From the Chief of Police . . .

In 2019, the Irondequoit Police Department continued to transform our policing model by embracing several new initiatives built on our core values centered on “Dedication to Service”. We continue to serve our community with high professional standards, building positive relationships and confidence with the public. Based upon community stakeholder input, responses from Irondequoit Police Department personnel, “best practices” reviews and other resources, we were able to accomplish a great deal in service to our community.

In 2019, the Irondequoit Police Department responded to 60,000 calls for police service, reflecting the level of trust that our stakeholders have in this police agency. Based upon a recommendation from the Irondequoit Police Community Relations Forum, a Community Focus Group was established to offer insight and support to our mission. The Community Focus Group worked on police recruitment and diversity efforts, “Bridge the Ridge” community engagement efforts, and many other opportunities to build working relationships with the public we serve.

The Irondequoit Police Department continued to provide training opportunities to our personnel to ensure that our officers had the best training available to them. We added additional personnel to the Crisis Intervention Team within our agency, enhanced the Field Training Program for recruit officers, created additional mental health training, Critical Incident Response practices, and participated in many other trainings. We continue to build the skillset for each member of the Irondequoit Police Department.

Grant opportunities were awarded to our agency for impaired driving enforcement, traffic safety efforts, building security and safety, E-Commerce Exchange Safety Transaction Zone, enhanced security camera systems, and information technology. Each of these funding sources served to enhance the safety and wellness of our stakeholders and members of the Irondequoit Police Department.

The Irondequoit Police Department was highlighted for its policing service model by the Monroe County STOP DWI Program, United Christian Leadership Ministry, New York State Traffic Safety Committee, New York State Chiefs of Police Association, Drug-Free Irondequoit: Together, Irondequoit Rotary, and ITALEO. All these organizations recognized the community engagement efforts coordinated by this agency.

In 2019, the Irondequoit Police Department continued to partner with many community groups to support the NYS Special Olympics, Willow Domestic Violence Center, Angels of Mercy, Golisano Children’s Hospital, Irondequoit Community Cupboard, and many more. These efforts continue to build on the partnerships we have within our great community.

The Irondequoit Police Department enhanced our partnership with the East Irondequoit and West Irondequoit Central School Districts and private schools by working on threat assessment training, investigative strategies, community partnership programming, Adopt-A-School programs, and a level of communication that was highly effective and served to enhance the safety of our school-aged children and their families.

None of this would be possible without the support of the community, our desire to serve others by the members of the Irondequoit Police Department, and the Irondequoit Town Board. Under the leadership of Supervisor David Seeley, the resources and direction provided to our organization has allowed us to accomplish a great deal in 2019. We wish to thank the greater Irondequoit community for the support, kindness and recognition that they have given us, and we look forward to continuing our high level of policing service in 2020.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Tantalo (Retired)
Richard V. Tantalo
Chief of Police
Our Vision

The vision of the Irondequoit Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in the Town of Irondequoit. We are committed to providing high quality, community-oriented police services with sensitivity, problem solving, teamwork and openness, along with continuous improvement protecting constitutional rights and providing leadership to the police profession. Members of the Irondequoit Police Department shall actively pursue the cooperation of every resident in an effort to create a police and community partnership that is sensitive to the different cultures that make up the human diversity of our community. It is the expressed policy of this department to enforce the laws, preserve the peace, and provide for a safe environment.

- Our highest commitment is protecting life
- We are committed to providing high quality public service
- We treat people with respect and dignity
- We adhere to democratic values in performing our mission
- We are responsive to community and neighborhood priorities
- We are accountable to the community for our actions
- We care about our employee job satisfaction
- We maintain the highest level of integrity in all our actions

Goals & Objectives

- Assign personnel to follow-up investigation opportunities
- Identify Law Enforcement Instructor assignments
- Enhance sanctioned “Suggestion Process”
- Identify and provide officer wellness options to all IPD employees

Core Values

- Accountability
- Communication
- Continuous Learning
- Employee Satisfaction/Fulfillment
- Coaching/Mentoring/Leadership Development
IPD Community Events
Total Events: 373
Total Attendees: 37,093

IPD Social Media
Total Posts: 414
Total Reach: 1,833,238
Total Engagements: 2,635,410

Officer Jonathan Lawton
Community Engagement Unit

2019 Spotlight
Bridge the Ridge
Storytime with Bermuda
Building Trust & Connections
Community Outreach

S.M.A.R.T. CAMERA PROGRAM (SURVEILLANCE, MAPPING, AND REPORTING TECHNOLOGY)

With the proliferation of privately owned cameras such as the Ring, Nest, Arlo, and more, the Irondequoit Police Department is looking to partner with community homeowners & businesses in our community who would be willing to share their camera footage should a crime occur nearby. Privately owned camera systems have proven invaluable to IPD's officers and investigators. Video obtained from these camera systems has helped the Irondequoit Police Department to identify suspects, vehicles, and other crucial pieces of evidence, leading to the successful clearance of many crimes.

