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DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHERIFF CRAIG S. DUMOND





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

Preserving our past and Preparing for our future.



SHERIFF INTRODUCTION



On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Delaware County Office of Sheriff, I proudly submit the "Delaware County Sheriff's Office 2020 Annual Report" for your review. This report gives me the opportunity to not only thank the public for their continued support, but also allows me to let the men and women who work for the Sheriff's Office know how much I value their efforts.

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

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

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

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

I hope the information provided in this annual report gives you a better understanding and perspective of the work the Delaware County Sheriff's Office performs, and well as the essential services we deliver on a daily basis for the people of Delaware County. As the Sheriff of Delaware County it is truly my honor and pleasure to serve you every day.

Very Respectfully,

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

Sheriff Craig S. DuMond

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DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MISSION
STATEMENT AND CODE OF ETHICS

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Pride, Integrity, Professionalism and Fairness

CODE OF ETHICS

As a Deputy Sheriff, Correction Officer or Civilian Employee of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, my fundamental obligation is to protect the constitutional rights and freedoms of the people whom I have been sworn to serve and protect. I also understand it is my obligation to uphold the institution of the Office of Sheriff and not allow my conduct to diminish the integrity of that Office as well as the character of the Sheriff.

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

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

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

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

I vow to treat others with courtesy at all times. I consider it to be a professional weakness to allow another's behavior to dictate my response. I will not allow others' actions or failings to excuse me from performing my duties in a responsible and professional manner.

Although I will endeavor to empathize with the people with whom I come into daily contact, I will not allow my personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence the discretionary authority with which I have been entrusted. I will consciously seek ways to avoid any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest that have the capability of compromising either my official authority or the public's image.

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

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

MEET SHERIFF CRAIG DUMOND

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

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

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

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

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

PROMOTIONS

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



Alan Weaver was promoted on April 5, 2020 to **Lieutenant** of the Corrections Division. LT. Weaver previously served a 1st Sergeant within the Corrections Division. As Lieutenant, he is responsible for overseeing the operations of the correctional facility. He is responsible for maintaining safety, security of staff, property and for the care, custody and well-being of inmates. On occasion, he is also assigned civil and special deputy responsibilities.



Ivan Brkaric promoted to **1st Sergeant** on June 28, 2020. 1st Sgt. Brkaric previously served as a Sergeant within the Corrections Division. 1st Sergeant Brkaric is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the correctional facility. He oversees the monitoring of the correctional facility, develops and implements policies and procedures, as well as staff training and development. He supervises Corrections Officers, Sergeant's and maintains the accreditation standards of the jail.





Timothy Tryon promoted to **Sheriff Deputy**. Deputy Tryon previously served as a Correctional Officer within the Corrections Division. Deputy Tryon was accepted and enrolled in the Broome County Law Enforcement Academy. Deputy Tryon will be responsible for the enforcement of laws and ordinances and will provide protection and safety for the communities he will serve upon completion of his training.



Fred Ford III promoted **Sergeant** on October 4, 2020. Sgt. Ford has been employed by the Sheriff's Office in the Corrections Division since 2015. Sgt. Ford previously served as Corrections Officer within the Corrections Division. Sergeant Ford will be a direct supervisor of daily activities within the Correctional Facility.



Corporal Heath Goff promoted to **Sergeant** on June 28, 2020. Sgt. Goff previously served as Corrections Corporal within the Corrections Division since 2017. He has served this Office since 2008. Sergeant Goff will be a direct supervisor of daily activities within the Correctional Facility. Sgt. Goff is also overseeing the Accreditation process for the Corrections Division. He is responsible for policies and

procedures and ensuring that training standards are met.

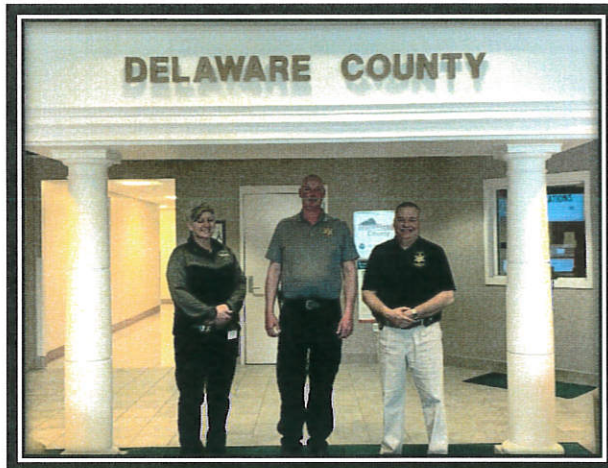




Corporal Paul Hamilton promoted to **Sergeant** on July 12, 2020. Sgt. Hamilton has been employed by the Sheriff's Office in the Corrections Division since 2010. Sgt Hamilton previously served as Corporal within the Corrections Division. Sergeant Hamilton will be a direct supervisor of daily activities within the Correctional Facility.



MILESTONES



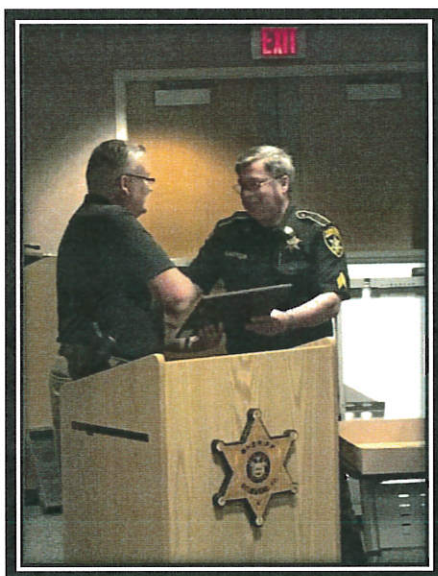
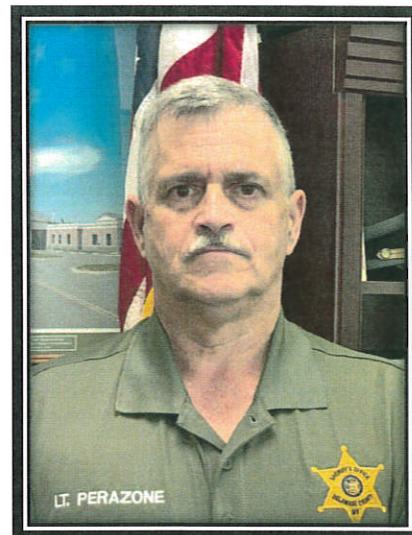
Lt. Karl Vagts

Lt. Vagts celebrated 35 years of service with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office

RETIREMENTS

Lieutenant Brian Perazone

As Lieutenant, Brian was responsible for overseeing the jail operations; maintaining safety and the security of staff and property. He was directly responsible for the care, custody and well-being of all inmates in the correction facility. He retired on February 28, 2020. We wish him well on his retirement!



Sergeant Bryan Bartow

Sgt. Bryan Bartow retired on September 25, 2020 following a lengthy career in Corrections. Sgt. Bartow began his career with the Sheriff's office in 1998. He was promoted to Corrections Sergeant in 2013. We wish Sgt. Bartow a happy retirement and all the best in the next chapter of his life.

Deputy Todd VanKeuren

Congratulations to Delaware County Deputy Sheriff Todd VanKeuren on his retirement from our agency. Deputy VanKeuren officially retired on August 23, 2020 following a lengthy law enforcement career which began in 1995 as a Delaware County Corrections Officer. We wish Deputy VanKeuren a happy retirement and all the best in the next chapter of his life.



ADMINISTRATION



Sheriff Craig DuMond



Undersheriff Timothy Buckley



Major John DeMeo



Jessica Miller
Administrative Assistant to Sheriff



Rebecca Townsend
Personnel Clerk

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

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

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

ROAD PATROL DIVISION



Deputy Sheriffs assigned to the Road Patrol Division respond to calls for service from the general public. They have a diversified caseload, covering everything from animal nuisance complaints to homicides. Each deputy works four (4) ten (10) hour shifts. Since our County is remote and has no major cities, each deputy takes his/her car home so that he/she can respond readily to incidents near their residence --- even when not on duty. The deputies interview victims, witnesses, and alleged suspects. They write criminal incident reports, and, when necessary, take people into custody and transport them to jail. As appropriate, the deputies refer cases to our Criminal Investigators Division for further action. The Deputies also testify in court hearings and trials concerning their cases.

This year the Pandemic greatly affected everyone. Our Deputies were still on patrol and tried to brighten everyone's spirits by sharing some of the natural beauty we have in Delaware County.



This beautiful photo was taken at the US Army Corps of Engineers East Sidney Dam pull off area. The ESD was operationally completed in 1950 and as a result created East Sidney Lake, which has been used since 1965 as a summertime recreation area for many.

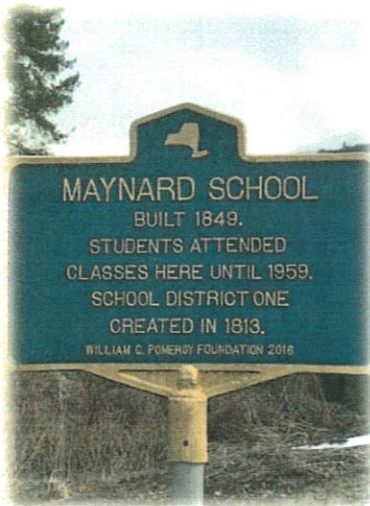
While out on patrol, this picture of a beautiful spring day was taken, complete with snow, near Launt Pond off of East Trout Brook Road in the Town of Walton.





Delaware county has 3 covered bridges. While on patrol this photo was taken at the covered bridge park in Downsville.

This awesome picture was taken a beautiful location in South Kortright. We sure have a lot to be thankful for!



The beautiful historic and agricultural areas of Bovina Road and Crescent Valley Road are both located in the Town of Bovina.

The one room schoolhouse, as the blue/yellow sign indicates is known as The Maynard School (because it was built on the property of Elisha Maynard, an early settler of Bovina) It was built in 1849 and used until 1959. It is currently owned by the Town, meticulously kept and still resembles a schoolhouse complete with wooden desks.

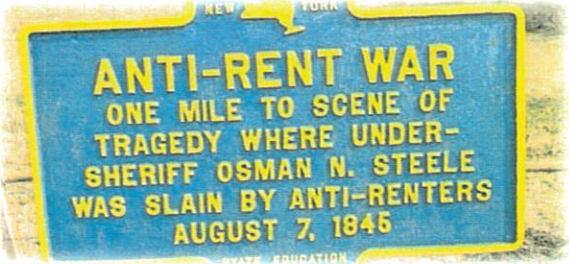


This image was captured from State Highway 28 in the Town of Meredith. The fields in this photo were part of the former and historic Meridale Farms originally founded in 1888 by Francis W. Ayer. Meridale Farms in its former glory was a large dairy farm (for the time period) which imported Jersey cattle from the Isle of Jersey. As a result, Meridale Farms created a renowned reputation for breeding and marketing beautiful Jersey cattle and also for the numerous dairy products including milk, butter and cheese that were produced there.



The heavenly morning photo was captured on County Highway 5 in the Town of Stamford.

The historic site of the Anti-Rent War in which former Delaware County Undersheriff Osman Steele was shot and killed on Upper Dingle Hill Road in the Town of Andes. On August 7th, 1845 Undersheriff Steele was shot while attempting to enforce the sale of a local farms cattle due to non-payment of the required rent.





While out and about on patrol, Deputy Sheriff Kyle Karcher and K-9 Eli discovered this monument of "Hero's" on State Highway 97 near the intersection of Neering Road in the Town of Hancock. Upon further investigation, it was found that local resident John Ogozalek had made the monument to express his gratitude for all the "hero's" who've been working tirelessly to help others during this difficult time. Mr. Ogozalek further advised that the small black square in the center is in memory of members of the Dirig Family who have resided in the French Woods area for over 150 years.

