



# DELAWARE COUNTY, NY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## 2021 Annual Report

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In the Heart of the Catskills, a good place to visit...a great place to live.

Preserving our past and Preparing for our future.



## SHERIFF INTRODUCTION



On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Delaware County Office of Sheriff, I proudly submit the “Delaware County Sheriff’s Office 2021 Annual Report” for your review. This report gives me the opportunity to not only thank the public for their continued support, but also allows me to let the men and women who work for the Sheriff’s Office know how much I value their efforts.

As you review this document, I’m sure you will find it interesting as it clearly demonstrates the steadfast professional dedication of our Deputies, Correctional Officers and Civilian Staff in meeting the expectations of the citizens and taxpayers of Delaware County.

Throughout our long history as America’s first and premier lawmen, the mission of the Sheriff has remained constant: to protect the public peace and preserve the welfare of our citizens. In 2020, the men and women of this Office worked daily in support and meet that mission.

As a destination location for regional, national and international travelers; the law enforcement responsibilities in Delaware County are numerous and ever changing. However, rest assured, the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office works tirelessly to meet the needs of our residents and visitors alike.

All those that work for the Sheriff’s Office are dedicated to the same vision as I, namely, to provide the best possible public safety services to those who live within and visit Delaware County. Towards that goal, the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office has worked diligently and confidently to enhance the quality of life for our communities.

I hope the information provided in this annual report gives you a better understanding and perspective of the work the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office performs, and well as the essential services we deliver on a daily basis for the people of Delaware County.

As the Sheriff of Delaware County, it is truly my honor and pleasure to serve you every day.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig S. DuMond". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Sheriff Craig S. DuMond

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# **DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MISSION**

## **STATEMENT AND CODE OF ETHICS**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

It is the mission of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to provide the utmost professional police, correctional, and civil enforcement services to the people of Delaware County. The sworn and civilian employees of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office believe that their work has vital impact on the quality of life in Delaware County, N.Y. By our commitment to professionalism, both on and off duty, we subscribe to the following values:

**Pride, Integrity, Professionalism and Fairness**

### **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 also understand it is my obligation to uphold the institution of the Office of Sheriff and not allow my conduct to diminish the integrity of that Office as well as the character of the Sheriff.

Although I realize the way I choose to conduct my private affairs is generally a personal freedom, I realize that I will make personal sacrifices as part of my employment with the Office of Sheriff. Moreover, I further realize I must accept responsibility for my actions, as well as my inactions, both on duty and off. I also realize that my behavior is closely scrutinized by the public at large and that the consequences of my actions have the capability of bringing either respect or disrespect on my employer, my fellow employees and the Office of Sheriff.

I vow to perform all of my duties in a professional and competent manner. I will be courageous in the face of danger; yet exercise restraint in the use of my power and authority to this, the ultimate public trust. I accept the challenge to consistently strive to achieve excellence and in so doing, to obtain the necessary knowledge and skills associated with my duties. I will keep myself physically



fit and mentally alert; and thus capable of performing my duties at the caliber expected of one in my position.

In the course of my duties I will be honest and truthful and not mislead those dependent upon my honesty. I will obey those very laws that I have sworn to uphold. I will seek affirmative ways to comply with the standards of my department and the lawful directions of my supervisors.

I vow to treat others with courtesy at all times. I 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.

I understand that my personal character and conduct must be beyond reproach, both on and off duty. I will not befriend or associate with known criminals, inmates or former inmates of any institution, or other people of questionable moral character. Further, I will not associate with individuals that may appear to create a conflict with my professional obligations or appearance of conflict with the values associated with the Office of Sheriff. This is to include personal relationships, social acquaintances, various mediums of social media, etc. I will only allow myself to be surrounded by individuals of strong moral character so as to not jeopardize the honor of the Office of Sheriff, which I am sworn to uphold and protect.

In my position, I hold the inherent expectation that the public's trust is well placed in my capability and good judgment. I do not take this trust lightly. As long as I remain in my position, I will dedicate myself to preserving this trust and in so doing uphold and promote the honor and lofty ideals established by the Office of Sheriff.

## **MEET SHERIFF CRAIG DUMOND**

Sheriff Craig DuMond is a life-long resident of the Delaware County Town of Masonville. Upon graduating from Sidney High School, he initiated his law enforcement career as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany as well as the States of Alabama and Maryland. After being honorably discharged from military service, Sheriff DuMond returned home and became employed as a Correctional Officer by the NYS Division for Youth as well as a Police Officer for the Village of Walton. Over the next 22 years he ascended through the ranks with NYS DFY, and ultimately served as a Juvenile Correctional Facility Director; all while continuing to serve as a Police Officer for the Village of Walton.

In 2006, Sheriff DuMond was elected Supervisor for the Town of Masonville where he also served as a Legislator on the Delaware County Board of Supervisors and Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. In 2012 he was appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Tom Mills and became directly responsible for the executive oversight and supervision of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to include the Law Enforcement, Criminal investigations, Civil Enforcement and Jail Operation Divisions accordingly.

In 2017, he became acting Sheriff and was subsequently elected Sheriff of Delaware County in 2018. During the election, Sheriff DuMond was endorsed by both major political parties; a distinction for which he is proud as he believes the Office of Sheriff should never be politicized. During his tenure at the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff DuMond has been responsible for the creation of the K9 Division, Mounted Equine Division, School Resource Officer Program and Special Response Team. He is the past Chairman of the Delaware County Drug Task Force and an active member of the New York State and National Sheriff's Associations; serving as an Officer (Sergeant at Arms) with the NYS Association as well as various committees within both organizations.

Entering his 36<sup>th</sup> year in law enforcement, Sheriff DuMond has furthered his education at SUNY Empire State College as well as completed numerous law enforcement and executive-level training programs; to include graduating from the 115<sup>th</sup> session of the National Sheriff's Institute Executive Development Program and NYS Governor's Office of Employee Relations Executive Management Development Program. Further, prior to being elected, Sheriff DuMond was selected to attend the 272<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, however, declined the nomination due to his newly assumed duties as Sheriff of Delaware County.

Sheriff DuMond and his wife, Karleen, have (4) sons; two serving in the United States Armed Forces, one as a professional emergency medical technician and one still attending school.

## **PROMOTIONS**

Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond announced several promotions and appointments within the Sheriff Office; installing several new supervisors within the chain of command:



### **Deputy Jeff Clark promoted to Corporal**

On Wednesday November 24, 2021, Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond conducted a “swearing-in” Ceremony for Deputy Sheriff Jeffrey Clark on his recent promotion to Corporal.

Corporal Clark, a 21-year veteran, currently serves as a School Resource Deputy for the Sheriff’s Office.



### **Senior Investigator Joe Mauro promoted to Lieutenant.**

December 9, 2021 Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond conducted a “swearing-in” Ceremony for member Joe Mauro on his recent promotion to Lieutenant.

Lt. Mauro, a 21-year veteran of the Sheriff’s Office, has risen through the ranks initiating his career as a Corrections Officer and securing promotions as a Deputy Sheriff, Investigator and, most recently, served as Senior Investigator.

In his new role as Lieutenant, Mauro will command the Road Patrol, Criminal Investigations and Civil Enforcement Divisions accordingly.



Deputy Sheriffs Samantha Acuna and Lucas Elmore have successfully completed the Basic School for Police Officers and are now certified NYS Police Officers in accordance with the requirements set forth by the NYS Municipal Police Training Council and Division of Criminal Justice Services. The Basic Course for Police Officers, consisting of over 1200 training hours, covers a wide range of topics including but not limited to; Ethics & Professionalism, Cultural Diversity, Bias Related Incidents, Professional Communication, Persons with Disabilities, Crisis Intervention, Use of Physical Force & Deadly

Force, Active Shooter Response and Decision Making. Today's police recruits are also mandated to complete numerous Reality Based Training Scenarios to better prepare them for the situations they will encounter on the job.



#### **Victor Altheim appointed as Deputy Sheriff.**

On 11/24/21 Deputy Altheim, A Delaware County native, transfers to the Sheriff's Office after previously serving with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in the State of Arizona.



#### **Mario Blincoe promoted to Corporal.**

Corrections Officer Mario Blincoe began his career with the Sheriff's office in 2002. He was promoted to Corporal June 27, 2021.

Corporal Blincoe will be a direct supervisor of daily activities within the Correctional Facility.



### **Michael Ferraro was promoted to Corporal.**

Corrections Officer Michael Ferraro began his career with the Sheriff's office in 2010. He was promoted to Corporal June 27, 2021.

Corporal Ferraro will be a direct supervisor of daily activities within the Correctional Facility.

## **MILESTONES**

5-Year Service Award:

CO Amanda Reichert, RN Gloria Hill

10-Year Service Award:

CO Terry Lambrecht, CO Kayla Montminy, Sergeant Donald Simonds

20-Year Service Award:

Corporal Joanne Yager, CO Vincent Scinta, Sergeant Kim Smith

35-Year Service Award:

Lieutenant Karl Vagts



## **RETIREMENTS**

### **Lieutenant Karl Vagts 10/29/21**

Lieutenant Karl Vagts retired from service after serving the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and people of Delaware County for 36.5 years.

Lt. Karl Vagts' law enforcement career at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office spans nearly 4 decades; initiating as a Deputy Sheriff on April 29, 1985. He was promoted to Sergeant on May 29, 1988, Investigator on August 22, 1990, and Senior Investigator on January 1, 2001.

Since February 11, 2018 he has served as Lieutenant of the Law Enforcement Division; commanding the Road Patrol, Criminal Investigations and Civil Enforcement Divisions accordingly.

Over his career, Lt. Vagts has amassed over 60 certifications and specialized designations in the fields of criminal investigations, arson and fire science, and narcotics. Additionally, Lt. Vagts is an honored graduate of the FBI National Academy.



### **Corrections Officer Terry Lambrecht- 7/30/21**

Terry Lambrecht began her career as a full time correctional officer on 7/10/11. Terry retired on 7/30/2021.

### **Corrections Office Dennis Klimowski 12/31/21**

Dennis Klimowski was a part time correctional officer since 2005. Dennis retired on 12/31/2021.

## **ADMINISTRATION**



Sheriff Craig DuMond



Undersheriff Timothy Buckley



Major John DeMeo



Jessica Miller  
Administrative Assistant to Sheriff



Rebecca Townsend  
Personnel Clerk

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

- Leadership
- Budget/Accounting
- Legislative Initiatives
- Operations Management
- Personnel and Payroll
- Policies and Procedures
- Purchasing
- Strategic Planning and Goal Setting
- Training

The Administration also deals with processing and receiving grants. We are very appreciative of the opportunities that grant funding provides our Office.

## **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/her car home so that he/she can respond readily to incidents near their residence --- even when not on duty. The deputies interview victims, witnesses, and alleged suspects. They write criminal incident reports, and, when necessary, take people into custody and transport them to jail. As appropriate, the deputies refer cases to our Criminal Investigators Division for further action. The Deputies also testify in court hearings and trials concerning their cases.



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“Hope appears on the horizon each morning in the form of a brand new day”...

“Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it touches”. - Khalil Gibran



So beautiful but definitely foreshadowing what is to come... ❄





## February 2021

Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies conducted a snowmobile patrol along the New York State Snowmobile Trail System. Deputies conducted their patrol of the trail system in the Townships of Hamden, Meredith, Kortright, Stamford and Colchester. Deputies found approx. 90% of the snowmobiles they encountered to be in compliance with NYS rules and regulations. Two summonses were issued for operating a snowmobile without a helmet.



"It's going to be a bright, bright sun-shiny day...."



A beautiful early morning image of Spring Lake in the Town of Meredith.



“Always be thankful for the little things, even the smallest mountains can hide the most breathtaking views”....-Nyki Mack

A beautiful fall photo of Saint James Church just off State Highway 28 in the Town of Bovina.



Shout out to Margaretville Fire Department for "lighting up" in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

We sure cannot deny the beauty of the Catskill Mountains during autumn.



A beautiful snowy image of the Catskill Turnpike in the Town of Meredith.



Our apologies, but we could not resist posting another gorgeous image of the sunrise on Thanksgiving morning.

The scenery is never dull when you are in Delaware County. A pair of beautiful Bald Eagles resting on a tree branch off County Highway 16 near Treadwell in the Town of Franklin.

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS**

### **DIVISION**

Criminal Investigations are performed by our Investigators. These cases are more serious in nature get investigated in-depth and tend to be complicated and labor intensive. The investigations division is in charge of administrating the records pertaining to each investigation.



