

VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS

2582 South Avenue
Wappingers Falls, New York 12590

Statement from the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Wappingers Falls:

On June 27, 2026, the Village of Wappingers Falls Police Department responded to a critical incident on the bridge located on East Main Street in the Village of Wappingers Falls. During this incident our officers were placed in incredibly difficult and dangerous circumstances and unfortunately a 17-year-old male tragically lost his life.

First and foremost, I would like to offer my sincere condolences on behalf of the Village Board of Trustees and myself to the family and friends of this young man and to all the police officers involved and their families whose lives will be forever impacted by this event. As Mayor, I am committed both to supporting officers who protect our residents and to strengthening accountability, training, and mental health response systems so that we can prevent these types of tragedies wherever possible.

This matter is currently under investigation by the New York State Attorney General and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department pursuant to established New York State protocol. We owe it to the family, to the officers involved, and to every resident to allow this investigation to be conducted thoroughly, transparently and fairly. We will share all information as it becomes available and would like to thank everyone for their patience during this process.

Our Village remains a close and compassionate community and I encourage us all to continue to look out for one another, to help each other and to work together to help us create an even better sense of community for our residents.

Dated: July 6, 2026

Wappingers Falls, New York

Mayor Kevin Huber