

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# Office of the Sheriff.

## *A Message from Sheriff Gregory R. Seeley*



As I complete my third term in office, representing the people of Greene County as **YOUR** Sheriff, I am proud of my accomplishments and the faith you have placed in me.

The Office of the Sheriff of Greene County is mandated by the New York State Constitution. As the county's only elected law enforcement chief executive officer, the Sheriff of Greene County is answerable directly to the people. The Sheriff of Greene County works for the citizens of Greene County through its primary divisions and support units administered by the Sheriff. The Office of the Sheriff of Greene County provides services to the public with integrity, professionalism and sensitivity.

This year brought many changes for the Sheriff's Office. We instituted a School Resource Officer Program in 4 local schools. Cairo-Durham Elementary, Cairo-Durham Middle/High, Windham-Ashland-Jewett CSD, and Greenville CSD welcomed our officers with open arms. This office and the schools involved have been working fabulously together to keep our kids and faculty safe. I am excited to see this program flourish.

The main office began its move to 370 Mansion St. in Coxsackie and the Civil Office moved to 411 Main St. in Catskill. Though it was sad to say goodbye to a building that has housed the Sheriff's Office for so many years, it was the safest thing to do. With a few more adjustments to design, the Jail will also be moving to Coxsackie shortly.

As I near my retirement, I will continue to work for the citizens of Greene County. I will seek further grant funding and strive to make the Greene County Sheriff's Office a more professional, amenable, broad spectrum law enforcement agency. My team and I will put forth the continued effort to make Greene County a safe place to live, work, and prosper.

The Sheriff's Office will continue to work hand in hand with other local agencies within the county, including the District Attorney's Office, Greene County 911 Center, Probation, State and Local Police.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow GCSO members, the Greene County Legislature and the people of Greene County for their continued support.

Sincerely,  
*Gregory R. Seeley*

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# CIVIL DIVISION 2018

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Civil Enforcement Division is responsible for the enforcement of all civil processes in Greene County which includes Summonses, Property Executions, Evictions, Income Executions and Subpoenas just to name a few.

The Civil Office also undertakes a large majority of our business functions including financial functions such as cash receipts, cash disbursements and accounts payable. The accounts involved are Bail & Fine funds, Records funds, and all Civil Account funds.

Your Civil Division consists of one Civil Administrator, assisted administratively by the Secretary to the Sheriff, and the Civil Papers are served by the deputies on patrol.

The Courts in Greene County and the surrounding counties depend on our Deputies to handle matters received from various Towns, Villages, Supreme, Surrogates and Family Courts. Your division often receives Orders of Protection, Summons, Petitions and other orders from all counties in New York as well as other states requesting us to affect service for them within our county.

In the year 2017 the Civil Division brought in **(1384)** cases resulting in the service of **(1384)** Civil Papers. The Civil Division processed **(64)** Summonses, **(134)** Family Court Papers, **(108)** orders of protection, **(606)** Landlord/Tenant Papers and **(472)** other Civil Processes. A more detailed breakdown of these services is included in this report.

In the year 2018, the Civil Division brought in **(1385)** cases resulting in the service of **(1385)** Civil Papers. The Civil Division processed **(126)** Summonses, **(135)** Family Court Papers, **(77)** orders of protection, **(574)** Landlord/Tenant Papers and **(484)** other Civil Processes. A more detailed breakdown of these services is included in this report

The Civil Division is also responsible for the service and enforcement of several different types of Property executions. During 2018, the Civil Division served at total of **(406)** Property and/or Income executions and **(394)** in 2017. Through the service of the aforementioned executions, the Civil Division was able to collect **\$1,047,379.12** in 2017 and **\$1,133,456.06** in 2018 in revenue for Creditors and Attorneys.

The Civil Enforcement Division handled **(237)** Warrants of Eviction in Greene County in 2018 and **(242)** in 2017. The process for enforcing an eviction would include the Deputy overseeing the actual removal of a tenant's personal property. The Deputy would then ensure that the rights of both landlord and tenant are being observed and seeing that proper procedures and laws are being followed. A Deputy could spend several hours on each eviction depending on the amount of personal property to be removed.

Revenue for the county brought in for services in 2018 was **\$90,985.50** and **\$88,063.64** in 2017 . The Civil Division collected **\$58,611.99** for Fees and **\$32,370.60** for Poundage collected on management of Executions in 2018 and **\$57,176.46** and **\$30,887.18** in 2017 respectively. This money is all turned over to the Greene County Treasurer.

