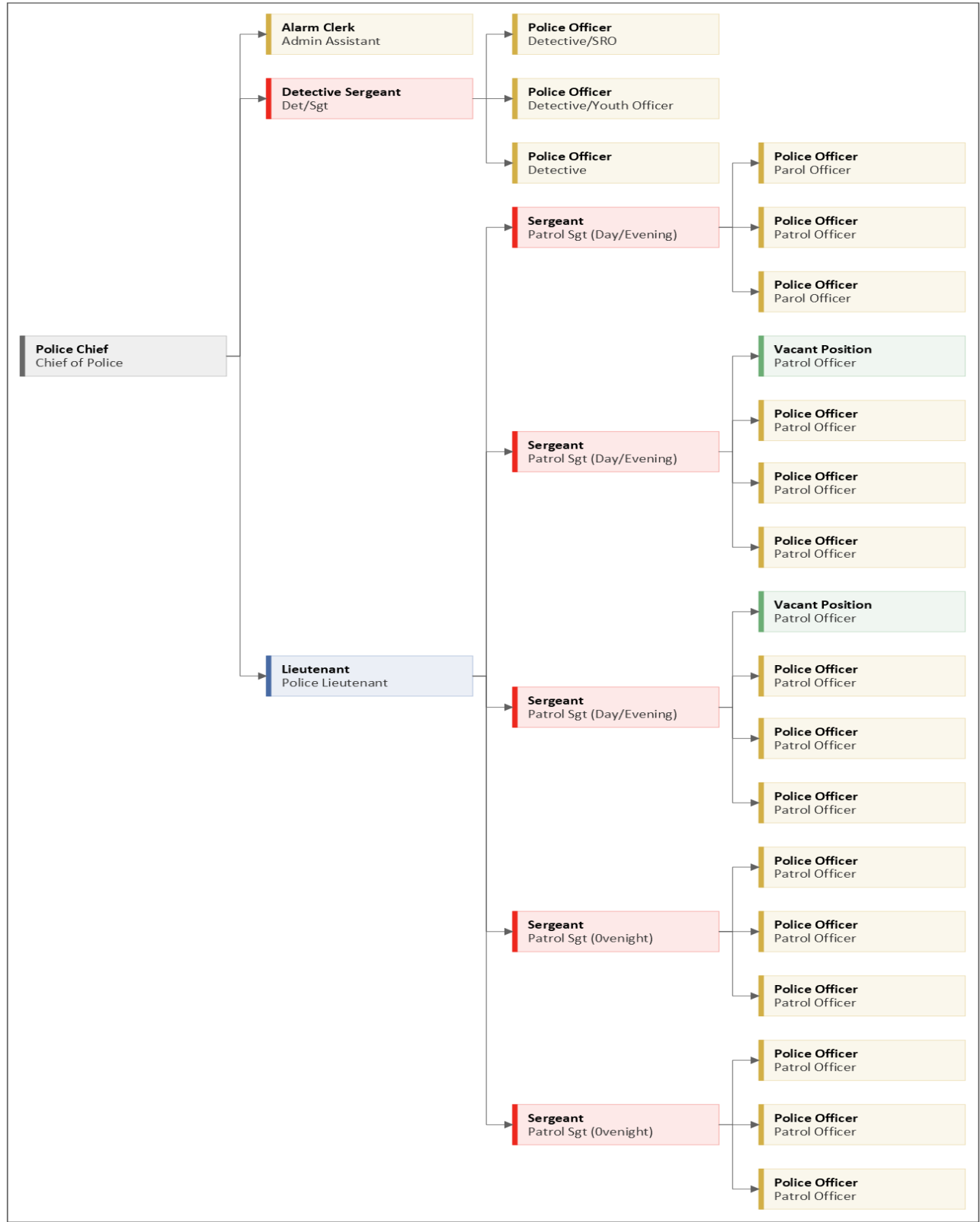
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## **Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Village of Rye Brook Police Department including the duties and responsibilities of all its members is as follows:

1. To protect life and property;
2. To prevent crime;
3. To detect and arrest offenders;
4. To preserve the public peace
5. To enforce all laws and ordinances; and
6. To treat everyone with respect and maintain community trust.

