



TOWN OF CRAWFORD POLICE

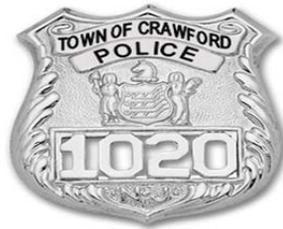
2012 ANNUAL REPORT

DOMINICK L. BLASKO

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAWFORD POLICE

OVERVIEW AND HISTORY



The Crawford Police Department is a full service police department that serves the Town of Crawford in Orange County, New York.

In April of 1971 a resolution by the Town Board formed the Crawford Police Department. The resolution switched the town's law enforcement from a constabulary to a police department.

In 2012 the police budget was approximately \$1.3 Million. At the end of 2012 there were 18 sworn police officers. (8 full time and 10 part time), 15 civilian support staff, 7 patrol vehicles, 2 All-terrain vehicles and 3 military surplus vehicles. Although the population and growth of the Town and the Police Department has been substantial, the Police Department maintains contact with citizens by promoting a community policing policy throughout the department.

MISSION STATEMENT

PRINCIPLE MISSION:

The mission of the Town of Crawford Police Department is to improve the quality of life in the Town of Crawford by working in partnership with the community to preserve life, enforce the law, maintain order, provide quality police services and to reduce the fear and incidence of crime. Our most valuable asset in carrying out this mission is our employees and their dedication to maintain our reputation as a quality law enforcement organization and to make Crawford a safer community. Our core organizational values of Honor, Professionalism and Dedication serve to guide our employees in their pursuit of excellence and in making "our vision a reality".



Message from the Chief



On behalf of the men and women of the Town of Crawford Police Department, I am pleased to present the department's 2012 Annual Report. There were many changes that occurred during 2012 but no matter the change, I am extremely proud of the department's performance. The hard work and dedication the members of the department showed were vital to the significant gains in making the Town of Crawford a safer place to live and work.

One of the biggest changes that occurred in 2012 was the retirement of two longtime members of the department, Chief Daniel P. McCann and Sergeant Richard Morrow. Chief McCann was a member of the department for 36 years and served as our Chief for 33 of them. The members of the department and I are extremely grateful for Chief McCann's leadership and dedication to the Crawford Community. Sergeant Morrow was a member of the department for 26 years and served as a sergeant for 21 years. Sergeant Morrow was an integral part of the department and we are extremely fortunate to have worked with him. On behalf of the department, I wish them both a long and healthy retirement.

I believe that the position of Chief of Police is extremely important to a community and I would like to thank Supervisor Charles Carnes and the Town Board, for the confidence they have shown in me for the opportunity to serve as your Chief of Police. The support that Supervisor Carnes, Deputy Supervisor Daniel Flanick and the rest of the Town Board have shown to the Police Department has been an integral part of our success. In addition to the Town Board we owe much of our success to our fellow emergency service providers. The Pine Bush Ambulance, Bullville and Pine Bush Fire departments collaborate and assist us on a daily bases to provide services to our community.

The Town of Crawford, I grew up in and have served for the past twenty years, has faced many challenges and has been successful in dealing with them because of our willingness to work with others. With global events and shrinking budgets affecting the way we do business this collaborative effort has become even more critical.

Keeping this community safe has been and always will be my top priority. We will continue to be successful in that mission by continuing to concentrate on community policing and preparing for the challenges that may never come.

Sincerely,

2012 DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Administration

Daniel P. McCann	Chief of Police
Dominick L. Blasko	Chief of Police

Sergeants

Richard P. Morrow	Eric O. Meier	John Avery
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Police Officers

John Spinato	James Johnson	John Levison	Daniel Boyd	Paul Zavadil
Jacqueline Blumfield	Timothy Young	Michael McConnell	Walter Szulwach	Richard Destefano
John Samuels	Robert Farrell	Edgar Rodriguez	Scott Tunnard	Timothy Lee
Arika Arquilla	Randy Wynkoop	Dan Menendez	Steve Roman	

Dispatchers

Diane Kaiser	Erin Bien	Kevin Bruyn
Ken Martin	Megan Moniz	Stacie Becker
Steve Morrow	Kelly Donohue	John Burrow

Civilians

Karen Mas	Police Administrative Aide
Darlene Panagulias	Dog Control Officer

Crossing Guards

Barbara Delgrasso	Mary Esparra	Miguel Fonseca	Leslie Smith
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Bold denotes active members on December 31, 2012

The Town of Crawford Police Department

While the Town of Crawford Police Department is one organization the working parts are broken up into four divisions:

Administrative Division

The Chief of Police is the Chief Executive Officer of the police department and as such has full authority and responsibility for the management, direction, and control of the operation and administration of the department; subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Crawford Town Board and is subject to the supervision of the Town Board, to whom he is directly responsible.

Patrol Division

The patrol division is comprised of Sergeants, full time and part time police officers.

Sergeants report directly to the Chief of Police and are responsible for the direct supervision of uniformed officers and communication personnel assigned to them or coming into their control. The Sergeants provide leadership, training and discipline to officers to ensure that all assignments are conducted properly.

The police officers are responsible for the prevention of crime, enforcement of all laws and ordinances, preservation of public peace, protection of life and property, arrest and prosecution of law violators, and professional adherence to department orders and policies.

Communications Division

The communications division is made up of one full time dispatcher and six part time dispatchers. The dispatchers receive all calls for emergency and non-emergency issues. After receiving the necessary information they record it and inform the police officers so they can respond. Additionally the communications is invaluable to the patrol staff for providing vital information and resources.

While there are police officers on duty 24 hours a day, the communications section is usually staffed Monday-Friday 7 AM to 10 PM and 8 AM – 10 PM on Saturday and Sunday. When Crawford Dispatchers are not on duty, Orange County 911 handles the emergency calls

Civilian Division

The Civilian Division is comprised of the Police Administrative Aide, Dog Control Officer and School Crossing Guards.

