MINUTES NORTH CATASAUQUA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING February 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

President Peter Paone, Vice President John Yanek, Councilpersons: Adam Landis, Mike Macsisak, Jessica Cope, Michele Hazzard and Dan Snyder. Mayor Molchany, Solicitor Stephanie Steward, Secretary Tasha Jandrisovits, Treasurer Annette Englert

ABSENT:

Jr. Councilperson Kaitlyn Lawton

Also in attendance was Police Chief Christopher Wolfer and Fire Chief Roger Scheirer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

By John Yanek to approve the minutes from the January ${\bf 15}^{\rm th}$ meeting.

2nd by Dan Snyder. No additional discussion, all in favor.

PEOPLE PRESENT - No people present.

OFFICE REPORT - Tasha Jandrisovits

• Resolution #386 – amend fee schedule.

MOTION:

By Jess Cope to approve Resolution #386 – the amended fee schedule.

2nd by Dan Snyder. No additional discussion, all in favor.

• Resolution #387 – 1507 Lincoln St. subdivision Adam/Michele

MOTION:

By Adam Landis to approve Resolution #387 - 1507 Lincoln Street subdivision. 2^{nd} by Michele Hazzard. No additional discussion, all in favor.

- 2023 end of year federal and state taxes filed.
- W2's issued.
- Worked with Annette and Pam on audit prep.
- Set up new account with Concerta for new hire physicals.
- Out for 2nd bid on Heavy Equipment rates and bid on Almond Street repair projects.

TREASURER'S REPORT FEBRUARY 2024 #1

- By the end of the January, I completed year end processing of 1099R's for the retirees, IRS Form 945, PennDot Actual Use Report for our 2023 Liquid Fuels expenses. I have also completed the 2024 Report of Elected and Appointed Officials and will complete the PA DCED 2024 Tax Information Form by February 15th.
- 2. Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits LLP started our audit today and probably working for a few days. We received 4 pages of items they need us to prepare for the audit.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR REPORT - Travis Brett - no report.

CIVIL SERVICE – Roger Scheirer

Looking to run a new hire test, will meet with Civil Service board for dates.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer - no report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer

Chief Scheirer reported that with the bridge on Willowbrook Road being closed they were asked for fire coverage for Willowbrook Road from Race Street to the bridge. This request came from Allen Township Fire Chief Dale Hassler.

14 calls for service in the month of January.

Chief Scheirer then shared the following:

Good evening,

At the last council meeting on January 15th, there were some concerns brought to council's attention from some citizens about the fire department equipment and firefighter's location. After the DCED performed the study and presented the study to both councils of North Catasauqua and Catasauqua, both councils agreed to accept the study. This was all done in a public council meeting. Tonight, I would like to share with you some of the numbers of response times. These times and reports are from Lehigh County Dispatch and Emergency Reporting. The times are automatically uploaded to the reporting system and these reports go directly to the state when completed.

In 2021, we were still in our station on Arch Street. We ran 182 calls for service and our average response time from dispatch to arrival was 8 minutes and the average response time from dispatch to en-route was 4 minutes 51 seconds.

In 2023, running out of the Catasauqua Fire House, we ran 227 calls for service and our average response time from dispatch to arrival was 6 minutes and 33 seconds. The average response time for dispatch to en-route was 3 minutes and 42 seconds.

Both departments are responding to incidents quicker and with more qualified manpower. There is no extra cost to either borough with both departments being in one location.

This is also a benefit of training, we have more members involved in training. This makes it easier to hold and conduct more intense training courses for our members. I hope this answers some of the questions and concerns about the Fire Department. Thank you.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - Chief Wolfer

Chief Wolfer presented three reports, all of which are attached to the end of the minutes.

1216 3rd – handicap request. Chief Wolfer stated it is a significant walk to the parking.

MOTION:

By Dan Snyder to approve handicap parking at 1216 3rd Street. 2nd by

Adam Landis. No additional discussion, all in favor.

Executive session for personnel matters.

OFFICE INSURANCE & PERSONNEL REPORT – Adam Landis - no report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - John Yanek

John said we continue to try to fix the depressions at 4th and Main, we should just do concrete in that area.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT - Michele Hazzard

The recreated committee would like council's approval to advertise for summer counselors for the arts and crafts program. Michele read the year end recreation committee report which is attached to the end of the minutes.

