

REHOBOTH BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT



2025

End of the Year Report

This report summarizes the Rehoboth Beach Police Department's service, operations, and key accomplishments in protecting and serving the community throughout 2025.



Message From The Chief of Police

On behalf of the men and women of the Rehoboth Beach Police Department, I am proud to present our 2025 End-of-Year Report. This report highlights the dedication, professionalism, and commitment our officers and staff demonstrate every day while serving the residents, businesses, and millions of visitors who come to enjoy our city each year.

Throughout 2025, the department remained focused on maintaining a safe community through proactive policing, strong partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies, and continued engagement with the public we serve. Our officers responded to thousands of calls for service, managed numerous large-scale events, and worked diligently to address criminal activity while ensuring that Rehoboth Beach remains a safe and welcoming place.

I would like to thank the Mayor and Commissioners for their continued support of our department, as well as the community members who partner with us in promoting public safety. The accomplishments outlined in this report reflect the collective efforts of our officers, professional staff, and partnering agencies who work together each day to protect and serve Rehoboth Beach.

As we look toward the future, we remain committed to professionalism, transparency, and service to our community.

Respectfully,
Chief Keith W. Banks
Rehoboth Beach Police Department

MISSION

Without compromise for crime and through the relentless pursuit of criminals, we will;

SAFEGUARD the lives and property of the people we serve,

REDUCE the incidence and fear of crime, and

ENHANCE public safety while working with our diverse community to improve their quality of life.

GOALS

01

Proactive Public Safety

Maintain a strong and visible police presence while proactively addressing crime, traffic safety, and quality-of-life concerns throughout the city.

02

Community Partnership

Strengthen relationships with residents, businesses, and visitors through engagement, transparency, and responsive policing.

03

Officer Wellness & Professional Development

Support the health, resilience, and continued training of our officers to ensure the highest level of professional service.

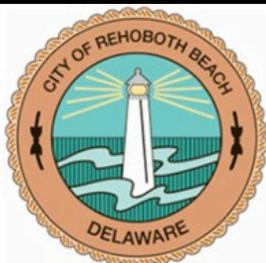
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Safe & Successful Special Events

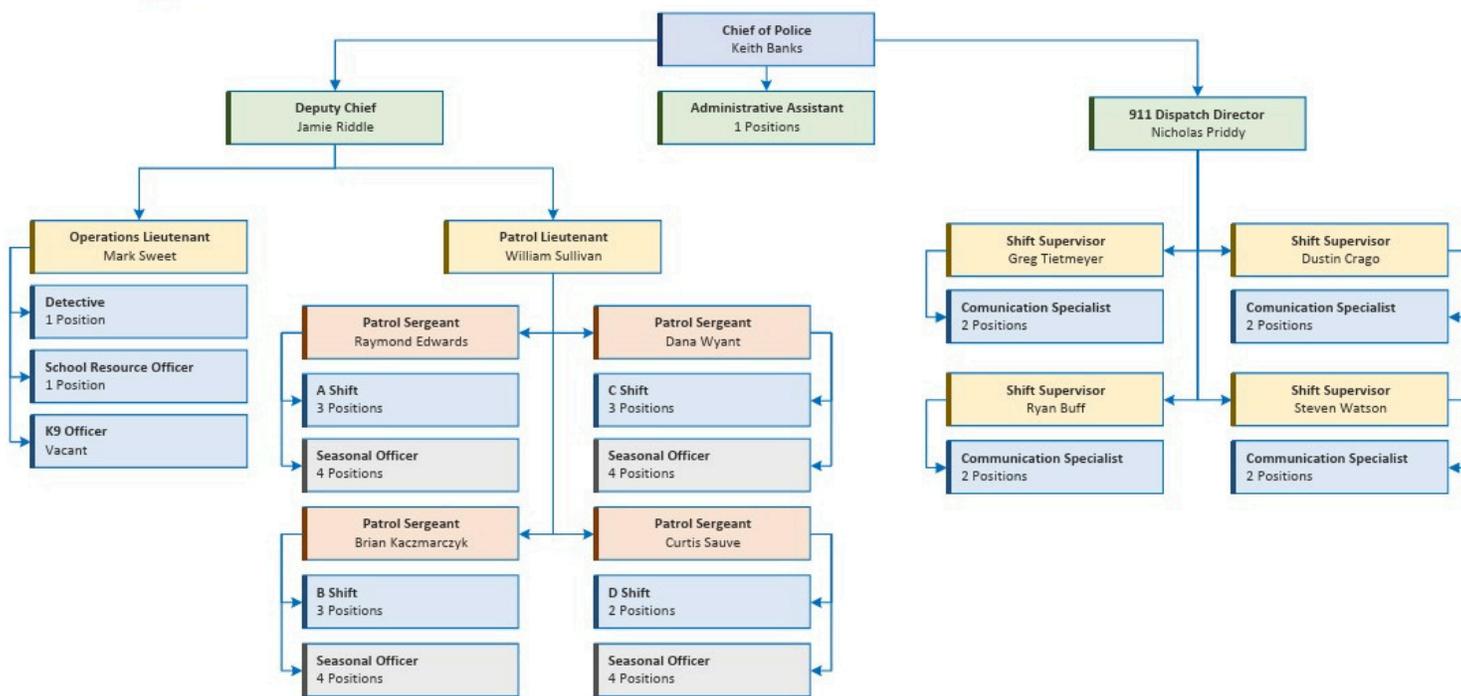
Plan and manage large-scale events through coordinated operations and regional partnerships to ensure a safe environment for attendees.



