

GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE

GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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2019



A Message from Sheriff Peter J. Kusminsky



This being my first term in office, representing the people of Greene County as Sheriff, I am humbled by your support 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 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 am committed to providing professional courteous services to the public.

This year will bring a new era to the Sheriff's Office. Administration changes and organizational changes have begun. The School Resource Officer Program will be expanding to include the Hunter-Tannersville School District. This will mean that all of the schools in Greene County will have either an SRO or a Security Officer in place making for a safer place for our youth. I have instituted a Senior Call-in Program throughout the County to assist our aging population who reside alone. My team is also currently working on developing a Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program to help those with suffering from addictions.

The main office is functioning in its temporary location at 370 Mansion St. in Cossackie with the Civil Office remaining at 411 Main St. in Catskill. A Transition Team is in place to update policies and procedures as well as to facilitate the move to the new headquarters being constructed in Cossackie.

I am committed to continuing to move the Sheriff's Office forward to adapt to the ever changing demands on law enforcement. The Sheriff's Office will continue to work together with all 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.

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

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CIVIL DIVISION

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.

The Civil Division consists of two Civil Coordinators, one Civil Manager, 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 Supreme, Surrogate, County, Family, Town, and Village 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 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 **(472)** other Civil Processes. A more detailed breakdown of these services is included in this report.

In the year 2019, the Civil Division brought in **(1232)** cases resulting in the service of **(1232)** Civil Papers. The Civil Division processed **(112)** Summonses, **(150)** Family Court Papers, **(86)** Orders of Protection, **(417)** Landlord/Tenant Papers and **(543)** 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 2019, the Civil Division served a total of **(383)** Property and/or Income executions and **(406)** in 2018. Through the service of the aforementioned executions, the Civil Division was able to collect **\$1,133,456.06** in 2018 and **\$727,303.92** in 2019 in revenue for Creditors and Attorneys. The totals for 2019 are lower due to Bail and Fine collections being turned over to the Corrections Department in August 2019.

The Civil Enforcement Division handled **(150)** Warrants of Eviction in Greene County in 2019 and **(237)** in 2018. The process for enforcing an eviction includes the Deputy overseeing the actual removal of a tenant's personal property. The Deputy then ensures that the rights of both landlord and tenant are being observed and 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 fees and poundage in 2019 was **\$82,595.27** and **\$90,985.50** in 2018. The Civil Division collected **\$48,093.67** for Fees and **\$34,544.47** for Poundage collected on management of Executions in 2019 and **\$58,611.99** and **\$32,370.60** in 2018 respectively. This money is all turned over to the Greene County Treasurer.

CIVIL DIVISION – ANNUAL FIGURES

2018: 1385

2019: 1232

CIVIL DIVISION YEARLY SERVICES REPORT 2019

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>
Summons	126	112
Property/Income Executions	406	383
Family Court Papers	135	150
Notice of Petition & Petition	171	118
Notice to Tenant	166	149
Eviction Warrant	237	150
Family Court Order Of Protection	66	81
Subpoena	15	7
Order to Show Cause	7	3
Action For Divorce	11	12
Criminal Court Order Of Protection	11	5
Citation	1	8
Information Subpoena	1	0
Warrant of Arrest/Civil Warrant	0	0
Other Papers	15	39
Notice Of Entry	17	15
Total	1385	1232



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 service 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 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 that work out of six different locations.

1 Captain

1 Lieutenant

1 Part-Time Lieutenant

7 Sergeants

1 Senior Investigator

2 Investigators

2 Part -Time Investigators

20 Full time Deputy Sheriffs

10 Part-Time Deputy Sheriffs

The Coxsackie Main Office houses our Administration along with 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 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 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 by appointment 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.