### ***Criminal Investigation Division Yearly Report 2021***

<b>NEW CASES ADOPTED: CASE NATURE</b>	<b>Reported</b>	<b>Closed by Invest.</b>	<b>Closed by Arrest</b>	<b>Pending Invest.</b>	<b>Warrant Requested</b>
Administrative Matter	13	12		1	
Assist County Court	3	3			
Assist DA	3	3			
Assist DCCF	3	3			
Assist Deputy	5	5			
Assist EMS	2	2			
Assist FBI	1	1			
Assist Ft. Collins PD	1	1			
Assist NYSP	4	4			
Assist Parole	1	1			
Assist Roxbury Constable	1	1			
Assist SUNY PD	1	1			
Assist Walton PD	1			1	
Background Inv	32	25		7	
Bench Warrant	4	1		1	2
Burglary	52	6	12	34	
Confidential Informant	1	1			
CPCS	2			2	
Criminal Mischief	1	1			
Criminal Sale of Weapon	1	1			
Daycare Notification	1	1			
Death Inv	12	11		1	



Drug Complaint	1	1			
Drug Info/Potential CI	1			1	
Drug Inv	1			1	
Emotionally Disturbed Person	1			1	
Employment Background Investigation	24	22		2	
Family Court Warrant	15	1	2	5	7
Firearm Inv	1	1			
FTO	142	141		1	
Grand Jury Presentation	1	1			
Gun/Multiple Sale Inv	1	1			
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Gun-Deceased Owner Inv	1	1			
Guns Red'd	45	45			
Guns Ret'd	37	37			
Identity Theft Inv	1	1			
Indictment Warrant	1		1		
Inmate Debriefing	1	1			
Inmate Transport	2	2			
Jail Complaint	2	1		1	
Jail Contraband	29	14	2	15	
Jail Inv.	12	1		11	
Larceny	19	13		6	
Lost/Stolen Plates	12	11		1	
MVA Inv	3	3			
PDMVA	2	2			
Probation Warrant	3	1			2
Rape	1	1			
Rec'd Drug Info	6	1		5	
Robbery	1	1			
Scam	12	11		1	
Sex Abuse	3	1		2	
Sex Offender related (i.e. 90 day, photos, etc.):	224	223		1	
SORA Address Verification	16	16			
SORA Complaints	13	12		1	
SORA Registration Info	20	20			
SORA Violations	1	1			
Suicide	14	3		11	
Suspicious Activity	13	12		1	
Undetermined Fire	1	1			
VFD Arson Check	1	1			
VTL Complaint	1	1			
TOTALS	830	690	17	114	11

## **SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)**

The Special Response Team is responsible for high risk situations and dangerous incidents.

The SRT is made up of personnel from all Divisions within the agency. Each individual on this team completes a series of rigorous tests to become a member. Once a member, the individuals have to participate in extensive training to make sure they properly prepared for our critical assignments.

The Special Response Team has been very beneficial to the Sheriff's Office, local agencies, as well as the State Police. They have provided Deputies assistance when executing high risk warrants and with hostage situations. They have been instrumental in making a difference in apprehending felony-level offenders throughout Delaware County.





## **K-9 UNIT**

Our K-9 Unit continues to take an active role in drug seizures, raids and round-ups.



### *K-9 "Eli"*

My name is K9 "Eli", I am a 2-year-old German Shepherd born in Hungary. I was acquired from Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania on October 18, 2019. I was specifically hand selected and tested to ensure I possessed the proper genetic makeup to become a police service dog. I am honored that I am dedicated and named after the 1st Sheriff of Delaware County; Sheriff Elias

Butler who served as Sheriff from 1797 to 1799.



I am a dual-purpose German Shepherd and meet the criteria in regards to drug detection and patrol duties. My human partner, Deputy Sheriff Kyle Karcher and I began training on Monday October 28, 2019 at the Orange County Sheriff's Office K9 Academy. Deputy Karcher and I spent 8 weeks of intensive training in the discipline of narcotics detection at the K9 Narcotics Detector School at the Orange County Sheriff's Office in Goshen, NY. We are now fully certified by NY State to carry on these activities in accordance with their official duties as a K9 Team. Throughout 2021 we will continue our training in search and rescue, patrol, tracking and handler protection. My Partner and I got to enjoy a beautiful day of Marine Training on the Hudson River as part of the Orange County K-9 Association "Patrol School" this spring.

I am honored to help protect and serve the citizens of Delaware County. I appreciate this opportunity to serve you and I endeavor to serve you faithfully. If you would care to contribute to our K-9 program, please make your checks payable to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and mail them to 280 Phoebe Lane, Suite One, Delhi, New York 13753.



April 16, 2021  
Proud to collaborate with Walton CSD.







## **MOUNTED PATROL**



Delaware County Sheriff's Office continues the tradition of a Mounted Patrol for the Sheriff's Office. We have 8 personnel from the Delaware County Sheriff's Office assigned to the patrol.

The Sheriff's wife, Karleen DuMond, is a certified DCJS Instructor for the Mounted Police Officer course. This training allows for Sheriff's Office Personnel to be fully prepared to respond to a variety of specialized details when needed.



The course curriculum includes:

- ❖ Basic Formation
- ❖ Tactical Formation
- ❖ Crowd Control
- ❖ Sensory and Obstacle Training



❖ Patrol Techniques and Office Procedures

❖ Search and Rescue

❖ Press, Public, and Community Relations

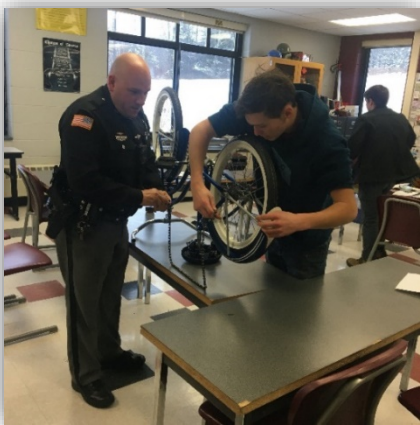
❖ Horse Abuse Laws for New York State



Sheriff Craig DuMond supervises the Mounted Patrol at various appearances throughout Delaware County. The Sheriff's Mounted Patrol participates in civic events throughout the year.



## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**



"A school resource officer, by definition, is a career law enforcement officer with sworn authority who is deployed by an employing police department or agency in a community-oriented policing assignment to work in collaboration with one or more schools."

--- National Association of School  
Resource Officers



Deputy Jeffrey Clark spends the majority of his time as a school resource officer at Sidney Central School, and Masonville BOCES.

Deputy Clark interacts with students within the school, and provides school personnel with valuable resources. A school resource officer is a law enforcement officer, mentor, and educator. When the designated school resource officer is absent, we have several other deputies that cover in his absence.

Delaware County Sheriff's Office has a sub-stationed program that the office participates in. The sub-station program entails an area designated within a school that a deputy would be able to operate out of. The sub-station program allows for deputies to interact with the staff, students, and ensure safety of the facility.

Due to the pandemic this year and the hybrid schedules, SRO Deputy Clark primarily gave career talks at BOCES for introduction to occupation students, assisted with lock down and fire drills at both BOCES and Sidney Central School. He has also provided other presentations and assisted with Mock trials.

Deputy Clark giving a presentation about Sexting and Cyberbullying.



Mock Trials-Students play the roles of attorneys, witnesses, and court officers while learning skills of public speaking, teamwork, research, collaboration, civil and criminal legal concepts, and civic engagement. It is a way to bring the law alive for students and to give them a voice in what otherwise might seem a very distant judicial system.

## **2021 HIGHLIGHTS**

Our road patrol deputies responded to a wide variety of incidents in 2021, some small, some large:

### **May 17, 2021**

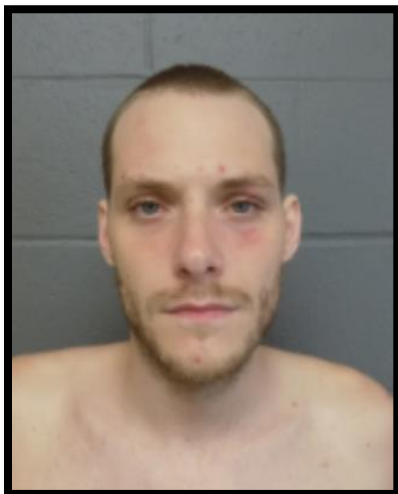
Cooks Falls, NY – Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that Deputies are investigating a fatal accident that occurred on State Highway 17 in the Town of Colchester late Sunday night.

At approximately 11:20 p.m., Sunday night, May 16, 2021, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies, New York State Police, Roscoe-Rockland Emergency Squad and members Cooks Falls, East Branch and Downsville Fire Departments responded to several 911 reports of a motor vehicle accident on State Highway 17, approximately a mile and a half east of the Cooks Falls exit.

Investigation by Sheriff's Deputies revealed that the driver, 54 year-old Gregory P. Wright, of Randolph, New Jersey, was traveling west on State Highway 17 in a 1976 Corvette when he was fatally injured after losing control of his vehicle and striking the guide wires and an earth embankment on the right shoulder of the roadway. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

Sheriff's Deputies were assisted at the scene by members of the Cooks Falls, East Branch and Downsville Fire Departments and New York State Troopers from Roscoe and Deposit.

### **June 4, 2021**



Davenport, NY – Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that an Oneonta area man is facing numerous felony charges following an early Friday morning robbery attempt.

At approximately 4:30 a.m., Friday morning, June 4, 2021, Sheriff's Deputies responded to report of an attempted robbery at a Pine Cliff Circle, Town of Davenport, residence. Upon arrival of Deputies, the victims reported that an acquaintance demanded their cash, then sprayed them with a self-defense type spray before attempting to strike them with a hammer. The suspect, identified by the victims as 28-year-old Elijah G. Vergari of Oneonta, NY, had fled prior to arrival of the Deputy.

Vergari was later located and taken into custody in the City of Oneonta by members of the Oneonta City Police Department and was turned over to members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.



Upon conclusion of an investigation by Deputies and Criminal Investigators, Vergari was arrested and charged with attempted robbery in the first degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, two counts of attempted assault in the second degree, attempted petit larceny and unlawful possession of a noxious material.

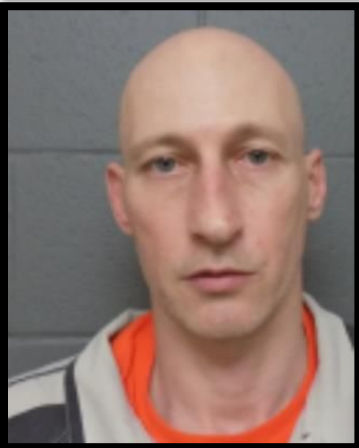
Vergari was arraigned via a virtual teleconference conducted by Town of Stamford Court Justice Jacqueline Lamport. Orders of protection were issued for the victims and, due to his prior felony convictions, Vergari was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility to be held without bail pending further court proceedings.

### **December 30, 2021**



Delhi, NY- Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of two Morris, NY men on multiple felony charges related to a string of burglaries the two men committed earlier in 2021.

During the months of July and August 2021, The Delaware County Sheriff's Office investigated multiple burglaries in the Towns of Masonville, Tompkins, Franklin and Hamden, which had been committed between June and August 2021. During the same time frame, the New York State Police also received multiple reports of similar burglaries in the same areas.



After a month long investigation, on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies and Investigators arrested 40-year-old Randy Hawkins and 38-year-old George Klinger III, both of Morris, NY, for a Burglary the two committed in the Town of Hamden earlier that date. The two were initially charged with one count each of Burglary in the First Degree, Criminal Use of a Firearm in the First Degree and Criminal Mischief. Subsequent to that arrest, a Search Warrant was executed at the Morris, NY residence shared by Hawkins and Klinger. Evidence secured pursuant to that Search Warrant implicated Hawkins and Klinger in multiple additional burglaries.

Upon further investigation, Klinger and Hawkins were arrested on 12/30/21 and charged with an additional fifteen (15) counts each of Burglary in the Third Degree in connection with separate burglaries the two committed in the Towns of Masonville, Tompkins, Franklin and Hamden. Both defendants remain incarcerated on the original Burglary charges and will be arraigned in the Town of Hamden on the current charges at a later time.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office was assisted in their investigation, by NYS Troopers and Investigators, the NYSP Crime Laboratory, and members of the Otsego County Sheriff's Office.