MOTION:

By Michele Hazzard to advertise for summer program positions. 2^{nd} by

Adam Landis. No additional discussion, all in favor.

LAW COMMITTEE REPORT - Michele Hazzard - no report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARKS REPORT - Jessica Cope - no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY-POLICE – Michael Macsisak - no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY-FIRE REPORT – Daniel Snyder - no report.

MAYOR REPORT – William J. Molchany – please let him know when we want to dedicate the benches from the Whitehall Chamber of Commerce, and he will schedule.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Atty. Stephanie Steward – no report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT - Peter Paone

- Roof leak received the report from KCE and W2A and the quote from Belfor for a temporary repair of the leak with a cost of \$4336.22. The temporary repair will include all materials to patch and seal all holes.
 - Keystone 3 components of quote to review, prepare bid and oversee work. Quote was high.
 - W2A because Keystone does not have a structural license, we need to use them, received bid in this afternoon, the quote is not at all what we are looking for, prior to them doing the quote, they want someone to do a lot of prework, lay temporary floor upstairs, which does not make sense, since the joists they need to examine will be under the temporary floor. Quote was for \$46k as is.
 - Pete is going to contact Daniels engineer to see if they can provide a quote more inline with what we are looking for. Dave is on vacation for 2 weeks, so Pete will discuss it with him when he gets back.
- The Scout group that meets at 4th and Pine asked if they could tour the Council Chambers and PD, years ago we did a mock meeting with scout groups, asking council if they are OK if we do that again, looking at Wednesday the 21st at 6:30pm. Council was OK with this.

MOTION: By Jess Cope to allow Belfor to do temporary repairs to roof in the

amount of \$4336.22. 2nd by Adam Landis. No additional discussion, all in

favor.

NEW BUSINESS - no new business.

Executive session – began at 7:44pm and ended at 8:21pm. Discussion on personnel matters.

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to accept the settlement as proposed on the

outstanding arbitration matter with Brian Douglas as recommended by our solicitor. 2nd by Adam Landis. No additional discussion, all in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION: By Jessica Cope to approve payment of all invoices. 2nd by Mike Macsisak.

No additional discussion, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Jess Cope to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. 2nd by Dan Snyder. No

additional discussion, all in favor.

ATTEST:

Tasha Jandrisovits Borough Secretary



North Catasauqua Borough Police Department February 2024 1st Monthly report

Moving Forward

- Yearly breakdown & Review
- Executive Session request for personnel matter

Handicapped parking request

 1216 3rd Street Off-street parking IS available. Placard verified. Open for discussion *APPROVED*

TRAINING COMPLETED

I completed Traffic Signal Basic training through LTAP



Borough of North Catasauqua Police Department

Bi-Monthly Borough Council Report

2024, January {1 of 2}

December Dispatched calls-

2023 December Total - 266	{Baseline}
2022 December Total- 311	{16.9% decrease}
2021 December Total- 228	{16.7% increase}
2020 December Total- 368	{27.7% decrease}
2019 December Total- 406	{34.4% decrease}
2013 December Total- 107	{148% increase}

December 2013 we had full-time, 32-hour, and part-time officers totaling usable officers. This is more than we had available in December of 2023. In 2013, we had a total of calls for service, % less than December, 2023.

December 2023 Call-for-service breakdown

- Domestic violence in progress- 17
- Shooting/Stabbing- 1
- animal complaints- 3
- Suspicious activity- 6
- EMS-21
- Fire calls- 3
- MVA's-5
- 911 hangup's- 1
- Welfare check- 10
- Assist other PD- 12
- Theft- 3
- Vandalism- 2
- Assault- 1
- Fight in progress- 2
- Public drunk- 1
- Fraud- 1
- Harassment- 1
- Wanted persons- 2
- Warrants served- 4
- Psych emergencies- 3

- Terroristic threats- 1
- Emergency PFA's-5
- Abandoned vehicle- 3
- Use of force- 1
- · Parking tickets- 6
- Traffic citations- 20
- Vehicles impounded- 2

Summary arrests- 30

- o 2- Disorderly conduct
- o 1- Parking in a handicapped spot without a placard
- o 4- Operating vehicle with expired inspection
- o 1- Operating vehicle with expired registration
- o 3- Failure to stop at properly posted stop sign
- o 1- Turning without proper signal
- o 1- Parking in a no parking zone
- o 1- Operating vehicle without working headlights
- o 2- Operating vehicle without working tail lights
- o 1- Operating vehicle without a valid driver's license
- o 1- Operating vehicle with suspended driver's license
- o 2- Careless driving
- 4- Passing a school bus with activated stop arm (BusPatrol)
- 1- Driving the wrong way on a one-way street
- 3- Failure to stop at a properly posted stop sign
- o 1- Abandonment of vehicle
- o 1- Failure to pay parking ticket

