



CHIEF'S MESSAGE



I want to take this opportunity to talk about the events surrounding the recent arrest of a woman who was video-recording a traffic stop.

As I have repeatedly said, I strongly believe that the traffic stop that precipitated the arrest is consistent with my emphasis on assertive, proactive policing, and I support the involved officers' initiative. Our self-initiated activity is what keeps the citizens of Rochester safe.

I understand the legitimate safety concerns we face in making traffic stops, and I expect RPD officers to take lawful and reasonable steps to protect themselves in conducting all police activity. In this particular case, it is clear that the community and media attention has been focused on the fact that the individual arrested was video-recording the traffic stop, so I want to comment on that.

You should be aware that bystanders regularly observe police activity. Also, many cameras are located on the streets and in other locations that are regularly recording your actions and many persons also have readily available hand-held or easily concealable recording devices that they may use to record police activities. In fact, you should assume that someone is watching and recording your actions at all times.

The First Amendment generally protects the right of persons to peacefully observe, photograph, video-record, or audio-record the activities of law enforcement personnel while performing their duties in a public location. You should not interfere with such activities, and you should continue to perform your duties in a professional manner. However, there is no right to engage in conduct that endangers or threatens the safety of officers or other persons, including making verbal threats or conduct that obstructs, impairs, prevents or attempts to prevent the performance of official actions by means of intimidation, physical force or interference.

It is imperative that you use good judgment in deciding whether a bystander is crossing the line between lawful and protected activity, and conduct that actually threatens or obstructs you in the performance of your duties. We must apply our discretion wisely in these situations in order to preserve our safety in potentially dangerous situations, while acting with respect for the rights of all persons.

RPD ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE

The Rochester Police Department announced its newly-formed Police Activities League (PAL) by presenting its first softball game featuring RPD officers and CTC (Changing the Community) youth at Frontier Field on July 16. The four-inning game took place immediately before the start of the Red Wings-Buffalo Bison baseball game. Above, RPD officers and CTC members posed for a photo at a press conference held July 14. More details on PAL will be upcoming in the August newsletter.





OFFICER RECOGNITION

The following letter was sent to the Chief's Office from Youth Voice, One Vision, a youth council coordinated by the City of Rochester Bureau of Recreation.

First, let me give a big THANK YOU to you and your fellow officers... the kids gave excellent feedback for the event during, immediately afterwards, and even on the rides home! So thank you very much for coming out in such numbers, and being able to commit three officers for the entire process.

The night ended with three small groups (with one officer in each group) where everyone shared their opinions and experiences about police officers as part of our community. They also discussed questions as to how to implement a youth PSA [public safety aide] on the RTS buses.

I saw excellent interactions in all groups: the officers were very honest and forthcoming with the kids, and the talking went both ways.

I especially want to thank Officer Daniel Santiago, who gave an incredible response to his group when they brought up the young man who was struck by a patrol car this past Fall. Officer Santiago took this sensitive topic as an opportunity to affirm his commitment to the young people and their communities. This kind of meaningful, powerful interaction is exactly what is needed to accomplish solidarity amongst any parties, and Officer Santiago went above and beyond the call of duty in both his words and actions.

So, thank-thank-thank you again for such a positive and overwhelming response. We certainly look forward to collaborating with you and the force in the future, and thank you for all the effort you have put in the present!

The letter below was sent by Pathstone Property Management regarding police response to problems with trespassers at one of their properties:

Officer Lathrop, Officer Gotham and Officer A. Brown have made a point to drive through regularly. It was not unusual for them to call my cell to ask if someone lived on the property or if they could arrest for trespassing, or even to tell me they have arrested someone and needed a signature for the no trespass paperwork. I know they [are] all taking personal interest in helping keep the area clean and good.

