



# Town of Wallkill Police Department

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**September 13, 2016**

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On Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 11:00 am, Chief Robert C. Hertman of the Town of Wallkill Police Department hosted a media conference at the Police Department’s Office of Emergency Management (“OEM”). The well attended conference included, among others, Town of Wallkill Supervisor Dan Depew, Deputy Chief Antonino Spano, Sergeant Robert Mclymore, PBA President Patrick Marcial and Town of Wallkill Police Department Community Council President Barbara Alvarez.

During the media conference Chief Hertman and Supervisor Depew announced that the Police Department will be adopting the Police Data Initiative (“PDI”). The Department became aware of PDI when Chief Hertman attended an August 16, 2016 White House briefing on the Final Report of The President’s Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing. In the course of this briefing, PDI was presented as one way data can be used to increase transparency, build community trust and strengthen accountability.

Beginning today, through the Department’s website, the public can access data on vehicle & pedestrian stops, employee demographics and community engagement. Reporting data on vehicle and pedestrian stops will allow the public to see that this Department engages in constitutionally sound policing. Furthermore, releasing employee demographics is important because we believe that we are creating a workforce that encompasses a broad range of diversity including race, gender, and education to improve understanding and effectiveness in policing our community. Lastly, posting data on community engagement will show the public that this Department is proactive in community outreach.

Robert C. Hertman  
Chief of Police

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