

Village of Chester
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Annual Report 2009



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Message from the Chief

This year we have made great strides in technology. When we were the first in the county back in the 1990's to have computers in the cars, the cell phone technology advanced so quickly that even the FCC didn't foresee the impact of having cell phone frequencies so close to that of public safety, that it would cause interference to public safety radio systems. So much so, that it knock out our ability to transmit information from the car computers to the station.

Now due to advances in data transmission, we have computers back in the cars. And are able to issue electronic traffic tickets that enables officers to shorten the time of the stop and get the driver's on their way faster.

This year we were also able to purchase In-car digital video systems, thanks to a grant secured from Senator Larkin. We thank the Senator very much for all his support to the village over the years.

We also received an Automated License Plate Reader through a state grant that can read and check 1500 license plates per minute, whether the patrol car is moving or standing still.

We have also connected with area Police departments through the countywide data-sharing program. This allows us to share information with other departments.

We have installed our first Detective in several years. Detective Natalizio came to us from NYPD, has worked for the Village for several years. He is extremely bright and ambitious. We wish him well in his new duties.

I would like to thank the men and women of the Village of Chester Police Department, sworn and civilian alike for all their hard work despite being short-handed and pulling together to make up for the shortage in personnel to keep the community safe.

Thanks to the Village Board for all their support. Without it, we wouldn't be where we are today.

Chief Graziano

Mission Statement

The principal mission of the Village of Chester Police Department is to enforce all laws and ordinances in a fair and impartial manner through the prevention of crime, protection against criminal attack, loss or damage to property and by preserving order in public places.

It is essential that all members of the department remember that in the execution of their duties that they act not for themselves, but for the good of the community. They will respect and protect the rights of individuals and perform all Police services with Honesty, Zeal, Courage, Discretion, Fidelity and Sound Judgment without Prejudice.

The Department will at all times endeavor to cooperate with other law enforcement agencies, community agencies, groups or departments to promote Confidence, Understanding, Trust and Competence from the Public to achieve our Police objectives.

2009 Department Roster

Chief of Police

Peter J. Graziano Jr.

Sergeants

Robert S. Gambuti

James P. Thornton

Joseph W. Verbert

Detective

Brad Natalizio

Officers

John Courtenay

David Hagberg

Kim DeGroot

Matthew Cardwell

Jason Jackler

John Grzywaczewski

John Raftery

Joseph Tudisco

Timothy McGuire

Jason Andino

Jullian Dwornik

Jessie Cramer

Police Assistant

Esther Moscatello

Court Officer

Richard Collins

Matron

Bernice Custard

Operations

Village of Chester Police Department Officers participate in the following operations:

Vehicle Patrols

Bicycle Patrols

Crime Scene Processing

DWI Enforcement Checkpoints

Training Operations

Foot Patrols

Investigations

Traffic Enforcement Checkpoints

Drug Enforcement Operations

Underage Drinking Enforcement

Many times, Officer's participate in more than one of the areas listed above. Most Officers are not just Patrol Officers, and can be qualified in several specialties at the same time.

**Village of Chester Police Department Activity
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Part I & Part II Offense Comparison
2007, 2008, 2009**

Part I Offenses

Type	2007	2008	2009
Calls for Service	2917	2982	3289
Arrests			
Adult	295	414	441
Juvenile	006	012	003
Part I Offenses			
Murder	000	000	001
Negligent Manslaughter	000	000	000
Rape	001	001	001
Robbery	004	001	001
Assault	002	001	003
Burglary	010	007	004
Larceny	121	129	150
Motor Vehicle Theft	003	002	002
Part I Totals	141	141	162

Part II Offenses

Type	2007	2008	2009
Arson	000	000	001
Controlled Substance	035	048	036
Criminal Mischief	079	066	131
Dangerous Weapons	000	000	000
Disorderly Conduct	007	015	014
Kidnapping	001	000	000
DWI			
Alcohol	009	009	012
Drugs	001	000	000
All Other Offenses	282	359	317
Coercion	000	000	000
Family Offenses	031	002	000
Forgery	001	012	005
Fraud	020	033	027
Liquor Law Violations	002	000	005
Offenses against Public Order	000	000	001
Prostitution	000	000	000
Sex Offenses	007	002	000
Simple Assault	013	011	009
Stolen Property	006	012	008
Unauthorized Use Motor Vehicle	000	001	001
Part II Totals	494	570	567
Part I and II Totals	635	711	729

Motor Vehicle Collisions	2007	2008	2009
Property Damage, Injury, Fatal Totals	125	138	118

Promotions

Officer Brad Natalizio was promoted to Detective on 14 September 2009. Detective Natalizio, a former NYPD Officer, is bright, energetic and eager to make a difference. Detective Natalizio is currently enrolled in the John Jay Criminal Justice Program working on his Masters Degree.



