



Rochelle Park Police Department

**2026 OPERATING /OTHER EXPENSES
BUDGET PRESENTATION**



For Immediate Release:
February 3, 2026

WESTFIELD, NJ MAN CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT OFFENSE

Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella announced the arrest of MICHAEL W. SMITH of Westfield, NJ on charges of aggravated sexual assault and sexual contact. The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Chief Jeff Angermeyer, and the Rochelle Park Police Department, under the direction of Chief Dean Pinto.

On Sunday, January 18, 2026, the Rochelle Park Police Department's Special Victims Unit regarding an investigation by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and the Rochelle Park Police Department revealed that MICHAEL W. SMITH sexually assaulted an adult victim.

As a result of the investigation, on Thursday, January 29, 2026, SMITH was arrested in Westfield, NJ and charged with two counts of first-degree sexual contact, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(7)a; and third-degree aggravated sexual contact, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(7)b. SMITH was remanded to the Bergen County Jail pending a detention hearing before Superior Court in Hackensack, NJ.

Prosecutor Musella states that the charges are merely accusations, and that the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. He thanks the Rochelle Park Police Department for their assistance in this investigation.

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For Immediate Release:
March 20, 2026

FOUR CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH SHOOTING IN ROCHELLE PARK

Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella announced the arrests of 28-year-old RAFAELA R. ALMEIDA of Newark, NJ; 25-year-old RYOMA M. JOHNS of Newark, NJ; 31-year-old RUAN G. RODRIGUES-MONTEIRO formerly of Bloomfield, NJ; and charges filed against 30-year-old IGOR GOMES ESPINDOLA DASILVA, formerly of Newark, NJ. These arrests and charges are the result of a 16-month investigation into a shooting that occurred in Rochelle Park in November 2024. The investigation was conducted by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Chief Jeff Angermeyer, and the Rochelle Park Police Department, under the direction of Chief Dean Pinto.

On Friday, November 22, 2024, at approximately 8:13 p.m., the Rochelle Park Police Department responded to shots fired in the area of Marion Avenue in Rochelle Park, NJ. While canvassing the neighborhood, law enforcement discovered ballistic evidence, as well as a nearby vehicle with multiple bullet holes in the front windshield and bumper. Law enforcement also recovered a note left on the windshield of the vehicle that threatened the life of the intended victim, as well as their friends and family.

Detectives from the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office Special Investigations Squad were notified, responded to the scene, and initiated a joint investigation with the Rochelle Park Police Department. As the investigation unfolded, detectives identified RUAN G. RODRIGUES-MONTEIRO as the suspect who organized the shooting. The 16-month investigation determined that RODRIGUES-MONTEIRO coordinated and conspired with other suspects, later identified as RAFAELA R. ALMEIDA, IGOR GOMES ESPINDOLA DASILVA, and RYOMA M. JOHNS, to threaten the victim and shoot at the victim's unoccupied vehicle. The investigation further revealed that the actual shooting was carried out by an unknown suspect who has yet to be identified.

As a result of the lengthy investigation, on March 3, 2026, criminal charges were filed against the four identified suspects:

RAFAELA R. ALMEIDA was charged with second-degree conspiracy to possess a weapon for an unlawful purpose, N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a(1)/39-4a(1).

ROCHELLE PARK, NJ MAN CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT AND ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella announced the arrest of 45-year-old MILTON GUALLPA-GUAMAN of Rochelle Park, NJ on charges of sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a child. The arrest was the result of an investigation conducted by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Chief Matthew Finck and the Rochelle Park Police Department, under the direction of Chief Dean Pinto.

On Friday, March 18, 2026, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection & Permanency's Special Victims Unit regarding the alleged abuse of a child in the past. An investigation by the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office and the Rochelle Park Police Department revealed that MILTON GUALLPA-GUAMAN physically abused a child, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(1) in Rochelle Park, NJ. During the course of the investigation, law enforcement made by an additional juvenile alleging sexual assaults that had occurred. The investigation revealed that GUALLPA-GUAMAN sexually assaulted a child, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(1) in Rochelle Park, NJ on numerous occasions.

