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FROM THE ARCHIVES

WILLOW STREET TO WEST FAYETTE STREET AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

This historic photograph, dating back to approximately 1935, captures Lieutenant John Ebinger leading members of the Syracuse Police Department's Traffic Division out of police headquarters on Willow Street.

Nearly a century later, this photograph offers a reminder of the generations of officers who came before us. Their work helped shape the department we know today, building a legacy of service that continues with every new generation of Syracuse police officers. The faces and tools may change, but the commitment to serving Syracuse carries on.



CLASS #32: A NEW JOURNEY BEGINS

SPD SWEARS IN LARGEST ACADEMY IN SEVERAL YEARS

The Syracuse Police Department is growing, and a new generation of officers is preparing to carry on the tradition of service.

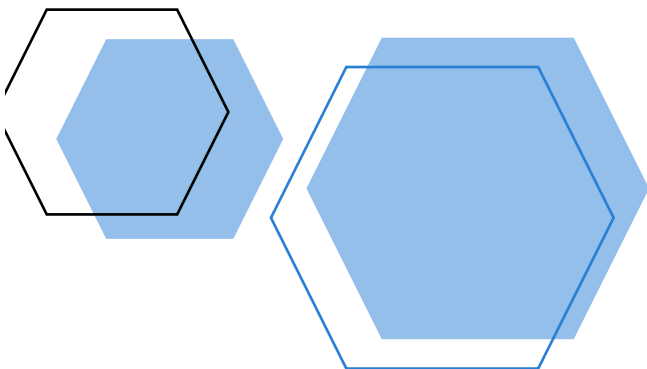
On September 21st, we welcomed Syracuse Regional Police Academy Class #32 during a swearing-in ceremony at the Everson. The class represents the largest addition to the Syracuse Police Department in several years!

A total of 23 men and women are beginning their next chapter in law enforcement, including 18 new recruits and 5 lateral officers bringing prior law enforcement experience to the department.

For the recruits, the journey ahead includes six months of intensive training, learning, and challenges designed to prepare them for the realities of policing. The lateral officers will complete additional training as they transition to the Syracuse Police Department.

While each member of Class #32 brings a different background and life experience, they share one common purpose: a commitment to serving and protecting the Syracuse community.

For our retirees, this milestone is a reminder that the department you helped shape continues to move forward. The uniforms may change, new faces may fill the ranks, and the challenges of policing may evolve, but the commitment to service remains at the heart of what it means to be a Syracuse police officer.



SPD CLASS #31 GRADUATION

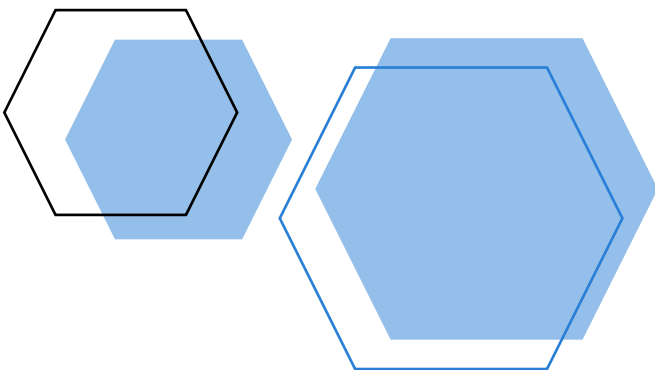
BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT

We celebrated an important achievement as six new officers graduated from the Syracuse Regional Police Academy during a special ceremony at the historic Palace Theatre.

The graduation of Class #31 is just one part of a larger effort to strengthen the department and prepare for the future. SPD recently welcomed its largest police academy class in several years, with recruits now working through their training. The class is expected to graduate in approximately six months, bringing additional officers closer to joining the ranks and serving the Syracuse community.

For a department built on generations of service, each new class represents more than an addition to the roster. It represents the continuation of a proud tradition, the passing of knowledge from experienced officers to the next generation, and a renewed commitment to the people of Syracuse.

We congratulate the six members of Class #31 on reaching this important milestone. They are currently on field training and are well on their way to a rewarding career in public service.





