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"We're constantly balancing coverage with limited resources. With Patrolfinder, supervisors can better manage patrols, especially during night shifts when staff may be stretched thin."

Police Chief Richard T. Wilson
City of Poughkeepsie Police Department
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Chief Rich Wilson Ushers in New Era of Policing in Poughkeepsie with Patrolfinder Technology

Just two months on the job as the **City of Poughkeepsie Police Department's Chief**, **Richard Wilson** was dealing with an officer-involved shooting.

The incident, while resolved without fatalities, revealed a gap in real-time situational awareness.

"The first responding officer is very close to the scene and he gets there and starts his progression," the chief recounted. The scene was a four-story building, backup was blocks away. The man who called police on himself, reporting that he had a gun, was down a long hallway. In the end, he had a replica similar to a Glock 40 in what was later determined to be a suicide by cop situation.

Meanwhile, the lone officer wasn't certain just how far away his backup was.

"In looking and thinking about this product (**Patrolfinder**), if he could have had this on his screen, knowing backup was four or five blocks away, he could have paused safely."

In the end, no one died that day, but since that incident, the department purchased Patrolfinder and the story has changed. Today, If a similar situation occurred, the first responding officer would have real-time location awareness could safely wait for backup.

But that "what if" moment crystallized the need for Patrolfinder, which allows officers and supervisors to visualize deployments and patrol coverage instantly. Patrolfinder also enables the placement of "attention points" and hotspots," helping commanders direct resources more strategically, especially in high-crime areas.

"Now I can tactically, soundly go in with backup support and meet the threat," Wilson said.

That is why the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department is embracing Patrolfinder technology to enhance officer safety, improve response times, and increase accountability — all under the leadership of Chief Wilson.

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