On Friday, May 10, 2024, MILTON GUALLPA-GUAMAN was charged with two counts of second-degree sexual assault, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(1) and second-degree endangering the welfare of a child, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(1). GUALLPA-GUAMAN was remanded to the Bergen County Jail pending a detention hearing before Superior Court in Hackensack, NJ.

Prosecutor Musella states that the charges are merely accusations, and that the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. He thanks the Rochelle Park Police Department for its assistance in this investigation.

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Armed Home Invasion, Shooting Leaves Victim Injured In Rochelle Park, Authorities Say

An armed home invasion and shooting left one person injured before dawn Tuesday, March 10 in Rochelle Park, authorities said.



12 Guns, High-Capacity Magazines Found In Rochelle Park Home; Arrest Made At Newark Airport: PD

A dozen firearms including altered assault weapons and high-capacity magazines were found inside a Rochelle Park home in January, leading to the arrest of a Staten Island man at Newark Airport, authorities said Wednesday, March 11.





Rochelle Park Police Department

Former President Joe Biden once said to Chiefs of Police at the International Chiefs of Police Conference in Orlando, Florida, “Don’t tell me what you value, show me your budget and I WILL TELL YOU what you value”

- “Elected officials claim to make public safety a priority and if that is a true statement, it should be reflected in the Budget document”.
- Police Operations are 24/7/365. Cost are higher...



Rochelle Park Police Department

- The Rochelle Park Police Department is the **ONLY** department that is **FULLY** operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
 - *The department answers calls for service during this operational period as well as proactively patrols, which subjects our equipment to all weather elements that need to be maintained.*
- Our **PRIORITY ALWAYS** remains providing the highest/professional level of service to **our community!**



Rochelle Park Police Department

The Rochelle Park Police Department has experienced an increase in Calls for Service of 12,261 in 2019 to 17,480 in 2025....

*That's a STAGGERING 42.57%
increase over a 7-year period!*

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The Rochelle Park Police Department has dealt with the growth of the township.

- 160 new “front doors” at The Delford.
- The developments at the end of Terrace Avenue and Oak Street and;
- See more extended families living under one roof.

There’s been a 5.1% increase in population since the 2010 census.



Rochelle Park Police Department

You may recall from the Manpower Presentation made to this committee in February of 2024 that since COVID, this township has seen:

- ***a 33% INCREASE in violent crime/weapons offenses and;***
- ***a 278% increase firearms/carry permit applications.***



Rochelle Park Police Department

Since the COVID 19 Pandemic began in 2020:

- *Average costs in the nation have increased nearly 25%;*
 - *Driven by supply chain disruptions, high demand and inflation which is the most significant price increase in over 40 years.*
- (Economic Research Service.gov)

RPPD was / is not Exempt.

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Rochelle Park Police *Department*

With the advent of Police Licensing and the many new Attorney General's Policies and Guidelines officers must complete more **MANDATORY** training than ever before:

That equates to 225 PATROL SHIFTS OF TRAINING!

ALL of this comes with a CO\$T.

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As you are probably aware, the operating budget funds the day-to-day supplies such as: computers, copy machines, paper, latex gloves, first aid supplies, oxygen, defibrillators, telephones, maintenance contracts, uniforms, ammunition, training,

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Rochelle Park Police Department

Our agency has many recurring fees that are part of the fabric of all municipal government departments;

i.e.; computer/I.T. fees, software licensing fees, modems/cellphones, copy machines, ammunition, radar devices, Alcotest supplies, crossing guard supplies, evidence inventory system, e-fingerprinting system, mandatory training tools/classes,

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Recurring Fees Continued:

Bergen County Prosecutor's Office computer maintenance fees, township parks/property cameras licensing fees, Document Management Server, (policy/procedures/training), Scheduling Software, Digital Recording System and more...

