

# ***GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE***

## **ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**



## ***A Message from Sheriff Peter J. Kusminsky***

I remain honored and humbled to serve, representing the people of Greene County as your Sheriff. The Office of the Sheriff of Greene County is mandated by the New York State Constitution. As the county's only elected law enforcement officer, the Sheriff of Greene County answers directly to the people. The primary goal of the Sheriff is to assure public safety to the citizens and visitors of Greene County. I continue to be dedicated to providing professional, courteous services to the public.

This past year continued to bring challenges to my staff. I am extremely proud of the way they handle their jobs. They truly are dedicated public servants. Our Threat assessment Team, County Wide Senior Citizens' Call In Program, Impacted Citizens' Program, and our Community Wellness Program remain very active and have open lines of communication with our surrounding counties and community stakeholders which continue to strengthen our relationships and commitment to the safety of our residents.

This past year we have added additional License Plate Readers to assist in identifying and prosecuting violators. We purchased a FLIR unit for our marine patrol to assist in night time and poor visibility situations on the Hudson River and it's local tributaries. We have fully integrated our systems with the Capital Region Intelligence Center to share and utilize information with our regional law enforcement partners. We also continue to be actively involved in the DEA Task Force and the U.S. Marshall's Task Force, regularly pursuing and charging the drug dealers and criminals who prey upon our citizens. Lastly, our Jail was Accredited this year by The New York State Sheriffs' Association. This is the first time in the history of Greene County that our jail has achieved this status.

I remain committed to continuing to adapt to the ever-changing demands on law enforcement. We will continue to work together with all of the other agencies within the county, including the District Attorney's Office, Greene County Emergency Services, Probation, Fire Departments, EMS agencies, State and Local Police. These partnerships have enabled all of us to more efficiently serve our county.

In closing, I would like to thank my Deputies, Corrections Officers, Support Staff, the Greene County Legislature, and the people of Greene County for their continued support.

Sincerely,  
Sheriff Peter J. Kusminsky



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## **CIVIL DIVISION**

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Civil Division is responsible for the enforcement of all civil processes in Greene County which include Summons, Order to Show Cause, Temporary Order of Protection, Evictions, Subpoenas, Income Executions, Property Executions, Sheriff Sales, just to name a few.

The Civil Office also undertakes a large majority of our business functions, including financial transactions such as cash receipts, cash disbursements and accounts payable. The accounts involved are Records funds and all Civil Account funds. The Civil Division consists of two Civil Coordinators, one Civil Office Manager, and a Civil Deputy. A total of 1,515 papers were served in 2024. Most papers are served by our Civil Deputy with the remainder being served by the Road Patrol. The Temporary Order of Protections can be served 7 days a week and 24 hours a day, require immediate service and firearm removal. The Road Patrol Deputies assist with the service of papers that have a short turnaround time for the courts or the County Attorney.

The Civil Division processed 1,515 papers in 2024 in contrast to 1,620 in 2023. Over 700 papers were attempted once or numerous times with the outcome of being unable to locate, not in Greene County, or canceled by the attorney or court.

The Courts in Greene County and the surrounding counties depend on our Deputies to handle matters received from various courts including Supreme, Surrogate, County, Family, Town and Village, as well as attorneys.

Papers for Family Court can consist of a notice to appear, summons and/or order to show cause, petition, verification, order appointing attorney for the child, custody, support or visitation petitions or orders, and may include temporary orders of protection. Sometimes this paperwork can total 15, 20, or even 30 pages. It is not unusual for many papers, including temporary orders of protection, to arrive in our office after 4:00 and just before 5:00. Immediate processing is required, and these papers are sent with Road Patrol for expedited service.

Other papers received from the county attorney for a quick turn-around time can have an order to show cause pursuant to mental hygiene law 9.60, affirmations, petitions, medication worksheet, and substance abuse worksheet to name a few. These papers must be reviewed before being processed and given to a deputy for service.

Income Executions, Bank Levies, Property Executions and Sheriff Sales are a multi-step procedure and service. Some executions are monitored for years and require numerous calls to follow up with collections until they are satisfied.

Warrant of Evictions are a multi-step process for both the landlord and Civil Office, with service being made by the deputy to complete. The Eviction Lockout is the final step before papers are sent back to the court as complete.

All papers must be monitored, mailings done, and returned to the courts or attorneys in a legal and prompt time frame.

The Civil Division collected a total of \$650,025.18 in 2024 compared to a total of \$679,039.12 in 2023. Poundage fees collected for executions were \$29,995.62, processing fees for executions totaled \$20,546.97 while all stages of evictions totaled \$17,920.00, and all mileage fees totaled \$14,053.86. All fees and poundage are turned over to the Greene County Treasurer.

## **Definitions of Papers for Service**

Family Court – Can include Summons, Petitions, Verification, Notice of Hearing, Order to Show Cause, Financial Disclosure Affidavit, Order Appointed Attorney for the Child and possibly a Temporary Order of Protection.

Executions – Types of executions for service are Bank Levy, Income Execution – 1<sup>st</sup> stage and 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, Property Execution, and Sheriff Sale.

Warrant of Eviction - Can start with a Notice, followed by a Notice of Petition and Petition. The Warrant of Eviction is a two-step process of serving the warrant then finishing with the Eviction Lockout to secure the property.