## CIVIL DIVISION – ANNUAL FIGURES

### CIVIL PAPERS SERVED

2017: 1384

2018: 1385

## CIVIL DIVISION YEARLY SERVICES REPORT 2018

### Summons:

Property/Income Executions

Family Court Papers

Notice of Petition & Petition

Notice to Tenant

Eviction Warrant

Family Court Order of Protection

Subpoena

Order to Show Cause

Action for Divorce

Criminal Court Order of Protection

Citation

Information Subpoena

Warrant of Arrest/Civil Warrant

Other Papers

Notice of Entry

**TOTAL**

2017	2018
64	126
394	406
134	135
192	171
172	166
242	237
93	66
28	15
6	7
18	11
15	11
2	1
0	1
0	0
6	15
18	17
<b>1384</b>	<b>1385</b>



# ROAD PATROL 2018

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, your Deputies supplement police service to the Villages and Towns that provide a local police force and answer calls for service in those jurisdictions 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 days 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 and works out of six different locations.

- 2 Lieutenants
- 6 Sergeants
- 1 Senior Investigator
- 2 Investigators
- 15 Full time Deputy Sheriffs
- 11 Part-Time Deputy Sheriffs



**The Coxsackie Main Office** houses our Administration along with the Pistol Permits.

As in the previous year, 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 residence in Ashland, we opened a new satellite located at the new 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 as well as a base location for our investigator assigned to the mountain top.

**The Jewett Satellite** is now in working order as a remote location for the Pistol Permit Division. This office is open on Wednesdays from 10am – 2pm to serve the pistol permit needs of mountain top residents without requiring them to travel to Catskill.

**The New Baltimore Satellite** was opened in early 2009 and made an immediate positive impact on the communities it provides service for. This Satellite is located in the New Baltimore Town Hall on C/R 51 in Hannacroix. We currently staff the Satellite in the same manner as our other Stations on a twenty four hour basis. The members assigned to this Satellite have earned the respect and trust of the citizens of the New Baltimore and Coxsackie area and continue to be a valuable asset to the community by providing law enforcement response to the residents on the northern end of the county. This Satellite is also manned by a Deputy who is certified in the proper installation of child safety seats and is available to install and check child safety seats, on an appointment basis, at the New Baltimore Satellite.

**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 work out of this satellite to be more centrally located to the public in both the valley and mountain top areas.

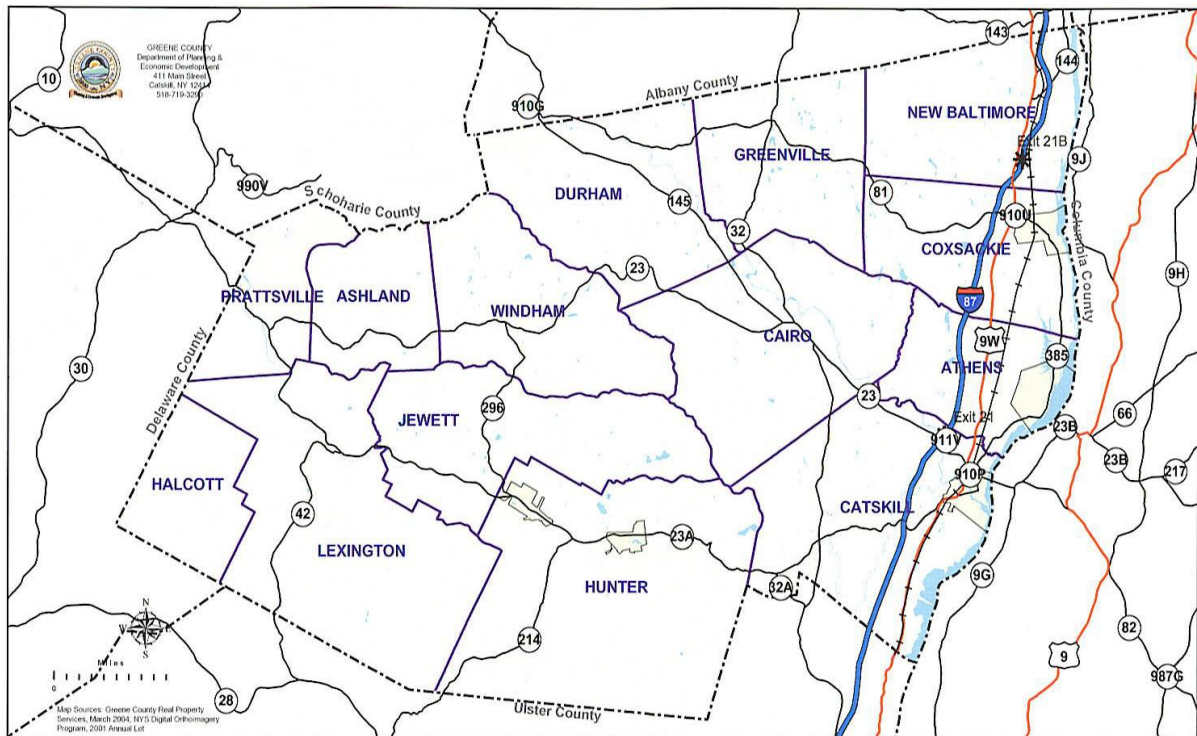
**The Civil Department** is now located within the County Clerk's office at 411 Main St. Suite 202 in Catskill.