Speaking on the arrest, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked, “Here are two more bail reform success stories for our Governor and State Legislature to embrace as successes. Both of these defendants have lengthy criminal histories that string back to mandatory releases as part of NYS Bail Reform Legislation. One of the arrests being possession of a stolen handgun that resulted in a mandatory release. When are our elected leaders going to wake up and realize the reform needs to be reformed?...We really need to begin to go back to protecting victims of crime rather than being infatuated with the criminals who create those victims”.

### **December 2021 - SJS Incidents by Incident Type**

**2021 YEAR TO DATE TOTAL = 2,805 = 9.4% decrease from 2020**

**2020 – YEAR TO DATE TOTAL = 3,907**

ABANDONNED VEHICLE	2
ABC VIOLATION	3
ADMIN MATTER	63
AGGRAVATED DWI	3
AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT	12
AMBULANCE REQUEST	1
ANIMAL ACTING RABID	1
ANIMAL BITE	2
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	30
ANIMAL IN ROADWAY	10
ANIMAL STRUCK BY MV	14
ARSON	1
ASSIST CHOLCHESTER PD	4
ASSIST DA	2
ASSIST DCCF	3
ASSIST DELHI PD	21
ASSIST DEP POLICE	1
ASSIST DSS	9
ASSIST EMS	16

ASSIST ENCON PD	1
ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT	3
ASSIST HANCOCK PD	2
ASSIST MOTORIST	1
ASSIST NYSP	42
ASSIST OTHER DEPUTY'S	7
ASSIST OTHER PD	11
ASSIST OTSEGO COUNTY	1
ASSIST PROBATION	3
ASSIST ROXBURY CONSTABLE	3
ASSIST SIDNEY PD	10
ASSIST SUNY DELHI PD	2
ASSIST WALTON PD	26
ATV ACCIDENT	2
ATV COMPLAINT	6
BENCH WARRANT	11
BURGLARY	47
CAR BLOCKING ROADWAY	3
CAR DEER MVA PI	11
CAR FIRE	2
CATTLE COMPLAINT	10
CHECK WELFARE	77
CI SIGN UP	1
CIVIL INFO	1
CIVIL MATTER	42
CIVIL PROCESS SERVED	12
COMPUTER COMPLAINT	5
COUNTY COURT WARRANT	1
CPCS	6

CPM	1
CPSP	1
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT	21
CRIMINAL IMPERSONATION	1
CRIMINAL SALE WEAPON	1
CUSTODY DISPUTE	13
DEBRIEFING	1
DISABLED VEHICLE	5
DISCON	7
DMV SUSPENSION	41
DNA COLLECTION	12
DOG COMNPLAINT	23
DOMESTIC	135
DRE EVAL	5
DRUG COMPLAINT	15
DRUG SURRENDER	2
DWI	2
DWI MVA	7
EDP	4
EID	7
ENDANGER WELFARE CHILD	5
FAMILY COURT WARRANTY	20
FATAL MVA	1
FFL RENEWAL	1
FIGHT IN PROGRESS	4
FIRE WORKS	1
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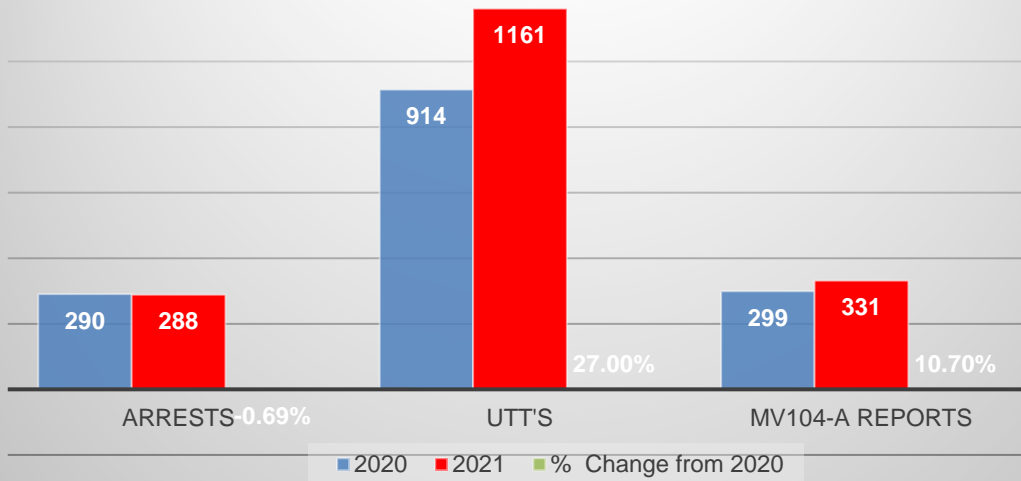
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ID THEFT	24
ILLEGAL PARKED VEHICLE	3
INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING	3
INDICTMENT WARRANTY	1
INFORMATION RECEIVED	1
INV DECEASED LICENSE	5
JAIL CONTRABAND	11
K9 ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	1
K9 JAIL SEARCH	1
K9 SCHOOL SEARCH	3
LANDLORD/TENANT TROUBLE	28
LEAVING SCENE MVA	1
LITTERING	1
LOCAL CRIMINAL COURT	1
LOST OR STOLEN LICENSE PLATE	6
LOUD PARTY	2
MENACING	2
MHL 941	105
MISSING CHILD	1
MISSING PERSON	6
MOTORCYCLE ACC. SERIOUS PI	1
MULTIPLE SALE OF PISTOL	3

NEIGHBORHOOD TROUBLE	17
NOISE COMPLAINT	6
OBSCENITY/PORNOGRAPHY	1
OBSENIITIES	1
OBSTRUCTION CRIMINAL JUSTICE	1
OPEN DOOR	3
ORDER OF PROTECTION SERVED	123
OTHER	43
OTHER ACCIDENT	1
OVERDOSE	6
PERSONAL INJURY	22
PISTOL PERMIT INVESTIGATION	321
PISTOL PERMIT REVOCATION	26
POSSESS HYPODERMIC	1
POSSESSION STOLEN PROPERTY	1
PRISONER RELAY	5
PRIVATE PROPERTY	30
PROBATION WARRANT	3
PROPERTY DAMAGE	67
PROPERTY DISPUTE	8
PROPERTY FOUND	4
PROPERTY LOST	5
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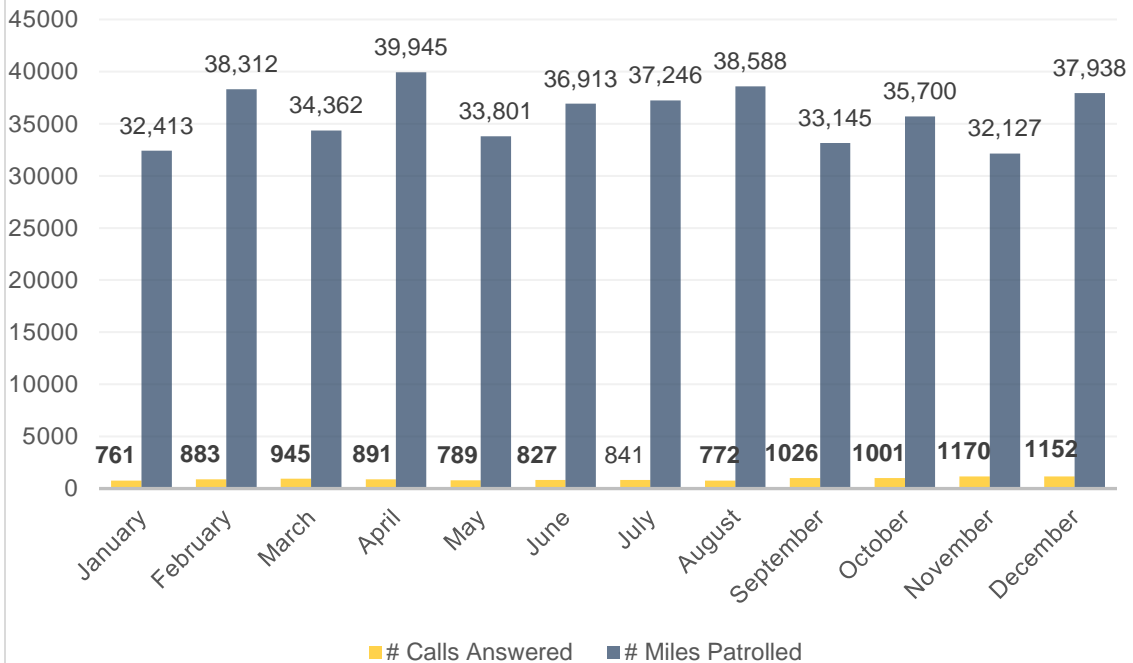
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SEX OFFENSES	6
SEXUAL ABUSE	19
SHOP LIFTING	1
SHOTS FIRED	3
SIMPLE ASSAULT	6
SNOWMOBILE COMPLAINT	4
SNOWMOBILE PATROL	2
SORA COMPLAINT	8
SORA REGISTRATION INFO	154
SORA VIOLATION	2
SPEEDING VEHICLE	3
SRO ADD. VERIFICATION	111
SRO BOCES MASONVILLE	79
SRO SIDNEY SCHOOL	80
STALKING	2
SRT DEPLOYMENT	1
STOLEN VEHICLE	4
SUICIDE	5
SURRENDER FOR DESTRUCTION	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	34
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	15
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	6
TERRORIST THREAT	2
THEFT FROM BULDING	19

THEFT FROM MAILBOX	1
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	14
THEFT OF SERVICES	1
TRANSPORTS	1
TRESPASS	76
UNATTENDED DEATH	26
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE	5
UNDETERMINED CAUSE/ORIGIN	1
UNLAW POSS-MARIHUAN	3
UNLAWFUL DEALING	1
UP 911 HANG UP CALL	10
V & T COMPLAINTS	41
VEH PARTS/ACCESSORIES	4
VIN VERIFICATION	2
WEAPON ASSAULT	1

## Law Enforcement Summary 2021



## 2021 Summary



# CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office is responsible for, but not limited to:

- The service of Notices, Summons, Subpoenas, Petitions, and Orders;
- Warrant of Evictions;
- Income, Personal, & Property Executions
- Court Orders



Members of the Civil Division attend conferences and trainings to keep up-to-date on all the current changes to State laws.

## 2021 Statistics

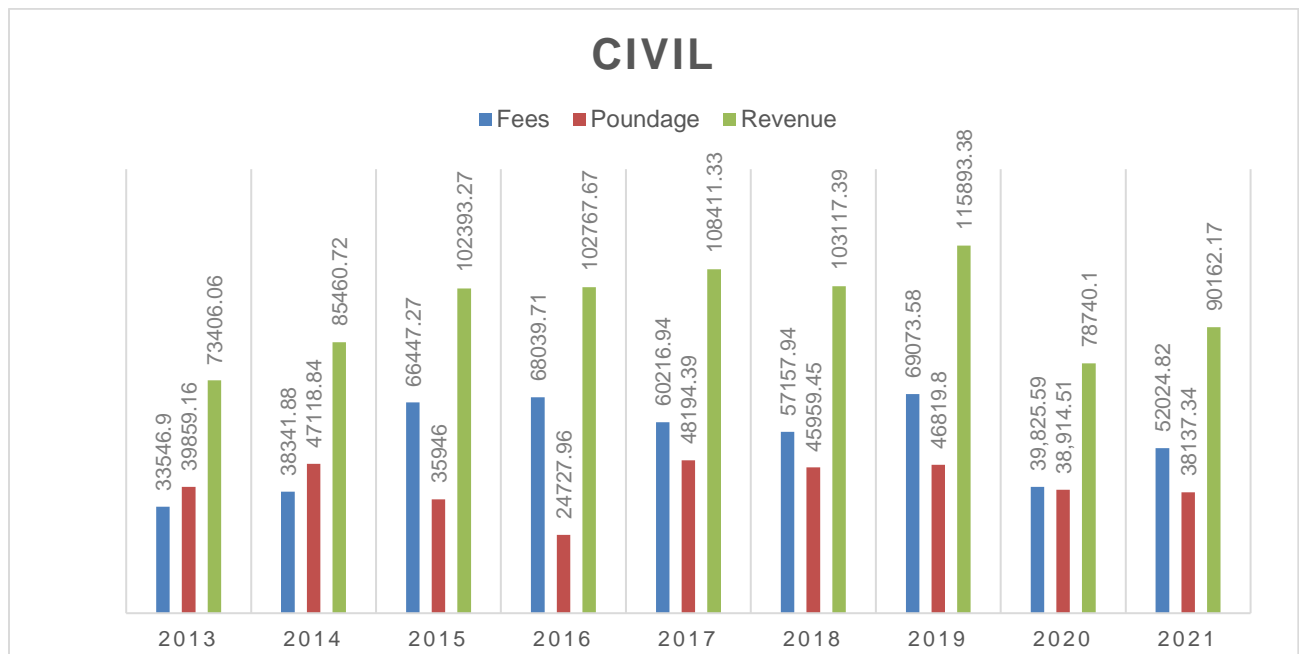
Total Papers Served: 743

Total Property Executions: 9

Total Income Executions: 329

Orders of Protection Served: 113

Pistol Permits: 323



## **CORRECTIONS DIVISION**

The 2021 Year End Report shows little changes from the previous year's report. The impact of Bail Reform that became effective in January of 2020 has continued to drastically affect inmate population. In 2021 we processed in 326 inmates and out processed (discharged, transferred, bailed out, released, or sentenced to state) 314 inmates.