ORGANIZATION CHART



City of Rehoboth Beach Police/Dispatch Organizational Chart



Police Department
 Authorized Admin:1
 Authorized Sworn Officers: 22
 Vacancies: 0 Sworn Officers

Updated 03/11/2025

911 Dispatch
 Authorized:13
 Vacancies:1

PATROL DIVISION

The Core of Our Agency

The Patrol Division serves as the backbone of the Rehoboth Beach Police Department, providing continuous coverage and immediate response to calls for service throughout the city. Patrol officers are responsible for maintaining a visible presence within the community, responding to emergencies, enforcing traffic and criminal laws, and proactively addressing issues that impact public safety and quality of life. Through vehicle, bicycle, and foot patrols, officers regularly interact with residents, business owners, and visitors while monitoring neighborhoods, the boardwalk, and the downtown business district. In addition to responding to incidents, patrol officers play a critical role in crime prevention, community engagement, and supporting large-scale events that bring hundreds of thousands of visitors to Rehoboth Beach each year. Their dedication and professionalism ensure the city remains a safe and welcoming destination for all who live, work, and visit here.

4 Shifts

24-7 Coverage

3,111

Calls For Service Answered

- 331 Misdemeanor Investigations
- 43 Felony Investigations
- 146 Property Damage Collisions
- 17 Personal Injury Collisions

1,253

Parking Tickets Issued

3,942

Traffic Warnings Issued

435

Civil Ordinance Warnings

50,951

Patrol Miles Driven

16 Full-Time Officers

4 Sergeants & 12 Officers

3,466

Arrests Made

- 2,959 Traffic Citations Issued
- 171 Misdemeanor Criminal Arrests
- 30 Felony Criminal Arrests
- 306 Civil Citations Issued
- 28 DUI Arrests
- 43 Drug Arrest

95

Wanted Persons Apprehended

16 Seasonals Officers (Apr-Oct)

28,469

Properties Checked

- 26,472 Business
- 1,997 Residential



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

A Deeper Look

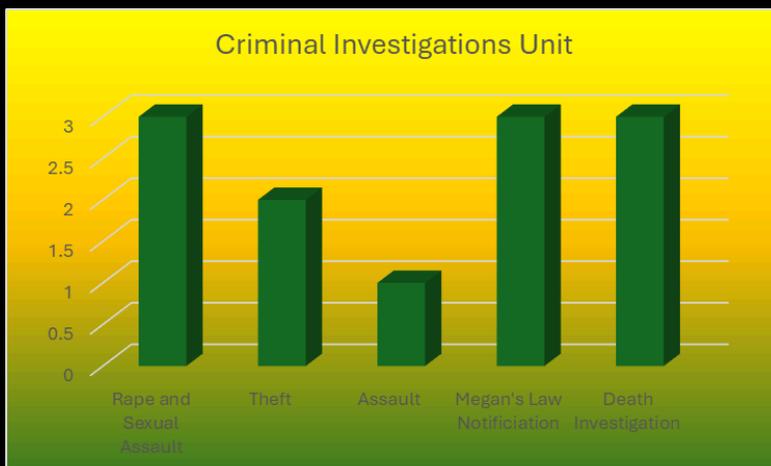
Criminal Investigations Unit

The Rehoboth Beach Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) is responsible for investigating serious criminal offenses and complex cases that require specialized investigative techniques or extensive follow-up that would otherwise limit the patrol division's ability to respond to calls for service. The unit conducts detailed investigations that include evidence collection, witness and suspect interviews, case coordination with prosecutors, and preparation of cases for prosecution.

The department currently has one full-time detective, Corporal Brian Reynolds, assigned to the CIU. When investigative demands require additional resources, patrol officers may be temporarily assigned to assist with investigative tasks such as evidence processing, interviews, and case follow-up. The detective works a Monday through Friday schedule but remains on-call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to respond to major incidents and provide investigative support when needed.

During 2025, the CIU handled a variety of serious investigations including sexual assault, assault, fraud, DUI-related collisions involving serious injuries, and death investigations. Many of these investigations require coordination with regional law enforcement partners, forensic specialists, and the Delaware Department of Justice to ensure thorough and effective case development.

In addition to criminal investigations, the CIU is responsible for conducting truth verification examinations for the department. These examinations are utilized in both criminal investigations and internal administrative matters, including pre-employment screening and personnel investigations. Through these responsibilities, the CIU plays an important role in ensuring serious crimes are thoroughly investigated while allowing patrol officers to remain focused on the department's primary patrol and response functions.