The Administrative Aide is responsible for a wide variety of items including billing, records, Freedom of Information requests, and assisting dispatchers.

There is currently 1 Dog Control Officer and she is responsible the enforcement of all laws and ordinances involving dogs both domestic and wild, as well as the containment and or disposition of nuisance dogs as specified in the Town Code, Agriculture and Markets Law and any other state law dealing with dog involved incidents.

There are four crossing guards and they are responsible for the safe passage of children across the roadway at their assigned school crossing.



Town of Crawford Police Officers (Missing Officer Edgar Rodriguez)

Promotions

Dominick L. Blasko Chief of Police

On March 30, 2012, Chief Daniel P. McCann retired and the Town Board appointed Lieutenant Dominick L. Blasko as the Officer in Charge of the department. On September 20, 2012, Lieutenant Blasko was promoted to Chief of Police.

Chief Blasko started his law enforcement career as a dispatcher with the Village of Walden Police Department before becoming a full time dispatcher for the Town of New Windsor Police Department and a part time police officer in the Town of Lloyd.

In May of 1993, Chief Blasko was appointed as a part time police officer in the Town of Crawford and was elevated to full time status in December of 1993. As a police officer he was assigned to many different assignments such as patrol, DARE Instructor and School Resource Officer. Chief Blasko has been recognized as "Police Officer of the Year" in 1996, 1999 and 2004.

Chief Blasko was promoted to Sergeant in January of 2004 and Lieutenant in May of 2008. Chief Blasko instructs at the Orange County Chiefs of Police Association Police Academy and serves as a member of the Orange County/Safe Homes Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Committee.

Chief Blasko is a graduate of Pine Bush High School and has a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management from Manhattan College. He is a graduate of the inaugural class of the New York State Law Enforcement Executive Institute, Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar at Princeton University and the 238th session of the F.B.I National Academy.



Chief Dominick Blasko being sworn in by Town Clerk Kelly Eskew Retired Chief Daniel McCann places Chief Blasko's stars on his collar
with Deputy Supervisor Daniel Flanick and Supervisor Charles Carnes

Promotion

John F. Avery Jr. – Sergeant

On December 13, 2012 the Town Board promoted Police Officer John F. Avery Jr. to Sergeant.

In 1994, Sergeant Avery graduated from the Columbia-Green Police Academy and started his law enforcement career with the Village of Ellenville Police Department.

On July 11, 1996, Sergeant Avery was appointed as a part time police officer in the Town of Crawford and was elevated to full time status in September of 1997. As a police officer, he was assigned to patrol. In addition to his patrol work, Sergeant Avery has served as the department's crime scene tech, field training officer, and currently instructs at the Orange County Chiefs of Police Association Police Academy.

Sergeant Avery has been recognized several times for outstanding police work. In 2001 he received the Chief John Egbertson Award for DWI enforcement and was the 2001 Town of Crawford Police Officer of the Year.

Sergeant Avery is a graduate of Ellenville High School and Delhi College. In addition to his law enforcement career, Sergeant Avery served as an Investigator on the Ulster County Arson Task Force and is currently the Chief of the Ellenville Volunteer Fire Department.



Sgt. Avery is sworn in by Town Clerk Kelly Eskew



Chief Blasko, Sgt. Avery and (Ret) Chief McCann

Retirements

Chief Daniel P. McCann

Chief Daniel P. McCann retired from the Town of Crawford Police Department on March 30, 2012 ending a career that encompassed 36 years and parts of 5 decades.

Chief McCann was hired as a part time police officer on May 10, 1976 and became the department's first full time police officer on January 10, 1977.

On January 2, 1979 he was appointed Officer in Charge/ Chief of Police, a position he held for over 33 years. During his leadership the police department evolved from a strictly part time 8-16 hour a day department, into a full time 24 hour 7 day a week one.

Chief McCann's has a long list of accomplishments including serving as President of the Orange County Chief of Police Association, member of the Orange County Traffic Safety Committee and the Chairman/Founder of the Focus on Youth Initiative.

Chief McCann is a recipient of the Orange County Human Rights Award and numerous times he has been recognized for his proactive and collaborative efforts in the area of youth development with the Pine Bush School District and Orange County Youth Bureau.

Although Chief McCann has retired from the police department, he will continue to serve the Town of Crawford as the Town's Safety and Security Coordinator.



Chief Daniel P. McCann

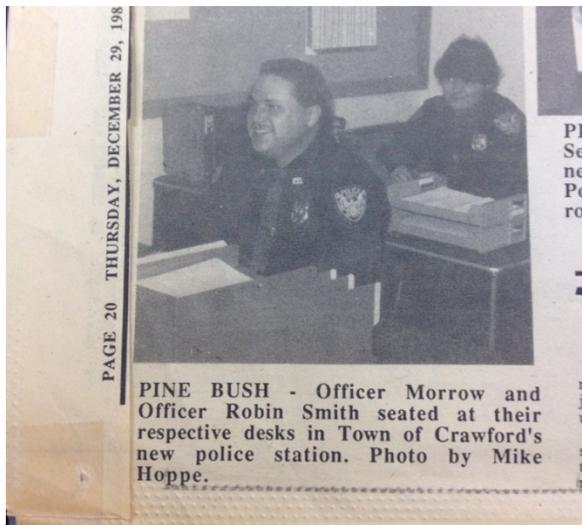
Sergeant Richard Morrow

On August 31, Sergeant Richard Morrow retired from the Town of Crawford Police Department ending a distinguished 26 year career.

Sergeant Morrow started his career with the department on July 1, 1986 and graduated from the Orange County Police Academy in Chester. Sergeant Morrow started his career as a part time officer but was quickly made full time.