Divorce – There are numerous combinations of papers depending on what is needed by the attorney or individual. The Civil Division requests that the papers are in order just as they want them to be served to make sure all are listed for service.

Notice of Entry/Notice to Show Cause from the County Attorney – This paperwork has several stages with numerous pages that all need to be logged in and noted on the affidavit after service.

Other papers processed with the Civil Division are Subpoenas, Citations and other miscellaneous papers from in or out of Greene County or New York state that have their own configuration, and that need to be reviewed and documented in the Civil program.

## CIVIL DIVISION – ANNUAL FIGURES

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Summons including Notice or Complaint	42	36
Property/Income Executions, Bank Levy, Sheriff Sales	249	246
Family Court Without Order of Protections	277	281
Family Court with Order of Protection	161	182
Court Served Order of Protection to GDrive (Not included in service count)	102	69
Criminal Court Order of Protection	19	25
Notice to Tenant	68	88
Notice of Petitions	86	80
Warrant of Evictions	113	123
Eviction Lockouts	93	93
Order to Show Cause	1	3
Action For Divorce	25	21
Subpoena	25	16
Citation	3	1
Information Subpoena	0	0
Warrant of Arrest/Civil Warrant	0	0
Other Papers	87	98
Papers served for Greene County (Declarations & Tax Foreclosure)	24	143
Notice Of Entry and Order to Show Cause from County Attorney	8	18
Papers Attempted Not Served	132	97
Total	1,515	1,620

## ROAD PATROL



The Road Patrol Division serves the residents of Greene County. The Deputies patrol within the local municipalities as the citizens attend school, work, and shop in the county. In an effort to further serve the residents of Greene County, the Deputies supplement police services to the Villages and Towns that provide a local police force and answer calls for service in those jurisdictions in addition to providing police services to localities that have no local law enforcement agency, whenever the need arises. The Patrol Division is responsible for enforcing the laws of the State of New York while patrolling 192 miles of state highways, 262 miles of county roads, and 719 miles of local municipality roads on a twenty-four hour, seven day a week basis. They are also responsible for patrolling the Hudson River and other waterways throughout the county as well.

The Road patrol consists of the following staff that work out of six different locations.

1 Captain

1 Lieutenant

3 Part-Time Lieutenants

7 Sergeants

5 Investigators

3 Part -Time Investigators

23 Full time Deputy Sheriffs

13 Per Diem Deputy Sheriffs

**The Coxsackie Main Office** houses our Administration along with Pistol Permits. There are (4) deputies assigned to the Town of Coxsackie Post. The deputies of the road patrol handle the incidents/complaints of Greene county citizens by working rotating 12 hour shifts, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

**The Ashland Satellite** was opened in 2012. As you are aware, the original Prattsville Satellite was in the direct path of the flood waters of Hurricane Irene and was flooded with several feet of water and mud. Through the support of the residents in Ashland, we opened a new satellite located at the Ashland town building to continue our service to the mountain top residents. It remains staffed by (4) deputies working a rotating 12 hour shift, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

**The Prattsville Satellite** has been re-opened in it's original location at the Prattsville Town Hall. This location serves as a processing area for patrols.

**The Jewett Satellite remains** in working order as a remote location for the Pistol Permit Division. This office is open by appointment to serve the pistol permit needs of mountain top residents without requiring them to travel to Coxsackie.

**The Greenville Satellite** continues to primarily service the Towns of Greenville and Durham and is located in the Greenville Town Hall. Our K-9 handlers generally report out of this Satellite to be more centrally located to the public in both the valley and mountain top areas.

**The Civil Department** is located within the County Clerk's office at 411 Main St. Suite 202 in Catskill.

### **ARRESTS 2024**

The patrol division made a total of 551 arrests in 2024 resulting in 68 Felony counts, 392 Misdemeanor counts, 30 Violation counts, and 170 Mental Health arrests. In 2023 there were 442 arrests resulting in 78 Felonies, 337 Misdemeanors, 16 Violations, and 175 Mental Health arrests.

<b><u>Township</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Ashland	6	6
Athens	34	26
Cairo	105	89
Catskill	187	83
Coxsackie	79	63
Durham	26	19
Greenville	23	16
Halcott	-	-
Hunter	16	18
Jewett	6	5
Lexington	3	4
New Baltimore	36	16
Prattsville	11	16
Windham	19	17



<b>The following is a breakdown of the calls:</b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Assault/Assault in Progress	18	35
Harassment	137	160
Domestic Disputes	157	268
Disorderly Conduct/General Disturbance/Fight	70	85
Sex Abuse/Assault/Rape	35	30
Burglary	14	35
Robbery (including home invasions)	-	-
Criminal Mischief	18	31
Kidnap/Abduction complaint	-	-
Larceny	68	79
Trespass	75	102
Lost/Missing Person	11	50
Overdose/Poisoning; Alcohol or Drug Related	14	110
Mental Health Call incl Suicide/Suicide Attempt or Threat	170	174
General Complaint	2,164	2,739
Vehicle Traffic Stops	4,073	2,593
Disabled vehicle	92	63
Assist to Motorist (including lockouts)	183	192
Parking Complaint	22	27
Erratic Driver Complaint	154	151
Motor Vehicle Accidents	358	300
Boat Accident/Fire/Sunk/Water Rescue; Drowning/Near/Dive/Scuba	8	2
Road/Traffic Hazard	158	127
Suspicious person, vehicle and/or object	114	81
Vehicle Pursuit	3	3
EID (alarm activations)	663	648
Civil Matters	2,418	2,120
Criminal Warrants	40	40
Attempt to Locate	50	343
Animal complaints	186	132
EMS & Fire Dept Assists	168	208
Child Abuse	26	4
OP Violations	12	37
Citizen Assist	812	219
Home Invasion	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,491</b>	<b>11,190</b>

