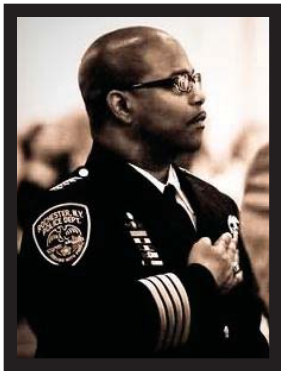


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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF:



Ladies & Gentlemen,

The 2013 Second Quarter Part 1 crime data indicates that overall Part 1 crime decreased 10.1%, with violent crime down 3.1%. Every member of the Rochester Police Department should be proud of their contribution in assisting our achieving these results. Our success has been dependent on proactive policing strategies, combined with cooperation

and coordination with our law enforcement partners, and the vigilance and participation of our citizens and community organizations.

As we move forward we must strive to develop new strategies to address gun violence, as the use of firearms has continued to rise during the first 6 months of 2013. The key to changing this trend will be our community engagements, which hopefully will result in enhancing citizen involvement. I am confident that strong community partnerships will further support our efforts to address crime in the second half of 2013, making Rochester a safer city. I would like to thank every member of our Department and the community for their continued support and tireless efforts.

Chief James M. Sheppard

Policing in the Spirit of Service



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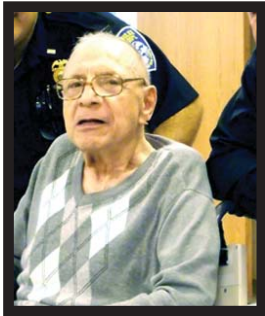
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A VISIT WITH RPD RETIREES



Ret. Det. Sam Cimino

On June 26th, a group of RPD members went to St. John's Home on Highland Ave to visit retirees Det. Sam Cimino and Off. Charles Cometa.

Before Detective Cimino retired in 1986, he was assigned to the License & Warrants Unit in CID. Sam was one of the original dispatchers in the Police Complaint Bureau before it became known as "911." He then transferred to the K-9 Unit, and after training with his dog "Toby," became part of the Tactical Unit. Sam and Toby put on numerous K-9 demonstrations for civic groups and school children during his tenure with the K-9 Unit.

Off. Charles Cometa was a member of the Accident Investigation and Traffic Enforcement Units. Many still remember that Charlie spent many "Black Fridays," the day after Thanksgiving, controlling the shopping crowds downtown, as well as the vehicular traffic.



Ret. Off. Charles Cometa (front), with visiting RPD members.

Both men spent some time answering questions and reminiscing about the department and their jobs, old friends and experiences. "The guys seemed excited to see us all. I know that all of us that visited with them thought it was a wonderful experience hearing about the old days of the RPD," said Lt. Frank DiPrimo. "It was also interesting to see how both the younger and older members of our group were able to relate to Sam and Chuck, due to the common bond of the job."

NEW DOWNTOWN OFFICE OPEN

A press conference on July 25th announced the opening of the new RPD Downtown office. Located at 30 N. Clinton Ave., a central location in the old Sibley Building, the office will be open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am–7:00 pm.

Commanded by Captain Peter Leach, the office is staffed with six supervisors, 32 patrol officers, one crime prevention officer, and one administrative employee. Officers assigned to the location are tasked with working the "Downtown Detail," and are focused on providing a presence at the major intersections on Main St., thus creating a safer environment for both pedestrian and vehicle traffic.



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PAL ACTIVITY UPDATE

MARY CARIOLA CENTER VISIT

PAL collaborated with the Mary Cariola Children's Center on July 5th for a phenomenal engagement event. About 90 kids came out to meet the officers, operate the car sirens and lights, and try on police hats during the event. The officers and children involved were significantly impacted in a momentous way. The center serves children with complex disabilities, including severe autism.



TAKING A STAND AGAINST BULLYING

On July 23rd, Officer Moses Robinson was at the Edgerton Recreation Center for a weekly mentoring meeting with kids. This is part of an anti-bullying initiative designed to strengthen the bond between officers and kids. Weekly discussions empower kids to help prevent bullying in their community.

"THE ROCK AT CAMPBELL STREET" 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

For the past three years, School Resource Officer (SRO) Carlos Alvarado and fellow SROs have coordinated a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, held at the Campbell St. Recreation Center. This year's tournament was held on Tuesday, August 13th. The SROs traditionally pool their funds to sponsor the refreshments and trophies for the youth who participate in the tournament. This year, PAL contributed to the efforts to help fund refreshments. Participants are from various recreation centers throughout the City, and vary in age. In addition to playing basketball, the youth were able to meet with firefighters, EMTs, and other police officers to see what their jobs were like.