Misdemeanor arrests- 19

- o 1- Possession of a schedule 1 controlled substance
- o 2- Possession of a small amount of Marijuana
- o 3- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- o 1- DUI Schedule 1 controlled substance
- 1- DUI general impairment unsafe driving
- 3- Domestic violence assault
- o 4- Domestic violence Harassment by physical contact
- o 1- Criminal Mischief \$200+
- o 1- Domestic violence Terroristic threats
- o 2- Direct Violation of a Protection From Abuse Order

• Felony Arrests- 0

Moving Forward

- We have been invited to attend and provide a life coach to the 2024 PSP Camp Cadet in June. Cpl. Santiago has volunteered to represent our PD for the duration.
- Created and implemented a newly updated mandatory wear ballistic vest SOP

Handicapped parking request

• 1340 3RD Street. Placard verified valid until 2026, no off-street parking available

Purchases for approval

• 2 door locks for the Cpl. & Sgt. Office \$328.58 currently a \$90 promotion

TRAINING COMPLETED

- I completed dark web and cyber crime investigative training through NW3C
- Cpl. Santiago, Administrative Assistant Bailey, and I completed Pennsylvania Incident Based Reporting System Training through the Pennsylvania State Police



Borough of North Catasauqua Police Department

2023 Accomplishments and Short- & Long-Term Goals

- Began conducting bi-annual defensive tactics, Project Lifesaver, CPR, 1st aid, and stop the bleed training. Our 1st formal, entirely in-house, training regimen. 1st in-house DT & PLI training recertified PLI 7/14/23.
- Secondary Taser, Pistol, Shotgun, Rifle, and Bola-Wrap Instructor added internally.
- We have become the first Department in the area to have a Taser Master Instructor.
- Partnered with Lehigh Township Police Department and became members of the Northampton County DUI Task Force. This provides officers with the opportunity to attend up to 5 DUI checkpoints per year and numerous DUI rove patrols here in the Borough. Entirely funded through PennDot.
- Began hosting Civilian Response to Active Shooter courses to the public. Our 1st CRASE course hosting was 4/15/23. We have since taught the Catasauqua YMCA, all schools in the Catasauqua School District, and Northampton Highschool
- Created and implemented a self-defense training curriculum for our community with 3 events hosted in 2023. Our 1st Self-defense course was conducted at and hosted by the Catasaugua YMCA on 4/15/23.
- Implemented a contractual partnership with MAGLOCLEN, the Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network, which is an elite nationwide Regional Information and Intelligence Sharing System (RIISS)
- Patrol rifles were completely rebuilt, adding the necessary equipment to properly perform patrol duties. This included shortening the barrel length, adding digital optics, optic enhancing magnifiers, high-output lighting, ergonomic slings, and high security, easy access mounting hardware.
- Project Lifesaver was adopted by our department and modified to meet the needs of our community and our department. We have conducted many "open houses" the first of which were conducted at the Catasauqua YMCA on 3/16/2023. We currently have multiple high-risk clients in North Catasauqua, Catasauqua, and Northampton.
- Participated in 7 active shooter drills with entire PD. CHS, Salisbury, Air Products, Lehigh County MERT, and Catasauqua YMCA, Western Salisbury Middle School Full MERT team training.
- Developed Active threat/shooter response and reaction plans with the Catasauqua School District and created a comprehensive SOP for our department's response.
- Organized, planned, and set-up what will be an annual Catasauqua High School Active Shooter drill.
- Steve Santiago was promoted to Corporal and delegated many responsibilities enhancing our department's capabilities.