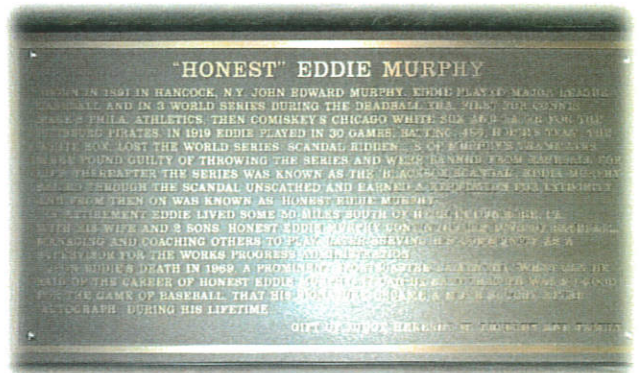
This beautiful and serene location is located off of Peas Eddy Road in the Town of Hancock



The gorgeous view from atop Mt. Pisgah located in the Town of Andes. Mt. Pisgah is the highest peak in Delaware County reaching an altitude of approximately 3,340 feet. It was the site of the former Bobcat Ski Center which closed in March of 2005.



K-9 Eli laying aside the beautiful statue of baseball great and Hancock, NY native John Edward Murphy who was born on Oct. 2, 1891. Murphy also known as "Honest Eddie" went on to become a well-known baseball player who played in three World Series with the likes of Shoeless Joe Jackson.



We recognize the daily efforts and sacrifices of our local volunteer EMS crews, paid ambulance crews, our doctors, nurses and other medical staff at all of our hospitals and clinics, as well as any other healthcare workers who are in the "trenches" daily.....a sincere and well deserved THANK YOU!!

With the recent pandemic, being considered an "essential employee" has a whole new meaning, and as usual, YOU ALL have risen to the challenge.



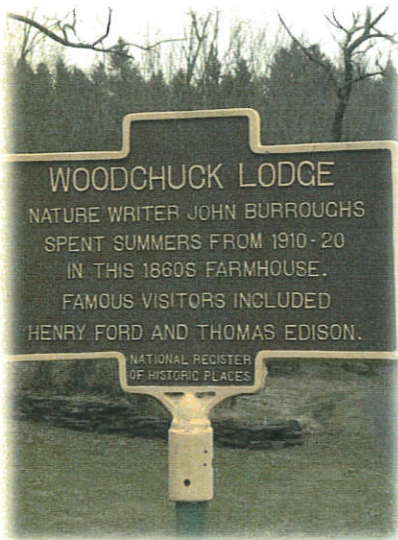
2020 has been a year of unprecedented times. Our office shared this message with all Delaware County residents during the Covid 19 pandemic with the speed trailer. The message and meaning is still the same and comes from our hearts!!

A beautiful waterfall image taken alongside of the Barkaboom Road in the Town of Andes. The Barkaboom area features some truly beautiful locations for hiking, canoeing and camping.





Delaware County is so rich in history. These images are of the Train Depot in the Village of Stamford. It was built in 1872 with the Ulster and Delaware Railroad providing the primary mode of transportation to both tourists and goods into and out of the area. Passenger service lasted until March 31, 1954 and freight service continued until September 28, 1976.



This striking image was captured at the historic Woodchuck Lodge located on Burroughs Memorial Road in the Town of Roxbury, N.Y.

Woodchuck Lodge was built in 1863 by Curtis Burroughs. Between 1910-1921, it was the home of famous nature author John Burroughs, who passed away in 1921.

John is buried on the property near a rock where he used to play as a child.

Woodchuck Lodge was then purchased by Henry Ford in 1922.

In 1962, Woodchuck lodge was placed on the National Historic Landmark Registry and is currently owned and managed by NYS.





During the latter half of the 18th century, settlers began to migrate west from the Hudson River area, to local areas such as "Delaware County" which was officially formed in 1797 (from portions of both Ulster and Otsego Counties). As a result of the formation of the new county and the influx of settlers, The Delaware County Sheriff's Office was founded in the same year and Sheriff Elias Butler was commissioned as the 1st Delaware County Sheriff.

The rugged terrain of this county hindered many settlers migrating into the area and in approx. 1790, the NYS Assembly passed an

act authorizing the construction of a road stretching from the Hudson River to the Susquehanna River (located in Unadilla formerly known as "Wattles Ferry").

On or about April 1, 1800, NYS passed legislation that authorized the road to operate as a turnpike corporation. Thus it was aptly named the SUSQUEHANNA TURNPIKE. The name was later changed to the CATSKILL TURNPIKE with the addition of extended routes.

In 1804, the CATSKILL TURNPIKE became a public highway and milestones or road markers were to be placed at each mile of the roadway. Each marker was to be legibly marked with the distance of said stone from the Hudson River.

The CATSKILL TURNPIKE was divided into 10-mile sections each having a toll house and a toll-gate keeper, who was required to be on duty day and night collecting the payment of tolls.

For approx. 50 years, the Catskill Turnpike provided one of the few means of travel throughout this area until the railroad boom struck.

Today, a portion of the CATSKILL TURNPIKE in Delaware County is still appropriately named as such and driving upon it takes you through the beautiful and historic countryside of this County.

Needless to say, this is a watered down version of the history of the CATSKILL TURNPIKE but the photos attached to this show some of the historical mile markers and a toll-house that was moved from Stamford to the Delaware County Historical Association location in Delhi, NY.





While protecting the residents of Delaware County our Deputies captured the splendor that is unique to Delaware County.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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

Sheriff's Investigator David Barnes and NYSP Investigator David Searson worked on the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident in Delhi this year. We are blessed and thankful for our partnership with the New York State Police as well as the Delhi, Bloomville and Walton Fire Departments! Thank you for your service!!!



SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)

Delaware County and Otsego County Sheriff's Offices have a mutual aid agreement regarding Special Response Team (SRT) services. The Special Response Team is responsible for high risk situations and dangerous incidents.

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

The Special Response Team has been very beneficial to both Sheriff's Offices. They have provided Deputies assistance when executing high risk warrants and with hostage situations. They have been instrumental in making a difference in apprehending felony-level drug dealers throughout Delaware County.





K-9 UNIT

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

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that Sheriff Craig DuMond announces the untimely passing of Deputy Sheriff canine Osman Steele affectionately known as "K9 Ozzie" on April 24, 2020.



Due to underlying health conditions, K9 Ozzie was peacefully and humanely taken out of service.

Ozzie was born in Czechoslovakia on May 19, 2012. Ozzie began his impeccable career with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office July 12, 2013. Major John DeMeo, Ozzie's beloved partner and best friend completed training at the Syracuse Police Department K9 Academy where Ozzie graduated at the top of his class in an advanced degree of narcotics detection, handler protection and tracking. K9

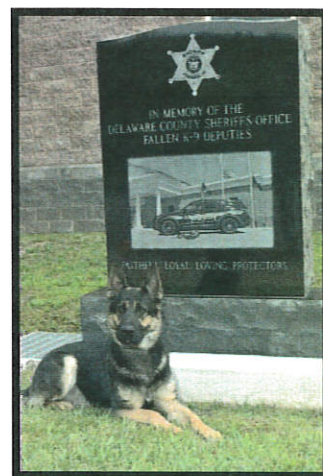
Ozzie was directly responsible for many narcotics arrests and a distinguished career, making his first felony level narcotics arrest less than 24 hours after graduating the academy. His service to the people of Delaware County has greatly contributed to making our communities a better and safer place to live, work and raise a family. Services will be forthcoming and announced at a time in the future.

Deputy Sheriff K9 Ozzie, you will be great missed by all of us, especially by your handler, Major Demeo and his family. Rest peacefully our dear friend and colleague, Delaware County 911 acknowledges your final call out of service at 11:32.



Osman "Ozzie" Steele

May 19, 2012- April 24, 2020



We are beyond touched by the amount of support we have received in one manner or another following our beloved K-9 Ozzie's death in April 2020. Please know that we truly appreciate every kind word, every card and every beautiful commemorative given on Ozzie's behalf. Ozzie will live on in our hearts, our memories and through the K-9 program here at DCSO.



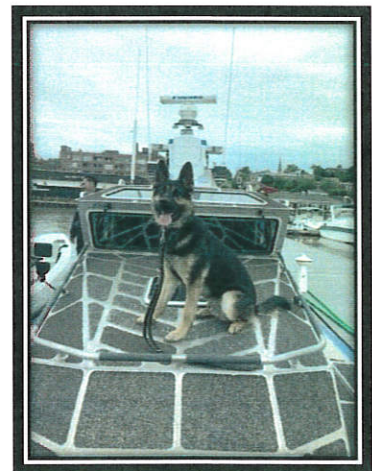
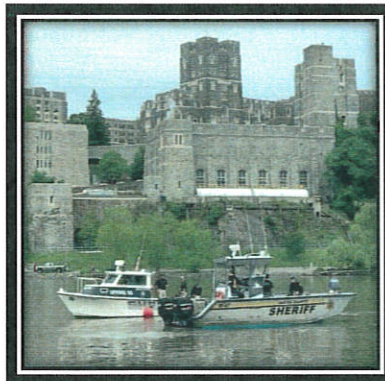
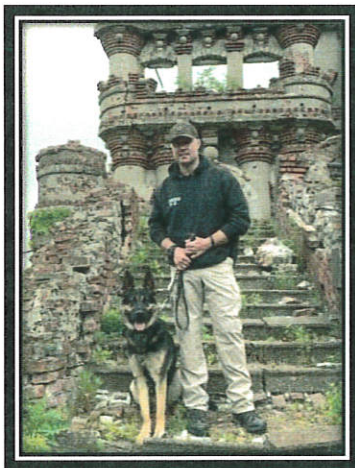
K-9 "Eli"

My name is K9 "Eli", I am a 2-year-old German Shepherd born in Hungary. I was acquired from Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania on October 18, 2019. I was specifically hand selected and tested to ensure I possessed the proper genetic makeup to become a police service dog. I am honored that I am dedicated and named after the 1st Sheriff of Delaware County; Sheriff Elias Butler who served as Sheriff from 1797 to 1799.

I am a dual-purpose German Shepherd and meet the criteria in regards to drug detection and patrol duties. My human partner, Deputy Sheriff Kyle Karcher and I began training on Monday October 28, 2019 at the Orange County Sheriff's Office K9 Academy. Deputy Karcher and I spent 8 weeks of intensive training in the discipline of narcotics detection at the K9 Narcotics Detector School at the Orange County Sheriff's Office in Goshen, NY. We are now fully certified by NY State to carry on these activities in accordance with their official duties as a K9 Team. Throughout 2020 we will continue our training in search and rescue, patrol, tracking and handler protection. My Partner and I got to enjoy a beautiful day of Marine Training on the Hudson River as part of the Orange County K-9 Association "Patrol School" this spring.



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





The Sheriff's Office newest K9 Team; Deputy Kyle Karcher and K9 "Eli" graduated. K9 Eli is named after the first Sheriff of Delaware County, Elias Butler, who served in 1797. Deputy Kyle Karcher and K9 Eli were one of (10) teams that graduated from the Orange County Sheriff's Office K-9 Academy in Montgomery, New York on October 9th.

Deputy Karcher and Eli spent months of training dedicated to Drug Detection, tracking and criminal apprehension. Training was particularly intensive and strenuous due to COVID restrictions that the cadets and K9s at the academy had to endure.

At the graduation ceremony, each K-9 and their handler demonstrated the extraordinary techniques and skills they have obtained and achieved during this intense time.

The Sheriff's Office would also like to warmly thank the wonderful and supportive people of Delaware County who have continued to

contribute funds to our K-9 program. Your contributions have made and will continue to make our K-9 program a success well into the future.



On September 6, 2020 sisters Richelle and Delana Wood decided to sponsor a lemonade sale at their Walton, NY home to benefit the Delaware County Sheriff's K9 program. Both Richelle and Delana indicated they wanted to make a difference by recognizing K9 "Ozzie" who was untimely lost due to a medical condition earlier this year, as well as support the continuation of the program and our agency's new K9, "Eli".

Together, the girls raised \$516.55 for the K9 program; \$416.55 through lemonade sales as well as another \$100.00 by private donation.

On Friday October 23, 2020 Deputy Kyle Karcher and K9 Eli gratefully received the donation from the girls at their Walton home.

Commenting on the event, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked, "we are grateful and humbled by the awesome gesture of these two fine young ladies...I am confident their parents, Rich and Donna Wood, are proud of their daughters and their concern for public safety and the well-being of our communities".