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MOUNTED UNIT EARNS TOP AWARDS

On Wednesday, July 17th, the annual Police Mounted Skills Competition was held at the Hemlock County Fairgrounds. There were eight mounted officers competing from the RPD, Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Niagara County. RPD's Mounted Officer Joanne Woodworth, riding "Abe," won first place overall in the skills event, and also took first place for Best Appearance, Western Rider. RPD Mounted Officer Don Urbanczyk won third place overall in the skills competition, and first place for Best Appearance, English Rider with his horse "Comet."

RPD AND KIDS HEAD TO CAMP!

Lt. Scott Peters escorted a group of Do The Right Thing winners to the Buffalo Bills Training Camp at St. John Fisher College on July 30th.



NEWSLETTER ADDITIONS

If you would like to submit an article or news brief to be included in the next issue of RPD News, please email Sgt. Deidre Hammond at: deidre.hammond@cityofrochester.gov



FLINT STREET OUTREACH

Operation Cool Down was in effect on June 17th. The Mounted Unit was at the Flint Street Outreach event, as part of the Rochester Police Department's community engagement component.



“REC ON THE MOVE” VEHICLES

The City of Rochester offers two Recreation on the Move vehicles (Rec On the Move), one for the each side of the City (East & West Divisions). Rec on the Move vehicles and their staff offer the following:

- Sports, games, and other physical activities
- Health and wellness activities and information
- Homework help and tutoring
- Fresh, healthy food
- Arts, music, and cultural activities
- Environmental education and horticulture activities
- Information about City Recreation Centers and youth programs, libraries, and other City youth services

For the remainder of the summer, the Rec on the Move vehicles have scheduled stops Tuesdays through Fridays, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You can also request a Rec on the Move vehicle to respond to an area of the city that has identified issues with youth continually loitering.

To request a Rec on the Move vehicle, call Coordinator Shannon Grieve at 428-6989, Monday through Friday or email her at grieves@cityofrochester.gov



KUDOS TO THE RPD

The following kudos are excerpts from calls received by the Chief's Office, RPD's Facebook page and letters commending officers on courtesies that were greatly appreciated:

Pastor George Simmons called the Chief's office to compliment Officer Brian Cala and another officer whose name he didn't get. Pastor Simmons said on a rainy day in June, he was at the intersection of Buffalo Rd. & Mt. Read Blvd. when an asphalt truck hit his car. He said the Officers went "above and beyond the call of duty," and helped him change the flat tire on his car. He said the whole experience was "unbelievable."

An email to Chief Sheppard:

My wife and I are here from Brisbane, Australia, for a psychology conference this week with other academics. Yesterday, we took a walk around the CBD but underestimated the jet lag, the heat and the distances, with a result that my wife suffered from low blood pressure, felt faint and had to recline at a Subway restaurant. Officer Garcia thoughtfully dropped us both back at the Hyatt hotel where we were staying. This experience provided us with insights into the nature of the people in your city and we were very impressed indeed. Please pass on our heart felt thanks to the officer.

Dr. David Wadley, University of Queensland, and Professor Jenny Ziviani, University of Queensland

From "RPD Comment on an Officer":

I was driving on Lake Ave on June 29th, and was rear ended by what I assume to be a drunk driver. He continued to speed off and luckily we were able to retrieve his plate number. We pulled over into a small apt. building and called 911 immediately. The officer, named Margaret Drayton came to the scene and was extremely helpful and comforting to both myself and my two passengers. We were very shaken up. She assured me that she would do her best to help us and find the driver. I am so thankful for her help and also making us feel safe in an unsafe area. I would not only

like to thank her but give her a positive referral and commendation.

Alana Rodriguez

From "RPD Comment on an Officer":

On July 10th, I was robbed outside of the Rite Aid on Monroe and Goodman. The response was amazing from the time the 911 call was placed. I want to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the arresting officer; unfortunately, I can not remember his name*, just that he had tattoos on both arms and that he showed up at the grand jury. The officer that escorted me back to the police station was very patient and understanding with me. I was simply amazed at how well everyone worked together to apprehend Mr. Cook and get him to lead the officers to the things he took. Thank you so much for your service.

Bonnie Wallar

**Officer Brandon Mandurano is the officer described by Ms. Wallar.*

The following is an excerpt from a letter to DCO Michael Wood in response to a ride-along opportunity:

Dear Deputy Chief Wood,
I sincerely appreciated the opportunity to do a ride along with Patrol Division West. As a new resident of the City, I feel that it has been one of the most useful experiences I've had in getting to know my hometown. I would really like to single out Officer Daniel Watson, who I was assigned to ride with, for praise. He truly made the experience extremely valuable through his patience and candor. The professionalism he, and every officer I interacted with in the face of very trying experiences, exhibited was most impressive. I genuinely feel safer and more confident in the city knowing what a top-notch police department we have.

*Thomas J. Morrisey
Communications Director,
Senator Ted O'Brien*

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**Officer R. Johnroe, Traffic Section
On post at Main St. and Clinton Ave.
July 1977**