

GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE

GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FOR CALENDAR YEAR

2020



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 committed to providing professional courteous services to the public.

I am extremely proud of the entire staff of the Sheriff's Office, especially during this past year of unprecedented challenges. While most of the country shut down, many businesses were closed and people were sticking close to home, The GCSO never missed a day. My Deputies, Corrections Officers and Civilian Staff never stopped working. We were ON DUTY serving and protecting as we have all sworn to do.

In addition to administration and organizational changes, we have added a County wide Senior Citizen's Call in program, where Corrections Officers make contact with Seniors and disabled persons daily. An additional School Resource Officer was added to serve the Hunter-Tannersville School District completing the goal of having either an SRO or a Security Officer in all of the Schools in Greene County to assure the safety of our children. We implemented an Impacted Citizens Program to respond to the needs of those suffering from addictions. A Transition Team has been working diligently updating policies and procedures in preparation for the impending move into our new headquarters and Jail facility. The Road Patrol staff has also worked extremely hard towards becoming Accredited by the State.

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 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. I am looking forward to making further connections and developing relationships throughout 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 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 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 Civil Deputy or 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 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.

In the year 2020, the Civil Division brought in **(648)** cases resulting in the service of **(648)** Civil Papers. The Civil Division processed **(56)** Summonses, **(120)** Family Court Papers, **(87)** Orders of Protection, **(96)** Landlord/Tenant Papers and **(72)** other Civil Processes. A more detailed breakdown of these services is included in this report. Due to Covid 19 pandemic the processing and service of papers ceased for most of 2020. The totals reflect from the pandemic shutdown. Only emergency papers including Order Of Protections from Family Courts were processed.

The Civil Division is also responsible for the service and enforcement of several different types of Property executions. During 2020, the Civil Division served a total of **(217)** Property and/or Income executions and **(383)** in 2019. For many months in 2020 due to the pandemic service was halted on executions, showing lower numbers processed for the year. Through the service of the aforementioned executions, the Civil Division was able to collect **\$727,303.92** in 2019 and **\$551,231.06** in 2020 in revenue for Creditors and Attorneys.

The Civil Enforcement Division handled **(35)** Warrants of Eviction in Greene County in 2020 and **(150)** in 2019. 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 2020 was **\$49,477.63** and **\$82,595.27** in 2019. The Civil Division collected **\$22,782.03** for Fees and **\$26,695.60** for Poundage collected on management of Executions in 2020 and **\$49,477.63** and **\$82,595.27** in 2019 respectively. This money is all turned over to the Greene County Treasurer.

CIVIL DIVISION – ANNUAL FIGURES

2019: 1232

2020: 648

CIVIL DIVISION YEARLY SERVICES REPORT 2020

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
Summons	112	56
Property/Income Executions	383	217
Family Court Papers	150	120
Notice of Petition & Petition	118	18
Notice to Tenant	149	43
Eviction Warrant	150	35
Family Court Order Of Protection	81	83
Subpoena	7	8
Order to Show Cause	3	1
Action For Divorce	12	16
Criminal Court Order Of Protection	5	4
Citation	8	1
Information Subpoena	0	3
Warrant of Arrest/Civil Warrant	0	0
Other Papers	39	20
Notice Of Entry	15	23
Total	1232	648



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 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

1 Part-Time Lieutenant

7 Sergeants

3 Investigators

3 Part -Time Investigators

20 Full time Deputy Sheriffs

12 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 Coxsackie.

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.