The patrol division handled **12,491** calls for service in 2024 and 11,190 in 2023. The Sheriff's Office responded to approximately **55%** of the 18,385 police 911 related calls received in the county through Greene County Emergency Operations Center in 2023 and **51%** of the 14,393 county calls in 2023. The remaining **45%** of calls in 2024 were answered by Local Police Agencies, Environmental Conservation Police or the NY State Police. A small percentage were cellular 911 calls received for incidents occurring in adjoining counties. A call for service includes any activity a deputy does while on patrol, including assists to other agencies.

## **Criminal Investigations Unit**

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) currently has (5) Full-time Investigators and (3) part-time Investigators. The assigned investigators adopt cases that often require additional investigative steps and more attention to close. The unit is primarily responsible to assist patrol and investigate all major crimes, Class D- Felony and higher offenses, Sex Offender Management, warrant execution, drug investigations and employee background investigations for all county employees. The Criminal Investigations Unit regularly tracks Sex Offenders in Greene County ensuring that they are properly registered with New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services. CIU enforces the mandatory annual verification process by actively tracking and monitoring offenders, which gives Law Enforcement the most up to date information on each Sex Offender's location within Greene County. CIU actively investigates all misdemeanor and felony warrants for the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

### **Notable Cases from 2024**

The Criminal Investigation Unit received information regarding an individual possibly making guns with a 3D printer in the Town of Cairo. On March 26, 2024, the Greene County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on a residence in the Town of Cairo. During the search of the residence, numerous items were recovered to include a loaded SBR AR-15 assault rifle with a 3D printed lower and a high-capacity magazine, numerous 3D printed frames for an AR style rifle, 3D printer frame for a handgun, suppressor attachments, suppressors and a 3D printer. The suspect was ultimately charged and remanded to Greene County Jail. The suspect has since pleaded guilty and is now serving his sentence.

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a report of a car vs motorcycle accident on State Route 23 at the intersection of Five Mile Woods Rd on September 10, 2024. The motorcycle was occupied by two individuals who were found to be in critical condition with full and partial amputations. The driver of the car was ultimately found to be intoxicated at the time of the accident and subsequently charged with vehicular assault. The driver of the motorcycle later succumbed to his injuries at the hospital and passed away. The driver of the vehicle has now been charged with the additional charge of vehicular manslaughter and remains remanded to the Greene County Jail awaiting trial.

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a report of a car vs tree personal injury automobile accident on CR 54 in the Town of New Baltimore on October 17, 2024. During the investigation, the passenger of the vehicle was found to be deceased at the scene. The operator of the vehicle was found to be impaired by drugs and ultimately arrested for vehicular manslaughter and then remanded to the Greene County Jail. The suspect has since pled and is serving their sentence.

The Criminal Investigations Unit is in charge of maintaining confidential informants and is actively investigating and combating the drug issue in Greene County. Investigators have several drug cases that are active and several that have been successfully indicted this year, which are now awaiting trial.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit also handled 36 Unattended Death Investigations, 1 Overdose Death Investigation, 3 Suicides, 35 Sex-Offense Cases, 26 child abuse cases, assisted SRO's with 19 School Incidents, assisted with and investigated 14 burglaries, 4 Sex Offender Failure to Register Investigations, and 147 background investigations during 2024.

## **FLEET MANAGEMENT**

The following is the beginning, ending, and total mileage for all Sheriff's patrol, Investigator, Jail and staff vehicles. The Vehicles are listed in order of their assigned number, year, make, model and last four of the V.I.N code. The beginning, ending, and total mileage for each vehicle is broken down with a total mileage for all vehicles shown at the end of the report.

<b><u>CAR</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>MAKE &amp; MODEL</u></b>	<b><u>V.I.N. CODE</u></b>	<b><u>BEGINNING</u></b>	<b><u>ENDING</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
1	24	DODGE DURANGO	6926	0	18,726	18,726
2	20	DODGE DURANGO	3245	47,504	55,579	8,075
3	24	JEEP CHEROKEE	6748	0	9,175	9,175
4	22	DODGE CHARGER	8396	8,284	15,427	7,143
5	18	FORD FUSION	0508	73,057	90,984	17,927
6	24	JEEP CHEROKEE	4897	0	4,527	4,527
7	24	JEEP CHEROKEE	9472	0	3,100	3,100
8	22	DODGE RAM P/U	2461	2,400	4,000	1,600
9	19	DODGE CHARGER	2980	138,453	145,052	6,599
10	18	FORD EXPLORER	5426	152,000	165,143	13,143
11	18	FORD EXPLORER	3103	201,801	232,004	30,203
12	24	DODGE DURANGO	8874	0	3,400	3,400
13	21	DODGE DURANGO	3486	37,657	57,889	20,232
14	20	DODGE DURANGO	3248	80,950	107,770	26,820
15	24	DODGE DURANGO	4652	0	4,652	4,652
16	20	DODGE DURANGO	4648	105,510	136,100	30,590
17	20	DODGE DURANGO	4647	100,323	118,975	18,652
20	19	DODGE CHARGER	6002	150,103	168,593	18,490
21	16	FORD EXPLORER	5313	146,763	150,992	4,229
23	19	NISSAN ALTIMA	7402	95,700	108,536	12,836
25	18	FORD EXPLORER	3104	132,180	137,882	5,702

