



DELAWARE COUNTY, NY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2023 Annual Report

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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 2023 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 (1st Vice President) with the NYS Association as well as various committees within both organizations.

Entering his 38th 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 is currently the President of the NYS Sheriff's Association and serves on the Legislative, Jail and Standards, Ethics and Goals Committees. Moreover, Sheriff DuMond is also a very active member of the National Sheriff's Association, where he serves on the Government Affairs, Drug Enforcement and School Safety Committees.

Sheriff DuMond and his wife, Karleen, have (4) sons; two serving in the United States Armed Forces, one as a professional/career Firefighter and one attending college.

SOCIAL MEDIA



The Delaware County Sheriff's Office mobile app allows you see a list and map of sex offenders. It provides inmate information, warrants, current press releases and pistol permit information:

It is available to download on the Google play store and Apple store please use the link below:

<https://apps.myocv.com/share/a28813753>.

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PROMOTIONS



Senior Civil Clerk

Sheriff Craig DuMond announced today that Delaware County Sheriff's Office Civil Division employee Tammy Wagner, of Trout Creek, NY has been promoted to Senior Civil Clerk effective February 19, 2023.

Mrs. Wagner began her career at the Sheriff's Office in June, 2020 when she was hired as a Civil Clerk, accountable for the preparation, distribution and return of a variety of legal documents such as summons and complaints, subpoenas, evictions, warrants of civil arrest, order of seizure, family court orders, civil documents, maintaining detailed records of civil accounts, receiving and processing Orders of Protection for service, as well as a multitude of other tasks.

As the Senior Civil Clerk, Mrs. Wagner will now oversee new responsibilities as the Delaware County Pistol Clerk where she will be directly accountable for handling all aspects of the Pistol Permit process, including the distribution, receipt, review and processing of all pistol permit applications and the amendment of issued pistol permits including additions, deletions, change of address, etc.



Sergeant Ferraro and Sergeant Bene

Sheriff Craig DuMond announced the promotion of two long time Delaware County Sheriff's Office Correctional Officers, Cory Bene and Michael Ferraro to the positions of Corrections Sergeant. Both promotions are effective March 5th, 2023. Sergeant Bene, a 19-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office will directly supervise Correctional Officers assigned to his shift, as well as oversee a variety of daily activities within the Correctional Facility.

Sgt. Bene's experience, knowledge and attention to detail will serve him well in his new responsibilities.

Sergeant Ferraro, originally hired in 2010, left the agency for a brief period of time before being re-appointed as Correctional Officer in November of 2020. In June of 2021, he was promoted to Corrections Corporal. Sergeant Ferraro's previous experience as a Corporal and, as the Jail Intelligence Officer has helped to prepare him to assume his new responsibilities as Sergeant.



CORPORAL KYLE KARCHER

On March 10th, 2023, Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond announced the recent designation of Deputy Sheriff Kyle Karcher to the position of Corporal. The designation is effective immediately.

Corporal Karcher is a 9-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, having joined in 2014 as a lateral transfer from the Village of Sidney Police Department. Corporal Karcher attended the Otsego County Law Enforcement Academy, graduating in January 2012 as an NYS MPTC (Municipal Police Training Council) Certified Police Officer.

Corporal Karcher is currently one of the two deputies assigned to the Sheriff's Office Canine Division, where he and his canine partner Eli patrol the communities of Delaware County, conduct drug sweeps of participating Delaware County School Districts, as well as participate

in community events to actively engage the public with K-9 Eli.



Corporal Cazzola and Corporal VanValkenburg

On May 4th, 2023, Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond announced the recent promotions of two members of the Correctional Division to the positions of Corrections Corporal. The promotions were effective April 30th, 2023.

Corporal Tabor VanValkenburg joined the Sheriff's Office in 2019, having attended and graduated from the Delaware County Law Enforcement Academy – Basic Course for Corrections Officers in 2021. Cpl. Van VanValkenburg is certified with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and the

Municipal Police Training Council as a Corrections Officer with additional certifications.

Corporal Trevor Cazzola joined the Sheriff's Office in 2021, having attended and graduated from the Delaware County Law Enforcement Academy- Basic Course for Corrections Officers in 2022. Cpl. Cazzola is certified with the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and the Municipal Police Training Council as a Corrections Officer with additional certifications including having recently been certified as a Field Training Officer.



Deputy Finch

On May 28th, 2023, Deputy Sheriff Zachary Finch was hired as a full time Deputy Sheriff in the Road Patrol Division. Deputy Finch comes as a lateral transfer from the Village of Walton Police Department and is a fully trained police officer having attended and graduated from the Otsego County Law Enforcement Academy in January 2017. Since then, Deputy Finch has worked in both full and Part Time positions for a number of police agencies within Delaware County. Deputy Finch is an MPTC/DCJS certified General Topics instructor with additional specialty certifications as both a Firearms Instructor and a Physical Fitness Instructor amongst several other certifications.



Deputy Mohr

On July 23rd, 2023, Deputy Sheriff Justin Mohr was hired as a full time Deputy Sheriff in the Road Patrol Division. Deputy Mohr joins the Sheriff's Office as a lateral transfer from the Village of Delhi Police Department and is a fully trained police officer having attended and graduated from the Otsego County Law Enforcement Academy in March 2018. Deputy Mohr joins the Sheriff's Office with certifications as an MPTC/DCJS certified K-9 Officer, a Drug Recognition Expert, a General Topics instructor with additional specialty certifications as both a Firearms Instructor, a DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor, a Breath Analysis Instructor, and an Aerosol Subject Restraint Instructor amongst many other certifications.

Deputy Pedulla



On October 31, 2023, Deputy Michael Pedulla was hired as a full time Deputy Sheriff in the Road Patrol Division. Deputy Pedulla joins the Sheriff's Office as a lateral transfer from the Oneonta Police Department and is a fully trained police officer having attended and graduated from the Broome County Law Enforcement Academy in 2021.

Employee of the Quarter



We are incredibly proud to announce that Delaware County Corrections Sergeant Heath Goff has been awarded the Employee of the Quarter award for the 1st Quarter of 2023. Sergeant Goff began his lengthy career at the Sheriff's Office in 2008 as a Corrections Officer and in June 2020, he was promoted to Sergeant status within the Corrections Division. Sergeant Goff oversees many tasks and responsibilities at the Sheriff's Office although, his primary responsibilities include Corrections Accreditation Program Manager, Assistant Director of the Corrections Academy, Corrections Training Director and Power DMS Coordinator.

Sergeant Goff is incredibly motivated, having earned his DCJS General Topics Instructor certification in 2015 and in 2021, he earned his Master Instructor status. He is the primary Instructor in the Basic Corrections Academy and has

multiple instructor certifications, in addition to his DCJS Master Instructor status.

Sergeant Goff is a consummate professional, exudes a positive attitude and always goes above and beyond to support his colleagues at the Sheriff's Office.



We are incredibly proud to announce that Delaware County Sheriff's Office Investigator David Barnes has been awarded the Employee of the Quarter award for the 2nd Quarter of 2023.

Investigator Barnes began his law enforcement career in 2009 as an Investigator working under the authority of the Delaware County District Attorney's Office. In 2015, Investigator Barnes transferred to the Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff assigned to DCMO BOCES and Sidney Central School Districts as a School Resource Officer. In February 2018, he was promoted to Investigator status with the Criminal Investigations Division. In a relatively short amount of time, Investigator Barnes has earned an impressive list of certifications and is assigned to oversee a multitude of responsibilities at the Sheriff's Office including but not limited to: investigating criminal complaints, overseeing

our Biometrics Live scan system, being a Certified member of the Project Lifesaver Team, the warrant Control Officer, a Certified Accident Reconstructionist, the SORA Officer, a member of the Special Response Team, a DCJS Certified Instructor, a certified Arson Investigator and a Certified Peer Support Team member. All of that being said, we proudly add that some of the best qualities that Investigator Barnes possesses are his positive attitude and his caring and outgoing personality. A sincere friend to nearly everyone, Investigator Barnes leads by example, often putting his own work aside to assist others in need, and when the needs arises, he responds

without complaint to carry out his responsibilities at an emergency or crisis incident. Without a doubt, his dedication and commitment to the Office of the Sheriff is second to none.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER:

We are incredibly proud to announce that Delaware County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer Cameron Critti has been awarded the Employee of the Quarter award for the 3rd Quarter of 2023.

Officer Critti began his law enforcement career in May 2021 as a part time Correctional Officer working in the Delaware County jail. In the latter part of May 2021, he was promoted to a full time Correctional Officer status.

Officer Critti earned his New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Basic Course for Corrections Certification in

2022 from the Delaware County Law Enforcement Academy.

In addition to his Corrections Officer duties, Officer Critti is a member of the Sheriff's Office Honor Guard, which attends various parades, details and other public functions throughout the county and is also a DCJS certified Field Training Officer.

We are very fortunate to have Officer Critti as a member of our team. He always strives to do his best and can be counted on at a moment's notice to step up and ensure that whatever task at hand needs completing, gets completed. Training new employees is a critical responsibility and as a Field Training Officer, Officer Critti understands that the safety and security of the Jail is a priority and therefore, is committed to ensuring that any new employees under his guidance understand all aspects of their job.

ADMINISTRATION



Sheriff Craig DuMond



Undersheriff Kim Smith



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.

January

There's no doubt that Delaware County is one of the most beautiful places on earth!!

Thank you, Cpl. Daniel McGowan, for capturing this colorful sunrise this morning from Lee Hollow Rd in the Town of Bovina.



A frosty looking image taken this morning on State Highway 28 in the Town of Delhi.

June

Our Deputies conduct school checks at the school districts in our County. On Thursday evening while conducting a school check at Delaware Academy, Deputy Sheriff Logan Flavell captured an image of SUNY Delhi nestled into the rolling hillsides of Delaware County.



Sgt. Tyler McAteer was conducting a grounds check at the Franklin Central School and captured this beautiful image of the school "flat" with its nicely manicured lawn, ball fields and the lush Ouleout Creek valley.



While patrolling on Roses Brook Road in the Town of Stamford, Deputy Brenden Cairns captured this gorgeous view of the sunset.



What's not to love ... our gorgeous county is full of lush green valleys and miles of beautiful hilltop views!!

Photo credit to: Deputy Logan Flavell

Location: Hamden Hill Road T/Hamden

July

Deputy Zachary Finch captured this spectacular view from atop Palmer Hill in the Town of Andes.



On Saturday evening, Deputy Brenden Cairns captured this dazzling image while patrolling at the Annual Margaretville Fire Department Field Days fireworks display.

While stopping at the Town of Stamford Court located off of Maple Street in the Village of Hobart, Deputy Timothy Tryon took this photo of the Village Park and Gazebo which is adjacent to the location where the weekly farmer's market is held.



August



Good morning, everyone ...
Cpl. Dan McGowan took this scenic shot from Lee Hollow in the Town of Bovina, looking up the valley towards Andes with Mt. Pisgah in the background.

What an incredible view Deputy Sheriff Lucas Elmore captured from atop Mt. Utsayantha in the Town of Stamford.



Deputy Sheriff's Timothy Tryon and Lucas Elmore were out conducting a traffic detail in the Town of Middletown and secured this "flashy" image.



Deputy Sheriff Timothy Tryon sent us this photo to show the paths we must sometimes traverse to respond to calls for service. We're thankful for our all-wheel drive vehicles but they don't go everywhere. We kindly ask residents and property owners to consider the ease of access to their homes and the condition of their driveways (especially during the winter months) in the event there is an immediate need for Police, Fire or EMS response.





September

Deputy Sheriff Lucas Elmore at the scene of a disabled vehicle on County Highway 2 in Andes.

Deputy Brenden Cairns caught these images of this gorgeous sunset while patrolling on Turnpike Road in the Town of Meredith.



Sgt Tyler McAteer took this photo while conducting a random school check at South Kortright Central School.

October 5

Today while patrolling our beautiful county, Deputy Sheriff Justin Mohr and his K-9 partner Dexter captured these gorgeous views while at Mount Utsayantha Fire Tower.





Deputy Lucas Elmore captured a gorgeous view of the sunset slowly setting behind the Catskill Mountains. Location: The Downsville Dam on the Pepacton Reservoir

While patrolling in the Delaware County community of Fleischmanns, Sgt. Tyler McAteer snapped this photo. As a result of the recent horrific acts of terror in Israel, Sheriff Craig DuMond has requested that our patrols be on high alert for any hateful activity which may target the Jewish residents of Fleischmanns.

Our Deputies are conducting extra patrols looking for any suspicious activity. We are committed to providing safe communities for all residents of Delaware County. Our efforts are, at this time proactive, and not the result of any actual threat or act of violence. Sheriff DuMond reminds everyone that we will not tolerate hateful behavior and we kindly ask for the community's help in alerting us to any suspicious activities or potential threats.



"O beautiful for spacious skies" as captured in this scenic photograph taken by Deputy Logan Flavell on Back River Road in the Town of Hamden on Wednesday.

Deputy Timothy Tryon captured this photo of a beautiful fall afternoon while patrolling on Cross Road, in the Town of Middletown.





