



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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TRADITION AND TECHNOLOGY COEXISTING SIDE-BY-SIDE



This Report is dedicated IN MEMORY of Charles A Newman, Retired

(Born: November 19, 1939 - Died: September 15, 2015)



Newman honored as Employee of Month 2000

Undersheriff Charles Newman retired with 32 years of service to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office on March 17, 2005. He was accorded a well-attended farewell party when he retired and he stopped by the Office to visit us for a few years thereafter when he came back to this area from Florida for summer visits.

Undersheriff Newman was easily recognized as a staunch proponent of loyalty to this Office, his family, and his country. During the severe flooding we experienced in 1996, Newman manned our crisis center for several days, around the clock, until the eminent danger passed. He calmly served in the capacities of leader, buffer and problem solver. He routinely handled any situation dealt him with tact, sound judgment and good humor and was affectionately known as "Uncle Charlie" by his co-workers. He exhibited a policeman's moral strength with just the right amount of a pastor's son's compassion. His compass was steady and his purpose was sure.

Undersheriff Newman had been appointed by two sheriffs as their undersheriff: In the first instance, Sheriff Leonard Rutherford elevated Newman from Road Patrol Lieutenant to Undersheriff. Later, his successor, Sheriff Thomas Mills created a new position ("Chief Deputy/Major") in recognition of Undersheriff Newman's many and valuable accomplishments. In January 2004, upon the retirement of our existing Undersheriff, Douglas Vredenburg, Chief Deputy Newman was accorded for the second time the position of Undersheriff.

Undersheriff Newman's professional accomplishments are many and varied. Throughout his career he continually demonstrated a spirit of selfless public service and loyalty to the Office he so proudly served. In 1990, while holding the position of "Sergeant," he was the recipient of the prestigious Drexler Award, given for career distinction by the New York State Sheriffs' Association.

It was with deep sorrow that we note the passing of our friend and co-worker, Charlie Newman. His smile was sincere and his chuckle infectious. His sense of decorum ran deep and his fight for what's right was always at his core. He is gone but not forgotten.

Delaware County Sheriff's Office



Thomas E. Mills
Sheriff

Craig S. DuMond
Undersheriff

To: Delaware County Board of Supervisors

Re: 2015 Annual Report

Our 2015 Annual Report is presented as a visual representation of the diverse challenges our Office has met and reflects the dedication of our workforce and their commitment to deal with unusual and extreme experiences while putting forth their best efforts on a daily basis.

In 2015, two of Delaware County's prime concerns were a disturbing suicide rate and the prolific misuse of heroin. The root of most criminal acts committed throughout Delaware County can be attributed to the drug epidemic. One disturbing statistic that has prevailed throughout the year is the increasing number of females who are caught up in the use and sale of drugs. There was a time when the female pod of our jail was very sparsely populated. Now, we have had to add double bunks to keep up with the demands being made there for space.

This year our country has experienced a number of active shooter incidents in college campuses, businesses, schools and other public venues. Accordingly, the number of bomb threats throughout Delaware has dramatically increased and incidents concerning school children bringing weapons to their schools has threatened their safety. Several area schools now employ our deputies as school resource officers to project an active police presence on their campuses. We have been told that these officers have made a palpable difference by supporting school administration in maintaining an attitude of mutual respect, order and harmony among students, teachers, and school administration.

Best regards,

DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas E. Mills".

Thomas E. Mills, Sheriff

CODE OF ETHICS

As a Deputy Sheriff, Correction Officer or Civilian Employee of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, my fundamental obligation is to protect the constitutional rights and freedoms of the people whom I have been sworn to serve and protect.

I have the capability of bringing either respect or disrespect on my employer, my fellow employees and the law enforcement profession.

I vow to be truthful and honest in my dealings with others. I deplore lies and consider it to be a professional weakness to allow another's behavior to dictate my response. I will not allow others' actions or failings to excuse me from performing my duties in a responsible and professional manner.

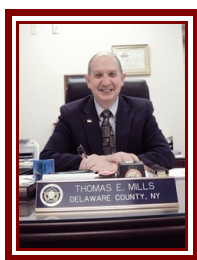
Although I will endeavor to empathize with the people with whom I come into daily contact, I will not allow my personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence the discretionary authority with which I have been entrusted. I will consciously seek ways to avoid any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest that have the capability of compromising either my official authority or the public's image.

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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to provide professional, high-quality and effective police, correctional, civil and court security services in partnership with the county residents.



MEET SHERIFF MILLS

When Sheriff Thomas E. Mills took office, he inherited an outdated 28-prisoner jail on the village square in Delhi. In 2003, that historic landmark was replaced with a 121-bed state-of-the-art combination Public Safety Building/Correctional Facility. Presently there the Sheriff's Office and Correctional Facility employ 70 full-time employees and 26 part-time employees.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office and Correctional Facility exist side by side in the Public Safety Building located at 280 Phoebe Lane, Delhi, New York.

Sheriff Mills is a Marine Corps veteran, who commenced his law enforcement career with the Oneonta Police Department. He subsequently joined the New York State Police and retired as Station Commander. He later rejoined the profession as a part-time Deputy Sheriff in Delaware County. He was elected sheriff in January 1999.

Sheriff Mills is a member of the Executive Committee of the Otseclara Council of Boy Scouts of America. He is a past Master of the Margaretville Masonic Lodge and past Commander of the American Legion Post 190. He is the Commander of Post 10550 of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars in Delhi. In 2006, he was appointed to the NYS Committee for the Coordination of Police Services to Elderly Persons by then-Governor George E. Pataki. In 2007, he was invited to serve on the NYS Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan ("SCIP") Governance Evaluation Board.

Delhi, New York is the county seat of Delaware County, New York. It has a population of 47,223 inhabitants spread out over 1,468 square miles.

...Office Highlights in 2015...

HONORS:

In March, we were advised that our Office has had its accreditation extended.



Lieutenant Timothy Buckley is the Recipient of the Dr. Gerald Burday Professional Excellence Award



On June 19, 2015, the ARC of Delaware County conducted its Annual Membership meeting and Awards Ceremony, at which time Lt. Timothy Buckley was acknowledged as the recipient of the prestigious Dr. Gerald Burday Professional Excellence Award. This award recognizes a professional or team of professionals who demonstrate a commitment to excellence in meeting individual needs and encouraging growth so each individual touched reaches his or her true potential, or in securing outcomes in the prevention of disabilities.

COMMENDATIONS:

“One of the best parts about my job is hearing praise being expressed for one of our employees. Often it because they have assumed added responsibilities and excelled. When this happens, a commendation is in order. Below is an example.” Sheriff Mills.

Delaware County Sheriff's Office



Thomas E. Mills
Sheriff

Craig S. DuMond
Undersheriff

January 15, 2015

Deputy Sheriff Timothy Murray
Delaware County Sheriff's Office
280 Phoebe Lane, Suite One
Delhi, New York 13753

Re: Letter of Appreciation

Dear Deputy Murray:

Since you joined our Office as a Dispatcher, you have characteristically exerted a maturity beyond your years and a insatiable desire to perform any task assigned you in the best possible manner. Often, I am the recipient of favorable comments made by various sectors of our population concerning your performance and professionalism. You routinely “go the extra mile.” This comes as no surprise, since I recall the enthusiasm and joy you exhibited when you were given the opportunity to attend the Police Academy. It has always

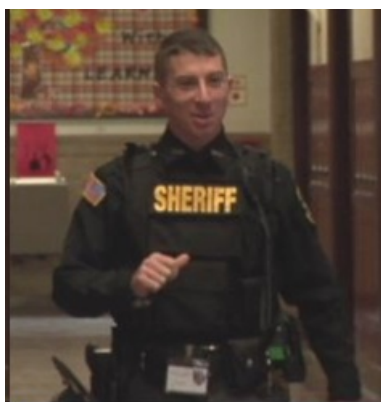
Letter to Deputy Murray, continued.

been evident that being a police officer was your calling, and your profession is a 24-hour, 7 days a week responsibility that you wear with pride and compassion. To your credit, as the years roll by, your initial resolve remains steady and true.

Today I was heartened to receive a letter from New York State Police Captain Todd Stratton (copy attached) in which he commended you for the various professional courtesies and kindnesses you extended while assisting both the fatal mva on-the-scene officer (Trooper Burkert) as well as the family of a deceased motorist on January 5, 2015, in the Town of Walton. Your actions personified your enlightenment of a "lawman's" responsibilities. Many assume the role as a profession, but few accept the heavy mantle of its responsibility and the extended, often spontaneous and diverse duties it entails.

Tim, I am proud to recognize you as a brother officer in our fraternal order of peacemakers and warmed to know that the fate of our residents is well placed in your firm and capable hands.

Keep up the good work.



Deputy Timothy Murray

Sincerely,

DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Thomas E. Mills
Sheriff



Dog Tales



Our canine and his needs are funded totally by fund raisers and private contributions. We appreciate the generosity of the many private donors who have met Ozzie's food, medical and equipment needs.

In 2015 we were honored when professional photographer **Beth Adams** joined our team of canine supporters by preparing a comprehensive portfolio of portraits of our K-9 unit. We appreciate her generosity and consider ourselves fortunate to now have an assortment of pictures that do our K-9 unit justice.

Consult the Sheriff's website to view the posting of significant events in which our K-9 Ozzie earned his bones in 2015. Some of the details to which Ozzie was assigned are also covered in Sr. Investigator's Vagts' write-up in this Report.

Search and Rescue:

On the frigid morning of March 27th, 25-year old Jesse Papas climbed out his window, bare-chested, scantily clad and barefoot, in an attempt to avoid being arrested on a probation violation warrant. He ran for miles through the snow-covered woods, over a mountain, and into the next county with K-9Ozzie and partner Sgt. John Demeo hot on his trail. Being thin Papas was able to move fast and leave few tracks. When apprehended near Kemper Mount Road in Gilboa in Schoharie County, Officials applauded Ozzie's outstanding tracking and apprehension abilities and noted Papas would have no doubt suffered from hypothermia or frostbite had he not been quickly found by Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies and Probation Officers, assisted by a New York State Environmental Conservation Officer.



