

ALBANY COUNTY

SHERIFF'S
OFFICE



2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Office of the Sheriff

Albany County Courthouse
 16 Eagle Street
 Albany, NY 12207
 (518) 487-5400

Albany County Correctional Facility

840 Albany Shaker Road
 Albany, NY 12012
 (518) 869-2600

Albany International Airport

737 Albany Shaker Road
 Albany, NY 12211
 (518) 242-4400

Albany County Sheriff's Civil Division

Albany County Courthouse
 16 Eagle Street
 Albany, NY 12207
 (518) 487-5400

Clarksville Public Safety Building

P.O. Box A
 58 Verda Ave
 Clarksville, NY 12041
 (518) 655-7811

- Patrol Division
- Criminal Investigations Division
- Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency Management Office
- County Fire Coordinator's Office

Communications E-911 Center

449 New Salem Road
 Voorheesville, NY 12186
 (518) 765-2351

Court Security and Transportation

Albany County Judicial Center
 6 Lodge Street
 Albany, NY 12207
 (518) 694-8405

Albany County STOP-DWI Unit

Albany County Courthouse
 16 Eagle Street
 Albany, NY 12207
 (518) 720-8100

About the Albany County Sheriff's Office

Albany County was incorporated in 1683. Situated on the west bank of the Hudson River, the county is located approximately 135 miles directly north of New York City and has an area of approximately 540 square miles.

The county has a population of 297,414 as reported in the United States Census Bureau's most recent report. The county contains three cities, ten towns and six villages.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office was established in the 1660's and is one of the oldest sheriff's agencies in the United States. Since its inception, the agency has consistently grown to its current strength of over 750 employees. The Albany County Sheriff's Office is a "full-service" Law Enforcement Agency providing law enforcement services to residents and visitors of Albany County. These services include;

- Uniform Patrol
- Criminal Investigation & Forensic Services
- Drug Interdiction
- Fire Investigation
- Scuba / Marine Patrol
- Traffic Safety / Advanced Accident Investigation
- Snowmobile / ATV Patrol
- Emergency Response Team (SWAT)
- Hostage / Crisis Negotiation
- Search and Rescue
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Medical Services
- STOP DWI Program
- Civil Enforcement
- Court Security and Inmate Transportation
- County Fire Coordinators
- Domestic Violence and Special Victims Unit
- 24 hour, seven day a week law enforcement services at the Albany International Airport.

The Albany County Sheriff's Correctional Facility is one of the largest county correctional facilities in the State of New York. The facility has a maximum of 1,029 beds, providing custody for local, state and federal prisoners. The current staff of 420 sworn officers and civilians maintains the day-to-day operations of the facility. During the past year, over 7,000 prisoners were admitted to the facility. The average daily population has exceeded 800 inmates over the past year.



LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



Craig D. Apple Sr.
Sheriff



William C. Cox
Under Sheriff

Headquarters

The Headquarters of the Albany County Sheriff's Office is located in the Albany County Courthouse in Albany, New York. Offices located at Headquarters include those of the Sheriff, the Undersheriff and the Chief Deputies of Field Command, Administrative Services and the Office of Professional Standards.

Units currently assigned to Headquarters include: the Office of Professional Development, the Office of Professional Standards, the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Unit, Civil Enforcement Unit, the Support / Special Services Unit, the Human Resources Liaison, the Grant Management Unit and the Business Office.

It will continue to be a goal at Headquarters to provide the highest level of security at the Albany County Judicial Center, the Albany County Courthouse and Albany County Family Court and to maintain a safe environment for those who work and visit these facilities.



Through improved supervision and updated training measures, it will be our continued objective to provide for the safety and security for those persons in the care and custody of the Albany County Sheriff's Office during transportation to and from various court appearances. In addition, we will continue to conform to Commission of Corrections standards pertaining to all individuals in custody at various court locations.

All Headquarters personnel will also continue to assist other units throughout the department when the necessity arises. Efforts will be made to continue to work together with all units to ensure that all details, expected or unexpected, are properly covered and all units are properly staffed.

2013 OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for investigating and managing inquiries into all complaints and allegations made against sworn and civilian members of the Sheriff's Office. This unit maintains investigative responsibility for the Law Enforcement Division, the Corrections Division and the Emergency Medical Service Division and is routinely consulted during the development and implementation of policies and procedures for each. In addition to the management of the personnel complaint process, the unit is also tasked with conducting staff and station level inspections throughout the agency. The inspection process serves to maintain professional operations throughout the agency while simultaneously ensuring compliance with the New York State Accreditation Standards and agency general orders. The Professional Standards Unit continually strives to ensure that each investigation is conducted objectively, thoroughly and without bias. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Professional Standards Unit at any time if they wish to express their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with a sworn or



civilian member of this agency. This Unit handled 121 cases for 2013 ranging from Agency vehicle accidents to employee arrests.

Chief Deputy Michael Monteleone, Investigator Charles Higgins and Investigator Shawn Noonan are assigned to the Professional Standards Unit and may be reached at (518) 487-5400.



Chief Deputy Monteleone conducting a Unit Inspection

2013 CIVIL UNIT

The Civil Enforcement Unit is comprised of both sworn and civilian members who are responsible for processing and enforcing court orders in civil actions. Civil actions processed include the service of summonses and complaints, execution of civil warrants, serving subpoenas, executing orders of seizure, property execution, income execution and conducting evictions. In 2013 the Sheriff's Civil Office generated \$812,711.92 in revenue for the County of Albany which was a decrease of \$13,912.58 from 2012.

There were 1,246 evictions in 2013 which is 129 more than in 2012.

The Civil Unit received 1,831 summonses in 2013 which is a decrease of 302 summonses or 14% and served 1,341 summonses in 2013 which is a decrease of 324 summonses.

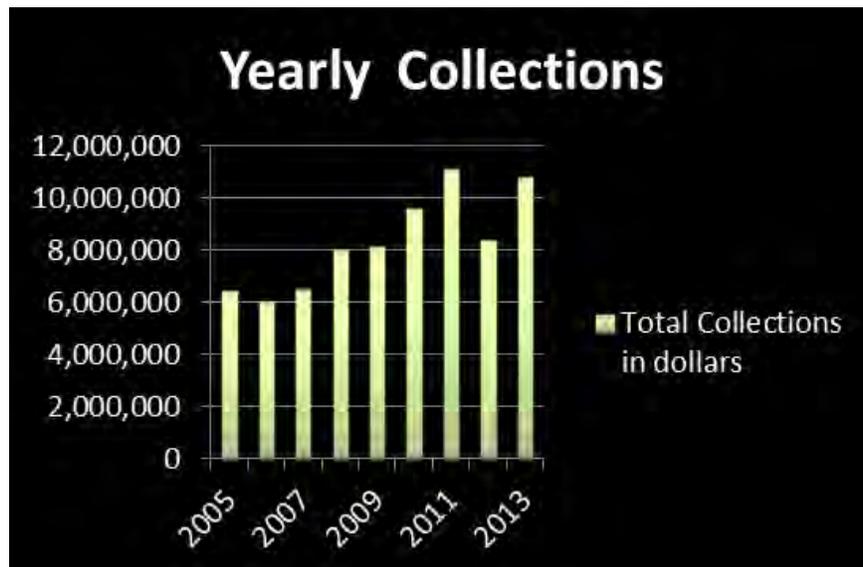
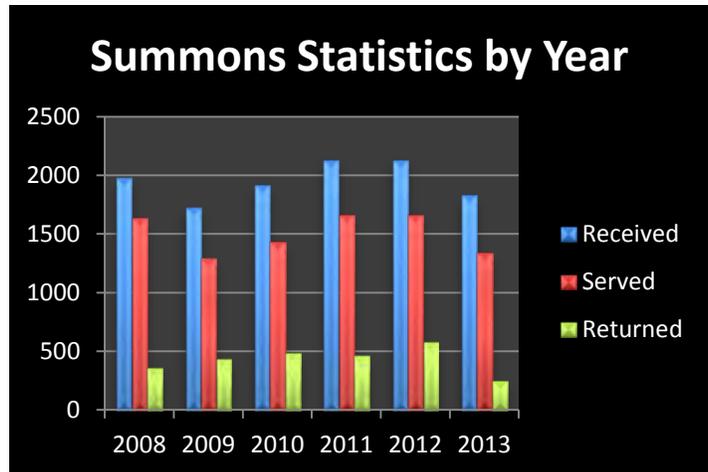
There were 246 summonses returned which is a decrease of 22 summonses.

