



**TOWN OF ORANGETOWN
POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
December 02, 2025**

This meeting was opened at 6:30 PM. Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny presided and Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk, called the roll.

Present were:
Councilperson Paul Valentine
Councilperson Brian Donohue
Councilperson Dan Sullivan
Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Absent:
Councilperson Jerry Bottari

Also Present:
Denis Troy, Deputy Supervisor
Allison Kardon, Supervisor's Confidential Assistant
Carmel Reilly, Director of Economic Development & Tourism
Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk
Robert Magrino, Town Attorney
Donald Butterworth, Police Chief
James Acheson, Police Captain
Michael Shannon, Police Captain

POLICE AWARDS CEREMONY (see Exhibit 12-2-A)

POLICE MONTHLY ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT

The Town Board, as the Police Commission, received and discussed the Police's Monthly Activity Reports for October.

**RESOLUTION NO. 494
ADJOURNED**

RESOLVED, at 6:50 pm, the Town Board adjourned.

Councilperson Paul Valentine offered the above resolution, which was seconded by Councilperson Brian Donohue and was Adopted:

Motion: 4 - 0

Ayes: Councilperson Paul Valentine, Councilperson Brian Donohue, Councilperson Dan Sullivan,
Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny

Noes: None

Absent: Councilperson Jerry Bottari



Rosanna Sfraga, Town Clerk

2025 OPD Department Awards:

Exceptional Merit

1. **Officers:** PO Verdicchio and PO Park

Award: Exceptional Merit

Incident Date(s): 11/06/2024

Incident Number: 24OT36085

Act/duty Performed: Both officers located a party the NYSP sought. After locating the male party and his vehicle, the male party fled on foot. Both officers apprehend the male party who was in possession of an illegal loaded handgun, and another loaded illegal handgun in the vehicle.

2. **Officers:** PO Danielewski, PO Fong, and PO Mulligan

Award: Exceptional Merit

Incident Date(s): 07/27/2025

Incident Number: 25OT22649

Act/duty Performed: The three officers responded to an active residential structure fire, all three entered the structure and safely removed three parties. One party was severely burned and spent months in a burn hospital unit. These three officers' direct action saved the lives of the residence within the home while at risk to danger to selves.

Investigative Awards

1. **Officers:** PO Gernon

Award: Patrol Investigation Award

Incident Date(s): 12/15/2024

Incident Number: 24OT40276

Act/duty Performed: Conducted an extensive investigation that led to the identification of a known larceny crew.

- 2. Officers:** PO Patrick Burke and PO William Holland

Award: Patrol Investigation Award

Incident Date(s): 05/25/2025

Incident Number: 25OT15548

Act/duty Performed Located a stolen car and arrested the suspect.

- 3. Officers:** Det Durney and PO Gernon

Award: Detective Investigation Award and Patrol Investigation Award

Incident Date(s): 06/09/2024

Incident Number: 24OT19160

Act/duty Performed: As members of the Accident Investigation Team, both investigated a fatal car accident where the suspect fled to California. The driver was identified, returned to New York, and successfully prosecuted.

Life Saving Awards

- 1. Officers:** PO Gabel and PO Noonan

Award: Life Saving Award

Incident Date(s): 09/10/2024

Incident Number: 24OT29651

Act/duty Performed: Performed CPR and other life saving measures that directly resulted in saving the life of an infant who ingested methadone.

- 2. Officers:** PO Trojan and PO Fisher

Award: Life Saving Award

Incident Date(s): 04/10/2025

Incident Number: 25OT10796

Act/duty Performed: Performed CPR and other life saving measures that directly resulted in saving the life of a 51-year-old resident.

3. Officers: PO O'Connor and PO Pacella

Award: Life Saving Award

Incident Date(s): 02/06/2025

Incident Number: 25OT03769

Act/duty Performed: Performed CPR and other life saving measures that directly resulted in saving the life of a 26-year-old resident.

4. Officers: PO Danielewski and PO Holland

Award: Life Saving Award

Incident Date(s): 08/01/2025

Incident Number: 25OT23265

Act/duty Performed: Performed CPR and other life saving measures that directly resulted in saving the life of a 54-year-old resident.

5. Officers: PO Kalaf

Award: Life Saving Award

Incident Date(s): 11/03/2025

Incident Number: 25OT34447

Act/duty Performed: Performed CPR and other life saving measures that directly resulted in saving the life of a 39-year-old resident.

Excellent Police Duty

1. **Officers:** Sgt. Michael Taylor and PO Mark Meyers

Award: Excellent Police Duty

Incident Date(s): 08/17/2025

Incident Number: 25OT25215

Act/duty Performed: Safely disarmed an emotionally disturbed male wielding a knife

2. **Officers:** PO Warren, PO Cully, and PO Tuers

Award: Excellent Police Duty

Incident Date(s): 06/03/2025

Incident Number: 25OT16440

Act/duty Performed: These officers responded to an active apartment fire on the top floor of the complex. These officers broke the door of the apartment where the fire was located to ensure no residents were inside. All three officers were exposed to heavy smoke conditions inside the apartment.

3. **Officers:** PO Warren

Award: Excellent Police Duty

Incident Date(s): 03/17/2024

Incident Number: 24OT09211

Act/duty Performed: Located a stabbing suspect who was still in possession of the knife and safely took the suspect into custody.

4. Officers: PO Makara and PO Dellatte

Award: Excellent Police Duty

Incident Date(s): 09/23/2025

Incident Number: 25OT29624

Act/duty Performed: Both officers responded for a male victim who became stuck inside of an industrial grinder and was losing blood. Both officers assisted medical, fire, and mechanical personnel with various operations that led to the victim being removed with all his limbs and his life being saved.

Unit Citation

- 1. Officers:** OPD REACT Members: Executive Officer Baisley, PO Megdanis, PO Gorczynski, PO Corchado, Sgt. Wentland, PO Fisher, PO Taylor and former members PO Heim, PO Warren, and Det. Sullivan (Ret).

Award: Unit Citation

Incident Date(s): Calendar Year 2025

Incident Number: N/A

Citation: The REACT Team is made up of both tactical officers and crisis negotiators. The team maintains a robust training schedule and in the year 2025 was involved in numerous high-risk operations within the Town of Orangetown and throughout Rockland County. The Team served several warrants for suspects wanted for possession of guns, selling narcotics, and other felony crimes. REACT responded to numerous suicidal parties armed with deadly weapons. One notable operation occurred in the Town of Haverstraw where a male subject was armed with a shotgun and placed the weapon to his head. REACT safely took this suspect into custody. Another notable operation occurred in the Village of Suffern where a male suspect stated he had firearms and was threatening to shoot responding officers. Again, REACT took this suspect into custody safely.