On March 15, 1991 he was promoted to sergeant and served in that position until his retirement. During most of Sergeant Morrow's tenure he was the departments only sergeant and was a large part of field training the new police officers

Sergeant Morrow has remained in the community and can be seen around town with his beloved K9 sidekicks. Besides being a retiree he is also the proud father of two sons who are following in his public service footsteps.



Then Officer Morrow and Robin Smith-Meier at (former) police station opening December 29, 1988



Sgt. Morrow, Officer McConnell, Cardinal Egan, Sgt. Blasko, Officer Michael Menikotz and Officer Michael Mataraza August 26, 2007

Walter Szulwach

Police Officer Walter Szulwach retired effective March 31, 2012 ending a 30 year law enforcement career.

Officer Szulwach started his law enforcement career with the Village of Walden Police Department and New York State Park Police. He was hired as a part time police officer with the Town of Crawford on June 25, 1998.

Richard Destefano

Police Officer Richard Destefano retired effective May 30, 2012 ending a 35 year law enforcement career.

Officer Destefano started his law enforcement career with the Village of Warwick Police Department and New York City Police Department. Officer Destefano retired in 2002 from the NYPD as a Detective. He was hired as a part time police officer with the Town of Crawford on October 22, 2002.

Resignations

Jacqueline Blumfield

Police Officer Jacqueline Blumfield resigned on June 25, 2012 to accept a position with the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department.

Officer Blumfield was appointed as a full time police officer with the Town of Crawford Police Department on December 23, 2009 and was assigned to patrol.

Timothy Young

Police Officer Timothy Young resigned on August 1, 2012 to accept a position with the Village of Monroe Police Department.

Officer Young was appointed as a police officer with the Town of Crawford Police Department on August 1, 2010 and attended the Police Chiefs' Association of Orange County Police Academy. Upon graduation he was assigned to patrol and on February 17, 2011, he was appointed a full time police officer.

Appointments

Arika Arquilla

Officer Arquilla was appointed as a part-time police officer with the Town on March 15, 2012.

Arika is a Beacon High School graduate and attended the Ulster County Law Enforcement Training program in 2009. Upon graduation she worked for the Village of Walden Police Department. She attended Dutchess County Community College and currently attends SUNY Orange.

Randy Wynkoop

Officer Wynkoop was appointed as a part-time police officer with the Town on March 15, 2012.

Randy is a graduate of Rondout High School and attended the Ulster County Law Enforcement Training program in 2008. Upon graduation he worked for the Town of Montgomery Police Department. In 2011, he graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and was a police officer with the Isle of Palms South Carolina Police Department.

Daniel Menendez

Officer Menendez was appointed as a part time police officer with the Town of Crawford Police Department on August 23, 2012.

Daniel is a 2010 graduate of Chapel Field High School where he was a standout student/athlete. After high school he attended SUNY Orange and SUNY Cortland. Upon appointment he was assigned to basic police training at the Orange County Chiefs of Police Association Police Academy. He graduated on February 15, 2013.

Steven Roman

Officer Roman was appointed as a part time police officer with the Town of Crawford Police Department on August 23, 2012.

Steve is a 2007 graduate of Chapel Field High School where he was a standout student/athlete. He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from SUNY Oswego. Upon appointment he was assigned to basic police training at the Orange County Chiefs of Police Association Police Academy. He graduated on February 15, 2013.

Paul Zavadil

Officer Zavadil was appointed as a full time police officer with the Town of Crawford Police Department on September 5, 2012.

Paul is a 1995 graduate of Middletown High School and a 1997 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America. He graduated from the Westchester Police Academy in 2010. Upon graduation he worked for the Village of Scarsdale Police Department until his appointment with the Town of Crawford.

Steven Morrow

Dispatcher Morrow was appointed as a part time dispatcher with the Town of Crawford Police Department on May 17, 2012.

Steven is the son of recently retired Sergeant Richard Morrow and graduated Pine Bush High School in 2010. He is currently attending Dutchess County Community College.

Steven is also a member of the Pine Bush Ambulance Corp. and Pine Bush Fire Department.

Kelly Donohue

Dispatcher Donohue was appointed as a part time dispatcher with the Town of Crawford Police Department on September 20, 2012.

Kelly is a 2006 Pine Bush High School graduate and holds a Bachelors' Degree in History from SUNY Albany and a Masters' Degree in Education from Mount Saint Mary College.

Kelly is a member of the Pine Bush Volunteer Ambulance Corp and currently serves as their President.

John Burrow

Dispatcher Burrow was appointed as a part time dispatcher with the Town of Crawford Police Department on September 20, 2012.

John, a 2011 Pine Bush High School graduate, is currently attending SUNY Orange and is a member of the United States Air Force Air National Guard.

CASES OF INTEREST

PROPERTY OWNER INTERRUPTS ANTIQUE THIEFS

Officers involved: Officer John Avery, Officer Robert Farrell, and Sergeant Eric Meier

On April 14, 2012, a call was received from a property owner that there were several subjects trespassing and they were inside a vacant building on the property.

Upon officers arrival it was discovered that the subjects were attempting to steal an old style coke machine.

Officers arrested Scott Hurd, 35, Pamela Sibley, 42 both of Bloomingburg, Leslie Rogers 38 of Walden and Jamie Merolle 20 of New Windsor. They were all charged with Burglary in the third degree and Attempted Grand Larceny.

All four subjects were indicted by an Orange County Grand Jury and are awaiting trial.

APRIL ABDUCTION STORY RESULTS IN MAY ARREST

Officers involved: Officer John Levison, Officer John Avery, Officer James Johnson, and Lieutenant Dominick Blasko

On April 27, 2012 a 13 year old female reported that she was abducted on State Route 302 by 3 males with baseball bats driving a blue minivan. The victim stated that she was driven around town and the dropped off in the area of the Red Mills Road Town Park. Crawford Police officers and school officials worked around the clock to investigate the incident and calm the community's fears. After following up several leads some inconsistencies were discovered in her story and the "victim" was re-interviewed. During the interview with school and police officials the "victim" admitted to making up the story because she did not want to get in trouble for being somewhere she was not supposed to be. On May 2, 2012, the juvenile was charged with falsely reporting an incident and referred to Orange County Family Court for further action. Because of her age, she could not be charged as an adult.