3,935 income executions were processed by the Civil Unit in 2013 which is a decrease of 272 income executions.

The Civil Unit also executed 595 property executions in 2013 which is a decrease of 250 from 2012.

The Civil Unit's total collections for 2013 were \$10,799,633.69 which is an increase of \$2,418,344.15.

The Revenue collected by the Civil Unit in 2013 was \$812,711.92, a decrease of \$13,912.58.



Goals and Objectives

The Civil Enforcement Unit will strive to maintain the highest level of professionalism in its operations and will continue to effectively enforce civil process throughout the County of Albany. The Civil Unit will also continue to utilize available manpower and resources to efficiently and effectively assist other divisions within the agency with accomplishing their assignments and goals.

Notable Cases-Civil Enforcement Unit

Throughout the year, the Civil Enforcement Unit of the Albany County Sheriff's Office seized numerous assets from debtors owing money relative to civil judgments. As a result of the diligent work performed by the members of the Civil Unit, \$812,711.92 in fees and poundage was collected and forwarded to the Albany County Director of Finance. In addition to wage garnishments and property executions, the Civil Unit also enforced 1,294 warrants of eviction throughout the County of Albany.



2013 Notable Trials

February 25, 2013 – People of the State of NY v. Guy Andersen, Richard Collier, Marquese Johnson, Jamel Pearson, Anthony Taylor, & Michael Williams - Hon. Stephen Herrick

All defendants were facing charges including CSCS 1st, CSCS 2nd, CSCS 3rd, CPCS 1st, CPCS 2nd, CPCS 3rd and Conspiracy 2nd.

The trial started on February 25, 2013 and lasted until May 20, 2013. The case was the result of an 18-month joint investigation by the Attorney General's Organized Crime Task Force, the New York State Police and the Albany Police Department. The three men were charged along with 49 other members of a violent narcotics network that distributed massive quantities of cocaine, heroin and illegal prescription medications, including

Hydrocodone, Oxycodone and Percocet. The investigation was code-named "OGK," due to the affiliation of some of the defendants, including Jamel Pearson, with a home grown Albany-based street gang called the Original Gangsta Killas. The investigation further revealed that Michael Williams was affiliated with the Bloods, another street gang present in the City of Albany. The trial, lasting nearly three months, ended with the conviction of Guy Anderson, Jamel Pearson and Michael Williams on a total of 45 felonies. Jamel Pearson was sentenced to 87 years in state prison. Michael Williams received a sentence of 112 years in state prison while Guy Anderson was sentenced to 165 years in state prison. The other three defendants who went to trial took plea bargains prior to the end of the trial.



Headquarters Cases

There were 3 felony arrests, 46 misdemeanor arrests and 9 arrests on violations in 2013.

A total of 85 warrant arrests were made by members of the Headquarters Station in 2013. Of this number, 73 were on Criminal Warrants, 10 on Family Court Warrants and 2 arrests were made on Civil Warrants.

There were 10 Motor Vehicle Accident Reports taken in 2013, six of which were for departmental vehicle accidents.

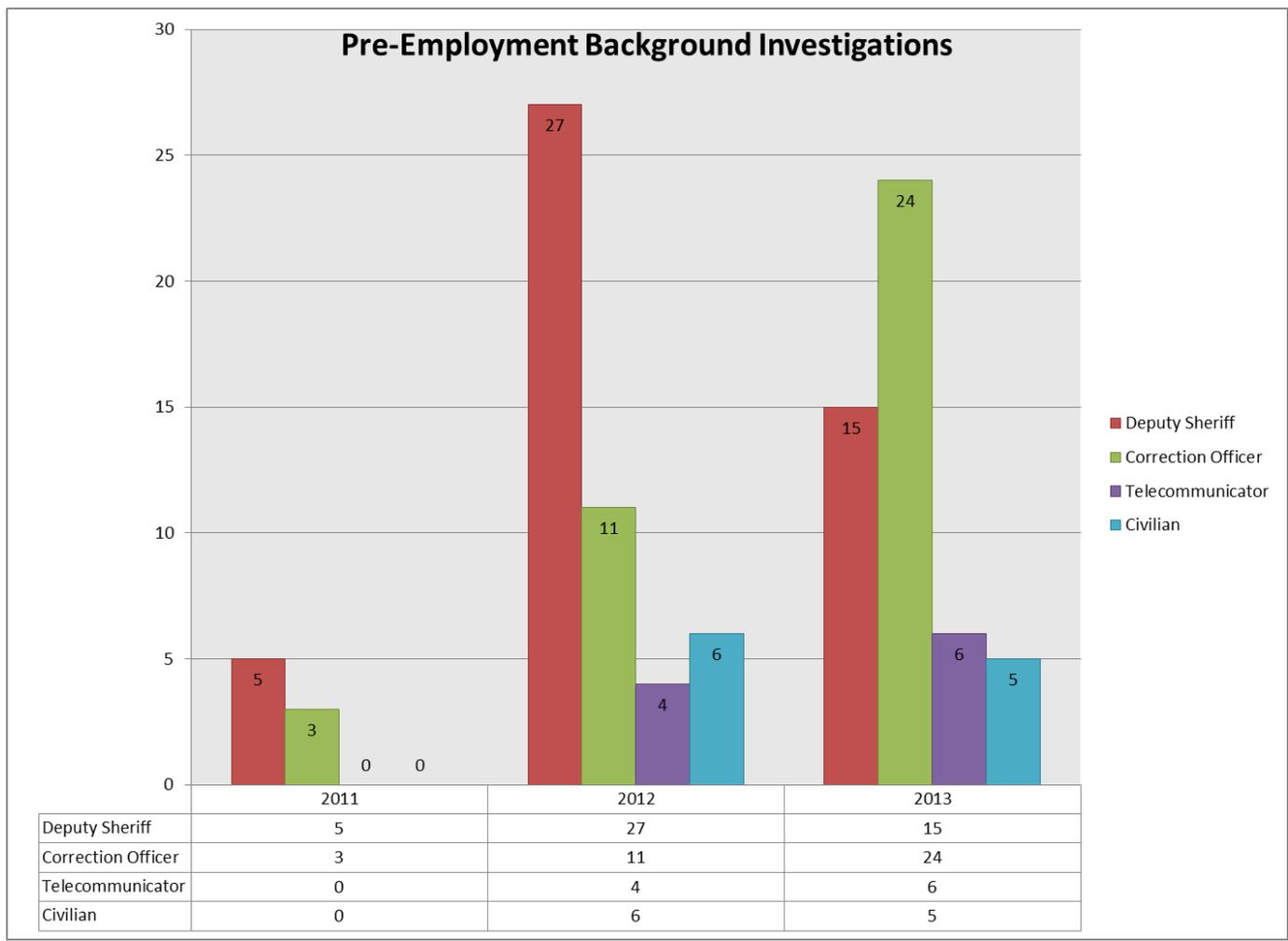
There were 44 incident reports taken in 2013.