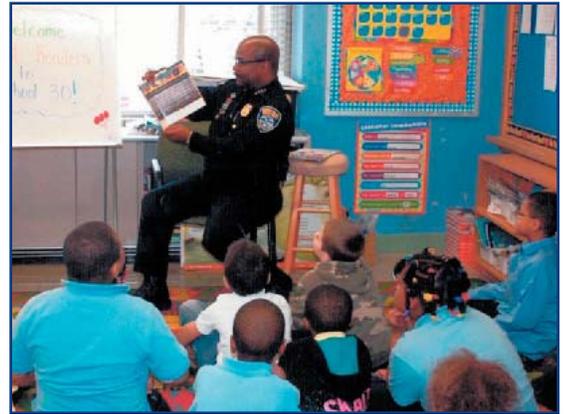
On different occasions I have had a tenant issue where the tenant has [said] that the officer helped them tremendously...I work very closely with Lt. Dearcop and CPOs Kristin, Carl, Joe and Vinnie, giving them information on who is who and what is going on. They make sure that the other officers are updated so they can continue to do their awesome jobs. I think we have a very good team working for us over here, and because of them, I feel my job has been made easier.



CHIEF SHEPPARD AND SUBWAY MOUSE WIN KUDOS FROM STUDENTS

Chief James M. Sheppard was one of the area's Guest Readers who participated in the May 2011 Read Across School 30 program. Local role models and community leaders were invited to read a favorite book or story to a class as a way of promoting and encouraging students to read.

Chief Sheppard's choice was "The Subway Mouse" by author Barbara Reid, which tells the tale of a mouse who lives beneath a subway station but embarks on a journey to find a new home. The appreciative 2nd graders wrote thank-you letters to the Chief. Some excerpts:



"Thank you so much for reading Subway Mouse. It was the 2nd best book ever in the whole wide world. The book was funny and you were funny too. I liked this book so much that it made me hug a mouse at the subway."

"Hi. How ya doing. How's the company. Thanks for reading Subway Mouse. I really appreciated it. It was most funniest book ever. I loved it."

"Thank you for reading Subway Mouse to us. I am sorry for saying why you eat donuts."

POLICE ADD TWO NEW K-9 CRIME FIGHTERS

The Rochester Police Department graduated the two newest members of the department: K-9 "Sully" and K-9 "Rocky" on June 10. Both dogs are 19-month-old German Shepherds.

Each completed a 14-week basic K-9 school in which they were taught obedience, protection work, building searches, agility and tracking. Upon completion of the school, each team had to pass a rigorous certification process administered by NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services.



Officer Dan Nowack, a 25 year veteran and lead instructor for the class, is partnered with K-9 Sully, and Officer Pat Carney, a 24 year veteran, is partnered with K-9 Rocky. Both officers are experienced K-9 handlers and have trained K-9s in the past.

Each team will working out of the RPD's Special Operations Division/K-9 Unit where they and other members of the K-9 Unit will support the Patrol Division with their unique capabilities.



LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality and justice.

I WILL keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided in me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I WILL never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I RECOGNIZE the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession... law enforcement.

Adopted In 1957 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police

FROM LT. SCOTT PETERS AND ATF MEMBERS:

On June 17th, Lt. Eric Paul retired from the Emergency Task Force. After 19+ years with the Team, he decided it was time to sit back and not worry about the 2 a.m. Christmas Eve call-out. During his time with the Team, he served in many important capacities, including Team Commander.



The Team is losing a career's worth of training and experience with Eric's departure. He is a great example of the dedicated person it takes to be a member of the Team. Eric continued to complete the Team's Obstacle Course and Qualifications two times a year, all while being over 50 years old! Eric will continue to serve on the streets of Rochester with the Tactical Unit. He will also continue to make plays and proudly represent the Department with the Crimefighters Hockey Team. Eric - thanks for all the dedicated years of service and guidance. You will be missed.



“DO THE RIGHT THING” WINNERS HONORED



Ten young adults from the City of Rochester and Monroe County were selected as the May and June 2011 winners of the Rochester Police Department's "Do The Right Thing" award.