MOUNTED PATROL



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

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



The course curriculum includes:

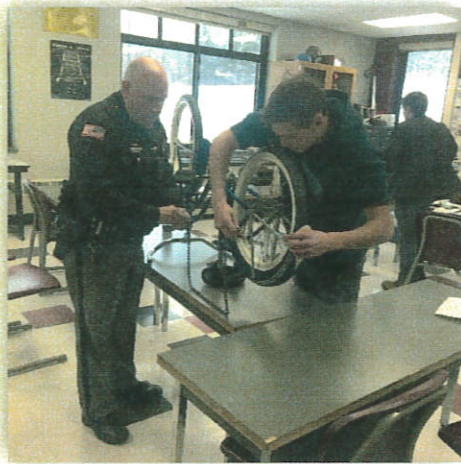
- ❖ Basic Formation
- ❖ Tactical Formation
- ❖ Crowd Control
- ❖ Sensory and Obstacle Training
- ❖ Patrol Techniques and Office Procedures
 - ❖ Search and Rescue
- ❖ Press, Public, and Community Relations
- ❖ Horse Abuse Laws for New York State



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



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



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



--- National Association of School Resource Officers

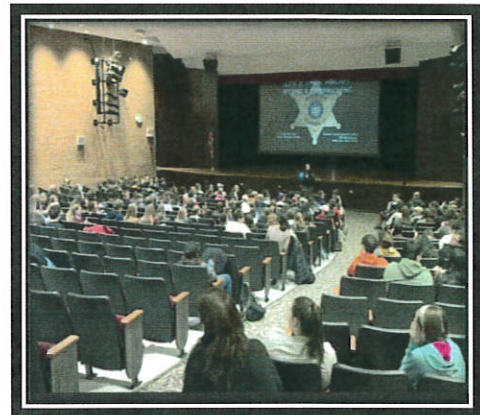
Deputy Jeffrey Clark spends the majority of his time as a school resource officer at Sidney Central School, and Masonville BOCES. Deputy Clark interacts with students within the school and provides school personnel with valuable resources. A school resource officer is a law enforcement officer, mentor, and educator.

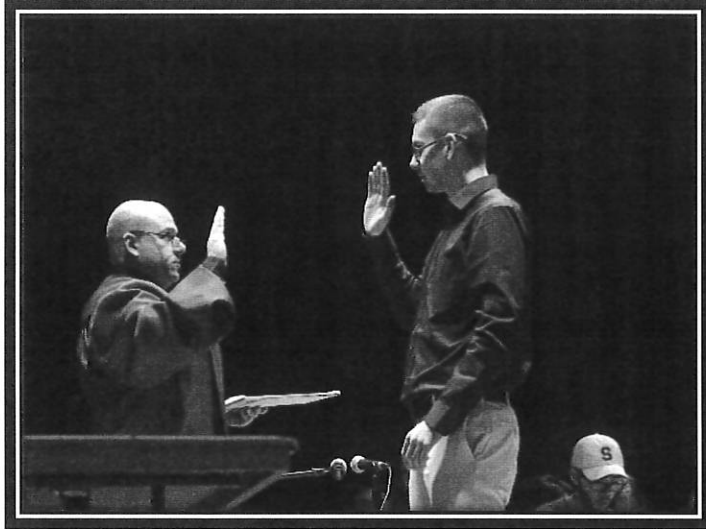
When the designated school resource officer is absent, we have several other deputies that cover in his absence.

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

Due to the pandemic this year and the hybrid schedules, SRO Deputy Clark primarily gave career talks at BOCES for introduction to occupation students and assisted with lock down and fire drills at both BOCES and Sidney Central School. However, in the past he has provided other presentations and assisted with Mock trials that schools were unable to do this year.

Deputy Clark gave a presentation about Sexting and Cyberbullying.





Sidney Mock Trial

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

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Our road patrol deputies responded to a wide variety of incidents in 2020, some small, some large:

January 2020

Hancock, NY – Early Thursday morning, January 2, 2020, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies and Investigators responded to a burglary at the Hancock County Store. Upon arrival, Deputies discovered forced entry to the business and the apparent theft of merchandise from the store. Deputies and Investigators recovered physical evidence at that location that was believed to have left by the perpetrator.

During their investigation, Deputies and Investigators noted similarities in that burglary and the December 9, 2019, burglaries at the Hancock Mirabito Convenience Store and the Hancock, NY, Post Office that were being investigated by Sheriff's Investigators, Village of Hancock Police and United State Postal Inspectors, as well as other commercial and Post Office burglaries in Delaware and Sullivan Counties that were being investigated by New York State Police and U.S. Postal Inspectors.

A suspect in the Hancock Country Store burglary was later identified as a result of the forensic analysis of physical evidence recovered from the scene of the burglary at that location. On October 19, 2020, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that on Wednesday night, October 14, 2020, Sheriff's Investigators arrested and charged a Parksville, NY, man in connection with the burglary of the Hancock Country Store during the early morning of January 2, 2020. Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged 57-year-old Julius C. Leonard, Jr., of Parksville, NY, with burglary in the third degree and petit larceny in relation to the Hancock Country Store burglary. Leonard was arraigned by on-call Justice William Field and, due to his extensive criminal history, was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility without bail pending further court action.

On Thursday, October 15, 2020, Sheriff's Investigators also arrested Leonard on a Parole Warrant, issued by the New York State Division of Parole, charging him with violating the terms and conditions of his Parole. Leonard was also held without bail on that charge. Leonard's arrest was the result of an on-going, collaborative investigation by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Village of Hancock Police Department, NYSP Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Liberty, Middletown, and Deposit; Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Postal Inspectors, New York State Division of Parole, NYSP Forensic Investigation Center, Pennsylvania State Police, New Jersey law enforcement and other local and county law enforcement agencies, as well as the Delaware and Sullivan County District Attorney's Offices, into a number of commercial burglaries in New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Speaking on the arrest, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked "I am more than proud of the outstanding police work that went into solving this crime. The collaboration between the agencies involved is a true reflection of the partnership and cooperation police agencies have in Delaware County with each other".

February 2020



Franklin, NY - On February 14, 2020, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the arrest of a Franklin man on various animal fighting and animal cruelty related charges as the result of the seizure of twenty (20) dogs that were being inappropriately held and abused in the furtherance of dog fighting related activities.

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

On Wednesday night, February 12, 2020, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged 41 year-old Nasir Azmat of Franklin, NY, (*formerly of Peekskill, NY*) with a total of forty-one counts of violating New York State's animal fighting and animal cruelty laws. Azmat was charged following an investigation conducted by Sheriff's Deputies in conjunction with members of the Delaware Valley Humane Society, Susquehanna SPCA, Broome County Humane Society and veterinarians associated with those shelters, with guidance from the Humane Society of the United States. He was charged with twenty counts of possessing dogs under circumstances evincing an intent that such animals engage in animal fighting; one count of owning or possessing animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent to engage in or otherwise promote or facilitate animal fighting; and twenty counts of overdriving, torturing and injuring animals - failure to provide proper sustenance; all of which are misdemeanor violations of the Agriculture and Markets Law.

Azmat was also ticketed by the Town of Franklin Dog Control Officer and charged with nineteen counts of harboring an unlicensed dog.

Deputies were assisted at the scene and in their investigation by the Town of Franklin Clerk and Dog Control Officers from the towns of Walton, Hamden, Sidney and Franklin, the Village of Sidney Dog Control Officer, and many volunteers from the Delaware Valley Humane Society who assisted in the removal of the dogs from their horrendous living conditions. Azmat was issued appearance tickets and directed to appear in the Town of Franklin Court at 6:00 p.m. on February 27, 2020, to answer the charges.

August 2020

Walton, NY – A tragic accident on State Highway 206 in the Town of Walton Saturday evening, August 15, 2020, claimed the life of a Bainbridge, NY, motorcyclist and resulted in the closure of the highway for several hours.

At approximately 7:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, August 15, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies and Walton Fire Department and Emergency Squads were dispatched to a 911 report of a motorcycle – deer accident on State Highway 206 near the intersection of Davis Road. Upon arrival at the scene, first responders observed a multi-vehicle accident involving three injured victims.

Preliminary investigation disclosed that 64-year-old Bruce H. Gerken, and his wife, 58-year-old Deborah L. Gerken, of Bainbridge, NY, were traveling travelling in a northerly direction on State Highway 206 on a motorcycle when they collided with a deer that ran into the roadway from an embankment on the opposite side of the highway. Bruce Gerken subsequently lost control of the motorcycle and both he and his wife were ejected from the motorcycle. The motorcycle then struck a vehicle being driven in a southerly direction by 56-year-old Debra A. Higley of Trout Creek, NY, causing damage to that vehicle.

Bruce Gerken was transported to UHS Wilson Hospital by Life Net Medivac helicopter, while Deborah was transported to Wilson Hospital by members of the Walton Emergency Squad. Neither Debra Higley, nor her passenger, 62 year-old Luther H. Higley, were injured. Another motorcyclist traveling with the Gerkens, 74-year-old Richard H. King, also from Bainbridge, lost control of his motorcycle while attempting to avoid the Gerken' collision and subsequently struck the guide wires. The King motorcycle then overturned and fatally injured King.

Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies thanked the following agencies that assisted at the scene: The Delaware County 911 Center, Walton Volunteer Fire Department, Walton Emergency Squad, Village of Walton Police Department, New York State Police, Life Net helicopter, AMR Ambulance Service, New York State Department of Transportation and the Delaware County Medical Examiner's Office.

September 2020



Delhi, NY – At approximately 10:15 a.m. Friday morning, September 25, 2020, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies, along with members of the Delhi and Bloomville Fire Departments and Emergency Squads, AMR Ambulance, Life Net of New York and Delaware County Emergency Services responded to a 911 report of a two car, head-on collision with injuries, on State Highway 10 near Elk Creek Road.

State Highway 10 was closed to traffic for several hours to allow as emergency first responders to safely attend to the victims and Sheriff's Deputies, Investigators and State Police to investigate that collision which claimed the life of two Downsville area residents.

Investigation by Sheriff's Deputies, Criminal Investigators and members of the New York State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit later revealed that a northbound car being driven by 32 year-old Michael J. Beilby, of East Meredith, NY, crossed over into the southbound

lane where it collided with a southbound vehicle being driven by 74 year-old Sandra A. Elmore of Downsville, NY.

Elmore was airlifted from the scene by Life Net medivac helicopter to O'Connor Hospital where she later succumbed to injuries from the accident. A passenger in the Elmore vehicle, 80 year-old Eugene J. Mills, also of Downsville, NY, was airlifted from the scene by Life Net to Albany Medical Center in Albany where he succumbed to his injuries. Beilby was evaluated and treated at the scene by emergency medical technicians. The cause of this accident remains under investigation by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and New York State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

Sheriff's Deputies, firefighters and emergency medical workers were also assisted at the scene by members of the New York State Department of Transportation. Additionally, members of the Walton Volunteer Fire Department were placed on standby in Delhi Fire Department and Bovina Emergency Squad was placed on automatic standby for calls within Delhi's fire and EMS district.

In commenting on the response to this tragic accident, Sheriff DuMond expressed his gratitude to all of the firefighters, emergency medical providers, departments and other units that responded to this accident and worked flawlessly, side-by-side, to help those in their time of need. Sheriff DuMond remarked: "We are blessed and thankful for our partnerships with the New York State Police, as well as all of our local volunteer fire departments and emergency squads. I encourage you to also recognize and thank your volunteer firefighters and EMS members for their selfless service."

October 2020

Fleischmanns, NY - On October 23, 2020, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that a Fleischmanns man had been arrested and charged with murder following a domestic dispute in the Village of Fleischmanns.

At approximately 10:50 p.m. Thursday night, October 22, 2020, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies, New York State Police and the Margaretville Hospital Ambulance were dispatched to a reported stabbing at a residence on Main Street, Fleischmanns. The stabbing victim, 27-year-old Eric Hall, was transported to Margaretville Memorial Hospital and succumbed to the injury.

Upon arrival, Sheriff's Deputies identified the suspect as 19 year-old Dakota Hall. Hall, the brother of the victim, was taken into custody without incident by Deputies, assisted by New York State Troopers.

Following further investigation, Sheriff's Deputies and Sheriff's Investigators arrested and charged Hall with murder in the second degree. Hall was arraigned before Judge Lance and was ordered to be held without bail in the Delaware County Correctional Facility. Members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office were assisted in their investigation by members of the New York State Police Forensic Identification Unit.