- Sergeant Tramonte became a DRE instructor.
- Corporal Santiago was recognized as Northampton County Crisis Intervention Officer of the Year.
- Sergeant Tramonte was awarded the DUI Top Gun award. He had the most DUI's of any Borough officer in the state and had the 3rd highest amount of Drug Recognition Evaluations in the country.
- Rode with NYPD's 75 precinct and learned their procedures and protocols to intertwine the positives with ours.
- ❖ Acquired funding through the dispersion of impounded vehicles which supported 100% of the cost required to convert to new top-of-the-line patrol firearms with the most advanced optic and lighting system available in the nation. Total value of \$15,860.00.
- Applied for funding through the National Sheriff's Association and was awarded 6 ballistic lvl. III helmets. *7/16/23* Total value of \$3,000.00.
- ❖ Applied for funding through the Trooper Keaton Foundation and was awarded a new Preliminary Breath Testing Device *7/13/23* Total value of \$1,200.00.
- Received CAT tourniquets and holders for hosting a stop the bleed training. Donation received from St. Lukes Trauma center Total value of \$500.00.
- Created digital auditable forms for vehicle damage, car wash usage, and K-9 monitoring to lessen civil liability.
- Obtained access to all cameras in the Catasauqua School District to better prepare for an emergency response 8/31/23.
- Audited, documented, and created a system of management for all handicapped parking spots within the Borough.
- Acquired an Administrative Assistant.
- Corporal was given his own office.
- Organized, Sorted, and accounted for all material goods, uniforms, and equipment within the building.
- Applied for 8 grants/funding sources. Awarded all except 1 giving us an 88% success rate.
- Created a system of assigned patrol vehicles to increase accountability within our Department.
- Created an Account with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms known as E-Trace
- ❖ A new system of analytics and event statistics was created and implemented to track key information sources regarding the severity of calls-per-year along with quality of response.
- Created a partnership with Carfax to streamline accident exchange information. And improve citizens' ability to obtain accident information.

2024 GOALS

- Finalize and implement Drone program including outfitting each patrol vehicle with a drone and getting all officers their pilot license.
- Finalize agreement with Catasauqua SD to get an SRO in the High School.
- Become at least 95% paperless with all of our filing and paperwork systems.
- Develop Ofc. Hazim to assume all community relations roles.
- ATV Acquisition & MOU's with neighboring municipalities for trail coverage.
- Increase Patrol staff to improve officer well-being, mental health, & work/life balance.
- Develop and train a Secondary Detective Position with the focus on Digital and white-collar crimes.
- Acquire TrueNarc drug testing device and training which we have been preemptively approved for.
- Acquire purpose built 5-seater ATV through grant applied for in 2023.
- Begin offering \$5,000 sign-on bonuses to incentivize new hires. Funding has already been approved.

5-Year Plan

- Negotiate and enter service agreements with neighboring municipalities that currently do not have police protection specifically where trail systems travel through.
- Digitize and update entire SOP manual.

10-Year Plan

- Reach state and national accreditation.

Outside Assistance Recognition

- Roger Scheirer for all he has done to support our Department. Lockers, Handicapped Audit, and overall resource acquisition and willingness to assist.
- Recognize Public Works specifically Travis, Sean, Shawn, and Danny for their assistance in overhauling our storage room, Command Staff Offices, Temp Evidence Room, and Locker Room
- Recognize Administrative Office Staff for their Constant support Specifically, Tasha, Annette and Pam.
- Recognize Mayor Molchany, President Paone, and all of council who have tirelessly supported our PD and encouraged our internal and external growth.
- Recognize Political advocates for their support, including Representative Zach Mako, Senator Nick Miller, County Executive Lamont McClure, Northampton PD Chief Kadingo, Whitehall PD Chief Marks, Coplay PD Chief Emerich

Sincerely,

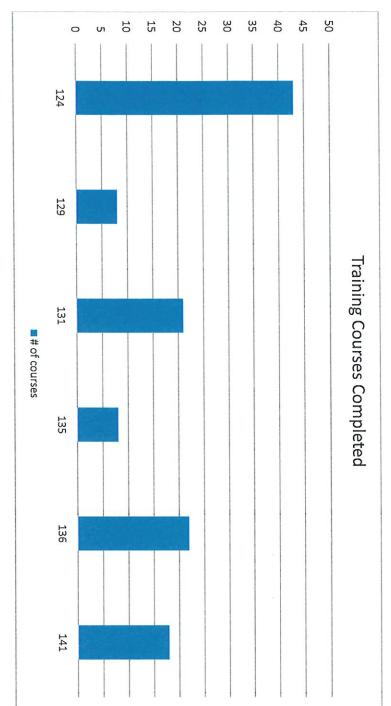
Christopher Wolfer Chief of Police Borough of North Catasauqua Police