All of the felony, misdemeanor and violation arrests are broken down as follows:

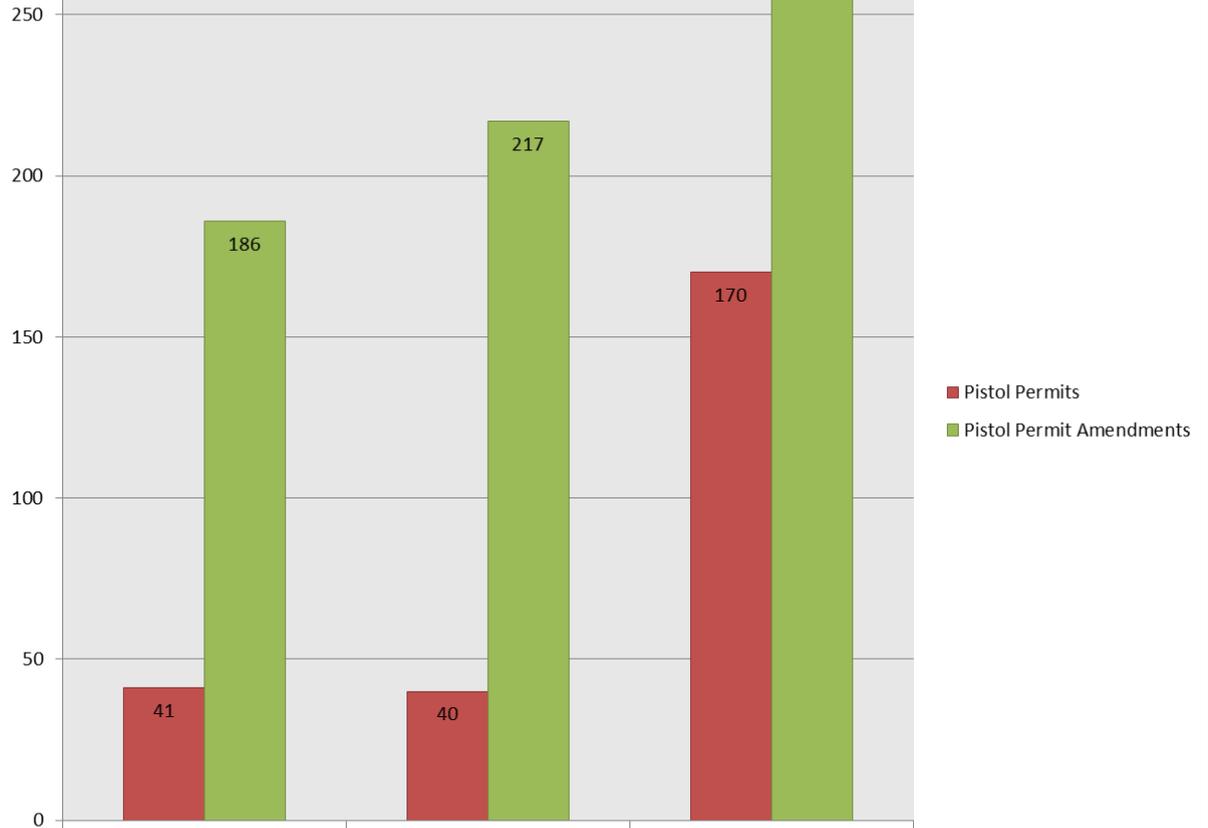
<u>Felony</u>		<u>Misdemeanors</u>		<u>Violations</u>	
CPW 3 rd	2	DWI	5	Disorderly Conduct	2
Grand Larceny 3 rd	1	Assault 3 rd	3	UPM	4
		AUO 2 nd	9	Harassment 2 nd	2
		AUO 3 rd	18	Trespass	1
		Resisting Arrest	2		
		Criminal Mischief 4 th	1		
		Suspended Registration	2		
		CPCS 7 th	3		
		Scheme to Defraud 2 nd	1		
		Agg. Harassment 2 nd	2		

2013 Pre-Employment Background and Pistol Permit Investigations

Senior Investigator Shawn Spring is the commander in charge of pre-employment background and pistol permit investigations. As the caseload increases, members of the Support / Special Services Unit, Criminal Investigations Unit, Office of Professional Standards and other units assist in completing assigned cases. The Albany County Sheriff's Office conducts pistol permit investigations for areas that do not have a local police agency; however, pistol permit amendments are processed for **ALL** permit holders county wide.



Pistol Permits and Amendments



Pistol Permits	41	40	170
Pistol Permit Amendments	186	217	269

2013 Transportation Unit

The Sheriff's Transportation and Court Security Unit is charged with the duties of transporting prisoners committed to the custody of the Albany County Sheriff to and from various courts and facilities throughout the State of New York. This unit also provides security for the Albany County Courthouse, Albany County Judicial Center and the various local criminal courts upon request. Additionally, this unit provides for the security of individuals, secured in the Albany City Police Court holding facility, who have been committed to the custody of the Sheriff.



During 2013, uniformed members assigned to Headquarters, in addition to their daily assignments, made 3 felony arrests, 46 misdemeanor arrests and 9 violation level arrests. These members also made a total of 85 warrant arrests. Of these, 73 were for Criminal Warrants, 10 were Family Court Warrants and 2 were Civil Arrest Warrants.

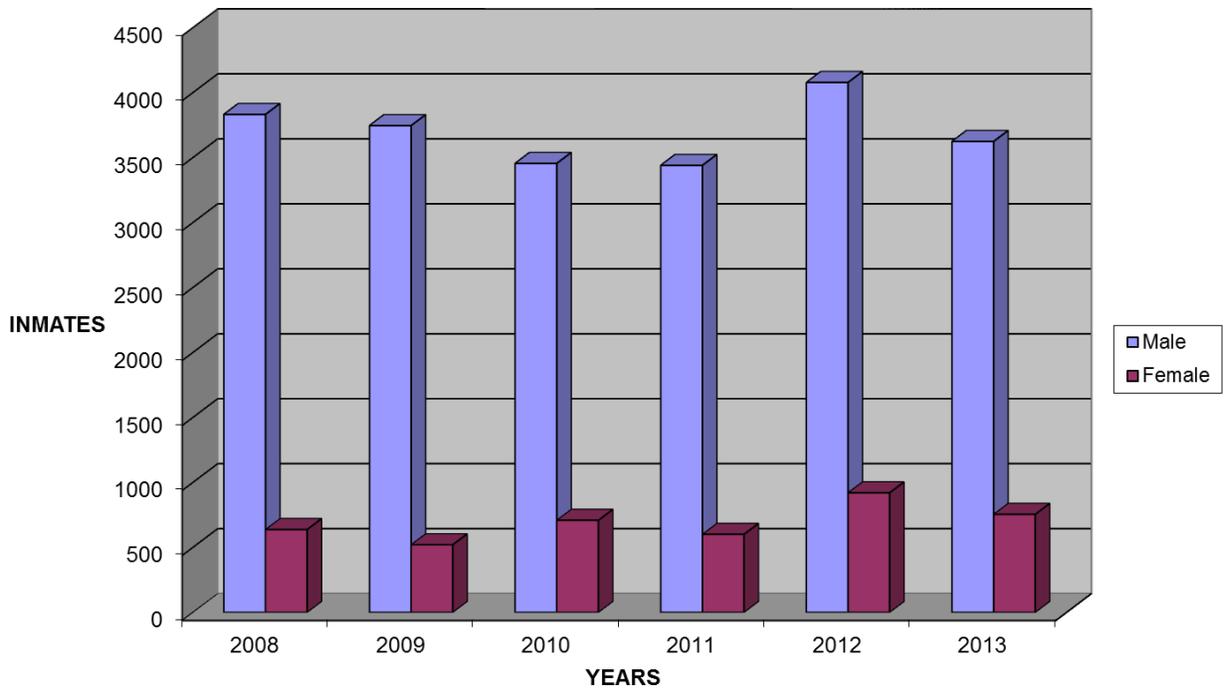
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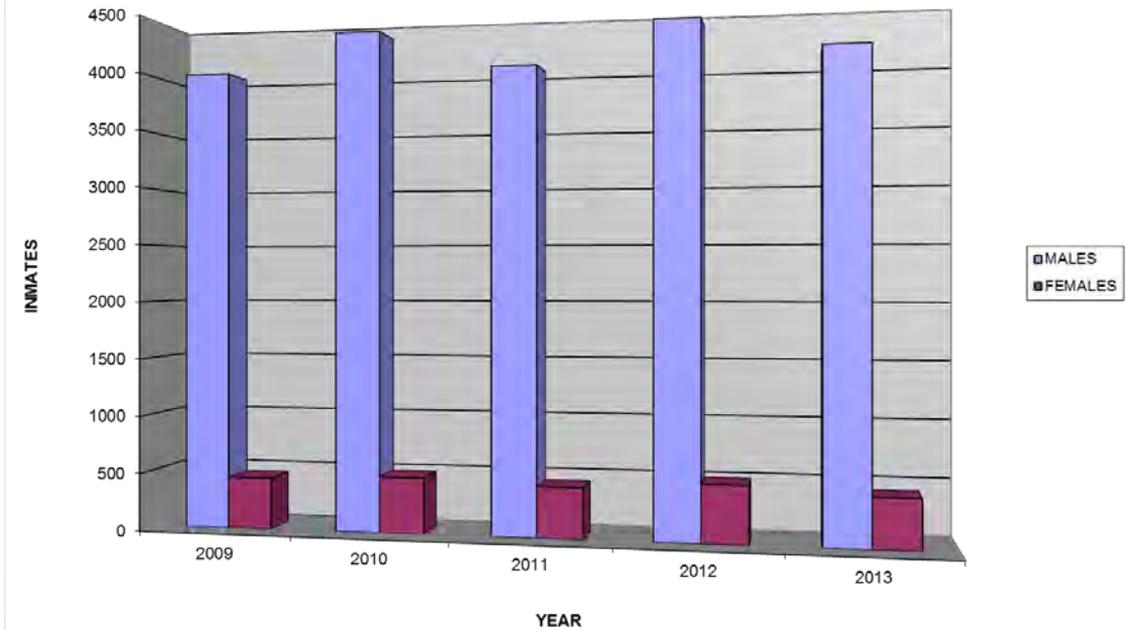
Headquarters Units will continue to assist all units throughout this agency when the necessity arises. Efforts will be made to continue to work together with all units regardless of their location or duty assignment. This includes ensuring that all details, expected or unexpected, are properly covered and that all units are properly staffed.