Deputy Collin Roche captured this view from atop Bloomville Hill Road T/Kortright this morning.

November

On Thursday afternoon Cpl. Kyle Karcher and K9 Eli stopped along State Highway 10 near the intersection of County Highway 67 to take in the gorgeous view of the Cannonsville Reservoir



On Friday morning, while out patrolling, Cpl. Daniel McGowan captured this view of Little Red Kill Road, in Fleischmanns (Town of Middletown).

Deputy Lucas Elmore caught sight of this bright sunset yesterday while he was patrolling on Houghtaling Hollow Road in the Town of Meredith.



Deputy Sheriff Collin Roche captured this magnificent view from atop Hobart Hill Rd in the Town of Kortright.

“Sunsets are proof that no matter what happens, every day can end beautifully.” – Kristen Butler

Deputy Timothy Tryon submitted this sunset photo taken just off of State Highway 23, in Grand Gorge near Matt Schwille Road.



Deputy Sheriff Logan Flavell submitted this image of the beautiful Saint James Church located on Lake Delaware Drive, just off of State Highway 28 in the Town of Bovina.

December

Views from atop Mt. Utsayantha never disappoint!! Thank you to Deputy Alec Elderkin for capturing this view.



A frosty, but serene view on Calhoun Hill Road in the Town of Andes. Submitted by Deputy Sheriff Zachary Finch.

This is simply stunning!! Thank you to Deputy Sheriff Cody Tromblee for capturing this incredible photo of the sunrise this morning while he was out patrolling on State Highway 10 in the Town of Kortright.



The views on Turnpike Road in the Town of Meredith are never disappointing to those who choose to see its inherent beauty.

Photo Credit: Deputy Collin Roche

While patrolling State Highway 206 in the Town of Colchester this morning, Deputy Kyle Karcher captured this image of steam clouds rising off the surface of the water at the Downsville Dam.



Merry Christmas!!
Santa Claus and Deputy Michael Pedulla were caught taking this short photo break while checking Santa's lists for those who've been naughty and those who've been nice...

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.



Criminal Investigation Division Yearly Report 2023

NEW CASES ADOPTED:	Reported	Closed by Invest.	Closed by Arrest	Pending Invest.	Warrant Requested
CASE NATURE					
Sex Offender related (i.e. 90 days, photos, complaints etc.):	194	194			
Jail Inv and assists	10	10			
Background Investigation (Corrections Officer)	35	35			
Background Investigation (Deputy Sheriff)	8	8			
Background Investigation (Jail Nurse)	1	1			
Background Investigation (Fire Department)	2	2			
Background Investigation (Jail Cook)	6	6			
Background Investigation (Senior Civil Clerk)	1	1			
Background Investigation (Jail AA Counselor)	10	10			
Background Investigation (Jail Ministry, pastor, and religious volunteer)	4	4			
Background Investigation (Jail PREA)	1	1			
Administrative Investigations	3	3			
FFL Renewal	9	9			
FFL Report Multiple sale of firearms	34	34			
Firearms Investigation	2	2			
Guns Returned	134	134			
Guns Received	535			535	
Firearms Inv-Deceased Licensee	33	33			
Firearms Inv- TERPO and ERPO	2	2			
Firearms Inv for County Court	21	21			
Firearms Inv Bipartisan Safer Communities Act	9	9			
Probation Warrant	5		1		4
Family Court Warrants	23		10		13
County Court Warrant	3				2
L/C Court Bench Warrant	22		10		12
L/C Court Arrest Warrant	1		1		
Search Warrant	3	3			
Indictment Warrant	8	8			
Assist Other Deputy	8	8			
Assist Colchester PD	2	2			
Assist DCCF Staff	10	10			
Assist Delhi PD	1	1			
Assist DSS	1	1			
Assist EMS	2	2			

Assist Fire Department	1	1			
Assist Motorist	1	1			
Assist NYSP	4	4			
Assist other Police Agency	3	3			
Motor Vehicle Accidents	10	10			
Pedestrian Vs. Brush hog vs Tractor Accident	1	1			
Faro Scans	4	4			
Lost Property	1	1			
Found Property	1	1			
Fire Origin Investigation	4	4			
DRE Evaluations	3	3			
DRE recertification	1	1			
V and T Complaints	1	1			
Order of Protection Served	1	1			
Civil Process Served	1	1			
Saturation Patrol	1	1			
EID Investigated	2	2			
Information Received	1	1			
Domestic Disputes	1	1			
Receipt of Drug Info	16	16			
Drug Complaint	8	8			
Drug Debriefing	3	3			
Jail Debrief	5	5			
Attempt Controlled Drug Buy	7	7			
Drug Buy	15	15			
Confidential Informants	6	6			
Accidents Reconstructed	2	2			
Homicide Investigations	2	1	1		
Larceny Investigations	1				
Harassment Investigation	2	1	1		
Sex Abuse Investigations	2	2			
Election Law Investigation	3	3			
Arson Investigation	2	2			
DWAI Drugs arrest/investigation	1		1		
Criminal Impersonation/Falsely reporting investigation	1	1			
Vulnerable Elderly Abuse	1	1			
Criminal Purchase of a Weapon investigation	1		1		
Poss. Dangerous Contraband investigation	1		1		
Larceny-Elder Financial Abuse	1	1			
Criminal Contempt 1 st Degree investigation	1		1		
FATAL MVA Investigations	1		1		
Child Abuse/Assault Investigations	1	1			
Fraud Investigations	1	1			
Rape Investigations	2	2			
Identity Theft	1	1			
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>1272</u>	<u>675</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>31</u>

<u>TOTAL ARREST CHARGES 2023</u>					
Manslaughter 2 nd Degree PL 125.15 (1) Class C Felony	2		2		
Assault 2 nd Degree PL 120.5/ (4) Class E Felony	2		2		
Reckless Driving VTL 1212 Unclassified Misdemeanor	1		1		
DWAI Drugs VTL 1192-4 Unclassified Misdemeanor	1		1		
Poss. Dangerous Contraband 1 st Degree PL 205.25 (2) Class D Felony	1		1		
Criminal Contempt 2 nd Degree PL 215:50 (3)- Class A Misdemeanor	4		4		
Criminal Mischief 1 st Degree PL 145.00 – Class A Misdemeanor	1		1		
Aggravated Criminal Contempt PL 215.52 (3) – Class D Felony	1		1		
Harassment 2 nd Degree PL 240.26 (3) Violation	1		1		
Attempted Assault 3 rd Degree PL 110/120.00 (1) Class B Misdemeanor	1		1		
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 2 nd Degree PL 22.18 (2) Class A Felony	1		1		
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3 rd Degree PL 220.16 (7) Class B Felony	1		1		
Reckless Endangerment 1 st Degree PL 120.25 Class D Felony	1		1		
Endangering Welfare of a child PL 260.10 (1) Class A Misdemeanor	1		1		
Reckless Endangerment 2 nd Degree PL 120.20 Class A Misdemeanor	1		1		
Criminal Purchase/Disposal of Weapon PL 265.17 (1) Class D Felony	1		1		
Criminal Possession of a narcotic drug with intent to sell PL 220.16 (1) Class B Felony	2		1		
Criminal Possession of a weapon 4 Felon in Possession PL 265.01 (4) Class A Misdemeanor	1		1		
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>24</u>		<u>24</u>		

NOTABLE CASES

PRESS RELEASE

March 17, 2023

On Friday, March 17, 2023, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that Deputies and members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division arrested Vincent Balsamo of Walton, NY on an Indictment Warrant for Manslaughter. The arrest was a result of a three-month investigation conducted by Investigators of the Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Division.

Vincent Balsamo, 71, of Walton, NY was arrested on an Indictment Warrant charging him with one count of Manslaughter in the second-degree a (*class C felony*), one count of assault in the second-degree a (*class D felony*) and one count of reckless endangerment in the second-degree a (*class A Misdemeanor*). Balsamo is accused of being involved in a domestic incident that resulted in the death of April Kestner, 52, of Honesdale, PA at his residence in the Town of Walton in December 2022.

Investigators and Deputies also executed a search warrant of the Suspects residence in the Town of Walton where additional evidence was seized involving this investigation.

Balsamo transported to the Delaware County Correctional facility pending a court appearance.

Sheriff DuMond advises that this incident remains an on-going investigation and anyone with additional information to please contact Sheriff's Office at 607-832-5555.

PRESS RELEASE

May 4th, 2023

Walton, NY – Today, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced that a Walton N.Y. man is facing a felony level Criminal sale of a Weapon charge.

On Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division received information that 71 -year old Vincent Balsamo of Walton, New York had illegally purchased a rifle from another person. The defendant allegedly engaged in this action while in violation of a Temporary Extreme Risk Protection Order, as well as a Pistol License Suspension Order prohibiting him from possessing rifles, shotguns, and firearms. Investigator's say that Balsamo intentionally disobeyed a mandate of the Delaware County Court and Delaware County Supreme Court by purchasing a rifle while such orders were in effect and also while out on a secured \$150,000 property bond in connection with an indictment charging Balsamo with Reckless Endangerment 2nd degree, Assault 2nd degree, and Manslaughter 2nd degree.

At the conclusion of their investigation, Delaware County Sheriff's Investigators arrested and charged Balsamo with one count of Criminal Purchase or Disposal of a Weapon, a class D felony, and (3) counts of Criminal Contempt 2nd Degree . Balsamo was arraigned in front of Judge Ripa at Walton Town Court and was remanded to the Delaware County Jail without bail.

Investigators say this investigation is still ongoing, and additional charges may be filed at a later time.

PRESS RELEASE

May 23, 2023

On Monday, May 22, 2023, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a reported two car motor vehicle collision at the intersection of Thompson Hollow Road and Jensen Road in the Town of Middletown. Upon response, further information was provided by Delaware County 911 that one of the vehicles involved in the collision was on fire and the second vehicle contained an entrapped person within. Two good samaritans that were nearby, heard the collision and drove to the accident scene. The samaritans were further able to extinguish the fire with fire extinguishers and provide first aid to the drivers of both vehicles until the arrival of first responders.

Shortly after the arrival of EMS, it was confirmed that the operator of one of the vehicles, John C. Todd, 41, of Roxbury, NY was deceased at the scene. The operator of the second vehicle, Daniel Plummer, 65, of East Branch, NY was extricated by responding fire and EMS and subsequently transported to a landing zone in Margaretville NY. The patient was then airlifted to Albany Medical Center by Life Net and is currently in critical condition.

Road Patrol Deputies arrived on scene and requested the assistance of the Sheriff's Accident Reconstruction Unit. Investigators respond to the scene to complete a complete reconstruction of the collision.

Sheriff DuMond would like to thank the following agencies assisting Deputies and Investigators at the scene: Margaretville Fire Department, Halcottsville Fire Department, Bovina Fire Department, Arkville Fire Department, Margaretville Hospital EMS, Roxbury EMS, Life Net and the Town of Roxbury Constable.

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)

The Special Response Team is responsible for high risk situations and dangerous incidents.

The SRT is made up of personnel from all Divisions within the 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 the Sheriff's Office, local agencies, as well as the State Police. 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 offenders throughout Delaware County.





K-9 UNIT

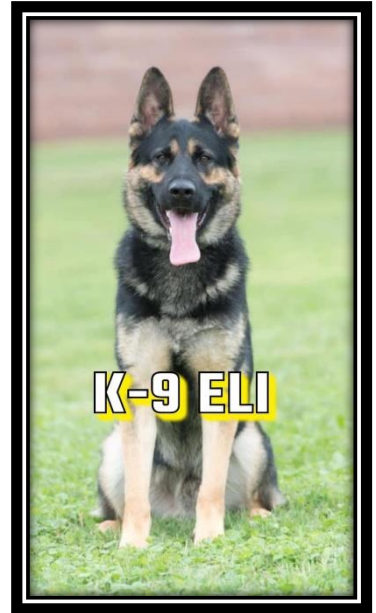
Our K-9 Unit continues to take an active role in drug seizures, raids and round-ups.



K-9 "Eli"

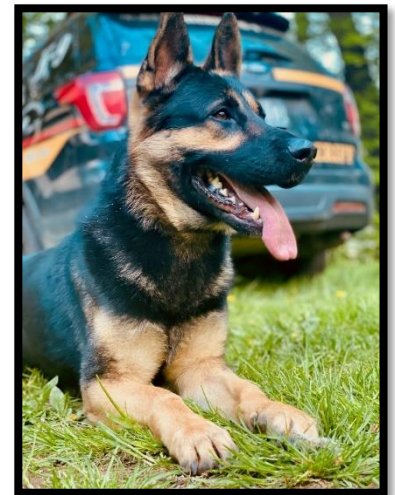
My name is K9 "Eli", I am a German Shepherd born in Hungary. I was acquired from Shallow Creek Kennels in Pennsylvania on October 18, 2019. I was specifically hand selected and tested to ensure I possessed the proper genetic makeup to become a police service dog. I am honored that I am dedicated and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

County; Sheriff Elias Butler who served as Sheriff from 1797 to 1799.