1066 Fourth Street, North Catasaugua Pennsylvania 18032 Phone: (610)-264-1504 ● Fax: (610)-266-3516

2023 Year End Review, Synopsis, & Comparison

Call Type	2021 Total	2022 Total	21-22 %	2023 Total	21-23%	22-23 %
911 Hangup	23	38	+65.2	62	+169.6%	+63.2%
Abandoned Vehicles	9	28	+366.7	11	+83.3%	%L'09-
Burglar Alarms	43	38	-11.6	37	-13.9%	-2.6%
Animal Complaint	39	100	+156.4	69	+76.9%	-31%
Assaults	က	13	+333.3	19	+533.3%	+46.2%
Assist other PD	418	347	-17	355	-15%	+2.3%
Felonious Burglary	က	12	+300	10	+233%	-16%
Check Welfare	59	82	+39	122	+106.8%	+48.8%
Child Abuse	4	Н	-75	6	+125%	%006+
Citizen Assist	481	329	-31.6	313	-34.9%	-4.9%
Vandalism	4	19	+375	30	+650%	+57.9%
Domestic Disturbance	57	125	+119.3	170	+198.2%	+36%
Public Drunk	2	8	+300	4	+100%	-20%
EMS calls	132	291	+120.5	248	+81.8%	-17.5%
Fight in Progress	4	9	+20	12	+200%	+100%
Fire calls	11	42	+281.8	44	+283%	+4.8%
Fraud	22	6	-59.1	10	-54.5%	+11.1%
Harassment	7	12	+71.4	11	57.1%	-8.3%
Motor Veh. Crashes	26	55	+111.5	53	+103%	-3%
Indecent sex assault	0	П	+100	0	0-/+	-100%
Missing Person	15	10	-33.3	14	-6.7%	+40%
PFA Violations	20	12	-40	21	+2%	+75%
Drug Overdose	7	16	+128.6	7	0-/+	-56.3%
Psych Emergency	18	35	+94.4	23	+27.8%	-34.3%
Reckless Driver	9	9	0	3	-100%	-100%
Armed Robbery	0	1	+100	2	+200%	+100%
Vehicle Repo.	3	6	+200	9	+100%	-33.3%
Shooting/Stabbing	0	က	+300	8	+300%	-/+

Shots Fired call	0	7	+700	9	*009 +	-14.3%
Suspicious Activity	09	53	-11.7	82	+36.7%	+54.7%
Suspicious Vehicle	15	32	+113.3	28	+86.7%	-12.5%
Theft	19	23	+21.1	51	+168.4%	+121.7%
Threats	4	13	+225	7	+75%	-46%
Trespassing	22	10	+100	2	%09-	%08-
Unwanted Person	4	20	+400	19	+375%	-5%
Wanted Persons	9	3	-50	16	+166.7%	+433.3%
Warrants Served	2	13	+160	35	%009+	+169.2%
Suicide	Н	Н	0	1	0-/+	0-/+
Death/Dead body found	2	3	+20	ī	+150%	+66.7%
DUI Arrests	51	97	+90.2	93	+82.4%	-4.1%
Pursuits	9	2	-66.7	8	+33.3%	+300%
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0-/+	2	+200%	+200%
Use of Force Incidents	П	4	+300	25	+2400%	+525%
Traffic citations	173	190	+9.8	342	+97.6%	%08+
Misdemeanor Arrests				315		
Felony Arrests				17		
GRAND TOTAL Calls per year	2775	3705	+33.5	3315	+19.5%	-10.5%