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SOME Examples of RECURRING FEES:

- Body Worn Cams Redaction Software \$4,600
- BCPO MARS Maintenance Fees - \$8,000
- Enforsys RMS System - \$22,600
- G-Suite / Email - \$5,749.92
- Fingerprint Computer / IDEMIA - \$3,344.66
- Mobile Data/Modems/Cellular - \$11,703.20
- Twp. Park/Municipal Property Cams - \$7,903
- **All P.D. RECURRING FEES add up to**
\$134,114.35



Rochelle Park Police Department

DEPARTMENT SIZE	2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE	SALARY AND WAGES BUDGET	OTHER EXPENSES O/E
ROCHELLE PARK (Up to 24 OFFICERS)	17,480	\$3,270,000.00	\$150,000.00
GLEN ROCK (26 OFFICERS)	16,686	\$4,375,464.00	\$204,620.00
RIVER VALE (24 OFFICERS)	13,011	\$4,055,750.00	\$360,245.00
ORADELL (22 OFFICERS)	8,000	\$3,682,570.00	\$210,164.00 \$61,384 (veh pur)
EMERSON (22 OFFICERS)	12,134	\$3,437,675.00	\$254,600.00
CARLSTADT (25 OFFICERS)	18,226	\$5,031,000.00	\$190,000.00
MONTVALE (27 OFFICERS)	24,495	\$4,849,250.00	\$276,700.00 \$25,000(Veh.pur)
MAYWOOD (23 OFFICERS)	11,964	\$4,030,000.00	\$202,700.00

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

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Rochelle Park Police Department

DEPARTMENT SIZE	2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE	SALARY AND WAGES BUDGET	OTHER EXPENSES O/E
UPPER SADDLE RIVER (20 OFFICERS)	19,305	\$3,470,000.00	\$339,000.00
RIVER EDGE (23 OFFICERS)	12,192	\$4,343,479.00	\$215,600.00
SOUTH HACKENSACK (18 OFFICERS)	8,668	\$3,510,000.00	\$150,000.00
PARK RIDGE (21 OFFICERS)	18,360	\$3,530,387.00	\$160,570.00
ROCHELLE PARK (UP TO 24 OFFICERS)	17,480	\$3,270,000.00	\$150,000.00

Fleet fee for outside traffic details = \$74,890.00 REVENUE

Admin. Fee for outside traffic duty = \$110,916.38 REVENUE

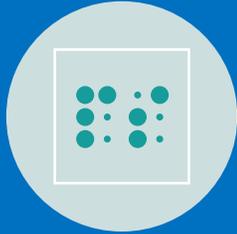
Rochelle Park Municipal Court in 2025 = \$220,907.00 REVENUE

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COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS (continued)



Rochelle Park Police Department



The average of comparable /
like sized departments is:
23 Officers



O/E Budget Average = **\$203,124**



Calls for Service = **13,450**



Rochelle Pk. PD O/E Request =
\$170,000

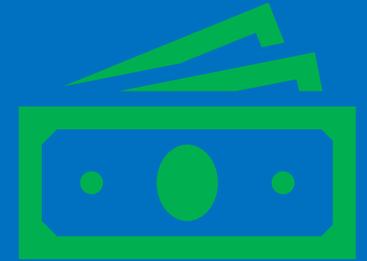


RPPD with up to 24 officers has
an O/E that is \$33,124 less than
average while handling 4,030
more Calls For Service.