The CIU handled fifteen major case investigations in 2025, to include those in the graph below. In addition, the CIU had ten occasions of assisting other agencies with their investigations and conducted nine Computer Voice Stress Analyses for pre-employment or criminal investigative purposes.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

A Deeper Look

School Resource Officer



The Rehoboth Beach Police Department assigns one officer to Rehoboth Elementary School to serve as the School Resource Officer (SRO). Cpl. Robert Scisco has served in this role for the past four years and is present at the school each day when classes are in session. As the department's dedicated connection to the school community, the SRO performs a variety of important functions throughout the year.

In addition to providing a safe and secure environment for students, teachers, staff, and administrators, the SRO serves as a liaison between law enforcement and the school community, helping build positive relationships with students and fostering trust at an early age. Cpl. Scisco regularly engages with students through mentorship and positive interactions that help bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community.

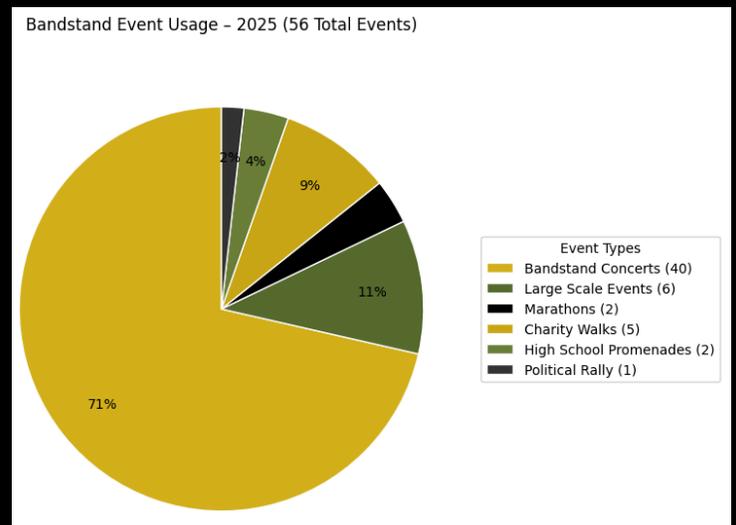
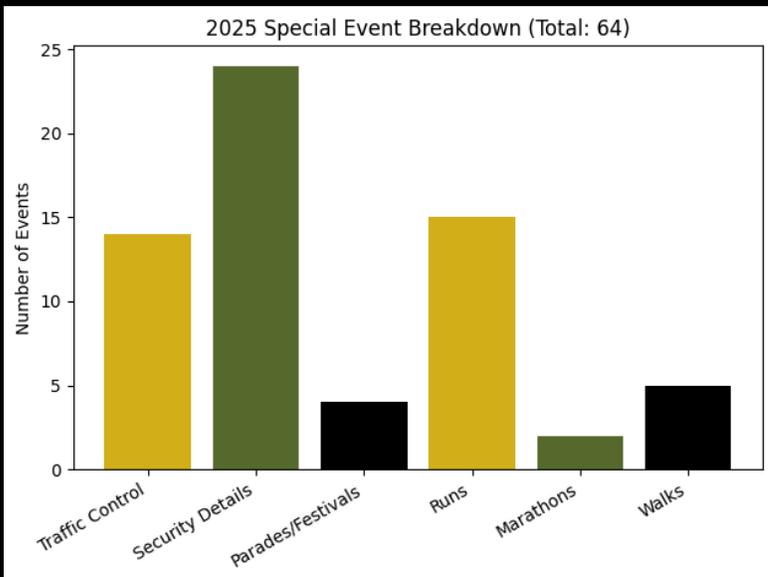
During the past year, Cpl. Scisco received an honorable mention in the Lower House of the United States Congress by Congresswoman Sarah McBride in recognition of his exceptional efforts mentoring students. He also participated in numerous community events, including Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA and Burton Village Annual Community Day, and organized a child car seat check and installation event at the elementary school for families.

When school is not in session, the SRO supplements the department's patrol division, assisting with calls for service and supporting patrol operations during the city's busy summer season.

SPECIAL EVENT OPERATIONS

Safety Is The Priority

The Rehoboth Beach Police Department plays a critical role in planning and supporting the many special events hosted throughout the city each year. These events include, but are not limited to, walks, runs, marathons, parades, festivals, security details, traffic control assignments, and charitable events that draw large numbers of residents and visitors. In 2025, the department supported 64 special events, including six large-scale events requiring extensive multi-agency coordination: the Polar Bear Plunge, Coastal Delaware Running Festival Marathon, Annual July 4th Fireworks Celebration, Sea Witch Festival, Hometown Christmas Parade, and the Seashore Marathon. These events required significant staffing and logistical coordination to ensure public safety, traffic management, and crowd control. Throughout the year, 208 extra duty assignments were posted, and every sworn officer in the department worked at least one extra duty assignment. In total, 1,193.5 payroll hours were dedicated to these assignments, resulting in \$119,350.00 in extra duty employment fees collected, with 85% allocated to officer compensation and 15% retained to cover administrative costs associated with coordinating these services.



SEASONAL POLICE OFFICERS



The Rehoboth Beach Police Department has maintained a Seasonal Police Officer Program since 1972, designed to supplement the department's full-time police force during the city's busy summer months. Over the years the program has evolved, but its primary mission remains the same: to increase police presence and support patrol operations during periods of significantly increased population and visitor activity.