The patrol division handled **8,214** calls for service in 2018 and **7,482** in 2017. The Sheriff's Office responded to approximately **43%** of the **19111** calls received in the county through Greene County Emergency Operations Center in 2018 and **39.3%** of the **19,040** county call in 2017. The remaining **57%** were answered by Local Police Agencies, Environmental Conservation Police the 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.

**The following is a breakdown of the calls:**

	2018	2017
<b>Assault/Assault in Progress</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Dead Body</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Drowning</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Harassment</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Domestic Disputes</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>277</b>
<b>Disorderly Conduct/General Disturbance/Fight</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Rape</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sex Abuse/Assault</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Robbery (including home invasions)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Criminal Mischief</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Kidnap/Abduction complaint</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Larceny (including vehicle)</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Trespass</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Alcohol Related/Drug Related</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Lost/Missing Person</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Suicide/Suicide Attempt/threat</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Menacing</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Shooting Complaint</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Mental Health Call</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Noise Complaint</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>General Complaint</b>	<b>1234</b>	<b>1150</b>
<b>Vehicle Traffic Stops</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2171</b>
<b>Assist to Motorist (including lockouts)</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>334</b>
<b>Parking Complaint</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Erratic Driver Complaint</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Hit and Run Accident</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Accidents (no injuries)</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Accidents (with injuries)</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>ATV Accident</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Boat Accident/Fire/Sunk/Water Rescue</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Road/Traffic Hazard</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>141</b>
<b>Suspicious Person, vehicle and/or object</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Vehicle Pursuit</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>EID (alarm activations)</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>722</b>
<b>Civil Matter</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>116</b>

<b>Criminal Warrants</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>Check the Welfare/Attempt to Locate</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Animal complaints</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>Misc. non-emergency calls (including 911 Hang up/Abandoned)</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>EMS &amp; Fire Dept Assists</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>344</b>
<b>Child Abuse</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Bomb Threat</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Home Invasion</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>7,532</b>	<b>7,482</b>



## PENAL LAW ARRESTS 2018

The patrol division made a total of **555** arrests in 2018 resulting in **33** Felony counts, **249** Misdemeanor counts and **110** Violation counts. In 2017 there were **506** arrests resulting in **57** Felonies, **310** Misdemeanors, and **74** Violations. This number is a slight increase from 2017.

## ARRESTS BY MUNICIPALITY

Town of Ashland  
 Town of Athens  
 Town of Cairo  
 Town of Catskill  
 Town of Coxsackie  
 Town of Durham  
 Town of Greenville  
 Town of Halcott  
 Town of Hunter  
 Town of Jewett  
 Town of Lexington  
 Town of New Baltimore  
 Town of Prattsville  
 Town of Windham  
**TOTAL**

2018	2017
9	16
15	26
96	87
218	200
29	30
22	24
35	20
1	0
56	26
6	3
3	10
22	31
18	14
25	19
<b>555</b>	<b>506</b>

## DRUG ARRESTS 2018

Your Sheriff's Office is actively investigating and pursuing drug offenses in Greene County. We again conducted outdoor marijuana eradication operations with the New York State Police and the NYS Army National Guard Counter Drug Unit helicopters. We continue to work well with other law enforcement agencies within and outside of Greene County and also pursue "anonymous tips" from Greene County Citizens to establish leads assisting us with battling this increasing problem in our county. Heroin use and opiate abuse has also increased throughout New York State. Heroin is no longer concentrated in urban areas. It has spread to our rural communities. The Greene County Sheriff's Office is actively working cases through our Criminal Investigations Unit as well as partnering with the District Attorney's Office, NYSP Troop F NARCO, and the Drug Enforcement Administration- Albany Field Office. We at the Sheriff's Office continue to encourage citizens to come forward with information to help us combat this growing issue.