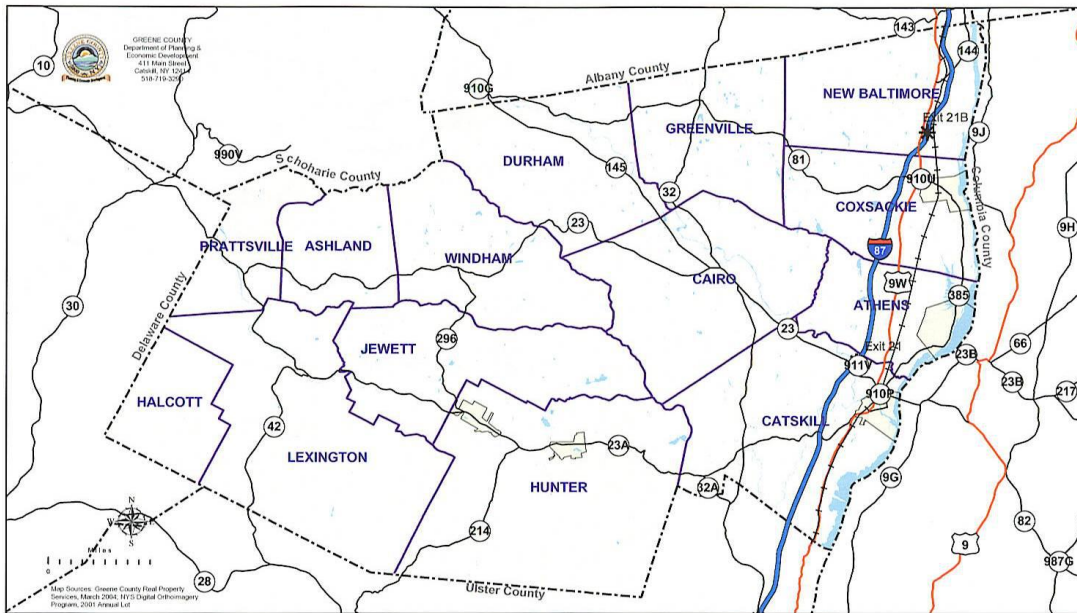
The Greenville Satellite continues to primarily service the Towns of Greenville and Durham and is located in the Greenville Town Hall. Our K-9 handlers generally work out of this satellite to be more centrally located to the public in both the valley and mountain top areas.

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

The patrol division handled **8,774** calls for service in 2020 and **10,366** in 2019. The Sheriff's Office responded to approximately **59%** of the **14,830** police related calls received in the county through Greene County Emergency Operations Center in 2020 and **62%** of the **16,751** county calls in 2019. The remaining **41%** of calls in 2020 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.

<i>The following is a breakdown of the calls:</i>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Assault/Assault in Progress	61	45
Dead Body	0	0
Drowning	2	0
Harassment	145	145
Domestic Disputes	353	318
Disorderly Conduct/General Disturbance/Fight	108	82
Rape	0	0
Sex Abuse/Assault	1	3
Burglary	32	44
Robbery (including home invasions)	5	2
Criminal Mischief	46	40
Kidnap/Abduction complaint	1	0
Larceny (including vehicle)	55	55
Trespass	148	70
Alcohol Related/Drug Related	46	24
Lost/Missing Person	25	21
Suicide/Suicide Attempt/threat	176	148
Menacing	0	0
Shooting Complaint	42	22
Mental Health Call	63	82
Noise Complaint	62	48
General Complaint	1,209	790
Vehicle Traffic Stops	1,777	2,363

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Disabled vehicle	91	116
Assist to Motorist (including lockouts)	195	261
Parking Complaint	42	25
Erratic Driver Complaint	159	172
Hit and Run Accident	16	36
Motor Vehicle Accidents (no injuries)	310	313
Motor Vehicle Accidents (with injuries)	52	59
ATV Accident	0	3
Boat Accident/Fire/Sunk/Water Rescue	4	3
Road/Traffic Hazard	230	257
Suspicious Person, vehicle and/or object	174	199
Vehicle Pursuit	8	6
EID (alarm activations)	794	733
Civil Matter	971	2,092
Criminal Warrants	63	59
Check the Welfare/Attempt to Locate	306	293
Animal complaints	115	224
Misc. non-emergency calls (including 911 Hang up/Abandoned)	358	35
EMS & Fire Dept Assists	466	343
Child Abuse	3	0
Bomb Threat	0	1
Home Invasion	3	0
TOTAL:	8,774	10,366



PENAL LAW ARRESTS 2020

The patrol division made a total of **400** arrests in 2020 resulting in **57** Felony counts, **207** Misdemeanor counts and **38** Violation counts. In 2019 there were **530** arrests resulting in **26** Felonies, **282** Misdemeanors, and **222** Violations.