Our K-9 unit is often called upon to assist other law enforcement agencies.

In a press release issued by the Broome County Special Investigations Unit on April 24, 2015, it was noted, "The Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division concluded a month-long investigation today with the execution of a narcotics search warrant at 193 Matthews Street in the City of Binghamton. Christine M. Singer was arrested after the Task Force and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, along with K-9 "Ozzie" did locate 50 bags of heroin and an amount of marijuana.

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On November 19th, Delaware county Sheriff's Investigators and K-9 "Ozzie" assisted the Oneonta Police Department with the execution of a search warrant at 10 Meckley Avenue in the City of Oneonta as a part of an on-going narcotic trafficking investigation.



As a result of a search by Delaware County Sheriff's Office K-9 "Ozzie", Oneonta Police located and seized approximately 7.2 ounces of crack cocaine with an estimated street value of \$25,000.00, a number of hydrocodone pills, Marijuana and \$700 cash were discovered.

Ozzie speaks: "I love my job. Thanks for your support."

TOURS

The Sheriff's Office hosts many facility tours each year for youth groups, clubs, schools, government officials, candidates for employment and the curious.

The Sheriff's Office has hosted an increasing number of tours through the jail to provide visitors with a first-hand look at how we supervise the inmate population. The tour takes visitors through the process, from the inmate booking area through to viewing housing units where they gain first-hand insight into how inmates spend their time. It is interesting to see the variety of reactions. Some people vow never to be on the wrong side of the bars and some people indicate they could never be on the right side of the bars because they could not tolerate being boxed in for the duration of their workday. Their reactions are a constant reminder that we are lucky that we have dedicated employees who are willing to endure what others might view as inconveniences that come with the job. It takes a very focused and detail-oriented person to satisfactorily perform the duties of a correction officer. Ultimately, most people leave the tour having gained a better appreciation of their freedom, after having glimpsed how incarceration can deteriorate one's lifestyle.



SHERIFF'S WEBSITE

<http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/shrf/shrf.htm>

Every year we add categories to our web page that we feel might be of interest to the general public. We appreciate the tips we receive from the public regarding illegal drug trafficking. Keep them coming.



Our Tip Line is: 1 888 914 911

The following employees used no sick time in 2015

SHERIFF'S OFFICE	CORRECTIONAL FACILITY	
Deputy Eric Alexander	C.O. Thad Barnes	C.O. Robert Pangburn
Lt. Timothy Buckley	C. O. Heath Goff	C.O. Cody Tromblee
Sgt. John Demeo	1 st Sgt. John Lehmann	Sgt. Alan Weaver
Deputy Kyle Karcher	C. O. David McClung	
Sr. Inv. Karl Vagts, Jr.	C. O. David Mondore	

RETIREMENT:

Our Senior Account Clerk, Lisa Papa retired on April 29, 2015.

During her 12 years with our Office, Lisa's proved to be a tremendous asset in helping us plan our budget as well as keeping meticulous accounting records and preparing detailed reports. But the project that had her heart involved coordinating our Sheriffs' Summer Camp project. Each year she worked tirelessly with schools, parents and camp officials in an effort to send our quota of Delaware County Kids to summer camp.

Lisa will long be remembered for her professionalism and computer savvy --as well as her sweet smile and "can do" attitude. Happy retirement, Lisa.



Significant Anniversaries - Years of Service

NAME	5 yr.	10 yr.	15 yr.	20 yr.	25 yr.	30 yr.
Correction Officer John Behrer				X		
Correction Officer Terry Bergmann		X				
Lt. Timothy Buckley		X				
Correction Officer Mark Clark	X					
Correction Officer Michael Ferraro	X					
Correction Officer Paul Hamilton, Jr.	X					
Sheriff Thomas E. Mills			X			
Investigator Joseph Mauro			X			
Correction Officer Shawn Sulger		X				
Sr. Inv. Karl H. Vagts, Jr.						X
Cook Linda Way		X				

Really, 30 Yrs?



Yes, 30 Yrs.!
And....
Your Mom brought us
cake.





John Demeo began his career in law enforcement as a Delaware County Corrections Officer from 2002 - 2005. He was a Sergeant in the Youth Leadership Academy from 2005 to 2008 and served as a Police Officer for the Walton Police Department until he returned to County Service.

John joined the Delaware County Sheriff's Office on September 16, 2012 as a full-time Sheriff's Deputy. As a result of the high quality, quantity and dedication of his work, John was promoted to Sergeant on September 14, 2014.

Sergeant Demeo has proven himself to be an extremely loyal, dedicated employee and supervisor who ensures that the integrity and professionalism of the Sheriff's Office law Enforcement Division and the quality of its service to the community are maintained. John shares supervision of the Criminal Investigation Division with Senior Investigator Karl Vagts. John has earned the highest respect of his supervisors, subordinates, colleagues, County officials, other law enforcement agencies and everyone throughout the area with whom he has worked.

John's devotion to duty is a quality rarely seen today. Around the clock, he makes himself available to the Sheriff's Office and his colleagues in the law enforcement field. John has received several commendations from other law enforcement agencies attesting to his above and beyond commitment to "serve and protect."

John volunteered to take on the added responsibility of implementing the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Canine Unit. John's hard work and commitment to this effort were recognized when he was honored at his Canine Patrol School graduation with the "Best Green Handler" award. John has become a well-respected member of the Police K9 community and is often called upon for his expertise in the field. John's work focuses on drug interdiction and tracking missing persons.

John's unrelenting energy, loyalty and determination have been instrumental in the increased number of drug arrests by the Sheriff's Office. His diligence, quality of work and ability to communicate effectively with everyone he deals with is truly commendable.

What John likes most about his job is the versatility of assignments and the opportunity to work with neighboring law enforcement agencies to broaden boundaries and thereby produce more significant results. He also greatly appreciates receiving the training and tools he has been given to help him do his job.

As stated by Sheriff Mills, "John is a team player and defines the attributes of loyalty and devotion to duty. I cannot think of a more deserving recipient of this award."

Congratulations and thank you, John for a job well done.

See Us at the Fair



The Delaware County Sheriff's Office is proud to be the lead security agency at the annual Delaware County Fair in Walton, held next on August 15-20, 2016.



Security Command Center at Walton Fairgrounds

Employee of the Month - November 2015



Corrections Officer Heather Evangelista

Heather Evangelista was hired as a Provisional Corrections Officer for the Sheriff's Office on June 26, 2005 and was permanently appointed on July 14, 2006.

She is respected by her peers and supervisors and she is always respectful of others. She can be counted upon to accomplish the tasks to which she is assigned with poise, good humor and efficiency. Corrections Officer Evangelista has distinguished herself as an exceptional employee.

Heather is most often assigned to a cell pod or the Control Room. While in the cell pod, she maintains calm control of her unit. She is on the move, surveying her area of responsibility and maintaining visual contact with the inmates. Inmates have all the time they need to identify an Officer's vulnerabilities and Heather does not make that easy for them. Her gentle mannerisms mask an iron will and they know she is not susceptible to distraction. Heather also acts as a shift supervisor while performing her duties in the Control Room and Intake.

When in the Control Room, Heather's performance is exemplary. Her mastery of the instrumentation panel and keeping a close eye on everyone's movements have earned her

a high degree of trust. She has proven herself to be devoted to the security and safety of her co-workers.

Heather projects a professional and positive image. She wears her uniform with pride and dignity. Her attendance is excellent. She has never called in sick and, even though she travels a far distance to work, she has only been late once—by four minutes—as a result of an unexpected snow storm.

The Sheriff's Office recognizes her significant contribution to the secure operation of the Correctional Facility. Being a Corrections Officer can sometimes seem like a thankless job. But Heather says knowing that she is serving to protect the community makes her proud to be a Corrections Officer. According to the Sheriff, "Corrections Officer Evangelista is a valued employee and a pleasure to work with. She is always up to the task of keeping the Correctional Facility secure and we take great pleasure in seeing her hard work acknowledged."

Heather's family is very supportive of her job and her efforts to protect those she works with as well as her family. (See the photograph of her support network (family) below.)








Heather loves the winter and winter sports, including snowmobiling and skiing. Congratulations and thank you, Heather, for a job well done.





FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK....

The following Press Releases from the Sheriff's Desk were issued during 2015.

	Drug Task Force Update	February 27, 2015
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	Fireworks Law Changes DO NOT affect Delaware County	June 26, 2015
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	Halloween Safety Reminders	October 15, 2015
	Letter to Licensed Handgun Owners	December 8, 2015

February 27, 2015

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK....



Drug Task Force Update

On January 26, 2015, representatives from various governmental organizations throughout Delaware county met at the Executive Drug Task Force Meeting to discuss the state of the heroin problem in Delaware County. The good news is that we are cautiously optimistic that we are making progress due to our relentless efforts to arrest dealers. But we must also recognize that drug addiction is also a health issue, and arresting dealers does not solve the problem, because where there is a need, there is a supplier. For every supplier arrested, another person steps up to take his place. It's easy money.

So where should we emphasize our efforts you ask? Education - Treatment and Enforcement. Heretofore drug strategy has been approached primarily as a law enforcement issue. Police have done their jobs. Record arrests, massive drug seizures and record incarceration attest to that. Yet more people are using drugs, overdose deaths have accelerated and jails are crowded. The situation has gotten so bad that emergency responders now must carry anecdotes to resuscitate those who have overdosed. When narcan becomes a standard issue in our first aid kits, we know we have a really bad problem.

It is important to note that not all drug users are "addicted" and most do not need treatment. Therefore millions of "users" conduct normal lifestyles. Some walk among us and contribute to our society. Although my statistics are not up-to-the-minute, those I have indicate that 87 million Americans have used illegal drugs, yet only 3.6 million are dependent on illegal drugs. This means that 1.6 percent of the total population, aged 12 and older, are dependent on illicit drugs. We need to help those who are addicted. We cannot arrest 87 million people. See more information concerning an antidote at <http://stopoverdose.org/> Although this website focuses on the State of Washington, it allows one to type in their own zip code for resources nearest them and contains a lot of useful information.