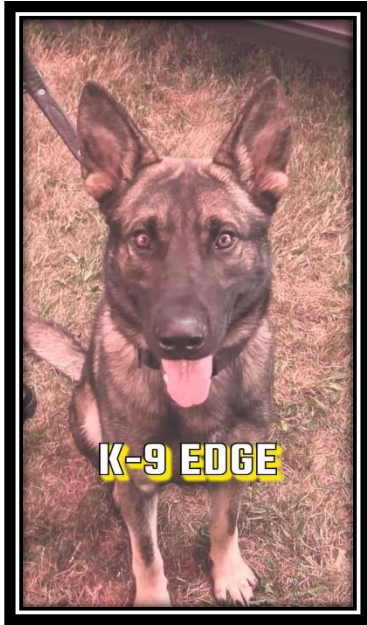


I am a dual-purpose German Shepherd and meet the criteria in regard to drug detection and patrol duties. My human partner, Deputy Sheriff Kyle Karcher and I began training on Monday October 28, 2019 at the Orange County Sheriff's Office K9 Academy. Deputy Karcher and I spent 8 weeks of intensive training 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 2023 we will continue our training in search and rescue, patrol, tracking and handler protection.

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.



K-9 "Edge"



Sheriff Craig S. DuMond announced the "swearing in" of a new K-9 Deputy to be added to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office K9 Division.

My name is K9 "Edge", I am a male Dutch Shepherd born in Hungary on 8/30/2020. I was acquired from Shallow Creek Kennels, located in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. I was specifically hand selected and tested to ensure I possessed the proper genetic makeup to become a police service dog. I will begin training immediately as a dual purpose K9 specializing in explosives detection, patrol, and tracking with my handler.

Corporal Jeff Clark, School Resource Deputy, has been selected to be my handler. Both Corporal Clark and I will be receiving our training and certification at the Orange County Sheriff's Office K9 Academy.

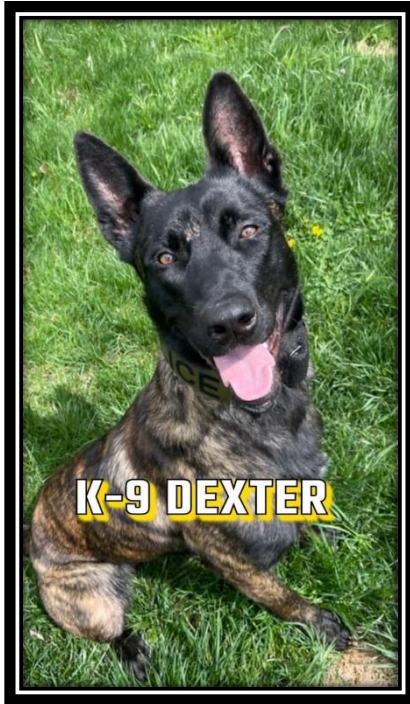
I am named after former DCSO Deputy Erastus S. Edgerton. Deputy Edgerton held the dangerous office of Deputy Sheriff in 1845 when he assisted in preserving order during the anti-rent wars in Andes. During the incident, Deputy Edgerton's horse was shot from under him, and Undersheriff Osman Steele was shot and killed.

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office recently received a United States Homeland Security grant in the amount of \$50,000 to purchase and implement an explosive detection K9.

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.



K-9 "Dexter"



My name is K9 "Dexter", I am a male Belgian Malinois born in Albany, New York on April 19th, 2021. I was acquired from Darkhorse K9 in New York when I was 6 months old and all of my siblings and both parents are working police or military K9's. I completed training at the Albany County Sheriff's Office as a dual purpose k9 in 2022 and specialize in narcotics detection and Patrol. My Handler, Deputy Justin Mohr and I certified through NYS DCJS in the detection of multiple controlled substances, handler protection, criminal apprehension, tracking, and obedience.

I started out my career working for the Village of Delhi Police Department, purchased under grant funding. My handler, Deputy Justin Mohr and I laterally transferred to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office in July of 2023, where we continue our training and will help protect and serve the citizens of Delaware County.

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.



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 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-stationed program that the office participates in. 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, assisted with lock down and fire drills at both BOCES and Sidney Central School. He has also provided other presentations and assisted with Mock trials.



Deputy Clark giving a presentation about Sexting and Cyberbullying.

Mock Trials-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.

February 15, 2023, is National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day!!

We consider ourselves very fortunate to have Delaware County Sheriff's Office Corporal Jeffrey Clark working closely with two school districts in Delaware County (Sidney Central School and DCMO BOCES). Not only do we thank Cpl. Clark for his outstanding daily commitment toward ensuring the overall safety and security of both students and staff, but also for being a positive role model, an inspiring educator and an ever so important liaison between the law enforcement community and the school districts he serves.



May 26, 2023, we cannot thank DCMO BOCES Automotive Technology Teacher Thomas Wheeler and Visual Communications Teacher Kerry Mack enough for purchasing, designing and creating this specialty water bowl so that K9 Edge has his own bowl when he visits the BOCES Campus with his partner and BOCES SRO Cpl. Jeffrey Clark.

We truly value the relationships we have built as well as the support we receive from our friends at BOCES.



2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Our road patrol deputies responded to a wide variety of incidents in 2023, some small, some large:

December 2023 - SJS Incidents by Incident Type

2023 YEAR TO DATE TOTAL = 2,577 = *16% increase from 2022*

2022 – YEAR TO DATE TOTAL = 2,218

ABANDONED/DISABLED VEHICLE	209
ADMIN MATTER	19
AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT	5
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	22
ANIMAL IN ROADWAY	9
ANIMAL STRUCK BY MV	9
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	767
ASSIST OTHER DEPUTY	1076
ASSIST FIRE/EMS	187
ASSIST PERSON	373
BENCH WARRANT	22
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY	1
BURGLARY	25
BLOCK ROAD/ROAD HAZZARD	61
CAR DEER	8
CAR FIRE	7
CATTLE COMPLAINT	2
CHECK WELFARE	49
CHILD ABUSE	5
CIVIC/COMMUNITY EVENTS ATTENDED	9
CIVIL INFO	1

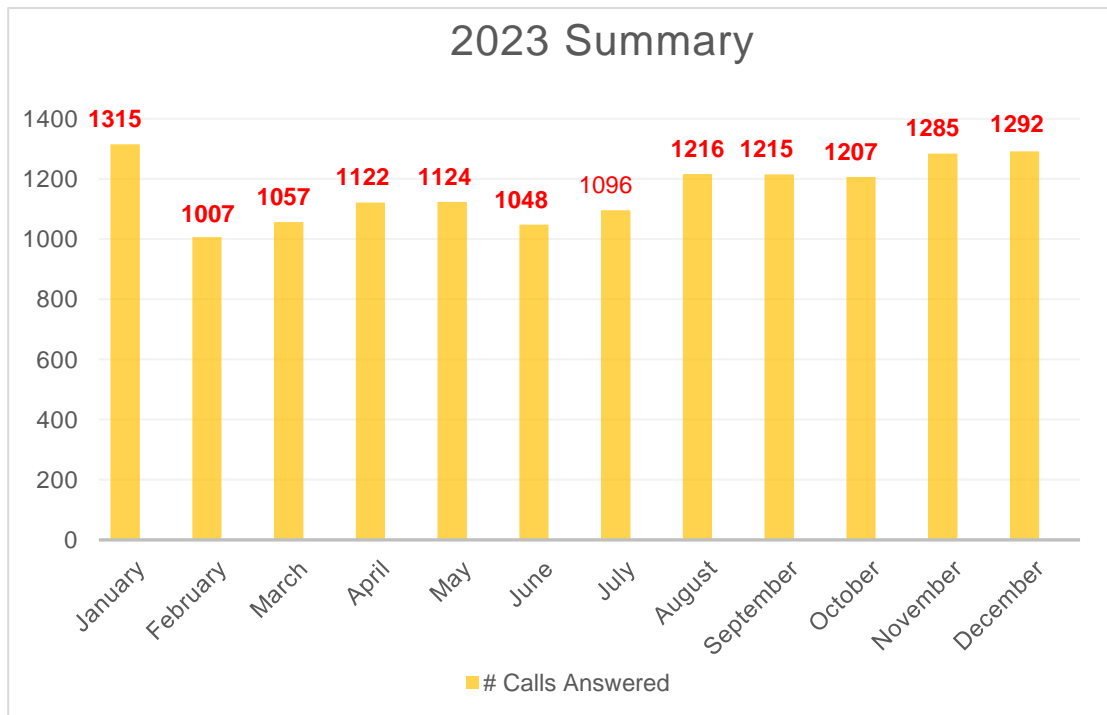
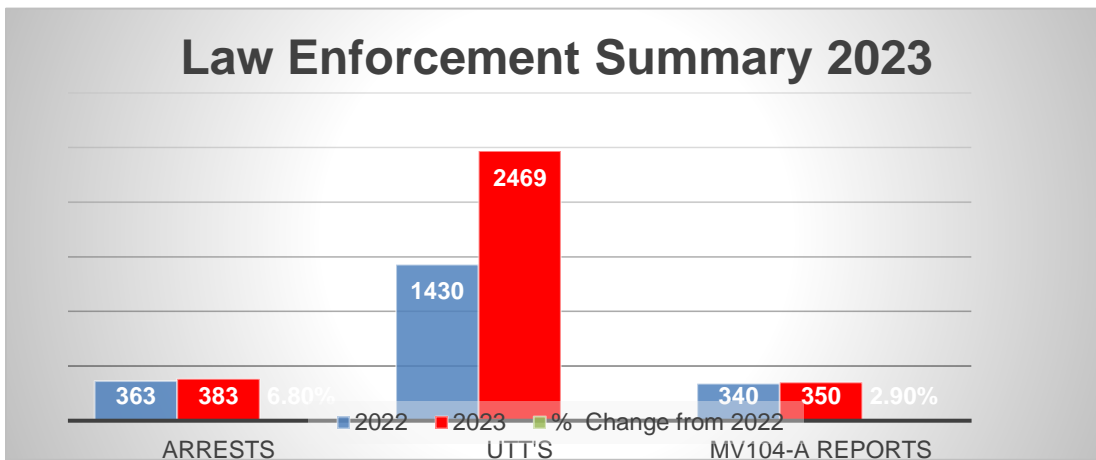
CIVIL MATTER	23
CIVIL PROCESS SERVICE ATTEMPT	803
CIVIL PROCESS SERVICE COMPLETED	738
CIVIL PROCESS- OP SERVICE ATTEMPT	145
CIVIL PROCESS- OP SERVICE COMPLETED	156
COURT APPEARANCES	12
CRIMINAL SUMMONS/WARRANT SERVICE ATTEMPT	23
COMPLAINTS/INCIDENTS ENTERED IN SJS	1597
CUSTODY DISPUTE	9
DISABLED VEHICLE	8
DISCON	2
DOMESTIC INCIDENTS REPORTS	167
DNA COLLECTION	15
DOG COMNPLAINT	13
DOMESTIC	167
DRUG COMPLAINT	13
DRUG POSSESSION	3
DWAI	8
DWI/DWAI ARRESTS	29
DWI MVA	8
EDP	1
EID	15
ELECTION LAW VIOLATION	1
ENDANGER WELFARE CHILD	7
FAMILY COURT WARRANTY	23
FATAL MVA	1
FFL RENEWAL	8
FIGHT IN PROGRESS	3
FIRE	2

FIREARMS INVESTIGATION	51
FIREARMS RECEIVED	23
FIREARMS RETURNED	2
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION-GENERAL VTL	217
FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION-VIOLATION	99
FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION-MISDEMEANOR	212
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION-FELONY	98
FORGERY	1
FRAUD	39
FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE	1
HARASSMENT	116
HIT AND RUN MVA	6
FRAUD ID THEFT	12
ILLEGAL PARKED VEHICLE	3
INV DECEASED LICENSE	44
JAIL COVERAGE/JAIL TRANSPORT	179
JAIL CONTRABAND	8
K9 JAIL SEARCH	2
K9 SCHOOL SEARCH	6
CIVIL LANDLORD/TENANT TROUBLE	10
LEAVING SCENE MVA	3
LOCAL CRIMINAL COURT	5
LOST OR STOLEN LICENSE PLATE	1
LOUD PARTY	2
MENTAL HEALTH INCIDENTS	109
MENTAL HEALTH ARRESTS	91
MHL 9.45	18
MISCELLANEOUS/OTHER	1165
MISSING CHILD	2

MISSING PERSON	5
MV-104'S COMPLETED	359
MULTIPLE SALE OF PISTOL	34
NEIGHBORHOOD TROUBLE	14
NOISE COMPLAINT	4
ORDER OF PROTECTION SERVED	158
OTHER	41
OTHER ACCIDENT	5
PERSONAL INJURY	36
PISTOL PERMIT INVESTIGATION	111
PISTOL PERMIT REVOCATION/SUSPENSION	12
POSSESSION FORGED INSTRUMENT	1
POSSESSION STOLEN WEAPON	2
PRIVATE PROPERTY	20
PROBATION WARRANT	5
PROPERTY CHECK	245
PROPERTY DISPUTE	7
PROPERTY FOUND	3
PROPERTY LOST	17
PROPERTY RETRIEVAL	2
PROPERTY STOLEN	2
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	1
PUBLIC PROPERTY	4
RAPE	4
RUNAWAY JUVENILE	10
SCHOOL CHECKS	1681
SCHOOL EVENTS ATTENDED	30
SUBSTATION VISITS	1063
SEX OFFENSES	6

SEXUAL ABUSE	12
SHOP LIFTING	4
SHOTS FIRED	5
SIMPLE ASSAULT	5
SORA COMPLAINT	1
SORA REGISTRATION INFO	141
SORA VIOLATION	3
SRO ADD. VERIFICATION	83
SRO BOCES MASONVILLE	63
SRO SIDNEY SCHOOL	51
STOLEN VEHICLE	2
SUICIDE	6
SURRENDER FOR DESTRUCTION	2
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	21
SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	7
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	6
TERRORIST THREAT	2
SPECIAL DETAIL -DWI Patrol	14
SPECIAL DETAIL – PTS/STEP PATROL	76
SPECIAL DETAIL – OTHER	280
SPECIAL DETAIL – SNOWMOBILE PATROL	2
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	5
THEFT FROM BULDING	15
THEFT FROM MAILBOX	1
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	1
THEFT OF SERVICES-OTHER	41
TOTAL NO. TRAFFIC STOPS	2467
UTTS ISSUED	2483

TRESPASS	62
UNATTENDED DEATH	33
UNDETERMINED CAUSE/ORIGIN	5
UP 911 HANG UP CALL	9
VIOLATION ARRESTS	42
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	252
FELONY ARRESTS	38



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.