DISPUTE LEADS TO BURGLARY ARREST

Officers involved: Officer John Spinato. Officer James Johnson, Officer Arika Arquilla

On May 29, 2012 a call was received that there was an unwanted subject armed with a golf club at a residence on Gillespie Street. The subject did bang on the door with the golf club and then entered the residence threatening him. Jay Weller, 23 was arrested and charged with Menacing and Burglary in the First Degree. He was remanded to Orange County Jail on \$30,000 bail. The case is still pending in Orange County Court.

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE LEADS TO LARCENY ARREST

Officers involved: Officer Arika Arquilla and Officer Timothy Young

On June 5, 2012, while on patrol Officer Arika Arquilla observed a vehicle parked on Dunthorne Drive and identified the operator as Thomas Pascal. Officer Arquilla observing nothing afoot returned to patrol and a little while later she was alerted by a resident that they observed the individual cutting wire from the telephone poles. Because of the prior identification, Pascal was easily located and arrested. He was charged with Grand Larceny and Criminal Mischief both felonies. The damage to the poles is estimated to be over \$11,000. The case was adjudicated and Pascal was sentenced to time served and New York State surcharges.

ALTERED PERSCRIPTION LEADS TO FORGERY ARREST

Officers involved: Officer Arika Arquilla

In June, a pharmacist at Hannaford's noticed a discrepancy in a prescription that was filled with them and called the Town of Crawford Police. Working in conjunction with the New York State Narcotics Enforcement Bureau, Officer Arika Arquilla investigated the incident and gathered the necessary evidence to proceed with charges.

On July 13, 2012 Kimberly Thietje of Walkill was arrested and charged with Forgery in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree. The case is still pending in Orange County Court.

MAN ARRESTED TWICE, SECOND TIME FOR ROBBERY

Officers involved: Officer John Levison, Officer Tim Lee, Officer Randy Wynkoop and Officer James Johnson

On August 11 at about 1 A.M. officers responded to Howell Street for a 911 call of a verbal altercation. During interviews Officers John Levison and Tim Lee ascertained the incident to be a boyfriend/girlfriend dispute and during the course of it property was damaged and there was physical contact. Jorel Parrilla was arrested and charged with Harassment and Criminal Mischief. He was arraigned in Town Court, an order of protection was issued and he was remanded to Orange County Jail on \$2,500 cash bail. On August 30 another 911 call came from the Howell Street residence reporting a verbal domestic. Officers Randy Wynkoop and James Johnson responded and discovered that Parrilla had contacted the female victim and had her pick him up in Montgomery. Upon their arrival at Howell Street a verbal argument ensued and while the victim was calling 911, Parrilla forcefully took her keys and drove off in her vehicle. The vehicle was located in the Village of Montgomery and Officer Johnson responded to Parrilla's residence and arrested him. Parrilla was charged with Robbery,

Criminal Contempt and Grand Larceny. He was remanded to Orange County Jail on \$50,000 bail. He pled guilty to Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree and was fined \$250

MONTGOMERY MAN TURNS VIOLENT

Officers involved: Officer John Avery and Officer Robert Farrell

On September 2 at approximately 6:15 PM the Town of Crawford Police Department responded to a 911 call for a violent argument on Bullville Road.

Upon arrival Officers John Avery and Robert Farrell encountered the male subject in the driveway, he identified himself as Israel Rivera, 32 of Montgomery and he stated that there was no problem other than some furniture damage and he was leaving. When officers entered the apartment a different story unfolded. The 27 year old female victim displayed visible injuries and stated that an argument over money had occurred at which time Rivera became physical and struck her and did then grab her by the throat until she passed out. Upon coming to, Rivera was still striking her but she was able to get away and have a neighbor call 911.

Upon further investigation it was discovered that Rivera had given officers a false name and his real name was Pito Rivera. Rivera, 31 was charged with Strangulation in the Second Degree, Assault in the Third Degree, Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree and False Personation. He was remanded to Orange County Jail on \$25,000.

Rivera pled guilty to Assault in the Third Degree, was fined \$445 and placed on probation.

6 INJURED, 2 SERIOUS IN 302 CRASH

Officers involved: Officer John Spinato, Sergeant Eric Meier, Officer Edgar Rodriguez, Officer John Avery and Chief Dominick Blasko

On September 27, 2012 at about 10:15 PM the Town of Crawford Police Department responded to a motor vehicle accident on State Route 302 and Ulsterville Road near the Pine Bush High School. A red Jeep occupied by 5 teenage males was traveling northbound on State Route 302 when a black Acura operated by another teenage male struck the Jeep in the rear. The impact caused the Jeep to roll over and the Acura to lose control.

All 6 occupants suffered injuries. 5 were transported to Orange Regional Medical Center with back and neck injuries. One occupant of the Jeep was flown to Westchester Medical Center with a head injury and possible broken femur. One of the jeep passengers was later transferred to Westchester Medical Center with a fractured neck.

Town of Montgomery, Walden and the State Police assisted at the scene along with Pine Bush Fire, Ambulance, and Mobil Life

After an investigation, a 17 year old male was charged with Reckless Endangerment in the Second Degree and various vehicle and traffic violations. His case is still pending in Crawford Justice Court.



**ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED ON STATE ROUTE 302 ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2012,
THE ACCIDENT INJURED 5 PEOPLE AND A 17 YEAR OLD WAS ARREST FOR RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT.**

ASSAULT IN PROGRESS RESULTS IN ARREST

Officers involved: Officer John Spinato, Officer James Johnson, Sergeant John Avery and Officer Paul Zavadil

On December 26, 2012 at 4 PM a call was received for an assault in progress on Bruyn Avenue. The caller stated that a male subject did strike her, knocking her to the ground. The subject was removed from the residence and was attempting to gain entry with an axe. Officers from the day shift responded and located the suspect, Jeffery Buckley 47, of Pine Bush walking down Bruyn Avenue. Upon seeing Officers James Johnson and John Spinato, Buckley fled the scene and a foot pursuit did occur. Unbeknownst to Buckley the night shift was coming on duty at the time of his offense and while he concentrated on the officers already on scene, Sgt. John Avery and Officer Paul Zavadil arrived. When Buckley was stopped by Sgt. Avery he began to violently resist arrest but was quickly taken into custody. Buckley was charged with Burglary in the Second Degree, Criminal Mischief in the Third Degree, Menacing in the Third Degree, Resisting Arrest, Assault in the Third Degree and Harassment in the Second Degree. He was arraigned in Town Court and remanded to Orange County Jail on \$25,000 cash bail.

Buckley pled guilty to Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree and was sentenced to 6 months in Orange County Jail.

Weather Issues

Once again this year major weather issues hit the Town of Crawford and affected our community.

Tornado

On July 28, a tornado struck the hamlet of Pine Bush area causing damage in the State Route 302 area near the Town Hall and High School. Officers with the assistance of the Pine Bush Fire Department handled numerous calls for damage. The severe rain and wind caused the Town's generator to fail and police operations had to be moved to the Fire House for a few hours. While there was property damage there were no reported injuries.

Hurricane Sandy

On October 27, Hurricane Sandy hit the northeast devastating parts of New York and New Jersey.

The Town of Crawford was affected and the Police Department along with the Bullville Fire Department, Pine Bush Fire Department, Pine Bush Ambulance, responded to hundreds of calls and worked around the clock to help those affected.

While we waited for power to be restored, we were able to hold Halloween. This much needed distraction was made possible by the hard work of many individuals and groups. We would like to thank everyone involved especially the residents that opened their homes and provided outstanding treats.

Since the initial response, the police department has been working with the Town's Safety and Security Coordinator in the recovery efforts.

HURRICANE SANDY LEAVES GAS CRISIS IN ITS WAKE

On November 1, residents started to recover from Hurricane Sandy and the treat of Halloween when word quickly spread through social media that a gas shortage was going to devastate the tri-state area. This claim started hysteria and soon all the gas stations in town had large lines. This "run" on gas was reminiscent of the 1970s and caused numerous fights and traffic congestion. The swell of people and unruly persons forced the department to assign officers to every gas station to deal with the crowds and congestion.

FEDERAL EXCESS PROPERTY

In response to the numerous weather related calamities that the Town has faced in recent years, the police department has become involved in the Federal Excess Property Program to get equipment that can be used by emergency services.





Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

In response to the high number of motor vehicle accidents on State Route 302, the Town of Crawford Police Department in 2009 applied for and received funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to increase the enforcement of the Vehicle and Traffic Law in the State Route 302 corridor. In 2011 the entire township was included in the grant request. The 2012 GTSC awarded the department \$2,700 in funding. The funding was utilized to fund over 65 hours of selective traffic enforcement.

Child Passenger Safety Program

The Town of Crawford Police Department participates in the Child Passenger Safety Program. The CPS program is funded by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Some members of the department are trained in the proper installation and inspection of child safety seats. They attended a training program that covered the many aspects of child restraint and safety devices. Upon completion of the training, the certified officers provide all residents with the opportunity to have their child safety seat inspected, installed, adjusted and if necessary, replaced. The program also provides child safety seats for those who cannot afford to purchase them in a store.

Anyone interested in this program may contact the police department at (845)744-3300 to set up an appointment.

STOP DWI

The Town of Crawford Police Department also participates in the Orange County STOP DWI program. On several occasions throughout the year a Stop –DWI enforcement period is scheduled and the county provides funding to increase patrols to combat the devastating effects of drunk drivers. In 2012 the department received \$8,319 in funding which resulted in 194 hours of patrol dedicated to DWI enforcement.



School Based Policing

DARE

The Town of Crawford Police Department has been providing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program to the 5th Grade Students at the Pine Bush and Edward J. Russell Elementary Schools since 1994. While D.A.R.E. has changed curriculum and instructors over the years the core message of good decision making and resisting drugs and violence has remained consistent.

The main reason for this continued success is the support from many local businesses and a collaborative effort between the department and the schools.

In 2012, Officer James Johnson presented the program in 9 classrooms and impacted 270 students. In addition to the core lessons, Officer Johnson included supplemental lessons on internet safety, bullying and leadership.



School Resource Officer

In September, 2001 the Town of Crawford Police Department and the Pine Bush Central School District formed a partnership to start the School Resource Officer Program. The initial funding for the program was provided by a Federal COPS grant. After the grant expired the cost of the program was shared by the Town and the District. The completion of the 2011-2012 school also was the end of the SRO program.

The SRO program has been a great success and while working in collaboration with the High School Administration has started many outstanding programs such as restorative justice and the Leadership and Law Academy.

While there is no longer an officer assigned to the school, members of the department and school still work closely together.

Leadership and Law Academy

The Leadership and Law Academy is a collaborative effort by the high school, Town of Crawford Police and the Army. Each summer for the past 10 years, during the month of July, upwards of 150 students attend the Leadership and Law Academy to develop leadership skills and fulfill their Government and Economics requirements. The students are taught military bearing and receive classroom instruction from various experts on law and leadership.

In 2012, 150 students successfully completed the program by excelling in the classroom and the field. To date 1,188 students graduated from the academy.



2012 Leadership and Law students.

Assistant Principal Brian Lynn presents Crawford Supervisor Charles Carnes a certificate of appreciation for the Towns continued support.

Assistant Principal Brian Lynn with Army Lt. Colonel Janice Gravley and Officer James Johnson.