Drug Task Force Update (Continued)

It has been estimated that treatment is 10 times more cost effective than interdiction and that for every dollar invested in substance abuse treatment, taxpayers are saved \$7.46 in societal costs. This means, treat the addicts, cure their addiction and encourage them to live off the fruit of their own labor; not ours.

I have saved the best for last. Educating our youth is our best hope for conquering this societal problem. It worked during the anti-smoking campaigns. Fewer people take up smoking today. We need to teach our youth to live healthy lifestyles and we need to dedicate resources to providing productive school-based programs that promote healthy hobbies, industrious use of free time and develop skills that last a lifetime. Maybe the parents who use drugs, will be more disinclined to do so, as well. We are never too old to pick up a few good habits from those around us.

The sheriff's Office has been working with school administrators and is happy to announce that we have employed our first full-time School Resource Officer ("SRO") who will be on a rotating schedule with participating schools. The SRO will interface with school administration personnel, students and parents on a regular basis. We appreciate the efforts of the Town Supervisors throughout Delaware County in funding this position. We are encouraged by the possibilities it implies.

We are also very appreciative of the communities' use of our Confidential Drug TIP Line as well as our Sheriff's Mobil App available at no charge for your I-Phone or Android device. The Delaware County Community, through their use of the App service, has made our Sheriff's App rank number 5 in New York State and number 9 in the country! It is truly moving what we can accomplish together with a diligent amount of teamwork. As always, our TIP line is available 24 hours a day at 1-888-914-9111.

Stay safe, stay clean and stay sober. We want to keep you all around! In the meantime, rest assured, my Office will continue to work tirelessly to make Delaware county healthy and safe place for all our county residents.

April 17, 2015



FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK....

Announcement of Honorary Membership Mailing

You may soon be receiving a mailing from me since the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute will begin its annual Honorary Membership drive in Delaware County within the next few days. Contributions to the Institute are tax deductible.

The flagship program of the Sheriffs' Institute is the Sheriffs' Summer Camp for economically challenged children. The Sheriffs' Camp, located on Keuka Lake is in its 38th year of operation. It hosts 840 children each summer. The camp program combines summer recreation with activities designed to teach an understanding of, and respect for, our laws and the men and women who enforce them. The strong camper counselor ratio allows for individual attention with an emphasis on the development of self-esteem.

For more information about the Sheriffs' Summer Camp and other Sheriffs' Institute Programs, visit their website, www.sheriffsinstitute.org or simply google "Sheriffs' Institute kids" and it will be your first option.

A few times in the past telemarketers have tried to use our positive public relations efforts who what I consider their illegal activities. We never have and never will use telemarketing to raise money. Our letters of invitation clearly state that. If you hear of some telemarketing going on that is trying to take advantage of our good faith effort, please let me know.

I am warmed by the joy this program brings. I appreciate the help our area schools give us in publicizing this event and signing up prospective campers. I have been told that all our allocated slots have been filled this year and some children have been placed on a waiting list. Sometimes other counties don't use their full allotment and we are able to use them to send our children on the waiting list also.

Thank you for your participation. The camp experience has been a life-changing experience for many and I have seen campers evolve into counselors.

June 26, 2015

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK



Thank you for your support of the Sheriffs' Summer Camp

Commencing on June 28th, a record number of children from Delaware county, 29 in all, will board a bus destined for the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute's 2015 Summer Camp located near Penn Yan in Yates County.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp is designed to provide a solid recreational program combined with the development of a sense of good citizenship. This will mark the 38th year of the camp's operation.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp is supported by the Sheriffs' Association Institute's Honorary Members through their contributions and annual dues. This year the camp will accommodate over 900 deserving boys and girls from across New York State. This is a great opportunity for our county youth and I to express our appreciation of the generosity of many Delaware County residents for helping to make this opportunity possible.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp Program is designed to provide a child who ordinarily would not have the chance, an opportunity to go away during the summer. The primary objective is to create positive interaction between the kids attending camp and the Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs who participate in the camp programs. We have found from experiences during the first 37 summer camps that the kids develop a renewed respect and understanding for the men and women who enforce the laws. The deputies become their friends and in some cases substitute parents for a week.

Throughout the week-long stay, the children observe special exhibits and demonstrations presented by Sheriffs' Offices from across the State. Included in these presentations are D.A.R.E. presentations, boat and bike safety programs, law enforcement equipment and technical demonstrations, pistol and archery competitions for accuracy and even a talent show just for fun.

Upon completion of their stay, all children will be awarded a diploma for their participation in a program of "Good Citizenship and Law Enforcement Studies."

June 26, 2015

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK



Fireworks Law changes DO NOT affect Delaware County

As the 4th of July holiday quickly approaches, our Office has received many inquiries from people wanting to know whether fireworks are (now) legal in Delaware County. They are not.

Because of a recent change in New York State Penal Law that now allows for the sale and use of a specific category of consumer fireworks known as Sparkling Devices, many people are under the misconception that they (and possibly other fireworks) are legal throughout New York State. They are not.

Sale and use of Sparkling Devices will be legal only in counties and cities that have enacted a local law pursuant to section 405.00 of the Penal Law of New York. Delaware County has not enacted such legislation. Sparkling devices are still not legal in Delaware County.

All other types of consumer fireworks, including firecrackers, bottle rockets, roman candles, spinners and aerial devices, remain illegal statewide.

Aside from being illegal and potentially dangerous, one should be mindful that using fireworks often represents a tremendous discomfort, discourtesy and disruption for your neighbors. Children learn from their parents' actions. Set a good example. Why not attend one of the many legal firework displays which abound during the 4th of July holiday throughout Delaware County. Enjoy your summer; stay safe and watch legal fireworks in the park.

September 3, 2015

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK.....



Back to School Safety Tips

As the school year once again commences, we are reminded of new beginnings. Some tots will be starting school (either walking or taking their first bus rides), some bus drivers will be new to the job and some teen drivers will be introduced to this late summer distraction for the very first time. One the onset, we may need to allow ourselves extra travel time in order to remain patient, observant and considerate to our fellow travelers, now that “School is In.” I hope you find the following tips helpful.

Know New York’s School Bus Law:

It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights are flashing, even on divided or multi-lane highways and on school grounds.

You must sop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear.

Drive Safely:

Obey signs, signals and crossing guards in school zones.

Slow down, especially around bus stops and in school zones as well as during before and after school hours.

When behind the wheel, stay alert. Avoid the use of electronic devices and other distractions.

Look for and expect to see pedestrians and bicyclists, especially before and after school.

Remind Walkers to:

Back to School Safety Tips (Continued)

Walk on the sidewalk if one is available; if there is no sidewalk, walk facing oncoming traffic.

Pay attention when walking. Avoid use of electronic devices and other distracting behaviors while walking.

Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street. Never cross the street while using an electronic device.

Cross only at crosswalks.

At the Bus Stop, Remind Children to:

Stay three giant steps (six feet) away from the curb when waiting for the bus; and wait until the driver indicates it is safe to board.

Quickly board the school bus, find a seat, sit facing the front, and do what the school bus driver asks you to do.

Getting off the bus, wait for the driver to signal it is safe to cross. Then cross at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the front of the bus. Look left-right-left for traffic.

October 14, 2015

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK.....



HALLOWEEN SAFETY REMINDERS

As Halloween approaches, it is important that we all work together to plan a safe and enjoyable Halloween for your family. As a family, please take an opportunity to discuss the joys and pitfalls that surround this event. It is also a good time to interject the need for taking responsibility for one's own safety and remaining vigilant and attentive to one's surroundings. To be pre-warned is to be forearmed.

The New York State Sheriffs' Association has prepared a handy Safety Tip Sheet that covers the basic responsibilities for Parents, Trick-or-Treaters and homeowners which I am taking this opportunity to share with you.

It is good to know that there are also many other alternatives to trick-or-treating, such as:

- * Attending a party on Halloween night;

- * Attending a Trick or Treat party at school o church or other youth recreation area; and

- * Going to a Halloween activity in the community, such as a haunted house, hay ride or bonfire.

And as motorists we are reminded to be vigilant of children walking along dark highways in dark clothing who have none of the protective garb they are encouraged to wear.

Halloween Safety Reminders (Continued)

As homeowners, we need to:

Restrain pets so that they do not become unduly agitated or fearful;

Remove any items on lawn, porch or walkway which might pose a safety risk; and

Provide adequate lighting on our walkways and porches.

We at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office appreciate your cooperation in helping to make Halloween a safe and enjoyable event for all of our County's youth. Our deputies and other law enforcement agency personnel will crease patrols on October 31st, but planning on your part is the best way to ensure a safe Halloween for all involved.



December 8, 2015

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK.....



Letter to Licensed Handgun Owners

I never thought I would be writing this article, but when it becomes increasingly difficult to go a day in this country without reading about an active shooter tragedy occurring somewhere, it is time to stop talking and start taking appropriate action.

I was prompted to contact you because of the December 3rd press release issued by Paul J. Van Blarcum, Ulster County Sheriff.

“ATTENTION LICENSED HANDGUN OWNERS

In light of recent events that have occurred in the United States and around the world I want to encourage citizens of Ulster County who are licensed to carry a firearm to PLEASE DO SO.

I urge you to responsibly take advantage of your legal right to carry a firearm. To ensure the safety of yourself and others, make sure you are comfortable and proficient with your weapon, and knowledgeable of the laws in New York State with regards to carrying a weapon and when it is legal to use it.

I also want to remind all Police/Peace Officers both active duty and retired to please carry a weapon whenever you leave your house. We are the thin blue line that is entrusted in keeping this country safe, and we must be prepared to act at any given moment.

