

PRESS RELEASE

Rensselaer Police Recognized for Sex Offender Management Program

SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK – The Rensselaer Police Department has been certified by the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police (Association) in a special sex offender management program. The certification recognizes that the Rensselaer Police are employing proactive and sound practices in managing sex offenders in their community. The “Certified Best Practices” program was launched in 2009 to recognize police agencies using proactive strategies to monitor sex offenders, provide community notification and conduct enforcement.

Association Executive Director John P. Grebert said, “For several years, 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.”



Flanked by officers from Rensselaer PD, Chief Frederick Fusco and Deputy Chief James Frankoski are presented with a certificate by Mark A. Spawn in recognition of the Department’s best practices in monitoring sex offenders.

Association President Michael C. Biasotti (New Windsor PD) said, “We commend the members of the Rensselaer Police Department for the exceptional work they do in managing sex offenders in their community.”

The policies and operations of the Rensselaer PD 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 provide proof of monitoring of offenders, community notification, cooperation with other agencies, and enforcement.

Chief Frederick M. Fusco noted, Having two schools, a day care center and the Rensselaer Boys & Girls Club in our jurisdiction, we take managing sex offenders in our city very seriously and certainly a high priority. We will continue to be proactive in an effort to eliminate any opportunities for offenses to take place. Our goal is to keep our community safe and will do so by remaining diligent in information sharing, compliance and monitoring any and all registered sex offenders within our jurisdiction. It is with sincere gratitude that we accept this Best Practices Certification from the New York Association of Chiefs of Police. We look forward to working with them in the future with this significant program.

Superintendent Sally Shields of the Rensselaer City School District said, “I am pleased to acknowledge the proactive approach the Rensselaer PD has taken in managing sex offenders in the community. They consistently provide the Rensselaer City School District with new or updated information regarding certain offenders living in our school community.”

The Association’s director of research, development and training, Mark Spawn noted that the Best Practices program takes several factors into consideration. “This program identifies important aspects of sex offender registration and gives agencies the ability to have an external validation of their processes.”

The certificate was presented at Rensselaer City Hall on December 3.