2023 Statistics

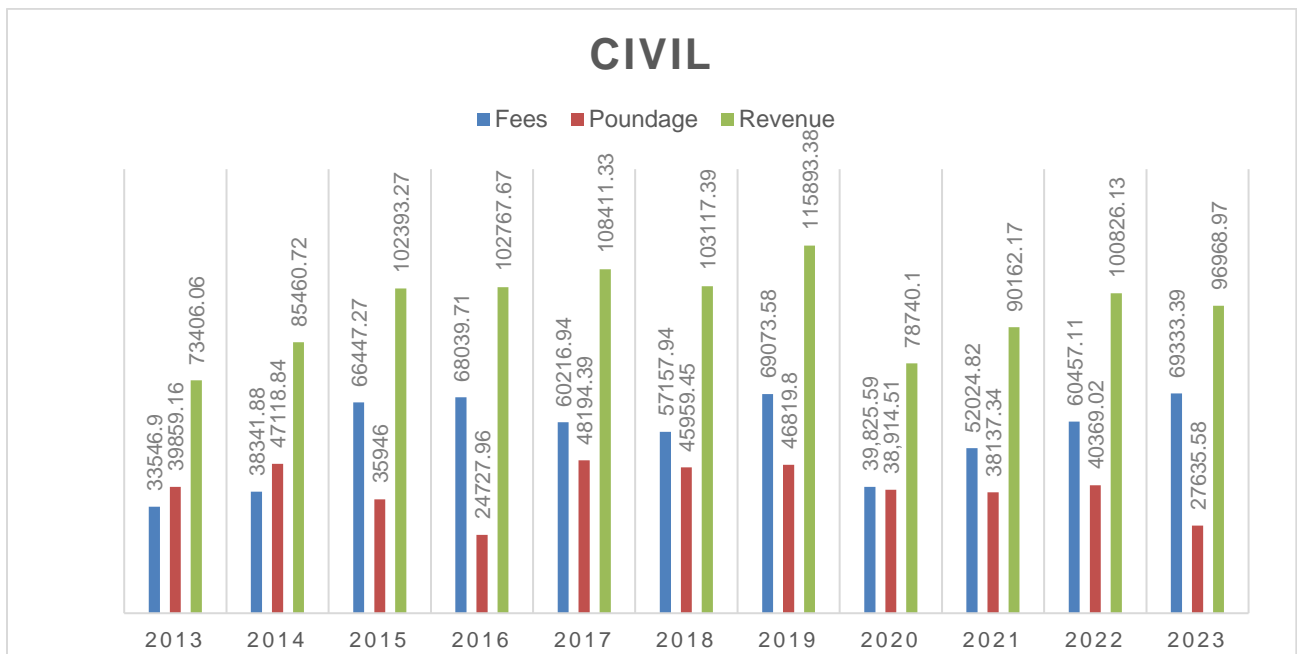
Total Papers Served: 742

Total Property Executions: 10

Total Income Executions: 318

Orders of Protection Served: 148

Pistol Permits: 95



PISTOL CLERK

In 2022 the Pistol Clerk relocated to the Sheriff's Office. 280 Phoebe Lane – Suite 1, Delhi, NY 13753. Please contact at 607-832-5461 for any questions or visit the website for more information. <https://www.delcony.us/gun/>



CORRECTIONS DIVISION

The year (2023) in review.

Jail Population:

Preliminary indications of jail population decline as a result of the effects of bail reform have been mitigated by a substantial increase in Federal Inmate Board Ins. Contrasting 2023 with 2022, the jail has experienced a 27.6% increase in inmate population year over year. Of note is the fact that the female population increased by 98% from 2022 to 2023. Board in revenue increased by 27% over 2022.

Due to the abatement of COVID in 2023, Delta Pod was repurposed back to a conventional inmate Pod resulting in an increase of cells in order to accommodate an increase in boarded inmates. Net revenue to the jail increased by 27% for the year over 2022 with a significant portion of that increase attributed to repurposing Delta Pod.

Revenue:

Increased Federal Inmate Daily Reimbursement rate from \$ 80.00 per day to \$ 110.00 per day; A **37.5% increase**. (effective 1 DEC 2023)

Increased Federal Inmate Transportation hourly rate from \$ 28.75/hr. per officer to \$ 33.00/hr. per officer. A **14.7% increase** (effective 1 DEC 2023)

Board In revenue increase 2023 over 2022 of \$ 176,490 (**27% increase**)

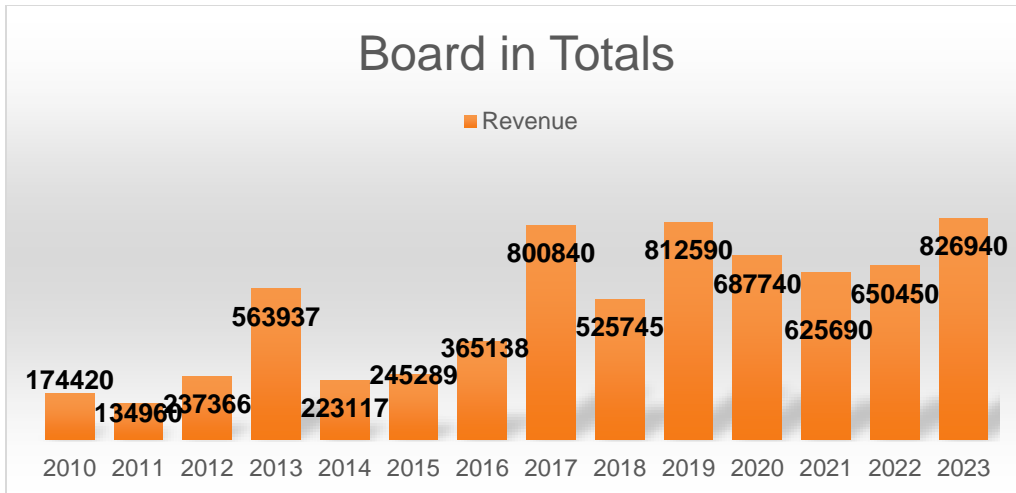
Reportable incidents:

Reportable incidents increased by 5% over 2022 with a 27% increase in population.

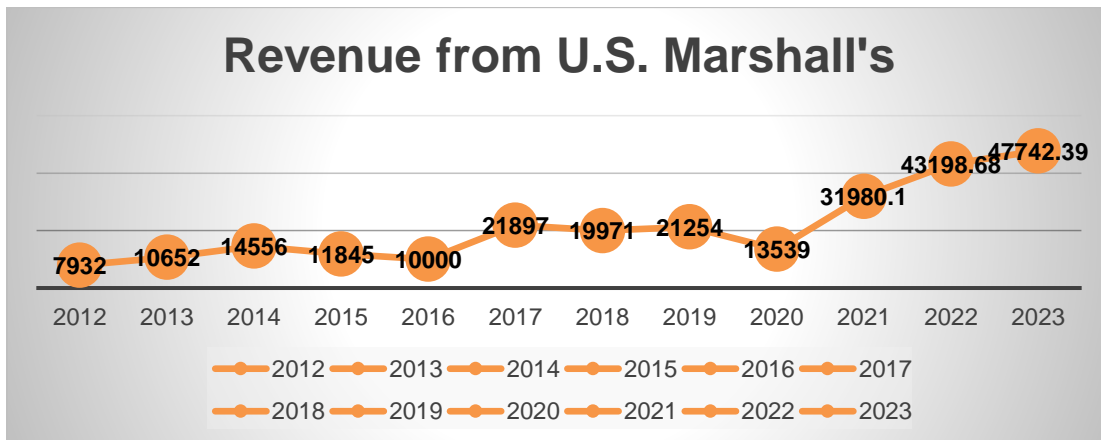
While some numbers appear to be dramatic increases of 100-200%, these are based on previous rates of 0% and one or two incidents for a specific type of reportable incident that bring those events up to the 100-200%.

Training:

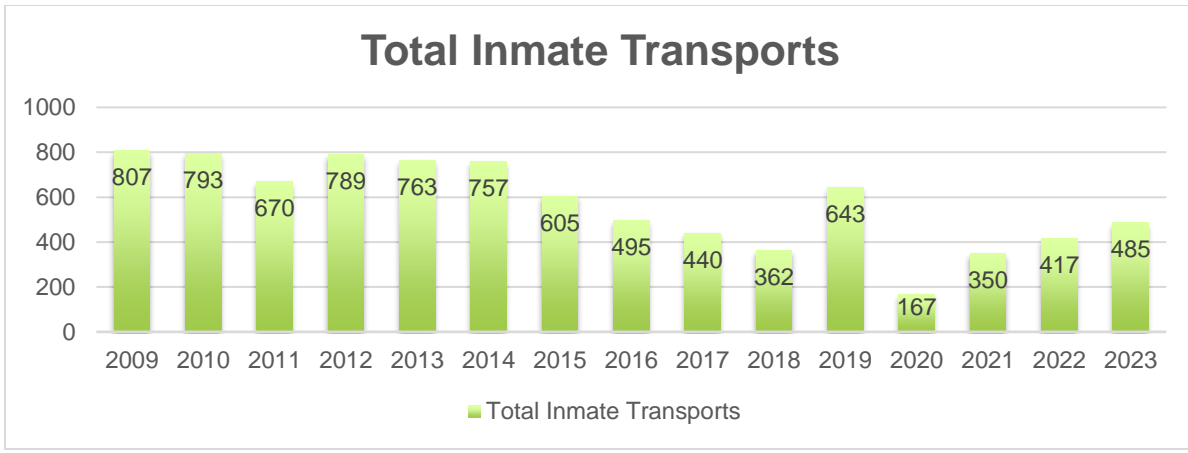
Two Corrections academies were conducted in 2023. A total of 32 officers (9 female, 23 male) from three counties were trained and certified. Of these, 10 officers (3 female, 7 male) were Delaware County Corrections Officers. Delaware County billed Otsego and Sullivan County \$9000.00 for academy tuition for 2023.



The total Revenue for Board ins since 2004 is \$8,928,582.



The total Revenue from U.S. Marshall's service for transporting inmates since 2007 is \$281,122.17.



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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mental health services ✓ Medical Services ✓ Dental services ✓ Funeral services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ County/Supreme Court ✓ Family Courts ✓ Other Courts ✓ Other Correctional Facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Work Details ✓ Relays w/other Agencies ✓ Federal Transports
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CORRECTIONS ACADEMY

2023

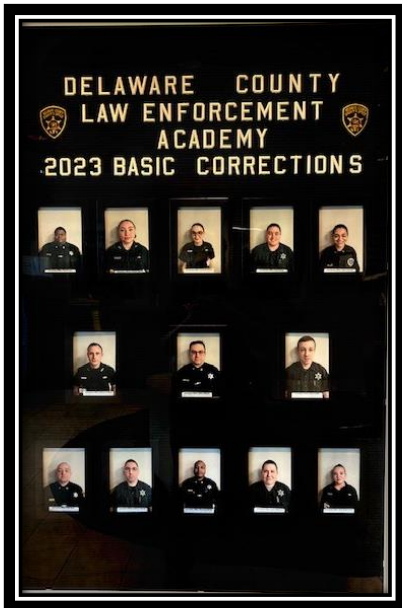
Delaware County Corrections Academy

Major John DeMeo

Sgt. Heath Goff, Assistant Director



This year families, friends, co-workers and various Official personnel were able to gather at the Delaware County Sheriff's Office for the graduation ceremony that was held on May 15th, 2023, at the Delaware County Public Safety Building in Delhi and included Corrections Officers from the Delaware, Otsego and Sullivan County Sheriff's Offices. All of the newly certified Officers attended an approximately 6 weeklong Basic Corrections Academy hosted by the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.