Mental Health Arrests: **118**

Warrant Arrests: **30**

<u>Township</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Ashland	13	14
Athens	12	24
Cairo	67	109
Catskill	119	135
Cocksackie	61	70
Durham	15	11
Greenville	20	31
Halcott	2	1
Hunter	30	28
Jewett	8	6
Lexington	3	11
New Baltimore	31	25
Prattsville	11	24
Windham	8	33

Criminal Investigations Unit

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) currently has (3) Full time Investigators and (3) part 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, 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 2020

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a 911 call for a robbery at the Xtra-Mart gas station in the Town of New Baltimore. The report came in on September 2nd regarding an armed robbery that just occurred at the gas station. The investigation quickly led to a suspect, by the name of Lance Treadwell, the same evening. With the help of NYS parole and the City of Albany Police Department, investigators were able to quickly track Treadwell and take him into custody. Since the arrest on September 6th, Treadwell has been indicted and is currently awaiting trial.

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated three residential fires that all occurred within days of each other. The investigation quickly determined that all three fires were arson and had been set by the same person. Investigators quickly established a juvenile suspect in connection to the three fires. The juvenile was then arrested and sent to Probation where they have since entered a juvenile fire setter program.

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a 911 call of a report of a juvenile who had fallen while ice climbing. The child succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced at the scene. Investigators were able to examine the scene and explore the circumstances in which the child fell. A conclusion of the investigation showed that the fall was accidental.

The Criminal Investigations Unit is in charge of maintaining confidential informants and is actively investigating and combating the drug abuse epidemic 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 33 Unattended Death Investigations, 1 Suicide Investigation, 2 Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident Investigations, 10 Sex-Offense Cases, 23 child abuse cases, assisted with and investigated 20 burglaries, 6 school related investigations, and 80 background investigations during 2020.

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	20	DODGE DURA	4647	0	17,602	17,602
2	20	DODGE DURA	4648	0	13,155	13,155
3	17	DODGE DURA	5397	117,815	136,569	18,754
4	14	FORD TAUR	2969	150,674	158,981	8,307
5	18	FORD FUSI	0508	29,395	38,666	9,271
6	18	CHEV MALB	0194	30,030	49,463	19,433
7	19	NISS ALTA	7402	19,477	42,410	22,933
8	08	FORD F250	6085	54,462	58,024	3,562
10	14	FORD TAUR	2968	151,747	167,034	15,287
11	18	FORD EXPL	3103	64,467	102,007	37,540
12	19	DODG CHAR	2980	0	44,157	44,157
13	16	FORD EXPL	8386	106,000	132,482	26,482
14	18	FORD EXPL	5425	35,524	70,001	34,459
15	19	DODG CHAR	6003	0	45,000	45,000
16	16	FORD EXPL	7735	117,815	155,872	38,057
18	16	FORD TAUR	4536	124,474	138,224	13,750
19	18	FORD EXPL	3105	78,601	135,664	57,063
20	19	DODGE CHAR	6002	12,900	42,500	29,600
21	16	FORD EXPL	5313	120,757	128,676	7,919
23	13	FORD TAUR	3504	191,289	201,121	9,832
25	18	FORD EXPL	3104	58,546	101,830	43,284
26	14	FORD EXPL	1216	158,962	176,461	17,499
27	18	FORD EXPL	5426	33,615	77,150	43,535

28	17	FORD EXPL	0762	39,777	69,940	30,163
29	12	FORD EXPO	6004	115,158	136,152	20,994
19	STOPDWI	DODG VAN	0230	2,081	6,889	4,808