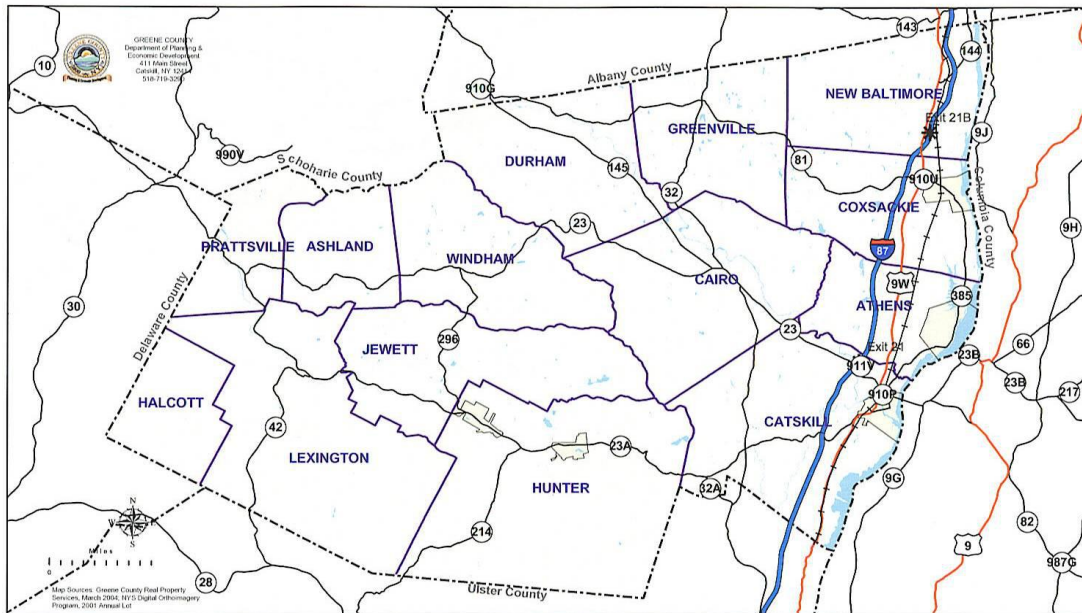
The Greenville Satellite continues to primarily service the Towns of Greenville and Durham and is located in the Greenville Town Hall. Our K-9 handlers generally work out of this satellite to be more centrally located to the public in both the valley and mountain top areas.

The Civil Department is 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 **10,366** in 2019. 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 **62%** of the **16,751** county calls in 2019. The remaining **38%** 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	2019
Assault/Assault in Progress	29	45
Dead Body	0	0
Drowning	0	0
Harassment	117	145
Domestic Disputes	265	318
Disorderly Conduct/General Disturbance/Fight	70	82
Rape	0	0
Sex Abuse/Assault	7	3
Burglary	62	44
Robbery (including home invasions)	4	2
Criminal Mischief	25	40
Kidnap/Abduction complaint	0	0
Larceny (including vehicle)	53	55
Trespass	50	70
Alcohol Related/Drug Related	41	24
Lost/Missing Person	32	21
Suicide/Suicide Attempt/threat	83	148
Menacing	5	0
Shooting Complaint	28	22
Mental Health Call	104	82
Noise Complaint	51	48
General Complaint	1234	790
Vehicle Traffic Stops	1999	2363

	2018	2019
Disabled vehicle		116
Assist to Motorist (including lockouts)	263	261
Parking Complaint	61	25
Erratic Driver Complaint	126	172
Hit and Run Accident	24	36
Motor Vehicle Accidents (no injuries)	352	313
Motor Vehicle Accidents (with injuries)	52	59
ATV Accident	2	3
Boat Accident/Fire/Sunk/Water Rescue	5	3
Road/Traffic Hazard	164	257
Suspicious Person, vehicle and/or object	200	199
Vehicle Pursuit	2	6
EID (alarm activations)	769	733
Civil Matter	91	2092
Criminal Warrants	54	59
Check the Welfare/Attempt to Locate	219	293
Animal complaints	218	224
Misc. non-emergency calls (including 911 Hang up/Abandoned)	87	35
EMS & Fire Dept Assists	455	343
Child Abuse	2	0
Bomb Threat	1	1
Home Invasion	3	0
TOTAL:	7,532	10,366



PENAL LAW ARRESTS 2019

The patrol division made a total of **555** arrests in 2018 resulting in **33** Felony counts, **249** Misdemeanor counts and **110** Violation counts. In 2019 there were **530** arrests resulting in **26** Felonies, **282** Misdemeanors, and **222** Violations.