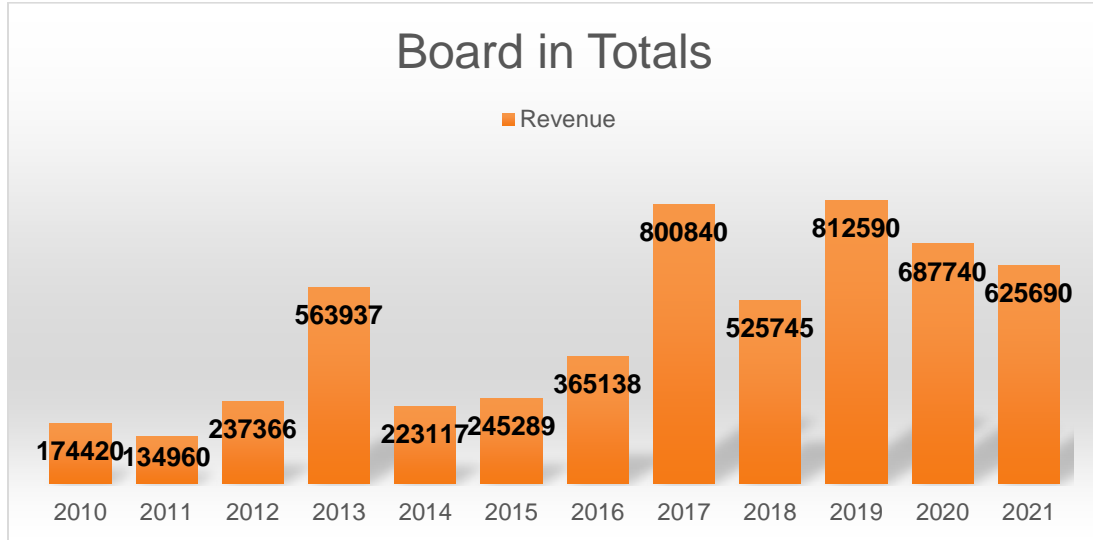
The Covid19 pandemic continued through 2021. Numerous protocols and control/screening measures were implemented in order to mitigate the impact of Covid in the jail; online skype arraignments and court proceedings were in effect about half the year. Even though in-person courts did not start up again until June, transports went up 109%. This was due to a majority of them being medical transports and/or Federal transports. Our contract with the US Marshalls to transport Federal prisoners to the airlift started in late 2020 but continued strong through 2021, which led to a 136% increase in reimbursements for transports. This is a very unique duty that very few Counties get the authority to do. The transports involve working jointly with the US Marshalls, NY State Police, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons moving inmates to and from airports in NYS.

2021 Board in revenue decreased by 9% compared to 2020. This was due to the ongoing effects of NYS Bail Reform and the drastic decrease in inmate population in all NY County Jails.

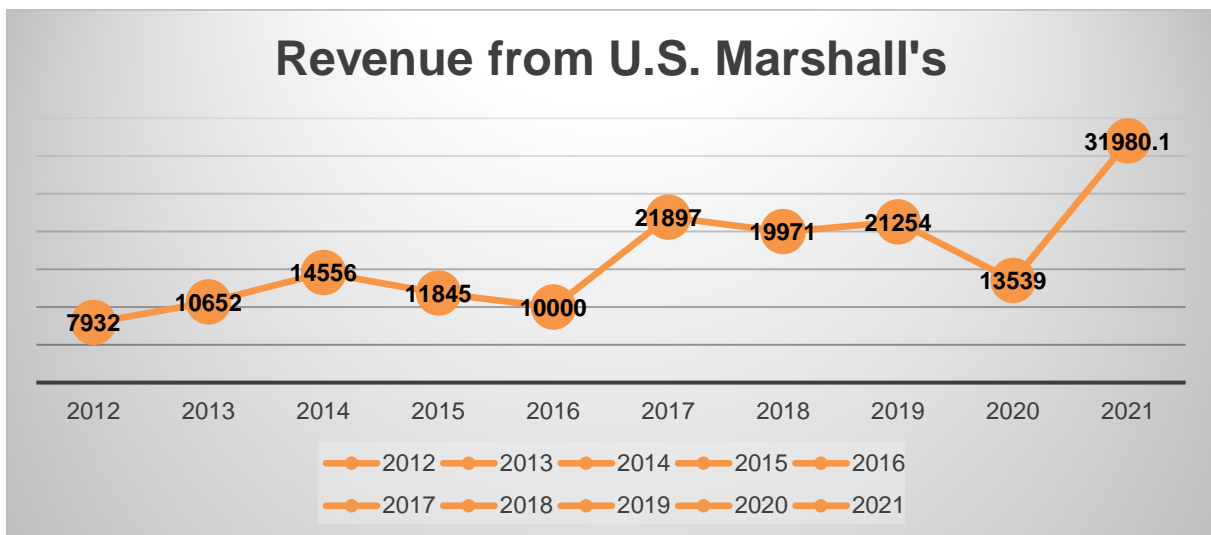
In 2021, we billed out boarding fees in the amount of \$625,690.00, a 9% decrease over the previous year, which amounts to \$62,050 less revenue. Overall, since we opened our new facility, we have taken in over \$7.4 million dollars in boarding fees. Even though the jail is not considered an income producing facility, we are producing large amounts revenue for the County. Other revenues taken in for 2021 are reimbursements for transporting federal prisoners to and from Federal Courts and other correctional facilities. In 2021 this amount was \$31,980.10.00.

There were 55 reportable incidents in 2021. Reportable incidents decreased by 39% in 2021. The decrease in reportable incidents was mainly due to the Commission's clarified and refined reporting parameters during our 2020 cycle evaluation.

Considering Bail Reform, COVID-19 guidelines, new standards, and dealing with staff shortages, 2021 was anything but status quo. This past year our staff have faithfully reported to work each day and literally questioned what is going to happen today. Most importantly, the Officers and staff of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division did an excellent job maintaining safety, security and accountability of the Jail. Your staff provided valuable, efficient and effective service to the taxpayers of Delaware County. Through it all we kept our heads up, stuck together, and made it to 2022.

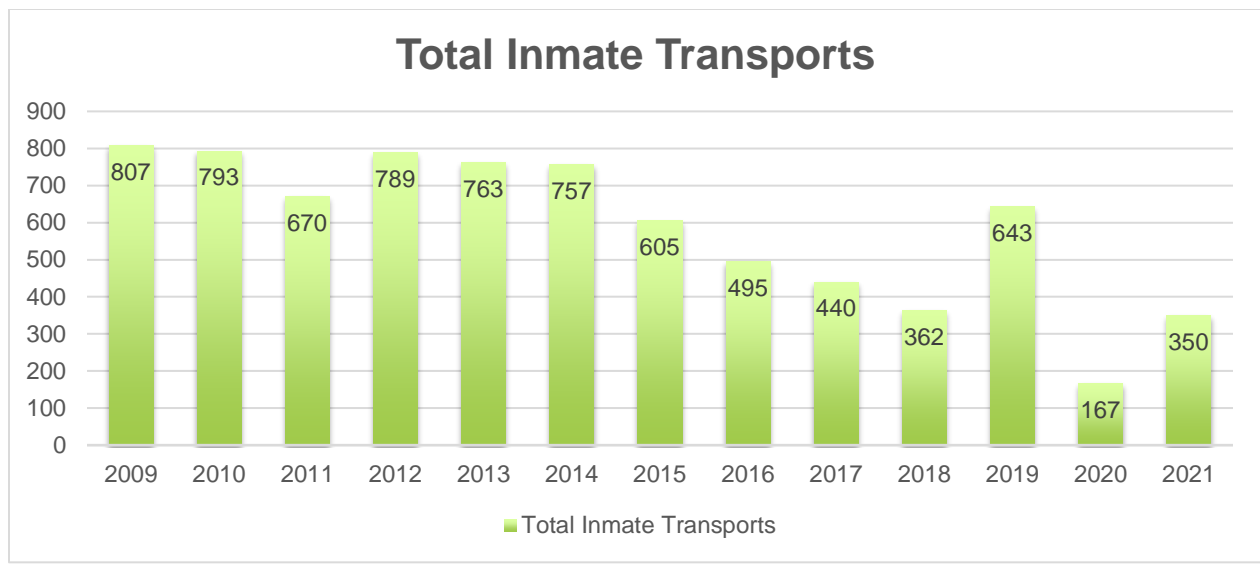


The total Revenue for Board ins since 2004 is \$6,137,762.



The total Revenue from U.S. Marshall's service for transporting inmates since 2007 is \$190,181.10.





This graph illustrates the total number of transports that our facility has provided over the years. Transports can be for:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Mental health services</li> <li>✓ Medical Services</li> <li>✓ Dental services</li> <li>✓ Funeral services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ County/Supreme Court</li> <li>✓ Family Courts</li> <li>✓ Other Courts</li> <li>✓ Other Correctional Facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Work Details</li> <li>✓ Relays w/other Agencies</li> <li>✓ Federal Transports</li> </ul>
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# **CORRECTIONS ACADEMY**



2021

Delaware County Corrections Academy

Sgt. Kim Smith, Director

2021 Presented a very unique set of challenges. This year families, friends, co-workers and various Official personnel from across the state were unable to gather at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to celebrate the graduation of 8 newly trained and certified Corrections Officers from Delaware and Otsego Counties.

The new Corrections Officers were trained by law enforcement instructors over a period of approximately 6 weeks in which various skills and topics as required and set forth by The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and the Municipal Police Training Council were taught.

Although, NYS DCJS requires a minimum of 156 hours of training in the various topics including but not limited to defensive tactics, hostage survival, Penal Law, ethics, legal issues, first Aid, CPR and AED use, effective communication, suicide prevention, stress management, court room testimony, manipulation by inmates etc., the Delaware County Law Enforcement Academy adds additional courses and topics which in turn help the officers better meet the needs of the facilities inmates as well as to help create a safe and secure facility for all. A week of Direct Supervision was reintroduced to the curriculum.