The "Do The Right Thing" program fosters positive relationships with area youth by publicly recognizing those who distinguish themselves by committing "random acts of kindness" or simply by "doing the right thing." The program is sponsored by the Rochester Police Department and by generous donations from the Ames-Amzalak Memorial Trust, C.J. & B.S August Family Foundation, Camp Good Days and Special Times, Coca-Cola Refreshment, Daisy Marquis Foundation, Democrat and Chronicle, Dynamic Recording Studios, Excellus Blue Cross/Blue

Shield, J & T Security Associates, McDonald's (Upper Falls Blvd.), Memorial Art Gallery, News 10NBC, Pirate Toy Fund, Rural Metro Medical Services, Seabreeze Amusement Park, TOPS Friendly Markets, Trophies and Awards by NYRA, The Battery, the Buffalo Bills, the Rochester City School District, Salvatore's Old Fashioned PIZZERIA, Walmart (Hudson Ave. store) and the Wildlife Educators Coalition.

May winners include: Dreyanna Morgan, a 3rd Grader at Adlai E. Stevenson School No.29, who courageously spoke up when she saw a female classmate being abused by three male students during recess; Timothy LaGorio Chaney, a 1st Grader at Village Elementary School (Hilton), who quickly and calmly called 911 and provided the necessary information to get help for his mom when she experienced a diabetic problem; Miguel Vazquez, a 3rd Grader at Plank South Elementary School (Webster) and Alexander Schmanke, a 3rd Grader at Durand Intermediate School (Irondequoit), who found a wallet containing money, credit cards and personal papers and returned it to the owner; RahNiedra Love, a 1st Grader at Audubon School No. 33, who acted quickly and bravely to alert her family, enabling them to escape their home before a fire could block their only exit.

June winners include: Bethany Green, a 12th Grader at Thomas Jefferson High School, who was the only person who came to aid of a man who was being beaten by a group of boys outside her school when she called her assistant principle who alerted police; Ericka Johnson, a 12th Grader at John Marshall High School, who found a school master key in an exit door and returned it to the school resource officer, preventing it from being used to illegally access the school's classrooms and storage areas; Joshua Allen, an 11th Grader at School Of The Arts, who, although it is not recommended for safety reasons, acted quickly to douse a fire that started in his kitchen and helped his family get out of the house safely; Jorge Andujar, a 7th Grader at School Without Walls, who called 911 for medical help for his mom when she was having trouble breathing and served as a translator because his mother speaks only Spanish; Taylor Vazquez-Simmons, an 8th Grader at School Of The Arts, who volunteers at his church and the Ibero American Action League's Project Hope Program, and recently joined with friends to organize a joint birthday party with a "Pay It Forward" theme where they collected food and money for the House of Mercy, a city homeless shelter.

Congratulations to all of "Doing The Right Thing" winners. For information on the program or to nominate a deserving student, visit www.DoTheRightThing.org.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT SOFTBALL GAME RAISES OVER \$3,000 FOR DREAM FACTORY

On Sunday, June 12th, law enforcement officers from around the county hit the diamond at Frontier Field to raise money for charity. The Italian Law Enforcement Officers (ITALEO) and the Rochester Police Emerald Society faced off in a softball game of epic (and ethnic) proportions.

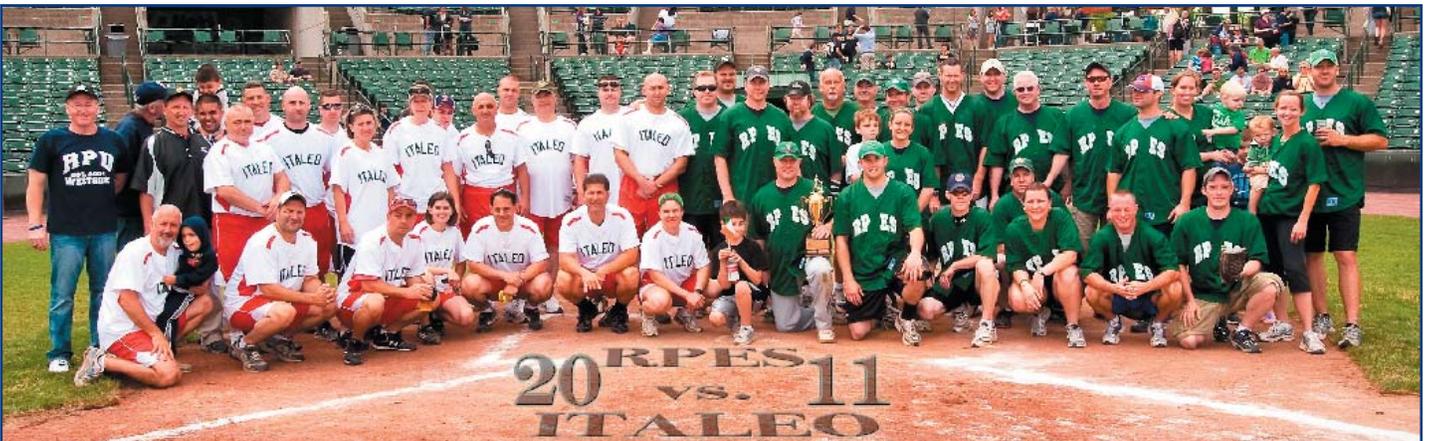
Members of the Rochester Police Department, New York State Police, Irondequoit Police, Monroe County DA's Office, and MCSO battled it out for the pride of their heritage. It was a nail biter, but in the end, the Emerald Society prevailed in a 16-13 win over ITALEO with about 500 fans looking on.