If you own such a camera system at your home or business and you are willing to assist the Irondequoit Police by sharing video during an investigation, please fill out the online form by clicking here. For more information, email: SMART@irondequoit.org

E-Commerce Exchange Safety Zone

For residents who buy and/or sell items online, i.e. Let Go, Ebay, and Craigslist, there are now two parking spots reserved in front of the police department with security cameras that are monitored by a 24-hour security camera. This exchange zone will allow for safer transactions.

Bow Hunt Program

The 2019 bow hunt consisted of an ten-week campaign to reduce the deer population in the Town of Irondequoit.

- 90 qualified archers
- 50 approved hunting sites
- 106 harvested deer

IPD Junior Police Camp

A week filled with learning all about being a police officer and what the job entails. Children learned about traffic stops, DWI recognition, Internet safety, crime scene evidence collection, and they went on fieldtrips to the Monroe County Office of the Medical Examiner, the Public Safety Training facility, and the 911 center, and toured the IPD and Irondequoit Town Court.

ITALEO Awards

Congratulations to Chief Tantalo for being awarded the Officer of the Year; Sgt. Franco for receiving an award for Special Recognition for Community Service; Judy DiPaolo of the Irondequoit Police Volunteers for receiving the Outstanding Service to the Community Award. Investigator Soprano was also recognized with a promotional award.

Caution Kids Campaign

The “Caution Kids” Campaign was developed by the Irondequoit Police Department to raise public awareness of the potential consequences when motorists fail to obey traffic regulations that relate to school buses. School bus operators are encouraged to report problem locations and offending vehicles to the Irondequoit Police Department. The registered owner of the offending vehicle is notified by letter of the violation and advised of potential consequences for violation of the law. Locations that are identified as problem areas by school bus operators are monitored by police officers.
Making a Difference Awards give the Irondequoit Police Department an opportunity to recognize individuals who made a valuable contribution to the community in the area of public safety.

**2019 Recipients:**
- Terry Buford
- Jose Delgado
- Anthony J. Cretelle
- Domonick McKnight
- Sharon Wilson
- Calvin Wilson

The chaplains also join IPD officers on ride-alongs, which provide an opportunity for conversation, support, and a means to learn about the role of a police officer in today’s society.
**Community Outreach**

**Drug and Alcohol Programs**

**IronGates: Heroin/Opioid Crisis Response**

In response to the heroin/opioid crisis, the Irondequoit Police Dept. partnered with Recovery Now NY, SOARS, Glad Tidings Church, and Churches United Combating Addiction (CUCA) created a community support site for those dealing with addiction. Although the Irondequoit Police Department had successfully conducted a heroin death overdose death criminal investigation that resulted in a criminal negligent homicide conviction, we recognized that more needs to be done. The IronGates format was modeled after the Gates to Recovery Program and offered a local support site at Glad Tidings Church in Irondequoit. This resource is able to assist those individuals dealing with addiction as well as family members, co-workers and neighbors. In addition to those services, IPD is available to assist with quality of life and Trillium Health conducts free Narcan training with a kit supplied to each participant.

**Safe & Secure Drug Disposal**

**DEA National Take Back Day**

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events provide easy, anonymous opportunities to remove medicines in the home that are highly susceptible to misuse, abuse, and theft. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.9 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

The IPD participates in the DEA’s Take Back Day events in an effort to provide an opportunity for residents to properly dispose of unused drugs.

**Prescription Drug Drop Box**

In addition to the DEA Drug Take Back Day events, the IPD also has a prescription drug drop box located at the police department where individuals can drop off drugs safely and anonymously.