Thank you,

Paul J. Van Blarcum

Ulster County Sheriff”

Please do not misunderstand my intentions. I am not encouraging vigilantism, nor am I asking anyone who does not believe in guns to change their opinion. I am seeking assistance instead from the people who already have a licensed weapon, are proficient in using it and understand their lawful responsibilities. This would also encompass retired police and ex-military personnel who are highly represented in the population of Delaware County. I am not asking anyone to do the policeman's job for him. In fact I am asking police to double their responsibility, in that they are being asked to carry their weapons even when they are off duty. Specifically, if you are armed and find yourself at a place where people are being murdered, you may consider exercising your Second Amendment rights in stopping or minimizing the carnage of the active shooter until the police arrive on the scene.

I do not like the acts of terrorism that are plaguing our country and I cannot guarantee that I will not strike here someday. You elected me and I must take every avenue of precaution available to me to protect you. Whenever there is a medical plague, everyone pitches in to stop it. They don't ignore it and hope that it will go away. The same is true with terrorism. It will not just go away because we want it to. We have to bear down on it with the weight of our collective strength. That is why we insist if you see something, report it. Your eyes and ears are our number one resource in crime prevention, to include terrorism.

Stay safe. Stay vigilant. If you see something, say something. If you have the means to protect yourself and others, do so. Don't be a victim.



Delaware County Sheriff's Office



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Craig S. DuMond
Undersheriff

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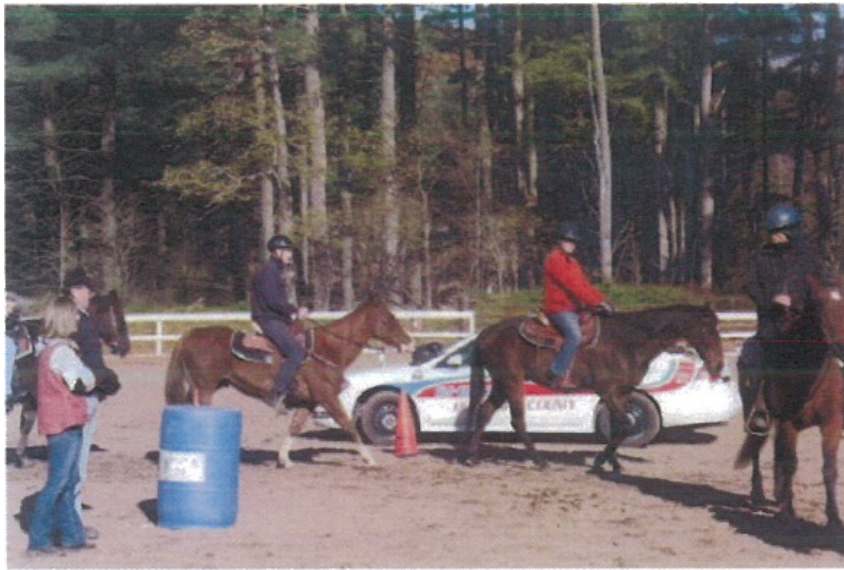
PRESS RELEASE

Delaware County Sheriff's Office Announces Equine Mounted School Graduation

On Friday, October 23rd, The Delaware County Sheriff's Office graduated six new officers professionally trained in equine mounted patrol activities. The mounted patrol, which was re-established in 2012, is made up of a team of officers from various law enforcement agencies throughout Delaware County. Lead by Undersheriff Craig DuMond, the team consists of Sgt. Jody Proffitt and Special Deputy Liz Telian of the Sheriff's Office, Constable Steve Williamson of the Town of Roxbury, Chief Brian diLorenzo of the Hancock Police Department and Josh Williamson of the Deposit Police Department.



Brian diLorenzo, Jody Proffitt, Craig DuMond, Liz Telian, Steve Williamson

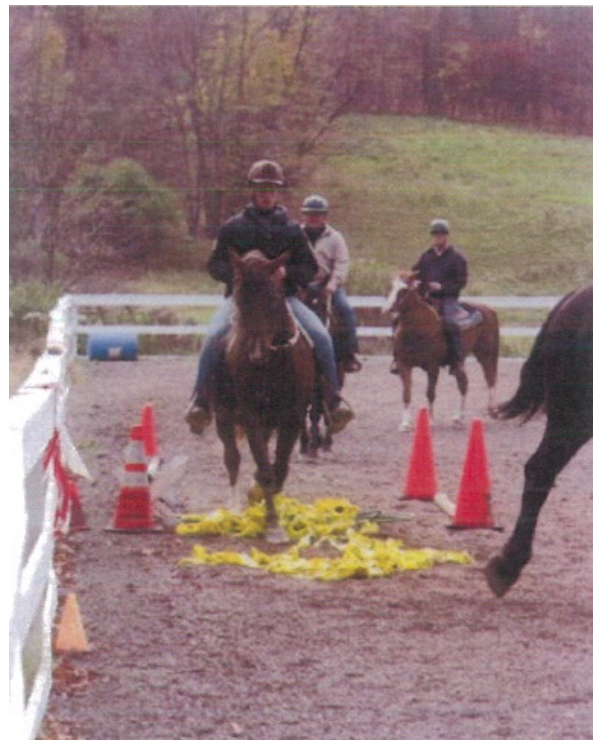


Karleen DuMond, Richard Pelzer, Brian diLorenzo, Craig DuMond, Steve Williamson

During the six-day academy, Officers were trained by NUYS Certified Instructor, Richard Pelzer, of the Warren County Sheriff's Office. The officers and their equine mounts were subjected to drill and ceremony, crowd control techniques, and public relations. Additionally, officers were trained to acclimate their horses to sight, sound and smell desensitizing; such as smoke, flares, fireworks,

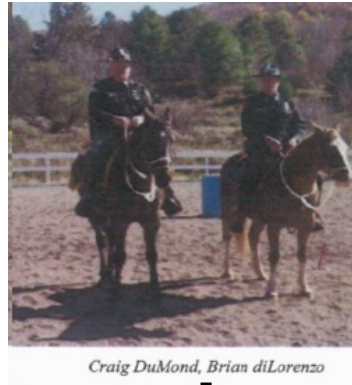
gunfire, lights, sirens as well as various ground obstacles. Officers practiced search and rescue procedures and community policing and dignitary protection while mounted on horseback. Undersheriff Craig DuMond remarked "the use of horses in police work is just as relevant today as it was in 1797 when the Sheriff's Office was established. Working and searching in Delaware County can be difficult and at times, especially in areas not accessible by conventional methods and the horse is the perfect alternative. Being 8-10 feet in the air gives the officer a perfect vantage point to operate in a wide variety of scenarios. Additionally, we plan to utilize this detail as a means of community relations and appear at various parades, festivals and fairs. The horse makes the officer more approachable to the public in general and helps build the bridge toward effective community relations".

The Undersheriff thanked Richard Pelzer for his professional training, the participants for their involvement in the program and Karleen DuMond of Golden Gait Farm in Masonville for assisting Mr. Pelzer and donating her facility for the training. All horses



Josh Williamson, Craig DuMond, Brian diLorenzo

involved in the program are either owned/leased by their riders and maintained at no expense to the participating agencies.



The Sheriff's Mounted Patrol participates in community events and routinely participates in the parade at the Delaware County Fair



CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office is supervised by Sgt. Dwayne Finkle and is responsible for, but not limited to:

- * The service of Notices, Summons, Subpoenas, Petitions and Orders;
- * Warrants of Eviction;
- * Income and Property Executions;
- * Seizures and Warrants of Civil Arrest; and
- * Court Orders and Contempt of Court.

Collections are done via income executions (wage garnishments) and property executions, which authorize the Sheriff to seize property and then sell it at a Sheriff's sale. The sale proceeds are then applied to satisfy the judgment.

Members of the Civil Division actively participate in the NYSSA conferences and Civil Schools, keeping current with changes to State laws and meeting on-going educational requirements which are prescribed by the New York State Sheriff's Association.

2015 Stats

Total Papers Served:	1,020	Total Property Executions:	2
Total Income Executions:	457	Orders of Protection Served	152

Pistol Permits: In: 269 Out 311 (includes permits from previous year)

Description	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Fees	\$49,019.69	\$41,538.33	\$42,355.92	\$33,546.90	\$38,341.88	66,447.27
Total Poundage	33,441.90	37,832.11	33,155.11	39,859.16	\$47,118.84	36,946.00
Total Revenue	81,481.85*	79,370.44	75,511.03	73,406.06	\$85,460.72	102,393.27



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Civilian Dispatchers, assigned to Delaware County Emergency Services, provide around-the-clock-coverage in the Communications Division. They utilize the state-of-the-art CAD system to enter all information received from a 911 or non-emergency caller into the computer by a Dispatcher. The CAD tracks all information, including the time the call was received and the time it was dispatched. Such data is then available for future reference and as information to units responding to the same address on subsequent calls for service. The Dispatchers respond to a wide variety of situations with poise and professionalism.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Administration Division is responsible for the overall management of the Sheriff's Office, which includes:

- * **Budget/Accounting**
- * **Legislative Initiatives**
- * **Operations Management**
- * **Personnel & Payroll**
- * **Policy and Procedures**
- * **Purchasing**
- * **Strategic Planning**
- * **Training**



The Delaware County Sheriff's Office participates in many programs designed to keep our citizens safe, which include:

“RU OK” is an automated process which telephones participants who live alone.

It is offered free of charge to the citizens of Delaware County

Each morning (at a pre-arranged time) the Sheriff's Office checks in on the participants by placing an automated call.

- * If the phone call is not answered, another attempt is made to contact the participant by telephone.
- * If unsuccessful, an Officer is dispatched to the location.

Those interested in participating in this program may fill out the RU Okay Application Form and submit it to the Sheriff's Office. The form is available on our website or one may be obtained by calling the Sheriff's Office Communications Division at 832-5661 and asking for same.



Project Lifesaver - a proactive response which helps to locate wandering patients before they fall victim to the elements, accidents, or predators is administered by Sgt. Dwayne Finkle (Phone number 607 832 5602.)