Patrol, Investigator& Staff vehicle total: 632,446

CORRECTIONS VEHICLES

CV1	19	FORD VAN	6530	0	11,038	11,038
CV2	20	FORD EXPL	3333	0	7,264	7,264
CV3	17	FORD VAN	5848	90,797	160,000	69,203
CV4	12	FORD EXPO	3073	122,419	125,852	3,433
CS1	07	CHEVY VAN	8816	113,425	120,890	7,465

Corrections vehicles total: 98,413

Patrol, investigators & Staff vehicles total: 632,446

Grand total mileage for all vehicles: 730,859

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 2020:

9/11/20 – Memorial and LODD Service/ GCECC Cairo

And previously 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

Sheriff's K-9 Unit



Unfortunately, like many other aspects for the year 2020, the proactivity of the Greene County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit did take a hit due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic. However, the K9 Unit did have some notable calls for service.

In 2020, the Greene County Sheriff's K9 Unit was dispatched to twenty-six reportable calls for service. From the twenty-six calls for service were sixteen requests for vehicle narcotics searches with ten of those searches returning with positive narcotics finds. Four tracking calls, Two building searches, one apprehension (bite), and three other K9 related calls for service. The K9 Unit was unable to participate in any educational demo's due to COVID. In the middle of 2020, Deputy Schrader was added to the K9 Unit to handle K9 Haas. Deputy Schrader attended both narcotic and patrol schools, and upon graduating has shown to be an asset already in his short time handling.

We were able to fundraise approximately \$5,600 from a barbecue, and \$2,218 through T-shirt sales benefiting the K9 Unit. We had also received several cash donations throughout the year. We'd like to thank our community for all their support in these hard times!

Lastly, K9 Bolt is preparing to attend Narcotics School with Deputy Danko in January 2021. The goals for the Greene County Sheriff's K9 Unit for 2021, will be to continue to serve our community in the most professional way possible by furthering our own education, and training our dogs to preform to their very best when called upon. We hope that in the coming months of 2021, that the Country will lift its restrictions as COVID comes to pass, so that we may be more proactive on the street as well as with our community.

GREENE COUNTY DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH

For over the past 12 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 member's 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.

*** Please be advised that the statistics are lower than previous years due to the clinic operating on reduced hours/days and staff working remotely as a result of COVID-19.*

Mental Health Office Report

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
CLINICIAN ASSISTS:	3	15
E.M.S. ASSISTS:	6	6
FIRE DRILLS:	0	3
FIRE ALARM ACTIVATIONS:	0	0
MENTAL HEALTH PICKUP ORDERS:	16	85
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY:	0	0
PROPERTY DAMAGE AUTO ACCIDENT:	1	0
CIVILS SERVED:	0	0
ARRESTS:	1	1
TRAFFIC COUNTER:	7,067	26,339
<u>MAGNETOMETER STATISTICS:</u>		
ALARMS:	2,128	7,766
DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS:	73	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. **The following is an account of the Pistol Permit Division activity for 2019/2020::**

Pistol Permit Related Requests Processed:

	2020	2019
Original Pistol Permit	173	140
Duplicate Pistol Permit	23	39
Amendments	868	858
Purchase Coupons	631	639
Transfer Fees	57	66
Applications	1140	503
Upgrade	188	166
Dealer	4	7
Gunsmith	2	2
Total	\$10,491	\$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 September that we were awarded **\$27,446** 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. STEP funds (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) totaled **\$3,600** this past year and were used to target areas in which we receive the most vehicle and traffic violation complaints. We also received **\$1,700** from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to support our Car Seat Safety Technicians and allow them to provide necessary safety seats and resources to keep the littlest members of our community safe.