26	18	FORD EXPLORER	3105	193,000	209,210	16,210
28	24	FORD EXPLORER	0762	0	22,275	22,275
29	24	DODGE DURANGO	4996	0	13,379	13,379
31	18	FORD EXPLORER	5425	102,000	120,818	18,836
32	22	DODGE DURANGO	6944	40,707	78,948	38,241
33	22	DODGE DURANGO	6947	50,500	108,147	57,647
34	22	DODGE DURANGO	6946	52,000	114,423	62,423
35	23	DODGE DURANGO	8614	2,000	41,318	39,318
36	23	DODGE DURANGO	8613	7,097	30,752	23,655
37	17	FORD EXPLORER	0762	136,895	142,707	5,812
38	20	DODGE DURANGO	3246	63,541	89,990	26,359
39	24	DODGE DURANGO	9639	0	544	544
40	21	TOYOTA HIGHLANDER	6320	59,999	66,004	6,005
41	18	CHEVY MALIBU	0194	97,616	116,361	18,745
STOP DWI	19	DODGE VAN	0230	19,823	24,953	5,130

Patrol, Investigator& Staff vehicle total: 635,959

**CORRECTIONS VEHICLES**

CV1	20	FORD VAN	6530	32,305	34,052	1,747
CV2	20	FORD EXPLORER	3333	40,504	48,136	7,632
CV3	17	FORD VAN	5848	141,849	144,938	3,089
CV4	12	FORD EXP	3073	142,461	146,289	3,828
CV5	21	DODGE DURANGO	4776	10,291	19,000	8,079

Corrections vehicles total: 24,375

Patrol, investigators & staff vehicles total: 635,959

**Grand total mileage for all vehicles: 660,334**

## **MARINE PATROL**

For the 2024 Marine Patrol Season, The Greene County Sheriff's Office logged 455 hours from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. We assisted with conducting several New York State Boater Safety Courses as NYS Brianna's Law is set to go into full effect in 2025. The Greene County Sheriff's Office aided with many events along the 30 miles of the Hudson River which we patrol; to include, providing safety for fireworks details, River patrol for riverside festivals in the County, River security for the Country in the Catskills concert, as well as providing a rescue boat for several school details in and along the Hudson River. The Greene County Sheriff's Office also assisted with the second annual YMCA Triathlon on Sleepy Hollow lake and aided several athletes in safely and successfully completing the swim portion. The Greene County Sheriff's Office was contacted by area agencies which boarder the Hudson, and were requested to assist with events such as Horsepower on the Hudson, the Hudson Flag Day Ceremony, and the Ulster County Triathlon. As usual, the Greene County Sheriff's Office Marine patrol conducted many vessel stops and provided education to violating boaters. The Greene County Sheriff's Office has two boats assigned to the Hudson River all boating season, two jet skis, and a rescue boat available to respond to any incident on any body of water in Greene County 24/7.

## **DIVE TEAM**

This year the Greene County Dive team continued to train with the Ulster County Dive Team and various other agencies. The Team trains for underwater dive calls and also swift water rescue calls. This year we also purchased a new swift water rescue sled.

In 2024 the dive team was called out 6 times for various emergencies & resulted in saving 16 people through swift water rescues.

During the winter months, the team worked on improving our response to ice rescues and readiness with different training scenarios including surface, ice shelf searches, and ice diving.

## **GRANTS**

We continue to actively pursue all grants that would increase the productivity of our Office without the added burden to our county taxpayers.

Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant - \$172,413

State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant - \$34,356

Bulletproof Vest Program - \$5,333.23

Traffic grants:

Seat belt - \$1,803

Step (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) - \$7,211

## COLOR GUARD



The Greene County Sheriff's Office Color Guard continues to participate and support various civic functions throughout the area. This past year, we continued along that same path.

March 17, 2024 – St. Patrick's Day Parade/Durham, NY  
March 23, 2024 – St. Patrick's Day Parade/Greenville, NY  
April 3, 2024 – St. Patrick's Day Parade/Greenville, NY  
May 26, 2024 – Memorial Day Parade/Tannersville, NY  
May 27, 2024 – Memorial Day Parade/Cairo, NY  
May 27, 2024 – Memorial Day Parade/Catskill, NY  
July 6, 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade/East Durham, NY  
July 25, 2024 – Greene County Youth Fair/Cairo, NY  
August 16, 2024 – Veterans Ceremony/Catskill, NY  
September 7, 2024 – Greene County Firemen's Convention/Cairo, NY  
September 11, 2024 – September 11<sup>th</sup> Ceremony EOC/Cairo, NY  
December 11, 2024 – Sean McCulloch Service/Greenville, NY