YELLOW DOT



Yellow Dot is a free program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during that first “golden hour” after a crash or other emergency.

A Yellow Dot decal in the driver’s-side rear window of your vehicle will alert first responders that vital medical information is stored in the glove compartment. A yellow dot decal near your front door, will alert them to look in your refrigerator’s freezer compartment for your yellow emergency form.

(This program is offered free of charge.)

Every Decal in every automobile should be similarly placed on the lower left side of the left rear side window. In your home, the decal should be placed near front entrance. Every packet of medical information should be placed either in the glove compartment of an automobile or in the freezer compartment of your refrigerator. Please contact us to request the authentic bright yellow decals and yellow information form/folders.



V I N E (Victim Information and Notification)

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office supports VINE. It is administered by the Correctional Division of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. This service is available 24/7 to provide the most reliable information for custody status changes and criminal case information.



Register for Notifications

Call VINE from a touch-tone phone: 1-888-VINE-4NY (1-888-846-3469). Or you may register online at VINELink, the National Victim Notification Network.

Provide the offender's NYSID (New York State Identification Number), or full name and date of birth or DOCS' identification number (DIN) If you do not know this information, contact the prosecuting District Attorney's Office.

Each year we note with appreciation the grant funding extended to us, which gives us the opportunity to purchase state-of-the-art equipment for our Office.



2015 GRANT Funding received:

In Vest (Bulletproof Vest reimbursement)	\$ 1,784.50
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	3,134.50
Homeland Security - Car Cameras/Computers	69,966.00
“ ” “	12,967.28
- Security Camera	22,500.00
Constitution Pipeline: - UTV vehicle	17,700.00
- Potter's Cemetery	2,500.00
Police Traffic Safety Program Gr	9,455.00
Motor Vehicles PTS	1,943.28
Total:	\$ 141,950.56



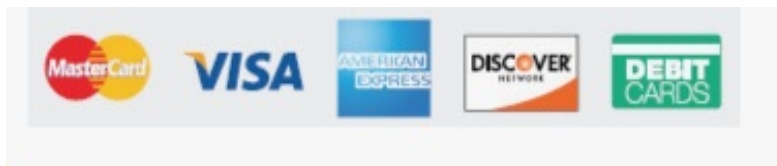
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY: DELAWARE COUNTY

Monitoring the current whereabouts of convicted sex offenders living in Delaware County is one of our top priorities. Another is promoting community awareness. Our county Sex Offender Registry is monitored and maintained by Investigator Joseph Mauro who has the responsibility of collecting and maintaining current contact and location information for all convicted Sex Offenders who reside in Delaware County.

Refer to the Sheriff's website for a link to access sex offenders in **Delaware County**.
<http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/>

You no longer have to visit our facility in person to make
Civil and Bail payments

For your convenience, Delaware County now accepts credit and debit card payments (Civil and Bail) through GovPayNet. Payments can be made with a major credit, debit, or prepaid debit card including:



If you need assistance, please speak to GovPayNet Criminal Justice Specialist by calling

- * For Bail Payments 1-877-EZBAILS (1-877-392-2455)
- * For Civil Payments 1-888-604-7888

When making a payment, you will need the following information:

Pay Location Code (PLC#)

- * Bail PLC# 1760
- * Civil PLC# 8120
- * Payment Amount _____
- * Name of Arrestee/ _____

Defendant for whom payment is being made



Harold ("Fred") Stanton, Chief Jail Administrator

CORRECTIONS DIVISION



1st Sgt. John Lehmann

This past year we had nine (9) reportable incidents, four of which required the use of OC. This is a relatively small amount for the numbers we keep in this facility I still believe that the conduct of our staff and the professionalism they display on a daily basis in the discharge of their duties is the main factor in keeping this number to a minimum.

In 2015, we processed in 1,717 inmates. Of those processed in, 593 were new bookings, 89 less than last year. Among those inmates committed to this facility, we had 605 jail-related transports, transporting a total of 955 inmates.

The amount of transports was less than in the past largely due to numerous inmates going to the same court at the same time, thus creating less transports but more people transported. If a minimum time spent on each transport averaged only two and a half hours, it would add up to more than 2,000 hours per year. That would keep one transport officer involved in a transport every minute of his work day for the year if the transports could be done one at a time with one inmate and one Officer. In reality, the majority of our transports are multiple, in different directions and require more than one Officer. This still has a large affect on our overtime budget.

In the year 2015, we billed out boarding fees in the amount of \$245,289.13 which amounts to \$22,171.14 less than last year, to other Counties which include: Sullivan and Oswego and the U. S. Marshall's service. This slightly higher total reflects the fact that there is still a need for spaces for boarders. Many Counties have built or are in the process of building new jails and each time that occurs it takes away that County's need to board inmates out and adds another County that can board inmates in.

Since 2004, we have taken in \$3,633,449.00s in boarding fees alone. Even though this facility is not considered an income-producing facility, we can still produce revenue for the County.

Other revenue generated this past year adds up to another \$41,264.30 – bringing the total revenues generated in 2015 by the Jail to \$286,553.43. This does not include monies received from the State for transporting State inmates.

TRANSPORTS

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Thru

2015

Description	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mental Health	8		6	1	4	3	7	8	8	8	5	2	8
Medical	96	69	198	160	140	178	195	193	160	204	142	101	100
Dental	47	62	56	83	92	88	88	58	79	36	76	65	62
Funeral	--	3	1	3			2	1	3	---	2	1	1
County/ Supreme Court	196	165	139	145	158	136	144	191	123	162	204	168	132
Family Court	14	16	24	42	25	32	27	22	28	80	47	53	60
Other Courts	283	251	192	244	234	225	252	253	229	235	231	324	228
Other Corr. Facilities	757	11	34	29	42	43	42	53	40	36	28	27	13
Work Detail				5						7	9	6	1
Relay w/other Agency				4	1	3	2	3		2	---	---	
Transport by Other Agency	2				9	4	17	7		---	---	---	
Federal Transports					11	22	31	4		19	19	10	9
TOTALS	1403	577	650	716	716	734	807	793	670	789	763	757	605

INCOME PRODUCED FROM JAIL FOR THE YEAR 2015

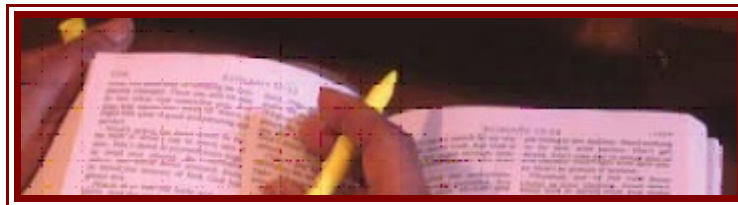
BOARDING IN TOTALS											
<u>2004</u>	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
125,475	367,275	567,450	452,100	354,075	187,985	174,420	134,960	237,366	563,937	223,117	245,289

Total: \$3,633,449.00

REVENUE FROM U.S. MARSHALL'S SERVICE FOR TRANSPORTING INMATES									
2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTAL
\$3,472	\$9,252	\$11,667	2,164	---	7,932	10,652.48	14,556	11,845	\$71,541.48



Our **Medical Division** provides a necessary service to the health and welfare of our inmate population. RN Mary Lou Oliver supervises our in-house staff. We have a doctor “on call” and a resident RN on premises, along with part-time LPN assistance.



CHAPLAINS

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy is made up of volunteer chaplains who have faithfully served us for many years. They include: Yetzchak S. Bernath, Joel Gold, John Grenier, Derek Johnson, Elliott Oakes and Mrs. Flanders.

The chaplains have made numerous hospital calls. They have also worked with families who have experienced tragic events in their lives. They help provide resources and conduct weddings when asked.



Direct supervision: At the Delaware County Correction Facility, correction officers work inside the cell block with the inmates 24 hours a day, without any separation from them. This concept provides for active and continuous supervision of the inmates to better manage those inmates who have committed less serious offenses.

FOOD PREPARATION:

Our Chief Cook supervises the kitchen staff. A great savings was realized when we decided to augment our meals by utilizing some partially-prepared courses prepared by the Dept. of Corrections in Albany. Of course, our staff still prepares the bulk of meals and “special orders” required by medical conditions and religious beliefs.



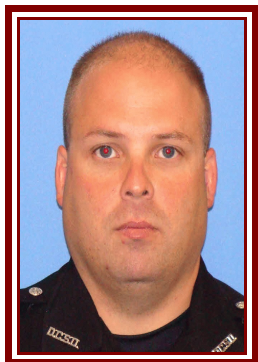
CORRECTION ACADEMY - CLASS OF 2015



Those in Black Uniforms are Delaware County Sheriff's Office (Those in gray uniforms are from Otsego County.)



Lt. Timothy Buckley



Sgt. John Demeo



Sgt. Jody Proffitt



Sr. Inv. Karl Vagts

ROAD PATROL DIVISION

Deputy Sheriffs assigned to the Road Patrol Division respond to calls for service from the general public. They have a diversified caseload, covering everything from animal nuisance complaints to homicides. Each deputy works four (4) ten (10) hour shifts. Since our County is remote and has no major cities, each deputy takes his car home so that he can respond readily to incidents near his residence – even when he is not on duty. The deputies interview victims, witnesses, and alleged suspects; write crime incident reports; and, when necessary, take people into custody and transport them to jail. As appropriate, the deputies refer cases to one of our Office's investigators for further action. The deputies also testify in later court trials concerning their cases.

