

*PELHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
2017*



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Police Department



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Honorable Mayor Michael Volpe
Honorable Members of the Board of Trustees

Attached you will find the Annual Report for the Pelham Police Department for calendar year 2017. The Rules and Regulations of the department require that the Chief of Police submit this report to the Mayor on or before March 31 of the following year. This report should provide you with a general synopsis of the operation and other pertinent information of the Police Department during 2017.

Our primary mission is to protect life and property and to enforce all applicable laws. We continue to be ever vigilant in our attempts to successfully carry out this responsibility. I am confident that all personnel of this department will continue to provide the residents of this Village with the best police service possible.

In addition to the Police Officers, the ongoing support of our School Crossing Guards, Parking Enforcement Officers, and Office Assistant have contributed significantly in providing the residents of this Village with the highest level of protection and professionalism.

Finally, the assistance provided by Village Administrator John Gallagher and the entire Village staff; retired Street Department Foreman Michael Shriman and his staff and Chief James DiNapoli and the men of the Pelham Fire Department have all contributed to the successful operation of the Police Department in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Benefico

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Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Chief of Police	1
Police Lieutenant	1
Sergeants	6
Detectives	2
Patrol Officers	15
School Crossing Guards	12
Parking Enforcement Officers	3
Office Assistant	1

PERSONNEL

Police Officers

In 2017 Sgt. Christopher Casucci retired. As a result, Officer Paul Sousa was promoted to sergeant and William Stapleton was hired as a police officer. Officer Stapleton was a transfer from the City of Mt. Vernon Police Department with 3 years prior experience. Officer Stapleton received an additional 4 weeks of in-service field training.

School Crossing Guards and Parking Enforcement Officers

There were no retirements of either school crossing guards or parking enforcement officers in 2017. Additionally, School Crossing Guard Tillis Roberts resigned after 15 years of service. Two new school posts were added within the Village due to community safety concerns. As a result, Richard Giannetto was hired as a school crossing guard to fill the new morning school post at Boulevard/Corlies Ave and the sports season post on Colonial Avenue/ Wolfs Ln. Chris DeChiaro was also hired to man the other new school post located at Nyac Ave/Boulevard.

The Village now employs a total of 12 school crossing guards. The school crossing guards are located at strategic intersections to safely cross the children on school days.

Three Parking enforcement officers (Denise Boyle-Quatroni, Abraham Pulialakunnel and Lisa Taitt) walk/ride the main business district and other contiguous areas enforcing parking rules and regulations and perform their duties commendably sometimes under very stressful conditions. All three are efficient and personable employees and strive to always perform their jobs in a proficient and skillful manner.

Clerical

Donna Shirreffs has completed three years as department cleric and recently retired. Donna upgraded the somewhat antiquated department record keeping process. Her past work experience and knowledge from previous employment has helped make the department more efficient.

Although her major job is record keeping and retrieval, Donna updated many other functions to assist the department maintain pace with the ever-changing digital world.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT

The Pelham Police Department continues to participate in an interdepartmental Emergency Response Unit which is comprised of specially trained officers from Pelham, Eastchester, Bronxville and Tuckahoe PD's. In addition to special training, these officers are equipped with supplemental safety equipment, armor, special weapons, and other specialized devices designed to effectively overcome high risk or life threatening situations. The presence of a highly trained and highly skilled police tactical unit has been shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, police officers, and suspects. And a well-managed team response to critical incidents will increase the probability of a successful resolution.

In 2017 the Pelham, Eastchester and Tuckahoe Police Departments were awarded another multi-jurisdictional State Homeland Security Tactical Team Targeted Grant for \$100,000. The funding is divided by all three municipalities and allows each department to spend half of the funds on training and the other half on equipment. Additionally, through grant funding the department acquired 6 active shooter kits that contain Smith & Wesson rifles, heavy body armor and helmets.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY

The Pelham Police Department participated in several statewide traffic initiatives such as STOP-DWI, Click it or Ticket--Seat belt enforcement, Cell Phone/Hands free operation and Speeding enforcement.