*Classroom  
Instruction*

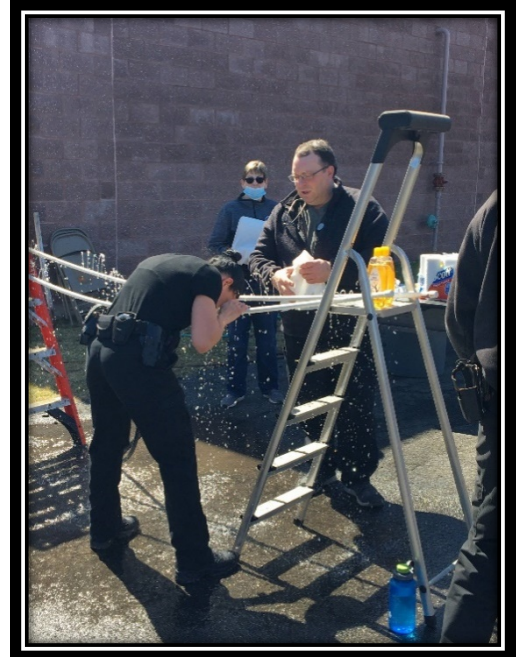






*Defensive Tactics  
Certification*





*Aerosol Subject  
Restraint Spray  
Certification*







*Fire Arms  
Certification*



# GRANTS

## *Police Traffic Services*

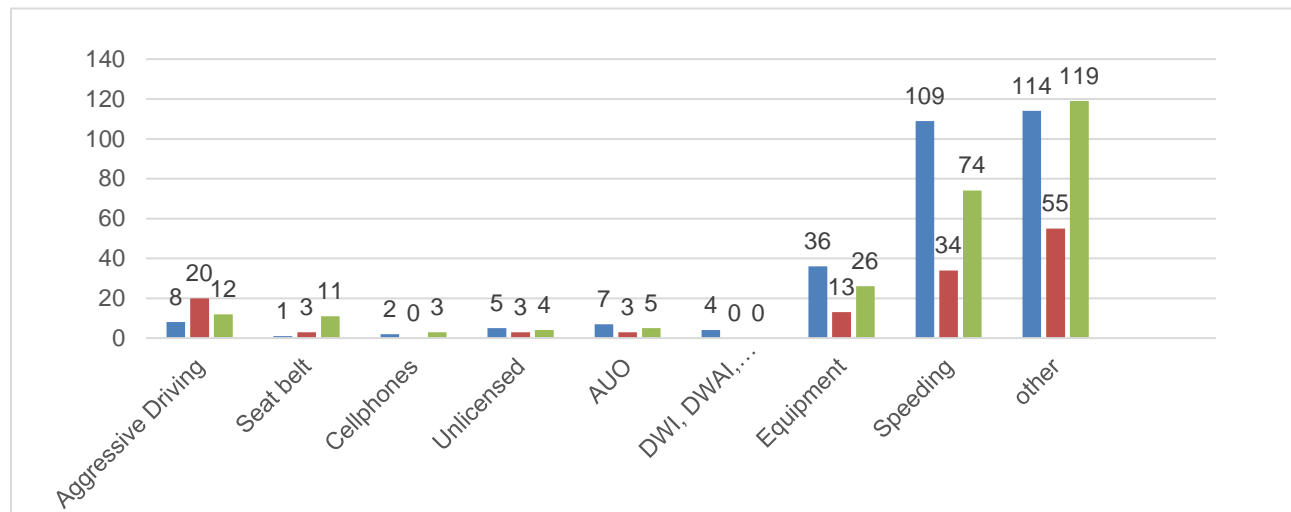
The Delaware County Sheriff's Office continued to receive grant money from the New York State PTS program for traffic enforcement in 2021. The Delaware County Sheriff Office conducted a total of 335 PTS funded hours (of which 202 hours were OT hours worked and 133 hours were regular hours worked.) During these hours, 254 UTT's were issued. This is an increase from the previous year of 194 hours worked and 131 UTT's issued. In all, citations issued for speeding, cell phone use, and seatbelt tickets increased substantially in the past grant cycle.



Delaware County Sheriff's Deputy Lucas Elmore participates in a Highway Safety checkpoint on State Highway 10 just north of the Village Walton on the afternoon of 9/21/2021

In evaluating the number of Motor Vehicle Accident investigations that the Delaware County Sheriff's Office were assigned to showed that accidents decreased from the previous year's total of 324 MVA's to 309 MVA's which demonstrates a 4.9% decrease. The number of Personal Injury MVA's decreased by 12% from 50 the previous year to 44 MA's this year. Fatal MVA's decreased from 3 MVA's to 1 MVA death a 66.66% decrease.

As in the past, the loss of certified Police Officers from our Road patrol unit remains our biggest and most consistent issue in meeting our PTS goals. We were able to utilize 3 newly trained deputies to participate in the 2 safety checkpoints conducted in September 2021.



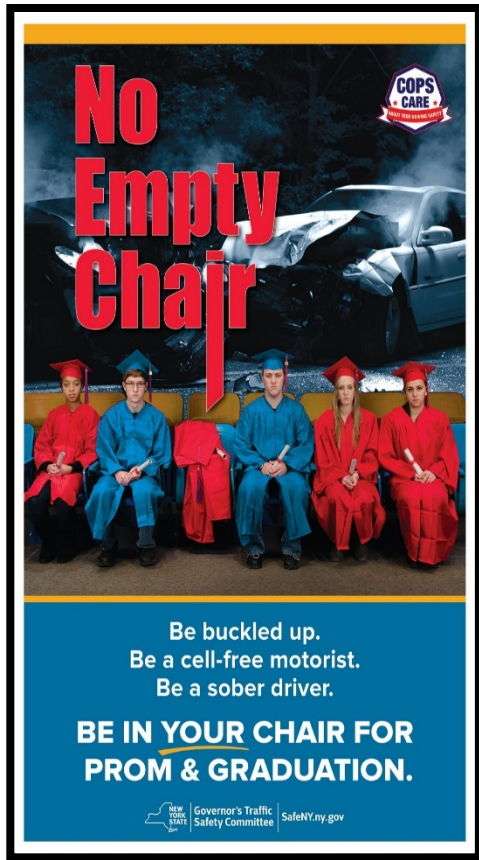




The Delaware County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with six differing Delaware County School Districts, participated in the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) Operation Safe Stop. Deputies were assigned to follow specific school buses from the six school districts during the morning and afternoon bus routes.



Deputy Sheriff took these photos from the Delaware Academy route, which began in Delhi and continued over Houghtaling Hollow in the Town of Meredith.



## "No Empty Chair" Teen Driving Safety Campaign

April 19 - 23, 2021

Each year thousands of high school students across New York State look forward to attending their prom and graduation ceremony. For parents, siblings, educators and the community, these memorable moments become tarnished when a child dies in a car crash. Unfortunately, these tragedies happen all too often.

According to the CDC, car crashes are one of the leading causes of death for teens across the country with crashes being higher among drivers between 16 and 19 years-old. Teens in this age group are three times more likely to be involved in a fatal car crash than drivers 20 and older.

In 2014, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) launched the "No Empty Chair" educational campaign. The "No Empty Chair" campaign is a week long education and enforcement initiative and was created to reduce these tragedies and help keep young drivers safe. This year, the No Empty Chair Campaign runs from April 19-23 and

each day will focus on a different aspect of driver safety.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office is stepping up their enforcement near area high schools, gearing extra attention for speeding in school zones, cell phone use, underage drinking and impaired driving along with promoting school bus safety.

### 2021 Campaign Schedule Dates

Monday, April 19, 2021 – Speeding in School Zones

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – Seat Belt and Child Restraints

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 – Cell Phone Use and Texting

Thursday, April 22, 2021 – Operation Safe Stop

Friday, April 23, 2021 - Underage Drinking and Impaired Driving

Let's all work together to ensure there are no empty chairs on graduation day!! By buckling up, slowing down and putting your cell phones away while driving, we can minimize the occurrence of these tragic crashes.

Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the Sheriff's Office has received grant funding through an exciting partnership with the Chenango Health Network on the MHAT opportunity SM 21-007 funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (SAMSHA).

The purpose of this program is to: (1) train individuals; (2) establish linkages with school- and/or community-based mental health agencies to refer individuals with the signs or symptoms of mental illness to appropriate services; (3) train emergency services personnel, law enforcement, fire department personnel, veterans, and others to identify persons with a mental disorder and employ crisis de-escalation techniques; and (4) educate individuals about resources that are available in the community for individuals with a mental disorder.

The following trainings will be provided by Chenango Health Network and will be free of charge, to members of the Sheriff's Office.

Adult Mental Health First Aid

Youth Mental Health First Aid

First Responder Mental Health First Aid

Veterans Mental Health First Aid

Teen Mental Health First Aid

Speaking on the grant, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked "we are very excited for this new opportunity that will greatly benefit our vulnerable citizens as well as our Deputies in the field. This funding over the next 5 years will make a real difference in our service to the communities we serve".

**COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER**  
WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Chenango Health Network's Community Health Worker provides Case Management support with a client centered, non-judgmental, trauma informed harm reduction approach to anyone who lives with Opioid Use Disorder, Substance Use Disorder and Alcohol Use Disorder. Our service program allows us to work with anyone in Chenango, Delaware and Otsego counties.

Our program offers support that includes, but is not limited to:

- Assistance in locating in/outpatient treatment and recovery services
- Assistance in locating the appropriate tools for hygiene and safety (ex: Fentanyl test strips, new syringes, sanitation tools, etc...)
- Assistance in locating MAT treatment providers
- Assistance in obtaining mental health services for individuals and their family.
- Guidance in navigating through the criminal justice system.
- Assistance acquiring health insurance.
- Assistance in coordinating transportation for appointments.
- Assistance in obtaining housing and other basic living needs.
- Providing OUD, SUD, AUD prevention education to youth and adolescents in our local community and surrounding communities schools.
- Collaborating with client's current providers to ensure the best care and acquire the necessary services and supports.

SUPPORT PROVIDED BY  
**REACH PROJECT**

CHENANGO HEALTH NETWORK

If you or someone you know are in need of any support or have any questions, please contact our Community Health Worker for assistance.  
Work Cell: (607)-386-9331 (Please feel free to text if more comfortable)  
Office phone: (607)-337-4233

Our services are free and confidential

## ***Protective Gear***

Each year we apply for a grant to purchase protective gear and bullet proof vests for our officers. We have ordered regular duty vest for Deputies and Tactical vest for Investigators.



## **PROGRAMS**

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



### **"RU OK"**

"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 832-5555 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 Corporal Dan McGowan.

According to their web site, "Project Lifesaver has over 1,200 participating agencies across the U.S., Canada, and Australia, and has performed over 2,600 searches in the last 13 years with no serious injuries or fatalities ever reported."







## The Victim Information and Notification Service

("VINE") was created in 1994 following the murder of Mary Byron in Louisville, KY. She and her parents had asked to be notified when Mary's ex-boyfriend was released from jail. They were never told that he was released, and this man murdered Mary on her 21st birthday. Today, the New York Sheriffs' Victim Hotline delivers an average of 90,198 phone calls and 7,024 e-mail notifications to registered victims each year in the State of New York.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office supports VINE. It is administered by the Correctional Division of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

## YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

This program is offered free of charge.  
Personal Medical Info Sheet & Decal

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. These forms will also be available at the Fair and are handed out routinely by the Office of the Aging and various other civic groups.

You may want to order multiple kits; for use in your home(s) and automobile(s.)



## BICYCLE HELMETS:

The pricey helmets 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.

## **The “Handle with Care” Program**

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office will collaborate with the NY/NJ HIDTA Task Force (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area), the Broome County Crime Analysis Center and our local school districts to implement the “Handle with Care” Program within Delaware County.

The “Handle with Care” Program was an initiative piloted at the Mary C. Snow West Side Elementary School in Charleston, West Virginia, in 2013. It has now been implemented in a number of other states across the country to support school children who have experienced traumatic events in their lives.

“Handle With Care” (HWC) was designed to promote partnerships between law enforcement and schools to help provide a safe and supportive academic environment for children exposed to traumatic events known as “adverse childhood experiences,” or ACEs. ACEs, if unaddressed, can lead to problems such as drug use and depression, and they can have a lasting impact on a child's health, well-being, and academic success.

Sheriff's Deputies responding to an incident where a child witnesses or is the victim of a traumatic event will identify any children present and where he or she attends school. Deputies will immediately notify the Broome County Crime Analysis Center which will then send a confidential notification to the child's school prior to the next school day so that teachers can mitigate any negative impact, rather than unwittingly compounding it by disciplining the child for behavioral or performance issues that may be linked to the trauma. The teacher may offer support by, for example, providing extra help with lessons, postponing a test, or referring the child to a school nurse or counselor.

The program ensures that the child's privacy is strictly protected. Details of the traumatic event are not shared with the school and teachers are directed not to discuss the event with the child.

A “traumatic event” for a child is defined broadly to include, among other things:  
a child being a victim of violence, abuse, or neglect;  
witnessing violence in the home or community;  
the death of an immediate family member or guardian;  
the arrest of a household member or execution of a search warrant in the home;  
being forcibly displaced from a home by a fire, eviction, or other event; or  
having a family member overdose or attempt or die by suicide.

Each participating school will designate a point of contact to receive HWC notices and alert a child's teacher or teachers.

“Handle With Care is a program that can alter the course of a young life by giving a child the critical support he or she needs to recover from a traumatic event,” said Sheriff DuMond. “By completing a simple form, a Deputy sets in motion a compassionate response that may save that child from the harmful, potentially lifelong effects of an adverse childhood experience. Through these partnerships between law enforcement and our schools, we not only will assist our most



vulnerable population — our children — we will build stronger communities.”