Each summer, the department employs sixteen seasonal police officers who are assigned to the patrol division. Seasonal officers primarily perform foot and bicycle patrols, allowing them to maintain a highly visible presence in the city's most populated areas, including the boardwalk, downtown business district, and beachfront. Their responsibilities include enforcing local ordinances and state laws, interacting with residents and visitors, assisting businesses, and helping maintain a safe and orderly environment throughout the community.

Seasonal officers begin training in April and typically serve from May through the end of October. In addition to their patrol duties, they participate in a variety of community activities and events, including the Special Olympics Torch Run, while maintaining open lines of communication with businesses, residents, and visitors. Their presence serves as both a community resource and a proactive deterrent to crime and disorder.

The program also provides valuable experience for individuals considering a career in law enforcement. Many former seasonal officers have gone on to successful careers with agencies such as the Delaware State Police, U.S. Marshals Service, the FBI, and numerous municipal police departments. Currently, twelve of the department's full-time officers began their careers as seasonal officers in Rehoboth Beach or neighboring communities.

The Seasonal Police Officer Program remains essential to the department's ability to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for residents, businesses, and the thousands of visitors who come to Rehoboth Beach each year.

BICYCLE PATROL UNIT

Wheels of Justice



The Bicycle Patrol Unit (BPU) allows officers to navigate the city quickly and efficiently, particularly in areas where vehicle and pedestrian traffic can make traditional patrol methods difficult. Bicycle patrol provides officers with increased mobility in congested areas such as the boardwalk, downtown business district, and special event venues, while also allowing for greater interaction with residents and visitors.

During the summer months, seasonal officers are assigned to the Bicycle Patrol Unit as their primary duty assignment. These officers complete specialized training focused on safely operating a bicycle while performing the responsibilities of a patrol officer, including enforcement actions, rapid response, and navigating crowded environments. Many full-time officers are also trained bicycle patrol riders and are often deployed in this capacity during large-scale events such as the Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration and the Sea Witch Festival, where bicycle patrol provides an effective way to move personnel through heavily populated areas.

In addition to their patrol responsibilities, BPU officers play an important role in enforcing bicycle safety regulations. Officers ensure that riders are operating safely by enforcing applicable rules of the road and addressing equipment violations that can contribute to crashes or unsafe riding conditions.

In 2025, the Bicycle Patrol Unit also benefited from a significant improvement in infrastructure with the replacement of its aging and deteriorating wooden shed with a new pole building. This upgraded facility now serves as the BPU's base of operations and will also function as a multi-use structure for the department, supporting equipment storage and operational needs.

911 COMMUNICATIONS

Our Lifeline

The Rehoboth Beach 9-1-1 Communications Center provides 24/7 9-1-1 and emergency communications services to the City of Rehoboth Beach Police and the surrounding area encompassing the 21 square mile Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company jurisdiction. Serving a total population of 21,700 residents and over 10,000,000 visitors each year. The 911 Center operates with four shifts to ensure continuous 24-hour coverage for the community. Each shift is led by a Shift Supervisor who is responsible for overseeing daily operations, coordinating responses, and ensuring that all calls for service are handled efficiently and in accordance with established protocols. Each shift is staffed by three Communications Specialists, including the Shift Supervisor, who work collaboratively to manage emergency and non-emergency calls, dispatch appropriate resources, and provide critical support to field personnel.