# Organizational Chart



## Statistical Information

Uniformed Crime Report Part I Offenses			
	2023	2024	Difference
Murder	0	0	No Change
Rape	1	0	-1
Robbery	1	1	No Change
Aggravated Assault	0	0	No Change
Burglary	6	7	+1
Larceny	52	49	-3
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	8	+2
Uniformed Crime Report Part II Offenses			
	2023	2024	Difference
Controlled Substance Possession	0	0	No Change
Dangerous Weapon Possession	0	1	+1
Sex Offense	5	1	-4
Forgery	6	1	-5
Criminal Mischief	8	20	+12
Stolen Property Possession	1	0	-1
Fraud	42	21	-21
Offenses Against the Public Order	2	0	-2
Simple Assault	3	6	+3
Offenses Against Family	5	8	+3
DWI	9	2	-7
All Other Offenses	11	18	+7

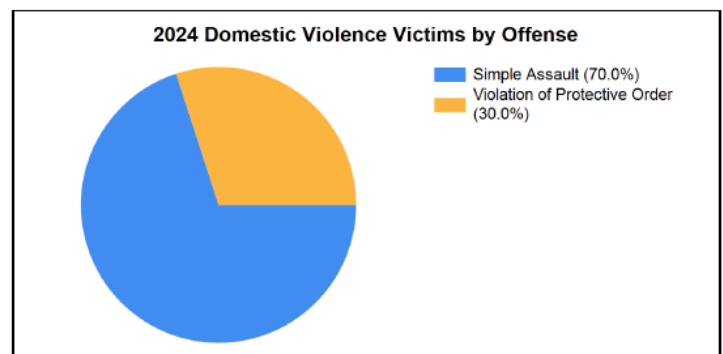
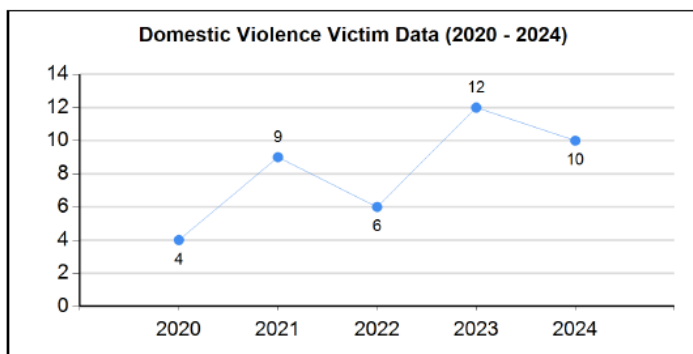
Calls for Service			
	2023	2024	Difference
Total Calls for Service	5255	5188	-67
Motor Vehicle Accidents	193	175	-18
Traffic Tickets	409	240	-169
Custodial Arrests	39	56	+17
Registered Sex Offenders	2	2	No Change
Citizen Complaints against officers and/or Dept	0	2	+2
Alarms (Burglar/Fire)	572	612	+40
Medical Aided	888	864	-24
Impounded Vehicles	45	39	-6
Use of force by officers*	4	10	+6

\*In 2020, New York State changed the reporting requirement for use of force by a police officer to include displaying a weapon.

### Section 3 - Domestic Violence Victim Data Annualized

	Legal Spouse (Female Victim)	Legal Spouse (Male Victim)	Child by Parent	Parent by Child	Other Family Relationship	Intimate Partner Female Victim	Intimate Partner Male Victim	Total
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	4	0	0	1	0	2	0	7
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Violent Offenses (See Below)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violation of Protective Order	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

\*\* Other Violent Offenses: Only includes the UCR Offense Categories of Murder, Coercion, Kidnapping, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.



## **Contract Duty**

Members of the public or organizations can contract directly with the Village to hire police officers for valid public safety reasons for security or traffic control above normal patrol. In 2024, eleven groups hired officers for fifty-five different events. Rye Brook Police Officers provided security or traffic control within Rye Brook to these groups in 2024.

## **Training**

### **In-Service Training**

Each year the department provides in-service training to the members of the department. Additionally, each supervisor attends eight hours of training specific to their position as first line supervisors. The Department offered more than forty hours of in-service training in 2024 to the police officers.