INMATES TRASPORTED TO AND FROM ALBANY POLICE COURT

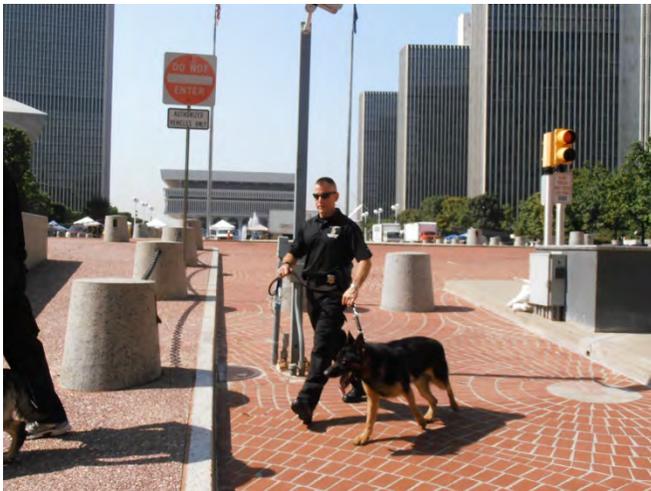


INMATES TRASPORTED TO AND FROM COUNTY COURT



K-9 Mo

Albany County Sheriff Craig D. Apple, Sr. is pleased to announce the addition of a second K-9 to the Sheriff's Office. The Albany County Sheriff's Office was awarded a Federal grant which has paid for the K-9, training and equipment. Deputy Sheriff Joseph Martel was selected as the handler of the new K-9, a German shepherd, and has successfully completed the twenty (20) week New York State Police K-9 training academy. The K-9 has been named "Mo" in honor of retired Senior Investigator Maureen McGuire-Honikel. Maureen was known to most by her nickname, "Mo." She began her extensive career with the Albany County Sheriff's Office in the late 1970s. She served as a Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant, Investigator and Senior Investigator. Senior Investigator Honikel came from a large family of law enforcement officers. She was highly respected among her peers in Federal, State and local law enforcement communities and was an extremely dedicated officer. Senior Investigator Maureen McGuire-Honikel died in November 2011 from brain cancer. K-9 Mo has been trained specifically in explosive detection and tracking. Mo and his handler will be assigned to the Albany County Judicial Center and the Albany International Airport and made available to other police agencies.



ACCREDITATION

The Albany County Sheriff's Office is the 4th agency in New York State to achieve the recognition of being fully accredited. This agency joins the Livingston, Monroe and Yates County Sheriff's Offices in receiving accreditation in Law Enforcement, Court Security, Civil, E911 / Dispatch and Corrections Divisions.



The accreditation programs are designed to assist agencies in evaluating and improving their overall performance. They provide a formal recognition that an agency meets or exceeds a high level of quality in their respective divisions. By meeting or exceeding this expectation of quality, the professionalism of the agency improves. These expectations are met by following what have been identified as critical and non-critical standards, which serve to improve the manner in which the agency serves the public. The accreditation program is evidence that the agency's policies, procedures and operations meet the current standards of policing's best practices and are sources of pride for all sworn and non-sworn members of the Albany County Sheriff's Office.



2013 AIRPORT STATION



The Sheriff's Office has maintained a presence at the Albany International Airport since the early 1970's. Over the years it has evolved into a full time 24 hour patrol station, consisting of 18 sworn members. Due to the unique function of airport policing, deputies and their supervisors receive specialized training in such areas as: Transportation Security Administration rules and regulations, bomb & bio-terrorism threats, high-jacking, dignitary protection and aircraft emergency procedures.

A number of the deputies are also cross designated as US Customs Officers. This agency was among the first in the country to implement bicycle patrols at an airport. The Sheriff's Office maintains close working relationships with Federal, State, Local and Foreign Law Enforcement Agencies. Contacts with these agencies include such duties as criminal investigation, protection of both foreign and domestic officials, transportation of high profile prisoners, investigation of aviation incidents and the sharing of intelligence information. Deputies train and pre-plan emergency responses to crisis situations with other agencies to insure a swift and effective response to incidents which may arise at the airport.



Since the events of September 11, 2001, additional mandates were implemented by the federal government. The Airport Station has strived to meet or exceed all of the new requirements. Working closely with the airlines and airport management, this unit will continue to make the safety and security of the traveling public the number one priority. At the same time, we will continue to maintain positive community relations.

Airport Station-Notable Cases 1

On Sunday, November 3, 2013, an employee from the Transportation Security Administration contacted Albany County Sheriff's Deputies stationed at the Albany International Airport regarding a domestic dispute with her estranged husband. The employee stated that her husband had texted her more than forty times in the past several hours and said he was coming to the Airport to harm her. He also implied that he had a weapon. Sheriff's Deputies eventually arrested Shane M. Murray, age 25, of Watervliet, NY. He was charged with two counts of aggravated harassment and arraigned in the Town of Colonie Justice Court.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office Airport Unit works closely with the Transportation Security Administration in providing information related to threats against TSA staff. The Sheriff's Office has recently increased security measures in response to incidents which have occurred across the country.

Airport Station- Notable Cases 2

On Monday, November 4, 2013, Albany County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the Transportation Security Administration checkpoint for a report of a person travelling with a large amount of United States currency. Upon arrival, Deputies interviewed Dat Nguyen, age 28, of San Jose, California. Nguyen was found to have in excess of \$69,000.00 on his person. Deputies contacted agents from the United States Homeland Security-Immigration and Customs Enforcement who initiated a bulk money smuggling case against Nguyen.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office Airport Unit works closely with all branches of the United States Department of Homeland Security. This cooperation ensures the safety of the travelling public in our war on terror.



2013 Critical Incident – Emergency Management Unit

The Critical Incident/Emergency Management Unit consists of the Office of Emergency Management, the Capital Region Forensic Hazardous Materials Unit, the Search and Rescue Team (SRT), Dive Team, Community and Emergency Services Network and Office of the Fire Coordinator.

