

# Press Release

## New Windsor Police Recognized for Sex Offender Management Keeping Communities Safe Using Best Practices

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK – JULY 7, 2009 The New Windsor Police Department received certification today by the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police (Association) in a new sex offender management program. The certification recognizes that New Windsor Police are employing proactive and sound practices in managing sex offenders in their community. The “Best Practices” certification program was launched in January and focuses on certain strategies used by police to: monitor sex offenders, provide community notification, and conduct enforcement. Association Executive Director John P. Grebert said, “For more than a decade, managing sex offenders has become an important function of law enforcement. Police are on the front lines in ensuring that offenders comply with the law and that citizens are informed about certain offenders living in their communities.”



New Windsor Police Chief Michael C. Biasotti commented, "As a local law enforcement agency we strive to maintain the highest level of protection for our citizens, especially those who are among our most vulnerable population, the young and elderly. Having general orders that are clearly formulated and properly implemented towards that end undoubtedly increase a community's level of safety."

Association President Robert D'Angelo (North Castle PD) said, "This program provides an independent review of the law enforcement role in sex offender management. I am so pleased that we are able to provide this service not only to recognize those agencies that are being proactive, but more important, to promote safety in our communities."

The policies and operations of the New Windsor Police Department were assessed and found to be in compliance with the elements of the Best Practices program. In addition to having a written policy pertaining to sex offender management, they were also required to submit proof of monitoring of offenders, community notification, cooperation with other agencies, and enforcement.

“We are very proud that our Police Department has received certification for Best Practices in Sex Offender Management”, said Town Supervisor George A. Green. He added, “Our department has always taken a proactive role in protecting our community. The administration of the New Windsor Police Department has put a great effort into developing clear and workable policies and seeing that they are followed.”

The Association’s Director of Research, Development and Training Mark A. Spawn said that the Best Practices program takes several factors into consideration. “This program identifies the most important aspects of sex offender registration and gives agencies the ability to have an external validation of their processes.” Spawn extended special thanks to Lt. Michael Faricellia who worked extensively on the agency’s application for certification. “The commitment of the New Windsor police is clear – they care about sex offender management – they care about their community.”

The Best Practices program was recently highlighted at the 2009 National Symposium on Sex Offender Management and Accountability in Houston, Texas. Spawn said that for agencies that do not yet have a policy in place, the Association has resources to assist them in developing a plan to meet their needs.