The event raised approximately \$3,020 for the Dream Factory to be used to help fulfill the dreams of three local children with chronic illnesses. Special thanks go to the Rochester Red Wings, Jim LeBeau and Danny Mason for allowing the use of Frontier Field for the event and for the Badge of Honor Association's invaluable assistance with partnering in this cause. Stay tuned for next year's event which will be even bigger and better.



Team ITALEO included the following RPD members: Samuel Farina, Cathy Lucci, Matthew Bennetti, Kim Rasbeck, Chris Sedita, Tony Liberatore, Joe Ferrigno, Don Lodato, Ed Fratangelo, Mark D'Angelo, Tony DiPonzio, Jr., Tony DeBellis, Bob Cortese, Gio Maldonado, Frank Umbrino and Ed Bernabei.

The RPES Team consisted of Brian Sexstone, Tim Gourlay, Andy MacKenzie, Ryan Hickey, Eris Alexander, Jimmy Carroll, Scott Gould, Tom Dean, James Gashlin, Josh Kelly, Elizabeth Buckley, Angela Hamm, Tim Kemp, Tim Kenelly, Mark Donovan, Fred Austin, D. Sheridan, Aaron Springer, Kate Springer, JD Curran, Kevin Flannagan, Paul Walther, Chris Howell, Chris Lockwood and Sarah Ivory.





WE PRODUCE LEADERS

Over the years, the Rochester Police Department has developed a national reputation for excellence due in large part to the tremendous talent, commitment and innovative thinking exhibited by those who have worn the uniform of the Rochester Police Department. The "We Produce Leaders" series highlights RPD alumni who have gone on from the Department to continue serving the community in a variety of leadership roles. We hope these articles inspire current RPD members and demonstrate the many ways that the skills and professionalism gained as a RPD officer benefits the community for a lifetime.



Cynthia Herriott was a 24-year veteran of the Rochester Police Department when she retired in 2009. It quickly became clear that the opportunities she had taken advantage of at the RPD, combined with her educational pursuits and community involvement, had uniquely prepared her to step into her current role as Deputy Director of the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI).

The native Rochesterian had never considered becoming a police officer until she was encouraged by a Department recruiter. But it was the sergeant's exam that truly shaped her future. "I took the sergeant's test and did very well," she explains. "I had excellent advisors in Deputy Chief Bob Craig and Robert Duffy. They told me the truth about my strengths and challenges, and the value of critical thinking. It was up to me to commit the time needed to study. It was a great lesson that taught me the rewards of strategic thinking and hard work."

During her tenure with the RPD, Ms. Herriott achieved the rank of Lieutenant and held a variety of assignments ranging from Patrol to Narcotics to Tactical Section. She served as a Crime Prevention Officer, Juvenile Coordinator in the Special Investigations Section, and as commander of the Educational Services Unit, which coordinated the DARE and PAC-TAC programs.