**Fundamentals of Alcohol Intoxication Recognition (FAIR) Program**

This program is a collaborative effort designed to educate Irondequoit business owners who hold a NYS liquor license and their employees on the following:

- Recognize intoxicated patrons
- Properly identify patrons who may be underage
- Monitor patrons so as to not allow alcoholic beverages to be delivered to underage patrons
- Recognize fraudulent documents when presented as identification

**Drug-Free Irondequoit Coalition**

The Irondequoit Police Department is a founding member of the Drug-Free Irondequoit Coalition (DFI) that has taken a proactive position on education, information and awareness associated with risk behaviors. This community-based coalition has focused on information sharing associated with vaping, drug use, and alcohol abuse. D-FI attends many community events with a staffed information booth, provides free Narcan training, and conducts “Hidden In Plain Sight” displays to educate the public on the methods used to hide substances that can be harmful to an individual and has sponsored community forums on this important topic. This coalition has a broad level of support from government officials, PTSA reps, educators and school administrators, parents and students. Visit the Drug-Free Irondequoit website for more information.
The partnership between law enforcement and Special Olympics is an extraordinary bond that continues to grow each year. The Irondequoit Police Department is proud to support Special Olympics New York athletes and programs. Throughout the year, the IPD and its officers participate in several events to help raise awareness and funds for the Special Olympics NY organization, which allows for athletes across the state to have the opportunity to be a team player, train, and compete. In 2019, the IPD took part in the following SONY events:

- Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)
- Applebee’s “Law and Orders”
- Cops on Top
- Polar Plunge
- Winter Games

The Irondequoit Police Department continues its effort to combat domestic violence. We are committed to the cause and committed in supporting those who have suffered and fallen victim to domestic abuse. In 2019, the IPD joined alongside local law enforcement agencies and community members at the following events to raise funds, donations, and awareness for domestic violence and victims of abuse:

- Candlelight Vigil
- Walk a Mile in My Shoes
- Purple Box Campaign

The Irondequoit Police Department and The Autism Council of Rochester continues its partnership to bring awareness to autism as well as raise funding for law enforcement autism training programs. The IPD participated in the following autism awareness events in 2019:

- Autism Awareness Run with LEOs 5K
- Autism Wandering & Elopement Community Forum
Shop With a Cop

The Irondequoit Police Department hosted its annual “Shop with a Cop” program in partnership with Target Irondequoit and the Irondequoit Nightstick Club, P.B.A. “Shop with a Cop” is a program that offers 20 children an opportunity to shop with a uniformed Irondequoit Police Officer and allows each child to purchase $100.00 in Christmas gifts that they would not otherwise have the opportunity to receive. Irondequoit Police officers volunteered their time to shop with the children, using funds donated by the Irondequoit Nightstick Club P.B.A., Target, the Irondequoit Rotary Club, the Irondequoit Police Volunteers, and other ‘Secret Santa’ sponsors. Target also provided volunteers to assist children in wrapping their gifts to take home.

Bridge the Ridge

The Irondequoit Police Department teamed up with the Rochester Police Department to host its first ever “Bridge the Ridge” event. This event aims to bridge the gap between Irondequoit and the Hudson Avenue and Ridge Road corridor in an effort to improve the relationship between the community and law enforcement. A special thank you to Walmart, Irondequoit Police Volunteers, and our chaplains for being part of this event.

Storytime with Bermuda

Storytime with Bermuda is a family and law enforcement favorite. Sgt. Franco and Mounted Unit Bermuda are the surprise guests at the end of the Storytime reading visit for the kids at the Irondequoit Public Library.

Bicycle Safety Rodeo

The Irondequoit Police Department hosted its annual Bike Rodeo with the help of the Monroe County Office of Traffic Safety. Participants were able to learn about bike safety, test their bike riding skills, and get fitted for a helmet. The event would not have been a success without the generous donations from Target, Ridge Donut, Dan Magill, Jean Triest from the Monroe County Office of Traffic Safety, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, the Irondequoit Police Volunteers (IPV) & the community volunteers.

Freeze Pops, horseback rides, lassoes, and a game of frisbee with Chief Tantalo! The IPD and A Horse’s Friend visit various Irondequoit neighborhoods to “build trust and connections” between law enforcement and the community. Visit A Horse’s Friend website to learn more about the organization.

Building Trust & Connections
Community Outreach

National Night out

On August 7, 2019, the Irondequoit Police Department hosted its annual National Night Out celebration. National Night Out is an annual community event that promotes police-community relationships. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while also giving tips on preventing crime in the area. During the event, attendees heard from guest speakers and dignitaries. Chief Tantalo presented awards to several Irondequoit citizens and others who made a difference in the Irondequoit Community in 2019. Departmental awards were also presented to several officers. In addition to the Irondequoit Police Department, several other first responders and law enforcement agencies were in attendance including the Irondequoit Fire Departments, Irondequoit Ambulance, Monroe Ambulance, the New York State Police, the Rochester Police Department Scuba Squad, the US Coast Guard, the US Marshals Service, US Border Patrol, and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Several local vendors and organizations also attended the event to promote safety and crime prevention. Wegmans provided dinner and ice cream for those who attended and many local businesses and community organizations donated items to be raffled off at the event. This event was a great success and we thank everyone who volunteered, set up a booth, and came out!