EVENTS

The Police Department in association with the Town of Crawford Police Benevolent Association provides many different activities throughout the year.

The events include Halloween Hay Ride, Veteran's Day Service and the Senior Holiday Lunch.



Some of our local heroes at the Veteran's Day Events



Disp. Bruyn, Ofc. Zavadil, Sgt. Meier



Senior Holiday Lunch



Ofc. Zavadil and Sgt. Meier

TRAINING REPORT



The Crawford Police Department requires that officers receive training throughout the year. The officers become versed in procedures as well as different law enforcement trends which will help them in their daily patrols.

As in years past, officers took part in roll call training where different policies and procedures are discussed. In addition, there are times when officers are sent to individual specialty schools for more advanced training as well as a refresher course.

Some other training sessions included:

- Narcotics Identification
- Instructor Development
- Incident Command
- Taser Instructor Certification
- Taser User Training
- Police Field Training Officers
- In addition to these training, each officer is required to complete and pass firearms training twice a year.





POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION OF ORANGE COUNTY

The Police Chiefs Association of Orange County Police Academy is a collaborative effort between Orange County law enforcement agencies to provide quality police training. The academy provides basic and in-service training at a reasonable cost by utilizing instructors from various departments.

The Town of Crawford Police Department provides instructors and utilizes this quality training.

Chief Blasko and Sergeant Avery currently instruct at the academy on a regular bases. Chief Blasko teaches less lethal weapons and Domestic Violence response, while Sergeant Avery is a Drill Instructor.



During the annual Orange County Safe Homes Hope Dinner, the police academy received an award for commitment to improving and continually providing up-to-date domestic violence training to the police. Pictured are Town of New Windsor Deputy Chief Richard Hovey, Police Academy Director (New Windsor Police) First Sergeant Francis Pierri, Orange County Safe Homes Executive Director Kellyann Kostyal-Larrier, Orange County Sheriff Carl Dubois, Chief Blasko and (Ret) Supreme Court Judge John McGuirk

TASERS

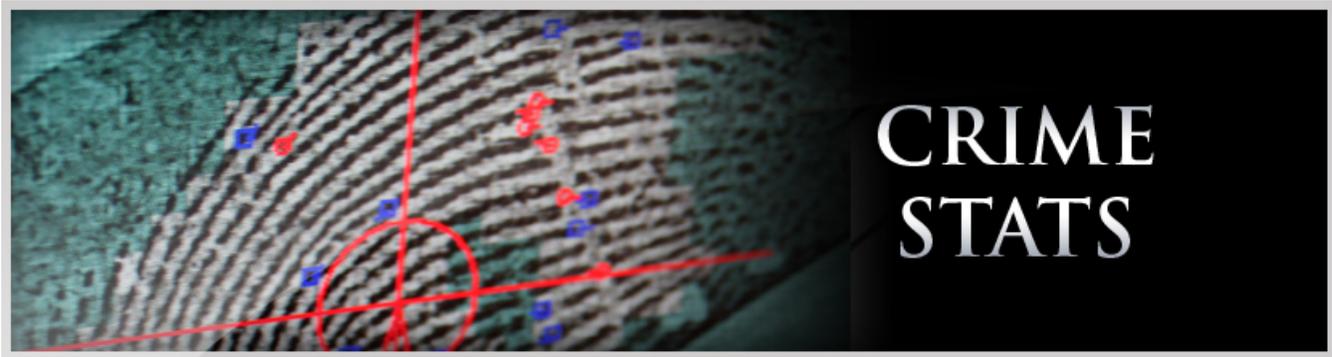


With the ever changing environment that the police encounter and the rising costs connected with injuries to officers, the department began looking into expanding the officers less than lethal use of force options. After researching the various types of less than lethal force options, Tasers were found to be the most effective in reducing the injuries to police officers and defendants.

In 2011, the police department with the help of a generous donation from the Police Benevolent Association purchased 2 Tasers and training equipment for use by the patrol staff. 2 additional Tasers were purchased with money seized during a drug investigation.

During January 2012, the members of the police department attended Taser training and the Tasers were implemented on a full time bases. In 2012 there were no probe deployments but the Tasers presence was successful in diffusing several situations.





IBR Offenses by Month - 2012

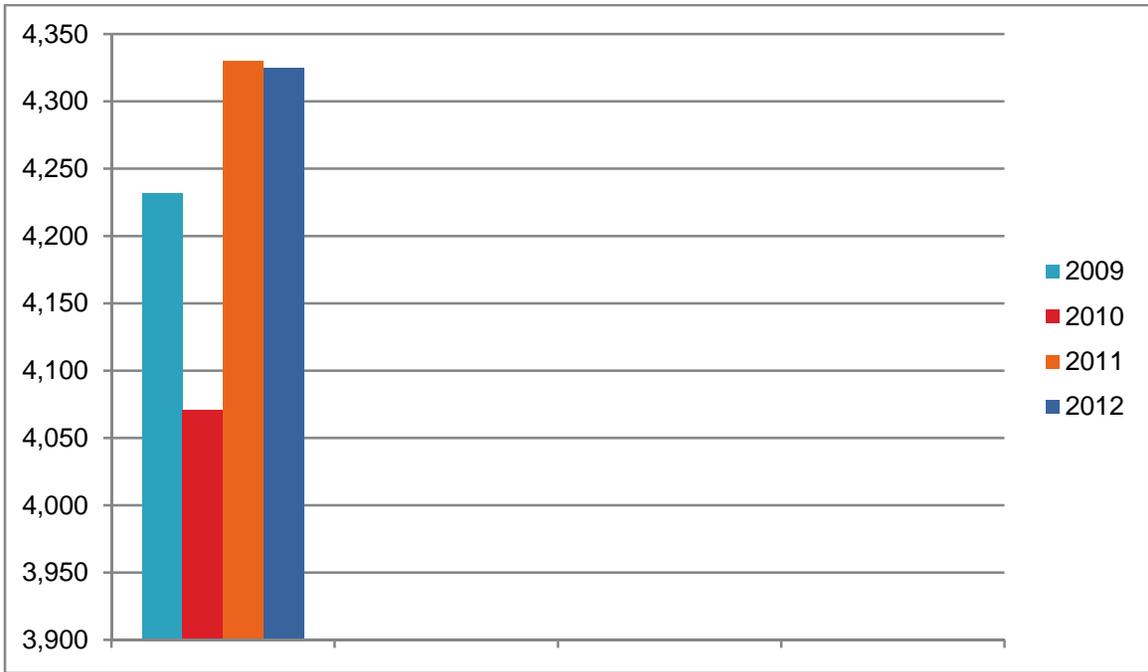
Note: Counts are based on Reported Offenses and not the number of Victims

