#9PMRoutine – A nationwide law enforcement initiative to remind residents on a nightly basis to secure their vehicles, homes, and belongings in an effort to minimize the risk of becoming a victim to larceny.

Don’t forget to:
- Secure valuables
- Lock car doors & close windows
- Lock-up your home
- Turn exterior lights on

SIGN UP FOR OUR ALERTS AT WWW.TIP411.COM
311 Response Car – Members of the Community Affairs Division respond to certain community assignments and quality-of-life issues to address situations that sometimes require additional resources beyond the patrol function; providing a support role for Precincts and the Field Services Bureau.
“BE SEEN YONKERS” Campaign – free reflective armbands are handed out to residents at community events to help keep walkers, joggers, runners, and bikers safe.
Adult & Child ID Complete DNA and Fingerprint collection kit – Community Affairs Officers can help families record their loved one’s fingerprints and DNA for future use – this information can be helpful during missing persons investigations or other emergent situations. The fingerprints and DNA stay with the family – the Yonkers Police does not keep any fingerprints or DNA on file in relation to this program. This kit uses combined fingerprinting and Whatman FTA DNA Technology. The DNA Technology is patented and widely used in crime labs and through state law enforcement applications nationally. The DNA can be stored at room temperature for years and remain stable for analysis.
Auxiliary Police Unit – The mission of the Yonkers Auxiliary Police Unit is to be prepared and ready to be deployed, as the Commissioner of Police deems fit, to support the Yonkers Police Department by providing supplemental service. The underlying purpose of the organization is to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to and recover from an emergency. When they are activated, the members serve as Peace Officers to safeguard the community, to preserve order, and to manage traffic at public functions and events. Auxiliary Police Officers are state certified as Peace officers with Firearms who undergo extensive training on a continuous basis to facilitate their ability to assist the Police Department. The Yonkers Auxiliary Police is a unit of the Support Services Bureau of the Yonkers Police Department.
Bias Crime Outreach – Community Affairs officers follow-up on all reports of bias crime incidents in the City of Yonkers and connect with residents and community stakeholders, acting as a liaison between community and police and providing resources for conflict resolution.
Block Watch Program – Upon request, officers from the Community Affairs Division speak with community groups about becoming “Blockwatchers”, partners with the Department in preventing crime. Citizens are trained to alert the police when they observe an unusual situation or crime occurring in their neighborhood. Participants are provided with numbers so they can remain anonymous when they call. There are many “Blockwatcher” groups currently active in Yonkers. Community Affairs Division officers train the participants and maintain records for the program.
Child Safety Seat Checks and Education – Police officers who are New York State certified Child Safety Seat Technicians inspect car seats for proper installation, make adjustments if needed, and demonstrate proper installation techniques. Last year, officers checked, installed or re-installed over 200 car seats. In addition to scheduled events during the year, the Community Affairs Division offers Child Safety Seat checks by appointment.
Citizens Police Academy (CPA) - residents attend a course at the Training Division where they learn Department operations and experience training on state / local laws and police tactics. Explaining the reasons why we do things and getting feedback from our citizens is the essence of this program. The first group of graduates of the CPA formed the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA), who meet regularly with the Training Division and Department command staff.
Civilian Ride-Along Program – Yonkers residents 18 or older who wish to ride with a police officer on patrol may submit an application to the Community Affairs Division. Upon satisfactory completion of a background check, officers arrange ride-alongs for applicants who have been approved for the program.
Coffee with a Cop – national program which started in California. Members of the Department meet residents at advertised Coffee with a Cop events across the City and engage in dialogue over a cup of coffee. The location is neutral, usually a local diner or business. There is no agenda, just an opportunity to meet and speak.
Cops and Kids Program – administered through the Police Commissioners Office. This program is geared toward grades K through 8. Police Officers simply meet kids at schools or community events and allow them to ask questions and interact with the officers.
Crime Prevention & Safety Tips – Create, update, and manage numerous crime prevention and safety tips to offer residents steps that people can take to protect themselves and reduce the risk that they will become victimized and to protect themselves during times of emergency. Also includes traffic and weather alerts, missing person’s alerts, and more.