September 11th Remembrance Ceremony

The Irondequoit Police hosted its annual September 11th Remembrance Ceremony to honor all those who perished on that day in 2001. We will never forget.

Coffee with the Chief

Coffee with the Chief is an event that allows community members to meet with Chief Tantalo to ask questions and build relationships. This event enhances the level of communication that the IPD has with the public. In 2019, the event was hosted at several different locations, including the Irondequoit Public Library and St. Ann’s Community at Chapel Oaks.

Kickball with the Cops

In conjunction with the Irondequoit Parks and Recreation, the Irondequoit Police Department participated in “Kickball with the Cops” at several summer camp locations and playgrounds. This program was designed to develop a rapport between kids and police officers and allowed children to interact with police officers in a fun and personal setting. As the program grew, local fire departments joined in. At the conclusion of each game, the kids were cooled down by a fire department pumper truck, followed by popsicles donated by Tops Friendly Market.
Volunteers are an important part of any organization and are proven to be a valuable asset to law enforcement agencies. They help to increase police responsiveness, service delivery, and information input. Our volunteers are essential to our department and our officers and continue to be an integral part of our team.

~ Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted the IPD in 2019 ~

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Special Police Unit

The Irondequoit Police Department’s Special Police Unit officers volunteered 246 hours of service to the town in 2019. The Special Police has an authorized strength of 15 members. Special Police Volunteers are a vital resource to the Irondequoit Police Department (“IPD” or “department”). Special Police Volunteers assist the Irondequoit Police Department and the community with special events throughout the Town of Irondequoit. A liaison officer from IPD is assigned to supervise and guide the activities of the Special Police and also to provide training throughout the calendar year. Training consists of conflict resolution, radio use and procedure, traffic control, crowd control, and officer safety, as well as other topics as deemed relevant by the department.

For more information about the IPD Special Police, click here. If you are interested in obtaining additional information on becoming a member of the Special Police Unit, please contact Lt. James Reed (585) 336.6000 ext. 2486 or jreed@irondequoit.org

Before 1919, elected constables served as law enforcement. As the Town continued to grow, beginning in 1920, politically-appointed Specials protected the community, until 1924 when the Irondequoit Police Department was organized.
# Police Roster

**Chief of Police**  
Chief Richard V. Tantalo

**Captain**  
Cpt. Alan Laird

## Lieutenants
- Lt. J. Franco  
- Lt. M. Jesske  
- Lt. C. McLaughlin  
- Lt. J. Reed

## Sergeants
- Sgt. N. Chaimang  
- Sgt. K. Gorton  
- Sgt. J. Hughes  
- Sgt. J. Murphy  
- Sgt. B. Morgan  
- Sgt. A. Whitaker

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## Retired Officers
Investigator Andrew Wigton

Officer of the Year

The Irondequoit Nightstick Club would like to recognize Investigator Andrew Wigton as the 2019 Officer of the Year.

Investigator Wigton started his career with the Syracuse Police Dept. in 2008. In 2011, Investigator Wigton transferred to the Irondequoit Police Department, where he quickly displayed that he was a no nonsense street cop with a great work ethic and an exceptional ability to investigate crimes. While working in the Road Patrol Division of the police department, Investigator Wigton also became a member of the department’s Emergency Response Team. In 2014, while still in the Road Patrol Division, Investigator Wigton received his first Officer of the Year award from The Nightstick Club. In 2015, Investigator Wigton was promoted to investigator in the Criminal Investigation Unit, where his knowledge and investigative skills immediately made a positive impact in the unit. While in the Criminal Investigation Unit, Investigator Wigton became a certified Hostage Negotiator and CVSA analyst.

While in the Criminal Investigation Unit, Investigator Wigton has investigated and solved numerous high profile cases. To name a few, the homicide in Strathmore Circle Apartments; homicide on East Ridge Rd.; homicide on Lake Shore Blvd.; suspicious death on Washington Ave.; fatal hit and run on North Goodman St.; fatal hit and run on Bay View Rd.; and also an extremely lengthy and involved mail theft and check cashing scheme investigation. Recently, Investigator Wigton assisted the Rochester Police Department and the Syracuse Police Department in locating and arresting an extremely dangerous fugitive out of Syracuse who was hiding in our town, removing the threat from our community before he had a chance to commit another heinous act.