The Basic Course for Corrections Officers curriculum encompasses approx. 156 hours of instruction mandated by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services to include, but not limited to: Defensive Tactics, Use of Force, Corrections Law/Penal Law/Criminal Procedure Law, Correctional Ethics, Effective Communication, 1st Aid/CPR/AED, Suicide Prevention. Additional topics were also included to provide the Officers with other important information and certifications. In total, the new Correction Officers completed approx. 235 hours of training, of which is intended to better prepare them for their demanding careers in the Correctional Facilities.

We are incredibly proud of the new Officers and their significant accomplishments.

Although, 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., 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 was reintroduced to the curriculum.

Delaware County Correction Officer Graduates:

Correction Officer Hannah Charles

Correction Officer Elizabeth Cherry

Correction Officer Nicholas Empara

Correction Officer Bethany Schoonmaker

Otsego County Correction Officer Graduates:

Correction Officer Kyle Darling

Correction Officer Shane Gladle

Correction Officer Anthony Leonardo



Correction Officer Aaron Mateunas
 Sullivan County Correction Officer Graduates:
 Correction Officer Chad Boyce
 Correction Officer Syeira DelValle
 Correction Officer Jeffrey Gibbons
 Correction Officer Todd Henry
 Correction Officer Shawnton Martin



On October 10th, 2023, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office hosted the graduation ceremony for seventeen newly certified Corrections Officers of the Delaware County Law Enforcement Academy's Basic Course for Corrections Officers.

The Basic Course for Corrections Officers is an intensive 6 weeks of instructional topics as set forth by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to include (but not limited to): Use of Force, Defensive Tactics, Correctional Law/ Penal Law/Criminal Procedure Law, Effective Communication, Mental Health, 1st Aid/CPR/AED, Report Writing, Suicide Prevention, Courtroom Testimony, Evidence Collection Procedures, Initial Firearms and many other topics, all of which prepare the new Officers for their demanding careers of working within County Jails and Correctional Facilities within New York State.

Congratulations to the following Sheriffs' Offices and graduates:

Delaware County Sheriff's Office
 Corrections Officer Aidan Fox
 Corrections Officer Tymon Geelen
 Corrections Officer Brianna Hunter
 Corrections Officer Phelicia Quigley
 Corrections Officer Ethan Schmid
 Otsego County Sheriff's Office:
 Corrections Officer Anthony Cline
 Corrections Officer Leanne Dennis
 Corrections Officer Brett Lewis
 Corrections Officer Andrea Mateunas
 Sullivan County Sheriff's Office:
 Deputy Rashidi Clarke
 Deputy Derek Cordero
 Deputy William Lewis
 Deputy James Kennedy
 Deputy Keyshawn Kennedy
 Deputy Alexandra Smith
 Deputy Kimberly Stewart
 Deputy Hunter Taggart





***Classroom
Instruction***





***Defensive Tactics
Certification***



*Aerosol Subject
Restraint Spray
Certification*





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Police Traffic Services

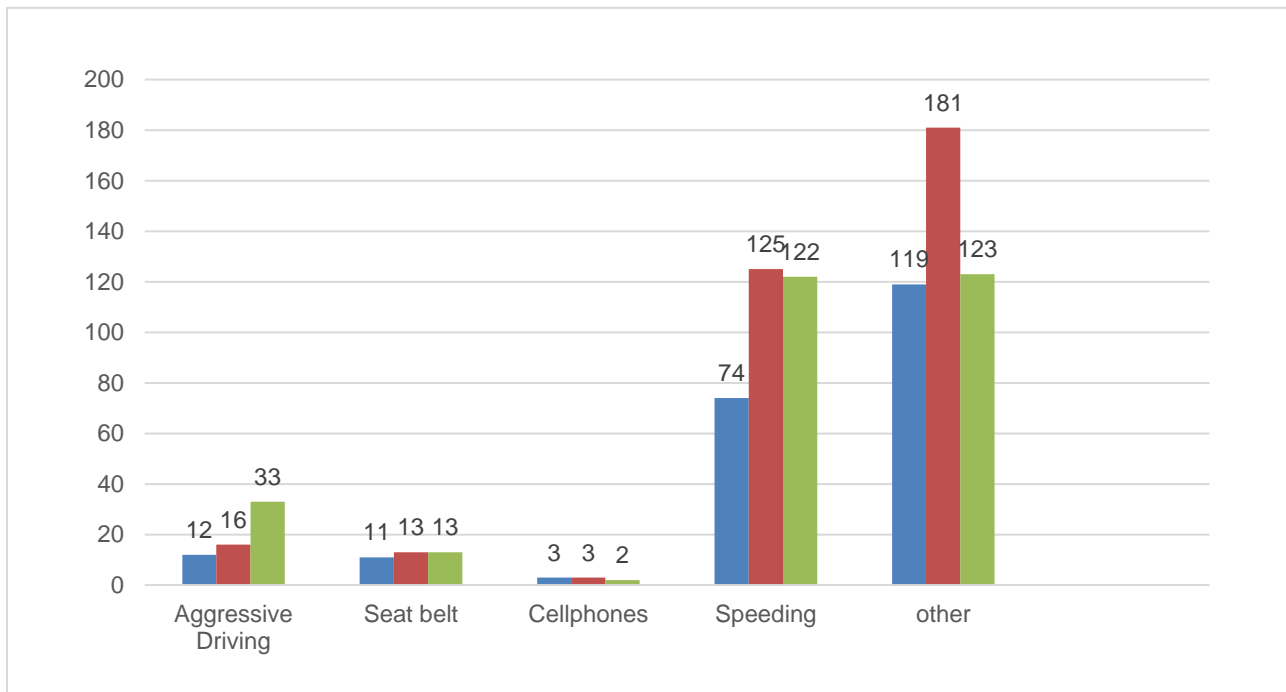
The Delaware County Sheriff's Office continued to receive grant money from the New York State PTS program for traffic enforcement in 2023. The Delaware County Sheriff Office conducted a total of 225 PTS funded hours (of which 201 hours were OT hours worked and 24 hours were regular hours worked.) During these hours, 293 UTT's were issued. This is a 30 % increase per grant funded hour from the previous year. Tickets issued for aggressive driving more than doubled from the previous grant cycle, as speeds and cell phone/device citations remain relatively the same.



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 351 MVA's to 357 MVA's which demonstrates a 1.7% increase. The number of Personal Injury MVA's increased by from 69 the previous year to 84 this year. Fatal MVA's increased to 2 MVA deaths.

We were not able to conduct multi-agency checkpoints due to other agency's lack of availability. We hired two new deputies and two transferred to our agency further bolstering our patrol strength. We had more hours dedicated to stop DWI enforcement which contributed to a slight decrease in our enforcement as well.

Our Deputies did a great job in enforcement as is evident in the increase in tickets per grant funded hour.





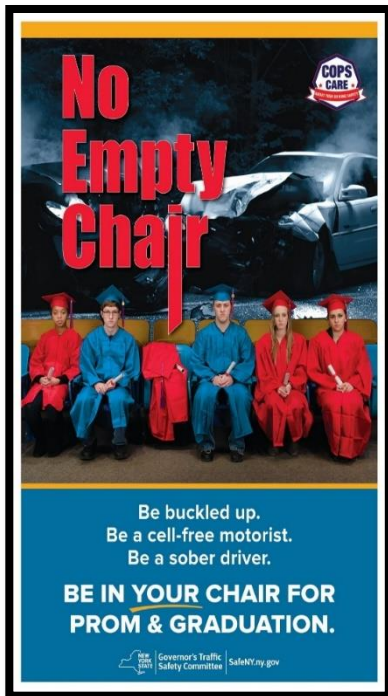
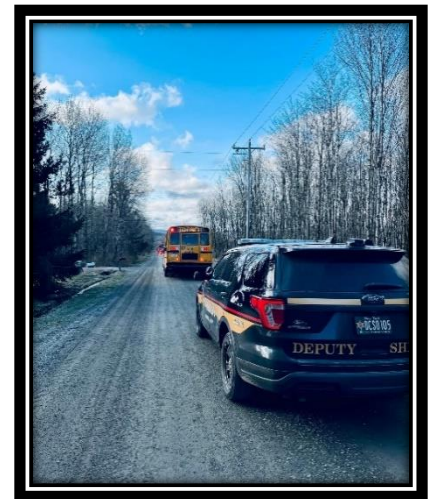
Operation Safe Stop

April 28, 2023 is Operation Safe Stop Day. Local law enforcement agencies will be partnering with school districts. Police Officers will be assigned to follow school buses on their AM and PM routes.

Please remember that when you

encounter school buses on the roadways, be extra cautious and do your part to ensure our children safely get to school and home again!!

Operation Safe Stop is held once a year in April, but for the benefit of everyone, we should all exhibit safe and cautious driving habits year round.



"No Empty Chair" Teen Driving Safety Campaign

This past week, April 24th – April 28th, 2023, The Delaware County Sheriff’s Office participated in the NYS GTSC “No Empty Chair”

traffic initiative. The goal of “No Empty Chair” is to direct traffic enforcement efforts to ensure safe and responsible driving amongst teens and to further prevent accidents so that every young person is in their chair come graduation day. Across the week, Delaware County Sheriff’s Deputies took part in traffic enforcement across each of the following targeted infractions:

- Monday April 24th – Speeding in School Zones
- Tuesday April 25th – Seatbelt/Child Restraints
- Wednesday April 26th – Cell Phone and Texting
- Thursday April 27th – Operation Safe Stop

Friday April 28th – Underage Drinking/Impaired Driving

A total of 48.75 hours were dedicated to this campaign 32 traffic citations were issued during the course of this initiative to include 1 for passing a school bus ticket.



2023 CLICK IT OR TICKET ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN Delhi, NY –

Sheriff Craig DuMond and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office are urging drivers to buckle up during the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) national Click It or Ticket (CIOT) high-visibility enforcement effort. The national seat belt campaign, which coincides with the Memorial Day holiday, runs from May 22 to June 4, 2023. The Delaware County Sheriff's Office and

other law enforcement agencies (local, state and national) will be out actively enforcing seatbelt and child car seat violations.

Using a seatbelt and a child car seat can save you from an expensive ticket but more importantly, it can save your life and the life of a loved one.

“We want seat belt use to be an automatic habit for drivers and passengers alike,” said Sheriff DuMond. “It’s not just a safe thing to do — it’s the law. During the Click It or Ticket campaign, we’ll be working with our fellow law enforcement officers across local and state lines to ensure the message gets out to drivers and passengers. Buckling up is the simplest thing you can do to limit injury or save your life during a crash. We see the results of not wearing a seat belt all the time. We see the loss of life. So often, it could have been prevented.”

According to NHTSA, in 2021, there were 11,813 unbuckled passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes in the United States. In that same year, 57% of passenger vehicle occupants killed at night (6 p.m.–5:59 a.m.) were not wearing their seat belts. That’s why one focus of the Click It or Ticket campaign is nighttime enforcement. Participating law enforcement agencies will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt law enforcement, writing citations day and night. NHTSA data also shows that seat belt use is higher among females than males. In fact, nearly twice as many males were killed in crashes as compared to females in 2021. Of the males killed in crashes during that same year, more than half (54%) were unrestrained. For females killed in crashes, 42% were not buckled up.

“If the enforcement effort alerts people to the dangers of unrestrained driving, we’ll consider our mission to be a success,” remarked Sheriff DuMond. “If you know a friend or a family member who does not buckle up when they drive, please ask them to consider changing their habits. Help us to spread this lifesaving message “Seat belts save lives, and everyone — front seat and back, child and adult — needs to remember to buckle up.”



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."



The Victim Information and Notification Service

*Promoting victim
rights in the
Empire State*

VINE NY

1-888-VINE-4NY

("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.

TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

February 22, 2023

Our SRO Deputy Jeff Clark attended this awesome conference.

The 2nd Annual School Safety Training Conference for School Resource Officers in New York State, and presented by the New York Sheriffs' Association's Committee on Policing and Safeguarding Schools (C-PASS) is in Day #2 in Saratoga, New York. Today's training is focused on bullying and crisis prevention, threat assessments, and effective communication for the educational setting.

The four day conference is attended by over 200 SROs and many school administrators, superintendents and counselors.

The Committee on Policing and Safeguarding Schools (C-PASS) understands that protecting students is an ever-changing task and one of the utmost importance. The committee constantly strives to identify new issues and develop training to meet those needs faced not only by school resources officers but all those involved in the school community. Since the committee is not bound by a single state agency, or under any state mandate, C-PASS can be flexible and swift in tackling new school issues. We have been successful thus far in all of our endeavors by understanding the importance of collaboration, because in the end we are always Better Together.



January 4, 2023.

In the aftermath of the May 14th, 2022, shooting at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket killing 10 people, Governor Hochul has issued New York State Executive Order #18, entitled "Preventing and Responding to Domestic Terrorism." This order mandates counties to perform a review of current strategies, policies and

procedures used to identify and confront threats of domestic terrorism, and to create threat assessment teams as a means of identifying and planning for threats. The teams will consist of members of law enforcement, mental health professionals, school officials, the business sector and other key stakeholders.

