

Executive Q&A: Chief Andy Kerecman of Throop Police Department

At CODY, we believe that the real test of our software is how it supports the missions of the departments who use it every day. In this Executive Q&A, we talk to Andy Kerecman, Chief of Throop Police Department.



1. Can you give a short overview of your police department and the community you serve?

The Throop Police Department serves a community of approximately 4,000 residents and is located on the border of Scranton in Lackawanna County. With a dedicated team of 10 full-time and 5 part-time officers, the department responds to more than 6,000 calls for service annually. The command structure consists of a Chief, Lieutenant, and Sergeant.

2. What was your previous RMS before transitioning to CODY?

For over 15 years, the department relied on Central Square/Visual Alert before transitioning to Cody, and now to the Pathfinder RMS platform.

3. As an agency administrator, how do you feel the transition to Pathfinder went and how helpful was CODY's project manager? How was the training for your officers while preparing to transition to Pathfinder?

The transition process was seamless, thanks to the exceptional support from Cody's project manager, who



provided clear, thorough, and understandable training. All questions and concerns from staff were addressed promptly, making the entire process smooth and effortless. The training itself was both informative and easy to follow, ensuring that every officer felt confident using the new system.

4. What are some of your favorite features of Pathfinder?

Now that Pathfinder is in use, officers' complete reports with ease. The intuitive design allows them to quickly navigate the necessary sections, while attaching documents is more efficient than with any RMS system the department has used in the past.

5. What is Throop Police Department's mission statement?

The mission of the Throop Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in our municipality by working in partnership with the community and, in accordance with



Constitutional rights, to enforce laws, preserve peach, reduce fear, and provide for a safe environment.

In partnership with the community, we pledge to:

1. Protect the lives and property of our fellow citizens and impartially enforce the law.

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- 2. Fight crime, both by preventing it and by aggressively pursuing violators of the law.
- 3. Maintain a higher standard of integrity than is generally expected of others because so much is expected of us.
- Value human life, respect the dignity of each individual, and render our services with courtesy and civility.

6. In what ways does Throop Police Department leverage technology to help support its mission.

The Throop Police Department leverages technology in police work by combining tools that enhance public trust, improve efficiency, boost officer safety and accountability ensuring that technology directly advances both operational effectiveness and our department's mission.

7. What do you value most about being the Chief of Police for Throop Police Department?

I have been in law enforcement for over 30 years and the last 5 years as Chief. I try to reflect and reinforce our core values—such as integrity, accountability, service, and community partnership—while enhancing the department's capabilities. Continuous improvement, and collaboration, ensuring that every technological adoption serves both the mission and the values that define Throop Police Department.

8. Any final comments about CODY as a company and Pathfinder RMS?

The "Cody family" truly stands out for their care and involvement in day-to-day operations. Staff feel comfortable reaching out for assistance, knowing Cody's team consistently goes above and beyond to help. After reviewing several other RMS companies, the Throop Police Department is confident they made the right choice in selecting Cody Pathfinder.

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