Investigator Wigton is known for dropping everything he is doing to respond to an in-progress job and assist the road patrol officers or other investigators in any way he can. Investigator Wigton voluntarily takes numerous calls at home on his days off and sometimes late at night, just to assist an officer in need of some guidance. It is Investigator Wigton’s continuous dedication to this department, the Town of Irondequoit, and his fellow police officers that never goes unnoticed and therefore is the reason that Investigator Wigton is the Nightstick Club’s 2019 Officer of the Year.
2019 Awards (Cont.)

**Platoon/Unit Commendations**
- Ofc. Jason Allen
- Capt. Mark Bean
- Ofc. Scott Bohrer
- Ofc. Evan Bruckel
- Ofc. Jeffrey Colegrove
- Ofc. James Erwin
- Ofc. Thomas Fitzak
- Lt. Jessica Franco (2)
- Sgt. Kenneth Gorton
- Ofc. David Gramlich
- Ofc. Joshua Greenfield
- Ofc. Christopher Gruhn (2)
- Ofc. Justin Jagoda
- Ofc. Kelly Kreiser (2)
- Capt. Alan Laird (2)
- Ofc. Brandon Lantry
- Inv. Bradley Lape (3)
- Ofc. Richard Looby
- Lt. Casey McLaughlin
- Sgt. Jason Murphy (3)
- Lt. James Reed
- Ofc. Brandon Salley
- Inv. Christopher Soprano (2)
- Ofc. Alyssa Szwartz (3)
- Inv. Andrew Wigton (2)

**Excellent Police Service**
- Ofc. Jeffrey Colegrove
- Ofc. Thomas Fitzak
- Lt. Jessica Franco
- Ofc. Joshua Greenfield
- Capt. Alan Laird
- Inv. Bradley Lape (2)
- Ofc. Jonathan Lawton
- Sgt. Jason Murphy
- Ofc. Kylee Nichols
- Lt. James Reed
- Civilian James Shotwell
- Inv. Christopher Soprano (2)
- Ofc. Alyssa Szwartz
- Inv. Andrew Wigton (2)
- Ofc. Richard Cole

**Meritorious Service**
- Ofc. Scott Bohrer
- Ofc. Evan Bruckel
- Ofc. Christopher Gruhn
- Ofc. Dean Kay
- Lt. Casey McLaughlin
- Sgt. Jason Murphy

**Employee of the Month (Civilians)**
- Filomena Amedeo
- Melissa Kowalski
- Helena Piccininni

**Officer of the Month**

**June:**
- Ofc. Matthew Barrett
- Sgt. Brian Morgan
- Ofc. Kyle Phelan
- Ofc. Dominic Pronti

**July:**
- Ofc. Thomas Fitzak
- Sgt. Jason Hughes

**August:**
- Ofc. Evan Bruckel
- Ofc. Stefanie deManincor
- Ofc. William Ficarra

**November:**
- Ofc. Joshua Greenfield

**Community Service**
- Ofc. Matthew Barrett
- Ofc. Kylee Nichols
- Ofc. Shelvin

**Life Saving**
- Ofc. Kelly Kreiser
- Sgt. Andrew Whitaker

"Dedicated to Service"
IPD Administration

IPD ADMINISTRATION:

M. Heckman, Administrative Assistant to Chief
K. Carangelo, Community Engagement
P. Davis, Property Clerk
M.B. Egeling, Crossing Guard Coordinator
J. Picciotti, Grants
J. Rynders
J. Shotwell, Quartermaster

IPD RECORDS DIVISION:

F. Amedeo, Records Office Manager

IPD CLERKS DIVISION:

D. Averill
E. Byrnes
E. Chor
S. Cumbo
S. Duff
B. Durick
R. Hosbach
M. Kowalski
M. Messura
H. Piccininni

Records Division

The Records Division is an integral part of the Irondequoit Police Department. The Records staff provides support to the officers, the Irondequoit Town Court, District Attorney’s Office, DJCS, and many other entities that require assistance from the department. They are upheld to a high level of confidentiality, strict regulations, and must qualify to use law enforcement databases. They receive, enter, disseminate, file, and maintain criminal and vehicle information that is necessary to archive, and provide clerical support 24 hours a day, 6 days a week to the officers.

Property Unit

In 2019, the Property Unit logged 2,541 items of non-agency property and evidence. 225 were drug/narcotic pieces and 132 were firearms. The Irondequoit Police Department Prescription Drug Drop Off Program also collected 1,088.9 lbs of prescription drugs. A total of $8,607.58 of unclaimed money was deposited into the “Town Account” and a total of $1,415.75 was returned to owners.