## **SHERIFF'S K-9 UNIT**

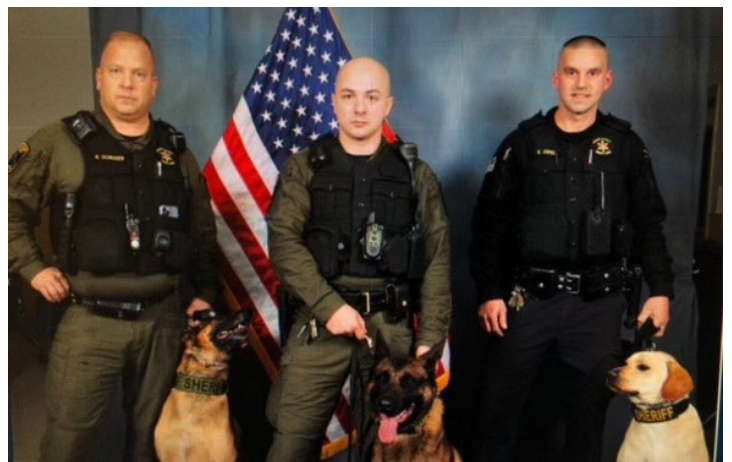
For 2024 there were 37 reportable K9 incidents.

Bolt & Haas had a combined 27 deployments for 16 vehicle searches, 6 tracks, 3 warrant assists, 1 probation assist and 1 jail cell search.

There were 9 reportable incidents for reduction of escalation from the Cairo Elementary Therapy Dog K9 Mac, where he was used to successfully defuse out of control student situations, which allowed them to return to their education for the remainder of the day.

We also participated in many educational K9 demonstrations throughout the County for the Community. Some places our K9s have visited are:

Athens & Catskill Senior Centers  
Columbia Greene Community College  
Catskill Elementary Summer Recreation  
Greenville High School Career Day  
Blue Friday  
Boy Scout Demo  
Greene County Youth Fair  
Greenville Day  
Athens FD Fire Prevention Day  
Hunter FD Fire Prevention Day  
Oak Hill Durham FD Halloween Truck or Treat  
Tannersville Trunk or Treat



## **GREENE COUNTY DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH**

For over the past 16 years, the Sheriff's Office has been providing a Deputy to the County Office of Mental Health to provide security for their workers at the Cairo Office Building Annex. In 2013, the Sheriff's Office began assigning (2) part-time Deputies/SPO's during Mental Health business hours. Also, a magnetometer was installed to provide additional safety to the Office of Mental Health. The members' primary duties are to ensure the safety of the mental health employees and patients. They also assist the road patrol with the detention of patients who are being ordered to be transported to mental health treatment facilities. They work varying daytime hours Monday through Friday, including some late-night hours.

### Greene County Mental Health Annual Report of Hours for the 2024 Year:

Full-Time Members:	868.25 hours
Part-Time Members:	3,539.75 hours
Special Patrol Officer (S.P.O.)	298 hours

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### **Mental Health Office Report:**

	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
Clinician Assists	12	9
EMS Assists	4	2
Fire Drills	3	2
Mental Health Pickup Orders	51	53
Property Damage-Auto Accident	0	2
Arrests	0	0
Other	2	1

### **Magnetometer Report:**

Traffic Counter	13,943	13,793
Alarms	4,089	4,098
Dangerous Instruments	121	128



## **PISTOL PERMIT DIVISION**

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Pistol Permit Office is responsible for issuing pistol permits and related documents to the residents of Greene County. The Pistol Permit division is also responsible for the issuance of I.D. cards for county employees and issues identification cards for local police agencies. **The following is an account of the Pistol Permit Division activity for 2024 and 2023:**

### **Pistol Permit Related Requests Processed:**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Original Pistol Permit	186	162
Duplicate Pistol Permit	24	12
Amendments	1,029	1,338
Purchase Coupons	769	912
Transfer Fees	43	89
Applications	548	389
Upgrade/Misc	186	162
Dealer	17	7
Gunsmith	16	4
<b>Total Transactions:</b>	<b>2,818</b>	<b>3,075</b>

Total fees collected for pistol permit related transactions for **2024** was **\$9,724** and \$9,990 for 2023.

### **Additional statistics for the Pistol Permit Division are:**

	<u>2024</u>
Approved applications	169
Applications returned to applicant	1
Denied applications	4
Expired permit/applications	2
Permit suspensions	15
Arrests based on falsified information on applications	6
Orders of Protection	2
Amnesty	6
Destruction	55
ERPO/TERPO	2
Employee IDs	14
Permit surrender	4

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND**  
**COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING SECURITY DETAIL**

Since it's opening, the Sheriff's Office has been providing security and services to the employees and customers of the County Office Building and the Department of Social Services. We currently have (2) Part-time deputies assigned to DSS and the County Office Building (COB) and continue the successful use of several Special Patrol Officers.

The Special Patrol Officers' primary duty is to oversee entry into the building and passage through the Magnetometers. In order to be considered for this position the applicant must be either a retired Police or Peace officer. This requirement ensures our agency that the SPO's are knowledgeable with NYS Laws and have experience dealing with the public. We currently utilize (5) SPO's who work on a rotating schedule on a part – time basis.