Office of Emergency Management

New Furniture for EOC

The Emergency Operations Center has been updated with new furniture at no cost. Ten tractor trailer loads of office furniture were donated from Pepsi Corporation in White Plains through the ANEW coordination group. The furniture was delivered for free with the cooperation of UPS. Trucks were unloaded by the inmate work crew and employees at no additional cost. Furniture was also donated to other municipalities, Albany County General Services and the Lawson's Lake recreational area. Additional furniture is being stored at the Ann Lee Home for future use or donation to other nonprofit organizations. Prior to this donation, estimates to refurnish the office ranged from \$30,000.00 to \$46,000.00. This was a tremendous savings and has provided the EOC with a professional image and enhanced capability.



Donated Furniture in the Clarksville Gym



New Emergency Operation Center Furniture
Deputy Emergency Manager, Tom Remmert and Fire Coordinator JJ Walsh

New Deputy Emergency Manager

Mr. Tom Remmert was added to the unit as the Deputy Emergency Manager in November of 2012. His experience in collaboration with municipalities and event planning has resulted in significant advances to our emergency management efforts.

Update of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

The unit conducted a major review of the county's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. This plan identifies the method in which states of emergency and responses to disasters are handled. New laws and concepts have been reflected in this update.

County Department Tabletop Exercise

On June 27, 2013, we conducted a tabletop exercise for all county department heads, including the County Executive's Office. The exercise focused on continuity of operations after a fire at 112 State Street combined with a winter storm. This was a successful exercise in many ways. It was the first time that many departments participated in a tabletop exercise and was a collaborative effort involving all departments.

Preparedness Videos

In preparation for September's National Preparedness Month, we developed seven videos pertaining to individual preparedness. The videos were recorded by the county's new recording studio. Furniture for the studio was provided by a donation from Pepsi. The videos include: an introduction by the Sheriff, emergency plans, a "Go Kit", pets in disaster, Special Needs Registry, active shooter and hands only CPR. These videos have been added to the Sheriff's web site and are being distributed in DVD form. The Sheriff has also completed and distributed copies of a guide book on emergency preparedness entitled, "Disaster Strikes."



Search and Rescue Team

The SRT consists of deputies and paramedics trained in high angle rescue, cave rescue, wilderness searches, swift water rescue and ice rescue.

Rock Climber Falls from Thacher Park Cliff

On August 13, 2013, a 44 year old man was attempting to rock climb by himself at Thacher Park. Currently rock climbing is not allowed, yet consideration is being given to permitting it in limited locations in the near future. The climber entered the park just after sunrise, while the park was still

closed, and was later found at the bottom of a cliff by a park employee who immediately called 911. Members of the SRT, Patrol Station and EMS responded to the scene and located the victim. It was apparent that the climber died instantly as a result of the 120ft fall. The subsequent investigation determined that the subject had failed to correctly secure his rope to the tree that he was using as an anchor point. SRT members, specially trained in high angle rescue, were able to rappel down the cliff face, recover the victim and search the area to determine the cause of the tragic event.



High Angle Rescue at Thacher Park
Member rappelling over a 160ft. cliff



Rope used by climber

Wilderness Searches

Each year the team responds to persons lost in the woods. The team regularly trains using the most up to date mapping and GPS equipment. Victims are often lost hikers, hunters, suicidal subjects, or individuals suffering from other emotional stress. While cellular phones have made it easier to locate lost persons, they cannot always be triangulated to identify their exact position.



Managing a Search

Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is a program started in Albany County in October of 2013 to assist families in locating a loved one who has become lost while wandering or due to a disease or special need. The program consists of a band transmitter, not much larger than a wrist watch, which is placed on the ankle or wrist. This band transmits a specific FM radio frequency which can be located by sheriff's deputies using special equipment. Clients' information is stored confidentially at the County 911 Communication Center for quick access. Upon notification of an incident, trained members of the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team will respond with a directional receiver designed to locate the missing client.



Transmitter being attached to a client's wrist



Directional antenna being used to locate a Project Lifesaver Transmitter

Forensic Haz-Mat Unit

The Capital Region Forensic Haz-Mat Unit consists of law enforcement officers who are trained as evidence technicians and hazardous material technicians. The unit includes 15 different agencies within Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties. The Albany County Sheriff's Office is the administrator of this regional unit.

Chemical Suicides

The use of chemicals to commit suicide is becoming more frequent due to the amount of related information on the internet. This phenomenon presents a very real danger to first responders. The most common method involves the mixing of common chemicals to produce hydrogen sulfide gas. On Tuesday, April 23, 2013, the Capital Region Forensic Haz-Mat Team responded to such a call at the RPI dorms. A student had sealed himself inside of his room and blended the fatal mixture on Friday night. The subject was not discovered until Tuesday morning after he failed to show up to class. On May 8, 2013, the team responded to a call in the Town of Berne after a 53 year old male committed suicide with toluene. The team has trained specifically on processing chemical suicide scenes in a safe and effective manner.



Members preparing to enter the dorm room of a chemical suicide victim in Troy.

White Powder Calls

Each year the team responds to numerous calls for suspicious letters involving white powder ever since the 2001 letters containing anthrax. Often these letters have contained a material that found its way to the envelope accidentally. However, on several occasions white powder was placed in an envelope for the purpose of threatening the receiver. This Labor Day weekend, the unit responded to several suspicious letter calls in the Towns of Colonie, New Scotland and Guilderland. All three letters were mailed from the same out of state location and all three victims were employed as chemists for the same employer. This continues to be an ongoing investigation, involving the FBI and US Postal Inspection Service.



Actual White Powder Envelope

Soda Bottle Bombs

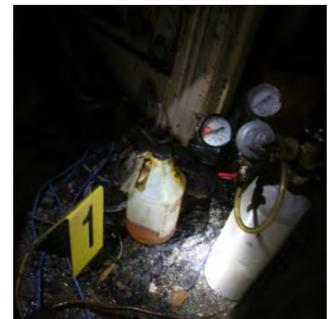
Another common response for the team has been small explosive devices utilizing plastic soda bottles. These devices have involved the mixing of acid and aluminum, dry ice and water and on April 29th, the use of a heat pack from a military MRE (meal ready to eat). The device was picked up by a maintenance man and exploded as he threw it into a dumpster. Liquid from the container sprayed across the man's body when it exploded. Through investigation it was determined that the device had been constructed by an ROTC student that had learned how to make it on a YouTube video. While these devices produce an explosion only slightly bigger than a commercially produced firework, they cause significant concern to the victims and the materials used may also be hazardous.



Response to an MRE bomb call

Suspicious Devices

On July 30, 2013, the team responded to assist cause and origin investigators at the remnants of a home damaged by fire. While investigators were going through the home they discovered numerous suspicious items there. Items included plastic bottles, a colored liquid and tubes extending to other devices. Other devices including pressurized tanks and unknown homemade objects with wires and multiple tubes were also found during the search. Through investigation, the team identified a hydroponic marijuana grow operation and what had been an attempt at converting solar electricity into hydrogen energy. While the attempt at making hydrogen was not illegal, it appeared suspicious. The experience and capability of the team enabled a quick resolution to the threat.



Items used to produce hydrogen found at home

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Special Needs Registry

Accomplishments during 2013:

- Continued updates were made to the registry to improve functionality of tracking registrants and updating requirements. These updates include mailings to every

registrant, phone calls and site visits. This process is necessary because registrants often move or pass away.

- Continuing door to door to meet with registrants to assure their safety
- Disseminated several hundred applications through community outreach
- Presented power point presentations to local organizations to promote the registry
- Conducted community outreach throughout Albany County regarding the program

Handicapped Parking and Advocacy Program

Accomplishments during 2013:

- Coordinated Project Access handicapped parking stings throughout the year
- Power point presentation to the Center for Independence



Traffic Safety Weekend at Crossgates Mall

Cooperative Sheltering Plan for Albany County

Garry Horn, Deputy Director of Community Emergency Services, co-chairs this initiative. The plan is designed for situations which require emergency sheltering. Municipalities in Albany County are trained to staff and operate such shelters during emergencies. He also works an outreach program through ACORN to assist low-income and special needs communities with emergency shelter and disaster preparedness. As part of these programs, as well as other initiatives, the Office of Community and Emergency Services coordinates the emergency management of human needs throughout Albany County.