Accreditation

The New York Law Enforcement Accreditation Council currently sets 110 standards to be achieved and maintained by law enforcement agencies. After an initial successful review, agencies are re-evaluated every five years. In 2016, the Irondequoit Police Department was re-evaluated and successfully retained its Accredited Agency status, which it has continuously held since 1991.
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The Motorcycle Unit consists of two motorcycles which are utilized for parades, special events, community events, traffic control, and special details. Motorcycle officers attend a two-week police motorcycle patrol training school for this type of duty.

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- 26 Posts

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The Bicycle Unit utilizes six bicycles outfitted for patrol. Bicycle patrols are used for special events, patrolling neighborhoods, and special investigations. They provide high visibility to the public at our parades and block parties. Officers assigned to the Bicycle Unit receive specialized training.

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Mounted Unit

A new addition to the IPD is Mounted Unit Bermuda. IPD Lt. Franco, being an accomplished rider, sought to implement a special events mounted unit. Chief Tantalo advocated for the use of a mounted unit in Irondequoit, recognizing the unique opportunity to engage with the community and build trust. This opportunity was coordinated with Mr. Matthew Doward of A Horse’s Friend to lease a horse for use at special events by the Irondequoit Police Department. Lt. Franco and Mounted Unit Bermuda visit events such as parades, Project T.I.P.S., Special Olympics of NY Torch Run, Building Trust and Connections, and Storytime at the Irondequoit Library.
**Emergency Response Team**

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) is a group of highly trained officers who are prepared to respond to an active shooter or critical incident where immediate containment of the situation minimizes injuries as well as loss of life and property. The primary objective of the ERT is to hold an inner perimeter until relieved by specialized units. ERT members were active in training sessions using specialized weapons, equipment and scenarios. Team members also trained with city, county and state specialized units that would likely be called upon to assist with an incident in the Town of Irondequoit. The team also responded to critical incidents resulting in peaceful resolutions with no injuries.

**Crisis Intervention Team**

The Irondequoit Police Department has officers who are specially trained as Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) members. These officers have successfully completed a Crisis Intervention Training Program in conjunction with the Monroe County Office of Mental Health. This special skillset provides us with the necessary training to de-escalate a situation and offer consistent support to those individuals who are in need of such services. The partnership between the IPD and MCOMH also allows for opportunity wherein a certified mental health professional accompanies an IPD officer on a regular basis. This additional resource is utilized to assist with in-progress situations as well as the opportunity to conduct home visits with those who have had a crisis-related call for service during the previous week. This specialized training for IPD personnel and the additional resources offered by the Monroe County Office of Mental Health demonstrate our desire to work with individuals who are in need of

**Honor Guard**

Guard Officers

The Honor Guard is represented by 8 Irondequoit Police Officers. In 2019, this specially trained unit represented the Town of Irondequoit at 11 civic functions, memorials, and parades.

**Training**

- The Irondequoit Police Department, in keeping with our superior standards for training and professional development, participated in 9,622 hours of training in 2019.
- Officers received a total of 9,439 hours of training in 2019, averaging over 174 hours per officer.
- Included in this total is 865 hours of management training for 8 police supervisors.
- Civilian employees received a total of 183 hours of training in 2019, averaging over 8.3 hours per person.
Greater Rochester Public Safety Strategic Diversity Initiative

The Greater Rochester Public Safety Strategic Diversity Initiative was created through the collaborative efforts of multiple stakeholders from the Greater Rochester area including the Irondequoit Police Department and other town, village, county, and city police departments, higher education, K-12 education, community non-profits, and local government human resource personnel. The initiative was established to create greater community access and equity to promote and foster diverse professional public safety organizations. The executive working group identified three main challenges that significantly contribute to the current lack of diversity in the public safety sector: negative perceptions of policing in America, general lack of awareness of targeted communities to the benefits of public safety careers, and sparse resources and ability to make meaningful changes to the current realities of poor recruitment results and hiring of applicants from underrepresented communities.

Recruitment and Hiring

Recruitment

Recruitment for the Irondequoit Police Department was done through various community events involving local schools and other community outreach efforts. Alongside Police Exam Career Prep, the IPD offered mock interviews. The IPD utilized social media to post application deadlines, police officer examination and physical agility test dates as well as informational nights. The IPD was amongst 11 local law enforcement agencies in Monroe County hiring in 2019.

Police Officer Selection Process:

Step 1 - Written Examination: Generally offered once per year and candidates must score at least a 70% to continue through the selection process.

Step 2 - Physical Agility Test: Sit-ups, pushups, and a 1.5 mile run established by the Cooper Standard. Visit the Monroe County website to find the physical agility criteria needed to qualify.