# VEHICLE & TRAFFIC OFFENSES 2017

The road division patrolled **551,800** miles in 2018 and **505,188** in 2017. In 2018 the Sheriff's Office acquired (2) Ford Police Interceptor SUV's along with (1) Chevrolet Malibu to replace aging road patrol vehicles, surrendering (3) older vehicles from our fleet, keeping our fleet numbers the same. In 2017, we acquired 1 new K-9 SUV patrol vehicle and 1 new sedan for investigations. It continues to be the goal of the Sheriff's Office to work with the County Legislature in utilizing a County Wide Fleet Maintenance Program where as our higher mileage vehicles, that are otherwise mechanically sound, are transferred to other departments in the County for their use. We continue to have our vehicles serviced and repaired at the County Highway Garage in Athens as a cost savings to the taxpayers. This program has been successful and our agency has developed a great relationship with the employees at the county garage.

In 2018 our road patrol conducted **1,999** traffic stops resulting in the issuance of **1,237** traffic summonses. In 2017 there were **2,171** traffic stops with **1,547** UTT's being issued.

In addition, these traffic stops resulted in **18** DWI/DWAI Drug arrests in 2018 and **24** in 2017.

## FLEET MANAGEMENT

A breakdown of our Vehicles and their mileage as of December 31, 2018 is as follows:

CAR	YEAR	MAKE & MODEL	V.I.N. CODE	BEGINNING	ENDING	TOTAL
1	17	DODG DURA	5397	40,466	77,842	37,376
2	13	FORD EXPL	8728	119,700	130,900	11,200
3	14	FORD TAUR	2969	110,000	138,586	28,586
4	13	FORD TAUR	3504	157,584	169,700	12,116
5	18	FORD FUSI	0508	0	13,424	13,424
6	18	CHEVY MALB	0194	0	12,200	12,200
7	13	FORD TAUR	1730	161,600	180,126	18,526
8	08	FORD F250	6085	45,524	48,451	2,927
9	08	CHEVY IMPL	1174	177,855	181,189	3334
10	14	FORD TAUR	2968	114,467	141,863	27,396
11	18	FORD EXPL	3103	0	20,338	20,338
12	16	FORD EXPL	5313	42,025	85,770	43,745
13	16	FORD EXPL	8386	37,270	64,692	27,422

14	14	FORD EXPL	1216	105,181	140,386	35,205
15	16	FORD TAUR	4536	50,622	95,869	45,247
16	16	FORD EXPL	7735	40,466	81,496	41,030
17	12	FORD EXPO	6004	73,054	89,764	16,710
18	11	CHEVY IMPL	6356	153,040	162,485	9,445
19	18	FORD EXPL	3105	0	28,705	28,705
20	13	FORD EXPL	8726	148,400	187,000	38,600
21	11	FORD CRVC	9864	132,700	147,921	15,221
23	11	FORD CRVC	5682	123,576	135,160	11,584
25	18	FORD EXPL	3104	0	13,736	13,736
26	10	CHEVY IMPL	1037	119,000	126,000	7,000
27	18	FORD EXPL	5426	0	1,683	1,683
28	17	FORD EXPL	0762	0	25,289	25,289
N14	18	FORD EXPL	5425	0	3,735	3,735

Patrol, Investigator& Staff vehicle total: 551,800

#### **CORRECTIONS VEHICLES**

CV1	08	CHEVY VAN	6246	124,400	133,173	8,773
CV2	07	CHEVY VAN	8816	82,903	95,125	12,222
CV3	17	FORD VAN	5848	0	37,197	37,197
CV4	11	FORD EXPO	3073	109,400	116,000	6,600
CV5	09	CHEVY IMPL	9770	128,500	140,359	11,859



## 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. The Greene County Sheriff's Office Color Guard participated in the following events in 2018:

- 1/6 Wake for GC Correction Officer Tom Marchesani
- 3/24 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Greenville
- 5/27 Memorial Day Parade in Tannersville
- 5/28 Memorial Day Parade in Cairo and Catskill
- 7/7 July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Durham
- 9/8 GCVFA Parade in Athens
- 9/11 Memorial and LODD Service in Cairo

### AND in 2017 :

1. March 6 – Wake and funeral for Deputy Kevin Haverly.
2. March 18 – St. Patrick's Day Parade / Greenville.
3. April 20 – Funeral detail Ulster County / Bruderhof.
4. May 28 – Memorial Day Parade / Tannersville.
5. May 29 – Memorial Day Parades / Cairo, Catskill.
6. July 1 – 4 of July Parade / Durham.
7. August 18 – Wake for Past Sheriff Charles Daucher.
8. August 19 – Funeral for Past Sheriff Charles Daucher.

