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1153 WEST FAYETTE ST.

THE NEW HOME OF THE SYRACUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On June 30th, 2026, the Syracuse Police Department proudly celebrated the official dedication of its new headquarters at 1153 West Fayette Street, marking a significant milestone in the department's history and its commitment to serving the community.

The ceremony brought together city leaders, elected officials, community members, and members of the Syracuse Police Department to commemorate the opening of the Ethan C. Cunningham and Michael E. Jensen Public Safety Building. The facility stands as a lasting tribute to two officers whose dedication, courage, and sacrifice continue to inspire those who wear the badge. Welcome home SPD!



2025 SPD AWARD CEREMONY

BELLEVUE COUNTRY CLUBS HOSTS AWARDS

Several members of the Syracuse Police Department came together in June at the Bellevue Country Club for our Annual Awards Banquet to recognize and celebrate the outstanding work of our officers and professional staff throughout 2025.



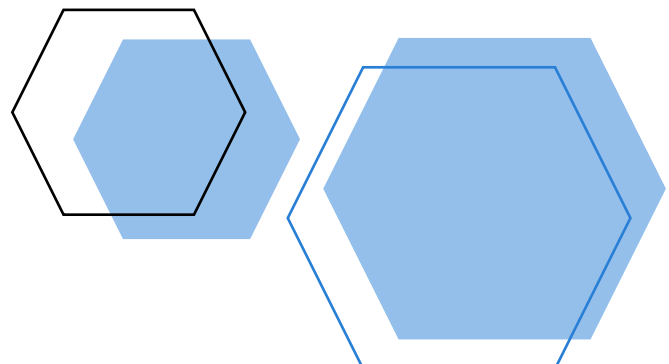
Chief Mark Rusin thanked the award recipients and all department personnel for their dedication to the City of Syracuse. He emphasized that while individual awards recognize remarkable achievements, they also represent the teamwork, collaboration, and shared commitment that define the Syracuse Police Department. Our officers continue to answer the call to protect the community, often under challenging circumstances, with courage, compassion, and integrity.

Our Annual Awards Ceremony serves as an important reminder of the outstanding work taking place throughout the department.

Congratulations to all of the 2025 award recipients and every member of the department for the continued dedication to making Syracuse a safer place to live, work, and visit.

This was a great evening where we got to celebrate the outstanding work of our officers who serve the community with outstanding dedication.

Congratulations to all of our award recipients!

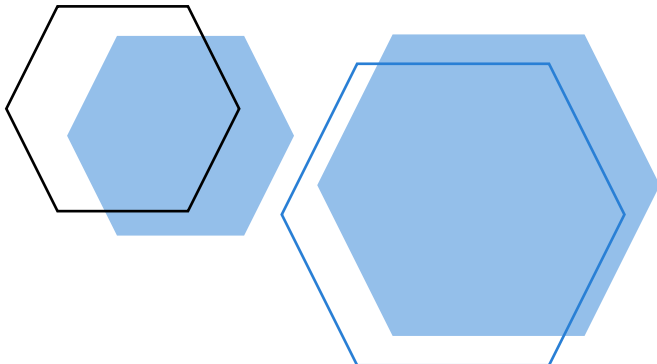


NEWEST SPD RESPONSE VEHICLE

SPD ADDS POLARIS UTV TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY

The Syracuse Police Department recently added a Polaris Utility Task Vehicle (UTV) to its fleet, providing officers with another valuable tool to improve public safety and community engagement. The UTV will allow officers to access areas that are difficult or impossible for traditional patrol vehicles to reach, including parks, trails, festivals, parades, and other large public gatherings. Its versatility will enhance the department's ability to respond quickly to emergencies, conduct proactive patrols, and increase visibility at community events throughout the city.

The purchase of the Polaris UTV was made possible through funds seized from criminal activity, ensuring that taxpayer dollars were not used for the acquisition. By reinvesting these assets into public safety resources, the department continues to strengthen its capabilities while remaining fiscally responsible. The addition of the UTV reflects the Syracuse Police Department's ongoing commitment to utilizing innovative equipment that supports its mission of protecting and serving the residents and visitors of Syracuse.





NEW TEAM NEW GOALS

SPD TEAMS UP WITH SYRACUSE FOOTBALL

We excited to announce a new partnership with Syracuse University Head Football Coach Fran Brown that is centered on one common goal, making a positive difference in the lives of our community's youth.

This collaboration will bring Syracuse Police officers and Syracuse Football together through a variety of community events, mentorship opportunities, neighborhood outreach initiatives, and youth engagement programs throughout the year. Together, we will focus on supporting at-risk youth by providing positive role models, building meaningful relationships, and creating opportunities that encourage success both on and off the field.

Coach Brown has made community involvement a cornerstone of his program, and we are proud to work alongside him and the Syracuse Football family to strengthen the connection between law enforcement and the young people in our community. This partnership is about showing our youth that they have an entire team standing behind them.

We look forward to the many opportunities this partnership will create. By investing in our young people today, we are helping build a stronger, safer Syracuse for tomorrow.





RECRUITING AND RETIREMENT

LEGACY OF SERVICE AND FUTURE OF EXCELLENCE

The Syracuse Police Department recently held send offs for some members of our Department. While we celebrate their well-earned retirements and wish them success in the next chapter of their lives, their departures also remind us of the importance of preparing the next generation of public servants. Recruiting and retaining qualified individuals remains one of the Department's highest priorities. We are actively seeking men and women who are committed to serving their community.

The Syracuse Police Department is currently staffed at 354 sworn officers. We have multiple openings for the position of police officer. Maintaining adequate staffing is essential to meeting the growing needs of our city and ensuring we continue to provide exceptional public safety services.

To strengthen our workforce, the Department continues to participate in career fairs, community recruiting events, college outreach programs, and regional hiring initiatives.

Every new recruit represents the future of the department. They will carry forward the values and traditions established by those who came before them. We look ahead with optimism, knowing that today's recruiting efforts will help ensure a strong, and community-focused police department for years to come!





WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Thank you for reading the Syracuse Police Department Newsletter. We hope you enjoy learning more about the dedicated men and women of the SPD, our community partnerships, and the work being done to serve the City of Syracuse.

If there is a topic, feature, or story you'd like to see in a future edition, we'd love to hear your ideas. Please send your suggestions to media@syracusepolice.org.

We're also looking to preserve and celebrate the rich history of the Syracuse Police Department. If you have historic photographs, memorabilia, or other items related to SPD that you would be willing to share or have digitally copied, please send us a message at media@syracusepolice.org. Your contributions can help us preserve our department's history for future generations.

Thank you for your continued support of the Syracuse Police Department.