Step 3 - Medical exam, psychological exam, and a full background investigation

Step 4 - Interview: Conducted by the Police Officer Selection Committee for the Irondequoit Police Department.

Step 5 - Police Academy: A six-month program designed to train recruit officers on the fundamentals of policing. The academy is held at the Monroe County Public Safety Training Facility located on 1190 Scottsville Rd.

Step 6 - Field Training: Completion of a three-month Field Training program where the recruit officer is assigned to work with designated Field Training Officers (FTO). The FTO will serve to evaluate and coach the recruit officer.

Step 7: Assignment to Road Patrol: Assigned to road patrol as a probationary officer.
Support of the Guard and Reserve

The Irondequoit Police Department takes pride in their support for the Guard and Reserve. The Guard and Reserve are essential to the strength of our Nation and the well-being of our communities.

The IPD fully recognizes, honors, and complies with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and continually recognizes and supports our country’s service members and their families.

IPD Officers Jason Allen, Stefanie deManincor, and Richard Looby are members of the Army National Guard.

Thank you, Officer Allen, Officer deManincor, and Officer Looby for your service!

Irondequoit Police Department

Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve

We recognize the Guard and Reserve are essential to the strength of our Nation and the well-being of our communities.

In the highest American tradition, the patriotic men and women of the Guard and Reserve serve voluntarily in an honorable and vital profession. They take to respond to their community and their country in time of need. They deserve the support of every segment of our society.

If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our Nation, increased public understanding is required of the essential role of the Guard and Reserve in preserving our national security.

Therefore, we join other employers in pledging that:

• We fully recognize, honor and comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA).
• We will provide our managers and supervisors with the tools they need to effectively manage those employees who serve in the Guard and Reserve.
• We appreciate the values, leadership and unique skills service members bring to the workforce and will encourage opportunities to employ Guardians, Reservists, transitioning Service members and Veterans.
• We will continually recognize and support our country’s Service members and their families in peace, in crisis, and in war.

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Date: March 2, 2022

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- Four (4) cross-trained investigators
- Total of 401 cases investigated
- 301 adult criminal and non-criminal investigations
  * Adult cases investigated resulted in the arrest of 58 individuals
  * 37 were felony charges
  * 15 were misdemeanor charges
- 100 juvenile cases
  * 24 felony arrests
  * 53 misdemeanor arrests
Fred Bohn Arrest- Homicide- Lakeshore Blvd.:

On March 22, 2019, Third Platoon officers responded to an address on Lakeshore Boulevard to check on the welfare of an 86-year-old female. Officers located the female inside the residence deceased. After this incident was deemed to be a homicide, the investigation that followed was extensive and spanned the course of three weeks. Irondequoit Police Investigators were assisted by the New York State Police Major Crimes Unit and MCSO Technical Services Unit.

The investigative teams spent countless hours retrieving video, conducting neighborhood canvasses, interviews, taking statements, and attempting to locate family members, witnesses or persons of interest. The team then began writing search warrants and subpoenas to attempt to gain additional information. After learning certain items were taken from the home, the investigative team worked diligently to recover the stolen property. During the course of the investigation, the victim’s nephew, Frederick Bohn, was developed as a suspect.

On April 11, 2019, an arrest warrant for murder in the second degree was lodged and Mr. Bohn was arraigned the following day. This investigation exhibited the great teamwork and collaboration within the Irondequoit Police Dept. and our law enforcement partners. The investigative team consisted of investigators, technicians, and patrol officers who were assigned to assist. Everyone involved received a Unit Commendation Award for the exceptional police work performed.

Update: On February 20th, 2020, Mr. Bohn pled guilty to manslaughter in the first degree and was sentenced to 20 years in NYS Department of Corrections plus 5 years post-release supervision.

Burglary/Stolen Vehicle Arrests:

Since early May 2019, the Irondequoit Police Dept. investigated several cases involving burglaries and stolen vehicles. In most cases the IPD was notified several hours after the incident occurred, and therefore, left with limited solvability factors. The investigative team worked relentlessly on these cases.

Some of the investigative efforts included working with the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center, creating and analyzing spreadsheets with CrimeMapping and arrest data in order to establish pattern information, collecting video, conducting neighborhood canvasses, interviewing witnesses and suspects, collecting property left behind in stolen vehicles, working with the Technical Services Unit for DNA/print analysis, writing search warrants, and obtaining subpoenas. Due to the exceptional collaboration between the investigative team, the Technical Services Unit, and road patrol officers, approximately 20 individual arrests were made. The investigative team received an Excellent Police Service Award for their police work.