December 2020 - SJS Incidents by Incident Type

2020 YEAR TO DATE TOTAL = 3,097= *42.9% decrease from 2019*

2019 – YEAR TO DATE TOTAL = 5,424

Abandoned Vehicle	3
Accident – Aircraft	1
Accident – ATV	2
Accident – ATV Fatal	1
Accident – Fatal	1
Accident – Fatal Motorcycle	1
Accident – Property damage	73
Accident – Personal Injury	31
Accident- Animal-Cat/Dog	1
Accident – Car/Deer	17
Accident – Hit & Run	10
Accidental Gunshot injury	1
Accident- Tractor or Industrial	3
Administrative Matter	61
Alarm activation	10
Assist Colchester PD	9
Assist D.C.C.F. Staff	3
Assist D.C.C.F. – Jail Search	2
Assist Delhi PD	8
Assist District Attorney	1
Assist Dog Control Officer	2
Assist D.S.S. Caseworker	16

Assist E.M.S.	18
Assist Fire Department	2
Assist NYSP	54
Assist New York State Police CNET	1
Assist NYC DEP Police	1
Assist NYS ECON Police	3
Assist OTHER DEPUTY	8
Assist other police agency	15
Assist Probation	3
Assist Public Health	7
Assist Roxbury Town Constable	3
Assist Sidney P.D.	2
Assist Walton PD	31
K- 9 Jail Search	1
K-9 Assist Other Agency- Search	3
K-9 School Search	1
K-9 Search	2
AUO	36
Aggravated Harassment	8
Animal complaint	64
Animal struck by vehicle	17
Assault	11
Attempt to locate/Check Welfare	73
Burglary	61
Business Security Assessment	6
Child Pornography	3
Civil matter	57

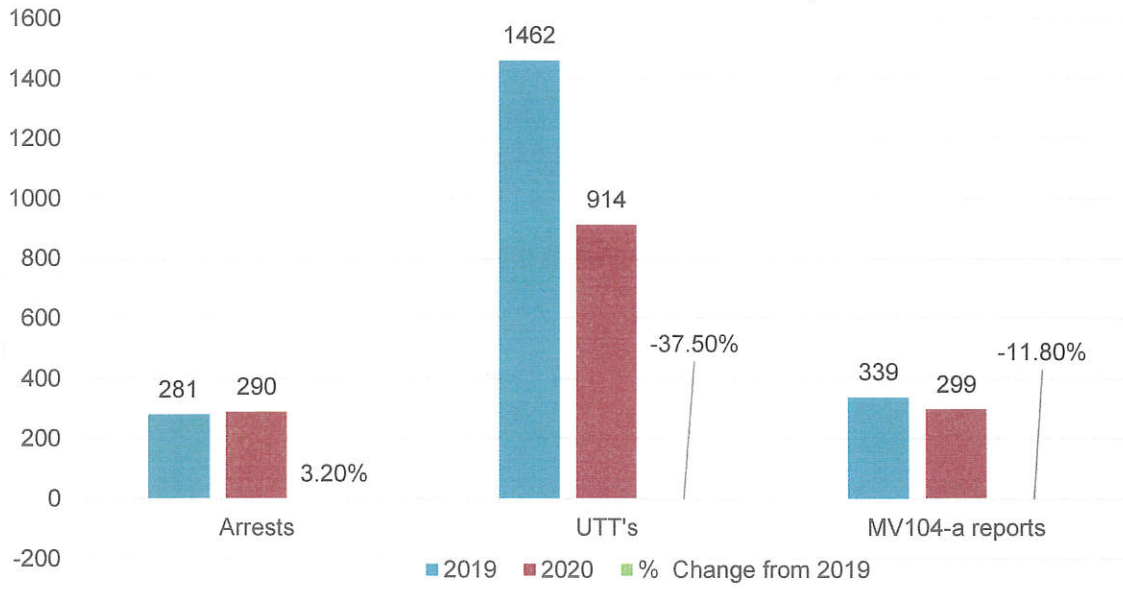
Attempted to serve Civil process	3
Civil process & Orders of Protection served	165
Coercion	1
Computer crime	5
Confidential Informant	3
Conspiracy	1
Attempted controlled buy	1
Crim. Poss. Controlled Substance	5
Crim. Sale of a Controlled Substance	2
Crim. Poss. Marihuana	1
Poss. Hypodermic Instrument	3
Criminal Contempt	41
Criminal Mischief	50
Criminal Nuisance	1
Crim. Poss. Weapon	1
Criminal Tampering	1
Custodial Interference	2
Custody Dispute	13
Death Notification	3
Debriefing (inmate)	1
Disabled vehicle / Assist Motorist	14
Disorderly Conduct	8
DNA collection	7
Dog Complaint	39
Domestic disputes	139
DRE Evaluation – other agency	3
DWI / DWAI Drugs	24

Drug complaint	15
Drug Surrender	2
Emotionally disturbed/Mental Health 9.41	76
Endangering welfare of a child	14
Escape	1
Explosion	1
False Report	1
Fight in Progress	2
Fire	4
Fire – Vehicle	8
FFL Application notification	6
Firearms investigation	3
Firearms- multiple sales notification	2
Firearms received	24
Firearms Seized-9.46 MHL	5
Fireworks	4
Forgery – Forged Instrument	3
Fraud	35
Harassment	154
Health/Safety Hazard	3
Identity theft	19
Information Received	3
Kidnapping	1
Larceny	116
Landlord/Tenant dispute	32
Liquor Law violation	2
Littering	2

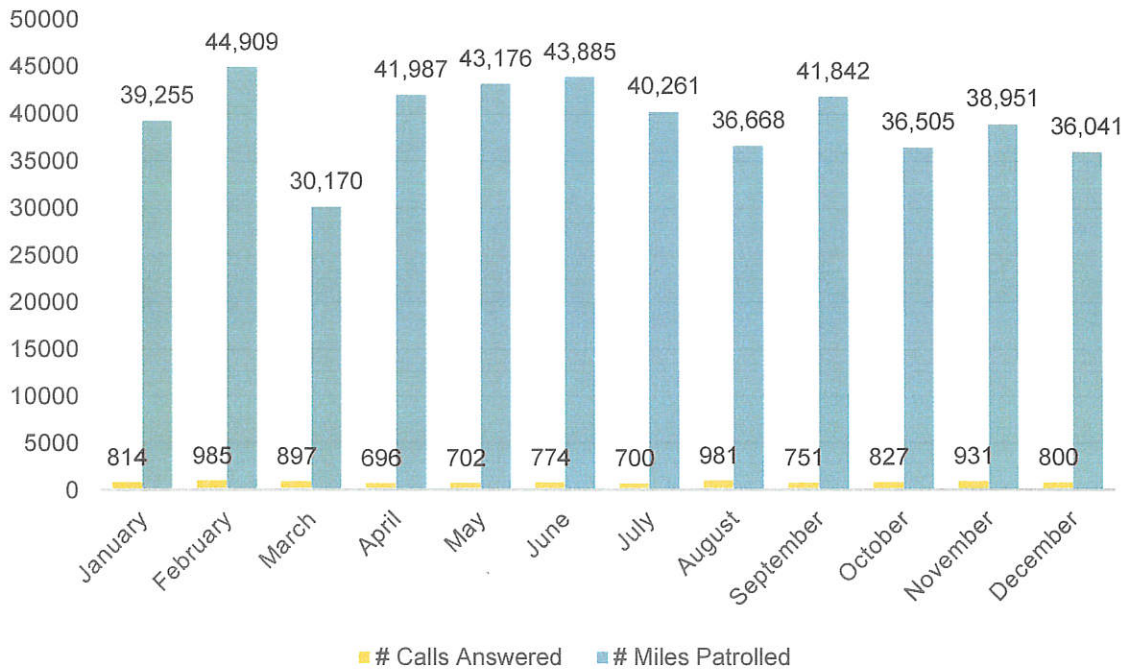
Lockout	1
Lost/Stolen license plate	6
Menacing	6
Missing person	4
Murder	1
Neighbor dispute	22
Noise complaint	28
Obstruct Governmental Administration	1
Open door	1
Overdose (non-fatal)	7
Overdose (fatal)	2
PISTOL PERMIT INVESTIGATIONS	359
Firearms investigation – deceased licensee	4
Pistol Permit Suspension/Revocation	22
Poss. Stolen Property	4
Prison Contraband	9
Prisoner relay/transport	3
Project Life Saver Client Enrollment	1
Property dispute	8
Property lost / found	11
Property retrieval	5
Property check – Private sector	1
Runaway juvenile	12
S.R.O. – Masonville BOCES	51
S.R.O. – Sidney School	59
Sex Offense	25
Sex Offender Registry	256

Sex Offender Registry Violation	2
Shooting complaint	9
Snowmobile Patrol	1
Stalking	3
Suicide	2
Stolen Vehicle	5
Suspicious activity	26
Suspicious package	3
Suspicious person	20
Suspicious vehicle	12
Terroristic Threat	1
Transport	2
Trespass	98
Unattended Death	17
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle	10
Unlawful cultivation of marihuana	2
V&T complaints	87
V.I.N. Verification	2
Warrants Arrest	2
Warrants Bench	8
Warrants Family Court	13
Warrants Probation	2
Parole Warrant	2
Civil Warrant	1
911 hang-up calls	30

Law Enforcement Summary 2020



2020 Summary



CIVIL DIVISION

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

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



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

2020 Statistics

Total Papers Served: 535

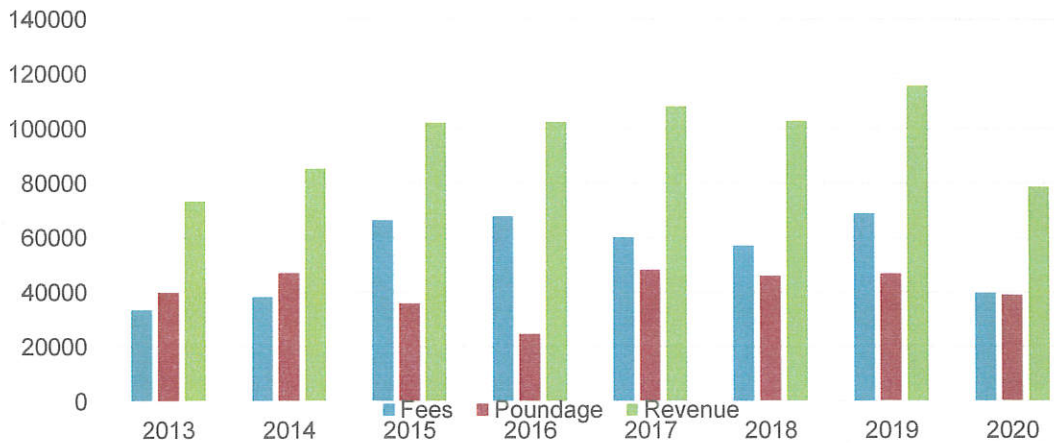
Total Property Executions: 3

Total Income Executions: 330

Orders of Protection Served: 151

Pistol Permits: 355

Civil



CORRECTIONS DIVISION

The 2020 Year End Report shows significant changes from the previous year's report. Much of these changes can be attributed to the impact of Bail Reform that became effective in January of 2020. The most significant factor being the decrease in inmate population (-41.7%). In 2020 we processed in 320 inmates and out processed (discharged, transferred, bailed out, released, or sentenced to state) 331 inmates.

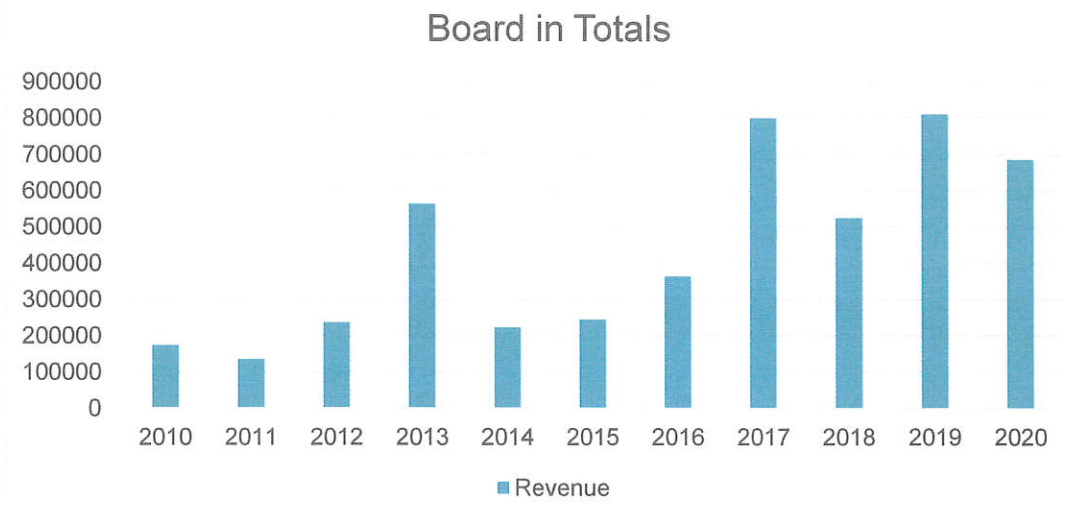
The most significant event in 2020 affecting jail operations was the onset of the Covid 19 Pandemic. A major effect of the Covid epidemic was the decline of inmate transports by 74 percent. In 2020 we had 167 jail transports. Numerous protocols and control/screening measures were implemented in order to mitigate the impact of Covid in the jail. In response to the health and safety considerations related to COVID, we implemented online skype arraignments and court proceedings to limit exposure to all parties while ensuring due process.

