

Press Release

Port Washington Police Recognized for Sex Offender Management Keeping Communities Safe Using Best Practices

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK – OCTOBER 23, 2009 The Port Washington Police District recently received certification by the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police (Association) in a new sex offender management program. The certification recognizes that Port Washington 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.”



Port Washington Police Chief William J. Kilfoil commented, "On behalf of the Police District, I am very proud to receive this certification from the Association. I thank Detective Robert DelMuro for his hard work in putting this policy together. The PWPD will continue to be progressive in all its policies and practices to ensure the safety of the community."

Association First Vice President Margaret E. Ryan (Dryden PD) said, “Citizens rely on police to keep them safe and provide them with factual, common-sense information about sex

offenders. From myself and on behalf of the Board of Governors I congratulate Chief Kilfoil and his department for all that they do in managing sex offenders in their community.”

The policies and operations of the Port Washington Police District 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.



From left: Director of Research, Development and Training Mark A. Spawn, Port Washington Police Chief William Kilfoil, Detective Robert DelMuro.

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.” Chief Kilfoil received the certificate from Spawn at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, New York where law enforcement officers and executives had gathered for an Exposition on October 13.

The Best Practices program was recently highlighted 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.