<u>Township</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Ashland	9	14
Athens	15	24
Cairo	96	109
Catskill	218	135
Cocksackie	29	70
Durham	22	11
Greenville	35	31
Halcott	1	1
Hunter	56	28
Jewett	6	6
Lexington	3	11
New Baltimore	22	25
Prattsville	18	24
Windham	25	33

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 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 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 Offenders location within Greene County. CIU actively investigates all misdemeanor and felony warrants for the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

Notable Cases from 2019

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a reported burglary to a residence in the Town of Windham. The report came in on July 4th in the middle of the night after a family arrived at their second residence to notice everything missing including the towels and sheets. The investigation quickly led to the arrest of two subjects, Jason Johnson and Jennifer Forbes both Windham residents. With the quickness of the investigation we were able to recover and return most of the family's belongings that had been taken from their home. The investigation also led to additional failure to register with the sex offender registry for Jason Johnson. Johnson was sentenced to 4 years state prison and is currently serving his sentence. Forbes was sentenced to probation and is currently being monitored by the probation department.

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a report of child abuse regarding the possible sexual abuse of a 3 year old girl. A forensic interview of the child lead the investigation unit to interview 20 year old Joshua Bronson of Durham. Investigators were able to obtain a full confession from Bronson and charge him with Sexual Abuse in the 1st degree which is a class D felony. Bronson has since been sentenced to 10 years probation along with being placed on the sex offender registry.

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a 911 call of a burglary/robbery at a residence in the Town of Greenville. Deputies responded to a residence to find a male subject severely bleeding that had been beaten with a hammer by a male subject. The male subject then took money from the victim's safe and left the residence. A quick investigation by the Sheriff's Office lead to the positive identification of the male subject, Kevin Murtha, a Greenville resident. Murtha was located hiding out at a friend's house in the Town of Greenville that same night and was successfully taken into custody without incident. Murtha was charged with numerous felonies to include Burglary in the 1st degree and Robbery in the 1st degree, both Class B Felonies. Murtha has since been sentenced to 9 years state prison and is currently serving his sentence.

The Criminal Investigations Unit was requested to assist the Greene County Child Protective unit with a hotline call they received regarding kids possibly being physically abused in the Town of Prattsville. The investigation showed that two children, a 9 year old female and a 10 year old male had been physically abused for several months. The abuse had been so severe that the 9 year old child had to be admitted to Albany Medical Pediatric ICU for a week because examination had shown signs of starvation. The children were removed from the parents who were charged with; Assault in the 2nd degree, Assault in the 3rd degree, unlawful imprisonment and 2 counts of endangering the welfare of a child. At this current time the prosecution of these two are still pending. There are also pending charges for two additional subjects involved in the physical abuse of the two children.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit also handled 26 Unattended Death Investigations, 2 Suicide Investigations, 2 Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident Investigations, 14 Sex-Offense Cases, 26 child abuse cases, assisted with and investigated 15 burglaries, 5 school threats and conducted 96 background investigations during 2019.

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.

CAR	YEAR	MAKE & MODEL	V.I.N. CODE	BEGINNING	ENDING	TOTAL
1	17	DODG DURA	5397	77,842	117,815	39,973
2	13	FORD EXPL	8728	130,900	141,529	10,629
3	14	FORD TAUR	2969	138,586	150,674	12,088
4	13	FORD TAUR	3504	169,700	191,289	21,589
5	18	FORD FUSI	0508	13,424	29,395	15,971
6	18	CHEV MALB	0194	12,200	30,030	28,810
7	19	NISS ALTA	7402	0	19,477	19,477
8	08	FORD F250	6085	48,451	54,462	6,011
10	14	FORD TAUR	2968	141,863	151,747	9,884
11	18	FORD EXPL	3103	20,338	64,467	44,079
12	16	FORD EXPL	5313	85,770	120,757	34,987