OFFENSE	JA	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
100 - Kidnaping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
11D - Forcible Fondling	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
120 - Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
13A - Aggravated Assault	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
13B - Simple Assault	10	8	8	13	13	6	7	10	10	5	2	11	103
13C - Intimidation	4	5	3	5	4	5	7	5	3	0	3	2	46
200 - Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
220 - Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1	7	4	2	4	2	5	4	4	8	3	1	45
23C - Shoplifting	3	0	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	14
23D - Theft from a Building	2	4	2	3	2	3	1	1	5	5	2	0	30
23F - Theft from a Motor Vehicle	2	5	1	10	5	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	29
23G - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
23H - All Other Larceny	6	4	3	4	6	10	8	7	3	2	1	4	58
240 - Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	5
250 - Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	5

OFFENSE	JA	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
26A - False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	<u>1</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
26C - Impersonation	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u>
280 - Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	0	0	0	0	<u>5</u>
290 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>88</u>
35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	0	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	0	0	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	0	<u>1</u>	<u>18</u>
35B - Drug Equipment Violations	0	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	<u>3</u>
370 - Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>
520 - Weapon Law Violations	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>1</u>
90A - Bad Checks	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	<u>5</u>
90C - Disorderly Conduct	0	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	0	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>
90D - Driving Under the Influence	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	0	0	0	<u>2</u>	0	<u>2</u>	<u>22</u>
90G - Liquor Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>2</u>	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	<u>3</u>
90J - Trespass of Real Property	<u>3</u>	0	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	0	0	<u>19</u>
90Z - All Other Offenses	<u>21</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>270</u>
TOTAL OFFENSES	71	77	100	81	97	83	48	82	56	50	30	43	818