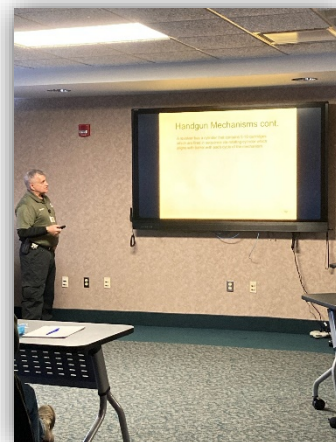
Further commenting on this program, Sheriff DuMond said: “The Handle With Care Program fits in the larger context of “trauma-informed policing. Trauma-informed policing helps officers understand the lasting impacts of trauma, creating better awareness of the needs of victims as well as their own. By raising awareness among police officers and educators about trauma and offering them ideas and practices to promote resiliency, we empower them to help children — and we also empower them to help themselves. This is an important program for officers and teachers as well as children.”

“The Handle With Care Program will make a difference in the lives of young people within Delaware County. This is a program that can have long lasting, positive results for children who may have experienced some type of trauma and will allow a school to set in motion the necessary actions to assist a child in need. It puts the needs of children above all else, and promotes a community of care around children experiencing adversity to help them become and remain safe, healthy, connected and build resiliency.”

### **Pistol Safety Course**

Instructor Perazone teaches several classes on handgun safety for new pistol permit applicants.

All applicants must complete a 5-hour safety course prior to obtaining their pistol permits.



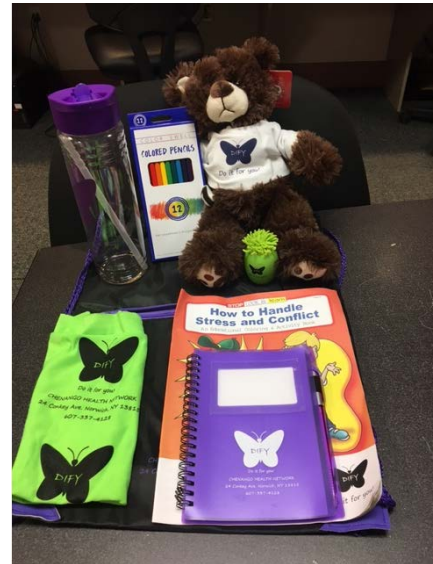
## **TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Mental Health and Crisis Intervention Training for 1st Responders**

In March of 2021, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office entered into an agreement with Chenango Health Network to provide our Sheriff's Deputies with crucial Mental Health and Crisis Intervention Training designed to address identified substance use disorders and mental health issues in Delaware County. These training services are for a period of five years and are funded through a grant by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This grant and the training is part of our Police Reform Plan.

Yesterday, Tiffani Gager, Case Manager and Community Health Worker for Chenango Health Network delivered our agency a number of "Do It for You" Comfort Bags intended to be distributed by Law Enforcement personnel who have interaction with youths in crisis situations. These comfort bags include a teddy bear, water bottle, coloring book, colored pencils and a mask in a backpack.

We cannot thank Tiffani, Chenango Health Network and SAMHSA enough for providing these Comfort bags as well as the invaluable training opportunities which will follow. This program will not only assist our Deputies and all First Responders today, but will continue to be progressive and funded 5 years into the future at no cost to Delaware County taxpayers!



# **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

## **NYS Snowmobile Safety Education Course**

On Sunday February 14, 2021, the Hamden Hill Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club sponsored a NYS Parks and Recreation Snowmobile Safety Course at its clubhouse on Covert Hollow Road in the Town of Hamden. Fifteen youths aged 10-16 years of age attended the course, which focuses primarily on snowmobiling safety and other vital fundamentals which helps to ensure the safety of riders and other trail users. All fifteen youths successfully completed the course and proudly earned their NYS Snowmobile Safety Certificate.

Delaware County Deputy Sheriff Cpl. Eric Alexander, a certified OPRHP operator, attended the Safety Course and spoke with the youths about the importance of knowing what each sign along the trails means and the importance of obeying them. In addition, Cpl. Alexander talked with the youths about the importance of having a properly registered and insured snowmobile.





Join us in giving a HUGE SHOUTOUT to Rylan, Brandon and Weston Reed! While Officer Robert Mantzouratos was patrolling near Downs ville on April 6th, 2021, he encountered these industrious community members out cleaning up alongside County Highway 26.



On 4/19/2021, while on patrol participating in the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee "No Empty Chair" Campaign, specifically speeding in school zones, Delaware County Deputy Sheriff Collin Roche was waved down by a young man in the Village of Walton.

Upon stopping and talking with the excited young man, Deputy Roche learned that four-year-old Walton resident Eli Church is looking forward to attending Kindergarten this fall and that Eli wants to be a police officer someday. 🚓👮



**Delaware County Sheriff's Deputy Cpl. Eric Alexander who was the initial responder and Case Officer in the Franklin 20 dog abuse case, stopped by the Delaware Valley Humane Society on 3/9/21 to visit with Fable.**

Fable is only dog from this case that has not yet been adopted due to having some specific home requirements.

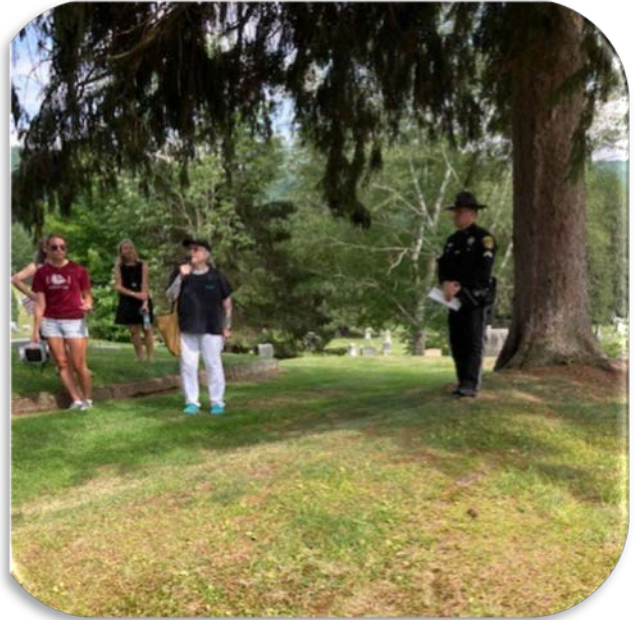




On Wednesday May 12, 2021 The Delaware County Sheriff's Office Civil Division Cpl. Daniel McGowan and Officer Robert Mantzouratos visited Mrs. Jennifer Finkle's combined Kindergarten/1st grade class at Andes Central School. To celebrate Police Week, the students and Mrs. Finkle presented the Officers with a plate of delicious cookies and delightful colored pictures of police officers. In turn, the Officers presented the students with bicycle helmets and Bicycle Safety coloring booklets to Celebrate Bike Safety month. We all send our thanks to Mrs. Finkle and her students for their thoughtfulness and support







July 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> Cpl Eric Alexander gave a presentation on Osman Steele for the Bicentennial Tour of the Cemetery.







July 13, 2021 members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office met with a number of local youths at Daisy Queen's in the Village of Walton for some Ice Cream, compliments of Daisy Queen. Sheriff's Office Civil Division members Cpl. Daniel McGowan and Officer Robert Mantzouratos presented each of the youths with a backpack containing miscellaneous items including bike helmets. The visit ended with some photos and an opportunity for the youths to check out the Sheriff's truck and view some of the features of an emergency vehicle.



Deputy Kyle Karcher paired up with the William B. Ogden Free Library's Summer Reading Program and did a presentation with his K9 Partner Eli. The kids learned about working dogs and a how Eli become a K9 officer.





## NYSSA/DCSO SAFE CHILD CARD EVENT

This year at the Delaware County Fair, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the New York State Sheriffs' Association (NYSSA) provided parents and legal guardians of children several opportunities to get a free SAFE Child Card for your child/children.

\*It's important to say that these cards are not designed nor meant to be used as sources of Identification, but rather they are designed to assist law enforcement agencies who are investigating child disappearances by providing rapid and accurate physical descriptions and images of the missing children.

Statistics show that 34 percent of parents in the United States do not know their child's exact height, weight and eye color. And, when a child is reported missing, time can be the greatest adversary. Possessing up-to-date photographs and detailed information about a child can prove to be important proactive measures that can greatly

assist local law enforcement officials to quickly respond to a child's disappearance.

By using equipment that contains the latest digital fingerprinting technology and high resolution photography capabilities, 55 sites around New York State are able to produce a SAFE CHILD Card for parents and guardians.

The card contains a child's name, biographical information (date of birth, gender, height, weight, hair color, eye color, etc.), and a fingerprint image of both index fingers. The card can be made in just a few minutes and can be easily carried in a parent's wallet or pocketbook.

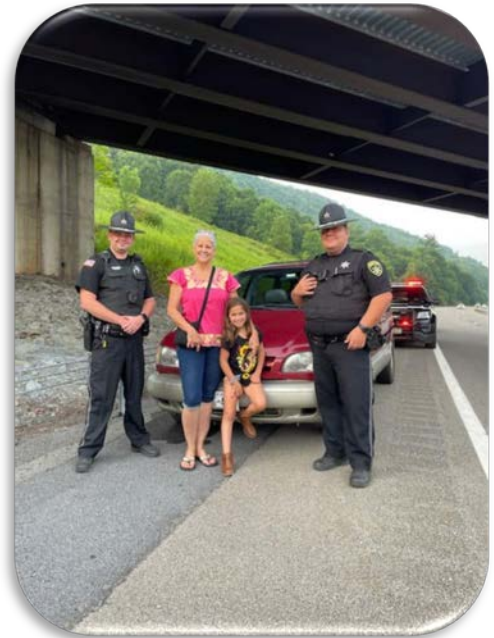
### HOW TO GET A SAFE CHILD CARD:

A NYSSA SAFE Child Card Authorization Form (available at the event site) containing the child's basic information and physical descriptors as well as parental consent and signature **MUST** be completed prior to the SAFE Child Card being made. The card is then printed and both the authorization form and the card is given to the parents for safekeeping. We do not keep nor maintain any personal information on any child. That is why it is so important to keep these cards in a safe and quickly accessible location like a parent's wallet or pocketbook.

Please note that children must be present with their parent or legal guardian. No Card will be made without the child physically present.



September 3, 2021- Deputy Sheriff Collin Roche, Civil Officer Robert Mantzouratos and also to Don Orall's Garage in Hancock for assisting this motorist and her niece following a vehicle breakdown on State Highway 17.



September 24, 2021

What a wonderful surprise to be visited by our NYS Senator Mike Martucci to close out Sheriff's Week! We are humbled by his thoughtfulness, support and kind word. Thank you, Senator Martucci, for your loyalty and support for law enforcement!





### **K-9 Fund Raiser**

On September 4, 2021, sisters Richelle and Delana Wood hosted a lemonade stand at their residence in the Town of Walton to raise funds to directly support the Delaware County Sheriff's Office K-9 Program. Impressively, this is the third year the sisters have planned and hosted the lemonade stand, which was complimented this year by a book fundraiser event.

Through both events, the industrious and thoughtful young ladies raised over \$900 to donate toward the various expenses of maintaining a K-9 Division. On Saturday, 10/16/2021, Deputy Sheriff Kyle Karcher and K-9 Eli met with the Wood Family to accept the donations on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and accepted a thank you card and toy purchased by Richelle and Delana for Eli.



### **2021 Sidney Elementary School Open House**

On October 14th 2021 Sidney Central School District held their annual Elementary School Open House. Sidney Parents and students were invited to tour their children's school to see building improvements, meet their teachers and community partners. Display tables were set up in the schools newly renovated cafeteria and those in attendance were given the opportunity to meet with various community service providers and the Schools Resource Deputy Jeffrey Clark. The event was a success with approximately a thousand people in attendance.

## Home School Group Visit

On Tuesday, October 26, 2021 Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond and various other members of the Sheriff's Office welcomed a visit from a Delhi based home school group.

Upon arrival, the children and their chaperons were given a tour of the facility by Sheriff DuMond who explained the basic functions of the agency's various divisions.