Detective Brad Natalizio (center)

Interesting Cases

21 February 09, Village Officers responded to The Castle Family Fun Center for a robbery.

Three youths assaulted another youth in a restroom and stole a \$250 iPod.

When the victim exited the restroom, the three suspects again assaulted the victim before chased out of the building by Castle security.

28 February 09, Kenneth Urmston, a 41 year old resident of the Village of Goshen was shot to death in front of GW's Bar and Grill by Orange County Sheriff's K-9 Deputy Yela who was off duty at the time. Mr. Urmston, who was intoxicated at the time, struck one of the bouncers with his vehicle causing a compound fracture to the bouncer's leg. Deputy Yela was ordering Urmston out of the vehicle when Urmston backed-up his vehicle appearing to take a second attempt at the now critically injured bouncer, shot and killed Urmston. Deputy Yela was cleared after a Grand Jury investigation that the Deputy acted correctly.

3 March 09, Teachers at the Chester Learning Center notified Officers that she was in possession of a cellular phone containing explicit photos and video of female students. The students were identified and the investigation into what has become to be known as "sexting" began. Nine other students were involved and those responsible for sending pornographic images were arrested.

20 March 09, Officer Raftery stopped 23-year-old Duane Bruen of Middletown, NY for speeding on Lehigh Av. Upon interviewing Bruen, Officer Raftery noticed a strong odor of Marijuana. After removing Bruen from the vehicle, Officer Raftery recovered a substantial amount of crack cocaine and almost \$10, 000 in cash from Bruen. The Village of Chester Police Department submitted forfeiture paperwork to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The application to forfeit the cash was approved and the Village should be receiving a check from the DEA shortly. The money is required to be used to finance drug enforcement efforts.

12 June 09, Officers received a report that a foster parent had been abusing he and other male foster children in the residence. The male foster parent was reported to have been spanking the teen aged male foster children with a wooden paddle and fondling their genitals while the children were naked. It was further reported that the male foster parent video taped the events. The Orange County District Attorneys Office and Child Protective Services (CPS) was notified. Village Police obtained a search warrant for the home and seized several computers and related equipment. CPS removed the foster children from the home. A forensic analysis of the computers yielded approximately 500,000 images, mostly downloaded from the internet. Images involving the foster children were also present. Orders of Protections were obtained on behalf of the foster children.

2 August 09, Officers responded to an apartment burglary where it was reported that almost \$9,000 in jewelry and a phone was taken. The victim suspected that a neighbor had broken into the apartment while the resident was away because when the victim noticed the phone missing, the victim called the phone company to ascertain the numbers called from that phone. The calls led Officers to the ex-girlfriend of her neighbor. The neighbor confessed that he had sold the jewelry at a shop in Newburgh. Officer obtained a search warrant and officers searched the store. During the search, Officers recovered nearly all of the stolen jewelry.

2 October 09, Officer received a call of a larceny in progress at the Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse. When the Security Officer attempted to stop the suspect, the suspect fought with the Security Officer and threatened him with what appeared to be a stun gun type device. Officers spotted the suspect driving onto RT17 west bound and attempted to stop the suspect. The suspect was driving just over the posted speed limit and entered I84 east bound. New York State Police units set up tire deflation devices on I84 just before the Montgomery exit. The suspect stopped short of the devices causing the Village Officer to rear-end the suspect vehicle. The suspect stated later that he didn't want to go over the tire deflation devices, so he stopped. The police car sustained minor damage and the Officer sustained minor injury.

The suspect had over \$2,300 worth of stolen merchandise in the trunk of the vehicle, none of which was from Lowe's.

Unknown to the security Officer, the suspect had dropped the items before attempting to leave.

Special Events

The Village of Chester Police Department and the Village of Chester PBA chaired the annual Halloween Parade. Phyllis Battiatto started the event 19 years ago. It grew over the years and many came out for the event in spite of the bad weather.



Department Awards

Honorable Service Award

A credible act in the line of duty, showing initiative and accomplishment.

In August 2007, Officer Natalizio received a complaint from a 16-year-old female victim that a forcible rape had occurred in the Village.

Officer Natalizio and Sgt. Thornton aggressively investigated this difficult case together for over a year, gathering sufficient evidence and enlisted the help of the victim until in September 2008, the Defendant, James Neary of Stony Point confessed to the crime.

On 2 February 2009, the Defendant pled guilty to the charge.

Sgt. Thornton and Officer Natalizio are commended for their actions in removing a violent felony offender from the community.