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Honorable Mayor and Township Committee,

We are all well aware of how 2020 was year like no other; from the impact of COVID-19 on the way we all live and work, to the events around the nation sparked by the tragic death of George Floyd and the impact the actions of the Minneapolis officers and that incident had on law enforcement as a whole.

The Rochelle Park Police Department was and is not immune from these issues and the impact of the global pandemic and the broad closures of businesses, schools, and restaurants while reducing our transient population for several months, did not reduce the amount of service delivered by our team members.

Criminals and calls for service did not take time off and our officers and dispatchers had to learn to adapt on the fly and how to protect our citizens and themselves from the coronavirus while utilizing new forms of PPE, learning how to handle calls and personal interactions while social distancing and taking more reports over the phone. We utilized video conferencing and worked hand in hand with our emergency service partners at the Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management and with Midland School and our local healthcare providers, food retailers and restaurants. The Rochelle Park Police in collaboration with our elected officials and township employees in town hall and the Department of Public Works came together with many others to protect life and property in a manner never before seen and that made me very proud to be a small part of this group of dedicated professionals and volunteers serving our town.

Despite the many troubling issues of 2020, the police department was still able to maintain a level of community policing with our residents and stakeholders, from helping with Midland's 8th grade graduation to hosting virtual L.E.A.D. classes, showing that our officers are always willing to go above and beyond the regular call of duty.

The Township Committee provided me and our residents with the very best personnel and we have been able to organizationally structure the department in a way that will bring the residents the absolute highest quality of police/law enforcement/community care-taking services from our civilian dispatchers, to our newest officers all the way up through the ranks.

I remain humbled, honored and privileged to lead this group of amazing, dedicated, selfless and professional group of people, all of whom show up with eagerness, desire and energy to protect and serve the Rochelle Park community with **small-town pride**.

Thank you to the Mayor and Committee for your continued trust and support.

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**2020 YEAR END REPORT / 9,986 CALLS FOR SERVICE**

**General Statistics**

• Total Motor Vehicle Stops	1,276
• Total Summonses Issued	2,400
• MV Accidents Investigated	374
• Motor Vehicle Impounds	30
• Adult Arrests	121
• Juvenile Arrests	10
• Police Officers Assaulted	4
• Burglary to Structure	4
• Attempted Burglaries	3
• Burglaries to Motor Vehicles	31
• Stolen Motor Vehicles	3
• Assault Investigations	8
• Shoplifting Arrests	4
• Theft Investigations	66
• Sudden Deaths/DOA Invest.	23
• Drug Overdoses	6
• Narcotic Arrests	41
• Domestic Violence Cases	19
• Missing Persons	10
• Community Policing Details	218
• Suspicious Persons Invest.	121
• Suspicious Vehicle Invest.	171
• Suspicious Occurrences	108
• Aided/Ambulance Calls	689
• Burglar/Panic/Other Alarms	234
• Fire Dept./Alarms/Assists	139
• Firearms/Weapons Arrests	8
• Wanted Person Arrest	27
• Firearms Permit Invests.	239
• Building Checks	378
• Mental Health Commitments	47
• Park Checks	359

**Administrative and Operations Stats**

• Firearms Permits/Invest.	60
• Firearms I.D. Cards	179
• OPRA Requests Fulfilled	50
• Background Checks	62
• Traffic Surveys/Details	268
• L.E.A.D. Events	24
• Fingerprint Detail	8
• Megan's Law Registration	4
• Funeral Escorts	8
• Dumpster Permits	6
• Handicapped Permits	17