2020 board in revenue decreased by 15% compared to 2019. This was attributed to NYS Bail Reform and the drastic decrease in inmate population in all NY County jails. Even though we experienced a 41.7% decrease in inmate population, our board in revenue did not follow suit. We were able to secure a board in agreement with Sheriff Devlin from Otsego County to house a significant number of his inmates due to renovations being done at his facility. In addition, we entered into an agreement with the US Marshalls to transport sentenced inmates to Stewart Air Base for flights to different federal prisons throughout the county.

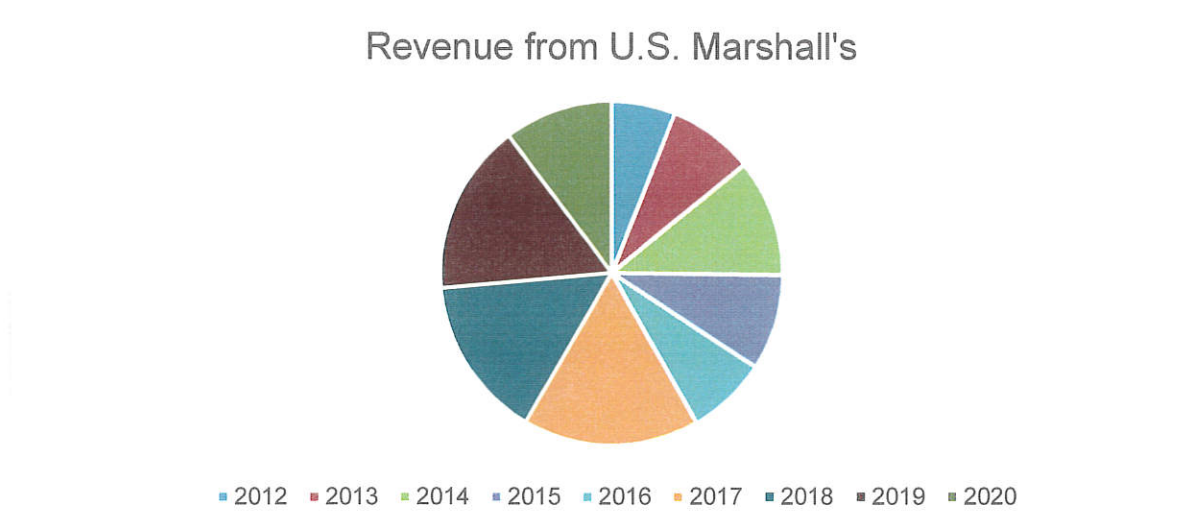
In the year 2020, we billed out boarding fees in the amount of \$687,740.00 which is a 15% decrease which amounts to \$124,850 less than last year. Overall, since we opened our new facility fifteen years ago, we have taken in \$6,825,5022 in boarding fees. Even though this facility is not considered an income producing facility, we are producing large amounts revenue for the County. Other revenues taken in for 2020 are reimbursements for transporting federal prisoners to and from Federal Courts and other correctional facilities. In 2020 this amount was \$13,539.00.

There were 127 reportable incidents in 2020. A 38% increase in 2020 from 2019. Much of this increase was due to the Commission of Corrections implementation of Minimum Standard 7075 that deals with inmate confinement and deprivation of essential services. The new standard requires a reportable incident every time an inmate was confined to their cell, released from their cell or anytime an essential service was denied to an inmate.

With Bail reform, COVID-19 guidelines, new standards, and dealing with staff shortages, 2020 was anything but status quo. This past year we collectively woke up each morning and asked ourselves what is going to happen today. The most important thing is that the officers and all staff of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division did an excellent job maintaining safety, security and accountability of the jail. Your staff provides a valuable, efficient and effective service to the taxpayers of Delaware County. Through it all we kept our heads up, stuck together, and made it to 2021.



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



The total Revenue from U.S. Marshall's service for transporting inmates since 2007 is \$158,201.



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

- ✓ Mental health services
- ✓ Medical Services
- ✓ Dental services
- ✓ Funeral services
- ✓ County/Supreme Court
- ✓ Family Courts
- ✓ Other Courts
- ✓ Other Correctional Facilities
- ✓ Work Details
- ✓ Relays w/other Agencies
- ✓ Federal Transports

CORRECTIONS ACADEMY

2020

Delaware County Corrections Academy

Sgt. Kim Smith, Director



2020 Presented a very unique set of challenges. This year families, friends, co-workers and various Official personnel from across the state were unable to gather at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to celebrate the graduation of 11 newly trained and certified Corrections Officers from Delaware, Otsego, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties.

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

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

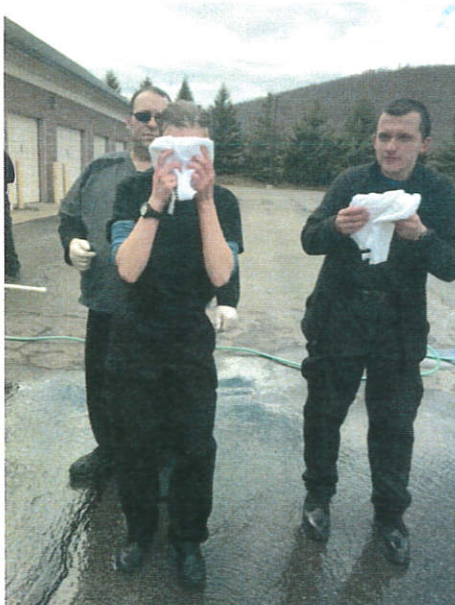




*Classroom
Instruction*

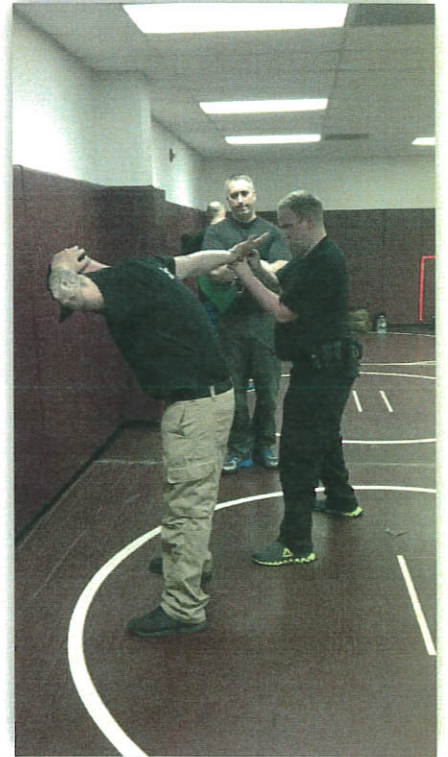


*Aerosol Subject
Restraint Spray
Certification*





*Defensive Tactics
Certification*





*Fire Arms
Certification*



GRANTS

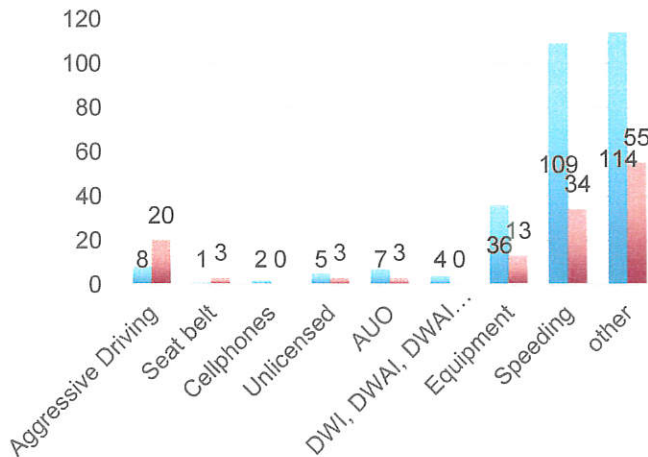
POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES



The Delaware County Sheriff's Office continued to receive grant money from the New York State PTS program for traffic enforcement in 2020. The Delaware County Sheriff Office conducted a total of 194 PTS funded hours (of which 110 hours were OT hours worked and 84 hours were regular hours worked). During these hours 131 UTT's were issued. This is a 42% decrease in the total from the previous year. It should be noted that the number of aggressive driving tickets increased from 7 UTT's the previous year to 22 UTT's this year. That is a 214% increase! Two saturation details were held on the highways State Highway 10 and County Highway 7. Two saturation details were conducted at various locations in Delaware County.

In evaluating the number of Motor Vehicle Accident investigations that the Delaware County Sheriff's Office were assigned to showed that accidents increased from the previous year's total of 314 MVA's to 324 MVA's which demonstrates a 3% increase. The number of PD MVA's increased approx. 1.8% from 266 MVA's to 271 MVA's and the number of PI MVA's increased by 19% from 42 the previous years to 50 MA's this year. Despite the slight increase in overall MVA's the fatal MVA rate decreased by 50% from 6 MVA's (6 victims to 3 MVA's 4 victims). There were no fatal MVA's that occurred during this grant cycle until August 15th, 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic created a huge obstacle for this agency as the Deputies that routinely patrol and participate in the PTS shifts were restricted from conducting VTL for approximately 3 months following the issuance of the NYS on Pause Executive Order in March and the advice of NYS public health officials as a means of containing or limiting the spread of the virus. Unfortunately, the pandemic fell within a time frame in which a large portion of the PTS funding is utilized on organized traffic details. As such, caused the postponement of the 2020 CIOT in May and the closure of all county schools which left our agency unable to conduct "No Empty Chair Enforcement." As a result of the afore said factors, this agency fell short of utilizing the entirety of the allotted PTS funding awarded to us.



LIVE SCAN GRANT



The Sheriff's Office applied for the LIVESCAN Equipment grant to replace the current Live scan equipment that was at the end of its life and no longer compatible with Identix/Comnetix. The Grant allowed the office to replace outdated equipment.

The product came with built in context video training that allows our operators to be fully trained without paying additional training sessions and allows that our onsite training officers can ensure all training is done properly. This system is in full compliance with DCJS. It allows processing for all inmates booked in the Delaware County Correctional Facility as well as processing arrest made by Delaware County Sheriff's Office at the Delaware County Correctional Facility Intake/Booking area.

PROTECTIVE GEAR

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



PROGRAMS

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



“RU OK”

“RU OK” is an automated process which telephones participants who live alone. It is offered free of charge to the citizens of Delaware County

Each morning (at a pre-arranged time) the Sheriff's Office checks in on the participants by placing an automated call.

If the phone call is not answered, another attempt is made to contact the participant by telephone.

If unsuccessful, an Officer is dispatched to the location.

Those interested in participating in this program may fill out the RU Okay Application Form and submit it to the Sheriff's Office. The form is available on our website or one may be obtained by calling the Sheriff's Office Communications Division at 832-5555 and asking for same.

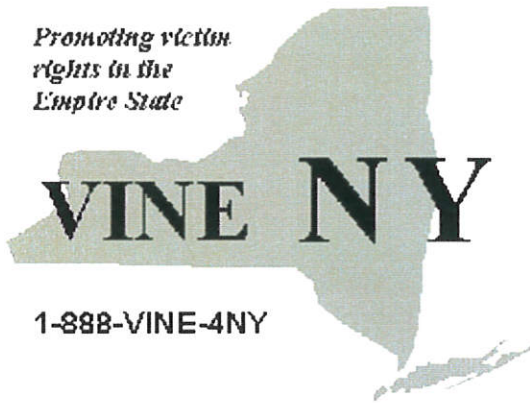
Project Lifesaver

A proactive response which helps to locate wandering patients before they fall victim to the elements, accidents, or predators is administered by Corporal Dan McGowan.

