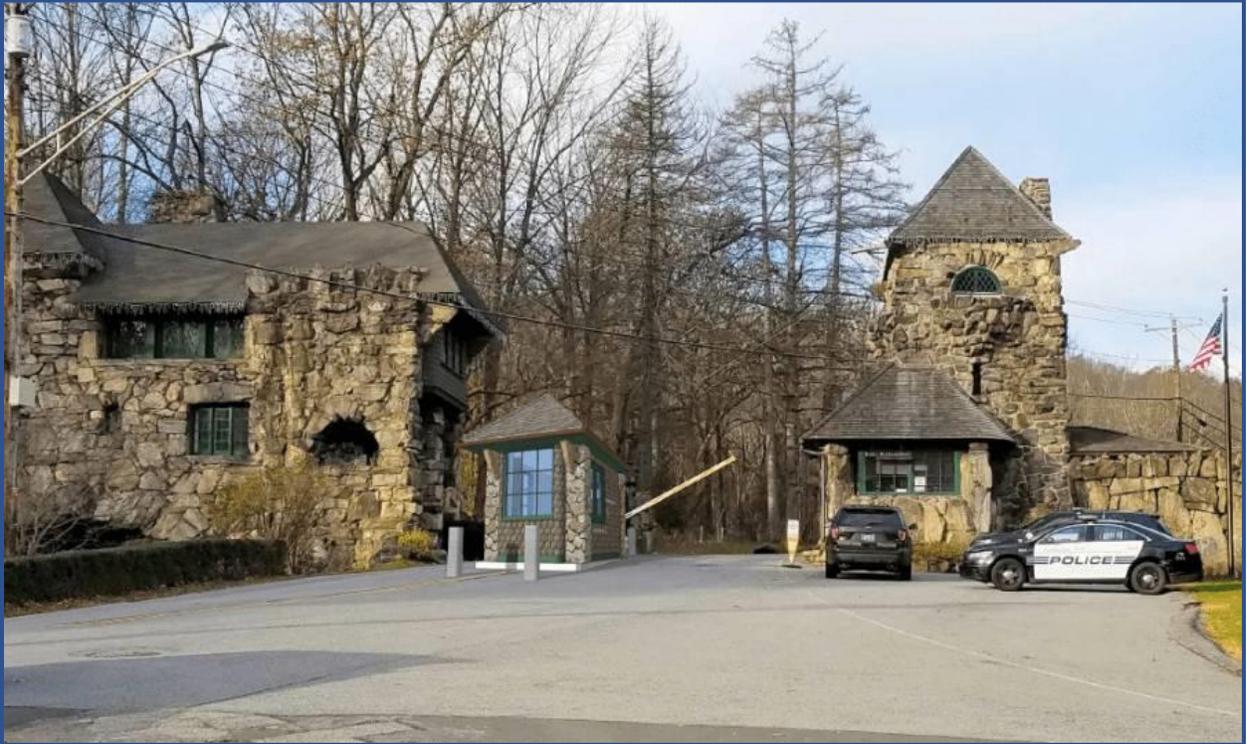


# Tuxedo Park Police Department



## Annual Report 2020

# **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Tuxedo Park Police Department will deliver effective and responsive law enforcement services to all persons within the Village of Tuxedo Park in a fair and equitable manner, respecting the rights of all regardless of race, creed, religion, sexual orientation, color or origin.

We are committed to making sure that every citizen with whom we interact is treated with dignity, compassion, and a sense of professionalism.

As an integral part of the Tuxedo Park community, we are committed to communicating with those that we serve, and strive to maintain the trust and confidence of our citizens while working to improve the quality of life for the entire community by:

- **Protecting life and property;**
- **Preventing crime;**
- **Enforcing laws;**
- **Maintaining order for all citizens.**

It is essential for all members to remember that in the execution of our duties we act not for ourselves, but for the good of the public; we respect and protect the rights of all citizens and perform our duties with honesty, zeal, courage, discretion, fidelity and sound judgment.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am proud to offer this report detailing our activity during the calendar year of 2020. I hope you find it both interesting and beneficial. I regularly review the way we deploy our resources in an effort to increase our ability to respond to the needs of the community and to maximize the resources. The department stays aware of current technological advances and strives to provide the most up-to-date information and equipment for our staff. We are always exploring innovative ways to work with individuals and organizations to make our community an even better place to live and work.

The Tuxedo Park Police Department uses Community Policing principles as one of our main focuses and our officers are reminded of this daily. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic that rocked the world, some of our community policing incentives are on hold due to social distancing and crowd gathering guidelines.

The department continues to seek and recruit quality personnel who are geared towards community policing. It is important while striving to be on the cutting edge of law enforcement technology and to operate within a budget created during tough economic times. Remaining current with state-of-the-art technology and changing trends within the law enforcement community keeps our officers and staff enthusiastic about their chosen profession, while increasing their productivity and drive to serve the community.