The magnetometers have been very helpful in preventing potential weapons from being brought into the building, including firearms and edged weapons.

Between the Department of Social Services and the County office building, there were a total of 151 calls for service in 2024 and 172 in 2023. Among these calls for service were lost license plate reports for DMV, employee business related injuries, training, file checks, meetings, etc. These calls include but are not limited to:

	<b>DSS 2024</b>	<b>DSS 2023</b>	<b>County Office 2024</b>	<b>County Office 2023</b>
Calls For Service	34	68	117	104
Assist Other Agency	12	15	35	-
Arrests	6	12	4	4
Fire Drills	-	-	2	2
EMS Assist	4	3	9	-
Lost Property	-	-	58	50
Lockouts	-	-	3	5
Parking Complaints	-	-	6	12
Other	12	41	-	31

## TRAINING

The Sheriff and the administration continue to feel strongly regarding the need to stay current with training. We had members participate in over **1600+** hours of training. The annual required training is scheduled as shown below.

### In Service #1:

#### -Temporary Emergency Risk Protection Orders (TERPO)

A "Temporary Emergency Risk Protection Order" is a court-issued order prohibiting a person from purchasing, possessing or attempting to purchase or possess a firearm, rifle or shotgun. The order may be sought by law enforcement agencies when an officer establishes probable cause to believe that an individual is likely to engage in conduct that would result in serious harm to themselves or others.

### In Service #2:

#### - Tactical Emergency Casualty Care

"Tactical Emergency Casualty Care" trains EMS practitioners of all levels how to safely respond to and care for patients in a civilian tactical environment, including active shootings. This program is designed to decrease preventable deaths in the field.

#### - Emergency Management: NIMS/ICS

Emergency management is the process of organizing resources and people to protect people and property from disasters. It's a key part of any response to assist in preparation, mitigation and recovery during any critical incident.

#### - Community Interaction: De-Escalation

De-escalation in law enforcement is the use of communication and other techniques to reduce the intensity of a potentially violent situation. It's a way to stabilize or slow down a situation without using physical force.

### In Service #3:

#### - Use of Force and Deadly Physical Force

In law enforcement, "use of force" is defined as the amount of effort needed to compel compliance from an unwilling subject by any means, including verbal commands, physical force, or the use of lethal and less than lethal weapons

#### - "Stop Sticks"

"Stop Sticks" is a tire-deflation device used by law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S. and around the world to end high-speed pursuits quickly and safely.

### In Service #4:

<p>- Use of Force Simulation System</p> <p>Use of Force Simulation Systems use technology to create realistic simulations, including 360-degree video and branching narratives, allowing officers to experience a wide range of scenarios, from de-escalation to active shooter situations. Use-of-force simulation systems help law enforcement officers train for real-world scenarios by recreating complex, dynamic situations in a safe environment, improving decision-making and enhancing officer and community safety</p>
<p>In Service #5:</p> <p>- Community Interaction: Plain Clothes Encounters</p> <p>Plainclothes encounters involve law enforcement officers operating in civilian attire, while on or off duty, often for undercover work or specific assignments, requiring them to blend in and remain undetected. This training focuses on how to handle situations where plain clothed or off duty law enforcement officers are encountered.</p>
<p>In Service #6:</p> <p>-CPR/AED</p> <p>Law enforcement training increasingly includes CPR and AED use to address out-of-hospital cardiac arrests, as officers are often the first responders, potentially saving lives through timely intervention. Police are frequently the first to arrive at the scene of an emergency, including cardiac arrests. Studies show that equipping police vehicles with AEDs decreases call-to-shock time and improves survival rates.</p> <p>-BolaWrap</p> <p>The BolaWrap is a remote restraint device that law enforcement uses to immobilize individuals from a distance, offering a less-lethal and safer alternative to traditional tactics like Tasers, pepper spray, or batons.</p>
<p>In Service #7</p> <p>-Legal Issues: Supporting Depositions/Statements</p> <p>A supporting deposition is a written document that supports or explains the charges outlined in a simplified information, misdemeanor complaint, or felony complaint. It includes factual allegations of an evidentiary character, based on personal knowledge or information and belief.</p>
<p>In Service #8 &amp; #10</p> <p>-Law Enforcement Skills-Firearms Training:</p> <p>Law enforcement firearms training focuses on equipping officers with the skills and knowledge to safely and effectively handle firearms in various situations, including marksmanship, decision-making, and tactical maneuvers.</p>
<p>In Service #9</p>

#### -Counseling/Disciplinary Process

A disciplinary process typically begins with non-punitive counseling and training for minor issues, progressing to formal warnings and more severe penalties for serious misconduct. Supervisors are crucial in observing conduct and detecting instances warranting disciplinary action, and there's a focus on consistency and fairness

We also have several members attend additional training throughout the year for specific topics such as:

- Monthly in-service training for our Dive Team
- Bi-monthly training for our K-9 Division
- Course in Police Supervision for our new Sergeants and Investigators
- Supervisor training
- Law Enforcement continuing education courses
- New York State Sheriff's Association Supervisor Conference
- Law and Legal Updates
- Interview & Interrogation
- Marine EVOC and Marine Law Enforcement Training
- ESLETSC
- Field Training Officer School
- Active Shooter Scenarios
- Training Directors Conference
- Firearms Instructor
- Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Car Seat Technician Updates
- Animal Abuse Investigations
- School Resource Officer Training
- Child Forensic Interviewing
- Advanced training for kids with special needs

## SUMMER CAMP

The Sheriff Summer Camp, which is located near Penn Yan in Yates County, is supported by the NYS Sheriff's Association Honorary Members through their contributions and annual dues.