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 **(582)** calls for service in 2019 and **(418)** in 2020. 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 2020	DSS 2019	County Office 2020	County Office 2019
Calls For Service	352	490	66	91
Assist Other Agency	4	5	12	8
Arrests	9	14	7	6
Fire Drills	1	-	1	4
EMS Assist	0	2	1	4
Lost Property	0	1	27	25
Warrants	8	11	7	5
Alarm Activations	-	-	-	4
Auto Accidents	-	-	-	3
Parking Complaints	-	-	7	12
Other	9	13	11	5

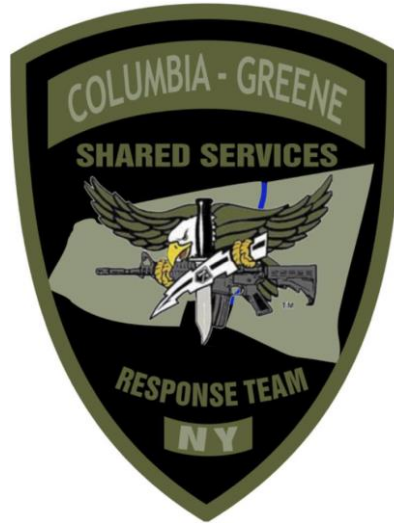


MARINE PATROL



2020 was the year of the boat. With the ongoing COVID19 Pandemic and strict guidelines and restrictions on public gatherings, it seemed everyone felt the need to escape via boat. This year we saw a huge increase in boating traffic on the Hudson River. Luckily, accidents and incidents were at a minimum for the increased presence on the river. This year the Marine Patrol logged a total of 895 hours on the river between the middle of April and September. During our patrols we assisted with multiple stranded boaters, numerous “traffic” stops, educational opportunities, as well as several search and rescue calls. In 2021 we look to add some additional members to the Marine Patrol, and strive to further assist our community and surrounding agencies to the best of our ability, and to insure a safe and fun boating experience for all.

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 (16) 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 GCSST 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

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

2020

Activations – (16) Sixteen

- (5) Call outs for Protests
- (6) Search Warrants
- (1) Woodland Search
- (1) Shots fired – Subject with a gun
- (3) Rope Rescue/Recoveries

Training Hours

2019 and **2020** – Approximately 376 Hours of training per operator, per year
(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. The annual required training is scheduled as shown below.

<p>In Service #1:</p> <p>-Conducted Energy Weapon Training "Taser" (7 hours) CEW storage, usage, deployment, post deployment documentation and updated GCSO CEW Policy and Procedure</p>
<p>In Service #2:</p> <p>-Bail reform, Discovery, Raise the Age Refresher (4 hours) Training conducted by the GC District Attorney's Office and GCSO CIU. Covered the changes to bail reform, DA requirements of Discovery and a refresher course on JV arrest requirements. GCSO Discovery Policy and IBR's</p> <p>-Use of Force (3 hours) Updates regarding the use of force and the police reform act. Retraining and removal of the 2019 NYS MPTC training curriculum authorizing the use of "choke holds" and the removal of the same.</p>
<p>In Service #3:</p> <p>-Medical CPR/AED re-certifications (4 hours) Updated training for CPR/AED usage, storage and deployment. GCSO updated policy regarding the same.</p> <p>-Defensive Tactics (3 hours) "Hand to hand" use of force. Updated control and cuffing techniques. Follow up to In Service #2 regarding the removal of NYS MPTC authorized "choke holds" and options of safer control techniques.</p>
<p>In Service #4:</p> <p>-Firearms qualifications (7 hours) Handgun, Patrol Rifle and Shotgun qualifications. Standard NYS MPTC proficiency drills, moving and shooting, target acquisition and "shoot, no shoot" drills.</p>
<p>In Service #5:</p> <p>-Evidence Collection and Crime Scene Photography (4 hours)</p>

Refresher training on photographing a crime scene and techniques on how to properly photograph evidence at the scene. Post photographic documentation the collection and paper documentation of the evidence collected. Updates regarding GCSO and NYSP Lab submission forms.

-Policy and procedure updates and civil updates. (3 hours)

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

- 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
- Field Training Officer School
- Active Shooter Scenarios
- Firearms Instructor School
- Car Seat Technician Updates
- Animal Abuse Investigations
- School Resource Officer Training

DIVE TEAM



This year the Greene County Sheriff's Office put into service a new dive truck. This truck is larger than the previous truck, which will make for a smoother operation.