County Animal Response Team

The Sheriff's Office County Animal Response Team conducted a live animal drill to develop practical experience in preparation for a real emergency. The Mohawk Hudson Humane Society presented an award to the Sheriff for this Agency's operation of the Albany CART.

Additional related responsibilities (Defensive Driving/, Assist Stop DWI in training activities etc.)

- Conducted weekly Defensive Driving classes for Albany County employees and local municipalities
- Conducted two Alive at 25 classes per month
- Trained additional Alive at 25 instructors
- Emergency management presentations to various groups throughout the year

- Completed Emergency Management Institute's Professional Development Series



Live Animal Drill



Shelter in Delmar during Hurricane Sandy assisted animals and their owners in the same facility.

Fire Coordinator

The New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control is also continuing to upgrade and revise the courses that they offer our firefighters. Some of these revisions require additional instructors, hours and testing for successful completion. Many of these courses are now college accredited. D.H.S.E.S./O.F.P.C. also implemented the Statewide Learning Management System (S.L.M.S.).

Statistics 2013

- 3 Fire Fatalities
- 48 Signal 30 Structure Fires, a decrease from 52 last year
- 27 Multiple-Alarm Fires, an increase from 21 last year
- 3 Haz-Mat Incidents
- 11 Incendiary Fires, a decrease from 17 last year
- Coordinator's
 - 20 Fire Coordinator Responses, 14 of which were to multiple alarm fires
 - 60 hours spent at emergencies, 251 hours devoted to training and 156 hours required for meetings

Some of the large scale incidents were as follows:

- January 15th: 2 Alarm Fire at 123 Central Avenue, Albany with 4 rescues
- January 25th: 2ⁿ Alarm Fire at 159-163 Dove Street Albany
- May 16th: 2 Alarm Fire at 645 Watervliet Shaker Road, Handy Andy & Vintage Pizza, Colonie
- June 5th: 2 Alarm Fire at 147 Main Street, Altamont
- July 18th: 3 Alarm Fire at 360-362 Orange Street, Albany
- September 3rd: 2 Alarm Fire at 3494 East Lydia Street, Fort Hunter with mutual aid from 4 Schenectady County Departments
- September 20th: 2 Alarm Fire in building 12 of the Fennimore Trace Apartments, Watervliet, with 4 rescues
- October 28th: Major Brush Fire at 319 Biers Road, Coeymans Hollow. This fire was estimated to cover approximately 13 acres by N.Y.S. Forest Rangers. There were 11 departments at the scene and 2 departments on stand-by. This fire was reported at 6:13 a.m. and was under control by 1:30 p.m. Most departments were returned to service by 5:00 p.m.



Fennimore Trace Apartments, Watervliet



Coeymans Hollow Brush Fire

Haz-Mat Grant

The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services have instituted a new protocol for W.M.D. / Haz-Mat grant funding applications. They must now be applied for regionally and Albany County has partnered with Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties in a joint grant application. In 2013, the Sheriff's Office submitted a grant application of just over \$75,000.00 to be used for equipment maintenance and new / replacement items.

Training

- On April 23, 2013, the Capital Region Haz-Mat Team completed a full scale exercise at the Watervliet Arsenal which included contingents from four counties. This exercise consisted of multiple simultaneous events and tested our capabilities to operate regionally at multiple scenarios and locations. We had over 130 participants at this extremely beneficial exercise.
- During the week of November 19-22, from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m., the Capital Region Haz-Mat Team conducted hands on training for Chlorine, E-Plan System, Metering/Monitoring and Ethanol Tractor Trailer leaks. This was all done indoors at

Building 110 of the Watervliet Arsenal. We were able to offer this training to all four platoons of our career departments, as well as our volunteer agencies.

- The new Capital Region Haz-Mat Team conducted 14 meetings, 4 exercises and 3 responses for the year. These numbers are comparable to 2012. All of these exercises involved agencies and responders from the state, county and local levels. This is an improvement and re-commitment by the entire team to our county's citizens and first responders in Fire, E.M.S. and Law Enforcement Agencies.
- The county now has 7 state fire instructors assigned to us. They taught 1,400 hours of outreach training and numerous other courses to our firefighters in a safe, professional and timely manner. The state fire instructors are as follows: Gerry Paris, Ken Dott, Jason Geary, Anthony Santulli, Dominic Bruno, Steve DeGroff and Scott Blood.
 - SFIs Paris and Geary are certified to teach the National "May Day."
 - State Fire Instructors from Albany County taught over 30 courses.
 - The New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control taught 8 Courses.
 - Over 1,300 of our Albany County firefighters received training through these courses.
 - Over 3,300 hours of fire service training were delivered to our firefighters.
 - Albany County's use of firematic training hours exceeds all upstate counties, with the exception of Erie and Monroe.



Regional Haz-Mat Exercise at the Watervliet Arsenal

J-Firesetter Program

- The County J-Fire Team met eight times this year. Deputy Coordinator DeLuca has a power point program highlighting our team's resources, goals and objectives. In May of this year, the team had 7 members attend the Juvenile Fire Setters Seminar at the New York State Fire Academy.
- The team is still having a difficult time bringing school districts in our county to the program, but we are still trying. Our determined efforts have yielded positive results. Some schools are now sending representatives to our meetings and participating in our program.
- The team performed 53 interventions in 2013.
- Coordinator DeLuca reported that since the program's inception, the team has handled just over 800 cases with only 15 known repeaters! This includes 53 cases in 2013.

Recruitment and Retention:

- The County Recruitment and Retention Committee has retired after many years of hard work. They truly did an excellent job for many years. New recruitment banners were distributed and are displayed throughout Albany County.
- Our recruitment and retention is now being handled jointly by the Hilltown Committee and FASNY. The trailer is being redone so that it can carry on its mission with the new contact information.



Extreme Auto in Altamont



Handy Andy (convenience store) fire in Latham

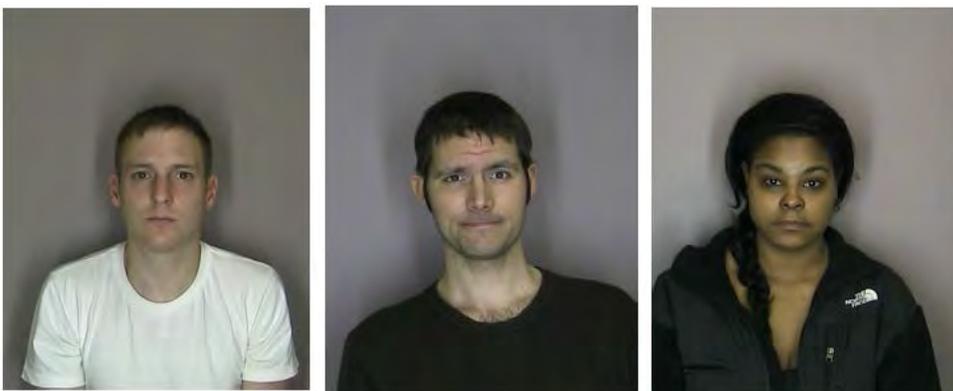
2013 Criminal Investigations Unit

The unit is currently comprised of one Inspector, one senior investigator and six investigators. Current staffing levels have allowed for an investigator to be on duty seven days per week and on call 24 hours per day.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

NOTABLE CASES 2013

January The Albany County Sheriff's Office reports the arrests of 3 subjects on Drug charges: Ryan J. Cahill (DOB 06/08/88) of 16 Glenwood Street, Albany, NY 12203; William J. Siebert (DOB 05/25/80) of 1188 Western Avenue, Albany NY, 12203; and Monya M. Bostic (DOB 07/19/90) of 474 West Street, Albany, NY 12206. All 3 subjects were arrested for Criminal Sale of a Hallucinogenic Substance (class B Felony), Conspiracy in the fourth degree (class E Felony) and Loitering in the 1st degree (class B Misdemeanor). Siebert and Bostic were also charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th degree and Criminal Possession of a Hypodermic Instrument (both class A Misdemeanors). The complaint alleges that all 3 subjects did sell 50 Ecstasy pills to another person for \$450.00. The complaint further alleges that Siebert and Bostic did both have a quantity of heroin and hypodermic needles in their possession at the time of their arrest.