Also, in 2017 The Village was presented with a Gold Award from AAA New York. The awards presentation took place in October. A gold award is presented to communities that implement programs and projects that demonstrate a superior effort at addressing local traffic safety issues. By continuing to work on traffic safety issues, the Village has not had a pedestrian fatality for 15 consecutive years.

CRIME AND RELATED

Included in this report is a chart of Part I crimes. Part I crimes, as defined by the FBI include Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Larceny, Burglary and Motor Vehicle Theft. The most significant number in the Part I crimes is that when comparing 2016 to 2017, there was an overall 15% increase of Part I crimes. This increase was due to a spike of larcenies from vehicles and mail from doorsteps. As a response to the increase, the Police Department sent out various reminders to the community via Village Board meeting announcements and Face Book notifications. Residents were urged to always lock their vehicles, promptly take in mail deliveries and call headquarters for any suspicious people or activity in their neighborhood.

Crime trends in general are tracking downwards. This may be attributable to the public being more crime conscious and taking the extra steps to protect themselves and all their property. In 2008, the village experienced 21 burglaries. In 2017, we had 6. Much of this reduction can be credited to homeowners safeguarding their homes by installing alarm systems and/or camera systems to monitor their property while they are working or away. Any time you end a year with single digit crime stats, you had a good year.

In Pelham, the community and department continue to have a positive working relationship and this relationship contributes to the lower crime rates and is a good example of the community and Police

Department working together to protect life and property and reduce crime. Also, included with this report is a table of other significant calls for service which include criminal events and some non-criminal events 2017. No one knows what next years' figures will bring, but when everyone works together towards a common goal of reducing the opportunity for crime, the overall crime rate can go even lower.

IN GENERAL

The last document included with this report is a listing of all department vehicles which includes make and model, year, main usage and miles.

DEPARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS- 2017

IT Coordinator	P.O. Tom Burpee
Firearms Instructor	Sgt. James Mitrione
Firearms Instructor	Sgt. Ryan Carden
Firearms Instructor	P.O. Brian Hendrie
Firearms Instructor	P.O. Mike Sheehy
Vehicle Maintenance Officer	P.O. Eugene Sisto
First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor	P.O. Doug Bornholz
First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor	P.O. Eugene Sisto
TRACS coordinator	P.O. Tom Burpee
TSLED Program Administer	P.O. Tom Burpee
STOP DWI Coordinator	Sgt. Anthony Borsella
DARE/Youth Officer	Det. John Hynes
DARE/Youth Officer	P.O. Brian Hendrie
Taser Instructor	P.O. Mike Sheehy
Taser Instructor	P.O. Earl Scott
E-Justice Coordinator	P.O. Tom Burpee
Traffic Officer	P.O. Eugene Sisto
Canine Officer	Sgt. Anthony Borsella
Chemical Spray Instructor	Sgt. Pat Polese
General Topics Instructor	Sgt. Anthony Borsella
General Topics Instructor	Sgt. James Mitrione
General Topics Instructor	Det. John Hynes
General Topics Instructor	Sgt. Ryan Carden
General Topics Instructor	P.O. Brian Hendrie
General Topics Instructor	Sgt. Paul Sousa
General Topics Instructor	P.O. Mike Sheehy
Datamaster Operator	P.O. Mike Sheehy
Datamaster Operator	Sgt. Anthony Borsella
Datamaster Operator	Sgt. Danny Green
Voice Recorder Coordinator	P.O. Tom Burpee
Hostage Negotiator	Det. John Hynes
Tactical Team Member-Leader	Sgt. James Mitrione
Tactical Team Member	Sgt. Pat Polese
Tactical Team Member	Sgt. Ryan Carden
Tactical Team Member	P.O. Eugene Sisto
Tactical Team Member	Sgt. Paul Sousa
Field Training Officer	Sgt. James Mitrione
Field Training Officer	Det. Joseph DiBenedetto
Field Training Officer	Sgt. Paul Sousa
Field Training Officer	P.O. John Moran

