

CITY OF PORT JERVIS

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Police Committee



15 January 2026

Meeting Agenda

Call to order- 6:15 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mr. Vicchiariello, Ms. Fuller, Ms. Dennison, Mr. Rhoades, Chief Worden

Public Comment: No public comment received.

New Business

- The Chief provided a Crime Statistic Update with preliminary year-end crime statistics. According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I Offenses reached their lowest level since 1980, marking a 17.86% decrease from 2024 and a 72.6% reduction since the city's peak crime year in 1996. Reductions in crime categories were experienced, including aggravated assault, motor vehicle theft, rape, weapons-related offenses, and larcenies. Increased crime categories included offenses involving impaired driving, fraud, and controlled substance arrests. Over Incident-Based Reporting revealed that overall incidents increased in 2025 by 2.6 percent in comparison to 2024.
- Hudson Valley Crime Analysis Center – Det. Chris Mehedin has been co-assigned to the Hudson Valley Crime Analysis Center and is currently being trained on the various investigative technologies utilized by the crime analysis center.
- Community Policing Events

- ✓ DARE Education has begun for 5th-grade students at HBE and EME Elementary Schools.
- ✓ The 8th Grade Too Good for Drugs and Violence Program has started at the Port Jervis Middle School
- ✓ The Department is hosting an anti-violence program with the Port Jervis Middle School (7th and 8th Grades) on January 29th and 30th, featuring credible messenger Hashim Garret from Innovative Consulting.
- ✓ The annual point-in-time homeless count, sponsored by Honor EHG, is scheduled for January 29.
- ✓ Senior Citizen Fraud Prevention is being scheduled for February with the Port Jervis Senior Club.

- Police Officer Physical Agility Test and Hires

The department is assisting the Civil Service Commission with hosting a practice agility test scheduled for January 24th and a civil service agility test scheduled for February 7th at the Port Jervis High School. This test is required for police officer candidates currently who have passed the civil service test. The certified eligibility list will be utilized to hire two police officer positions for an anticipated April 13, 2026, academy start.

- Department Goals and Objectives: The department is reviewing goals and objectives for 2025-2026.
- DCJS Accreditation- The department is preparing accreditation files for the 2025-2026 year in compliance with maintaining DCJS Accreditation Standards.
- Training Activities
 - ✓ Annual Compliance training has been assigned to all staff: (Bloodborne Pathogens, Workplace Violence, Sexual Harassment).
 - ✓ New Crossing Guard Basic Training has been completed by CG Catherine Ortiz.

- ✓ Supervisors and command-level staff are being assigned to attend leadership training sponsored by the Orange County Police Academy at SUNY Orange.
 - ✓ Sgt McGowen and PO Kerr are teaching Crisis Intervention Training for the Orange County Police Academy. The department is eligible for reimbursement under a county grant.
 - ✓ The department's EAP team attended an Employee Assistance and Wellness Seminar hosted by the Johnson City Police Department and NYLEAP.
 - ✓ Two firearms instructors are scheduled to attend a 40 hr. ALERRT Train the Trainer Course held in Nassau County during March.
 - ✓ Sgt. Mioglionico is scheduled to attend an advanced defensive tactics instructor training hosted by the Rockland County Police Academy.
 - ✓ Three members are assigned to attend a 16-hour advanced training at the OCPA titled "Policing the Teenage brain".
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- Farmer's Market Application 2026- A meeting is scheduled for 1/20/2026 through the Mayor's Office with the management of the Port Jervis Farmer's Market to review alternative locations for relocation of the current space at the municipal parking located adjacent to Hammond Street at Port Plaza.
 - Labor Management Shift Staffing- The labor management committee met on 1/15/2026 to develop a draft protocol to guide mandated overtime shift coverage.
 - Service Coordinator Position: Social Work Program: \$75,000.00 awarded to the police department to hire a service coordinator within the police department

Service Coordinator – Police Department (Civilian Position)

The Service Coordinator is a full-time civilian role within the police department responsible for providing follow-up care, outreach, and case support to both officers and community members. This position ensures that individuals

encountered by the department are connected with appropriate resources and receive ongoing support as needed.

Serving as a liaison between the public and a wide network of health and human services providers, the Service Coordinator helps community members navigate housing assistance, social services, behavioral health care, and other support systems. The role focuses on building relationships, coordinating services, and ensuring that individuals receive timely, effective referrals and follow-up.

Key functions include:

- Conducting outreach and follow-up with individuals referred by officers or other partners
- Assisting community members in accessing housing, social services, healthcare, substance abuse and addiction, and related supports
- Collaborating with service providers to coordinate care plans
- Supporting officers by offering case insights, resource options, and community-based solutions
- Maintaining documentation and tracking outcomes to ensure continuity of care

Port Jervis Civil Service will be required to develop a civil service classification of this position. The goal is to implement a pilot program by July 1, 2026.

Old Business

- Range Building Updates – DASNY & Crest Grants - \$95,942.52 of reimbursements have been requested and received under a grant totaling \$100,000.00 from DASNY for costs expended with Phase I construction of the range building.

Dept of Public Works is completing the installation of bathroom fixtures, connecting water, septic, and installing cabinetry and molding. IT Services is

reviewing cost quotes for the purchase of a training computer and smart board technology. Due to a lack of infrastructure for internet services, the department is investing in the costs of internet services provided through a wireless service such as Starlink, Verizon, or T-Mobile.

The range Connex box metal storage container appears to be in disrepair due to age and water intrusion and may require replacement. The dept. will be reviewing potential sources of revenue to purchase a replacement.

- Grant Reimbursements- Body Armor DOJ Grant – Reimbursement request for \$4,131.47 for costs associated with body armor purchases during the second half of 2026.
- NICHE RMS Update- The NICHE RMS software is being installed on the department server and desktop computer platforms. Members are being assigned to attend 16 hours of basic training throughout January.

Committee Comments

Ms. Dennison discussed the proposed federal immigration detention center in Chester, New York, to ascertain potential impacts on the department.

Public Comment – No public comment received.

Executive Session – N/A

Adjournment – 7:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Worden

Chief of Police