Corporal Brian Perazone, special projects coordinator for the Sheriff, is leading this effort which has been named DELTAT, Delaware (County) Threat Assessment Team. In addition to DELTAT, the Sheriff's Office has previously conducted a number of threat assessments for businesses, churches and synagogues in Delaware County. The Delaware County Sheriff's Office will continue to offer that service in Delaware County when requested.

Regarding DELTAT, Sheriff Craig S. DuMond states that, “Our threat level is relatively low for acts of domestic terrorism here in Delaware County, but since we see things happening on a more frequent basis all over the country, including some things have occurred in Delaware County that I have not seen before, we’re embracing the opportunity to be as prepared as possible, and to bring in relevant stakeholders to help us assess our threat level and potentially identify a threat before it occurs.”

Since the issuance of NYS Executive Order #18, DELTAT has convened one time with about thirty stakeholders including law enforcement, social services, mental health services, alcohol and drug programs, the education community, hospitals, the business community. Future meetings will also include our local humane shelters. Sheriff DuMond explains that a person deemed a threat will sometimes also be known to abuse animals, which makes our animal shelter administrators relevant stakeholders.

Initially, the group will meet quarterly and discuss any known concerns in the community, and assess their potential threat level. These concerns can include threatening social media posts, violent activities or the potential for violence. The group assesses the threat and uses the Pathway to Violence Template created by the FBI to assess a “level.” If deemed needed, the group comes up with a potential plan to intervene in that threat. That plan is then voluntarily implemented by stakeholders. Sheriff DuMond further explains, “All committee members sign a privacy document which ensures information discussed stays within the group. No minutes or other documentation will be kept from the meetings, so there is no information that can inadvertently find its way into the community as rumor or gossip.”

Sheriff DuMond intends to use the Sheriff Office’s social media page to keep the public informed about the workings of the group, as much as is possible, while keeping all sensitive information private. Sheriff DuMond also stresses that he, Corporal Perazone and the committee members feel that the threat of domestic violence is very low in Delaware County, but that there should be a robust plan in place for assessment and potential action to counter possible domestic terrorism in our community.

For more information on EO #18, read the order here:
<http://www.governor.ny.gov/.../no-18-preventing-and...>

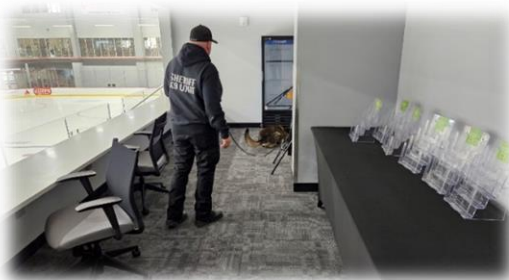




April 12, 2023

Members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and Delaware County Emergency Services Department attended Training on the new FARO Technologies 3-D Scanner and software system with FARO Instructor Jeff Booth. The system will be utilized to document and/or reconstruct crime scenes, fatal and serious injury motor

vehicle accidents, fire investigation as well as pre-incident planning.



April 28, 2023

Sheriff Craig DuMond announced that Corporal Jeffrey Clark and his K9 partner Edge, continue to hone their Explosion Detection Skills.

Beginning on Monday April 24th 2023 the K9 team attended a week long training hosted by the Department of Homeland Security at the New York State Preparedness Training Center in Oriskany, NY. The training event

known as "Canine Week" brought together over 50 Explosive Detection Canine Teams and 33 instructors/trainers from across NYS. Also in attendance were teams from other States, two teams from Canada, and one from the Country of Belgium.

This was the third annual Canine Week held at the state of the art one of a kind facility.

Canine Week gives every handler and his partner real world experiences throughout the entire week by utilizing reality based training scenarios consisting of 9 skill lanes; special event security, discharged firearms searches, initial EDC response to managing critical incidents, EDC Team coordination with accelerant detection assets, helicopter socialization flights, bomb technician/EDC team integration, effective search strategies, medical support operations for K9's and odor recognition testing.

This was an amazing opportunity for Corporal Clark and his partner to test their skills in real world situations, helping their development into a more effective K9 team better prepared to serve the citizens of Delaware County and their fellow Law Enforcement professionals.

Homeland Security covers all cost associated with this week-long training including lodging.

Through residential courses, third party facility usage, and mobile training programs, the State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC) provides contemporary, cutting-edge training to thousands of first responders each year.





April 26, 2023, Cpl. Jeffrey Clark and K-9 Edge attended training at the MTA PD Canine Training Center in Stormville, NY receiving their Region 7 Explosive Detection Certification.

Sheriff DuMond nominated as the New York State Sheriff's Association representative

May 7th, 2023 Delhi, NY – Sheriff Craig S. DuMond nominated as the New York State Sheriff's Association representative on the Runaway Intervention Program Stakeholder Working Group being formed by the New York State Missing Persons Clearinghouse at DCJS, Office of Public Safety. Sheriff Craig

DuMond currently serves as 1st Vice President of the New York State Sheriff's Association. DuMond additionally serves on the Executive, Legislative, Corrections, and Standards, Goals and Ethics Committees respectively, Peter Kehoe, Executive Director of the Sheriff's Association, remarked "we are thankful for the opportunity to designate a representative from the New York State Sheriffs' Association to serve on the Runaway Intervention Program Stakeholder Working Group. Our president, Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, has designated Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond as our representative on this important working group. Speaking on the nomination, Sheriff Craig DuMond remarked "I am honored and humbled to be nominated to serve in any capacity to represent the victims of crime, especially our most vulnerable children. Our children are our most precious resource and vital to our successful future as a society. I am excited about this opportunity to help make a difference".



Photo -L to R:
Host County- Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo, Delaware County Undersheriff Kim Smith, retired Herkimer County Sheriff Christopher Farver.

June 27, 2023

Undersheriff Attends Statewide Training Program Saratoga Springs, NY – Last week, forty-five Undersheriffs from various Sheriff's Offices around the state, including Delaware County Undersheriff Kim Smith, attended the New York State Sheriffs' Association training conference, held in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Undersheriffs from around the State meet once annually and are presented with training in recent law enforcement updates and advances, as well as a forum to discuss current law enforcement issues and share best practices. This year the Association provided presentations on recent law enforcement trends, responding to FOIL

requests, endangered missing children, employee corrective actions, programs to deal with infectious diseases in county jails, school resource officers, and traffic safety. The Undersheriffs also heard from Commissioner Thomas Loughren from the State Commission on Corrections.

In light of the ongoing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference also provided updates on COVID programs specifically tailored for correctional facilities. This ensured that the Undersheriffs were equipped with the latest information and strategies to protect the health and well-being of both staff and inmates in their respective facilities.

An exciting aspect of the conference was the presence of an array of exhibitors showcasing the latest advancements in law enforcement technology. This gave attendees the opportunity to explore cutting-edge tools and solutions that can aid them in their law enforcement duties and enhance public safety in their communities.

The New York State Sheriff Association has consistently demonstrated its commitment to enhancing training for sheriff offices across the state. By organizing events like the Undersheriffs' Training Conference, they provide a platform for knowledge sharing, professional development, and networking among law enforcement professionals. Through these efforts, the association continues to contribute to the advancement of law enforcement practices and the overall safety and security of New York State.

July 22, 2023

This past week a number of Delaware County employees from differing departments participated in a 32 hour drone training program presented by Steel City Drones of Pittsburgh, PA.

The training program encompassed a combination of classroom and practical applications of the newly acquired DJI M-300 Drones recently purchased by Delaware County.

The classroom training consisted of instructing the pilots and aspiring pilots on the software used to operate the drone including its mounted camera and other payloads. In addition, after becoming proficient in the operation of the drones, the students practiced a multitude of stages of search and rescue missions as a team.





September 28, 2023
Delaware County Correction
Administrators Complete Statewide
Training Program
Albany, NY – Last week one hundred
and thirty-eight Correction
Administrators from nearly every county
in New York attended the Annual New
York State Sheriffs' Association Jail
Administrators' Training Conference
held in Saratoga Springs, NY. Amongst
those in attendance were Delaware
County Sheriff's Office Major John

DeMeo and Lieutenant Alan Weaver.

The Sheriffs' operate county jails and have the responsibility to safely keep and maintain thousands of incarcerated individuals across NYS, who are committed to jail by our courts. The conference offered speakers on leadership development, medical issues in county jails, recent legal issues, re-entry into the community, recent legislation and many more topics. Administrators were also able to talk with 37 company representatives which exhibited their latest equipment, services and software for county jails. The annual conference always provides participants with a forum to discuss current issues in corrections and to share best practices. The Sheriffs' Association is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 1934 to advance criminal justice education and to enhance and protect the Office of Sheriff in New York State.

Photo: L TO R: Saratoga County Sheriff Mike Zurlo, Chautauqua County Sheriff James Quattrone, Delaware County Sheriff's Office Major John DeMeo and Lieutenant Alan Weaver and retired Herkimer County Sheriff Christopher Farber



July 25, 2023
Sheriff DuMond had a wonderful time visiting the
New York State Sheriffs' Institute & Summer Camp
last week. Delaware County is proud to send kids each
year





On November 6th, 2023

Sgt. Tyler McAteer participated in a community panel event at The Open Eye Theater in Margaretville, NY which focused on gun violence and mental health.

The evening consisted of two components, a reading of six ten-minute plays, written by teenagers, about their response to gun violence in the United States and a panel which focused discussion on the themes of the plays, and promoted a Q&A with the audience.

Thank you to the organizers of this event for the invitation to participate in the discussion of these two important topics.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

January

Delaware County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post # 108

Delaware County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #108 met at the Public Safety Building for their monthly meeting led by Deputy Collin Roche. Deputy Roche is a long time Eagle scout which led him to be a great choice to run this program. Post Advisor Deputy Sheriff Collin Roche spoke with the Explorer's about fingerprints. The meeting included each Explorer being fingerprinted, learning about the differences in loops and whorls, as well as viewing the agency's Biometrics Fingerprinting System.

There are still openings available if anyone between the ages of 14-18 would like to join Explorer Post #108. The annual fee's are \$45 and the application is accessible at the following link below and QR code (contained in the photos):

<https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/...>

or you may contact Deputy Collin Roche directly at:
Phone: (607) 237-1641

Email: collin.roche@co.delaware.ny.us



SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOSTS TOUR

Members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office hosted the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES Security and Law Enforcement Senior Class and their Instructor Sharon Reichert-Morgan at the Delaware County Public Safety Building. Sheriff Craig DuMond provided the fascinating history of the origin and

evolution of the Sheriff's Office and upon conclusion, the group was given a multi-divisional tour of the facility inclusive of all divisions, but of special interest the Delaware County 911 Center and the Delaware County Correctional Facility. Various members of the Office to include Undersheriff Kim Smith, Assistant to the Sheriff Jessica Miller, Civil Clerks Ashley Allen and Tammy Wagner, Major John Demeo, Road Patrol Sgt. Eric Alexander, CID Sr. Inv Christopher Erwin, Jail Lt Alan Weaver and 1st Sgt. Ivan Brakaric as well as Dispatcher Brennon Tompkins of the 911 Center/Emergency Services Division all participated at varying times in the tour providing insight as to what responsibilities each division is accountable for. The visit culminated with members of the Sheriff's Office purchasing pizza for the group for lunch. We had a great time and look forward to hosting additional groups of aspiring Law Enforcement professionals.



February

Members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office gathered in the Main Lobby of the Public Safety Building to present Mr. Charles W. Piper, Director of the Delaware County Veterans Service Agency with a handsome donation totaling \$1,690, which was collected from participating employees of both the Corrections Division and the Road Patrol/Criminal Investigation Division of the Sheriff's Office.

Both Sheriff DuMond and Director Piper exchanged thank you's and expressed heartfelt gratitude toward each other's agencies. Additionally, Sheriff DuMond expressed his sincere thanks to all agency participants for donating a portion of their proceeds raised from "No Shave November/Double Down December" toward helping to fund the needs of Delaware County Veterans, as well as to Director Piper for providing such vital and necessary services to our valued Veterans.

April

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office was the recipient of a random act of kindness. Six-year-old Khloie Wong and her mother Samantha Wong of Walton brought a huge platter of assorted and delicious girl scout cookies to the Sheriff's Office and presented them to Undersheriff Kim Smith and Civil Division Cpl. Daniel McGowan. We send a HUGE THANK YOU to Khloie and Samantha for their kindness and thoughtfulness!!





The Delaware County Sheriff's Office hosted a visit from DCMO BOCES as arranged by BOCES School Counselor Emily Whipple. Ms. Whipple and a group of her students presented Sheriff DuMond and the members of the Sheriff's Office with a variety of delicious baked goods and many beautifully handmade notes and cards expressing their thanks and appreciation for our services. Their visit was a part of their February-Random Acts of Kindness Month Initiative in which they established a list of people and entities that they were grateful for.

We are in turn forever grateful for their kindness and support. Thanks so much Ms. Whipple and students!!!



