

## WHO IS THE CORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT?

- New York State Law Enforcement Accredited Agency since 2016
  - 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.
  - The Cortland Police Department has met all 110 Standards required for Accreditation, including the following 20 standards deemed as **Critical Standards**:
  - Written Directives, Responsibility and Authority, Safeguarding Cash, Safeguarding Agency Weapons, Evidence and Non-Agency Property Management, Property Audit and Inventory Management, Records Management System, Background Investigation, Performance Evaluation System, Rules of Conduct, Disciplinary System, Sexual Harassment, Use of Force, Internal Affairs Function, In-service Training (length and content), Vehicle Pursuits, Health of Persons in Custody, Domestic Incidents, Criminal Investigation, Disaster Plans.
- Community Oriented Policing Office and Officer
  - McGruff Program
  - Coffee with a Cop
  - Bicycle Registration
  - Social Media Presence
  - Presentations to many community and educational groups
  - Emergency Services Day
  - Cops on Top fundraiser for Special Olympics
  - 9/11 Memorial Statue and Ceremony
  - Neighborhood Watch
  - Stone Soup Event
  - Meet with Santa and gift distribution
  - Shop with a Cop
  - Police Ice Cream Ticketing Program
  - Traffic Stop Gift Certificate Program
  - Food Distribution
  - Satellite office on Main Street
- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), aka Emotionally Disturbed Persons Response Team (EDPRT) since 2013
  - This training has involved de-escalation skills prior to “de-escalation” becoming a hot topic word
  - 95% of the agency has received this in-depth training
- Training Division
  - Police Academy Basics
  - In-service training
- Canine Program

- Cortland Junior Police Academy
  - Connection to the youth in our community
- Social Media Presence for the Department
  - Connection and dialogue with the community
- Vacant House Checks
  - A service to keep an extra eye on properties when the owner is away on vacation or for an extended period of time
- Annual Report
  - Statistics and information sharing with the community