Other Major Calls for Service
2012-2017

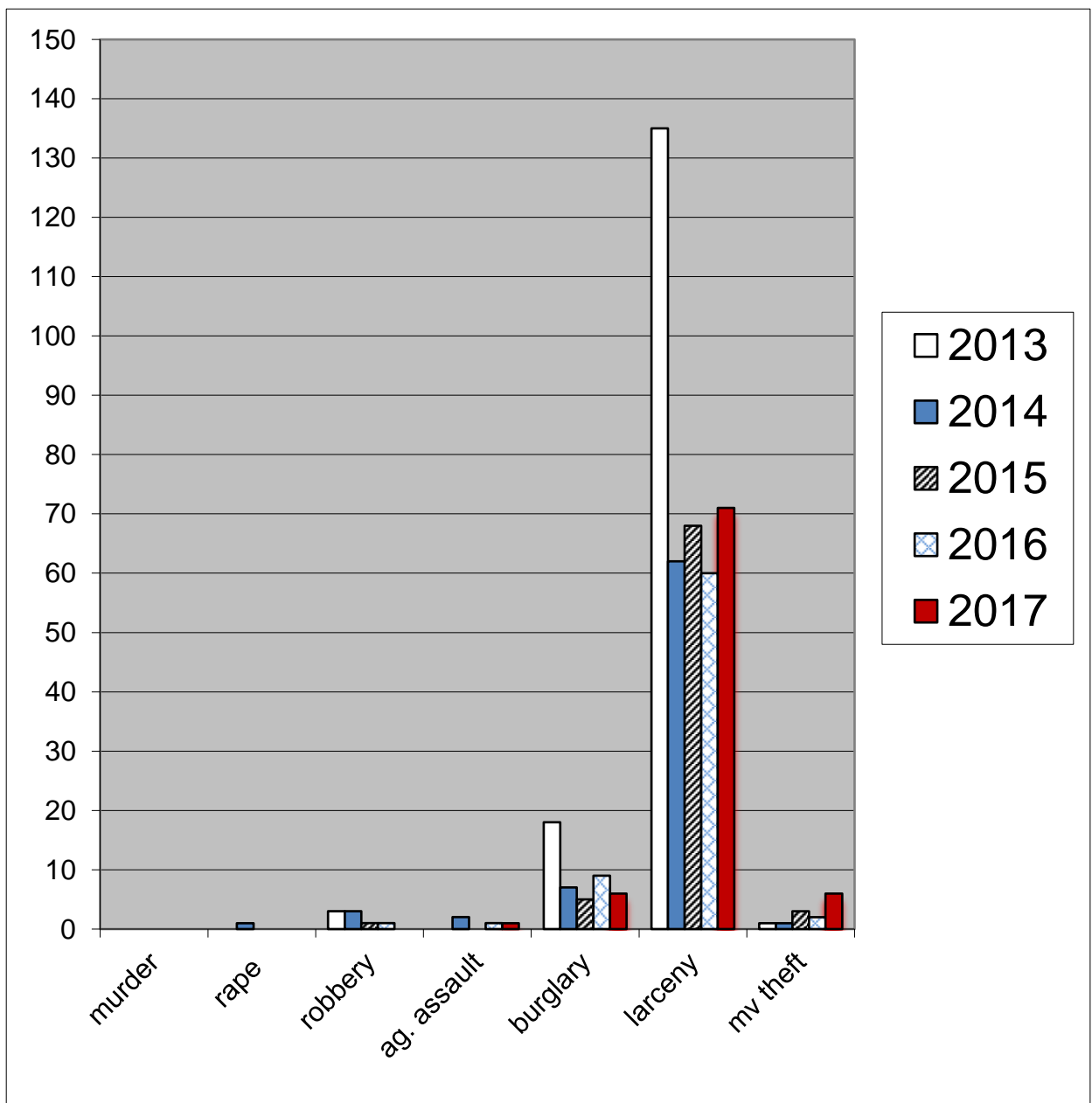
<u>CALL TYPE</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Aggravated Harassment	16	8	8	4	8
Assault, Simple	6	7	7	6	5
Auto Accidents	256	246	258	204	325
Aided Cases	332	317	319	345	324
Criminal Mischief	29	32	27	18	20
Criminal Possession Drugs	7	8	13	10	11
Criminal Possession Stolen Prop	2	0	6	3	5
Disorderly Conduct	132	130	130	121	100
Domestic Disputes	47	37	51	63	80
Driving While Intoxicated	13	5	9	10	10
Noise Complaints	151	191	149	126	109
Forgery	5	4	1	1	2
Fraud	38	40	29	24	62
Harassment	9	15	10	4	6
Suspicious Persons	170	127	151	113	123
Suspicious vehicles	86	80	64	58	100
Village Laws	96	136	151	124	214
Trespass	2	7	2	4	4
Warrants-Criminal	15	25	20	22	31
Arrests	142	164	127	127	155
<u>TOTALS FROM ABOVE</u>	1554	1579	1532	1387	1694
<u>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE</u>	4342	3848	3753	3664	4789

