

**ROCHELLE PARK POLICE
DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
DIVISION**

At this time we would like to introduce ourselves to you our local business leader in an effort to establish an ongoing relationship and communication between our police department and your business.

In the past couple of years we have added new faces to our department which we would like to introduce to you and your staff. Our hope is to establish a working relationship with your business with the understanding that you can call upon us, your local police department, for assistance any time you deem necessary.

In an effort to involve the police department more directly with the business community, we have established a Community Affairs Fund that can be utilized to develop future events such as Rochelle Park Day, a Drug Abuse Resistance Education curriculum within our schools and a Law Enforcement Against Drugs and Violence to assist members of the community of all ages when a family hardship or emergency arises. In addition, the Fund sponsors local recreational youth activities and we are currently looking forward to expanding this into a 501(c)(3) foundation that will offer scholarships to local students and MUCH MORE!

We look forward to continuing building our relationship and working hand in hand to create a safe and prosperous township.

Respectfully,

Sgt. Douglas Arendacs
Community Affairs Officer



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About the Rochelle Park PD

The Rochelle Park Police Department (RPPD) currently consists of 22 sworn and 7 non-sworn personnel and we operate on a \$88,000 operating expense budget. In 2020, even with the pandemic shutdown there were close to 10,000 calls for service, ranging from medical aid calls, property crimes, domestic violence incidents, narcotics possession, to aggravated assaults and illegal weapons possession. RPPD runs its day-to-day 24/7 operations through its Patrol Operations. The Patrol Operation oversees four platoons (day and night), and it also staffs our Traffic Enforcement Division, and Community Relations programs, Records, Firearms Investigations. The Detective Bureau oversees the Criminal Investigations and assists patrol when needed and performs other functions like Megan's law registrations, discovery production and is the liaison to the courts and prosecutor's office.

Over the last several years, RPPD has become significantly more involved with the community by participating in programs that are based more on prevention, intervention, and diversion. I believe strongly that the police are active members of the community, and by engaging in a positive and proactive way they can help make the town a better place to live, work, and visit. We continue to look forward to more community based activities as we see things opening up more with vaccines, etc.

In recent years, a number of high-profile and controversial events around the country have underscored the need for and importance of meaningful and sustainable collaborative relationships between local police and the communities they serve. Of particular concern to me has to do with the care and wellness of our officers in a time of increased public scrutiny. Our officers are finding themselves under a growing public microscope, with demands for greater levels of accountability in the name of transparency. I believe that as technology improves and is more readily available, officers will eventually work under the assumption that their actions are being recorded on camera (whether by the public or their own department). As officers confront cumulative stress and trauma on a daily basis, their capacity for situational awareness can become suppressed. One of my biggest priorities in the near future is to address this recent evolution of policing in a way that provides our officers with the support and resources they may need to help manage these challenges. The need for modernizing the rules and regulations and the policies and procedures of the RPPD are as important as ever in this time of scrutiny. As a former resiliency officer, I have learned firsthand that proper training and providing resources to officers on dealing with the challenges and stress of the work they do will lead to a healthier environment and a higher level of service for our "customers".

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All of our officers pride themselves on being available and being a part of the Rochelle Park Community.

The Rochelle Park Police Department is continuing to MOVE FORWARD in our efforts of Community Outreach to work with ALL stakeholders to make Rochelle Park the very best and safest it can be!

If you would like more information about the Rochelle Park Police Department, please contact Sergeants Arendacs and Bermudez of the Rochelle Park PD Community Affairs Unit at 201-843-1515 or their email:

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Thank you for all of your support!