Located on beautiful Keuka Lake in Yates County, the New York State Sheriffs' Summer Camp is for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12 who because of economic reasons would not have an opportunity to attend a summer camp. The Sheriffs' Summer Camp includes innovative programming that helps to build our campers' competence and confidence, while they make new friends and become more aware of their natural and social environments. All children are encouraged, and provided, the opportunity to try new things, such as fishing or sailing, and they thrive in many important ways in this supportive environment.

Campers develop lasting memories, work well in groups, and work toward achieving goals. At week's end, children are more prepared to take on the challenges they may face in the future.

In 2024 the camp accommodated over 900 boys and girls from across New York State including 25 children from Greene County.

Deputy Dustin Rogers & Deputy Cody Rogers both attended camp as counselors.



### **SENIOR CALL-IN PROGRAM**

In early 2020, the GCSO saw a need for and implemented the Senior Call-In Program for Greene County's senior citizens to help ensure their safety and wellbeing. This program is administered by the Corrections division and assists seniors daily by making sure they are in good health. Members of the program are instructed to call in daily between the hours of 7:00 – 10:00 AM and advise the officer who receives the call they are OK. If a call is not received by the enrolled senior by 10:15AM, GCSO will call the senior; call friends/relatives of the senior; and lastly dispatch a patrol unit to the senior's home. Although not required, participants are also encouraged to provide major medical precautionary information which may assist GCSO staff in times of need. If participants will not be participating for vacation, hospitalization, etc., GCSO requests to be notified of the dates to not expect a call-in.

March 2024, marks the three-year anniversary of this program that now assists 15 senior residents. It is comforting to know that the Sheriff's office can provide this valuable service to our elderly population to ensure their safety and wellness as well as thank them for their contributions to Greene County over the years.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

We currently have (8) Deputies assigned to the SRO Program in (7) school districts. Deputy JoAnne Rivera is assigned to the Cairo-Durham Middle and High School, Deputy Steven Espel is assigned to the Cairo-Durham Elementary School, Deputy Dustin Rogers is assigned to the Greenville School District, Deputy Cody Rogers is assigned to the Windham-Ashland-Jewett School District, Deputy Dilann Bradley is assigned to the Hunter – Tannersville Central School District, Deputy Cole Matthews is assigned to the Marilyn Noonan School at Durham, Deputy Corey Clark is assigned to the Coxsackie-Athens School District and Deputy Will Wyant is assigned to Catskill School District. We have quarterly meetings with both the SROs and the schools to assess the program and make changes when necessary. This program is funded primarily by the participating school districts. Overall, the program is a success and we are excited to see it grow and our county's children benefit from having a good relationship with our Deputies!

### **DRONES**

For 2024, The Greene County Sheriff's Office had three call outs to aid in search and rescue. Two of those searches were for aiding in searching for a lost individual in the Town of New Baltimore on two separate occasions, and the third search was to aid in locating a downed single engine aircraft in the Town of Windham. For the Winter season of 2024 the Greene County Drone unit aided with the Coast Guard "Ice Ops" and flew designated choke points on the Hudson River to report back ice formations to the Coast Guard to aid in the planning of keeping the channel clear of ice for barge and ship traffic. The Drone unit added Sergeant Raymond Feml as a new certified operator to respond to emergency call outs.

### **GREENE COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAM**

This year the Sheriff's Office began overseeing the Greene County Fire Investigation Team in July. The Fire Investigation team is comprised of volunteers from fire departments throughout the County as well as investigators from the New York State Police and the Greene County Sheriff's Office. Currently the team has a total of (4) GCSO personnel assigned, (1) New York State Police investigator, and (8) volunteer firefighters. The team received a total of 10 call outs for fire investigations.

## **IMPACTED CITIZENS PROGRAM (ICP)**

In response to health concerns due to the use of drugs and the resulting overdoses within our country, state and particularly our own Greene County, the Greene County Sheriff's Office has taken an active role in providing help to members of our community.

With coordination and cooperation from the Columbia-Greene Addiction Coalition, Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (MCAT), Mental Health Association Columbia Greene Counties (MHACG), Greene County Mental Health and all community providers, we are entering the fifth year of the program called "Impacted Citizens Program" (ICP).

The goal of the program is for members of the Sheriff's Office, if appropriate, to respond to reported overdoses within 24 to 72 hours after being notified of a substance overdose or mental health concern. Members of the team assist the individual by providing information, connecting to a peer and educating on resources for recovery, mental health and other programs that address the current or circumstantial difficulties. Should the individual not wish to receive any services at the time, they are provided with the contact information of a team member for future outreach. Team members follow up to assess future needs or progress. The Team also offers leave behind Narcan and Fentanyl Test Strips.

Studies have shown that individuals who have one or more overdoses may not be the only one in need of support. Support services are also available to family members and others associated with the individual.