In the summer, Hull Searches were done on Coast Guard Vessels in a collaborative training with the Ulster County Dive Team. We also expanded our trainings to include the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. 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.

This year this year the dive team was called out 4 times for various emergencies.

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.

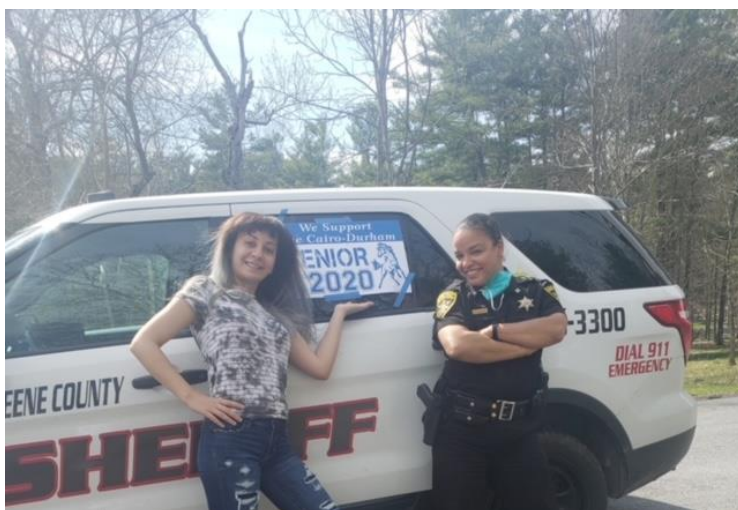
Upon completion of their stay, all the children were awarded a diploma for their participation in a program of "Good Citizenship and Law Enforcement Studies".

Unfortunately, due to COVID there was no camp program held in 2020. We are planning to send a member to camp as a counselor in the summer of 2021.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

We currently have (5) Deputies assigned to the SRO Program in (4) 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 and Deputy Storm Benjamin is assigned to the Hunter – Tannersville Central 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 trusting relationship with our Deputies!



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 is taking 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) and all community providers, we are launched a new program called "Impacted Citizens Program" (ICP). The initial goal of the program is for members of the Sheriff's Office to respond to reported overdoses within 24 to 72 hours after being notified of a substance use concern, if deemed appropriate. Members of the team will assist the individual by providing information and the awareness of available resources for recovery and other services that would assist the individual with current or circumstantial difficulties. Should the individual not wish to receive any services at that time, they will be provided with the contact information of a team member if they desire such assistance. Team members will follow up in either case to assess future needs or progress.

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

Other components to the program will include; training to law enforcement personnel and other first responders on the complexity of this issue and the understanding of how we can best deal with the problem. Additionally, we will establish a program to help first responders acclimate with the pressures of first responder duties, events and other situations that may have arisen.

To date, the team has evaluated 60 cases for response. 34 were deemed to meet the requirement for the team to respond. 10 of those were individuals who were not able to be located due to transient status and other factors. Of those 24 remaining, 16 signed up for services through our contacts, 5 were encouraged to go back to programs they were previously receiving help with and the remaining 3 stated they had a different type of medical emergency and did not require assistance, but were provided information should they require future assistance.

Communications Deputy

In late 2020, Greene County Emergency Services and the Sheriff's Office decided to partner together and assign a Deputy to the dispatch center in Cairo. The Deputy is assigned there on a regular basis to assist the Dispatchers with call taking, patrol assignment, and 911 polling. The Deputy not only manages the CAD system, but they also start an Incident Report to help the Road Patrol Deputy be more effective and efficient with their time. Overall, this new position seems to be running very smoothly and working out well for both agencies involved.

Senior Call-In Program

In early 2020, the GCSO saw a need 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 GSCO staff in times of need. If participants will not be participating for vacation, hospitalization, etc., GSCO requests to be notified of the dates to not expect a call-in.

March 2021, marks the one-year anniversary of this program that now assists 10 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.