Those assignments required working closely with the Rochester Drug Treatment Court, the Mental Health Court, and the Psychiatric Center. In 2002, she was named Project Director for the COPS "Police Chiefs, Sheriffs and Drug Courts" monograph. Those experiences had a direct impact on her future career opportunities.

The Washington, D.C.-based NDCI is the preeminent source of research-driven training and technical assistance for Drug Court and Problem Solving Court professionals, helping them to function more effectively.

Ms. Herriott earned a bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Roberts Wesleyan College and a master's in Criminal Justice Administration from Keuka College as well as certification in arbitration and as a paralegal. Locally, she has volunteered with the Center for Youth, Rochester Women's Network and the Women's Foundation of Genesee Valley, and with organizations including the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, the National Sheriffs Association and National Native American Law Enforcement Association.

She recommends that officers currently on the job "take different specialized assignments and expose yourself to as much valuable experience as possible. Follow through on your responsibilities and be responsible. Become involved and use your talents for a community improvement project. My law enforcement experience was valuable for the next step in my professional career, but it was my diverse experience that was of exception value."

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BLUE TEAM IS TOP FUND RAISER AT 2011 BUZZ THE RED, WHITE & BLUE

Law enforcement – better known as the Blue Team – in this year's Dream Factory of Rochester Buzz the Red, White & Blue event raised a grand total of \$10,212.22 to help make dreams come true for children suffering from chronic and critical medical conditions.

On June 5th, teams representing area police departments, fire department and emergency medical services participated for the 9th year in the annual fundraiser where participants shave their heads to raise money and awareness for the Dream Factory of Rochester. In total, the teams raised \$17,000.

For the second year in a row, the Blue Team walked away with the coveted Golden Razor Award for raising the most money. RPD team members included Cheryl Hickey, who raised over \$2,000 alone for the cause, Rob Wilson, Steve Boily, David Gebhardt, Mark D'Angelo (RPD retired), Dan Zimmerman, Sam Lucyshyn, Laszlo Tordai, Anthony Delvecchio, Carlos DeJesus, Virgil Ross, Chris Pearles and Russ Ferguson. Also on the team were Greece Police Chief Todd Baxter and Avon Police Chief Jim Carney; Matthew and Kaleb Kruezer, representing the Monroe County Sheriff's Office; Andrew Whitaker, a member of the Irondequoit Police Department and Sean Caruso, a friend of the Blue Team.

Special thanks went to RPD Officer Tomesha Angelo, who didn't cut her hair this year, but raised money, promoted the event and recruited team members.



Above: Cheryl Hickey from RPD has her hair cut by stylist Sam Soprano. RPD Police Chief James Sheppard joins the freshly shorn Blue Team for a picture.



RPD SERGEANT USES PERSONAL FITNESS EXPERIENCE TO HELP OTHERS

When Sergeant Aaron Colletti was prescribed medication to treat colitis, he knew there had to be a better way to deal with the condition. He turned to a strict diet and physical exercise regimen which helped him to eventually be able to stop taking the medication altogether.

That experience reinforced his enthusiasm for fitness and led him to share his knowledge and expertise with other members of the RPD, first as a PT instructor and for the past two years, as coordinator and “personal trainer” for his own version of “The Biggest Loser” fitness challenge.

Sgt. Colletti says it began when civilian Brandon Carmo asked for his help last year to train for the police physical fitness test. As motivation, he came up with prizes and encouraged others in the Department – both officers and civilians – to compete against each for the title of “biggest loser.”

As it turned out, Brandon walked away with the grand prize of \$500 after achieving a 14.15% weight loss of 32 pounds. Awards were also given to Darla Oukes, who lost the highest percentage of weight among female participants, Lamar Cousins for the most pounds loss (35), and John Divincenzo, an honorable mention for his weight loss of 31 pounds.

Members of the Department eagerly looked forward to the 2011 fitness contest, and Sgt. Colletti did not disappoint. In addition to a \$1,000 grand prize, he arranged for MVP to provide a goodie bag and free health services to anyone interested, ran group workouts, and offered participants individual guidance and help with workouts and diet.

The result was 162 participants, and of the 78 people who weighed in at the beginning of the challenge, an average weight loss of more than 7% over the 12-week program. “My goal was to get 1/3 of the people who weighed in to complete the challenge – and we ended up getting half,” Sgt. Colletti says.