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



*Promoting victim
rights in the
Empire State*



1-888-VINE-4NY

The Victim Information and Notification Service

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

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

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

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

Every Decal in every automobile should be similarly placed on the lower left side of the left rear side window.

In your home, the decal should be placed near front entrance.

Every packet of medical information should be placed either in the glove compartment of an automobile or in the freezer compartment of your refrigerator.

Please contact us to request the authentic bright yellow decals and yellow information form/folders. These forms will also be available at the Fair and are handed out routinely by the Office of the Aging and various other civic groups.

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



BICYCLE HELMETS:

The pricey helmets may provide an easier fit, more vents and stylish graphics. But the inexpensive models "get the job done." The Sheriff's Office routinely solicits funding to support giving away bicycle helmets.



HANDGUN SAFETY COURSE

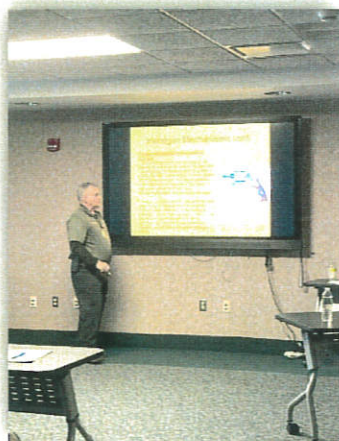
In August of 2020, At the request of County Judge Richard Northrup, The Delaware County Sheriff's Office has developed and implemented a Handgun Safety Course for Pistol Permit Applicants. The class is offered free of charge by Sheriff Craig DuMond to all applicants of a pistol permit.

Similar in construct as the 5 Hour Drivers Pre Licensing Course, this program is designed to provide basic handgun safety for individuals who want to obtain a pistol Permit. The class is approximately 5 hours long and covers topics such as; Responsibility –Social / Moral / Legal, Rules of Carry, Firearms Safety, Handgun Nomenclature / Operating systems, Children, Pets and firearms, Safe Gun Storage, Range Safety Practices Ammunition, facts, information, handling, storage, safety practices, Holster selection, The Safety Circle, Weapons status -Condition & Safety Check, NYS Article 35.

The course is conducted at the Public Safety Building in accordance with Covid 19 Protocols to ensure health and safety of all participants. The instructors are all NYS DCJS certified firearms instructors who are officers of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. There is a test and successful participants are awarded a certificate for their application.

In the final 3 months of 2020, a total of 106 individuals attended classes. Of these, 62 were Males and 44 were female applicants. The average age of participants was 48 years of age. In the first month of 2021 there were 60 people trained. 2021 will see an increase in the number and frequency of classes offered in order to meet the needs of Delaware County residents who are applying for their pistol permit.

If you are interested in applying for a pistol permit and taking the safety course, contact the Pistol Clerk at 607-832-5466. Enrollment and scheduling are handled by the pistol Clerk.



TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Sheriff Craig DuMond attended National Sheriff's Conference Washington DC

Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond recently attended the National Sheriff's Association Winter Conference in Washington DC February 7-11, 2020. Attended by Sheriffs from across the United States, Sheriff DuMond attended many continuing education seminars and operational updates in areas of Homeland Security/Global Policing Affairs, Human Trafficking, Corrections, School Safety and Security, Narcotics Enforcement, Animal Cruelty and Abuse, Traffic Safety, Fraud Tracking, and Emerging Technology in Law Enforcement.



Serving on the Domestic Violence, Drug Enforcement and Government Affairs Committees, Sheriff DuMond is an active member of the National Sheriff's Association and works within the Association to advance the interests and well-being of law enforcement and the betterment of our communities, here and across the country.

Speaking on the conference, Sheriff DuMond remarked, "It is truly an honor to serve within the National Sheriff's Association and a privilege to advance the interests of the Office of Sheriff and well-being our communities".



Sheriff DuMond Appointed to Serve within National Sheriff's Association

On October 19, 2020 National Sheriff's Association President, Dave Mahoney, has selected and appointed Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond to serve on the Government Affairs and Drug Enforcement Committees within the National Sheriff's Association. Speaking on the appointments, Sheriff Mahoney remarked, "I greatly appreciate Sheriff DuMond's service to NSA and look forward to working with him during my term as President".

Responding to the appointments, Sheriff DuMond remarked, "I am proud and honored to be appointed by President Mahoney to serve on behalf of him and the Association. Being a member of these committees allows me to advocate and support these efforts on a national level. I always fight for the well-being of our communities across Delaware County and this opportunity will allow me to advocate the National Sheriff's Association's efforts throughout the United States as well".

Sheriff DuMond currently serves as Treasurer of the New York State Sheriff's Association and is a member of the Executive, Legislative, Jail Operations as well as Standards, Goals and Ethics Committees.

I am proud and honored to be appointed by President Mahoney of the National Sheriff's Association to serve on the (2) following committees; Drug Enforcement and Government Affairs. Being a member of these committees allows me to advocate and support these efforts on a national level.

I will always fight for the well-being of our communities across Delaware County and throughout the United States!!!

-Sheriff Craig DuMond

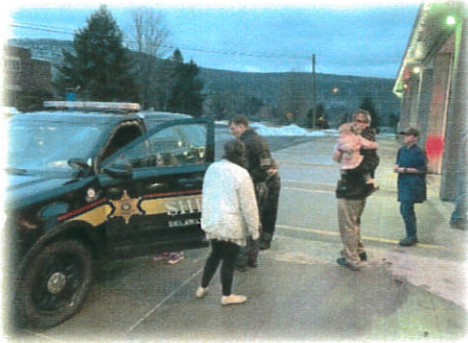


Civil School

Tammy Wagner participated and completed a one-week training program October 19-23, 2020 for entry level deputy sheriffs and civilian personnel working in Sheriffs' civil divisions. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic things looked a little different. Subject matters included introduction to civil process; service of process; service and enforcement of income and property executions; service and enforcement of eviction warrants; service and enforcement of arrest warrants; service of Family Court process; sales of personal and real property to satisfy judgments; service and enforcement of provisional remedies including orders of attachment and orders of seizure; calculation of Sheriffs' fees; accounting and bookkeeping practices for Sheriffs' civil office personnel; legal liability for improper collection or remission of fees collected by the Sheriff's Office.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

On 1/26/2020, Delaware County Sheriff's Office Cpl. Eric Alexander, along with members of the Delhi Fire and EMS squads, conducted an educational presentation to the members of the Delhi Cub Scout Pack 33 and their families. Cpl. Alexander spoke with the Cub Scouts about the daily duties of being a Delaware County Deputy Sheriff and the importance of law enforcement within Delaware County. In addition, the Cub Scouts and their families were provided with a tour of the Delhi Fire Station, the fire trucks, an ambulance and Cpl. Alexander's patrol vehicle.



On behalf of Delaware County Emergency Services, today Corporal Dan McGowan delivered several masks, gowns and hand sanitizer to the members of Sidney Emergency Medical Services. Sidney EMS has served the local area since 1957 as a volunteer agency, however, was realigned as an agency with paid staff in May 2015. They currently operate 2 ambulances 24/7 and serve the Tri-Town area and beyond. We are honored and proud to support and stand with the heroes on the front lines of this pandemic. We all owe a debt of gratitude to all of our EMTs, Paramedics, Doctors and Nurses who are risking it all on a daily basis to unconditionally take care of us!



Pictured left to right are EMT Nathan DuMond, Corporal Dan McGowan and EMT Kyle Baker.

While on patrol throughout Delaware County, Cpl Daniel McGowan and Officer Robert Mantzouratos took a few minutes to stop and visit Downsville Central School.



While out and about Delaware County on patrol, Officer Mantzouratos had an opportunity to stop and meet this young man, Dominique Thomas, who advised Officer Mantzouratos that he wants to be a Police Officer one day.



Officer Blincoe, along with two inmate volunteers from the Delaware County Correctional Facility conducted a work detail alongside State Highway 10 near the intersection of County Highway 26 in the Town of Hamden. The work detail consisted of collecting and properly disposing of garbage that had been discarded alongside the highway.



Delaware County Sheriff's Office Civil Officer Mantzouratos and Correctional Facility Cpl. Heath Goff took advantage of the beautiful day and oversaw a work detail consisting of two volunteers from the Delaware County Correctional Facility. The inmate volunteers cleaned up the area surrounding Mount Pisgah in the Town of Andes. Our thanks and appreciation to these men for doing such a great job!





Corporal Yager, Corrections Officer Moore and Corrections Officer Blincoe along with 2 worker inmates planted and cared for vegetable gardens at the Sheriff's office. The following items were harvested in the 2020 garden: carrots, green beans, peas, dill, kale, lettuce, tomatoes, cabbage, zucchinis, peppers, Blue Hubbard squash, radishes and cucumbers. The vegetables were then prepared and served within the facility.



A tour and presentation was provided by the Sheriff for a class associated with the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce.

No Shave November



Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that the No-Shave November campaign sponsored by the Correctional Officers Union at the Sheriff's Office ended with \$1000.00 in donations to two local Delaware County service agencies.

No-Shave November is a month-long journey during which participants forgo shaving and grooming in order to evoke conversation and raise cancer awareness. (24) Corrections Officers participated in this year's campaign and donated \$500.00 to the Delaware County Veteran's Service Agency and \$500.00 to Delaware County Safe Against Violence.

Speaking on the event, Sheriff DuMond remarked "I would like to warmly thank Sergeant Donald Simonds for organizing and leading this year's event as well as the participating Officers for their dedication. I am humbled and honored by their desire in raising awareness as well as their commitment to community service!".

Pictured left to right: Undersheriff Timothy Buckley, Officer Mario Blincoe, Sergeant Shane Biggar, Sergeant Donald Simonds, Stacy Osborn-Safe Against Violence, Charlie Piper-Del Co Veteran's Services, Sergeant Heath Goff, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond and First Sergeant Ivan Brkaric.

Rockefeller Tree



November 12, 2020 personnel from the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, the Otsego County Sheriff's Office and the New York State Police all participated in event which involved escorting the 115-foot-long tractor and trailer which was transporting the giant 11 tons, 75-foot-tall, 45 foot in diameter Norway Spruce chosen as the 2020 Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree from its home in West Oneonta, NY.

The tree was donated by Al Dick, owner of Daddy Al's Store in Oneonta, NY.

In addition to the NYSP, other County Sheriff's Offices will participate in the escort as the giant spruce makes its way along the specially mapped out route on its journey to Manhattan where it will arrive and be erected at Rockefeller Center on Saturday November 14th.



Toys for Tots

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office sends our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to all community members, businesses, County and Sheriff's Office employees as well as the Deputy Sheriff and Corrections Officers Unions and any/all other persons who donated to the 2020 TOYS FOR TOTS toy drive held at our office.

In two short weeks, 8 large OVERFLOWING boxes of toys were collected thanks to the generosity, the kindness and the community minded compassion of all contributors of this toy drive.

The toys were delivered to Delaware Opportunities yesterday and we were advised by staff that distribution will begin later this week.



SUPER STAR AWARDS



October 26, 2020, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond recognized (4) local Fire and EMS providers with Sheriff "Super-Star" awards for heroic actions while assisting a Deputy Sheriff on September 3rd in the Town of Sidney.