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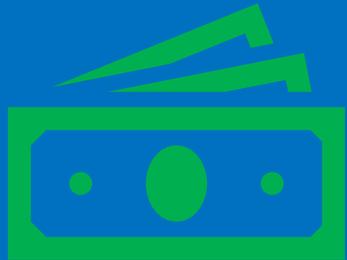
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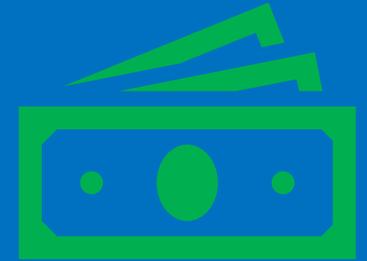
The Police Department over the past 4 years has increased the amount of enforcement and issuance of complaints and summonses.

- **5,381 tickets = HIGHEST AMOUNT** in at least 18 years.
- **\$220,907 Court fines = Highest generated** in at least 9 years.

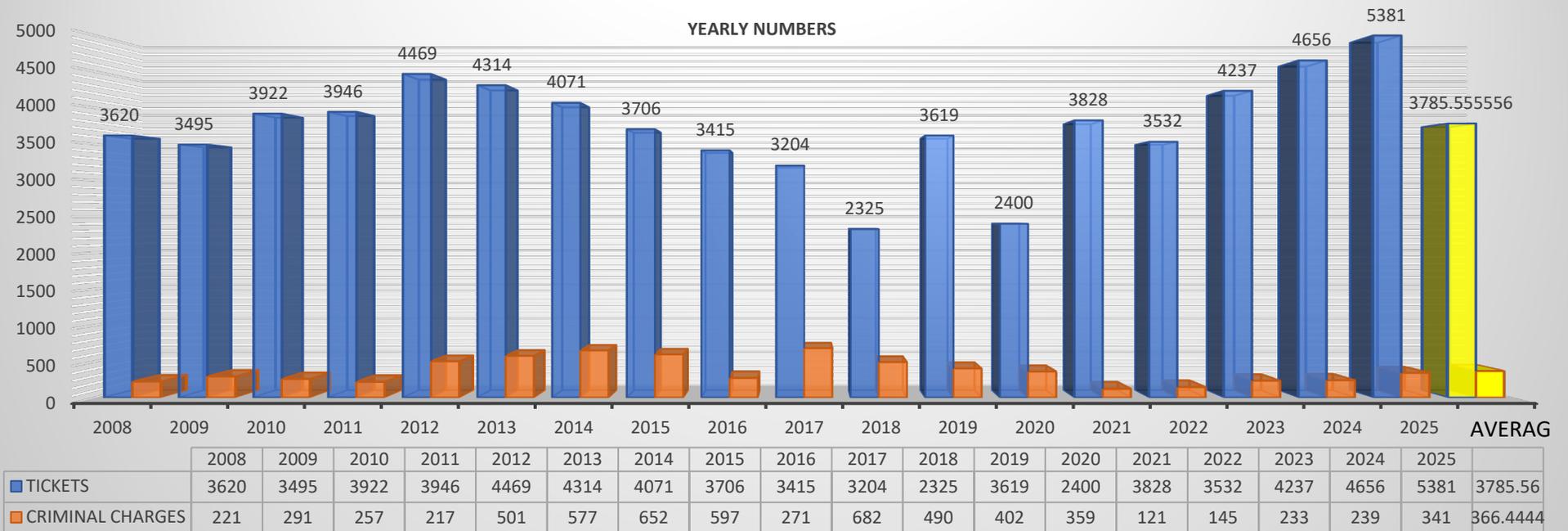




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ROCHELLE PARK MUNICIPAL COURT



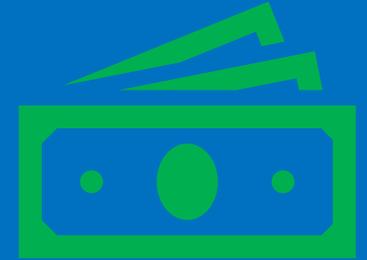
LAST COLUMN IS THE AVERAGE OF YEARS 2008 - 2025