Patrick Carney won the title of Biggest Loser a 78-pound weight loss and Mary Ellen Monahan-Kenny won the title of Biggest Loser–Opposite Sex with 23 pounds lost. Carney also was credited for most pounds lost. Honorable mentions went to Liz Alicea-Anne, Jeanette Sawnor, Linda Fitzgerald, Ebony Brown, Eliud Rodriguez, Tom Szatko, Jim Schmitz and David Abdoch.

After the contest, Sgt. Colletti distributed questionnaires asking for feedback on the event. “(The challenge) changed my eating habits and added regular exercise for the first time in my life,” said one participant while another said, “I have been gradually gaining weight and was at my heaviest ever at the beginning of the Biggest Loser. The cash prize and challenge enticed me but it was really Sgt. Colletti’s sessions that got me back on the right track for my weight and health. I am very grateful.”

There were also several suggestions for making the contest even better next year, including staggering weigh-in times and work-outs to accommodate different shifts; providing a follow-up program to help participants stay on-track, and offering a modified program for those who don’t need to lose weight but still want to improve their fitness. The third annual Biggest Loser starts in January 2012. Prizes of \$1,000 will be awarded to the top male and female “losers” and there will be other



RPD CIVILIAN SERVES COUNTY AND FIND FELLOWSHIP AS COAST GUARD AUXILIARIST



Mike Bialaszewski, police program grant specialist in the RPD's Research and Evaluation Section, has a long history of volunteering his time and talents to the community. As a child, he volunteered to paint walls and doors at his parish church, St. Stanislaus, then later chaired the parish festival and continues today to prepare and serve supper to 250 students each third Sunday at the University of Rochester's Interfaith Chapel. He has served on a variety of boards and teaches a grant class at the local library.

He has spent most of his career working with local law enforcement, working in a variety of positions including evidence technician, New York State Police Information Network computer officer, quartermaster for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. He also served in the Irondequoit Police Department Auxiliary where he was promoted to sergeant and was twice recognized for bravery. But 10 years ago, as he and his wife, Brenda, watched the World Trade Center Towers in New York fall following a terrorist attack, they decided to find a way to serve their country and do it in their own backyard.

They saw a story on the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, a sworn, volunteer component that aids the U.S. Coast Guard's mission by promoting and improving recreational boater safety and by supporting the Coast Guard's maritime homeland security efforts as well as its operational, administration and logistical requirements.

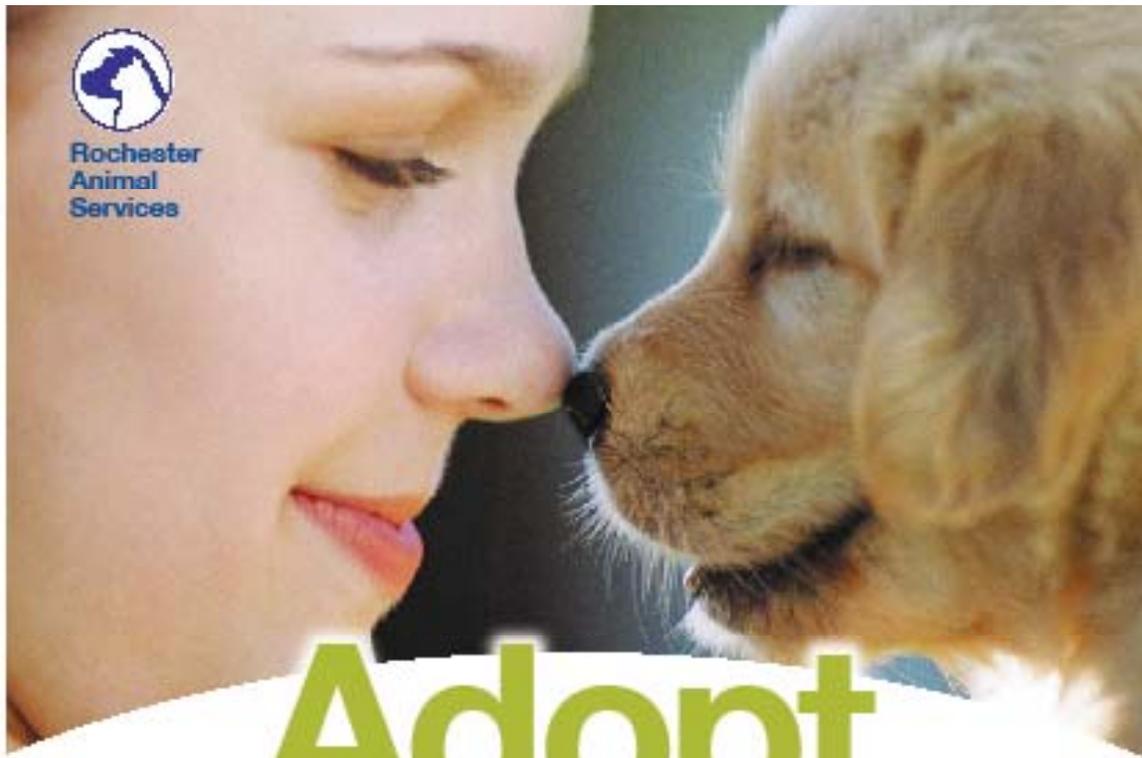
"Every mission the Coast Guard does, we can do except for law enforcement," Mike explains. Members who have their own boats and planes aid in search and rescue efforts. Auxiliarists promote safe boating and conduct vessel safety exams.