In addition, each student received a Junior Deputy Campaign hat, a back pack of miscellaneous Sheriff's Office promotional items and excitedly, were able to climb into and sit in one of the new Chevrolet Tahoe Road Patrol vehicles.

The visit culminated with a special demonstration from Deputy Sheriff Kyle Karcher and K-9 Eli.

In regards to the visit, Sheriff DuMond remarked "forming positive and supporting relationships with the public, especially our children, is very important to me and every member of the Sheriff's Office. We are delighted and thankful for their support and trust of law enforcement".



October 27, 2021 Delaware County Sheriff's Office Civil Division Officer Robert Mantzouratos visited Mrs. Dahlman's Preschool class at Roscoe Central School where he spoke to the children about Halloween and Trick or Treating safety and also gave the children a "tour" of his patrol vehicle.





## Halloween



On 10/31/2021 from 2pm-5pm, the Delhi Fire Department held their 2nd Annual Drive-Thru Trick or Treating Event for area children. Despite the wet, chilly weather on Sunday, the event was undoubtedly a success, as a several hundred small bags of candy and cookies were distributed to the excited trick or treaters.

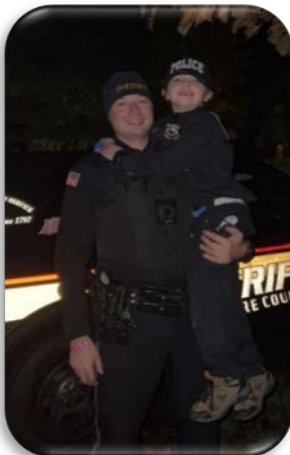
We'd like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to Delhi Fire Department for allowing The Delaware County Sheriff's Office an opportunity to participate in their event.. 🍁 🧛 🧛



Delaware County Sheriff's Office Deputy Lucas Elmore strikes a pose with a trick or treaters Angelo and Caleigh Cagnina of Walton on 10/31/2021.



Delaware County Deputy Sheriff Logan Flavell posing with an unknown "Junior Police Officer" during Trick or Treating in the Village of Walton on Sunday 10/31/2021. 🍁 🧛





## **Members of Sheriff's Office Participate in “No-Shave November” –**

Members of the Sheriff's Office recently completed a fundraiser in participation of “No-Shave November” and awarded donations to two local Delaware County agencies.

Impressively over the course of the fundraiser Officers raised \$1,000.00 which was divided evenly between the Delaware County Veterans Service Agency and Delaware Opportunities-Safe Against Violence (SAV) program.

Speaking on the event, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked, “I am very humbled and proud of these officers for choosing two excellent recipient programs to support within the county. These two agencies amongst others, provide vital resources that directly benefit our military veterans as well as victims of crime in Delaware County. We are honored and pleased to contribute toward their continued success”.



## **TOYS FOR TOTS:**



A sincere thank you to all persons, businesses and organizations who donated toys and/or money to the Toys for Tots Toy Drive this season.

We are incredibly proud to say that in total, five boxes of Toys were delivered to Delaware Opportunities in Hamden, NY for distribution to pre-registered families.

Of special interest and worthy of special thanks is the kindness of our own Delaware County Sheriff's Office Correctional Division, who participated in an agency sponsored event called “Double Down December” (a continuation of “No Shave November”) The participating male Corrections

Officers were able to continue to grow and wear beards and the female Corrections Officers were able to wear nail polish for the entire month of December. As a result of this event, \$750 was raised toward the purchase of Toys which were then donated to Toys for Tots.

## **SUPER STAR AWARDS**

### **Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond recognized the heroes involved in saving a man's life**

Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond recognized the heroes involved in saving a man's life on January 7th in Margaretville. Clayton Misner and Nick Fyfe, coworkers of the victim, New York State Troopers Mitchell Reed and Jered Porter, Arkville Fire Chief Robert Sweeney, Fleischmann's Fire Chief Todd Wickham, Margaretville Fire Chief Nelson Delameter and Margaretville Memorial Hospital EMS Patrice Delameter were presented with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office's Superstar Award on January 29th, in recognition of their professionalism and swift actions that saved the victim's life.

Misner and Fyfe acted quickly, administering emergency first-aid to their coworker whose leg had become entangled in a woodchipper while on the job. Their 911 call brought Trooper Reed to the scene first who administered further emergency medical response while first responders arrived. EMS Delameter further stabilized the victim before he was taken to a nearby hospital. Our thoughts are with the victim and we are wishing him hope, strength, support, and comfort during his time of healing.

The teamwork of first responders in this situation is a shining example of how agencies, departments, and local hospitals work together to provide outstanding care for those in need. These Superstars responded to an emergency and successfully saved a life with their quick thinking and dedication. We are proud to work in Delaware County alongside an in tandem with such outstanding professionals.



## **Sheriff Craig DuMond Presents Super-Star Awards to (5) Members of the Stamford Fire Department**

On April 6, 2021, Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond presented Sheriff's Super-Star awards to five members of the Stamford Volunteer Fire Department for their efforts in delivering a newborn baby on February 25, 2021 at the fire station.

Charlotte Wyckoff was born in the passenger seat of her parent's vehicle, after pulling into a truck bay at the Stamford Fire Department where department members were busy cleaning trucks. Former Fire Chief Cliff Mueller, along with firefighter Peter Pioppo, were later joined by EMS Captain Margaret Schoonmaker and firefighters Don VanEtten, John Stark and George Curbelo in delivering the baby.

Speaking on the awards, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked "I'm proud and honored to present these awards to this group of dedicated volunteers. When it comes to a first responders' duties, it doesn't matter what agency we work for or what color uniform we have, its about helping people in service to our communities. We are grateful and appreciative for their efforts".





## **DETAILS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**



The Delaware County Sheriff's Office provides personnel to fill requests for approved details and special events taking place within the county. Our honor guard and parade details consist of Deputy's and Officers from our Corrections and Road Patrol Division. Many of the events would have been covered by our full time officers.

However, our parade detail and honor guard were unable to participate in events this year due to the Pandemic:



*Flag Day Parade  
Hancock Firemen's Field Days Parade  
Rosbury's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
Heroes Parade at the Delaware County Fair*



## Stamford Flag Day Parade

It was awesome to get the Mounted Unit out again for the famous Stamford Flag Day parade last evening, June 14th. Felt good to be “back in the saddle” with a good friend the legendary Steve Williamson. Special thanks to our color guard



L to R: Corrections Officers  
Lynndon Huyck, Brendan Cairns,  
Bryce Charles and David Mondore





## DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR











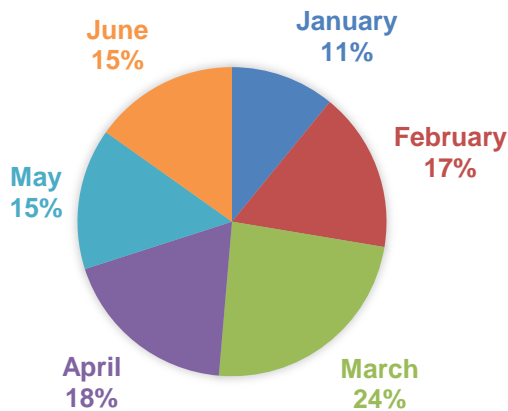
# PROPERTY CHECKS

The pie charts listed include the school checks our deputies due throughout the year. It demonstrates how many property checks were completed within a particular month. Delaware County Sheriff's Office provides property checks for all schools located in Delaware County, as well as BOCES, the White Birch Airport, County Owned properties, East Sidney Dam, Oquaga State Park, and Private Sectors. The Sheriff's Office has a program that individuals can use to register their homes with the Sheriff's Office when unoccupied. For more details regarding the program, please contact Rebecca Townsend at 607-832-5593 or [rebecca.townsend@co.delaware.ny.us](mailto:rebecca.townsend@co.delaware.ny.us).

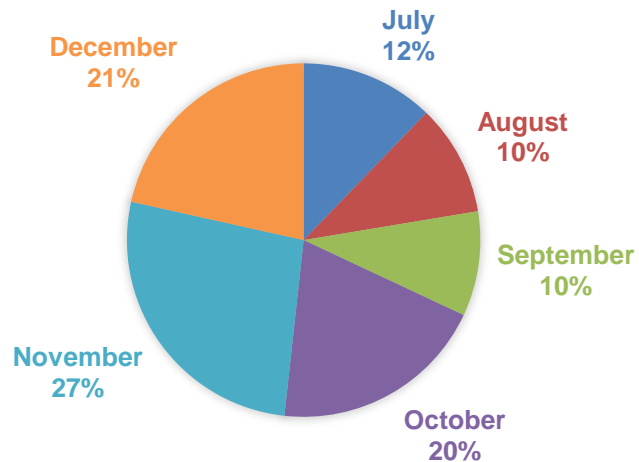


Civil Officer Robert Mantzouratos and Deputy Collin Roche stopped for a moment outside of Downsville Central School Tuesday night.

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## **SHERIFF'S CAMP**



The Sheriff's Summer Camp on Keuka Lake in Yates County can be life-changing experience for some children. Each County is assigned a certain week that enables kids from their county to camp. This is a weeklong camp and allows children to interact with Police and with other children. At the end of their stay, all children are awarded a diploma for their participation in a program called the "Good Citizenship and Law Enforcement Studies Program." The camp has made a significant difference in many children's lives. Each year, many of the same kids desire to attend again.



The camp information is distributed to the Sheriff's Offices in the spring each year. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Miller at [Jessica.miller@co.delaware.ny.us](mailto:Jessica.miller@co.delaware.ny.us) or 607-832-5594.



On a muggy Sunday morning, June 27, 2021, Sheriff Craig DuMond met the (19) Delaware County youth heading off to a week of Sheriff's Camp located on beautiful Lake Keuka in Penn Yan, NY. The Sheriff's Office is honored and pleased to be able to provide this opportunity to our youth who may not otherwise have a chance to attend camp.

The week will be filled with pro-social programming, various demonstrations, sports, swimming, sail boating and fellowship with other campers.

The youth will build life-long relationships with their law enforcement counselors and carry these experiences back into their home communities. Speaking on the camp, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked "I'm so proud and honored by the NYS Sheriff's Institute for providing these opportunities to our most cherished resource, our children. Since 1979, our mission is to advance criminal justice education, prevent juvenile delinquency, and support victims of crime and their families throughout New York State".

# **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

## **Sheriff's Office Annual Employee Awards**

Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that on Monday, March 22, 2021, the Sheriff's Office held its annual employee awards ceremony to recognize members of the Sheriff's Office for their exceptional service to the Office as well as the people of Delaware County.

Awards presented were as follows:

### **Perfect Attendance Awards:**

Nurse Rosemary Balcom, Investigator David Barnes, CO Thad Barnes, CO Cory Bene, Sgt. Shane Biggar, Deputy Jeff Clark, Deputy Logan Flavell, Sgt. Fred Ford, Sgt. Heath Goff, Sgt. Paul Hamilton, Deputy Kyle Karcher, Sr. Investigator Joe Mauro, Deputy Tyler McAteer, CO David McClung, Corporal Dan McGowan, CO David Mondore, Sgt. Robert Pangburn, Deputy Collin Roche, Deputy Cody Tromblee, Deputy Timothy Tryon, Deputy Matthew Vogel.

### **5-Year Service Award:**

CO Amanda Reichert, RN Gloria Hill

### **10-Year Service Award:**

CO Terry Lambrecht, CO Kayla Montminy, Sergeant Donald Simonds

### **20-Year Service Award:**

Corporal Joanne Yager, CO Vincent Scinta, Sergeant Kim Smith

### **35-Year Service Award:**

Lieutenant Karl Vagts

### **Exceptional Service Award:**

Sergeant Heath Goff, Deputy Tyler McAteer, Deputy Collin Roche, Sgt. Christopher Erwin, Corporal Eric Alexander, Civil Officer Robert Mantzouratos, Deputy Cody Tromblee, Investigator David Barnes, Deputy Timothy Tryon.



## **Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award**

### **– Corporal Eric Alexander**

Deputy Eric Alexander in early 2020 was directly responsible for the investigation and arrest of the most horrific animal abuse case in Delaware County. The case resulted in the arrest of a Franklin man on various animal fighting and animal cruelty related charges as the result of a seizure of twenty (20) dogs that were being inappropriately held and abused in the furtherance of dog fighting related activities.

