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The City of Peekskill Police Department To Spotlight New Emergency Response Vehicles During Open House To Celebrate National Police Week

The Peekskill Police Department is opening its doors to the public Saturday, May 20, 2006, from 11am to 3pm to celebrate National Police Week. On display will be various examples of what the department is involved with in addition to their day-to-day operations. In addition to the New Emergency Response Vehicles, there will be a Tactical Unit & Emergency Response display; bike patrol exhibit & bicycle safety tips; DARE; Gang Identification and Information; Community Policing Unit Information; and Crime Scene Demonstrations among other displays. A separate police awards ceremony to recognize specific officers for outstanding police response is scheduled for the May 22 City Council Meeting.

President Kennedy proclaimed the week of May 15 Police Week in 1962 to recognize the thousands of police officers who dedicate their lives to protect and serve citizens of the United States while facing hazardous and deadly obstacles on a daily basis. "This is an important time of year for police officers because although we selflessly put our lives on the line everyday, it's a time for reflection on what we do as officers and why we do it. Sometimes the public needs a chance like this to truly appreciate the reasons why we are here," states Lt. Cathy Johansen.

The open house will operate in conjunction with a teen health fair presented by Peekskill Agencies Together of which the Peekskill Police Department is an active participant. The event will take place at Peekskill Police Headquarters, 2 Nelson Avenue. *Nelson Avenue between Central Avenue and Main Street will be closed due to these events.* Parking will be accessible through the Main Street entrance as well as the Central Avenue Entrance.

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