9. September 9 – GCVFA Parade / Durham.
10. September 11 – 911 Memorial and LODD Service / GCECC Cairo.
11. September 12 – LODD / NYS Governors Flag Ceremony for Dep. Kevin Haverly / GCECC.
12. September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21, Honor Guard Training Ulster County.



## **Criminal Investigations Unit**

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) currently has (3) Full time Investigators. The assigned investigators adopt cases that often require additional investigative steps and require 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 and warrant execution. 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 Offenders location within Greene County. CIU actively investigates all misdemeanor and felony warrants for the Greene County Sheriff's Office as well as conducting background investigations on potential county employees before they are hired.

### Notable Cases from 2018

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a threat to shoot up the Windham Ashland Jewett School. The report came in during school dismissal as a child on the bus stated to other students that he was going to shoot up the school tomorrow. Upon interviewing witnesses and a suspect a Juvenile male was arrested for Making a Terroristic Threat later that same day.

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a report of child abuse that was reported to a Deputy who was assigned to Greene County Mental Health. After receiving information from a juvenile female that her friend, another juvenile male was being taken advantage of by a male in his 50's. Upon

interviewing of two juvenile male victims the suspect was identified as Richard LaForge. Upon an interview with Richard he admitted what he had done. Richard was charged with Attempted Criminal Sex Act in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, Endangering the Welfare of a Child (2 counts) and Criminal Sex Act in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. A few months later Richard took a plea deal and is serving state prison time as well as being put on the sex offender registry.

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a complaint of sex abuse to a juvenile female following a report that the road patrol received. After a CAC interview of the female child the suspect was identified as Paul Boehlke. An interview was conducted with Paul at which time he admitted everything that he had been doing and for how long. Paul was subsequently arrested for Sex Abuse in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a child. Paul has sense taken a plea deal of 10 years felony probation and will be a lifetime sex offender on the registry.

The Criminal Investigations Unit received information from the SRO at the Cairo Durham High School of a suspicious female that had enrolled in school there. With the school cooperation the investigation was able to reveal that the female had provided some forged documents to the school in order to enroll herself in school as a minor. The female was identified as Michaelann Goodrich who was actually 32 years of age not 15 years of age. Michaelann was arrested for Offer False Instrument for filing in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Falsify Business Records in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree, and Criminal Trespass 3<sup>rd</sup>. During our investigation it was determined that Michaelann had also forged documents and submitted them to Ulster County DSS to receive assistance. That information was forwarded to Ulster County where Michaelann and her husband Freddie Goodrich were arrested for welfare fraud. Freddie was also arrested by us for Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree along with Resisting Arrest.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit also handled 30 Unattended Death Investigations, 3 Suicide Investigations, 2 Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident Investigation, 5 Sex-Offense Cases, assisted with and investigated 48 burglaries, 4 school threats and 91 background investigations during 2018.



## Sheriff's K-9 Unit

In 2018 the Greene County K9 Unit had 48 SJS reported call's for service, which include: K9 Tracks, Narcotics Searches, K9 assists with Warrants, and School drug sweeps. The following SJS numbers are listed as K9 calls for service, (the high lighted report numbers are notable finds):

49844	50291	50934	51639	52473	54665
49936	50337	50935	51642	52563	
49948	50338	50989	51870	53170	
50000	50382	51059	51875	53568	
50167	50482	51214	52065	53628	
50184	50578	51215	52097	53903	
50188	50606	51259	52100	54202	
50248	50608	51629	52212	54526	
50290	50930	51630	52297	54543	

In addition to the above reports the K9 Unit assisted in 2018 the, State Police Catskill and Troop T Barracks, Greene County Probation, and Troy City PD with Narcotics searches.

The K9 Unit also provided educational demos to the, Cairo School District, Greenville School District, Tannersville Girl Scouts, Greenville Community Day, Tractor Supply Grand Opening, Windham Autumn Fair, Athens Fire Prevention Day, New Baltimore Community Day, Catskill PBA Community Day, and the Athens Boy Scouts.

K9 Haas along with his Partner Deputy Jeffry Hoessle graduated K9 Patrol and Narcotics School on 12/28/2018.

Specialty training that we attended over our regular scheduled training days were: New England Street Tactics Seminar held in Albany County in October, and Justin Rigney's Power Biting seminar in the early fall.

October 27th- Took delivery of K9 Haas to replace K9 Ziva.