First Responders Disability Registry – The Registry features specialized information to be accessed, with alerts, to Yonkers Police and Fire Departments and EMS services in the event of an emergency located at the home of a person with special needs. The Registry looks to eliminate or lessen emotional trauma, fear and conflict when first responders enter homes of those with special needs. Enrollment in the registry is dependent upon self-reporting.
Gun Tips Hotline - The purpose of "Gun Tips Hotline" program is to take illegal handguns off the streets of Yonkers. It is completely anonymous and no questions will be asked. This is not a gun buyback program and no arrest or conviction is required. Individuals with information on the location of illegal handguns can call the anonymous tip line at 914-377-GUNS and the caller will receive a confidential identification number. The caller will be instructed to call back at a later time and if a gun was recovered, the caller will be given a second identification number and advised to respond to a specific bank to collect the reward money of $500.00.
H.E.A.R.T. (Heroin Enforcement and Assistance Response Team) Initiative – The Heart Initiative is the Yonkers Police Department’s new approach to combating the growing epidemic of heroin addiction. It consists of a three-prong approach: Prevention, Assistance and Enforcement. The primary focus of this initiative is on treatment of the disease of heroin / opioid addiction as opposed to the strict enforcement for heroin / opioid use. Additionally, citizens may dispose of unwanted prescription drugs in secure drop boxes located in all four of our police precincts; members of the Community Affairs Division collect, process, and dispose these drugs, keeping them out of our communities.
Halloween Curfew - The Community Affairs Division is responsible for providing information about the City’s Halloween Curfew to all school age children who are subject to it, as well as the general public. Officers ensure that flyers explaining the curfew are distributed at all Yonkers elementary and middle schools. Halloween curfew violators are brought to the Community Affairs Division office where officers notify the violator’s parent or guardian and arrange for the violator’s pick up.
Introduction to Public Safety (YMA Intersession) – Introduction to Public Safety is a joint effort between the Yonkers Police Department, Yonkers Fire Department and Yonkers Montessori Academy. In addition to the New York State high school curriculum, students at the Yonkers Montessori Academy are required to take an annual intensive field study course entitled Intersession. Spring Intersession courses are designed to create greater depth in the curriculum and provide opportunities for high school students to experience learning outside of the classroom. Each student is required to select one Intersession course which run throughout the year and culminate in a week long intensive field study. Intro to Public Safety is one of the available choices for the students, and is administered by Officers from the Police and Fire Departments. The program provides these students with a deeper look at the everyday life and duties from the men and women that keep the City of Yonkers safe.
K9 Demonstrations – Members of our Yonkers Police K9 Unit show off the ability of our K9 Dogs helping us with everyday police tasks. Ninety-five (95%) of K9 work is the K9 using their nose. During the demo you will see how the dogs use their great olfactory ability to locate evidence, narcotics and explosives. We always allow time for a question and answer period.
LGBTQIA Liaison – The City of Yonkers has a 100 percent rating from the HRC. This rating was obtained after the Yonkers Police Department voluntarily added an LGBTQIA liaison to the Mayors advisory board. Our Department has a member of the LGBTQIA community who is also a full time Police Officer serve in this position. The establishment of this position ensures an immediate exchange of information between local LGBTQIA community leaders as well as the Police Department. The liaison position is responsible for relating information regarding the needs and or concerns of the LGBTQIA community. Although there have not been many reported, in the event of any bias or hate crimes the response would be immediate and effective.
Mayor Mike Spano’s Bicycle Donation Program – members of the Community Affairs team collect donated bicycles from the public. The bicycles are then repaired as necessary and given to those in the community who would otherwise not have access to a bicycle. This program promotes a healthy activity for our kids and teaches bicycle safety as each recipient is also given a new bicycle helmet.
National Night Out - National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.
Need to Read Program – Community Affairs Officers collect new and gently used books from the public through children’s consignment events, book fairs, etc. The Department then identifies community groups and organizations in need who would benefit from these books. The recipients will be the Municipal Housing Authority recreation rooms, local schools, community groups, and individuals.