<u>Monthly Activity - Road Patrol Criminal Division</u>													<u>2015</u> <u>2014</u>
<u>Desc</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Traffic Summons	101 54	39 46	144 35	110 62	133 79	95 83	209 75	161 264	128 211	177 49	132 135	76 92	1505 1185
No. of DWT's	3 1	2 1	2 0	1 0	5 0	4 1	2 0	3 3	0 2	2 0	3 2	3 5	30 15
No. of Arrests Violations/Mis/Felony	40 36	32 33	31 44	49 25	51 35	47 54	57 33	78 51	58 60	65 51	43 46	44 29	595 497
Property Checks	71 49	65 35	84 36	78 39	84 30	77 35	112 47	114 53	77 40	69 37	62 80	69 52	962 533
Assist Other Agencies	19 18	22 12	27 18	40 17	64 17	43 15	80 9	82 20	68 26	52 20	45 15	49 17	591 204
Traffic Stops	132 84	63 99	210 94	150 112	129 104	125 119	251 82	224 397	149 198	233 103	187 166	112 149	1965 1,707
No. Calls Answered	564 370	472 369	592 505	831 488	753 490	680 562	842 636	768 611	683 611	677 514	697 548	574 562	8133 6,266
Miles Patrolled	29,242 27,938	26,077 25,097	34,445 29,168	36,094 29,705	29,669 27,802	33,111 33,122	31,907 31,985	35,273 33,738	34,289 34,590	30,438 30,649	29,357 30,135	27,622 29,833	377,524 363,762

* *Tickets issued on 74% of all traffic stops.

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Sr. Inv. Karl H. Vagts, Jr.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division is currently staffed by a Lieutenant, a Patrol Sergeant/Canine handler and K-9 "Ozzie, ten fulltime and two part time uniformed Sheriff's Deputies, a Senior Investigator and one Investigator.

Our uniformed Deputies provide law enforcement services and 911 responses throughout the 1,460 square miles of Delaware County, including its nineteen townships and twelve villages, twenty-four hour a day, seven days per week. One of these uniformed Deputies is permanently assigned to School Resource Officer duties at the Sidney Central School and Masonville's D.C.M.O. BOCES Harrold Campus throughout the school year and is assigned to patrol functions when school is not in session.

Each patrol vehicle is equipped with a lap-top computer which allows the Deputies to electronically generate traffic summonses and complete accident and incident reports in their patrol vehicle and wirelessly transmit them to the Sheriff's Office from the field. Additionally, each patrol vehicle is equipped with an in-car video camera which records traffic stops and other police/citizen encounters, protecting our Deputies and citizens.

The Criminal Investigation Division is comprised of the Senior Investigator, Investigator, Patrol Sergeant/Canine handler and K-9 "Ozzie".

The Criminal Investigation Division is responsible for the investigation of more complex felony level investigations including those involving serious personal injury, deaths and narcotics trafficking, along with monitoring and tracking registered sex offenders.

In 2015, the Law Enforcement Division generated a total of 5,126 Incident Reports, made a total of 369 arrests, issued 1510 traffic summonses and investigated a total of 300 motor vehicle accidents. Included in these statistics are thirty (30) arrests for Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While Impaired by Drug arrests made during the year.

These numbers represent a 38% increase in the number of incidents handled, a 7% increase in the number of arrests, a 24% increase in the number of traffic summonses issued, an 18% increase in the number of motor vehicle accidents investigated and a 126% increase in impaired drivers being arrested and removed from our highways by our Deputies during the previous year.

The following is a general break-down of the types and corresponding number of complaints handled by Deputies and Investigators throughout 2015:

Abandoned Vehicle	8	Assist D.S.S. caseworker	20
Aircraft accident	1	Assist Delhi PD	43
Accidental Gunshot Injury	1	Assist Deposit PD	1
Accident – Serious Personal Injury - Car	1	Assist dog control officer	3
Accident – Serious Personal Injury – Motorcycle	1	Assist Berea OH., PD	1
Accident – FATAL car	1	Assist Colchester PD	3
Accident – FATAL ATV MVA	1	Assist D.A. Investigators	2
Accident – ATV	3	Assist NYS Environmental Conservation Police	2
Accident – Hit & Run	5	Assist Hancock PD	11
Accident – Personal Injury	29	Assist motorist	9
Accident – Property damage	178	Assist NYC DEP Police	3
Accident – Snowmobile	1	Assist NYC District Attorney’s Office	1
Accident – Tractor	2	Assist NYSP	121
Accident – Car/Bear	3	Assist NYS DOT	1
Accident – Car/Deer	103	Assist NYS Taxation Child Support Enforcement Unit	1
Applicant background investigation	4	Assist Oneonta PD	4
Assist Broome County S.I.U. Task Force	9	Assist Other Deputy	240
Assist Chenango Co. S.O.	1	Assist Otsego Co. 911	1
Assist Colchester PD	13	Assist Otsego Co. S.O.	2
Assist D.E.A. – Drug Take-back day	1	Assist Delaware Co. Probation	7

Assist Roxbury Town Constable	3
Assist Sidney PD	13
Assist Town of Webb Police Department	1
Assist SUNY Delhi University PD	4
Assist Walton PD	77
Assist EMS	31
Assist Fire Department	9
Aggravated Harassment	29
Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle	21
Animal bite	2
Animal complaint	50
Animal Struck by Motor Vehicle	50
Assist Citizen	9
Assault	11
Assault (Correctional Facility)	1
Assault (with weapon)	1
Attempt to locate/Check Welfare	83
ATV complaint	18
Bad Check	6
Bank alarm	1
Bike safety presentation	1
Bomb threat	2
Burglary	43
Blocked roadway	19
Vehicle fire	9
Child abuse/Endangering	2

Child pornography	2
Civic group presentation	3
Civil matter	31
Civil process & Orders of Protection served	121
Attempted service of Civil process & Orders of Protection	33
Confidential Informant	21
Counterfeit currency	1
Criminal Contempt	15
Criminal mischief	64
Criminal Possession of a Weapon	5
Custodial interference	1
Custody dispute	10
Death notification	2
Disabled vehicle	64
Disorderly conduct	10
DNA Collection	16
Dog complaint	39
Domestic disputes	77
DWI/DWAI/DWAI Drugs	30
Drug information received	18
Drug sales (Controlled buys)	33
Attempted controlled drug buy	6
Drug Possession	16
Drug surrender (for destruction)	1
Electronic Intrusion Alarms	118

Emotionally disturbed person/Mental Health 9.41	66
Endangering welfare of a child	4
Endangering welfare of incompetent person	3
Environmental Conservation complaint	4
Explosion report	2
Fatal logging accident	1
Fatal structure fire	1
Fire investigation	16
Fireworks complaint	11
Forgery	2
Fraud	30
Fugitive from Justice	6
Harassment	135
Hypodermic instrument possession	4
Identity Theft	10
K-9 jail search	1
K-9 maintenance training	20
K-9 presentation	2
K-9 residence/vehicle/wildland searches	7
K-9 school search	5
K-9 assist Walton PD	2
K-9 assist NYSP	1
Landlord/Tenant dispute	26
Larceny	108
Liquor law violation	11

Littering	2
Menacing	1
Missing Person (adult & child)	10
Neighbor dispute	20
Noise complaint	33
Obstructing governmental administration	3
Overdose	1
Person exposing self	1
PISTOL PERMIT INVESTIGATIONS	273
Pistol Permit Suspension/Revocation	20
Pistol investigation – SAFE ACT related	1
Pistol investigation – Deceased licensee	14
Firearms destruction	1
Firearm seizures (Order of Protection)	4
Firearm surrenders	11
Parole Violator	1
Person screaming	1
Person with a gun	1
Police information received	4
Possession of stolen property	2
Prisoner transport/relay	31
Probation violation	1
Project Livesaver sign-up	1
Promoting Prison Contraband	5
Property check – Private sector	331
School check – Andes	34

School check – Charlotte Valley	49
School check – Delaware Academy	57
School check – Deposit	81
School check – Downsville	99
School check – Franklin	103
School check – Hancock	52
School check – Margaretville	57
School check – Roxbury	28
School check – Sidney Central	42
School check – South Kortright	36
School check – Stamford Central	74
School check – Walton Central	30
Property check – Grand Gorge BOCES	17
Property check – Masonville BOCES	15
Property check – White Birch Airport	18
Property check – County owned properties	23
Property check – East Sidney Dam	15
Property check – Oquaga State Park	7
Property dispute	17
Property lost	14
Property retrieval	13
Property – safe keeping	1
Property surrender for destruction	1
Open/unlocked door	4
Resisting arrest	2
Runaway juvenile	3

School presentation	1
School Resource Officer – Sidney School (days)	66
School Resource Officer – Masonville BOCES (days)	68
Search Warrant	3
Security Detail – Franklin Flag presentation	1
Security Detail – Davenport Town Court security detail	1
Security Detail – D.S.S. Building Security	8
Security Detail – Hancock Firemen’s Field Days	1
Security Detail – Margaretville Firemen’s Field Days	1
Security Detail – Natural gas pipeline meeting security	3
Sex Offenses	26
Sex Offender Registry	208
Sex Offender Registration Violation	5
Shooting complaints	9
Snowmobile patrol detail	3
Stolen vehicle	1
Suicide	1
Attempted suicide	1
Suspicious activity	10
Suspicious package	2
Suspicious persons	31
Suspicious vehicle	26

Taser deployment download & review	1
Terrorism related threat	2
Theft of services	1
Traffic hazard	13
Transport	9
Trespass	63
Unattended Death	15
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle	3
Unlawful cultivation of marihuana	7
Unlawful possession of marihuana	11
Unlawful dealing with a child	1
V.I.N. Verification	4
V&T complaints	80

Warrants received	
Arrest	10
Bench	40
County Court	7
Family Court	32
Probation	3
Indictment Warrant	8
Parole Warrant	4
Welfare fraud	1
Wires down	4
911 hang-up calls	68

Statistics provided by the Delaware County District Attorney's Office demonstrate that the Delaware County Sheriff's Office is led in the total number of 2015 felony prosecutions only by the New York State Police which maintain five stations that serve Delaware County. Moreover, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office once again led the county in the total number of felony drug possession and sale prosecutions, demonstrating our continued commitment to protect our youth, families and communities.