For 2019, the K9 Unit's major goal is to come down strong on the drugs that are passing through and being sold in our county. By working closely with our Investigators, Deputies, and other agencies, the K9 teams will be out at all hours finding and arresting drug dealers and users, making Greene County a safer place to live and work.

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

For over the past 10 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 during Mental Health business hours. Also, a magnetometer was installed to provide additional safety to the Office of Mental Health. The deputies 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.

## **Mental Health Office Report**

	<b><u>2018:</u></b>	<b><u>2017:</u></b>
<b><u>CLINICIAN ASSISTS:</u></b>	5	9
<b><u>E.M.S. ASSISTS:</u></b>	4	7
<b><u>FIRE DRILLS:</u></b>	4	3
<b><u>FIRE ALARM ACTIVATIONS:</u></b>	0	0
<b><u>MENTAL HEALTH PICKUP ORDERS:</u></b>	63	60
<b><u>ASSIST OTHER AGENCY:</u></b>	0	0
<b><u>PROPERTY DAMAGE AUTO ACCIDENT:</u></b>	0	2
<b><u>CIVILS SERVED</u></b>	4	0

## **MAGNETOMETER STATISTICS:**

<b>TRAFFIC COUNTER:</b>	<b>25,963</b>	<b>25,044</b>
<b>ALARMS:</b>	<b>7,938</b>	<b>7,812</b>
<b>DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS:</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>275</b>

# 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 also issues identification cards for local police agencies.

**The following is an account of the Pistol Permit Division activity for 2017/2018::**

**Pistol Permit Related Requests Processed:**

	2018	2017
Original Pistol Permit	255	299
Duplicate Pistol Permit	99	148
Amendments	1018	1183
Purchase Coupons	786	877
Transfer Fees	72	68
Applications	649	518
Upgrade	314	464
Dealer	7	2
Gunsmith	4	1
Total	\$11,953.00	\$14,102.00

## GRANTS

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

We also continued applying for Department of Homeland Security Funding. Our agency was advised in early August that we were awarded **\$28,740** from SLETPP (State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention program) We intend to continue to use this funding to purchase equipment and to reimburse for training to continue to enhance our Special Response Team and our Dive Team. We received **\$17,182** from the Federal Bulletproof Vest Program to update the safety vests for our members.



## MARINE PATROL

The Greene County Sheriff's Office has several members, both full and part time that comprise the marine patrol. Our members attend a two week school to work on the marine patrol. This training is provided by New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation (NYSPR & HP). The training takes place in Lake George. The first week of training is in basic marine law enforcement. The second week is marine patrol emergency vehicle operation, and teaches our operators how to operate patrol vessels in a variety of conditions and in a variety of situations. The marine patrol works very closely with the NYSPR & HP. They have provided our agency with our primary patrol vessel, a 24' McKee Craft Center Console patrol boat powered by twin 150hp Mercury 4 stroke engines. This vessel is kept in the Catskill Creek from May through November. It is kept ready to respond for daily patrol on busy weekends, and to assist with the many fireworks displays and festivals held along the Hudson River. When not responding to assist with complaints, or emergencies on the river, our foremost objective is providing education and answering questions about safe boating.

Our marine patrol also consists of a 16' aluminum boat that is kept on a trailer, ready to be deployed to any of our smaller bodies of water in Greene County if the need arises. NYSPR & HP has also provided this agency with a 19' center console boat, kept on a trailer, and two brand new SeaDoo personal watercraft. The watercraft are used for patrol, special events, and in case of emergency.

In 2017 our Marine patrol logged 204 hours on patrol. During that time, we investigated 2 boat accidents, assisted 10 vessels, conducted 1 search & rescue, inspected 8 vessels for safety compliance, made 1 arrest for operating under the influence of alcohol, and issued 13 warnings for navigation offenses/complaints. In 2018 we logged 184.5 hours on patrol. During those hours we investigated 2 boat accidents, conducted 2 search & rescues, assisted 10 vessels, inspected 11 vessels, and issued 5 warnings.

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

Since its 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) deputies assigned to DSS and the County Office Building (COB) and continue the successful use of 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 ensured our agency that the SPO's were knowledgeable with NYS Laws and had experience dealing with the public. We currently utilize (5) SPO's who work on a part – time basis.

The magnetometer has also been helpful in producing various arrests throughout the year. These include a few for drugs or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Some clients were also found to be in possession of firearms, although the clients were licensed to carry the weapons, they were immediately advised that firearms were not allowed in the County Office Building and the clients left the premises without incident.