4 Shifts

24-7 Coverage

12 Communications Specialists

4 Shift Supervisors & 1 Manager

24,223

Calls Answered

- 11,688 9-1-1 Calls
- 12,481 Non-Emergency Line Calls

16,116

Incidents Processed

- 10,486 Police Incidents
- 4729 EMS Incidents
- 901 Fire Incidents

4,316

Traffic, Pedestrian, Bicycle Stops

5,192

ProQA Calls

68

ECHO Level Cardiac Arrests

73

Structure Fires

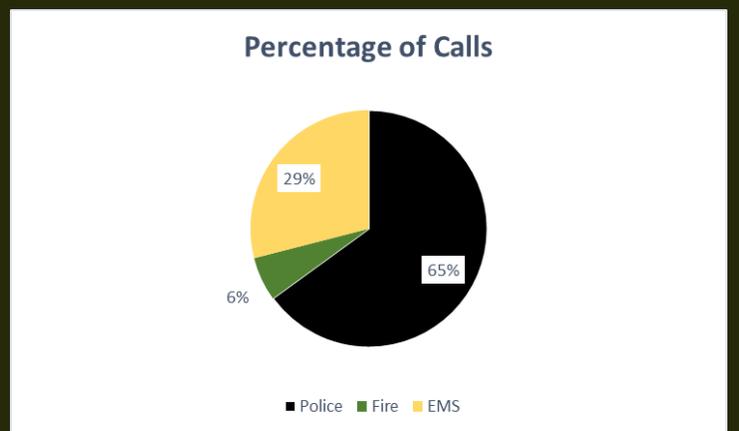
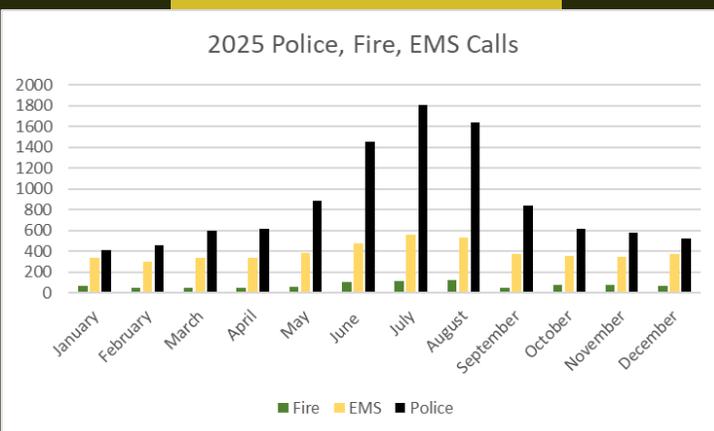
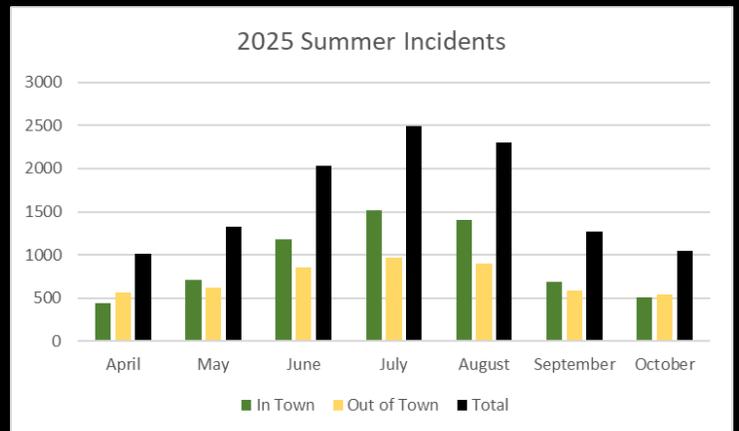
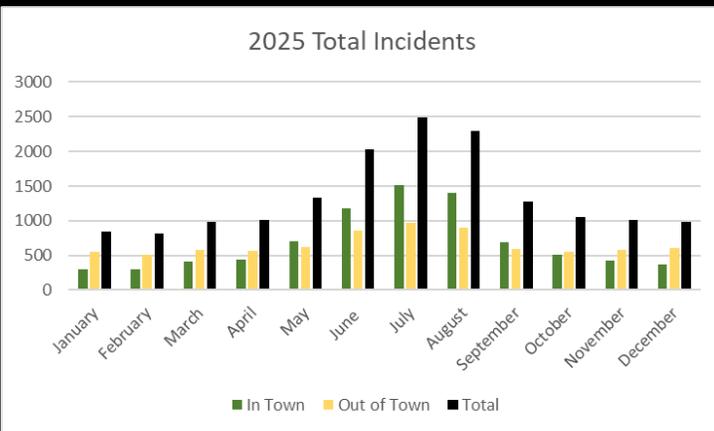


911 CALL VOLUME

“911, Police, Fire or Ambulance.....”

In 2025, the Rehoboth Beach 9-1-1 Communications Center received 11,688 incoming 9-1-1 calls and 12,481 non-emergency administrative line calls, for a total of 24,223 incoming calls for service. From these calls, Communications Specialists processed and/or dispatched 16,116 incidents requiring a response or documentation within the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Police-related activity accounted for the majority of incidents, including 3,915 police incidents, 4,316 traffic stops, and 2,255 9-1-1 disconnect investigations, for a total of 10,486 police-related events handled by the center. In addition, the center coordinated responses for 4,729 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) incidents, including 73 ECHO-level cardiac arrest calls, which represent the highest-priority life-threatening medical emergencies in the dispatch protocol system. The center also dispatched 901 fire-related incidents during the year.

Due to Rehoboth Beach’s significant seasonal population increase, a substantial portion of the center’s annual call volume and incident activity occurs during the peak tourism season from April through October. During this period, the communications center experiences a marked increase in emergency and non-emergency calls as the city’s population expands significantly with visitors, seasonal residents, and special events



911 ACCREDITATION

Maintaining a Standard of Excellence

The Rehoboth Beach 9-1-1 Communications Center was recognized by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch as the 79th Emergency Medical Accredited Center of Excellence in the world on April 1, 2003. In 2019 the communication center received accreditation in both Emergency Police and Fire Dispatch and was recognized as the 17th Tri-ACE in the world, and the first in the State of Delaware

ACE | ACCREDITED CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

Each accreditation must be renewed every three years through a comprehensive review process conducted by the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED). In 2025, the 911 Center successfully completed the reaccreditation process for all three disciplines—Emergency Police Dispatch (EPD), Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD), and Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD)—and was awarded the prestigious Tri-ACE (Accredited Center of Excellence) designation for the third consecutive time.