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Corrections Department



The Greene county jail closed in April of 2018. Since that time the correction 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 Cossackie. Currently Greene County inmates are being boarded out to Albany, Columbia and Ulster county jails.

The construction of the new Sheriff's complex and jail has reached substantial completion and all contractors are working on punch list items.

STAFFING LEVELS:

The Greene county correction division budgeted to staff 1 Superintendent, 1 lieutenant, 5 Sergeants and 32 correction officers. Currently 20 Correction Officer items are filled.

GOV.PAY NET:

This was utilized 18 times in 2020 for \$29,102.00 in bail money received.

BOARDING OF INMATES:

In 2020 Greene county jail averaged 31 inmates boarded out per day. The cost of boarding was \$764,900.00 in 2020. \$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/ 2019/2020 INMATE POPULATION COMPARISON:

	2018	2019	2020
Total inmates received			
Adults	559	389	154
Minors	6	2	0
Total	565	391	154

Males:

Adults	431	317	138
Minors	5	1	0
Total	436	318	138

Females:

Adult	128	72	16
Minors	1	1	0
Total	129	73	16

DAILY POPULATION

Highest daily population	61	47	42
Lowest daily population	35	23	20
Average daily population	49	35	31

SENTENCED TO STATE PRISON

Males	98(total)	65	40
Females	0	9	1
Total	98	74	41

INMATES BY ETHNIC ORIGIN**Hispanics**

Male	48	43	19
Females	19	16	4
Non-Hispanics Male	388	275	119
Non-Hispanics Female	110	57	12

2020 INMATES ADMITTED BY RACE

Males:

Asian	0
Black	39
American Indian	0
White	91
Other	8
Total	138

Females:

Asian	0
Black	2
American Indian	0
White	12
Other	2
Total	16

Totals:

Asian	0
Black	41
American Indian	0
White	103
Other	10
Total	154

TRANSPORT MILEAGE

2018 – 62,796 2019 - 58,410 2020 – 34,279

2020 INTAKES BY ADMITTING AGENCY

NYSP-68 GCSO-40 Cossackie P.D.-0 Durham P.D.-0
Windham P.D.-1 Catskill P.D.-16 Cairo P.D.-1 Hunter P.D.-0
Parole-14 Other (i.e. Probation)-8

CORRECTIONS TRAINING

<u>SESSION # / COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>TRAINING HOURS</u>
SESSION #1 (COMPLETED):	TOTAL = 7 HRS.
PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT OVERVIEW AND AGENCY P&P	2 HRS.
DEALING WITH EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSONS	2 HRS.
SUICIDE PREVENTION	3 HRS.
SESSION #2 (COMPLETED):	TOTAL = 4 HRS.
BI-ANNUAL CPR/AED RE-CERTIFICATION	4 HRS.
SESSION #3 (COMPLETED):	TOTAL = 7 HRS.
USE OF FORCE & DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE / DUTY TO INTERVENE / DE-ESCALATION TACTICS / LEGAL & CASE LAW UPDATES	3.5 HRS.
OFF-DUTY ENCOUNTERS	1.5 HRS.
AEROSOL SUBJECT RESTRAINT/OC REFRESHER	2 HRS.
SESSION #4 (COMPLETED):	TOTAL = 7 HRS.
ANNUAL HANDGUN/SHOTGUN QUALIFICATIONS & RANGE EXERCISES	7 HRS.
SESSION #5 (COMPLETED)	TOTAL = 7 HRS.
BAIL REFORM/CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM LEGISLATION & UPDATES	4 HRS.
DEFENSIVE TACTICS	3 HRS.
SESSION #6 (SUPERVISORS)(COMPLETED)	TOTAL = 4 HRS.
EVIDENCE COLLECTION & PHOTOGRAPHY	4 HRS.
TOTAL IN-SERVICE HOURS FOR 2020	36 HOURS

COMMUNITY SERVICE CREWS



Officer Rebusmen delivering food packages to Seniors



Officer Jaycox coordinating food boxes with the USDA for the seniors enrolled in the Sheriff's call in program