Other Major Calls for Service
2012-2017

% Change 2017-2018
100%
-17%
59%
-6%
11%
10%
67%
-17%
27%
0%
-13%
100%
158%
50%
9%
72%
73%
0%
41%
22%
22%
31%

VILLAGE OF PELHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
 PART I CRIMES
 (as defined by the FBI)

	murder	rape	robbery	ag. assault	burglary	larceny	mv theft	TOTALS	(% chg from prev. year)
2013	0	0	3	0	18	135	1	157	
2014	0	1	3	2	7	62	1	76	-51.6%
2015	0	0	1	0	5	68	3	77	1%
2016	0	0	1	1	9	60	2	73	-5%
2017	0	0	0	1	6	71	6	84	15%



Police Car Configuration as of March 14, 2017

DATE:	1/3/2019				
CAR #	YEAR AND MAKE	VIN #	USE	PLATE	MILEAGE
70	2016 Chevy Tahoe	1GNSKDKC4GR228498	Sgts.-Marked		25,543
71	2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility	1FM5K8AR3HGD59787	Patrol-Marked-LPR		15,556
72	2013 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan	1FAHP2M81DG158098	Patrol-Marked		62,940
73	2013 Ford Police Interceptor Utility	1FM5K8AR1DGA02182	Patrol- Ghost Marked		68,468
74	2006 Chevy Tahoe	IGNEK13Z96J119904	K-9-Marked		63,180
75	2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility	1FM5K8AR1JGC95643	Patrol-Marked		20
76	2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility	1FM5K8ARXGGD16336	Patrol-Marked		37,574
77	2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility	1FM5K8AR9FGA88621	Patrol-Marked		71,533
78	2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility	1FM5K8SR6JGB58729	Police Lieutenant	JCU7664	2,000
79	2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility	1FM5K8AR9HGD59390	Police Chief	HXJ7285	7,151
80	2012 Ford Escape	1FMCU9DG1CKA36975	Detectives	FSF6994	49,743
81	2009 Dodge Charger	2B3KA43DX9H541272	Detectives	ELY4674	50,721
82	2006 Ford E350 Bus	1FDSE35P46DB09995	Training		225,000
83	2008 Ford Expedition	1FMFU16588LA03483	Tactical/ERU		112,000
T1	2011 Ford Crown Victoria	2FABP7BV6BX168449	Patrol-Marked-LPR		57,678
GEM	2006	5ASAG27456FO39690	Parking		x

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Pur.
Date
February-18
March-18
August-12
January-14
July-05
January-12
October-16
January-15
October-17
February-18
Oct 03
Aug 08
July-13
May 07
July 2011