On Wednesday afternoon, February 5, 2020, Corporal Alexander, acting on information received from members of the Delaware Valley Humane Society, discovered twenty unlicensed dogs confined in deplorable conditions without proper food, water or care at a residence located on County Highway 21 in the Town of Franklin. Upon further investigation, Cpl. Alexander determined that although there was no evidence of active dog fighting activity observed at that location, the traumatic scars and injuries to the canines along with equipment and paraphernalia present at that scene was consistent with the training and conditioning of canines for dog fighting related activities.

Cpl. Alexander exemplifies the true meaning of “sticking up for the victims” who are defenseless and deserve an advocate. Cpl. Alexander’s work should make every Deputy across the whole State proud.

#### **September 2020 Recognition for Lifesaving Efforts**

In September of 2020 Corporal Alexander was publicly recognized for his lifesaving efforts in going above and beyond in rescuing a person suffering from substance use disorder, saving the person’s life.

Cpl Alexander responded to a 911 overdose call where he revived the victim in question. Upon being revived, the victim became uncooperative, refusing treatment from EMS or even acknowledging her name. Upon clearing the individual’s residence, Cpl Alexander was almost certain the individual was going to ingest more drugs and overdose again.

Cpl Alexander set out to determine the name and story of the of this individual suffering from SUD. Upon a diligent search and conducting interviews, he determined the name of the individual and further determined the individual was currently on parole. Cpl Alexander continued his quest and identified the individuals parole officer, called that parole officer at home on a Sunday and insisted the parole officer respond from home on a day off and conduct a wellness check. After his persistence, the parole officer responded and together they responded to the residence. Upon, no response, Cpl Alexander and the parole officer forced entry into the residence where they found the individual unconscious, unresponsive and not breathing. Upon administering additional doses of NARCAN, the individuals overdose was reversed and her life saved.







## Corrections Officer of the Year Award

– Corrections Officer Paul Moore

On June 11th, 2020 Officer Paul Moore was on duty in the staff dining room at the Delaware County Corrections Facility when Officer Moore observed a fellow officer stand up and silently walked from his table. Officer Moore further observed the officer approach a trash can and appear to be in distress.

Officer Moore swiftly and diligently reacted, following through with his medical first aid training as a Corrections Officer. It was apparent to Officer Moore that his fellow officer was in duress. It was at this point Officer Moore determined that the officer was choking and unable to help himself. The officer was nonverbal and his skin color was quickly changing.

Officer Moore sprang into action and quickly administered the Heimlich Maneuver. His first series of thrusts were unsuccessful in dislodging the object from the officer's throat. Officer Moore informed the officer that he was going to try it again, but this time he was going to apply harder thrusts that may be painful. With these last series of thrusts, the object that was obstructing the officer's airway, was dislodged and thus rendering the officer the ability to breathe again.

Officer Paul Moore is a hero, not only did he save his fellow officer's life, he returned to work as though saving lives was part of his daily routine. Officer Paul Moore heroically acted without hesitation to come to the aid of a colleague that was in dire need. Not only were his actions remarkable, but his humble demeanor afterward was extraordinary.

## Civilian Employee of the Year Award

– Gerard Hanley

Awarded for technical assistance and professional performance of duty in relation to the security system upgrade for the Delaware County Correctional Facility. Gerard's expert knowledge of our facility's infrastructure provided a seamless transition, ensured seamless security assurances and saved the County taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars.

Speaking on the awards presented, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked, "I am humbled, honored, and proud to present these awards today. I am certainly blessed by a very dedicated group of professionals who go above and beyond every day in service to the Sheriff's Office and the communities they protect. Recognizing their selfless service is important as the public should have an opportunity to know and appreciate their exceptional service to Delaware County".





## State Corrections Officer of the Year

May 5, 2021, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that Delaware County Corrections Officer Paul Moore was named New York State Corrections Officer of the Year (2020) by the NYS Sheriff's Association. Corrections Officer Moore was presented with the award at a ceremony in conjunction with the NYS Sheriff's Association Spring Conference in Albany, NY on April 28, 2021.

On June 11th, 2020 Officer Paul Moore was on duty in the staff dining room at the

Delaware County Corrections Facility when Officer Moore observed fellow officer display signs of a choking incident and appear to be in distress.

Officer Moore swiftly and diligently reacted, following through with his medical first aid training as a Corrections Officer. It was apparent to Officer Moore that his fellow officer was in duress as the officer became nonverbal with his skin color quickly changing.

Officer Moore quickly administered the Heimlich maneuver and after several thrusts, was able to dislodge the object that was obstructing the officer's airway, allowing the officer to breathe and talk again.

Speaking on the award, Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond remarked "Officer Paul Moore is a hero, not only did he save the life of a fellow officer, he returned to work as if though saving lives was part of his daily routine. Officer Paul Moore heroically acted without hesitation to come to the aid of a colleague that was in dire need. Not only were his actions remarkable, but his humble demeanor afterward was extraordinary.

It is an honor to have an everyday hero like Officer Paul Moore be a part of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office", the Sheriff concluded.

Pictured in photo from left to right: Chenango County Sheriff and NYSSA Executive Committee Chairman, Ernie Cutting; Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond; Corrections Officer Paul Moore; Columbia County Sheriff and President of the NYSSA David Bartlett and Yates County Sheriff Ron Spike, President of the NYS Sheriff's Institute. Master Instructor Certification

## Master Instructor Certification

May 7, 2021, Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that Delaware County Correctional Sergeant Heath Goff has attained his New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Master Instructor Certification.

Speaking on the certification, Sheriff DuMond states, "this is quite an accomplishment for Sgt. Goff, as many instructors go their entire careers and never achieve this level of certification." "This just goes to show the level of time, commitment and devotion that Sgt. Goff has put into this endeavor".

Further, Sheriff DuMond advises that despite having many DCJS certified Instructors presently and throughout the years, Sgt. Goff is our first Officer to achieve Master Instructor Certification, which simply adds to how outstanding this accomplishment really is.



Sgt. Goff first attained DCJS Instructor certification in 2015 by attending and becoming certified in the Instructor Development Course, followed by his specialized certification as a Firearms Instructor, The Use of Force Instructor, Aerosol Subject Restraint Instructor and Defensive Tactics Instructor, as well as being certified in other topics.

The NYS DCJS Master Instructor Certification Requirements are as follows:

1. Candidates must be employed by a criminal justice agency or academy in New York State.
2. Current certification as an instructor pursuant to 9 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) 6023.
3. Successful completion of a Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC) approved Instructor Development Course as a student.
4. Successful completion of an MPTC approved instructor evaluator workshop.
5. Satisfactorily instruct each instructional section of an MPTC IDC at least once over three or more sessions of the course under the direct supervision of a Master Instructor.
6. Each course is not required to be at the same academy.
7. The Master Instructor certificate remains in effect during the period the instructor's general topics certificate is effective.

The sole purpose of Master Instructor certification is to ensure qualified instructors teach the NYS Instructor Development Course (IDC) thus ensuring the new instructors continue to provide a high level of public safety and instructional skills as set forth by the NYS DCJS.

Please join us in congratulating Sgt. Goff on this achievement.



Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond is sworn in as Secretary of the NYS Sheriffs' Association by retired Ontario County Sheriff, Philip Povero. Former Sheriff Povero was the longest serving NYS Sheriff in the history of New York and retired in 2018.

### **Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond Elected Secretary of the New York State Sheriffs' Association**

April 27, 2021 – The New York State Sheriffs' Association elected its Officers at the 2021 Spring Training Conference last week at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, NY. Members elected Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond as Secretary of the NYS Sheriffs' Association. Sheriff DuMond will work with Sheriffs around the state to further the efforts of the Sheriffs' Association to enhance public safety in New York State through professional training and accreditation programs, public safety programs, and advocacy.

Speaking on the election, Sheriff DuMond remarked, "I am humbled and honored to have

been blessed with the confidence of my fellow sheriffs. I promise to represent them, as will as the NYS Sheriff's Association, with integrity and honor. I absolutely love my job and representing the people of Delaware County".

The New York State Sheriffs' Association, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation, formed in 1934, for the purpose of assisting Sheriffs in the efficient and effective delivery of services to the public. It comprises all of the elected and appointed Sheriffs of New York State.



## Certificate of Accreditation for the Sheriff's Corrections Division

On Wednesday July 28, 2022, Peter Kehoe, Executive Director of the NYS Sheriff's Association, presented Sheriff Craig DuMond with a Certificate of Accreditation for the Sheriff's Corrections Division at a meeting of the Delaware County Board of Supervisors in Delhi, NY.

Accreditation of the Corrections (Jail) Division of the Sheriff's Office marks and finalizes full and complete accreditation throughout all Divisions of the Sheriff's Office; Law Enforcement, Civil Enforcement and Corrections Divisions accordingly.

Speaking on behalf of the event, Mr. Kehoe remarked, "I want to recognize this important achievement," Kehoe said. "The staff spend long hours behind bars with the incarcerated. Some are guilty and some are innocent, and they all deserve respect by the officers. Accreditation is not just asking to be accredited. They are assessed on 166 individual components and are judged by a board of assessors. Delaware County is lucky to have Sheriff DuMond as their Sheriff as anything he commits to he accomplishes...and Sheriff DuMond is committed to nothing but excellence". Kehoe also reported the corrections facility met or exceeded all 166 components for accreditation.

Sheriff DuMond thanked and presented a certification of appreciation from NYSSA to Sergeant Heath Goff, the facility's accreditation manager, for spearheading the accreditation program and for his professional and diligent work. DuMond also thanked the corrections facility's administrative team and all corrections officers for "embracing the value of accreditation, incorporating it into their daily lives, and committing to the national and state professional standards that the accreditation program stands for". Further praise went onto the Chairman Tina Mole', Public Safety Chairman Bud Gladstone, and all of the Delaware County Supervisors for their support. "We literally couldn't do this without you. The investment of Accreditation also comes with specialized training, equipment, professional development. Your understanding and support of the importance of this investment is deeply respected and appreciated. Thank you very much ...I can assure you every member of my team will continue to work hard to earn your continued support", Sheriff DuMond remarked.

Sheriff DuMond also went on to say the following, "Many of you might not know but it was the Sheriffs of NY and the NYS Sheriffs Association that created the NYS accreditation program decades before the State of New York recognized the importance of accreditation and took over the program. Long before it was fashionable, it was the Sheriffs of NY who understood how important the principles of professionalism, accountability and transparency were crucial in maintaining the public's trust. When you commit to the accreditation model, a law enforcement leader does not only have a choice to embrace these principles but progressively maintain into the future. As policies, trends, legislation and community demands change, so must the accredited agency to maintain the honor of their accreditation status. You see accreditation is not just checking off boxes, or a one-and-done program. It something an agency has to live, breathe and be accountable to each and every day. Like the saying goes, the only thing that stays the same is everything changes. Accreditation forces this process and keeps your current, year after year through independent reaccreditation cycles. This is a huge undertaking and an honor bestowed on only

about 1/3 of the police agencies in NYS, your Sheriff's Office being the only local agency in Delaware County".

"When I began my first year as Sheriff 3 ½ years ago, I tasked the members of my Office to pull off an incredible feat. Although the law enforcement division had been accredited for several years, I wanted a fully accredited Sheriff's Office. That would mean 2 more divisions; Civil Law Enforcement and the Corrections Divisions accordingly. This was a huge undertaking simply due to the rigorous requirements involved; such as evidence-based policy and procedure development (155 policies and 166 standards for the Jail alone), a robust training regimen for all staff and the strictest of accountability and transparency measures. Well, as you know, the fine members of the Sheriff's Office did not disappoint. As of today, your Sheriff's Office is completely accredited throughout every division. I wish I could come up with the words to express how truly appreciative I am of this accomplishment". Sheriff DuMond concluded by saying, "As your Sheriff, I am humbled and honored to have the privilege of being elected by the people of Delaware County...I can assure you that I take this privilege very seriously. We will continue to give you a Sheriff's Office everyone can be proud. I pledge to continue to lead our Sheriff's Office with the utmost integrity, honor, professionalism and transparency the public deserves"

## **DRUG ENFORCEMENT**

I commend those who have stepped forward and provided information to law enforcement to help rid their community of drug dealers. I strongly encourage others to call our toll-free tip line, 1-888-914-9111, or to personally meet with a Deputy, or Investigator to report suspicious activity or to provide drug related information. No matter how insignificant you believe it may be, the information you provide may be the final piece we need to rid your community of one or more sources of these deadly drugs. You may just help save the life of a friend or family member.