February The Albany County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of a subject on Burglary and Identity Theft charges. The complaint alleges that Jason Lapishka of 1468 Broadway, Rensselaer, NY broke into a residence in the Town of Berne on June 17, 2012 and stole a handgun, jewelry and electronics. Lapishka was arrested and charged with Burglary in the 2nd degree (class C Felony) and 2 counts of Grand Larceny in the 4th degree (class D Felony). Lapishka was arraigned in Berne Court by Judge Kenneth Bunzey and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail. The complaint also alleges that Lapishka had stolen an ex-girlfriend's credit card and used it in various locations throughout the Capital District. Lapishka was arrested and charged with Forgery in the 2nd degree (class D Felony), criminal possession of Stolen Property in the 4th degree (class E felony), Petit

Larceny and Identity Theft in the 3rd degree (both class A Misdemeanors) Lapishka was arraigned in Colonie Court by Judge Andrew Sommers and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$15,000.00 bail.



March The Albany County Sheriff's Office was called to investigate a shots fired call that occurred on March 23, 2013 at approximately 3:20AM in the Town of Berne. Deputies responded to the area of 248 Stewart Road for a report of guns shots. The complainant stated that someone had fired several rounds at two of their vehicles, which were parked in their driveway. Deputies recovered a dozen spent 7.62mm shell casings at the scene. Deputies also found several bullet holes in two of the vehicles parked in the driveway. The suspect has been identified as Randy Rapp of Berne and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

April The Albany County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of Marshon Guthrie (DOB 12/02/1987) of 225 McCormack Road North Bethlehem, NY for drug and weapons possession. Investigators found a loaded handgun and a quantity of cocaine while executing a search warrant at his residence. Guthrie was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Firearm (class E Felony) and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th degree (class A Misdemeanor). Guthrie was arraigned by Judge Ryan Donovan and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$10,000.00 bail.



May The Albany County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of an Albany man on Drug charges. Sheriff's Investigators executed a search warrant at 119 Kent Street in the City of Albany and arrested Terrence Turner (DOB 05/22/78). Turner was arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (class B Felony), Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th Degree (class D Felony) and Criminal Use Drug Paraphernalia Second degree (class A Misdemeanor). Turner was arraigned in the City of Albany Court by Judge Kretser and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail.



June The Albany County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of an Albany man on gun charges. While sheriff's investigators were executing a search warrant at 41 Jeanette Street in the City of Albany, they encountered Anthony Hay (DOB 03/16/76) of 13 Lark Street in the City of Albany. As investigators were conducting a search warrant, Hay showed up on the scene to drop off a quantity of crack cocaine. Hay swallowed the cocaine as he was approached, but while being subdued he was found to be in possession of a loaded .380 caliber handgun. Hay was subsequently arrested for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd degree (class C Felony) and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd degree (class D Felony) for being in possession of a weapon while being a convicted felon. Hay was also arrested for violation of his conditions of parole. Hay was arraigned in the City of Albany Court by Judge Kretser and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail.



July On May 17, 2013, the Green Island Police Department contacted this agency to assist with a forgery investigation. The initial complaint was filed by the Town of Green Island Justice Court once they realized that several of the court checks were forged and being cashed throughout the Capital

Region, the checks totaled more than \$11,000.00. The investigation revealed that the checks were being duplicated from a check which was drawn on the court's bail account. Investigators met with bank officials and were able to obtain photos of the people cashing the forged checks. Investigators learned that the people cashing the forged checks were using their real identities. The investigation further revealed that the checks were being made in Brooklyn, N Y and being couriered to the Capital Region via buses. The checks would then be cashed at local banks, drawing upon the original account. Sheriff's investigators have arrested 9 subjects to date and more arrests are expected. The following subjects were arrested for Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 1st degree a (class C Felony), Grand Larceny (class D Felony) and Conspiracy 4th (class E felony). The subjects who were arrested are as follows:

 <p>Qhasson Lawton DOB 09/17/91 92 Lombard Ln. Bunkerhill, WV</p>	 <p>Devine Davis DOB 05/02/92 86 Carlton Ave. Brooklyn, NY</p>	 <p>Shelia Stroud DOB 03/19/83 106 6th Ave Troy, NY</p>	 <p>Carla McCanney DOB 09/16/77 176 6th Ave Troy, N Y</p>	 <p>Aisha Stasack DOB 07/18/79 44 Thompson St. Troy, N Y</p>
 <p>Helen Maeweather DOB 03/04/68 64 Jefferson St Troy, NY</p>	 <p>Maraca Slater DOB 12/04/84 330 Orange St. Albany, NY</p>	 <p>Bernice Seymore DOB 10/30/84 140 Lark St. Albany, NY</p>	 <p>Barbara Whitehead DOB 11/20/85 285 Colonie St Albany, N Y</p>	

August The Albany County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of 3 Albany men on drug charges. Two of the men were brothers and the third was originally from New York City. They were identified as Elton Williams (DOB 10/18/73) of 587 Broadway, Menands and Cedric Williams (DOB 12/23/69) of 383 Hudson Avenue, Albany and Donnell T. Alexander (DOB 12/16/84) 383 Hudson Avenue, Albany, NY. The complaint alleges that investigators found 80 bags of heroin and other drug paraphernalia in Cedric Williams's residence. Cedric was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd degree (class B Felony), Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 4th degree (class C Felony) and Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia (class A Misdemeanor). Elton Williams was charged with

Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd degree (class B felony). Cedric Williams is currently on parole for drug charges and Elton Williams is currently on probation for drug charges. As part of the investigation, investigators seized a 2004 Acura MDX belonging to Elton Williams and over \$12,000.00 in U.S. Currency. Alexander was commuting between Albany and NYC for the purpose of obtaining heroin to sell in the Capital District.



September The Albany County Sheriff's Office reports the arrest of a Cohoes man on child pornography charges. Sheriff's investigators arrested Robert V. DuBuc (DOB 09/23/86) of 19 Church Street in the City of Cohoes. DuBuc was charged with 4 counts of Possessing a Sexual Performance of a Child (Possessing sexually explicit pictures of a female under the age of 16 class E Felony) and Endangering the Welfare of a Child (class A Misdemeanor). He was released on appearance tickets and will be arraigned in Cohoes City Court on October 3, 2013 at 12:00PM. The complaint alleges that, during September of 2013, DuBuc befriended a 15 year old girl from the State of Ohio on Facebook. After flirting with her, he started soliciting sexually explicit photos. DuBuc forwarded nude pictures of himself in exchange for nude pictures of her. The 15 year old female did send DuBuc 4 sexually explicit photos during this time period. The mother of the 15 year old found the pictures on the computer and alerted the Antwerp Police Department. The Antwerp Police Department then contacted the Sheriff's Office since the suspect resided in the City of Cohoes. The investigation is continuing to see if there may be any other victims.



October The Albany County Sheriff's Office reports the arrests of an Albany man on Marijuana charges. Sheriff's investigators arrested Randall A. Travis III, (DOB 12/05/63) of 9 Holmes Court in the

City of Albany. Travis was charged with Criminal Possession of Marihuana in the first degree (class C Felony), Unlawful Growing of Cannabis (class A Misdemeanor) and Endangering the Welfare of a Child (class A Misdemeanor). He was arraigned in the Town of Colonie Court and released under the supervision of Probation. The complaint alleges that Travis was tending to 47 marihuana plants in his residence, all of which were in various stages growth. Travis ran this growing operation out of the basement of his residence where he resides with his 16 year old daughter. Sheriff's investigators executed a search warrant at Travis' house and found 47 plants, grow lights, drying racks, grinders, packaging material and more than a quarter of a pound of packaged marihuana.



