

George Latimer
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Traffic Safety Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Michael A. Kopy, 1320 Colonial Court, Mamaroneck, New York as a member of the Westchester County Traffic Safety Board, for the term January 26, 2023 to December 31, 2025.

Given under my hand
and seal this 26th day
of January, 2023.


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January 26, 2023

Mr. Michael A. Kopy
1320 Colonial Court
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Dear Mr. Kopy,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Traffic Safety Board effective today, Thursday, January 26, 2023. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office within 30 days, either by appearing at the County Clerk's office or mailing the signed and notarized form to our office.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed. Please contact the Department of Public Safety at (914) 864-7901 for the date, place, and time of the Traffic Safety Board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,



George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

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cc: Honorable Board of Legislators
Terrance Raynor, Commissioner, Dept. of Public Safety
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

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MICHAEL A. KOPY

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Profile

Senior public safety executive with extensive experience managing law enforcement operations, fire service personnel, and emergency operations. An experienced public speaker with very strong interpersonal skills who is comfortable communicating at all levels of diverse organizations. A dedicated team player who enjoys developing creative solutions to challenging problems.

Professional Experience

City of Rye, New York

Rye, NY

Commissioner of Public Safety

Oct 2021 – Present

- Senior member of the Police and Fire Department, responsible for ensuring all aspects of public safety.
- Oversee the preparation of the annual budget for both agencies and responsible for all expenditures associated with both departments.
- Developed new emergency management protocols for the city to allow better coordination amongst all city departments.
- Implemented Mental Health Emergency training for all members of the police department to allow officers to be better prepared to deal with these types of situations.

State of New York - Executive Chamber

Albany, NY

Governor's Office Director of Emergency Management

Dec. 2018 - Present

- The senior administration official responsible for all emergency operations in New York State. Directly responsible for making decisions regarding the state's response to an emergency and personally briefing the Governor and other senior officials.
- Responsible for ensuring that all state agencies and authorities are prepared for and properly respond to any emergency, terrorist incident, or critical situation in the State of New York and that all of these agencies interact in an efficient and coordinated fashion.
- Conducted press briefings documenting the state's response to a variety of emergencies.
- Respond (24/7) to the location of any serious emergency in the state and personally lead the response when required.

New York State Police

Albany, NY

Inspector, Internal Affairs Bureau - Division Headquarters

Nov. 2013 – July 2018

- Served as the accreditation manager for approximately 1,100 State Police employees operating in the southern portion of New York State, and responsible for all internal audits, investigations and analysis of operations in this region.
- Directly oversee all allegations against members of the agency involving sexual harassment, workplace violence, or criminal behavior ensuring that every aspect of the allegation is properly investigated and documented for either internal use or forwarding to the appropriate prosecutorial agency.
- Improved audit practices to identify vulnerabilities and ensure that available resources are being utilized as effectively as possible, and in compliance with agency directives, as well as to ensure continued accreditation.
- Responsible for Random Drug Testing of all employees in region.

New York State Police

Poughkeepsie, NY

Major - Troop Commander, Troop K

May 2010 – Nov. 2013

- In command of approximately 500 State Police employees providing full service patrol, investigative, and support services from 20 facilities in a four county area north of New York City.
- Member of the New York State Counter Terrorism Zone 3 Executive Committee.
- Implemented an internal staffing plan based on common productivity factors across all patrol operations in the Troop resulting in more equitable distribution of resources.
- Revised the Troop Emergency Control Plan to better respond to emergencies and other crises in the region, and ensure continuity of operations for the duration of the emergency or crisis.
- In charge of numerous significant criminal investigations which occurred in the Troop, including the March 2011 bus crash in New York City which left 15 people dead
- Designated media spokesperson for a number of high profile criminal investigations, police involved shootings, dignitary protection events, and other State Police initiatives.
- Lead State Police representative for a number of visits to the region by the U.S. President, and other heads of state and similar level dignitaries from various countries.
- Served as chairperson for the 2013 Recruitment Campaign which saw a 100 percent increase in the diversity of available candidates seeking employment in the Troop.

New York State Police

New York City, NY

Major - Troop Commander, Troop NYC

Mar. 2007 – May 2010

- In command of all State Police operations in New York City, including those working in conjunction with federal and local task forces (DEA, FBI, ATF, NYPD, TSA, USMS, USSS)
- Directly responsible for developing and maintaining productive relationships with various Federal investigative agencies and District Attorney offices in the troop.
- Developed and implemented programs which resulted in overtime expenditures in the Troop being reduced by 65% with no significant reduction in productivity.
- Responsible for police services and event security at all events at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center including the 2008 Major League Baseball All-Star "Fanfest", the annual New York Boat Show and the New York National Auto Show.

