

TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Town of North Castle: Located thirty-five miles from New York City, North Castle has a residential population of approximately 12,000 in 26 square miles. The Town is comprised of three hamlets: North White Plains, Armonk and Banksville.

Historical information:

Residents of North Castle have long-valued law and order and those men and women who have worked to preserve the peace. The earliest surviving Town records are those for a Town Meeting held “April ye 6th 1736” when Jonathan Ogden was elected Constable by voice votes of the citizens attending the meeting. Of course, the constable system of enforcement was in place in North Castle prior to 1736. North Castle continued law enforcement under the constable system until April 1934 when police officer appointments began under the civil service system.

Current Police Department Information:

“It is the mission of the North Castle Police Department to work in partnership with the community to protect and serve citizens; prevent and investigate crime; prepare for and respond to emergencies and disasters, while preserving the rights and dignity of all persons and conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.”

The North Castle Police Department consists of 32 sworn police officers, one Dog Control Officer, one full time and one part-time administrative assistant. We have three patrol posts, respective to the hamlets within the Town.

The North Castle Police Department has been a New York State Accredited Law Enforcement Agency since the year 2000. We are one of 160 out of 514 police departments in the State to achieve accreditation. The NYS Accreditation Council has identified 112 standards which must be met; 20 of those standards are considered critical. Our members are dedicated law enforcement professionals who work diligently to provide the best possible police services to our community. We provide a number of programs to help us attain our goal to serve the residents and visitors to our community.

Calls for service:

The North Castle Police Department responds to a wide variety of calls for service, from Felony crimes to helping an elderly resident who has fallen. The following are the annual calls for service tallies since 2015:

2015	12,116
2016	12,949
2017	14,241
2018	15,180
2019	17,905
2020	14,481 (As of 11/02/2020)

Explanation of the current Police Patch:

Chief Peter Simonsen has more than thirty years of police service and was appointed the Chief in 2014.

Chief Simonsen designed the patch in use by the Department today. It incorporates the elements of the Seal of the Town of North Castle, designed by Town historians in 1967, that depicts facets of the Town's rich history.

CURRENT POLICE PATCH



- The ever watchful, protective, Bald Eagle overlooks the elements of the Seal.
- A cannon and our American flag in the top left quadrant illustrate the Town's important role in the American Revolution, and struggle for independence.
- In the top right quadrant, corn, wheat and potatoes illustrate North Castle's long agricultural heritage, and growing foods for sustenance.
- The shoe and cobbler's hammer illustrated in the lower left quadrant depicts shoemaking which was a prosperous home industry from 1850 to 1870, and that North Castle was home to shoe manufacturers who introduced custom-made shoes to the marketplace.
- The earliest written records of Town government date to 1736. New York State incorporated North Castle in 1788 as one of Westchester County's original twenty towns.