

SAFEST COMMUNITY

National organizations named Ocean View as the Safest Municipality in Delaware.

GRANTS

The police department secured 12 grants valued between \$1,000 - \$125,000 in 2020. The total amount received was \$251,316.43. Grant funds are used for targeted overtime patrols, equipment, and one additional police position.

VOLUNTEERS

Despite COVID-19 related restrictions, the police volunteers managed to log 1,313 hours of volunteer time in 2020. In terms of dollars, the volunteers provided an estimated \$35,713.6 worth of time to Ocean View.

RESIDENCE CHECKS

Officers conducted 277 residence checks in 2020

BUSINESS CHECKS

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CHURCH PATROLS

Officers logged 156 patrols of the three churches located in Ocean View.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL AUDITS

Police operations were examined twice in 2020 by the Criminal Justice Council (CJC) and the Delaware Police Accreditation Board. The first exam focused on the department's prisoner holding facility and police policies regarding juvenile detainees. The second exam concentrated on force policies and training. In both cases, the examiners determined that OVPD was in full compliance with Federal regulations and contemporary practices.

POLICE TRAINING

Department personnel completed 1,103.75 hours of in-service training in 2020.

SOUTH BETHANY MOU

In 2020, South Bethany and Ocean View's towns signed a historic MOU to share police resources.

POLICE RADIOS

Police staff oversaw upgrades to all police radios to bring the radios in compliance with the Interstate Radio Connection Act.

NEW POLICE PERSONNEL

In conjunction with the Workload Staffing Plan completed by Dr. Jon Shane in 2019, the department added an officer. Mr. Connor Watkins of Millsboro, DE, was hired and underwent police recruit training at the New Castle County Police Academy.

POLICE EVIDENCE ROOM

The police evidence room was overhauled in 2020. Old evidence and property were purged, and evidence tracking software was updated.

COMMUNITY POLICING EVENTS

Although many events were canceled in 2020, the police department still managed to support several community policing initiatives including, The Tim Tebow Night to Shine, Friday Night Freeze Dodgeball, and Bicycle Safety Checkpoints.

AWARDS

OVPD's K-9 Team received recognition from the National Police Canine Association (NPCA). K-9 Officer Justin Hopkins and his partner Hardy were certified by the NPCA in Patrol, Tracking, Handler Protection, and Drug Detection.

Corporal Nick Harrington received the prestigious 2020 Delaware Crime Stoppers Robert J. Seinsoth Memorial Law Enforcement Officer of The Year Award for his work combatting illicit drugs in southeastern Sussex County.

Recognition as the 2020 Officer of The Year was bestowed upon Administrative Officer Russell Carter during the Joshua M. Freeman Valor Awards ceremony. Administrative Officer Carter ensures that the OVPD remains at the forefront of using technology and modern practices to combat crime and improve public safety.