Between the Department of Social Services and the County office building, there were a total of (137) calls for service in 2017 and (674) in 2018. Among these calls for service were lost license plate reports for DMV, employee business related injuries, training, file checks, meetings, etc. These calls also include but are not limited to:

	<u>DSS 2018</u>	<u>DSS 2017</u>	<u>County Office 2018</u>	<u>County Office 2017</u>
Calls For Service	674	126	84	64
Assist Other Agency	-	3	29	4
Arrests	15	12	7	16
Fire Drills	4	4	4	4
EMS Assist	8	6	3	2
Lost License Plate	-	-	28	24
Warrants	16	-	6	-
Alarm Activations	-	-	1	-
Auto Accidents	-	-	4	4

## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM



The Special Response Team (S.R.T.) is trained in various tactical operations to include: building entry and clearing, vehicle assaults, search and rescue, drug/high risk warrants, crisis negotiations, active shooter incidents and correctional facility incidents. It is comprised of (20) total members from the (3) participating agencies.

The Special Response Team is continuously active in the apprehension of suspects relating to drug/high risk arrest and search warrants. More importantly, the team is continually training and preparing for the impending risk of “active shooter” type incidents. With the heightened threat of active shooter incidents becoming more frequent it is imperative that the Special Response Team continue to train and coordinate efforts with other local emergency service personnel.

Since 2015, The Greene County Sheriff’s Office has been working closely in conjunction with the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office and the City of Hudson Police Department. The three agencies together formed the “Columbia Greene Shared Services Response Team” (C.G.S.S.R.T.) The team is an expanded version of the Greene County Special Response Team. To our knowledge, we have formed the first, and only, “multi-county” jurisdictional tactical response team in the State of New York. By combining our efforts we have almost tripled team personnel as well as reduced operational costs by the sharing of equipment and other assets. By joining the three teams into one we have made the three agencies more eligible for grant money and other municipal assets due to consolidation.

Since the GCSSRT was formed in 2015 they have conducted several successful operations in both Greene and Columbia counties and remains primarily funded through Homeland Security Grants.

# Training

The Sheriff and the administration continue to feel strongly regarding the need to stay current with training. We had members participate in over **1400+** hours of training.

In addition to the mandated training which includes, firearms, workplace violence and harassment along with OSHA mandated training, we sent several members to specialized and advance training courses sponsored by various agencies throughout the state. Some of that training includes:

- FBI National Academy for Law Enforcement
- (4) SRT members attended the NYTOA training conference
- Monthly in-service training for our Special Response Team and Dive Team
- Bi-weekly training for our K-9 Division
- Course in Police Supervision for our new Sergeants and Investigators
- Law Enforcement continuing education courses
- New York State Sheriff's Association Supervisor Conference
- Law and Legal Updates
- Hostage Negotiation School
- Interview & Interrogation
- ESLETSC
- STOP DWI Conference



## Dive Team



This year the GCSO Dive team received a grant for \$8000, which was able to fund the purchase of some much needed dive gear.

In November the team assisted the Ulster County Sheriff's Office in locating a stolen vehicle, which had been driven into the Hudson River.

In the summer, Hull Searches were done on Coast Guard Vessels in a collaborative training with Ulster County Dive Team. The team used underwater flood lights to inspect the vessel for integrity. Also, both teams used lift bags to recover a vehicle from the river bottom while using realistic training scenarios.

In January, members of the Dive Team assisted Ulster County Dive Team in a training / educational day at Camp Tri-Mount on Boy Scout Rd in Jewett. The Boy Scouts were taught lessons about ice surface rescue from team members. Also, team members worked on improving ice rescue procedures and ice dive efficiency.

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

# Summer Camp 2018

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. In 2018, the camp accommodated over 900 boys and girls from across New York State including **(20)** children from Greene County and **(18)** in 2017.

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

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

## School Resource Officers

We currently have (4) Deputies assigned to the SRO Program in (3) 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 William Wyant is assigned to the Greenville School District, and Deputy Ryan Schrader is assigned to the Windham-Ashland-Jewett School District. We have been having quarterly meetings with both the SRO's 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!



# **CORRECTIONS**

Greene County was operating the oldest Jail in the State of New York. The 111-year-old facility was closed by the Sheriff on April 20, 2018, due to an engineering study conducted on the facility which determined the building to be structurally unsound. The remaining inmates were boarded out to Ulster County. Ulster was chosen due to it being the closest facility that had a 24/7 medical department and they agreed to match the price per day that we were paying at other facilities.