25 YEARS LATER: WE REMEMBER

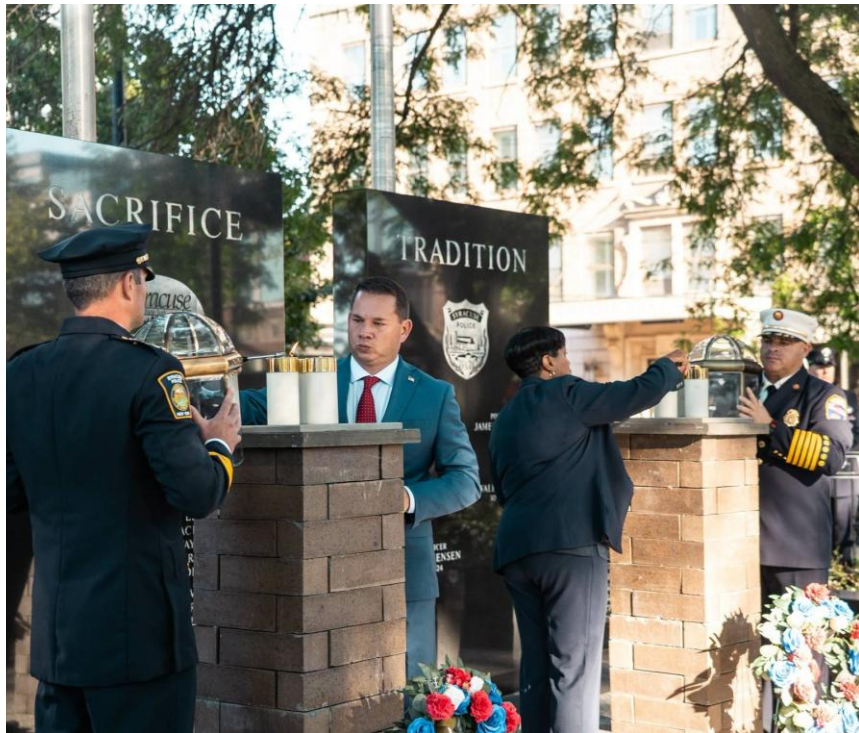
SPECIAL JOINT 25TH YEAR 9/11 CEREMONY

Twenty-five years later, the memories of September 11th, 2001, remain etched in our hearts. At Forman Park, members of the Syracuse Police and Syracuse Fire Departments stood together with a large gathering of community members to honor those we lost that day and remember the countless first responders and communities forever changed by the tragedy.

The ceremony served as a powerful reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and unity that emerged from one of our nation's darkest days. A flyover by Air 1 added a memorable tribute to the ceremony, bringing those gathered together in a shared moment of remembrance.

Chief Mark Rusin reflected on the final calls and messages so many people made to the ones they loved as the events of September 11th unfolded. His words brought the tragedy into a deeply personal focus, reminding everyone that behind the history we remember are individual lives we lost and that in our weakest and final moments, we often cling to what matters most: the people we love.

For the Syracuse Police and Fire Departments, the ceremony was more than an annual remembrance. It was an opportunity to recognize the enduring bond between first responders, and reaffirm our commitment to never forget the people behind the tragedy.





MEET SGT. BEARY GOOD

NEW FACE FOR AN OLD TRADITION

Every generation of Syracuse Police Officers know the importance of building trust and positive relationships with the people we serve. The Department's newest community policing partner, Beary Good, is helping carry that tradition forward in a way that is meaningful to our youngest residents.

Sergeant Beary Good has begun making appearances at community events and schools. He gives Beary Good safety tips and shares Beary Good news about the department. With his friendly personality and unmistakable presence, he provides an opportunity for children to interact with police in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

For some children, a police officer in uniform can be intimidating, particularly if their experiences with law enforcement are limited. Beary offers another way to introduce them to the people behind the badge, creating positive first impressions and opening the door to future conversations about safety and the role police officers play in their community.

While a mascot doesn't replace the relationships, officers build every day through their work, it's another tool in the department's outreach efforts, and countless personal interactions that have long been part of SPD's mission.

For those who have served the department over the decades, the approach may look a little different than it once did, but the goal remains familiar: building connections, earning trust, and making a positive difference in the lives of Syracuse residents.





RETIREEES DAY IS GOING TO BE ON DECEMBER THE 3RD SO MARK YOUR CALENDERS

We are excited to welcome our retirees back for a special Retirees Day at our new Public Safety Building! You are an important part of the SPD family. Your years of service and sacrifice helped shape the department we are today. This event is an opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces, share stories, catch up with former colleagues, and celebrate the traditions that continue to unite generations of Syracuse police officers.

We're especially looking forward to welcoming you into the new Public Safety Building to give you an opportunity to see our home today and how the department continues to move forward while honoring the people and history that brought us here.

Below is a preliminary run of show for the event. As we are still planning, this is subject to change. We look forward to seeing you back at SPD on Retirees Day!

Thursday, December 3rd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- 0900 – Retiree Arrival at the PSB
- 0915 – Breakfast and Informal Mingle Time
- 0930 – Welcome and Opening by Public Relations
- 0940 – Optional Tour of the New Facility Led in Groups
- 1040 – Chief Rusin Presentation
- 1100 – Robot Dog and Drone Demo in parking lot (sally port as a weather contingency)
- 1200 – Human Resources Concerns (updates and retirement/death updates)
- 1215 – Roxane Bowering of SFFCU will present
- 1230 – Lunch is served
- 1300 – Joe Moran Presentation
- 1315 – Gift Presentation
- 1330 – Group Photo
- 1340 – Closing / Q &A
- 1400 – Departure

Congratulations to the following retiring Syracuse Police Department members for this quarter:

Officer Tavoires Flournory
Officer Containa Black
Officer Joel Dorchester
Detective Fred Lamberton
Detective William Kittell