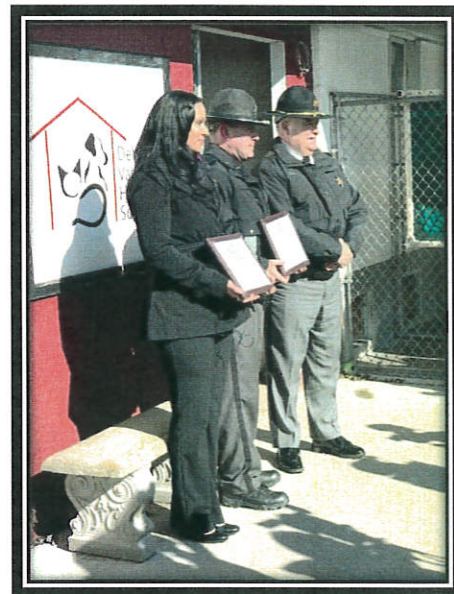
Advanced EMT Channing Gielskie and EMT Hayden Hagenbuch of Sidney Emergency Medical Services as well as Chief David Gill and Assistant Chief Cody Lambrecht of the Sidney Center Fire Department were all recognized for assisting the Deputy in subduing a subject who resisted arrest and became extremely violent while experiencing a mental

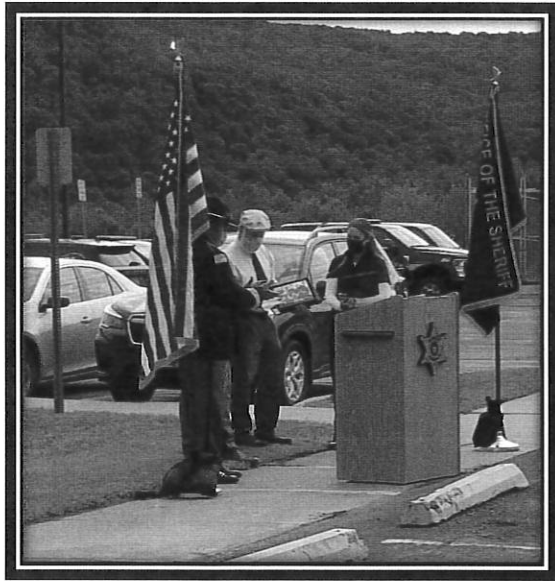
health crisis. The subject who was suffering a significant hemorrhage from a self-inflicted knife wound was also later found to be in possession of a firearm and ammunition when Deputies subsequently searched his vehicle.

Speaking on the awards, Sheriff DuMond remarked, "At one point during the struggle, this subject had his arm around the Deputy's neck...if it weren't for the heroic actions of these EMTs and Firefighters, the situation may have turned grave. We are extremely grateful for our partnership with the local Fire and EMS service...it doesn't matter what color uniform we wear or the difference in shoulder patch, we are all on the same team". "We appreciate your service to our communities and the outstanding level of care you provide", the Sheriff concluded.

On February 14, 2020 Sheriff Craig S. DuMond recognized Erin Insinga and Corporal Eric Alexander with Sheriff Super-Star awards in regards to the seizure of twenty (20) dogs that were being inappropriately held and abused in the furtherance of dog fighting related activities. They would become known as the Franklin 20.

Erin Insinga was awarded the Super-Star Award for exemplary, professional and compassionate duties in advocating for our defenseless animals of Delaware County. Your partnership and honorary service brings great credit upon yourself, the Delaware Valley Humane Society, and Delaware County. Sheriff DuMond also recognized Corporal Eric Alexander with a Sheriff Super-Star award for his diligent, faithful, and dedicated service in defending our defenseless animals of Delaware Count. His commitment to duty and justice brings great credit upon himself, the people of Delaware County, and the Honorable Office of Sheriff.





On Monday August 31, 2020 the Delaware County Sheriff's Office held a K9 Monument dedication ceremony in remembrance of K9 Osman Steele. The monument will not only honor our beloved "Ozzie" but also all future K9 members who are fallen while in service to the Sheriff's Office and People of Delaware County.

Sheriff DuMond issued "Super Star awards to Dr. John Davis of Valley Veterinary Services for his "generous partnership and honorable commitment to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and for providing impeccably professional services," as well as Erica Ressel for her "professional service, compassion and empathy in caring for our beloved K9 Osman Steele."

The Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Association also presented Ressel with \$500 from the new K9 Ozzie Memorial Scholarship Fund. This is an award that was made to a person pursuing continued education in veterinary medicine.

Sheriff DuMond presented a third Super Star award to Paul Decker of Hall, Peet and Decker Funeral Home for donating the monument, which stands beside similar memorials for fallen Delaware County law enforcement officers and firefighters. "Without Paul Decker's help and support, this monument and today's memorial ceremony simply wouldn't have been possible" ... "We are in deep gratitude for his contributions and support," DuMond said.

DETAILS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

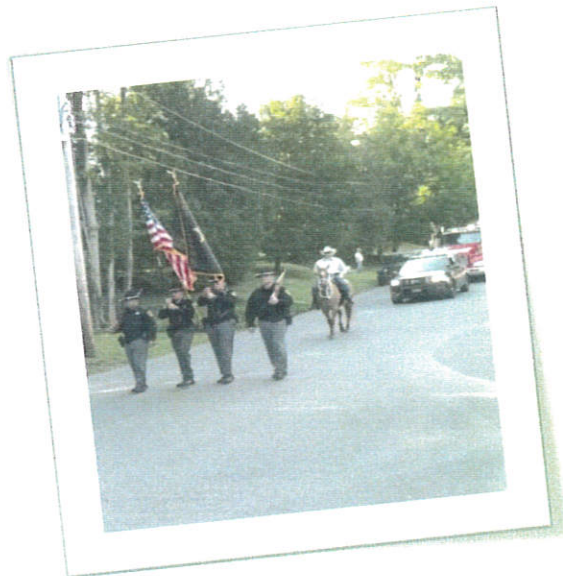


The Delaware County Sheriff's Office provides personnel to fill requests for approved details and special events taking place within the county. Our honor guard and parade details consist of Deputy's and Officers from our Corrections and Road Patrol Division. Many of the events would have been covered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

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



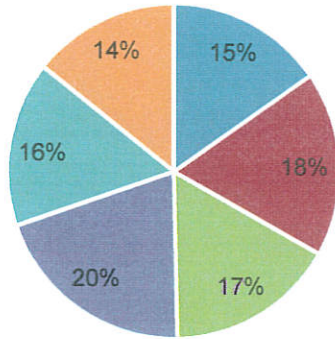
St. Patrick's Day Parade
Flag Day Parade
Hancock Firemen's Field Days Parade
Roxbury's 4th of July Parade
Andes' Parade
Heroes Parade at the Delaware County Fair
O'Connor Hospitals' Christmas Parade
Boy Scout's Dinner



PROPERTY CHECKS

Property Checks 2020

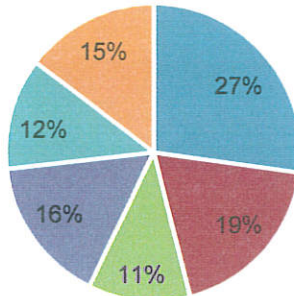
■ January ■ February ■ March ■ April ■ May ■ June



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

Property Checks 2020

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SHERIFF'S CAMP



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



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

Sheriff Craig DuMond sponsors Sheriff's Children's Camp on August 2, 2020, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office held a one-day camp for the Delaware County children that were scheduled to attend our annual week-long Sheriff's Camp sponsored by the New York State Sheriff's Institute. This year's camp was canceled due to the Covid pandemic and Governor Cuomo closing all overnight camps. The camp provides an opportunity for Delaware County children to be exposed to pro-social and positive relationships with law enforcement officers. Sheriff's Camp is designated for children ages 9 through 12 from across all of New York State and is held annually at Lake Keuka, New York.

In total, 17 kids attended the condensed version of the camp at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Walton, New York. The children enjoyed a K9 demonstration by Deputy Karcher and K-9 Eli as well as an overview of the Mounted Patrol Division by Sheriff DuMond and Equine Mount, Romeo.



Following the demonstrations, the children and their families enjoyed a picnic BBQ, a water balloon toss and games with Sheriff's members participating in the fun!



The Sheriff's Office is honored to have these great members who are so dedicated to our County and the people we serve, especially the children. The children of our County are the future and we must invest the time and resources to assist them in being the leaders of tomorrow. I am grateful for their commitment and support of our communities...the people of Delaware County are certainly blessed by having these fine members on their side". "I would also like to specially recognize administrative assistant,

We would like to warmly thank the following sponsors who made this day possible:

- Delaware County Fair Board
- Walton Big M
- TA's Place of Walton
- Price Chopper of Delhi
- Butt's Concrete of Masonville
- Trinity Food Services

Jessica Miller, who organized this event. Jessica organizes the annual sheriff's camp on my behalf each year and does a fantastic job".

We would also like to express our appreciation for the following members of the Sheriff's Office who donated their time to participate and provide resources to make this day a special event for everyone:

- Deputy Eric Alexander
- Sgt. Shane Biggar
- CO Morgan Cooper
- CO Brendon Pennington
- Civil Officer Bob Mantzouratos
- Deputy Anthony Shields
- Sgt. Kim Smith
- Deputy Timothy Tryon
- Deputy Ladd Dawson
- Deputy Tyler McAteer
- Lt. Karl Vagts
- K-9 Officer Kyle Karcher and K-9 Eli
- Administrative Assistant Jessica Miller to include parents; Patti and Greg Miller.
- Golden Gait Farm of Masonville and Equine Mount Romeo



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

1st Annual Employee Awards Ceremony



On Thursday January 30, 2020 Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond held the 1st annual employee awards ceremony for members of the Sheriff Office. The purpose of the awards program is to emphasize the importance of recognizing employee achievements and accomplishments that demonstrate the overall values of Delaware County Sheriff's Office and encourage employees to make a performance difference either individually or through teams. The awards are intended to promote and reward the extraordinary accomplishments and contributions of employees in ways separate from the performance review process.

The following members of the Sheriff's Office were recognized and presented with the following awards by the Sheriff:

Exceptional Service Award

Civil Officer Robert Mantzouratos, Corrections Officer Corporal Heath Goff, Kitchen Director Brenda Hood, Sergeant Kim Smith, Deputy Kyle Karcher, Deputy Tyler McAteer, and Corporal Eric Alexander.

Certificate of Commendation

Corrections Officer Mario Blincoe, Corrections Officer Paul Moore, Corrections Officer Bryce Charles, Corrections Officer Paul Hamilton.

Civilian Employee of the Year Award

Jessica Miller, Administrative Assistant

Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award

Corporal Eric Alexander

Corrections Officer of the Year Award

Corrections Officer Keenan Kelly

Perfect Attendance Award – The following employees were recognized with perfect attendance during 2019, using no sick time:

In addition to the awards, four Sheriff's Office members were issued new patrol vehicles as part of the Sheriff's Office vehicle rotation program, recognizing them for their exceptional contributions during 2019. Civil Officers, Corporal Dan McGowan and Officer Robert Mantzouratos from the Civil Division as well as Deputy Sheriff Matt Vogel and newly appointed Deputy Sheriffs Collin Roche and Logan Flavell from the Patrol Division.

Following the presentation of awards, honored employees gathered with their peers and family members for a luncheon to celebrate their accomplishments. Speaking on the awards, Sheriff DuMond remarked, "It's truly an honor and a privilege to present these awards today. The naming of awards is a difficult process as we have so many members that go above and beyond each day in dedicated and faithful service to the Sheriff's Office. I feel it is very important to pause and publicly recognize these members today...the people of Delaware County are lucky to have them serving on their behalf. As Sheriff, I am truly blessed by their contributions and proud to recognize their efforts in service to the people of Delaware County".



Car photo, left to right, Sheriff Craig DuMond, Deputy Sheriff Collin Roche, Deputy Sheriff Matt Vogel, Deputy Sheriff Logan Flavell, Civil Officer Robert Mantzouratos, Civil Officer Corporal Dan McGowan.

Group photo, award recipients. Corporal Eric Alexander, Investigator David Barnes, Undersheriff Timothy Buckley, Sergeant Chris Erwin, Deputy Logan Flavell, Investigator Joe Mauro, Deputy Tyler McAteer, Deputy Collin Roche, Sergeant Kim Smith, Deputy Cody Tromblee, Deputy Todd VanKeuren, Deputy Matt Vogel, Lieutenant Karl Vagts, Corrections Officer Keenan Kelly, Corrections Officer David Mondore, Corrections Officer Tim VanDemark, Corrections Officer Tabor VanValkenburg, Corrections Officer Cory Bene, Corrections Officer Thad Barnes, Corrections Officer Bryce Charles, Corrections Officer Timothy Tryon, Corrections Officer Corporal Heath Goff, Corrections Officer Anthony Shields, Corrections Officer Fred Ford, Corrections Officer Joelle Favret, Sergeant David McClung, and Sergeant Shane Biggar.

Sergeant of Arms

March 2020

Deputy Sheriff Jeffrey Clark was elected by his peers from across New York State to represent the Delaware County Sheriff's Office as "Sergeant of Arms" and, as an Officer of the Executive Board, for the newly formed NYS Sheriff's School Resource Officers Association!!!!

"The New York State Sheriffs are taking the lead regarding School Resource Officers and I cannot be more honored by Deputy Clark's involvement!" ~Sheriff Craig S. DuMond



Student Spotlight:
Jonathan Jackson



Jonathan Jackson, a tenth grade homeschool student, was diagnosed with Aspergers' Syndrome when he was three years old.