The Walton Fire Department held its annual Recruitment Open House featuring the Walton Fire and EMS Explorer Post 30 and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 108. The two Explorer groups participated together in a mock motor vehicle accident with victim extrication in part to familiarize each Explorer group with the varied responsibilities each agency (Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement) may encounter upon arrival at an MVA scene as well as to show the public what all is involved in a response. Additionally, during the course of the day, various games, raffles and other events were conducted.

The event was concluded with a movie night, which was open to the public with all proceeds going to the Explorer posts. We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all contributors and organizers of the event, the members of the Walton Fire Dept/EMS Squads, the Advisors of the Walton Fire/EMS Explorer Post and last, but not least, our own Explorer Post 108 Advisors Deputy Sheriff Collin Roche, Deputy Sheriff Samantha Acuna and Corrections Officer Brendon Pennington.



May

It was an honor and a privilege to be asked to present a verse of scripture and deliver a prayer for Delaware County Law Enforcement at New Hope Church in Walton in recognition of the National Day of Prayer. I was joined by many inspiring speakers who were so uplifting! A special shout out to the Walton Central School Senior Class Officers who all attended the service...certainly gave us all hope that our future is in good hands! Please take time to join us in the National Day of Prayer!



Deputy Sheriff Timothy Tryon visited the Arkville Head Start to conduct a bike safety presentation. Deputy Tryon surprised the children by giving them all bike helmets, Junior Deputy sticker badges, Junior Deputy glow in the dark bracelets and bike safety booklets that double as coloring/activity books. To add to the excitement, the children were all given an opportunity to get into the patrol vehicle and observe its various functions.



Deputy Sheriff Collin Roche conducted two bike safety presentations at the Kiddie Corner Preschool in Stamford. Deputy Roche went over bike safety tips with the children, stressing how very important it is for them to always wear their helmets whenever they are riding their bicycles. In addition, Deputy Roche presented all of the children with bike

helmets, bike safety coloring/activity booklets, junior deputy sticker badges and a glow in the dark bracelet.





May 12, 2023 Deposit Central had over 400 people in attendance. Families engaged with community partners. Thank you to Deposit Central School for the invitation to attend this fantastic community event!! Cpl. Karcher and K-9 Eli had a great time!!



June

K-9 Edge and Cpl. Jeffrey Clark visited DCMO BOCES and the Special Education class of Ms. Erica Librizzi. From the looks of it, it appears that K-9 Edge enjoyed the scratches and love that Ms. Librizzi and her students Gonzalo Ruiz and Austin Young were providing him.



Cpl. Kyle Karcher and his K9 partner Eli participated in a school lockdown drill at Hancock Central School with members of the Hancock Police Department and Hancock CSD staff. Thank you all for helping to keep our schools safe.



Thank you very much Deposit Head Start for the invitation to attend your "Day of the Young Child" Event. Deputy Timothy Tryon had a great time attending and meeting the children and talking to them about bicycle safety. We prioritize our commitment in helping to keep the children of our communities safe.





Undersheriff Smith and Deputy Acuna (assisted by Explorer Post member Sebastian Thompson on Saturday) had a busy weekend attending the Meredith Dairy Fest on both Saturday and Sunday. They handed out agency promotional items to attendees, conducted Safe Child ID's, answered law enforcement related questions and visited with numerous members of the public. We thank everyone who stopped by to say hello, as well as to those who stopped to offer their

support and gratitude for our agency's services. We are indeed fortunate to have such wonderful relationships with the people of Delaware County.



Community Interactions as sweet as this...make our hearts swell with pride!! While patrolling around the county, Deputies Timothy Tryon and Zachary Finch stopped by the Village of Fleischmanns playground to have dinner in the park and while there, encountered sweet little Audrey who was playing at the park with her family.



We're pretty sure that meeting little Audrey made their day as Deputy Tryon presented Audrey with a stuffed bear as well as a Jr. Deputy sticker. Continuing to build positive relationships with the members of our communities (no matter the age) is very important to us.



Deputy Collin Roche was invited to the Delhi Head Start Program to talk to the students about bike safety. Following a brief presentation on bicycle safety, each student was given a bike safety booklet and a helmet to take home.





July

Cpl. Jeffrey Clark and Officer Robert Mantzouratos were on scene providing security to the multitude of volunteers, medical providers and US Soldiers working at the IRT event being held at the Walton Central High School. Truth be told, we couldn't be more grateful for all personnel on scene providing a diverse range of medical services to local residents.

On Saturday, July 1st we worked with several other Law Enforcement and 1st Responder agencies at the Southern Tier Music Fest held at the Sidney Municipal Airport to ensure the safety of the music artists and attendees. Although the weather was hot and humid, the rain held off allowing the concertgoers to enjoy the incredible music throughout the day and a terrific fireworks finale at night!! Great job everyone and thank you to the event organizers!



Deputy Sheriff Timothy Tryon stopped in at Delaware Opportunities and while there, met this future police officer. Deputy Tryon learned that this young man and his mom just moved to the United States from Germany and she tells us that he just LOVES police officers.



August



Thank you, Walton CSD, for inviting Cpl. Clark and K9 Edge to visit your school and the students! We're certain these visits are mutually enjoyable.



Thank you to Delhi Telephone Company for the invitation to participate in their recent open house held on Wednesday, August 2nd. As always, we had a great time visiting with everyone who stopped to say hello!!



August 7th, 2023, marks 178 years since former Delaware County Undersheriff Osman Steele was murdered while on Dingle Hill Road in the Town of Andes during a Sheriff's sale to sell the Moses Earle farm that had been levied upon after Earle was unable to pay his rent. A very special thank you to Kathi Mazursky Bailey for the beautiful wreath she made and annually places on the grave of Undersheriff Steele.



Sheriff Craig DuMond attended the dedication of the new 40' flagpole at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Speaking on the event, Sheriff DuMond advised "having such a beautiful flagpole in which "Old Glory" is proudly displayed elicits such a sense of unwavering patriotism. As a US Army Veteran, a resident of the United States and the Sheriff of Delaware County, I send my sincere thanks to The Delaware County Fair Board for the invitation to attend and witness firsthand, the vision and tireless efforts of the Futures Finest 4-H Club as well as the other people and organizations involved in making this a reality."



Sheriff DuMond and Undersheriff Smith attended the Delaware County Office for The Aging (OFA) Senior Fun Day held at 4-H Camp Shankitunk in Delhi. Kudos to OFA Director Wayne Shepard, his staff and affiliated agencies for putting together such a wonderful event for the Delaware County Senior Citizens. You all are amazing!!





We were blessed with this delicious lunch provided by the Delhi Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and the Director of Admissions and Marketing Mrs. Jennifer Alexander. On behalf of our agency members, we thank you for your kindness. We are indeed grateful for your thoughtful support.

Since the February 16, 2023, positive identification of U.S. Marine, Lance Corporal Sean Willey and notification to his family in upstate New York, the Clay County Sheriff's Office has been working to reunite Sean with his family. Veterans Administration Officials were initially consulted for assistance but were unable to provide any help with transportation or funeral expenses. The Clay County Sheriff's Office began exploring alternative arrangements in anticipation of getting Sean home as quickly as possible. The American Legion Post 532, Marine Corps League Detachment 783 and the Clay County Sheriff's Office have teamed up to not only get LCpl Sean Willey home to his family but will be honoring his service to the country with an honor guard and flag folding ceremony.



On July 28, 2023, at 9:00 AM, Sean will be escorted home by a motorcade made up of riders from the American Legion, Marine Corps League, Combat Veterans Association and Patriot Guard riders. Leaving from Hayesville, NC enroute to Ilion, NY with planned stops being made in each state for motorcade participants and veteran organizations to pay their respects. Law enforcement escorts have been arranged through each jurisdiction from state line to state line. They will receive LCpl Willey from the escorted motorcade and render the proper military honors to include the presentation of a folded flag to the family. The Marine Corps League Detachment # 227 and other veteran organizations in Sean's hometown have been involved in the planning of this reception and are equally anxious to have him back home. Family and friends will be present to finally welcome Sean home for a long-awaited reunion. A custom crematory vault bearing the Marine Corps Seal was crafted and donated by a member of the Marine Corps League Detachment 783 in Blairsville, GA. Additionally, a regulation footlocker was crafted for Sean's personal property to be transported home in and serve as a legacy for Sean's son one day. Contained in the property items is the dog tag worn by Sean which was located by one of the Cadaver K9s, Sean kept it laced in his boot as customary in the military for this very reason. Semper Fi Teufel Hunden!

We were beyond humbled and honored to participate in the motorcade detail through Delaware County to help bring US Marine Corp L/C Sean Willey home to his family and friends in Ilion, NY.

September

We received a visit from the Marine Corps League, Commandant Dean Lawton Sr. who awarded our agency a beautiful Certificate of Appreciation for our support in assisting their organization on July



29th, 2023, with a motorcade escort through Delaware County to help bring deceased US Marine Corp L/C Sean Willey home to his family and friends in Ilion, NY.

We are humbled and honored to have assisted in this detail and we remain committed to assisting our veterans in life and in death.

This past week, in honor of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Delaware County Sheriff's Office Corporal Jeff Clark biked roughly 250 miles through the Hudson Valley for the "Tour de Force 9/11 Memorial Bike Ride." The Tour de Force's dual mission is to honor the victims of 9/11 by keeping their memory alive through cycling events and to raise funds to benefit the families of law enforcement officers nationwide who were killed in the line of duty. This year's ride was one of the toughest rides to date. Riders had to contend with steep hills and inclement weather conditions.

Great job to all riders.



Cpl. Kyle Karcher, K-9 Eli and Deputy Timothy Tryon attended SUNY Delhi's "Meet Your 1st Responders" event, where SUNY students, staff and members of the community were afforded the opportunity to meet and interact with local 1st Responders to include Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement agencies.



Deputy Timothy Tryon happened upon Miss Talia Specht celebrating her 8th birthday at the Delhi Pizza Company.

Celebrating Sheriff's Week in Delaware County!

On September 21, 2023 the Delaware County Sheriffs' Office hosted a successful Open House yesterday, and what a fantastic event it was! Approximately 100 enthusiastic community members came together to commemorate Sheriff's Week and connect with their local law enforcement. The open house was filled with informative sessions, engaging activities, and a chance for the public to connect with their local law enforcement officers. Families and individuals of all ages gathered to learn more about the vital role our dedicated sheriffs play in ensuring the safety and security of our community.

Visitors had the opportunity to explore the inner workings of the Sheriffs' Office, including corrections, and the latest equipment and vehicles on display. There were K9 and drone demos and much more. It was an excellent occasion for

everyone to ask questions, share concerns, and build stronger bonds with the law enforcement professionals who serve our County.

As Sheriff's Week draws to a close, let's take a moment to appreciate the incredible efforts of our local law enforcement. Their commitment to ensuring our safety deserves our recognition and support. The successful Sheriff's Open House in Delaware County is a testament to the strong partnership between the community and its dedicated officers.



October

Cpl. Clark at the Trout Creek Trunk or Treat Event.



We had a great afternoon on the Square today visiting with all the people who stopped by to say hello and especially, we enjoyed handing out treats to all the children.

Many thanks to our agency volunteers for persevering in the chilly weather to help us continue to build/bolster relationships with our residents and communities.

- Civil Clark Ashley Allen
- Civil Clerk Angela Moore
- Pistol Clerk Tammy Wagner
- Deputy Justin Mohr & K9 Dexter
- Deputy Collin Roche
- Assistant to the Sheriff Jessica Miller
- Undersheriff Kim Smith

Also, we send a HUGE thank you to event organizer Laura Gioffe.





We had so much fun attending and interacting with the public at various Trunk or Treat events last weekend as well as Halloween Trick or Treating last night, conventional style!! Thank you to everyone for including us in your events.

Deputy Tryon at SKCS



Deputy Tromblee excitedly handed out Trick or Treat bags to the children in Bloomville.

Sgt. Alexander is all smiles posing with "mini-Sgt. Alexander" on Halloween



Deputy Roche is all smiles in Stamford with this little trick or treater.

It's all smiles from this group of Trick or Treaters and Deputy Tryon in Margaretville last night. Deputy Tryon gave a "car tour" to this group of Trick or Treaters in Margaretville.





November

We send our sincere thanks to Joseph and Cheryl Greenfield of Delhi, NY for their very kind and generous donation of this huge bag full of Beanie Babies.

The Beanie Babies will be distributed to our Deputy Sheriff's/Road Patrol members for use on occasions when they interact with children at emergency scenes or to comfort and distract children from other potentially traumatic situations.

Teddy bears have been shown to have a calming effect and give children something tangible to hold during times of crisis. In addition, they also help forge a bond between the law enforcement officer and the child and minimize the psychological impact of a

traumatic situation by diverting the child's attention from the stress of the trauma to the comfort of the teddy bear. Without a doubt, we are beyond blessed to have the support of such wonderful people as the Greenfield's.



Many thanks to the talented young Sidney CSD artist who painted this image of K9 Edge and presented it to Cpl. Jeffrey Clark for Christmas!! Sheriff DuMond remarked "this is awesome, and a true testament to the relationships that Cpl. Clark has built with the kids at the school." Corporal Clark has forged meaningful relationships with students and staff, proving to be an invaluable asset to BOCES and Sidney Central Schools. Together with K9 Deputy Edge, they create a sense of belonging and enhance safety within our educational community.