Achieving and maintaining this distinction requires a significant, center-wide commitment to excellence. The process includes maintaining policies and procedures that meet IAED standards, conducting continuous quality assurance reviews of emergency calls, adhering to approved call-taking and dispatch protocols, providing ongoing training and continuing education for Communications Specialists, and demonstrating consistent performance through detailed documentation and call evaluation. The entire communications team plays a role in sustaining this level of service—from call takers and dispatchers to supervisors and quality assurance staff—ensuring that every call for help is handled professionally, consistently, and in accordance with nationally recognized best practices. This collaborative effort reflects the center's ongoing dedication to providing the highest level of emergency communications service to the community.



911 QUALITY ASSURANCE

Checks & Ballances

In 2025, our Communications Specialists processed 5,193 incidents using ProQA, our structured call-taking software that guides dispatchers through the internationally recognized protocols for Emergency Police, Fire, and Medical Dispatch.

As part of maintaining our accreditation standards and commitment to quality service, our Shift Supervisors serve as the center's Quality Assurance (QA) team. Throughout the year, they conducted detailed reviews of approximately 25% of all calls processed through the system, evaluating each call for protocol compliance, accuracy, and adherence to IAED standards.



The results of these reviews reflect the high level of professionalism within the center. More than 80% of the calls reviewed received perfect scores with no protocol deviations, demonstrating consistent performance by our Communications Specialists and a strong commitment across the entire team to providing accurate, efficient, and professional emergency call handling.

In addition to measuring performance, the information gathered through the QA process is used to identify trends and guide the continuing education provided to Communications Specialists each month.

TAKE HOME VEHICLE PROGRAM

In 2025, the Rehoboth Beach Police Department implemented a Take-Home Vehicle Program for sworn personnel. Under this program, officers become eligible for take-home vehicle privileges after successfully completing 2.5 years of service with the agency. The program was established to enhance operational readiness, improve efficiency, and extend the department's visible presence within the community.

Providing officers with take-home vehicles allows for quicker response to emergencies and call-outs, particularly when specialized personnel are needed outside of normal patrol shifts. The program also increases police visibility throughout the region, as marked patrol vehicles are present in neighborhoods and surrounding communities when officers are commuting to and from work. Additionally, take-home vehicles help reduce wear associated with frequent vehicle changeovers between shifts, allow officers to maintain responsibility for their assigned equipment, and promote greater accountability for vehicle care and maintenance.

The program also improves operational efficiency during large-scale events, which often require the participation of the entire department. Because officers are assigned their own vehicles, the department can manage vehicle assignments more efficiently and effectively without the need for officers to carpool to various posts. This allows officers to deploy directly to assigned locations and enables the department to cover more operational areas with the same level of manpower during major events.



TAKE HOME VEHICLE PROGRAM

Inventory

Vehicle #	Year	Make	Model	Color	Marked?	Assignment	Take Home?
7301	2017	Ford	Explorer	Black	No	Admin Spare	No
01	2024	Ford	F150	Black	No	Administration	Yes
02	2025	Ford	Expedition	Grey	No	Administration	Yes
7303	2021	Ford	Explorer	Black	No	Administration	Yes
04	2025	Ford	Explorer	Silver	No	Administration	Yes
731	2017	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol Spare	No
732	2017	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol	No
733	2020	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol	No
734	2023	Ford	F150	Black	No	Special Investigations	Yes
735	2020	Chevrolet	Silverado	White	Yes	Utility	No
736	2020	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol	No
737	2018	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol Spare	No
739	2023	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Special Investigations	Yes
740	2023	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol	Yes
741	2023	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol	Yes
100	2024	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol Supervisor	Yes
101	2024	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol Supervisor	Yes
102	2024	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol	Yes
103	2025	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol Supervisor	Yes
104	2025	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol	Yes
105	2025	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol	Yes
106	2025	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol	Yes
107	2025	Ford	Explorer	White	No	Patrol	No
108	2025	Ford	Explorer	White	Yes	Patrol	Yes
109	2025	Ford	Explorer	Black	No	Patrol	Yes
110	2024	Ford	F150	Black	Ghost	Patrol Supervisor	Yes



ENHANCED SAFETY

Office of Highway Safety Grant Funding

In 2025, the Rehoboth Beach Police Department participated in several traffic safety enforcement campaigns sponsored by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety. These initiatives focus on reducing traffic-related injuries and fatalities through targeted enforcement and public safety education.

Throughout the year, department personnel participated in multiple enforcement campaigns aimed at addressing high-risk driving behaviors such as distracted driving, speeding, impaired driving, and pedestrian safety concerns. These initiatives allow officers to focus enforcement efforts in areas and time periods where traffic safety risks are most prevalent, while also increasing public awareness regarding responsible driving behavior.

Through participation in these initiatives, the Rehoboth Beach Police Department received \$21,455.63 in grant funding, which supported additional patrol and enforcement activities aimed at improving roadway safety within the City of Rehoboth Beach. These grant-funded efforts allow the department to dedicate additional resources toward reducing dangerous driving behaviors and protecting both residents and visitors traveling throughout the city.



POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

In 2023, state legislation mandated the creation of Police Accountability Committees (PACs) for every law enforcement agency in Delaware. The legislation allows multiple agencies to jointly form a single committee, and the Rehoboth Beach Police Department partnered with the Lewes Police Department to establish a shared PAC. In 2025, the Delaware River and Bay Authority Police joined the committee, further expanding regional collaboration.

The PAC is composed of seven voting members from the community who demonstrate an interest in the success of the participating jurisdictions and in strengthening the relationship between the community and its police departments. In addition, the committee includes five non-voting members representing the three participating law enforcement agencies.

The PAC serves in a strictly advisory capacity, providing a forum for community members to share concerns, offer input, and engage in open dialogue with law enforcement leadership. While the committee is scheduled to meet quarterly, it met five times in 2025, with much of the discussion focused on establishing governance procedures and organizational structure for the newly formed body.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Together We Are Safer

The Rehoboth Beach Police Department remains committed to building and maintaining strong relationships with the community through active participation in outreach programs, public safety initiatives, and community events throughout the year. These engagements provide valuable opportunities for officers to interact with residents and visitors in a positive environment, promote public safety awareness, and strengthen trust between law enforcement and the community.

In 2025, department personnel participated in numerous community-focused events across the region. These activities allowed officers to engage directly with families, children, and community organizations while supporting programs that promote safety, wellness, and community partnership. The department also worked alongside neighboring law enforcement agencies to support regional events and celebrations throughout Sussex County.

Through these engagements, the department continues to foster meaningful connections within the community while supporting initiatives that enhance public safety, inclusivity, and community trust.



You're invited to
NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND

Join your local law enforcement and members of your community for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases.

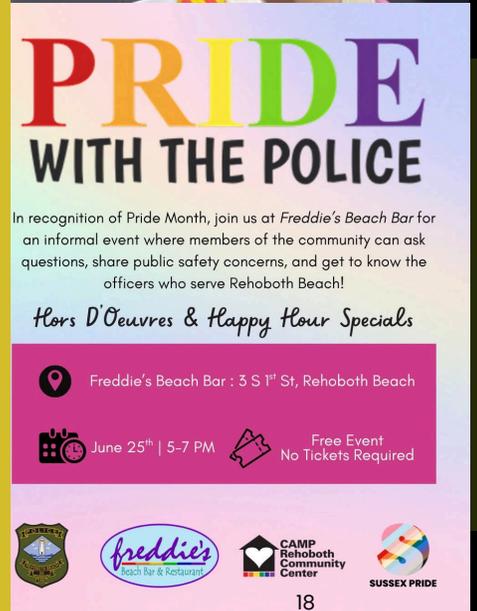
Hosted By:
St. Edmond Catholic,
Westminster Presbyterian
Churches &
The Rehoboth Beach Police
Department

When & Where:
FREE FAMILY BBQ
Saturday, OCTOBER 11, 2025
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Rehoboth Beach Fire
Department



2025 Community Events and Outreach

- Polar Bear Run to the Plunge
- Polar Bear Plunge
- YMCA Healthy Kids Day
- Burton Village Community Day
- Child Safety Seat Initiative
- Rehoboth Elementary School Officer for a Day Program
- Lewes Police Department National Night Out
- Special Olympics Delaware Torch Run
- Special Olympics Delaware Summer Games
- Freddie Beach Bar LGBTQ+ Pride with Police Event
- Faith & Blue Free Family BBQ
- Public Safety Trunk or Treat – Georgetown
- Rehoboth Beach Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Assistance with multiple Sussex County Holiday Parades



PRIDE WITH THE POLICE

In recognition of Pride Month, join us at *Freddie's Beach Bar* for an informal event where members of the community can ask questions, share public safety concerns, and get to know the officers who serve Rehoboth Beach!

Hors D'Oeuvres & Happy Hour Specials

 Freddie's Beach Bar : 3 S 1st St, Rehoboth Beach

 June 25th | 5-7 PM  Free Event
No Tickets Required

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Increasing Accessibility

Frontline Community Connect Policing Portal

In 2025, the Rehoboth Beach Police Department launched the Frontline Community Connect Policing Portal, a digital platform designed to strengthen communication and collaboration between the department and the community. The portal allows residents and business owners to voluntarily provide helpful information to the police department that can assist officers during emergency responses, investigations, and community policing initiatives.

Through this platform, community members can submit and manage important information that may assist law enforcement in protecting property, locating lost items, and responding more effectively to emergencies.

Community Connect Portal Features

Vacation Watch – Allows residents to submit requests for officers to make reasonable checks of their residence or vehicle while they are away. The portal provides officers with important details such as emergency contact information, alarm information, pets on the property, and other relevant information that may assist during property checks.

Citizen Reporting – Provides an online option for residents to submit non-emergency reports and information to the police department.

Bike Management – Allows residents to register bicycles with the department, which can assist officers in identifying and returning recovered bicycles that may have been lost or stolen.

Pet Management – Enables residents to register pets and provide identifying information that can assist officers in returning lost animals to their owners.