FELONY INDICTMENTS AND SUPERIOR COURT INFORMATION BY AGENCY

Agency	Total Indictment Defendants	Percentage	Drug Sale or Possession Indictment	Percentage
N.Y.S.P. – <i>all stations</i>	28	34.1%	2	7.1%
N.Y.S.P. – <i>Community Narcotics Enforcement Team</i>	2	2.4%	2	100%
D.C.S.O.	20	24.4%	11	55%
Sidney P.D.	12	14.6%	1	8.3%
Delhi P.D.	5	6.1%	3	60%
D.A. Investigators	3	3.7%	0	0%
Walton P.D.	7	8.5%	1	14.3%
Hancock P.D.	4	4.9%	0	0%
Colchester P.D.	1	1.2%	0	0%

On the following pages we have highlighted some of Law Enforcement Division's more notable 2015 activities:



An August, 2014, fatal head-on collision on Cat Hollow Road in the Town of Colchester leads to a June, 2015 arrest of a driver for Manslaughter and Criminally Negligent Homicide.

On June 19, 2015 Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies, with the assistance of Bronx County Sheriff's Deputies, arrested a Bronx, N.Y., woman for Manslaughter in the Second Degree and Criminally Negligent Homicide.

Deputies arrested 31 year old Crest M. Wood on a County Court Warrant issued after she was indicted by a Delaware County Grand Jury on charges of Manslaughter in the Second Degree (*class C felony*), Criminally Negligent Homicide (*class E felony*), Reckless Driving (*unclassified misdemeanor*) and Failure to Keep Right.

The arrest was the result of an investigation by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and New York State Police Troop "C" Collision Reconstruction Unit of an August 21, 2014 two car, head-on collision on Cat Hollow Road in the Town of Colchester that claimed the life of 48 year old William A. Sharpless of Nineveh, NY.

Crest Wood was accused of causing the death of William A. Sharpless on the morning of August 21, 2014 by driving in a northerly direction in the southbound lane of Cat Hollow Road in the Town of Colchester and colliding with an on-coming vehicle being driven in that southbound lane by Sharpless.

Wood was arrested by Bronx County Sheriff's Deputies and transported to the Delaware County Sheriff's

Office for arrest processing and was held in the Delaware County Correctional Facility pending her arraignment.

The prosecution of Crest Wood is still pending.

On January 2nd Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a Walton businessman on a felony charge as a result of a series of bad check complaints.

Deputies arrested and charged 35 year old Lee S. McDonald of Walton with one felony charge of Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree and two misdemeanor charges of Issuing a Bad Check.

McDonald is accused of having engaged in a systematic, on-going course of conduct to intentionally defraud a number of area businesses by issuing bad checks drawn on the checking accounts of his businesses, Dam Broke Farm, LLC, and Blue Moon Construction & Electric, Inc., that totaled more than Three Thousand Dollars.

The prosecution of Lee McDonald remains pending.

On January 18th members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and New York State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit investigated a serious, one car personal injury motor vehicle accident that occurred early Sunday morning on State Highway 30 near the Holiday and Berry Brook Road intersection in the Town of Colchester.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the driver, 44 year old Shawn A. Maynard, of Randolph, NY, was eastbound on State Highway 30 when he failed to negotiate a curve and struck an earth embankment causing his vehicle to overturn and his passenger, 20 year old Candice T. Brown of Salamanca, NY to be ejected from the vehicle.

Maynard and Brown were transported to Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton by Downville Emergency Squad. Brown was later transferred to Wilson Hospital, Johnson City, where she was in critical condition. Maynard was treated at Delaware Valley Hospital and released.

Speed and a combination of alcohol and drug use were factors contributing to this accident. The case was turned over to the Delaware County District Attorney's Office and is pending review and prosecution.

Early on the morning of February 6th members of Delhi, Andes and Bovina Fire Departments, along with Delaware County Sheriff Deputies, responded to a structure fire at 3150 Maggie Hoag Road, Delhi,

reported by a nearby neighbor. First arriving personnel found the residence to be fully engulfed by fire and were unable to locate the home owner.

Following the fire suppression an investigation was conducted by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Delaware County Cause and Origin Team, New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Arson Bureau and the New York State Police Forensic Identification Unit assisted by a New York State Police Cadaver Detection K-9. During the initial search of the ruins, the home owner, 51 year old Helen Stroppel, was located deceased within the residence.

Although the cause of Helen Stroppel's death and the cause of the fire remain undetermined due to the total destruction of the residence, Investigators developed no evidence indicating that Stroppel's death, or the cause of the fire, were criminal in nature. Several secondary heat sources, including kerosene space heaters located within the residence could not be eliminated as a cause of the fire.

On the afternoon of April 21st Deputies and Investigators investigated a tragic All Terrain Vehicle accident on Stoddard Hollow Road in the Town of Hamden.

The operator of the ATV, an 11 year old Hamden boy, was travelling south on Stoddard Hollow Road when he lost control of the vehicle while attempting to make a right hand turn off of the roadway causing the ATV to overturn in a ditch, pinning the operator.

The operator's 9 year old brother, who was a passenger on the ATV, was not injured and ran to his home to call 911. Both were children were wearing helmets at the time of the accident.

The ATV operator was airlifted by LifeNet helicopter to Albany Medical Center where he later succumbed to severe head injuries suffered in the accident.



499 glassines of heroin, cocaine and marihuana seized by Deputies as the result of a vehicle and traffic stop on State Highway 17 in the Town of Hancock.

HANCOCK TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO SIGNIFICANT DRUG SEIZURE

On Saturday morning, July 25, 2015 Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged a woman on felony drug charges following a traffic stop in the Town of Hancock.

While participating in an Aggressive Driving Campaign funded through the Governor's Traffic Safety Police Traffic Services early Saturday morning, Deputy Kyle Karcher stopped a vehicle for speeding on State Highway 17 in the Town of Hancock. While speaking with the driver of the vehicle, Deputy Karcher detected an odor of marihuana emanating from the vehicle. Subsequent investigation revealed that the driver, 53 year old Sonia Ramirez of Ottawa, Illinois, and Bronx, NY, who was traveling from Bronx, NY, to the Village of Sidney, had a suspended driver's license.

Ramirez was arrested for Speeding and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree, an unclassified misdemeanor. A search of her purse, conducted subsequent to her arrest, led to the

discovery of approximately one half ounce of cocaine and a quantity of marihuana. A search of her vehicle conducted with the assistance of K-9 “Ozzie” and other Deputies led to the discovery and seizure of 499 glassine envelopes containing heroin.

Following the search, Ramirez was additionally charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (*class B felonies*), Unlawful Possession of Marihuana (*a violation*) and Throwing Refuse on the Highway.

Deputies estimated the seized cocaine, heroin and marihuana destined for the streets of the Sidney area had a street value in excess of \$10,000.

Ramirez later pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and was sentenced to a two and a half year term of imprisonment.

B.O.C.E.S. BOMB THREATS

On October 5, 2015 Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies and New York State Police responded to a reported bomb threat at the Delaware Chenango Madison Otsego BOCES, Harrold Campus, in the Town of Masonville. The bomb threat was discovered written on a bathroom wall.

The BOCES administration immediately initiated their emergency plan and evacuated the buildings.

A search of the campus was conducted by Deputies and New York State Troopers, assisted by Trooper Christopher May and his assigned explosive detection K-9, “Skiff”, and revealed no explosive devices.

Following an investigation by BOCES staff members and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer assigned to that BOCES campus, on Thursday morning Deputies determined that a fourteen year old male was responsible for making the written threat.

The fourteen year old Hancock student and his legal guardian were subsequently issued a juvenile appearance ticket directing them to appear at the Delaware County Probation Department where the juvenile will answer a charge of Falsely Reporting an Incident in the First Degree, a class D Felony.

On Thursday, December 17, 2015 Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies again responded to a reported bomb threat at DCMO BOCES Harold Campus in the Town of Masonville.

At approximately 11:00 a.m. a written threat to the building was located inside one of the bathrooms. School administration activated emergency procedures and all students were safely evacuated from the school. The Delaware County Sheriff's Office and New York State Police Explosives Detection K9 unit searched the school and were unable to locate any presence of an explosive device.

As a result the ensuing investigation conducted by Sheriff's Deputy David Barnes, the School Resource Officer at BOCES, a sixteen year old New Berlin student was arrested and charged with the felony offense of Falsely Reporting an Incident in the First Degree.

Narcotics Investigations

Drug trafficking investigations conducted by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division are predominately generated as the result of anonymous tips and information and services provided by confidential sources that are recruited by the members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and referred to this Office by other area law enforcement agencies.

As a result, the municipalities in which these drug investigations are conducted are largely controlled by the recruitment and home area of confidential sources.

The predominately available and abused illicit controlled substances encountered within Delaware County continue to include heroin, Suboxone and prescription narcotics followed by cocaine.

The Criminal Investigation Division continues to work with its counterparts in surrounding counties in effort to target and dismantle sources of supply located outside Delaware County.

Although a number of drug investigations commenced during 2015 remain under active investigation or are pending Grand Jury presentation, I have highlighted a few of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office drug trafficking investigations that led to arrests in 2015.:

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL INVESTIGATION:

On April 24th the Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division concluded a month long investigation with the execution of a narcotics search warrant at 193 Matthews Street in the City of Binghamton.

Christine M. Singer, 26, was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony, after the Task Force and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, along with K-9 "Ozzie", located fifty bags of heroin and a quantity of marihuana within her apartment.

Singer was also wanted on three active arrest warrants, one for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th degree and one for Petit Larceny, both out of the City of Binghamton Court. In addition, Singer was wanted on an active arrest warrant for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th degree out of the Town of Chenango Court.

Singer was held at the Binghamton Police Department pending her arraignment in the City of Binghamton Court.

Singer was identified as a heroin source for Hancock area users.

SIDNEY AREA:

On June 5, 2014 Delaware County Sheriff's Office Investigators concluded a five month long drug trafficking investigation conducted in the Sidney area by members of the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and Village of Sidney Police Department with the arrest of four area residents.