## ***STAFFING LEVELS***

The County Jail is budgeted to staff the jail with 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, 32 Correction Officers, 1 Registered Nurse, 1 part time Physician, and 5 Correction Cooks (4 of these were part time). At the end of 2018 we had 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, and 20 Correction Officers.

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

2018 was the tenth full year of providing a pay bail by credit card service and it has continued to prove to be a cost savings, successful program. In 2018 this service was used a total of 86 times, paying \$154,750 in bails. Since midway through 2008, this service has been utilized 827 times yielding \$1,533,108 in bail payments. Although the county does not receive any revenue from this program, the taxpayers do realize a tremendous savings in reducing the number of inmates that we would have been required to board out to other counties.

## ***BOARDING OF INMATES***

In 2018 the Greene County Jail averaged 42.45 inmates a day boarded out to other jails. In 2017 it was 17.23 and 22.67 in 2016. In 2018 the boarding of inmates cost the taxpayers \$1,254,665 up from \$523,080 in 2017 and from \$623,585 in 2016. This number is strictly the amount of money paid to other counties and does not include the cost of staff and travel expenses.

### **2016/2017/2018 INMATE POPULATION COMPARISON:**

Below is a 2016, 2017, and 2018 inmate population comparison:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total # Inmates Received:	536	571	565
Adults:	528	562	559
Minors:	8	9	6
Total # of Males			
Adults:	422	426	431
Minors	5	7	5
Total # of Females			
Adults:	106	135	128

Minors:	3	3	1
Avg. Daily Population:	60	42	49
Highest Daily Count:	78	53	61
Lowest Daily Count:	44	31	35
Sentenced to State Prison	65	39	98

**2016/2017/2018 INMATES ADMITTED BY ETHNIC ORIGIN:**

	<u>Hispanic (M)</u>	<u>Hispanic (F)</u>	<u>Non-Hispanic (M)</u>	<u>Non-Hispanic (F)</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	56	12	371	97	536
2017	52	16	380	123	571
2018	48	19	388	110	565

**2016/2017/2018 MALE INMATES ADMITTED BY RACE:**

	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Am. Indian</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	1	90	0	32	304	427
2017	2	96	0	33	302	433
2018	3	84	0	25	324	436

**2016/2017/2018 FEMALE INMATES ADMITTED BY RACE:**

	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Am. Indian</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	0	15	0	5	89	109
2017	0	19	1	7	111	138
2018	0	19	2	11	97	129

**2016/2017/2018 TRANSPORT COMPARISONS:**

	<u>Prisons</u>	<u>County Jails</u>	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total#</u>
2016	32	259	106	275	672

2017	39	271	102	230	603
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2018	49	866	129	374	1418
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**2016/2017/2018 TRANSPORTATION MILEAGE COMPARISONS:**

2016 – 15,066 Miles	2017—15,986 Miles	2018—62,796 Miles
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**2018 ADMITTANCES BY POLICE AGENCIES:**

N.Y.S. Police: 298	Catskill P.D.: 119	Greene County S.O.: 86
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Greene County Jail: 46	Cairo P.D.: 6	Coxsackie P.D.: 5
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Hunter P.D.: 4	Durham P.D.: 2
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**INMATE WORK CREWS IN THE COMMUNITY:**



Athens Pool



Kiskatom's Fire House



County Roads in Cocksackie



### New Baltimore Town Park





County Transfer Station – Catskill



Sacred Heart Church – Palenville



United Methodist Church – Palenville



Veteran's Memorial - Palenville



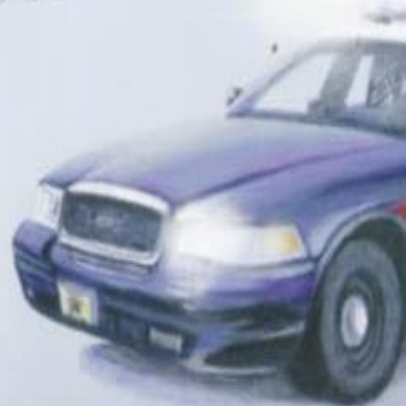
## *Deputy Sheriff's Prayer*

*When I start my tour of duty God,  
wherever crime may be,  
As I walk the darkened streets alone,  
let me be close to thee.*

*Please give me understanding  
with both the young and old.  
Let me listen with attention  
until their story's told.*

*Let me never make a judgment  
in a rash or callous way.  
But let me hold my patience,  
let each man have his say.*

*Lord if some dark and dreary night,  
I must give my life,  
Lord with your everlasting love  
protect those special in my life.*



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