In-service training in 2024 included the following:

- Firearms training qualification
- Sexual Harassment
- Workplace Violence
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Less lethal force
- Defensive Tactics
- Use of Force
- Right to Know
- Legal Updates
- CPR Recertification
- Active Shooter Response

### **Professional Development**

Each police officer can participate in workshops, seminars, and continuing education to enhance their professional development. Below is a list of the professional development that officers took advantage of in 2024.

- Response during a pandemic
- Successful collaboration of sexual assault investigation
- Hazardous Materials Training
- School Safety
- Decision making and problem solving
- Diversity Awareness Course
- Social Media in Emergency Management



- 911 Diversion Training
- Wellness Summit
- Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence
- Impaired Driver Recognition
- Environmental Health Training

## Retirements

In November and December of 2024, two members of the police department filed for retirement, Chief Greg Austin after completing more than 36 years of service and LT John Arnold after completing 28 years of service.

Both officers will be missed, and we wish them good luck and good health in their well-deserved retirements.



Chief Austin on his final shift as a Rye Brook Police Officer



Lt John Arnold flanked by officers on his last day.

## New Hires

Two new police officers joined the department in 2024. Trevor Byrnes in May and Darren Sukennikoff in August. P.O. Byrnes previously worked for the DEP Police and P.O. Sukennikoff worked for the NYPD. We look forward to them both having long and rewarding careers in Rye Brook.



P.O. Trevor Byrnes joined the police department in May 2024.



P.O. Darren Sukennikoff joined the police department in August 2024.

## Promotions

In 2024, three members of the Department were promoted, two to Detective and the other to Chief of Police. Titus Alexander was promoted to Detective/Youth Officer in April 2024. Orelvis Lazala was promoted to Detective in May 2024 and Detective Sergeant Eric Dengler was promoted to Chief of Police in November 2024. Detective Lazala will remain assigned to the Port Chester Middle & High School as a school resource officer. Chief Eric Dengler will now lead the department into the future.



Detective Titus Alexander & PO Anjolie Alexander



Detective Orelvis Lazala



Chief Austin congratulating Chief Dengler upon his promotion.

## Rye Brook Wins AAA Silver Award for 2024

In October, the Village of Rye Brook won a Silver Award and Detective Titus Alexander won a Traffic Safety Hero Award for his work with students during 2023.

The Village was cited for stepping up and adjusting its many traffic safety efforts for 2023 to keep roadway incidents down. Including conducting monthly child car seat inspections/installations, use of radar and speed data to direct enforcement efforts.

Detective Titus Alexander received the Traffic Safety Hero Award for consistently setting a good example for the youth in Rye Brook. Throughout his career, he has strived to be an officer that others emulate, whether on department time or his own time.





## Professional Association Memberships

Many officers serve in leadership positions in state and local professional associations. Chief Dengler is a Past President of the State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association, as well as a Past President of the Westchester County Youth Officers Association.

## Goals and Objectives

To ensure continual direction and unity of purpose the Department sets annual written goals and objectives. Contribution to the management and operation of the department by all members is encouraged and input from the officers in the development of the Department goals and objectives are always welcome.

Below you will find the goals and objectives set for 2024 and their results along with the goals and objectives that the Department will work toward in 2025.

### 2024 Goals and Objectives

- 1) Continue work on the Countywide RMS project to be operational in 2025.  
Work has been progressing on the Countywide RMS project and we are about to begin the testing phase.
- 2) Start work on renovating the second floor of the Rye Brook Fire House to create a police and fire training facility.  
Install heating and air conditioning and clear out space. Funding has been allocated in the FYE 2025 village Capital Budget.

### 2025 Goals and Objectives

- 1) Continue work on the Countywide RMS project to be operational in fall of 2025.
- 2) Continue work on renovating the second floor of the Rye Brook Fire House to create a police and fire training facility.  
Install heating and air conditioning and clear out space. In the FYE 2027 village Capital Budget, secure funding for equipment and renovations.
- 3) Procure accreditation software through Badge Six LLC.
- 4) Renovate the vestibule of the police station, funds requested in FYE 2026 budget proposal.
- 5) Renovate inside the police station to make more room for the detectives and accreditation manager, funds requested in FYE 2026 budget proposal.
- 6) Implement a peer support program with Guardian revival.
- 7) Create a community support team to engage with the public for events, such as Coffee with a cop, Cones with cops.