New York State Police

Hawthorne, NY

Captain - Zone Commander, Troop K

Mar. 2003 – Mar. 2007

- In charge of State Police operations in Westchester County including primary patrol services for five suburban New York City communities provided from three separate stations.
- Developed crisis management plans and emergency response protocols for the Indian Point Energy Center which were recognized as best practices by both the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Department of Homeland Security.
- Oversaw the development and implementation of emergency response plans based on CCTV throughout the Hudson Valley region.
- Conducted and oversaw vulnerability assessments of critical infrastructure in the zone.
- Developed and implemented plans for the successful consolidation of dispatch and communications operations from three locations staffed by Troopers to one central location staffed primarily by civilians.
- Responsible for all aspects of law enforcement and emergency planning for the 2006 United States Golf Open at Winged Foot and served as Incident Commander for the duration of the nine day event.
- Active member of the Westchester Police Mutual Aid Committee and assisted with the development of the new Mutual Aid Response Plan.
- Personally developed and implemented a new Press Release Policy in response to complaints from area news reporters which increased transparency and the flow of arrest data to the public.

**New York State Police
Lieutenant, Sergeant, Investigator, Trooper**

State of New York
Sep. 1986 – Mar. 2003

- Six years as a Lieutenant:
 - Supervision of fifty investigators who conducted investigations involving international financial crimes, cyber crime, organized crime, narcotics, theft of intellectual property, and money laundering.
- Supervised Troopers patrolling residential areas and highways as a patrol sergeant.
- Conducted physical and electronic surveillance of complex international narcotics operations, government and business corruption, property crime, and other financial crimes.
- Conducted and supervised illegal gambling investigations.
- Field Training Officer for Troopers who recently graduated from the State Police Academy.
- Served as a Trooper on patrol, leading the region in criminal arrests in 1989 and 1990.

**Westchester County Department of Public Safety
Seasonal Park Ranger**

Hawthorne, NY
May-Sept. 1986

- Served as an armed Peace Officer at Playland and other Westchester County Parks.

**Village of Mamaroneck Fire Department (Volunteer)
Fire Chief**

Mamaroneck, NY
2001-2004

- Managed all aspects of the 225 member organization operating from five stations, including preparation of the annual budget (\$1,000,000 approx. in 2004).
- Developed and implemented new purchasing protocols which standardized equipment utilized by each of the five fire companies.
- Established the department's first Medical Compliance Office to ensure that all firefighters meet and maintain the health standards established by the National Fire Protection Act (NFPA).
- Obtained a one hundred and ten thousand dollar (\$110,000) grant for the purchase of new communication equipment. This allowed for a complete overhaul of all personal and vehicle based radio units in the department.
- Developed and implemented a new fundraising program which increased profits by 50 percent.

Education and Credentials

Pace University Bachelor of Arts: <i>Criminal Justice, Political Science, History</i>	Pleasantville, NY 1996
National Security Clearance, "Secret" Level	2006, 2019
Director, Westchester County Chiefs of Police Association	2011-2012, 2022-2023
New York State Wildfire Academy, Type 2 Incident Commander	2009
Human Resource Counselor, New York State Police Academy	2005
New York State Certified Arson Investigator	1999
Westchester County Volunteer Firefighter of the Year	2004
Board Member, Westchester County Arson Task Force	2004-2006
Village Manager Selection Committee, Mamaroneck, NY	2003, 2005, 2018
Ethics Review Panel, Mamaroneck, NY	2020
New York State Chiefs of Police Association	2007-2023

Qualified in CPR (Instructor), Certified First Responder (First Aid) and the use of an AED

Traveled extensively, having visited over forty countries on six continents over the past thirty years. This has included extensive travels throughout Europe and Asia with multiple visits to the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, and China.

A complete list of current references (Employment and Personal) will be provided upon request.

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

ss.:

I, Michael A. Kopy do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support
(Print or Type Name)

the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of WESTCHESTER TRAFFIC/SAFETY BOARD in and for the
(Print or Type Board Name)

County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.

Date: 01/31/23

Michael A. Kopy
(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31 day of JANUARY,
2023.

Talia Cole
(Signature)

Talia Cole
(Print or Type Name)

(Print or Type Name)

Notary
(Title of Official Administering Oath)

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Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.