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Mayor Jim Reardon announced today that the Rhinebeck Police Department has moved into their newly constructed Police facility. The Police Department was formerly housed in the Hall of Health building at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Reardon states "that building needed to be taken down due to deteriorating condition so in August of 2009 the Police Department vacated the premise and for the last 45 months they have operated out of a temporary trailer—located on the Village Hall property".

In 2006 the then Village Board had agreed to purchase a property at 14 Center Street immediately adjacent to Village Hall. After a lengthy feasibility study which began in 2009 the decision was made to construct the new 2100 square foot facility. "In developing this project we had two primary objectives adds Reardon. Number one was to minimize the impact to the taxpayers and second was to construct something that would fit the character of the Village. We have been very successful in both areas; the project was modest in size and scale in order to keep the cost as low as possible. We made no secret of the fact that this would raise taxes and worked very hard to keep the impact as low as possible. The Village bonded \$900,000 for the construction. As to the building itself, by all appearances it is residential building that blends well within the neighborhood and fits the historical character of the village".

In closing Reardon states "on Monday June 24, 2013 at 10:00 am there will be a ribbon cutting and dedication of the new facility. The Police Station is located at 14 Center St. Rhinebeck, NY 12572. We hope the public will join us for this important occasion".