City of Poughkeepsie Receives
NYCOM Local Government Achievement Award

The New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) has selected the City of Poughkeepsie as a winner of NYCOM’s Local Government Achievement Award for 2019. The awards program, in its 32nd year, recognized Poughkeepsie for its Police Retention Program. This is the second consecutive year Poughkeepsie has been recognized by NYCOM, having won last year for its Transit Consolidation Program.

In commenting on the award, NYCOM President Gary McCarthy, Mayor of the City of Schenectady, stated: “The City of Poughkeepsie is to be commended for its efforts to improve the City through innovation and partnerships. Their Police Retention Program will benefit Poughkeepsie for years to come by strengthening its police force and the community’s public safety. Congratulations to Mayor Rob Rolison on this important accomplishment.”

The City of Poughkeepsie developed the Police Retention Program to address the problem of out-migration of city police officers to higher paying positions in other municipalities. By completing an in-depth analysis of the police department and working with the PBA, the City was able to restructure the salary, benefits and full-strength requirements of the collective bargaining agreement to reduce the number of officers who leave the department. The program will not only reduce the costs of training and overtime, but will allow the City to rebuild its Community Policing and School Resources Officer initiatives which have such a positive impact on quality-of-life.

The other winners of NYCOM’s Local Government Achievement Award for 2019 are: City of Corning, City of Syracuse, Village of Bergen, Village of Ellicottville and Village of Rockville Centre.

The awards will be presented on May 5, 2019, at NYCOM’s Annual Meeting in Cooperstown. NYCOM represents 573 cities and villages in New York State and has been in existence since 1910.