13	16	FORD EXPL	8386	64,692	106,000	41,308
14	18	FORD EXPL	5425	3,735	35,524	31,789
15	16	FORD TAUR	4536	95,869	124,474	28,605
16	16	FORD EXPL	7735	81,496	117,815	36,319
17	12	FORD EXPO	6004	89,764	115,158	25,394
18	11	CHEV IMPL	6356	162,485	166,300	3,815
19	18	FORD EXPL	3105	28,705	78,601	49,896
20	19	DODG CHAR	6002	0	12,900	12,900
21	11	FORD CRVC	9864	147,921	156,966	9,045
23	11	FORD CRVC	5682	135,160	142,425	7,265
25	18	FORD EXPL	3104	13,736	58,546	44,810
26	14	FORD EXPL	1216	140,386	158,962	18,576
27	18	FORD EXPL	5426	1,683	33,615	31,932
28	17	FORD EXPL	0762	25,289	39,777	14,488
N15	19	DODG CHAR	6003	0	5,334	5,334
Patrol, Investigator & Staff vehicle total:					604,929	

CORRECTIONS VEHICLES

CV1	08	CHEV VAN	6246	133,173	145,127	11,954
CV2	07	CHEV VAN	8816	95,125	113,425	18,300
CV3	17	FORD VAN	5848	37,197	90,797	53,600
CV4	12	FORD EXPO	3073	116,000	122,419	6,419
CV5	09	CHEV IMPL	9770	140,359	147,881	7,522
Corrections vehicles total:					97,795	
Grand total mileage for all vehicles:					702,724	

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 2019:

1/1/19 - Chris Tague Swearing In - Schoharie, NY

3/23/19 - St. Patrick's Day Parade - Greenville, NY

5/26/19 - Memorial Day Parade - Tannersville, NY

5/27/19 - Memorial Day Parade - Cairo, NY

6/11/19 - Wake for Marge Arp - Cairo, NY

6/12/19 - Funeral for Marge Arp - Round Top, NY

7/6/19 - July 4th Parade - East Durham, NY

8/22/19 - Opening Ceremony Vietnam Memorial Wall - Catskill, NY

9/7/19 - Greene County Fireman's Parade - Cossackie, NY

9/11/19 - L.O.D.D. Memorial Service - Cairo, NY

Total Details for 2019: 10

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 4th Parade in Durham
- 9/8 GCVFA Parade in Athens
- 9/11 Memorial and LODD Service in Cairo

Sheriff's K-9 Unit



In 2019 the Greene County K9 Unit had 61 reported calls for service, which include: K9 Tracks and Article Searches, Narcotics Searches, K9 assists for Probation and Parole, execution of Warrants, A K9 apprehension, and several School drug sweeps. 2019 was a very productive year for our two teams, with notable narcotics finds, along with several successful tracks, an apprehension, and a large narcotics trafficking find. We assisted in many multi-agency details including a joint county interdiction detail with Delaware County where narcotics were recovered, and several successful interdiction details with Albany County Sheriff's Office. Included were numerous assistance calls, to assist SP Catskill with our K9's for tracking, and narcotic related incidents. At the 2019 Taste of Country Music Festival we assisted festival security for narcotics searches with numerous finds. We coordinated with Albany County SO, Columbia County SO, City of Albany PD, and Troy PD to assist with explosive detection dogs to search the venue grounds. The festival was a success with no major K9 related incidents.

ACSO was contacted for several bomb threats in our County, where they assisted us in searches. A private handler, Jennifer Culver, assisted us with an incident utilizing her cadaver dogs, for a body possibly in Green Lake, which yielded negative results. The K9 Unit provided educational demos for the Cairo School District, Greenville School District, Tannersville Girl Scouts, Greenville Community Day, Windham Autumn Fair, Athens Fire Prevention Day, New Baltimore Community Day, Catskill PBA Community Day, Columbia-Greene Community College, Greenville FFA, Greene County Youth Fair, and the Athens Boy Scouts.

In December K9 Havoc re-certified with DCJS for both Narcotics and Patrol certifications. These certifications are valid for three years. We took delivery of K9 Bolt in November, who will be certifying in September of 2020 for Narcotics and Patrol. K9 Bolt will not be certified in the detection of Marijuana. K9 Bolt will be replacing K9 Havoc who will be semi-retired due to pending Marijuana legalization. K9 Havoc will still be available to assist schools, probation, parole, and other agencies that request marijuana detection. Specialty training that we attended over our regular scheduled training days were: Debout level/ Search and Seizure conference at ACSO, and Sheriff Lewis advanced vehicle search and detection seminar.