Operation SAFE CHILD ID card program – SAFE CHILD equipment uses digital fingerprinting technology and high-resolution photography capabilities to produce SAFE CHILD cards for parents and guardians. The cards contain a child's name, biographical information (date of birth, gender, height, weight, hair color, eye color, etc.), and a fingerprint image of both index fingers. The card is made in less than two minutes and can be easily carried in a wallet or pocketbook. Interested parents can choose to store the fingerprints, basic biographical information and photographs of children who are not missing – information critical to expediting the return of a missing child. The storage of information is entirely voluntary and requires the written consent of a parent or legal guardian. The information gathered is digitally recorded and stored in a database at DCJS. In the event DCJS receives a missing child report, the fingerprints of that child are included in a special search file and compared against all incoming fingerprints submitted to the agency.
Operation What’s Up – Program where uniformed police & parole officers visit recently released parolees. The program helps to remind the parolees of the stipulations of their parole and also provides them with information regarding programs available to them. The re-arrest rates of visited parolees is dramatically lower than the national average.
Pizza with a Cop – Just like Coffee with a Cop, but pizza instead! Designed to bring residents, neighbors, and community together with their local police in a friendly environment to discuss any topic of concern or just chat.
Police Business Security Initiative – A police collaboration with local business communities and merchant associations, combining Block Watch training and CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) site security surveys to improve premise security and reduce incidents of crime that impact our small businesses. Store owners and shopkeepers learn basic security best practices and connect with Yonkers Police investigators to enhance active investigations.
Police Commissioner’s Community Relations Committee – A committee comprised of six (variable) community leaders who are appointed by the Police Commissioner from around the City, to meet quarterly and exchange ideas and to try develop new methods for improving police community relations. The committee provides the Department feedback on current police community relations and makes recommendations.
Police Education Talks – Officers from the Community Affairs Division speak at community meetings, schools, senior citizens groups, and community-based organizations on topics such as personal safety, burglary and auto theft prevention, internet and bicycle safety, and drug abuse.
Recruitment – The Yonkers Police Officer exam, as administered by the State of New York and Department of Civil Service, is traditionally held every four years. Members of the Yonkers Police Department actively engage eligible residents from all backgrounds to take the exam and pursue a career in law enforcement. The Yonkers Police Department recognizes that it can best serve the community with a police force that is representative of the City’s diversity.
Safe Exchange Zones - The City of Yonkers and Yonkers Police Department designated Safe Exchange Zones at each of the four City Police Precincts. These locations, identified by conspicuous Safe Exchange Zone signs, are located on or adjacent to Police Department property and are under 24-hour video surveillance. As person to person internet purchases and transactions become prevalent in modern society, the City of Yonkers and Yonkers Police Department wants to ensure the safety of our residents and communities. By designating Police facilities as an elective meetup location to complete these transactions, the risk to consumers of becoming the victim of fraud or crimes against their person is minimized in the presence of law enforcement. Residents are encouraged to utilize these locations when meeting an internet contact in person, especially for the first time.
Security Surveys – By appointment, Community Affairs Division officers will conduct an on-site inspection of a residential or commercial premise with the occupant or owner. Officers will offer advice and make recommendations to improve security and provide optimal protection for people and their property.
See! Be Seen! Pedestrian Safety Campaign – in partnership with the State of New York, Yonkers Police Officers educate pedestrians and vehicle operators in the importance of pedestrian safety and situational awareness, followed-up with targeted enforcement.
Sex Offender Management – The Yonkers Police Department administers and investigates all registered sex offenders residing in our jurisdiction. Level 1 and Level 2 offenders are required to submit updated photos every three years, while Level 3 offenders must submit updated photos annually. Additionally, Level 3 offenders and those offenders designated sexual predators must personally verify their address every 90 days with law enforcement. If an offender’s appearance changed, police may photograph the offender and submit the update photo to the DCJS Registry.
Social Media Platforms – the Department is engaged in extensive social media information sharing and community outreach including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor, RING, YouTube, and our Citizen Alert / Tip 411 system. Each has its own intended use and enables the Department to engage in constant community interaction and outreach in relation to crime issues, crime prevention tips, Department programs and initiatives, and Department news.