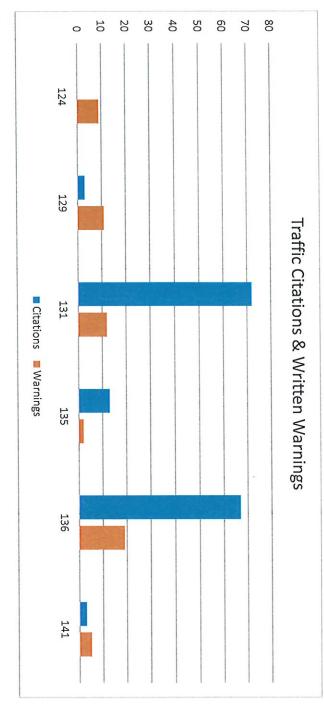


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6th- Det. O'Donnell # 136



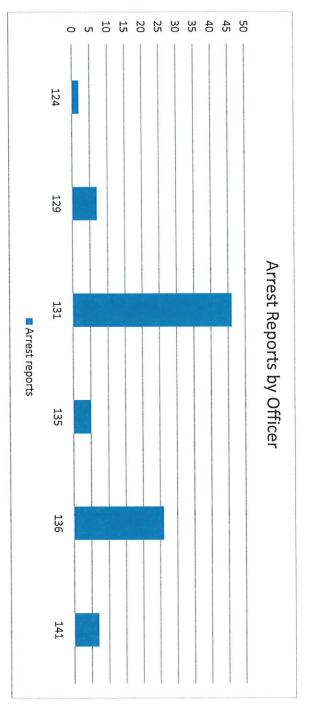
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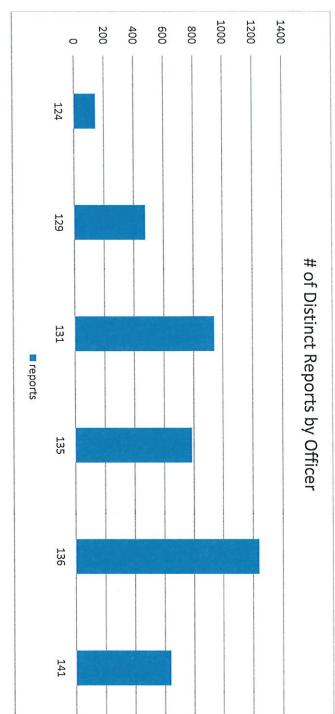


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Responsibilities per Officer

Sergeant Tramonte

- Drug Recognition Expert
- Drug Recognition Expert Instructor
- Phase 2 Field Training Officer
- Narcan Officer
- Admin Supervisor
- Drug Task Force
- Primary Report Approval
- Schedule Management
- Spanish translation services
- Certified Child Safety Seat Inspector
- Italian Translation Services
- DUI Association Liaison & training coordinator
- Patrol
- CRASE Instructor

Corporal Santiago

- Project Lifesaver Liaison
- Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Use of Force Instructor
- Grant Writing Assistant
- Crisis Intervention Team Instructor
- CPR Instructor

- 1st aid Instructor
- Department Medical Equipment Management
- Social Media Management
- Warrant PFA management
- Juvenile arrest Point of Contact
- JNet Registrar
- Field Supervisor
- Phase 3 Field Training Officer
- Spanish translation services
- Training coordinator
- County Mental Health Liaison
- Community Relations Officer
- MPOETC certified Police Instructor
- Patrol
- Bus Patrol Liaison
- CRASE Instructor
- Self-Defense Instructor
- Stop the Bleed Instructor

Detective O'Donnell

- Criminal Investigations
- Child-Line Referrals
- Crisis Intervention Team Instructor
- Evidence Custodian
- Patrol

- Temporary Evidence Storage Management
- Major Case Management
- PSP Evidence Liaison

Officer Pursell

- Pistol Instructor
- Rifle Instructor
- Less-Lethal Shotgun Instructor
- Red-dot sight Instructor
- Taser Instructor
- ❖ BolaWrap Instructor
- Weapon and ammunition Management & Inspection
- Phase 1 Field Training Officer
- Firearm gunsmith & Armorer
- Patrol
- 1033 Program Liaison (Government Surplus acquisitions)
- Military Communication Liaison

Officer Hazim

- Bicycle Patrol certified
- Community Relations Officer in Training
- Community event coordinator in Training
- Social Media Management
- Patrol
- Bus Patrol Liaison in Training
- Syrian Translation Services

2023 Treasurer's Report-North Catasauqua Recreation Committee

The committee started the year with a beginning bank balance of \$8,621.29. The concession stand and pavilion rentals are our biggest source of funds bringing in \$4,568.62 and \$3,080.00 respectively. The Northampton County Hotel grant of \$4,000.00 allowed us to hold a series of concerts including locals The Clap and Shark Sandwich as well as a performance by Flirtin' with the Mob in conjunction with the Betterment Committee.

We applied for and won a \$2200 grant from the Whitehall Area Chamber of Commerce which funded the purchase of a handicap accessible picnic table. Donations totaling \$6,395.64 were made by the committee in 2023 including: \$600 to the Boro for new police lockers, \$5,707.64 to the Boro for new aluminum picnic tables, and \$584 to the Jess Finn foundation. We ended the year with a balance of \$11,296.92.