



Town of Fishkill Police Department

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Statement regarding the Police Department's Website

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The Town of Fishkill Police Department recently made the decision to temporarily take down its website after identifying outdated and inaccurate information, primarily related to recruiting and hiring. Leaving that information publicly available had the potential to create confusion and unnecessary problems for the Town and its taxpayers.

Once the site was offline, we took the opportunity to look more closely at the website as a whole — what we were paying for, what features we were actually using, and what we really needed. Ultimately, we decided to move to a significantly less expensive platform. While the previous website served us well, the Town was paying for a number of features that the Police Department either did not need or simply did not use. The new approach will allow us to provide the information and services our residents need while being more responsible with taxpayer dollars.

During that process, a public threat was made regarding the security of the website's back-end systems. We believed it was important to address that issue and strengthen the site's security before moving forward. Doing so added some additional time to the project, but we felt that protecting the integrity of the website and its systems had to come first.

The process has taken longer than we would have liked, and we appreciate the public's patience. The new website is now taking shape. What is now “live” is a first version of the new site. We are continuing to restore and improve the features and information that will be most useful to the community. We welcome your feedback as you look through it.

Our goal is straightforward: a website that is accurate, secure, easy to use, and cost-effective for the taxpayers we serve.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher Strattner JD".

Chief Christopher Strattner, JD