Members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Village of Sidney Police Department and New York State Police at Sidney arrested the following individuals on Sealed Grand Jury Indictment Warrants issued earlier that day:

Lewis C. "Sonny" Wolcott, Jr., 37, of Grand Street, Sidney.

Wolcott was charged with three counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony. Wolcott was accused of selling cocaine in the Village of Sidney during November and December, 2014.

Wolcott later pled guilty to one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and was sentenced to a two year determinate sentence of incarceration and ordered to pay restitution to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

Stacey D. Sullivan, Jr., 35, of St. Hwy. 206, Masonville.

Sullivan was charged with one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony, and one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in or near School Grounds, also a class B felony. Sullivan was accused of selling Heroin in the Village of Sidney during February, 2015.

Sullivan later pled guilty to one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and was sentenced to a two year determinate sentence of incarceration as a second felony offender and ordered to pay restitution to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

Douglas J. Wilkinson, 34, of Grand Street, Sidney, and Smyrna, NY.

Wilkinson was charged with one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony, and two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree, which is a class C felony. Wilkinson was accused of selling Oxycodone and Dihydrocodeinone with Acetaminophen (*Hydrocodone*) in the Village of Sidney during January of this year.

Wilkenson later pled guilty to one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and was sentenced to a three year determinate sentence of incarceration and ordered to pay restitution to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

Amanda M. Caffery, 34, of Grand Street, Sidney.

Caffery was charged with one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree, a class C felony. Sullivan is accused of selling Dihydrocodeinone with Acetaminophen (*Hydrocodone*) in the Village of Sidney during January, 2015.

Caffery later pled guilty to one count of Attempted Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree and was sentenced to five years of probation supervision and ordered to pay restitution to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

On September 29, 2015 Delaware County Sheriff's Office Investigators arrested a Queens, New York, man on a felony drug possession charge following the execution of a search warrant in the Town of Sidney. The search warrant was obtained following a five month heroin trafficking investigation conducted by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division, Village of Sidney Police Department, Delaware County Probation Department and the Broome County Special Investigations Task Force. In part, this investigation focused on heroin trafficking in and from the City of Binghamton to the Town and Village of Sidney area.

Sheriff's Investigators arrested and charged 31 year old Sean H. Dingle of Queens, NY, with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (*possession with intent to sell*) and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana after seizing ten bundles (*100 bags*) of heroin that Dingle intended to sell from his vehicle while within the NYS DEC's Unadilla public fishing access lot located on River Road in the Town of Sidney, along with a small quantity of marihuana.

Dingle was arraigned before Judge Steven Rose in the Town of Sidney Court on the class B felony drug possession charge and was subsequently remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility without bail pending a future court appearance.

The prosecution of Dingle is still pending.

On October 8th Delaware County Sheriff's Office Investigators arrested 38 year old Richard T. Swislosky, of Sidney, following a sting operation and the execution of a search warrant on a vehicle on Delaware

Avenue in the Village Sidney early Thursday afternoon by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, K-9 "Ozzie" and Village of Sidney Police Department. The Search Warrant was obtained following a month long investigation conducted by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and Village of Sidney Police Department that focused on heroin trafficking in and around the Village of Sidney and City of Oneonta.

Swislosky was arrested by members of the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and charged with one class B felony offense of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and 9 class C felony counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the First Degree. Swislosky was accused of possessing a quantity of heroin with the intent to sell it to another individual. He was further accused of possessing nine counterfeited U.S. \$20.00 bills. Sheriff's Investigators seized a quantity of heroin, a color printer/copier that was utilized for counterfeiting the money and the vehicle that Swislosky was driving.

Swislosky was later indicted by a Delaware County Grand Jury on two additional charges of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in Third Degree.

Swislosky subsequently pled guilty to one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and one count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the First Degree and was sentenced to a three and one half year determinate sentence of incarceration and ordered to pay restitution to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

On December 17th Sheriff's Investigators arrested and charged 22 year old Harry A. Ramirez, a/k/a "J.R." or "Junior", of Sidney and Bronx, NY, with two class B felony charges of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (*possession with intent to sell*) and one class D felony charge of Robbery in the Third Degree as a result of a narcotics trafficking investigation conducted by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and Village of Sidney Police Department.

Ramirez, who was arrested after he forcibly stole money from a cooperating witness, was found to possess of a quantity of heroin with intent to sell. As a result of Ramirez' arrest, police conducted a search of Ramirez' Division Street, Sidney, residence where they located the apartment's tenant, 44 year old Dawn M. Beta, and 29 year old Jasmine K. Santiago of Valley Stream, NY. Investigation revealed that Santiago and Beta possessed and unsuccessfully attempted to flush and destroy a quantity of heroin upon the arrival of law enforcement members at that apartment. Sheriff's Office K-9 "Ozzie" assisted officers in locating additional heroin that was concealed within the apartment. A quantity of heroin, liquid PCP, hypodermic instruments and more than \$1000 cash was seized as a result of the arrests.

Investigators subsequently arrested and charged Beta and Santiago with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (*possession with intent to sell*) and Tampering with Physical Evidence, a class E felony.

The suspects were arraigned in the Village of Sidney Court Thursday evening by Judge Steven Rose who remanded Ramirez to the Delaware County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$350,000 cash bail. Beta and Santiago were each remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$250,000 cash bail pending further court action.

The prosecution of Ramirez, Santiago and Beta is still pending.

STAMFORD AREA:

Following an investigation conducted by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division, on June 4, 2015 Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested 19 year old Christopher A. Whitely, Jr., of Prospect St., Stamford, on a Sealed Grand Jury Indictment Warrant charging him with three counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony. Whitely was accused of selling cocaine in the Village of Stamford during October and November 2014.

Whitely later pled guilty to one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree and was sentenced to a one year determinate sentence of incarceration and ordered to pay restitution to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

DEPOSIT AREA:

In August, 2015 two Deposit men were arrested by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office on multiple felony drug sale charges following a six month long investigation conducted in the Village of Deposit by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division. Both men were indicted by a Delaware County Grand Jury and arrested on Arrest Warrants issued that day by the Delaware County Court.

On August 13th, Clint L. Stevens, 29, of Deposit, was arrested by Delaware County Sheriff's Investigators on a Sealed Indictment Warrant charging him with three class B felony offenses of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree.

Stevens was arrested on the Sealed Indictment Warrant shortly after being arrested earlier that afternoon as a result of a sting operation conducted by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and Broome County Special Investigation Unit Task Force. Following that sting operation, Stevens was charged with one class B felony offense of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and two class B felony counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree for selling and possessing quantities of heroin and cocaine with the intent to sell.

The Grand Jury Indictment accused Stevens of selling heroin in the Village of Deposit (*Delaware County*) on three different occasions during the month of July, 2015.

On August 14th Delaware County Sheriff's Office Investigators arrested 34 year old Todd M. Perrington, of Deposit, on a Sealed Indictment Warrant charging him with three class B felony offenses of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree. Perrington was arrested at the Broome County Correctional Facility where he was being held, without bail, on charges of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree relating to the sale of heroin in the Village of Deposit and the execution of a search warrant at his Village of Deposit (*Broome County*) residence on August 12th by members of the Broome County Special Investigation Unit Task Force and Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

The Grand Jury Indictment accused Perrington of selling heroin in the Village of Deposit (*Delaware County*) on three different occasions during the months of March and April, 2015.

Stevens later pled guilty to one count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and was sentenced to a two year determinate sentence of incarceration and ordered to pay restitution to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

Perrington later pled guilty to one count of Attempted Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree and was sentenced to five years of probation supervision, Drug Court and ordered to pay restitution to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

CHILD SAFETY



Deputy Sheriff Jeff Clark routinely presents child safety seat demonstrations for the Sheriff's Office to acquaint the public with proper installation procedures.



BICYCLE HELMETS:

Recently the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute tested both inexpensive (\$20) and pricey (\$150.) helmets and concluded that both provided comparable impact protection. It is very important to find a helmet that fits well and is positioned to give you maximum protection should you be in an accident.

The pricey helmets just may provide an easier fit, more vents and stylish graphics. But the inexpensive models “get the job done.” The Sheriff's Office routinely solicits funding to support giving away bicycle helmets. Using funds provided by public donations, the Sheriff's Office is able to purchase and distribute many bicycle helmets to youngsters throughout Delaware County, free of charge.



EVIDENCE COLLECTION

In addition to her road patrol duties, Deputy Sheriff Kim Smith oversees our Evidence Division. She is responsible for processing the data collected at crime scenes. With the aid of state-of-the-art computer equipment, she identifies, documents, and secures a wide variety of evidence. Her duties in this regard include:

- * Documenting evidence collected at a crime scene, using photo and video depiction.
- * Collecting evidence to include fingerprints and footprint development.
- * Preparing a well-organized set of field notes in preparation of a written report and subsequent trial testimony.
- * Submitting physical evidence for further forensic analysis, including DNA.
- * Assisting fellow law enforcement officers regarding crime scene evidence processing.
- * Preserving evidence until such time as it is ready to be returned to the owner or destroyed.



Sheriffs' Summer Camp Sponsored by the New York State Sheriff's Association Institute

They must be doing something right, because the campers come home and tell their friends about it and word spreads and every year the busses are packed taking more children to camp. Many children dread surpassing the 12-year age restriction, and so, plan a life that entitles them to come back as a counselor.

Eight to ten children share a cabin with a minimum of one senior and one junior counselor. Each day begins with an invigorating dip in the lake, followed by tidying up the cabin, and enjoying a nourishing breakfast. Then it's off to attend one of the two classes a camper gets to select, such as: canoeing, kayaking, sailing, hiking, swimming, football, basketball, cheerleading, archery and many more. The days are filled with good wholesome activities, enlightenment and fun.



Jessica Miller

Sheriff Mills has played a hands-on role in this program for many years. Until her retirement this year, he was assisted by our Sr. Account Clerk, Lisa Papa. When Lisa retired in May, Civil Clerk Jessica Miller assumed the role as our Camp Coordinator and the program continued running very smoothly.