Bank Fraud/Mail Theft Arrest:

In January 2019, the Irondequoit Police Dept. started receiving several complaints in relation to checks/mail being stolen out of mailboxes. It was also learned that the checks were being altered and later cashed at various financial Institutions in the Monroe County area.

Shortly after reports were filed, a witness observed a suspicious motor vehicle pulling up to a mailbox and was able to obtain a license plate number. The IPD was familiar with the registered owner of the vehicle as she is an associate of Dennis Morgan. Morgan had a history of similar criminal activity. In collaboration with the United States Postal Inspectors, the IPD worked diligently on this case and were able to organize several meetings with representatives from various law enforcement agencies who also had taken similar reports.

An investigative strategy was developed utilizing a multi-jurisdictional approach, which required a great deal of coordination and resources. The investigative efforts included contacting various financial institutions to obtain video footage, interviewing victims and bank employees, actively looking for cameras in the area where the victims lived, and conducting neighborhood canvasses to gather additional evidence. (Learn more about how to help assist the IPD using the S.M.A.R.T. program.)

The IPD also coordinated with the NYSP to assist with conducting several surveillance details and were successful in catching Morgan in the act of stealing mail. After a six-month long investigation, Morgan was arrested on June 18, 2019 and charged with federal bank fraud and mail theft. Based on his interview, the Irondequoit Police were also able to charge Morgan with criminal possession of a forged instrument from an incident that occurred back in April 2019 at a financial institution in Irondequoit. Although the primary suspect was arrested, investigators were actively seeking to identify the additional check cashers that were involved in the scheme, and were successful in identifying one male that was essential in linking Morgan with the conspiracy.

Update: On October 10, 2019, Dennis Morgan plead guilty and confessed to the crimes. He was sentenced to 32-37 months in federal prison, $5000-$55,000 fine, 2-5 years of supervised probation, and will be ordered to pay restitution of approximately $11,000.
Department Statistics

CALLS FOR SERVICE: **61,218**

CALLS FOR SUSPICIOUS PERSONS/VEHICLES: **3,332**

CALLS FOR ALARMS: **1,837**

CALLS FOR SERVICE: **61,218**

CALLS FOR DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES: **2,103**

CALLS FOR MISSING PERSONS: **276**

ARRESTS

Total: **1753**

Arrest Warrants: 864

D.W.I. - Alcohol/Drug Arrests: 91

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Total MVAs: **1022**

Property Damage: **588**

Injury MVAs: **140**

Fatalities: 0

Bicycles Involved: **14**

Motorcycles Involved: **5**

Pedestrian: **18**

DWI/DWAI Involved: **29**

Deer Involved: **32**

PARKING

Handicapped: **16**

Fire Lane: **78**

Winter Parking: **406**

Total (Including Illegal Parking): **592**

TRAFFIC

Total Traffic Tickets Issued: **5,937**
**IPD Crime Statistics 2019**

Arson: 6  
Assault: 43  
Burglaries (Total): 137  
Burglaries (Residential): 107  
  - Subcategory – Copper: 4  
  - Subcategory – Vacant Home: 1  
  - Subcategory – Detached/Storage: 2  
  - Subcategory – Domestic-Related: 2  
  - Subcategory – Business: 30  
  - Subcategory – Shoplifting: 17  
Burglaries (Attempted): 9  
Criminal Contempt: 3  
Criminal Mischief: 145  
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance: 23  
Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument/Forgery: 23  
Criminal Possession of a Weapon: 6  
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property: 15  
Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance: 0  
Criminal Sex Act: 1  
Criminal Use of a Firearm: 0  
Disorderly Conduct: 7  
Endangering the Welfare of a Child: 1  
Exposure of a Person: 1  
False Impersonation: 4  
Falsely Reporting an Incident: 1  
Forcible Touching: 8  
Petit Larceny: 687  
Harassment: 48  
Kidnapping: 1  
Menacing: 16  
Murder/Manslaughter: 1  
Obstructing Government Administration: 12  
Offer False Instrument for Filing: 0  
Public Lewdness: 0  
Rape: 5  
Reckless Endangerment: 4  
Resisting Arrest: 13  
Robbery: 22  
  - Subcategory – Shoplifters who Used Force and were Charged with Robbery: 12  
Sexual Conduct Against a Child: 1  
Sexual Misconduct: 2  
Stalking: 0  
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle: 7  
  - Subcategory – Rental or Loaned Vehicles that were not Returned: 0  
Unlawful Possession of Marijuana: 30
"Dedicated to Service"