The ICP program has evolved into more than just responding to reported overdoses. The team assists with any need brought to our attention where our assistance would be appropriate. These needs may be things such as assisting individuals who have had housing difficulties, difficulties due to the loss of driving privileges, domestic violence, teens with problems in school, etc. The team helps make connections with the proper resources to get the individual the assistance required to lead a productive life.

The ICP program offers short term case management to help support the client and the family. For 2024 the ICP team evaluated daily reports and deemed over 115 cases met the requirement for the team to respond. 44 of those were individuals who were not able to be located due to transient status and other factors. Of those remaining, 56 engaged to review services through our contacts. 15 stated they had a different type of medical emergency and did not require assistance, but were provided information should they require future assistance. Other components to the program include training to law enforcement personnel and other first responders on the complexity of the issues and the understanding of how we can best deal with the overdose epidemic. Additionally, we have established an officer wellness program that provides officers with the support of a social worker to utilize in coping with the stress of working in law enforcement.

## **Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)**

The Sheriff's Office has also initiated the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program. LEAD, a national program, uses pre-arrest police diversion and community-based, trauma-informed care systems, and harm reduction, with the goals of improving public safety, public order, and reducing law violations by people who participate in the program. This program has helped community members connect to resources including mental health and case management. The current LEAD participants continue to be open and supported by the program. After assessment it was determined that many of the individuals referred better met the criteria for ICP and were followed up with substance and mental health support.



## **GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - CORRECTIONS DIVISION**

The construction of the new Sheriff's complex and jail has reached completion and began housing inmates in September 2021. Currently Greene County's female inmates are being boarded out to Columbia and Ulster county jails.

### **STAFFING LEVELS:**

The Greene county correction division budgeted to staff 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants and 32 correction officers. Currently 21 Correction Officer items are filled.

### **GOV.PAY NET:**

This was utilized 22 times in 2024 for \$53,773.00 in bail money received.

### **BOARDING OF INMATES:**

The cost of boarding in 2024 was \$116,550 to Ulster County. The cost of boarding in 2023 was \$32,550 to Ulster county and \$118,500 to Columbia county.

An average of 9 inmates were boarded out per day

### **INMATE POPULATION COMPARISON:**

	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
<b>Total inmates received:</b>			
Adults	221	216	323
Minors	0	0	0
Total	221	216	323
<b>Total males:</b>			
Adults	188	181	196
Minors	0	0	0
Total	188	181	196
<b>Total females:</b>			
Adults	33	35	36
Minors	0	0	0
Total	33	35	36
Highest daily population	41	45	43
Lowest daily population	31	27	36
Average daily population	32	36	38
Males	27	43	35
Females	5	5	4
Total	32	48	39
Hispanic Male	17	15	20
Hispanic Female	2	2	3
Non-Hispanic Male	171	166	176
Non-Hispanic Female	31	33	33
Total	221	216	232

INMATES ADMITTED BY RACE

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Asian	3	0	3
Black	45	2	47
American Indian	2	0	2
White	130	31	161
Other	8	0	8
Total	188	33	221

TRANSPORT MILEAGE

2024	12,901
2023	23,336
2022	16,442

INTAKES BY ADMITTING AGENCY

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
NYSP	93	95
GCSO	81	69
Coxsackie P.D.	1	1
Durham P.D.	0	0
Windham P.D.	0	0
Catskill P.D.	24	18
Cairo P.D.	2	0
Hunter P.D.	1	1
Parole	10	12
Other (i.e Probation)	9	13

### **CORRECTIONS TRAINING**

<b><u>MODULE/TOPIC</u></b>	<b><u># TRAINING HOURS PER MEMBER</u></b>
MODULE #1: TI TRAINING SIMULATOR EXERCISES	4 HRS
MODULE #2: CPR/AED RE-CERTIFICATION (AHA) NIK POLYTESTING COURSE (SUPERVISOR'S ONLY)	2 HRS 1 HR
MODULE # 3: USE OF FORCE & DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE/DUTY TO INTERVENE/OFF-DUTY ENCOUNTERS/DE-ESCALATION TACTICS	3 HRS
MODULE #4: FIREARMS TRAINING #1-RANGE EXERCISES & SKILL DEVELOPING LANES	4 HRS
MODULE #5: SUICIDE PREVENTION REVIEW & EXAM	1 HR
MODULE #6: FIREARMS #2 – MPTC QUALIFICATIONS & NEW DCJS BASIC FIREARMS PROFICIENCY COURSE	2 HRS
MODULE #7: LEGAL UPDATES/ESSENTIAL SERVICES/PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT ANNUAL	3 HRS
MODULE #8: AEROSOL SUBJECT RESTRAINT/OC REFRESHER & EXAM	1 HR
<b>TOTAL IN-SERVICE HOURS FOR 2024</b> <b>SUPERVISORS:</b> <b>OFFICERS:</b>	<b>21 HOURS</b> <b>20 HOURS</b>

## COMMUNITY SERVICE, EVENTS, ETC



Seizure from search warrant  
Cairo, NY March, 2024

Deputy Rogers gets a pie in the face  
by a Greenville student as part of a  
fundraising contest. March, 2024





Shop With A Cop – December, 2024



Jail Accreditation presented  
NYS Sheriff's Institute April, 2024