Source: NYS Incident Based Reporting (02/25/2013) - Reporting ORI: NY0357600

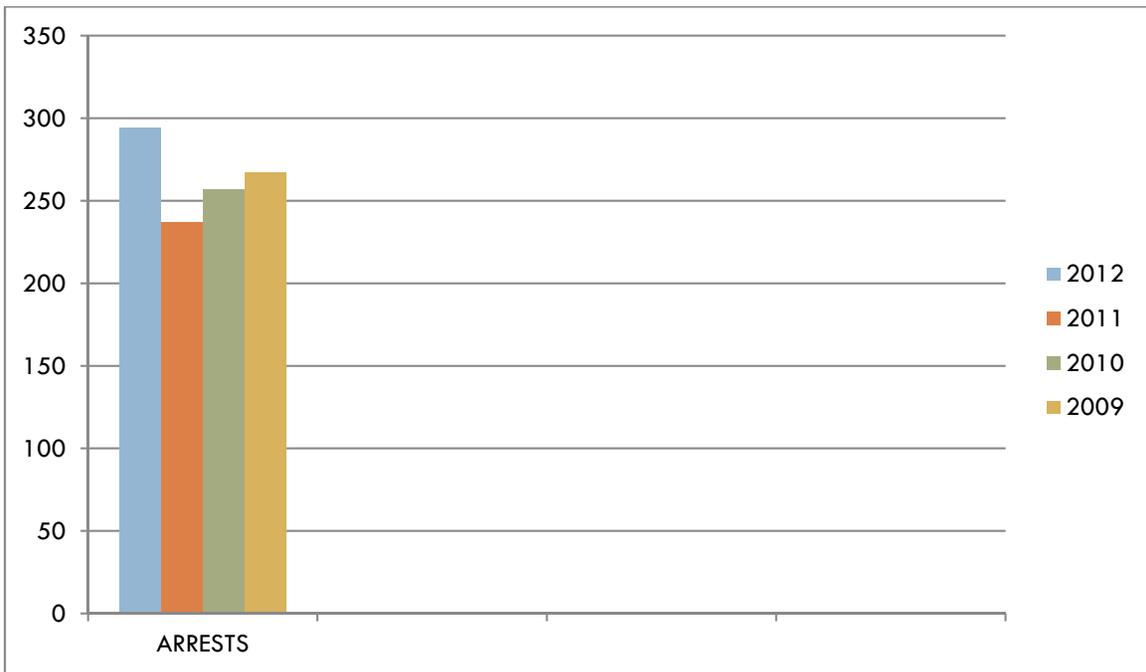
CALLS FOR SERVICE



	2012	2011	2010	2009
Calls for Service	4,325	4,330	4,071	4,232



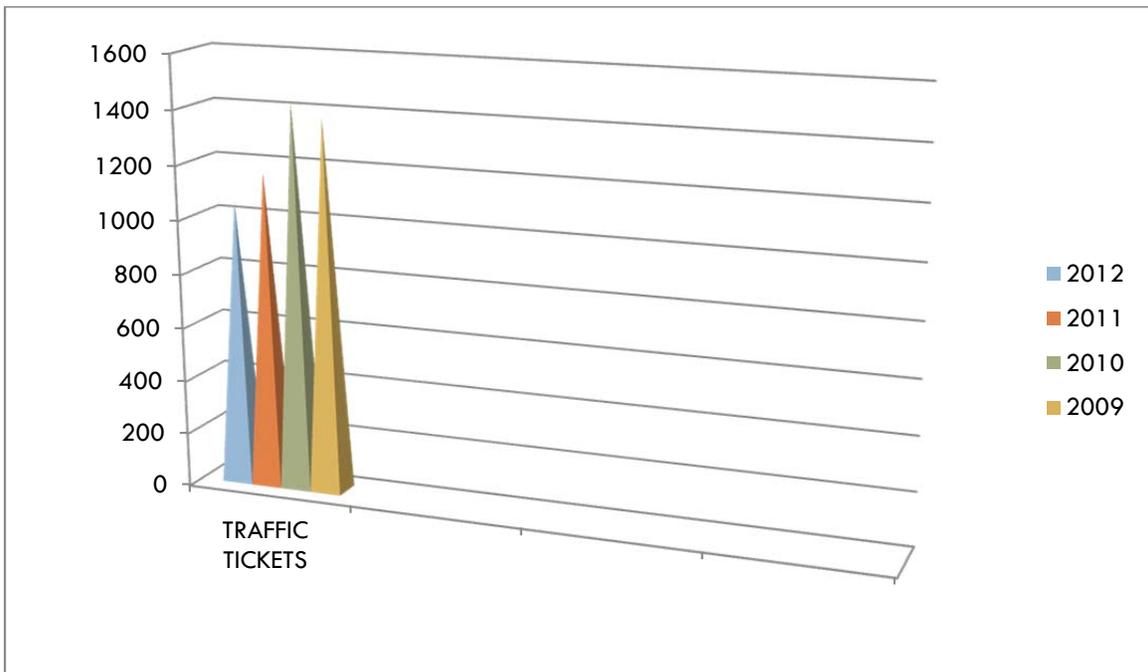
ARRESTS



	2012	2011	2010	2009
Arrests	294	237	257	267



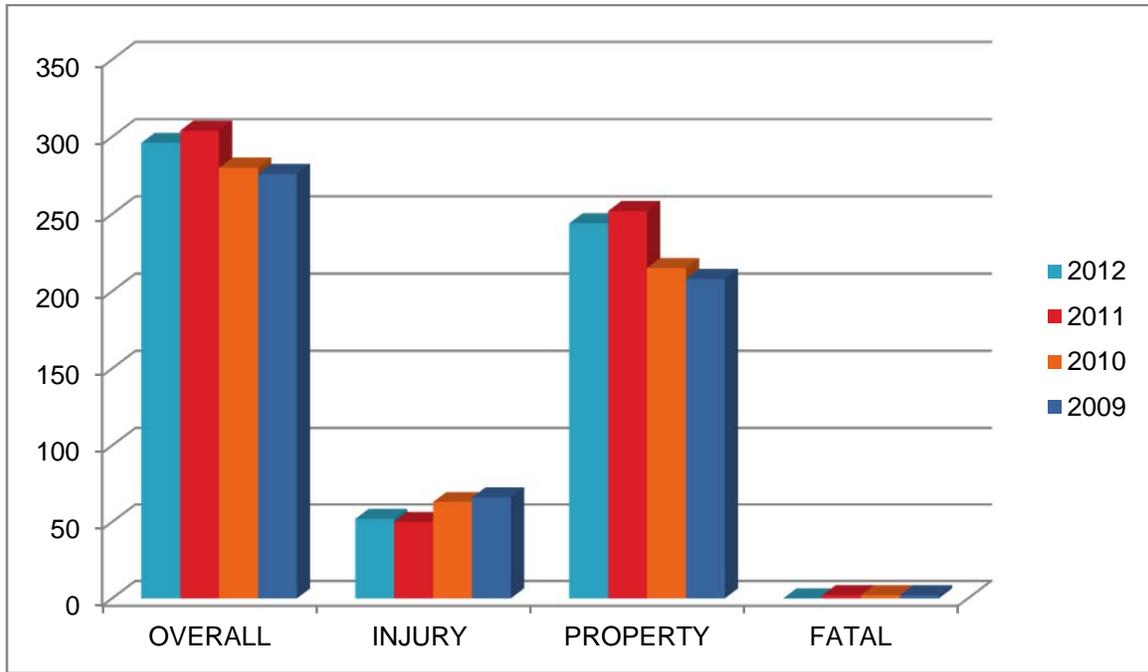
TRAFFIC TICKETS



	2012	2011	2010	2009
Traffic Tickets	1,052	1,166	1,426	1,450



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS



	2012	2011	2010	2009
Traffic Accidents	296	304	280	276
Personal Injury	52	50	63	66
Property Damage	244	252	215	208
Fatal	0	2	2	2

INTO THE FUTURE

Looking Ahead...

2013 promises to be an ambitious year for the department. As an organization we will continue to strive to be more efficient in improving the department's ability to perform its mission and deliver superior service to the community.

The department will continue the process of achieving New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation. Accreditation is a progressive and contemporary way of helping police agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. It provides formal recognition that an organization meets or exceeds general expectations of quality in the field. Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

We will build on our successful community outreach programs, such as the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program, DARE and the Leadership and Law Academy. Additionally we will look to get involved in additional programs to help provide much needed services to our youth and elderly population

During 2013, the department intends to increase and improve training and technology to keep up with the ever changing responsibilities that we face. Training will include response to active situations, domestic violence, dealing with mental health issues and various other law enforcement training. Technology wise we will be improving our current systems and adding a new automatic fingerprint system that was paid for by a grant from New York State

Later in the year, we hope to introduce periodic "Community Compstat" meetings. Senior leaders from the police department will meet with the community to share information and develop solutions to community problems. In 2013, the department will explore increasing its internet presence and accessibility to the community through an enhanced website and possibly social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Building on a strong foundation, 2013 holds promise to be a year of growth and development.

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