I have been serving as your Chief of Police since February 21, 2020 and I take the responsibility and trust that you have placed in me as your chief very seriously. My efforts are focused on providing the highest caliber of police services possible while remaining fiscally responsible to the taxpayers. The men and women of the Tuxedo Park Police Department will continue to serve our residents and visitors in a professional and caring manner.

I would encourage any and all feedback on my job performance, as well as the services of the police department as a whole.

Sincerely,



David Conklin  
Chief of Police

# PERSONNEL

- The Tuxedo Park Police Department operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
- We are staffed by 4 full-time police officers, 21 part time officers and 1 civilian staff (Clerk). Two police Officers are on duty for each shift; 1 assigned to the desk and 1 assigned to patrol.
- Chief Conklin is Full Time status at 20 hours per week
- Sergeant Taback has been on medical leave since August 2019.

FULL TIME		
RANK	NAME	DATE OF HIRE
Chief	David Conklin	02/21/2020
Sergeant	Michael Taback	6/1/2011
PO	Daniel Sutherland	4/12/2012
PO	Max Serrine	7/24/2017
PART TIME		
PO	<b>Clifford Ader</b>	<b>6/17/2020</b>
PO	James Ascione	6/2/2017
PO	Frank Basile	9/28/2019
PO	Brian Benjamin	5/23/2018
PO	Thomas Bonkowski	7/1/2019
PO	Vinny D'Amato	5/13/2003
PO	Matthew Jackson	2/21/2017
PO	Eric Johnson	8/2/2016
PO	Rodney Krinke	11/14/2006
PO	<b>Brian Levy</b>	<b>4/16/2020</b>
PO	Timothy Lowery	11/4/2016
PO	<b>Eric Meislahn</b>	<b>7/2/2020</b>
PO	Johnny Motz	9/5/2017
PO	Joseph Panzica	6/17/2016
PO	Louis Roman	10/10/2016
PO	<b>Joseph Saetta</b>	<b>7/2/2020</b>
PO	<b>Kenneth Sanford</b>	<b>3/18/2020</b>
PO	Ryan Smith	2/21/2017
PO	<b>Tyler Stark</b>	<b>5/20/2020</b>
PO	Neil Watt	9/3/2016
CLERK		
	Denise Spalthoff	12/10/2001

# DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

## 3 Year Annual Statistics

<b>Totals</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	3,136	3,901	4,138
<b>Criminal Complaints</b>	42	39	54
<b>Arrests Made*</b>	20	25	9
<b>Traffic Tickets Issued</b>	165	140	236
<b>Motor Vehicle Accidents</b>	2	12	6

### Traffic Tickets:

- Our police officers stopped 248 vehicles
- 165 tickets were issued
- 28 speeding tickets issued compared to 29 in 2019 (2018 and back we have no records)
- 83 Warnings were issued

### Arrests:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Driving with suspended license or registration</b>	16	15	1
<b>Trespassing</b>	2	3	4
<b>Mental Health Law</b>	2	1	1
<b>Village Code Violation (noise, dogs, etc)</b>	1	3	1
<b>Unlawful Possession of Marihuana</b>	2	1	0
<b>Menacing</b>	1	0	0
<b>Fishing without a license</b>	1	0	0
<b>Driving while intoxicated</b>	0	2	0
<b>Harassment</b>	0	0	1
<b>Unlawful Imprisonment</b>	0	0	1

## DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Other than annual Firearms, In-Service training was pretty much not existent in the Tuxedo park Police Department. In-Service and refresher training is very important for police officers and is required to help mitigate potential liability on the village.

Being that I am a New York State Certified Instructor and relying on Police Officer Clifford Ader who is also a Professor of Criminal Justice at the Rockland Community College, I was able to have all of our police officers take part in in-service training. Firearms qualifications are done by two of our police officers who are New York State Certified Firearms Instructors. Firearms qualifications are required to be done annually in accordance with New York State Law. The qualifications entail 4 hours of overtime for two full time officers and 4 hours of pay for each part time officer. All of the other training did not cost the village any money as the training was done while the officers were working.

All police officers in the department have received the following training in 2020:

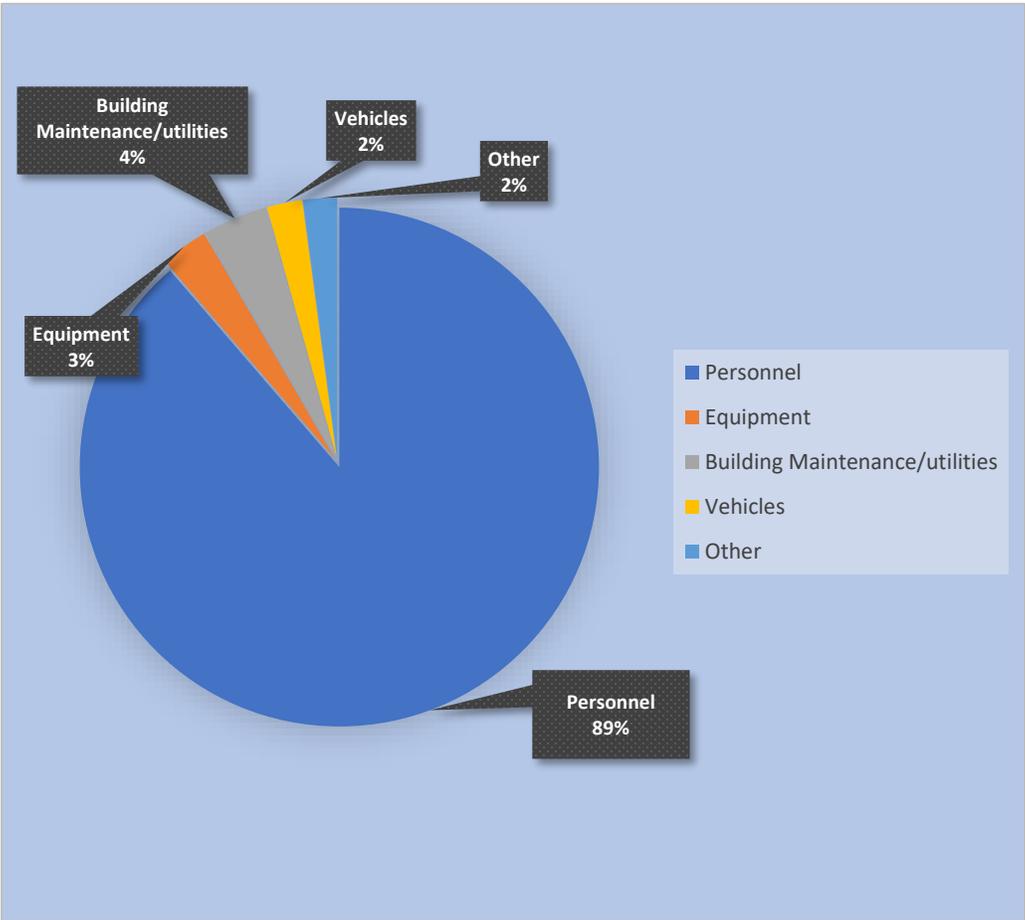
- Firearms qualifications
- Use of Force Refresher Course
- Implicit Bias Awareness Training
- Procedural Justice Training
- Report Writing
- Sexual Harassment

Additional training will continue annually.

# FISCAL MANAGEMENT

## POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET:

- The Police Department Annual Budget is \$972,682 is approximately 23% of the total Village budget, excluding personnel costs such as health insurance, workers compensation insurance and retirement for full time employees.
- The police department budget does not contain “fluff” and the majority of the budget is for personnel costs.



# OVERTIME

## Overtime:

- Overtime was a large part of personnel costs prior to 2020.
- Through proper schedule management and personnel recruitment, overtime costs have gone down tremendously.

## Overtime Hours/Costs:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Overtime Hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>
FY 2017-2018	565.25	\$33,661.27
FY 2018 – 2019	586.25	\$40,754.66
FY 2019-2020	1,156.5	\$73,025.62
6/1/2020 – 12/31/20	28.5	\$1,766.10

## CLOSING

In 2020 the Tuxedo park Police Department was faced with a few challenges. In February (as soon as I started), the Corona Virus Pandemic struck the world. In response to the pandemic and following guidelines of Governor Cuomo, the Center for Disease Control and the NYS Department of Health, I acted immediately and set policies and protocols to mitigate exposure to our officers with the concern of maintaining police operations 24x7. I was also able to obtain gloves, masks, hand sanitizers, coveralls and Disinfectants our officers use daily. Luckily, only two of our officers tested positive for the Corona Virus that they were exposed to at their other jobs and they did not expose any of our officers here. This pandemic spread rate has increased and we are constantly using all precautionary measures to prevent exposure.

In August Tuxedo Park was hit with a powerful Tropical Storm that took down many trees, leaving residents without electricity, telephone and cable. We worked tirelessly to do health and welfare checks on residents and we put continued pressure on Orange and Rockland to get crews in here to restore power and install new poles where needed.

In June of 2020 Governor Cuomo signed Executive Order 203: Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative and in August this Executive Order along with a 135-page book of mandates and recommendations were distributed to all municipalities. The requirements are that a committee of community stakeholders review and amend police departments response to calls, change policies and procedures and formulate a new plan that the Village Board must adopt before April 1, 2021. I have been working diligently on this project and will continue to do so.

In the upcoming year we will continue to provide exemplary service to our residents. My goals are to institute community policing programs, create the plan and other mandates for the Police Reform, start a department website that complies with the Police Reform, continue in-house training programs, work closely with the Mayor to adopt new policies and procedures for the police booth that will be erected sometime this spring and continue to work close with community members and stakeholders to improve quality of life in the Village.