In 2020 we look to continue with progress, and achievements. As of the writing of this report K9 Haas has been re-assigned to Deputy Schrader, and will be attending Narcotics and Patrol school in September. This new team will go on to do great things. The goals we would like to accomplish for the new year are to increase our unit donations, educate our road patrol on interview and search techniques and how to preserve a scene for successful K9 use. The Sheriff's Office is also pursuing continued narcotics and tracking finds, and further cooperating with our investigation unit, and DEA officer as much as possible to increase interdiction stops.

GREENE COUNTY DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH

For over the past 11 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

	<u>2018:</u>	<u>2019:</u>
<u>CLINICIAN ASSISTS:</u>	5	15
<u>E.M.S. ASSISTS:</u>	4	6
<u>FIRE DRILLS:</u>	4	3
<u>FIRE ALARM ACTIVATIONS:</u>	0	0
<u>MENTAL HEALTH PICKUP ORDERS:</u>	63	85
<u>ASSIST OTHER AGENCY:</u>	0	0
<u>PROPERTY DAMAGE AUTO ACCIDENT:</u>	0	0
<u>CIVILS SERVED:</u>	4	0
<u>ARRESTS:</u>	0	1
 <u>MAGNETOMETER STATISTICS:</u>		
TRAFFIC COUNTER:	25,963	26,339
ALARMS:	7,938	7,766
DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS:	241	242

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. This past June, we said goodbye to a well known Pistol Permit staple, Sergeant Michael Bolz. He will be greatly missed!!

The following is an account of the Pistol Permit Division activity for 2018/2019::

Pistol Permit Related Requests Processed:

	2018	2019
Original Pistol Permit	255	140
Duplicate Pistol Permit	99	39
Amendments	1018	858
Purchase Coupons	786	639
Transfer Fees	72	66
Applications	649	503
Upgrade	314	166
Dealer	7	7
Gunsmith	4	2
Total	\$11,953.00	\$8,336

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 continue applying for Department of Homeland Security Funding. Our agency was advised in early August that we were awarded **\$28,742** 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 **\$4,300** from the Federal Bulletproof Vest Program to update the vests for our members.

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 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 part – time basis.

The magnetometers have also been 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 **(490)** calls for service in 2019 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 include but are not limited to:

	DSS 2018	DSS 2019	County Office 2018	County Office 2019
Calls For Service	674	490	84	91
Assist Other Agency	-	5	29	8
Arrests	15	14		6
Fire Drills	4	-	4	4
EMS Assist	8	2	3	4
Lost Property	-	1	28	25
Warrants	16	11	6	5
Alarm Activations	-	-	1	4
Auto Accidents	-	-	4	3
Parking Complaints	-	-	-	12
Other	-	13	-	5

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.

In addition to our primary vessel, our marine patrol 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 provided this agency with a 19' center console boat, kept on a trailer, and two SeaDoo personal watercraft. The watercraft are used for patrol, special events, and in case of emergency.

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. In 2019 we logged 131.5 hours on patrol. During this time we investigated 1 accident, assisted 4 vessels, inspected 7 vessels, issued 14 warnings, and made 2 arrests.

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.

GCSSRT STATS

2018

Activations - (12) Twelve

(6) Six Of which were drug Search Warrant related with suspects reported to be armed, having prior weapons charges, gang members or associated to gangs and /or violent felons. ((1) one of which was in the city of Hudson)

(1) One high risk warrant related to a Sex Crime and Suspect having a violent felony and known to posses weapons and known Gang member.

(1) One High risk warrant related to a homicide with Suspect reported to be armed

(1) One High Risk Warrant with Subject being a member of the Sovereign Citizens with prior Felony Arrests and Weapons Charges, threats against law enforcement and believed to have several weapons caches.

(1) One High Risk Felony Warrant due to violent criminal History and Weapons possession.