The School Resource Officer Program, initiated by Sheriff DuMond several years ago, has been a resounding success. Sheriff DuMond emphasizes the program's importance, stating that it not only bolsters security but also nurtures vital relationships between deputies and students. Incorporating a non-traditional K9 Deputy like Edge has further enriched these connections.

Corporal Clark and K9 Edge have won the hearts of staff and students alike, with their personalities and calming presence. Their service has been instrumental in averting and deescalating situations, making the Delaware County Sheriff's Office SRO Program an invaluable asset in today's world.



2023 TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE

The Christmas season is truly the most wonderful time of the year....

Annually since 2020, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office has proudly participated in the Toys for Tots Toy Drive as a drop off location for new and unwrapped children's toys of all kinds.

This year was no different and quite frankly, we're bursting with pride over the quantity of toys that were donated.

We gratefully thank the following people and

entities for their generous donations:

- The Delaware County Sheriff's Office- all Divisions
- Margaretville Memorial Hospital
- All members of the public who dropped off toys at the Public Safety Building

Sheriff DuMond remarked, "I'm so proud of our members and our community. Their generosity defines the spirit of the Christmas season and furthers to uplift our less fortunate families and take care of our most valuable assets, the children of Delaware County!"

Merry Christmas to all!!

PHOTO :

Bethany Brinkerhoff -RN, Asst. to the Sheriff Jessica Miller, Rosemary Balcom-RN, Undersheriff Kim Smith, CO Ethan Schmid, Lt. Alan Weaver, Sgt. Mario Blincoe, Sgt. Donald Simonds, CO Steven Vulaj, CO David Doig, CO William Almon, Cpl. Daniel McGowan, 1st Sgt. Ivan Brkaric, Pistol Clerk Tammy Wagner, Civil Clerk Angela Moore, Civil Clerk Ashley Allen, Major John Demeo, Sheriff Craig DuMond

Sgt. Tyler McAteer and Deputy Logan Flavell attended the Menorah Lighting Ceremony in Margaretville on Thursday.





Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond conducted a tour of the Public Safety building (in Delhi) for two new Town Supervisors: Maya Boukai, Supervisor-elect for the Town of Delhi, and Glenn Faulkner, Supervisor-elect for the Town of Middletown.

The tour encompassed a visit to the Civil and Deputies offices, showcasing the administrative and law enforcement aspects of the office. They also got a close look at the 911 Emergency Services dispatch

center, a critical hub for managing emergency responses throughout the county. Additionally, the tour included a walk-through of the Correctional Facility, providing insights into the county's approach to detention and corrections.

Sheriff DuMond expressed enthusiasm about the tour, noting, "I am always happy to give tours of our facility. Firstly, many folks have never interacted with all of our services and don't understand the level of involvement Public Safety requires. Secondly, I'm thrilled to show off my staff that are highly trained, dedicated, and courteous. It's a win/win for us and for the new Town Supervisors who are just learning about the complicated workings of our County."

This tour not only served as an educational experience for the new Supervisors but also highlighted the Sheriff's pride in his team and their commitment to serving the community with professionalism and dedication.

Assisting the Sheriff in conducting the tour was Undersheriff Kim Smith, 911 Coordinator Mark Rossley, Ivan Brkaric, 1st Sergeant in charge of Daily Operations and Sgt Heath Goff, Supervisor of Training and Accreditation.

Many thanks to Delhi Fire Department for including Deputy Brenden Cairns in the "Delhi FD Santa Run", which took place last night in the Village of Delhi. This was a really nice event and even the Grinch appeared to have a good time.

We are extremely thankful for our friendships and affiliations with all of the wonderful fire departments in Delaware County.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!!



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 have been covered by our full-time officers.

*1st Lt. Stephen H. Doane Dedication Ceremony
Heroes Parade at the Delaware County Fair*



DELAWARE COUNTY FAIR







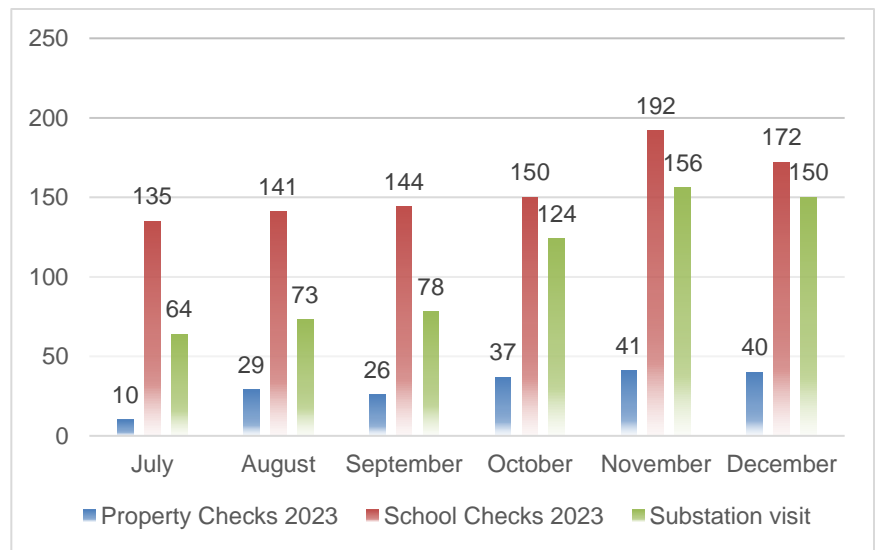
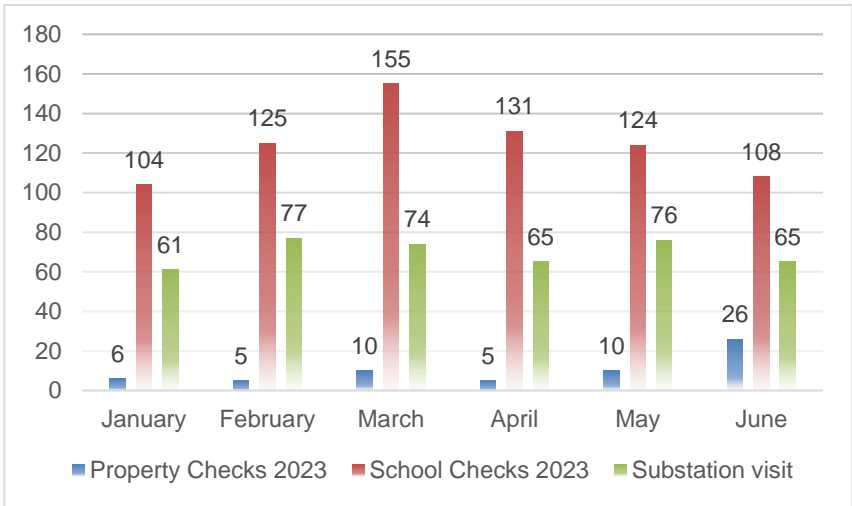
A quick shoutout to the Delaware County Fair Board for all of their devoted time and effort in producing yet another wonderful FAMILY Fair. We're incredibly grateful for everyone who selflessly volunteered and made this Fair a memorable one!!

PROPERTY CHECKS

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.



Civil Officer Robert Mantzouratos and Deputy Collin Roche stopped for a moment outside of Downsville Central School Tuesday night.



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.



And...they're off to an exciting week at the New York State Sheriffs' Institute & Summer Camp in Penn Yan, NY. This morning Sheriff Craig DuMond, Undersheriff Kim Smith, Assistant to the Sheriff Jessica Miller and Deputy Sheriff Ladd Dawson, all met up in Bainbridge to see the 20 Delaware County summer camp attendees off to an awesome week of camp activities.

Many thanks to Jessica Miller who organizes the entirety of the Delaware County attendees, Ladd Dawson who faithfully attends the annual camp on behalf of our office, the school and community outreach workers who assist Ms. Miller in the process, and to Trinity Services Group, Inc. for supplying the delicious lunches and snack bags for the children.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



January 19, 2023

Delaware County Sheriff Craig S. DuMond was elected 1st Vice President of the New York State Sheriff's Association during the Sheriffs Winter Conference held in Albany. As 1st Vice President, Sheriff DuMond will assist Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, President of the Association, as well as the executive staff, with leading the association in 2023.

In addition to serving as 1st Vice President, Sheriff DuMond also serves on several committees to include the Executive, Legislative, Jail, and Standards, Goals and Ethics Committees respectfully.

Sheriff DuMond is also actively involved in the National Sheriffs Association, recently attending the National Conference in Washington DC, where he serves on the Government Affairs, Drug Enforcement, School Safety and Security and Animal Abuse and Cruelty Committees.

Speaking on his election to 1st Vice President, Sheriff DuMond remarked, "I'm so humbled



and honored to have the confidence of my fellow Sheriff's from across New York State. I promise to work hard to earn their support as well as honor the historic Office of Sheriff, the New York State Sheriff' Association, and the people of Delaware County.

February 4, 2023

Congratulations to Sheriff Craig DuMond, who was recently assigned to the National Sheriff's Association Animal Cruelty and Abuse Committee. As you may know from past posts and comments, Sheriff DuMond has been at the forefront of the battle to combat Animal Abuse and neglect in Delaware County. He now is in a position to promote the same agenda nationwide.

March 20, 2023

Delaware County Sheriff Craig DuMond is proud to announce this year's Sheriff Office Service Awards. The awards ceremony was held this afternoon at the Public Safety Building on Phoebe Lane in Delhi.

In attendance were most of the award recipients and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Tina Molé as well as Andes Supervisor Bud Gladstone, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. The Sheriff is humbled by the professionalism and the dedication of this year's winners and all his staff. Congratulations to all recipients.

DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

Deputy Samantha Acuna

CORRECTIONS OFFICER OF THE YEAR

CO Steven Vulaj

CIVILIAN AWARD OF THE YEAR

Ira Fyfe

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARDS:

Deputy Victor Altheim

Deputy Lucas Elmore

Sergeant Heath Goff

Civil Officer Robert Mantzouratos

CO David McClung

Deputy Sheriff Timothy Tryon

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARDS BURG CASE

ONLY:

Sgt. Eric Alexander

Major John DeMeo

Retired LT. Joseph Mauro

US Kim Smith

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

All for taking IDC Course:

Sr. Inv. Chris Erwin

Sgt. Michael Ferraro

CPL. Kyle Karcher

CO Paul Moore

SUPERSTAR AWARD:

CO Dalton Carver

CO Lillian Fernandez

MILESTONE AWARDS:

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

CO Thad Barnes

SGT. Cory Bene

CO David McClung

CPL. Daniel McGowan

CO Paul Moore



LT. Alan Weaver
10 YEARS OF SERVICE
CPL. Jeffrey Clark
Major John DeMeo
Sheriff Craig DuMond
CO Keenan Kelly
CO David Mondore
SGT. Eric Alexander
5 YEARS OF SERVICE
CO David Doig
Head Nurse Ira Fyfe
CO Steven Vulaj
Civil Clerk Ashley Allen
Personnel Clerk Rebecca Townsend
Deputy Cody Tromblee
CO Lynndon Huyck
PERFECT ATTENDANCE
Deputy Samantha Acuna
Sgt. Eric Alexander
CO Thad Barnes
Deputy Brenden Cairns
CO Dalton Carver
Deputy Jeffrey Clark
Deputy Logan Flavell
CO Lynndon Huyck
CO Karolina Karwowski CO David McClung
Corporal Daniel McGowan
Deputy Collin Roche
CPL. Tyler Rubera
Deputy Timothy Tryon
CO Tabor VanValkenburg

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

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 use our submit a tip line on the Delaware County Sheriff's Office app, 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.

PRESS RELEASE

November 6th, 2023

Sidney, NY- Today, Sheriff Craig DuMond announced that on the afternoon of Wednesday November 1st, 2023, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division completed a month long, narcotics investigation by executing a high-risk search warrant at Division Street, in the Village of Sidney NY. Upon execution of the search warrant, two subjects were located within the residence who were detained and identified as Misty L. Cintron, and Brandon J. Hendricks.

A search of the residence conducted by Sheriff's Investigators, Deputies, and the Sidney Police Department, found Cintron and Hendricks in possession of \$1,018 in US Currency, suspected proceeds from drug sales, and 254 wax envelopes containing Fentanyl.

Investigators subsequently arrested 43-year-old Misty L. Cintron, and 50-year-old Brandon J. Hendricks, both of the Village of Sidney and charged each of them with one class B felony offense of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree. Cintron was also charged with Tampering with Physical Evidence, a class E felony, and Hendricks was also charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, a class A misdemeanor. Both Cintron and Hendricks were held at the Delaware County Jail pending the Centralized Arraignment Process (CAP). Following arraignment on November 2nd, Cintron was released to reappear at a later date in accordance with NYS Bail Reform Legislation. Hendricks continues to be held due to the weapons possession charge in conjunction with a prior felony conviction.

Speaking on the warrant execution and arrests, Sheriff DuMond stated that there will be several other felony level drug charges stemming from this search warrant to include Crystal Methamphetamine, Cocaine, MDMA, and assorted illegal prescription pills along with several digital scales and packaging materials.