State Liquor Authority – Yonkers police work in partnership with the SLA to prevent the sale of alcohol and tobacco products to underage citizens. These proactive investigations help ensure that youth and young adults are not exposed to potentially health adverse substances.
Stop and Shake – created by community activist Hector Santiago, it encourages dialogue between Police Officers and residents through the simple act of a handshake or greeting on the street. Since early 2015 we have held numerous Stop and Shake stations across the city.
Summer Reading Buddies Program – run by the JCY Westchester Community Partners at the Riverfront Library. Members of the Department volunteer to read to kids at a local library. These kids are often less fortunate and would not otherwise have access to age appropriate books and a reading partner.
V.I.N. Etching Program – Using a dedicated computer that automatically registers a vehicle in a statewide database and prints a stencil of its Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), specially trained Community Affairs Division officers use acid to etch the VIN on every window of the vehicle to deter theft. Participants may be eligible for a 10% reduction on their car insurance premiums. Scheduled VIN etching events are held during the warmer months, and it is available by appointment throughout the year, weather permitting.
Victim Outreach Program – A program to acknowledge the victim(s) involved with an arrest or incident within the City of Yonkers and provide appropriate supportive referral services with the goal of preventing future victimization. A victim outreach coordinator makes initial contact with the victim to assess the status surrounding the incident, connect the victim to community-based support services and provide contact information for future referral needs. This program supports both youth and adult victims.
Yonkers Force Youth Hockey – Yonkers Force Youth Hockey is a community outreach program offered by the Yonkers Police Department to teach the great game of ice hockey to underprivileged youth in Yonkers. It is a learn-to-play program administered and coached by Yonkers Police Officers. Instruction consists of floor hockey and on-ice sessions, with equipment donated by the NHL Players’ Association Goals & Dreams program. To qualify for this program, the player must be eligible for free or reduced lunch at school.
Young adult residents between the ages of 14 – 18 who are interested in law enforcement may apply to become a member of this group which is administered by our Community Affairs Division. The goal is to engage Yonkers youth in a way that is thought provoking and cultivates critical thinking skills. This program allows greater opportunities to build positive relationships between the Yonkers Police Department and the City’s many diverse communities; and is meant to lay the foundation for future success of the youth in our city as we help them develop Life Skills, such as: Discipline, Commitment to Service, Resilience, Leadership Experience, High integrity, interpersonal communication skills and Responsibility and Accountability; to teach youth about law enforcement and possible future career options in the field of law enforcement. Youth Cadet Members receive introductive training in various units and divisions within the Police Department (i.e., ESU, K-9, Patrol, Traffic, Marine, C.S.U). Youth cadets also receive course training in NYS penal and traffic law. The youth in the Cadet Program play a major role in determining their activities and make suggestions for and help execute events, learning teamwork and leadership skills. Interested applicants may contact the Community Affairs Unit at (914) 377-7375 or email police@ypd.yonkersny.gov
Youth Police Academy – same as the Citizen’s Police Academy, but with a focus on youth and young adults. Members of the Training Division engage the participants in introductive topics to provide greater insight in precision and community policing.
Youth Police Initiative (YPI) – partners patrol officers with area youth (many of whom are at risk) in individual group sessions to gain a better understanding of each group’s perspective. This involves intense role play and small group speaking workshops. It is a program designed by the North American Family Institute (NAFI).
Yonkers Youth Court – A voluntarily alternative for Yonkers youth that have committed a misdemeanor crime or violation. The overall goal is to provide supervision and support to the youth and their family to avoid involvement with the juvenile justice system. First Time Offenders between the ages of seven (7) to eighteen (18) years old living within the City of Yonkers are eligible for this diversion program and go before a court hearing comprised of local students to determine effective resolutions. Resolutions include community service projects within the Department and local community-based organizations, the Youth Police Initiative (YPI) program, and monitoring and support with the department’s Youth Advisor. The Yonkers Youth Court is a positive contribution to the growing relationship between the Yonkers Police Department, Youth, and Community.
Have a question for the Yonkers Police or want to learn about how we do things?

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