(2) Two High Profile Security Details / Over watch detail

2019

Activations – (3) Three

(1) One High Risk Search Warrant for proceeds of Burglaries where Firearms were taken and suspect believed to be armed and high probably towards violence.

(1) One drug related Search Warrant with prior violent felonies and information of a firearm in the residence.

(1) High Profile Security Details / Over watch detail

(0) Calls in the City of Hudson

Training Hours

2018 – Approximately 224 Hours of training per operator

2019 – Approximately 376 Hours of training per operator
(Ropes Rescue team incorporated)

TRAINING



The Sheriff and the administration continue to feel strongly regarding the need to stay current with training. We had members participate in over **1500+** 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
- (3) 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
- Field Training Officer School
- Active Shooter Scenarios
- Firearms Instructor School
- Car Seat Technician Updates
- Animal Abuse Investigations
- School Resource Officer Training

DIVE TEAM



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 August the team responded to a possible body found in the water at Green Lake. They were assisted by NYSP Dive, Ulster County Dive, and Columbia County Dive Teams. After an extensive search, no human body was located.

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 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 surface, ice shelf searches, and ice diving.

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. In 2019, the camp accommodated over 900 boys and girls from across New York State including (22) children from Greene County.

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 Dustin Rogers 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

The Greene county jail closed in April of 2018. Since that time the corrections division has been operating out of the 370 Mansion street location.

We are also operating a Transition team from a construction trailer at the New Sheriffs complex off of 9W in Cocksackie.

Currently Greene County inmates are being boarded out to the Albany county jail. Albany provides full medical and MAT (suboxone) programming to Greene County Inmates.

The construction of the new Sheriff's complex and jail is going well and is reported to be on schedule.

STAFFING LEVELS:

The Greene County Corrections division budget includes 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, and 32 correction officers. Currently 17 positions are filled.

GOV.PAY NET:

This was utilized 45 times in 2019 for \$80,110.00 in bail money received.

BOARDING OF INMATES:

In 2019 Greene county jail averaged 35 inmates boarded out per day. In 2018 the average was 42.45. The cost of boarding was \$960,556.80 in 2019. The 2018 cost was \$1,152,140.00. These costs only reflect the monies paid to other counties and do not reflect travel expenses or staff costs.

2018 AND 2019 INMATE POPULATION COMPARISON:

Total inmates received	2018	2019
Adults	559	389
Minors	6	2
Total	565	391

Total males	2018	2019
Adults	431	317
Minors	5	1
Total	436	318

Total females	2018	2019
Adult	128	72
Minors	1	1
Total	129	73

<u>DAILY POPULATION</u>	2018	2019
Highest daily population	61	47
Lowest daily population	35	23
Average daily population	49	35

<u>SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON</u>	2018	2019
Males	98(total)	65
Females	0	9
Total	98	74

<u>INMATES BY ETHNIC ORIGIN</u>	2018	2019
Hispanics		
Male	48	43
Females	19	16
Non-Hispanics Male	388	275

Non-Hispanics Female 110 57

2019 INMATES ADMITTED BY RACE

Males

Asian-0 Black-64 American indian-0 White-239 Other-15 Total-318

Females

Asian-0 Black-13 American Indian- 1 White-53 Other-6 Total-73

Totals

Asian-0 Black-77 American Indian-1 White-292 Other-21 Total-319

TRANSPORT MILEAGE

2018- 62796 Miles 2019- 58410 Miles

2019 INTAKES BY ADMITTING AGENCY

NYSP-181 GCSO-85 Cossackie P.D.-2 Durham P.D.-1

Windham P.D.-2 Catskill P.D.-76 Cairo P.D.-2 Hunter P.D.-4

Parole-22 Other (i.e. Probation)-16

COMMUNITY SERVICE CREWS



NYSP Catskill



Palenville Sacred Heart Church



Prattsville Pratts Rock



Coxsackie Industrial Park



Kiskatom Fire Department



Catskill Detail



Durham Highway Department

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS NOT PHOTOGRAPHED

Durham Town Park (painted the gazebo)

McQuade Park in Cossackie (painted dugouts, umpire and snack bar, and score boards)

Town of Durham police department (painted rear porch, prepared front porch for repairs)