In the fall of 2018, he wrote a letter to the Delaware County Sheriff (the husband of his therapeutic horseback teacher), telling him that he was praying for him and his officers. The Sheriff made him a "Junior Deputy" (WBNG and the newspapers were there to cover his "swearing in"), and he had a morning of going on "patrol," "arresting" an officer who was playing the part of a "bad guy", helping out in the jail, and meeting the K-9 officer, Ozzie.

Since then, he's gone on "duty" with Officer Robert Mantzouratos several times. Officer Mantzouratos and the other officers at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office have befriended Jonathan and have welcomed him as part of their team. Jonathan writes them notes, draws safety cartoons, and made some bookmarks for the department to distribute to kids at the Delaware County Fair. Officer Mantzouratos has been such a blessing to Jonathan, as he encourages him through texts and phone calls in between "duty days". They patrol Delaware County on those duty days, and Officer Mantzouratos introduces Jonathan to other First Responders. He, Sheriff DuMond, and the other officers are encouraging Jonathan to set high goals, and they cheer him on in reaching those goals.

The pictured award was given to Jonathan at the first annual Employee Awards Ceremony for his support of the DCSO and dedication to teaching others about safety.

The Jackson family has been involved with HomeschoolNewYork since they moved to New York twenty-one years ago. Their hope is that Jonathan's story

will encourage other homeschool parents of children with Aspergers', Jonathan's family encouraged him to research first responders and what they do. As part of his education, he wrote letters to people he admired. He started cartooning for fun and has come up with his own comic book idea; he would like to pursue publication and "maybe an animated movie!"

His mother, Linda Jackson, writes, "We have realized through twenty-eight years of homeschooling experience that God created each child with his/her own strengths, and their futures are not determined by a degree or test results. We have tried to encourage all of our children to pursue their interests and seek God's guidance on what He wants them to do with the gifts and talents He's given them. We get so caught up in how the world views success that it's easy to lose perspective. Teaching our children how to find information and developing a love for learning is so much more important than acquiring facts to pass a test."



DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Special Deputy
Jonathan Jackson

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Student Spotlight- Special Deputy

I am so proud of our members and the service they provide to the people of Delaware County! Officer Bob Mantzouratos is truly a great person. The work and friendship he has built with Special Deputy, Jon Jackson, is truly remarkable and a testament to his character as a man. It is truly my honor to work with Officer Mantzouratos and call him friend!

"This article from a home school magazine is provided courtesy of Linda Jackson, mother of Special Deputy Jon Jackson. Jon and the Jackson family are near and dear to my heart and a shining example of good in our community."

~Sheriff Craig DuMond

Delaware County Sheriff's Office Receives NY State Reaccreditation



Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the Delaware County Sheriff's Office received State Reaccreditation by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services at a formal ceremony at DCJS headquarters in Albany on March 5, 2020.

The NYS Law Enforcement Accreditation Program provides formal recognition that an agency meets or exceeds general expectations of quality in the field. The program has four principal goals:

- To increase the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies utilizing existing personnel, equipment and facilities to the extent possible;
- To promote increased cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies and other agencies of the criminal justice system;
- To ensure the appropriate training of law enforcement personnel; and
- To promote public confidence in law enforcement.

In essence, accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. The cornerstone of the Accreditation Program lies in established standards that contain a clear statement of professional requirements. Agencies participating in the program conduct a thorough analysis of their organization to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet established standards. When an agency adopts policies and procedures that meet the standards, a team of independent professionals conducts an on-site assessment to verify that all applicable standards have been successfully implemented. This process culminates with a decision by the NYS Law Enforcement Accreditation Council that the agency is worthy of accreditation.



Additionally, as part of the ceremony, Sergeant Kim Smith was recognized and presented with an award in recognition of her hard work, time and commitment as Accreditation Manager for the Sheriff's Office.



As Accreditation Manager, Sergeant Smith is directly responsible for coordinating the Accreditation Program on behalf of the Sheriff. Speaking on the event, Sheriff DuMond remarked, "Less than one-third of law enforcement agencies in NYS are State Accredited. The impact of the Accreditation Program stems from a profound commitment that the Sheriff's Office has made to professionalism and desire to provide the best possible services to the communities we serve. I am very blessed and grateful for Sergeant Smith's diligent and dedicated work as Accreditation Manager and honored by our member's commitment to excellence".

***Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond
Elected Treasurer of the New York State
Sheriff's Association***

On 1/22/20, Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond was unanimously elected to the post of Treasurer for the NYS Sheriff's Association at the Sheriff's Winter Conference located in Albany, NY.

As Treasurer, Sheriff DuMond will be responsible for overseeing and managing the NYS Sheriff's Associations Finances on behalf of his fellow Sheriffs in conjunction with the Executive Director.

In addition to his duties as Treasurer, Sheriff DuMond also serves on the Executive, Legislative, Standards, Goals and Ethics Committees within the New York State Sheriff's Association.

Speaking on his election to Treasurer, Sheriff DuMond remarked "I am very proud and honored to have the support and confidence of my fellow Sheriffs throughout New York State. I promise to work diligently on their behalf to represent them, as well as the people of Delaware County, to the best of my ability".

*pictured left to right: Sheriff Craig DuMond, NYS Assemblyman Dan Stec



***Sgt. Kim Smith Awarded the Carl
Draxler Award by The NYS
Sheriff's Institute***

On 1/21/20, Sergeant Kim Smith of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office was awarded the "Carl Draxler Award" by the New York State Sheriff's Institute at the NYS Sheriff's Association Annual Winter Conference located in Albany, NY.

The Carl Draxler Award is given to an employee of the Sheriff's Office whose exceptional career achievements and

conscientious devotion to duty have demonstrated a spirit of selfless public service. The award is not based on a specific event, but rather on the nominee's total career in the Sheriff's Office. This award was first presented in 1982 and is given in memory of the late Sheriff of Chemung County, Carl Draxler, who personified the highest qualities and character as criteria for this award.

Speaking on the award, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked, "it was my honor and privilege to nominate Sgt. Smith for this well-deserved award. I am very pleased the committee selected Sergeant Smith after reviewing several other qualified nominations...I couldn't be more proud".

Sergeant Smith began her career with the Sheriff's Office as a corrections officer in 1997. She subsequently became a Sheriff's Deputy in 2000, a Corporal in 2015 and Sergeant in 2018. Smith has additionally assumed several rolls of great responsibility to include; Evidence Technician, Evidence Room Supervisor, Field Training Officer, Director of Training as well as Director of the Delaware County Law Enforcement Academy, Director of Public Relations, Deputy Press Information Officer and Agency Accreditation Manager.

It was noted Sergeant Smith is not adverse to change and embraces adaption to new procedures and technology. She never dodges difficult assignments and is never afraid to work long hours or get her hands dirty. She can always be counted on and doesn't perform her job for glory or recognition. Sergeant Smith always represents and honors the Office of Sheriff first and foremost while in the performance of her duties.

In closing, Sheriff DuMond concluded, "I cannot overstate my appreciation of Sergeant Smith's integrity, work ethic, superb demonstrated abilities, and overall devotion to the Sheriff's Office...I am truly blessed by her contributions".

*Left to Right in Photo: Chenango County Sheriff Ernie Cutting (executive committee chairman, NYS Sheriff's Association), Yates County Sheriff Ron Spike (President of NYS Sheriff's Institute), Sergeant Kim Smith, Sheriff Robert Machiol (President NYS Sheriff's Association), Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond



Group Photo: L to R -Civil Clerk Tammy Wagner, Civil Clerk Ashley Allen, Civil Officer Robert Mantzouratos, Sheriff Craig DuMond, Civil Cpl. Daniel McGowan, Sgt. Kim Smith and Executive Director of the NYS Sheriff's Association Peter Kehoe.

Delaware County Sheriff's Office Receives NY State Sheriff's Civil Accreditation

NYS Sheriff's Civil Accreditation the Sheriff's Office was honored at the Delaware County Board of Supervisors meeting by Peter Kehoe, Executive Director of the NYS Sheriff's Association for achieving Accreditation of the Civil Division. Accreditation is only awarded after meeting adherence to the best practices and high professional standards of the NYS Sheriff's Association. Additionally, Corporal Dan McGowan, Civil Office Supervisor, was awarded a certificate of commendation

for his work in leading the accreditation process for the Civil Division. In addition, Sergeant Kim Smith, accreditation manager for the Law Enforcement Division, was issued a certificate of commendation as well for her assistance in this endeavor.

Speaking on the event, Peter Kehoe remarked "I'm proud to deliver the special recognition to Sheriff DuMond and the men and women of his Office for their dedication to the pursuit of excellence in service to the People of Delaware County".

In conclusion, Sheriff DuMond recognized Corporal McGowan for his tireless efforts and work

in preparing the civil division for accreditation. "I'm blessed by an awesome team that strives to uphold the honor of the Office of Sheriff" the Sheriff concluded.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office is the only local law enforcement agency in Delaware County that has New York State accreditation.

Every five years the Sheriff's Office must be reaccredited which requires staff and deputies to attend annual mandatory training on a number of topics to include: use of force, including deadly force, use of force de-escalation, dealing with mental health and substance abuse disorders, as well as implicit bias, just to name a few.

Accreditation is a progressive and contemporary way of helping police agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. It provides formal recognition that an organization meets or exceeds general expectations of quality in the field.

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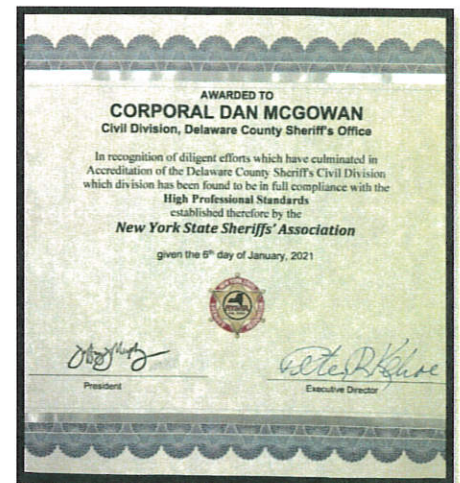
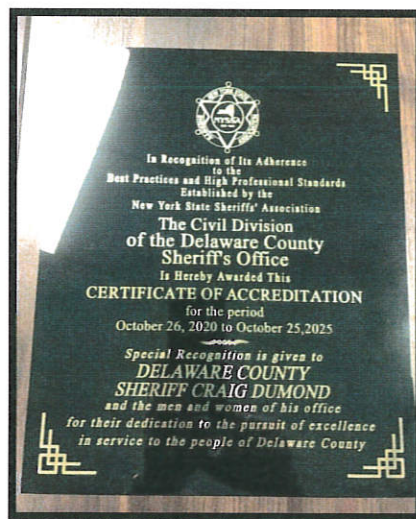
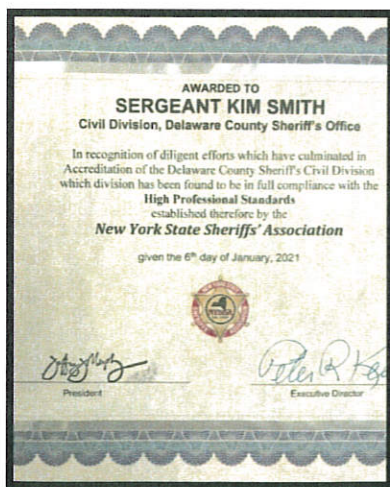
The Accreditation Program is comprised of a set of standards developed to further enhance the capabilities of an agency, and is divided into three categories.

Standards in the Administrative section have provisions for such topics as agency organization, fiscal management, personnel practices, and records management.

Training standards encompass basic and in-service instruction, as well as training for supervisors and specialized or technical assignments.

Operations standards deal with such critical and litigious topics as high-speed pursuits, roadblocks, patrol, and unusual occurrence's.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office takes pride in our NYS Accreditation in an effort to always strive to maintain the utmost standards of professionalism and community policing.



DRUG ENFORCEMENT

These few cases are just a representation of the several drug cases that were handled over 2019. Our team of Criminal Investigators and Deputies are doing a fantastic job removing these individuals from our communities.

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

The drug related arrests help illustrate that, as a part of our commitment to make our communities, we will act swiftly, tirelessly and collaboratively with our law enforcement partners on all actionable tips and information received to bring these drug dealers to justice.