AVERAGE YEARLY TICKETS = 3,785
AVERAGE YEARLY CRIMINAL CHARGES = 366
AVERAGE YEARLY REVENUE = \$188,430.55

■ TICKETS ■ CRIMINAL CHARGES



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ROCHELLE PARK MUNICIPAL COURT

YEARLY REVENUE NUMBERS

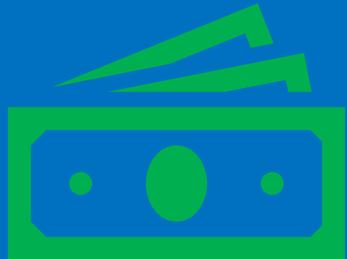


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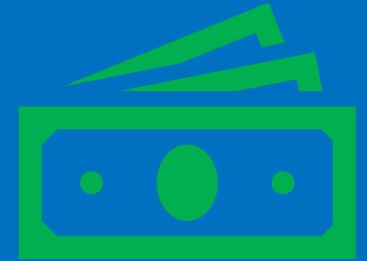
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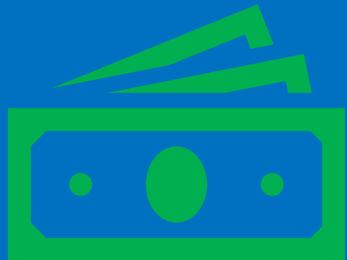
\$ REVENUE \$

Other ways the Police Department has raised revenue:

OUTSIDE / TRAFFIC DUTY

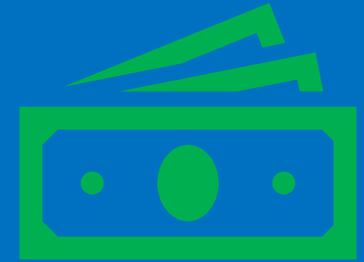
- \$74,890 FLAT FEE (use of Police Vehicle)
- \$110,916.38 Admin. Fee for Police Officers

- **TOTAL = \$185,806.38**





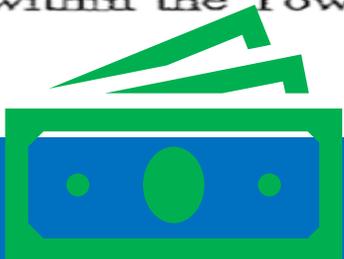
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Since 2003, the township has received payments from the Garden State Plaza that as per the agreement is intended to be used to compensate the township for **POLICE.**

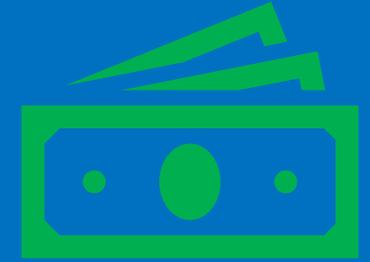
These amounts shall be paid within fifteen (15) days of Westland's receipt of final invoices.

8. In addition to the payments described above, Westland shall pay to the Township an annual fee, commencing in the year in which Westland obtains either a temporary or final Certificate of Occupancy after receiving all final non-appealable approvals, in order to mitigate the financial impact of the operation of the Garden State Plaza upon the Township. This fee is intended to compensate the Township for additional security, **police**, traffic and other costs incurred and shall be in lieu of any tax payment in view of the fact that the Westland property is not located within the Township and, therefore, taxes cannot be paid to or collected by the Township. This





Rochelle Park Police Department



In 2026 the amount provided to the township for this purpose is **\$179,142.95**

Feb/11/2026

TOTALS

\$179,142.95

THIS CHECK IS VOID WITHOUT A PURPLE & BLUE BORDER AND BACKGROUND PLUS A KNIGHT & FINGERPRINT WATERMARK ON THE BACK - HOLD AT ANGLE TO VIEW