Mike is a Vice Commander of the 9th Eastern District, Division 4 which includes the Rochester, Sodus Point, Braddock Bay, Canandaigua and Hamlin Flotillas. He serves as staff officer and is responsible for emergency planning for his district. He also holds a national position as Division Chief for Program Visitors, a partnership with marine or marine-based business where Auxiliarists update them on changes in the law, provide safe boating brochures and answer questions.

A certified instructor, Mike is one of only two people in the country who is qualified to provide Incident Command System training to the entire Coast Guard.

In addition to the satisfaction of helping his country and his community, Mike and Brenda also enjoy the fellowship they share with the other volunteers. "Serving my country to the best of my ability was important to me, but the bonus was we've also met a lot of great people," Mike says.

Volunteers are always needed for the Coast Guard Auxiliary in a variety of capacities. For more information, contact Mike Bialaszewski at x3640 or email him at mb1409@cityofrochester.gov. You can also check out the District's website at <http://a902.uscgaux.info> or the Division website at www.boatsafety.org.



Rochester
Animal
Services

Adopt a new best friend

This summer, Rochester Animal Services wants to find new homes for 1,000 loving pets.

HELP US
SAVE MORE
LIVES

ASPCA \$100K CHALLENGE

Please help us win! We must demonstrate that the community supports our shelter to show the ASPCA that we are united in our goals. Here's how you can get involved:

- Adopt from the shelter
- Join our team of volunteers
- Become a foster home
- Host an adoption event at your workplace
- Send us your ideas for increasing adoptions and promoting the shelter
- Participate in events
- Join the Verona Street Animal Society



www.cityofrochester.gov/ASPCAchallenge





REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES

Thirteen officers have died in the line of duty over the 194-year-history of the Rochester Police Department. In upcoming issues of RPD News, we will honor their memory by sharing their stories with members of our department and the community. Our thanks to Capt. Johnston for researching and providing the information.

OFFICER THOMAS CLARK
APPOINTED – NOVEMBER 27, 1995
FEBRUARY 23, 1964 – JANUARY 17, 2006
BADGE # 571



On Tuesday, January 17, 2006, Officer Thomas Clark suffered a fatal heart attack shortly after completing a physical agility test while trying out for the department's Canine Unit. He returned home following the test, informed his wife he did not feel well and laid down.

A short time later his wife checked on him and was unable to wake him. Efforts to revive him were unsuccessful and he was pronounced dead that evening at Rochester General Hospital.

Officer Clark was buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on January 21, 2006. Officer Clark's name appears on Panel 40-E-26 on the National Law Enforcement Memorial located in Washington, D.C.