Key Holder Registry – Allows business owners and property managers to list emergency contact information for key holders who can be notified if officers respond to alarms or incidents at their property.

At-Risk Residents Registry – Allows families to voluntarily provide information about individuals who may require special assistance during emergencies, such as residents with medical conditions, disabilities, or cognitive impairments.



VACATION WATCH

Provide us the details of your property and the date ranges you will be gone. Once added to our database, your property will be added to our list of vacation watches for officers to check on (time-permitting).

[SUBMIT NOW](#)



CITIZEN REPORTING

Provide us with details of incidents that do not require an immediate police response. We will review the details and act accordingly.

[SUBMIT NOW](#)



PET MANAGEMENT

Provide us the details of your pet. Once added to our database, your pet information will be available to the police department in case of lost or stolen.

[SUBMIT NOW](#)



AT RISK RESIDENTS

If you are an At Risk Resident, or the primary contact, enter your contact information here for our records. In the event of an emergency, we will have quick access to your details.

[SUBMIT NOW](#)

The Rehoboth Beach Community Connect Policing Portal can be accessed through the department's website or directly at:

<https://www.frontlinepss.com/rehobothbeachpcpde>

CONGRATULATIONS

New Officers & Retirees

In 2025, the Rehoboth Beach Police Department welcomed several new members to the agency. Patrolman Kamryn Linsenbigler, a former Bethany Beach Seasonal Police Officer, and Patrolman Samantha Burns were both hired as full-time officers. Prior to beginning their service with the department, both officers attended and successfully graduated from the Dover Police Academy.



The department also welcomed Pfc. Cole Revel, who previously served as a police officer with both the Millsboro Police Department and the Dover Police Department. Pfc. Revel is also a former Rehoboth Beach Police Department Seasonal Police Officer, having served during the 2019 and 2020 summer seasons, bringing prior experience and familiarity with the department and the community.



The department is proud to welcome these officers and looks forward to the experience, professionalism, and dedication they bring in serving the residents and visitors of Rehoboth Beach.



The department also recognizes two long-serving members who concluded their careers in 2025. Sgt. Scott Obier retired after 27 years of dedicated service with the Rehoboth Beach Police Department. Additionally, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, Ms. Marion Jones, retired after 32 years of service to the City of Rehoboth Beach. The department extends its sincere gratitude and congratulations to both for their many years of commitment and service to the community.



EXCELLENCE

The Highest of Achievements

2025 Officer of the Year

In 2025, Det. Brian Reynolds was honored with the Officer of the Year Award at the Rehoboth Beach Police Department's Annual Awards Banquet. Detective Reynolds received this recognition for his exceptional work and dedication in successfully investigating and resolving several complex and highly involved criminal cases during the previous year. His professionalism, persistence, and commitment to thorough investigative work exemplify the high standards of service upheld by the Rehoboth Beach Police Department and reflect the department's continued dedication to protecting the community.



2025 Civilian of the Year

At the same ceremony, Dispatcher Greg Tietmeyer was recognized with the Civilian of the Year Award for his professionalism, commitment, and exemplary service within the Rehoboth Beach 911 Communications Center. Dispatcher Tietmeyer's dedication and reliability play a vital role in ensuring effective communication between the public and emergency responders. His work reflects the high level of professionalism and service that supports the department's mission to provide prompt and effective emergency response to the community.



FUTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Interns & Scholarship Awards

Since 2013, the Rehoboth Beach Police Department has partnered with Cape Henlopen High School's Work-Based Learning Program to host senior students as interns within the department. The program provides students who have expressed an interest in pursuing careers in law enforcement and other criminal justice fields with the opportunity to gain meaningful, real-world experience in a professional police department environment.

Through this partnership, students are able to observe the department's daily operations, learn about the responsibilities and expectations of law enforcement professionals, and develop a better understanding of public service as a potential career path. The internship program also allows students to interact with officers and staff while gaining exposure to various aspects of policing and public safety.

In 2025, Ms. Rylee Tipton, a senior at Cape Henlopen High School, participated in the internship program. Following her graduation, she enrolled at Cornell University, exemplifying the positive impact and long-term success of this ongoing partnership between the Rehoboth Beach Police Department and the Cape Henlopen School District.



Since 2019, the Rehoboth Beach Police Department has partnered with the Geoff and Ken Derrickson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, which awards up to \$15,000 in postsecondary scholarships to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware first responders—police and fire—and their families.

The Foundation was established by Betsy Baumeister and Bob Derrickson in honor of their sons and is dedicated to supporting the educational advancement of local first responders and their dependents, recognizing their service and commitment to the community. Through this partnership, the program has helped provide meaningful educational opportunities for members of the extended Rehoboth Beach public safety family.

Over the years, several scholarships have been awarded to siblings of Rehoboth Beach Police Department officers, as well as students who have participated in the department's high school internship program. In 2025, scholarships were awarded to Ms. Rylee Tipton, a former Rehoboth Beach Police Department intern currently enrolled at Cornell University, and Ms. Kamryn Davies, daughter of Sgt. Curtis Sauve, who is enrolled at the University of Delaware. The department is proud to support and recognize these students as they pursue their academic and professional goals.