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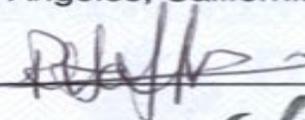
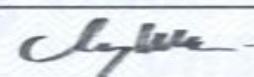
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PARTNERSHIP
2049 Century Park East
42nd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90067

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\$***179,142.95

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Bank of America
Bank of America, N.A.
Los Angeles, California

Pay to the order of: TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK
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ROCHELLE PARK NJ 07662

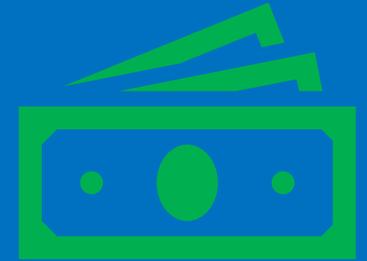
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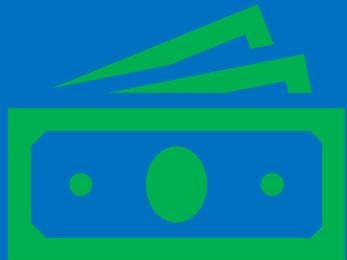


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The Police Department Revenue :

- **\$74,890 FLAT FEE (use of Police Vehicle)**
- **\$110,916.38 Admin. Fee for Police Officers**
- **\$220,907 COURT FINES**
- **\$179,142.95 Westfield / Garden State Plaza MOU**
- **TOTAL = 585,856.33**





Rochelle Park Police Department

RECAP

- 2025 OTHER EXPENSE BUDGET = \$150,000 (down from \$160,000 in 2024).
- RECURRING FEES = \$ 134,114.35
- TOTAL REVENUE = \$585,856.33

- The Police Department 2026 Other Expense (O/E) Budget Request: \$170,000

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Rochelle Park Police Department

2026 ESTIMATED WITH COUNTY AND SCHOOL TAX (2025) USED						
Property Tax Total Levy Breakdown		Percent of Total Levy		Tax Bill Breakdown		Percentage of Tax Bill
Total Combined Tax Levy	\$28,262,253.17			\$9,855.42	Property Tax Amount	
Municipal Tax Levy	\$9,876,804.00	34.95%		\$3,444.17	Municipal Purpose	34.95%
Municipal Open Space Tax	\$0.00	0.00%		\$0.00		
2024 County Tax	\$3,149,948.28	11.15%		\$1,098.43	County Tax	11.15%
2024 County Open Space	\$141,044.89	0.50%		\$49.18		0.50%
Library	\$466,574.00	1.65%		\$56.86		1.65%
2024 Local School Budget	\$14,627,882.00	51.76%		\$5,100.94	School Budget	51.76%
Municipal Budget						
Total Municipal Budget Revenue	\$15,848,044.00			Cost of Services to Taxpayer		
Municipal Tax Levy	\$9,876,804.00			Police		
Misc Revenue inc anticipated surplus	\$5,504,666.00			per year	\$1,225.64	
				per day	\$3.36	
Percent of Budget Paid by Property Tax	0.623219118			School		
Total Police Cost Funded by Tax Revenue	\$3,514,753.00			per year	\$5,100.94	
				per school day	\$28.34	
Police Department						
Total	\$5,639,674.55					
Wage	\$3,303,067.12					
Operating Budget	\$276,262.80					
Healthcare	\$2,060,344.63					
Percent of Total raised in Property taxes	12.44%					
OBTAINED FROM ROCHELLE PARK TAX ASSESSEMENT CARD						
Current Year Average Residential Assessment listed in 2025 Municipal Budget						
	Assessed Value		Tax Rate	Tax per 100k	Tax Bill	
487336.3177	\$335,904.00	2.934%	\$2,934.00	\$9,855.42		



Rochelle Park Police Department

The Cost for your
Police Department
\$1,225.64 per year or just
\$3.36 per day!

This includes the
replacement and back-
filling of personnel for the
retired lieutenant and for
our in-house dispatch
services.

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Questions?

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