Welfare Fraud

In 2013, CIU continued a partnership with Albany County Social Services to increase efforts on Welfare Fraud Enforcement. As a result of the combined efforts of the Department of Social Services and the Criminal Investigations Unit, 17 people were arrested for charges stemming from welfare fraud. The combined monetary amount of the fraud totaled \$245,396.18.

“Operation Cliff Hangers”

In September of 2009, Investigators of the Albany County Sheriff's Office initiated an active investigation into a large-scale illegal organized Internet Gambling Operation/Network. This case progressed over the course of four years through the combined efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Albany County Sheriff's Office, Albany County District Attorney's Office, Saratoga County District Attorney's Office, United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York and the Internal Revenue Service. Members of these agencies wrote numerous affidavits and applications requesting court orders for "Intercepting Certain Communications." These court orders led to the execution of approximately 31 state and federal "Wire Taps," which include computer intercepts as well. Over the course of several months, the FBI and Albany County Sheriff's Office investigators spent countless hours monitoring said "wires," transcribing pertinent calls for content and executing numerous surveillance details in multiple

states. These states included not only New York, but also Florida, California, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Nevada, Ohio and Oklahoma. All of these efforts were relative to the illegal activity of the above criminal enterprise and the investigation was dubbed "Operation Cliff Hangers." As the investigation continued to develop, it expanded in scope to include an international dimension and eventually intermingled with other active FBI cases in both New York City (Manhattan) and Oklahoma. The illegal organized gambling network involved, but was not limited to, Jay Goldman, Alan Gould, Jill Vandervoort, Philip Gurian, Michele Lasso-Barraza (Lopez), Spiros Anthanasopoulos a/k/a Spiros Athanas, Brian Lindsay, Michael Lewin and Robert Levy, among others. These individuals, collectively known as the "Organization," were under investigation for violations of (a) 18 U.S.C. 1084 (Transmission of Wagering Information); (b) 18 U.S.C. 1955 (Illegal Gambling); (c) 18 U.S.C. 1956 (h) (Money Laundering Conspiracy) and (d) 18 U.S.C. 1962 (Racketeering Activity).

On April 10, 2013, the Albany County Sheriff's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service equally participated in the execution of approximately 25 search warrants throughout the United States. The Federal Bureau of Investigation contingent included the bureau offices from Albany, NY; Miami and West Palm Beach, FL; Los Angeles, CA; Las Vegas, NV; New Hampshire, Oklahoma and Chicago. These search warrants included the search and seizure of various evidentiary items located in bank accounts, vehicles, safe deposit boxes and residential homes. Additionally, members of the FBI, Albany County Sheriff's Office, Albany County District Attorney's Office, Saratoga County District Attorney's Office, US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York and the IRS conducted over 65 subject interviews and proffers relative to the criminal activity of the illegal gambling operation. Approximately 24,000 "man" hours were devoted to the investigation by these agencies. The Albany County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation provided all of the financial backing for the aforementioned pen registers and title III's. Records obtained during the course of this investigation determined that, in addition to the defendant accounts, the "ORGANIZATION" itself utilized several foreign accounts in Panama, Andorra and the Cayman Islands to deposit funds. The investigation determined that the "Organization" transacted thousands of wagers across the United States and outside the country through the use of the internet websites: Bettordays.ag, TheGreek.com, Bigonsports.com, Bookmaker.com, Pinnaclesports.com and others. The majority of the domestic bets were placed in New York's Capital District, Florida, Indiana, California, Texas, Kansas and Nevada, but other locations within the United States were also involved. With the help of the FBI, IRS and the US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York, law enforcement was able to seize approximately 10.3 million dollars in illegal proceeds. Now that the defendants have taken pleas and been sentenced, the potential total for seized assets may increase to approximately 15 million dollars in the end.



2013 Emergency Medical Services



2013 completed our first full year in our new location at the Public Safety Building in Clarksville, N.Y. This relocation has proved to be a key factor in the growth of the EMS Division. The biggest change has been the efficiency of the unit now that there is sufficient work space for each employee. Our Continuing Education Program (CME) has taken on new direction with established training facilities and audio/video equipment always at our disposal. In 2012, we hosted a New York State Emergency Medical Technician course, in cooperation with the Regional Emergency

Medical Organization (REMO), in which over 30 new EMT's were certified. Many of these new EMT's were from the Hilltowns of Albany County. Also, having the majority of the Sheriff's emergency public safety units in one building has brought all the units more in line with a total public safety approach. All of the division commanders are now able to see each other and coordinate their efforts on nearly a daily basis.

This year we were able to streamline our personnel management with the addition of the software program, "EMS Manager." This program allows real time scheduling of personnel and has had a major impact on the efficiency and accuracy of maintaining a schedule involving 18 daily shifts and 80 personnel. It all but eliminates the need for paperwork for mutual swaps and time off requests and it allows personnel to easily view and sign up for "open shifts" online. Additionally, there is a documents library that allows members to view general orders, memos, training updates and any other documents necessary for employment. The program allows message updates which require verification, ensuring that the employee has read and understood the message before going any farther. This is excellent for ensuring compliance from all employees. It is a fast and efficient electronic means to gain the same compliance as the old touring sheets.



October 1, 2013 brought our first full year of being the primary EMS service for the Voorheesville Ambulance District in the Town of New Scotland. We answered over 120 EMS calls without any additional staffing. In so doing, we were able to pick up the slack for the declining volunteers without

any further expense to tax payers by adding staff to cover the shortage. This will help pave the way to meet future needs in other municipalities.



Our 2013 call volume continued to average 5,700 calls. This year we saw a 25% increase in ambulance transports from 2012, with a total of 213 transports. This continues to be the case each year that we provide this service. Additionally, we collected over \$50,000.00 in ambulance transport revenue.

A few of the interesting cases for 2013 include the delivery of 2 babies, both in the Town of Coeymans, as well as several cardiac arrest patients who were delivered to the emergency department with return of circulation.



2013 Call Statistics

Total Calls for 2013 - 5,657

Calls Per Unit

802-	6
803-	2
820-	67
821-	37
822-	109
Medic 1-	616
Medic 2-	1,966
Medic 3-	1,421
Medic 4-	737
Medic 5-	696



Call By Type

<u>Group</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Pct</u>
<u>Abdominal Pain</u>	215	3.8
<u>All Care Done by Other Agency Paramedic</u>	2	0.0
<u>Allergies</u>	50	0.9
<u>Altered Mental Status</u>	106	1.9
<u>Animal Bite</u>	8	0.1
<u>Assault</u>	34	0.6
<u>Assist PD - BAC</u>	21	0.4
<u>Assist a Person</u>	175	3.1
<u>Back Pain</u>	96	1.7
<u>Breathing Problems</u>	451	8.0
<u>Burns</u>	4	0.1
<u>Cardiac Arrest</u>	61	1.1
<u>Cardiac Related</u>	71	1.3
<u>Chest Pain</u>	277	4.9
<u>Chest Pain - STEMI</u>	3	0.1
<u>Choking</u>	26	0.5
<u>Convulsions / Seizure</u>	105	1.9
<u>Diabetic Problem</u>	75	1.3
<u>Dizziness</u>	92	1.6
<u>Electrocution</u>	3	0.1
<u>Eye Problem</u>	3	0.1
<u>Fall Victim</u>	628	11.1
<u>Fire Call</u>	639	11.3
<u>Headache</u>	27	0.5
<u>Heart Problems</u>	46	0.8
<u>Heat/Cold Exposure</u>	3	0.1
<u>Hemorrhage/Laceration</u>	105	1.9
<u>Ingestion/Poisoning</u>	84	1.5
<u>Medical Alarm</u>	44	0.8
<u>Not Entered</u>	23	0.4
<u>Pain</u>	180	3.2
<u>Pregnancy / Childbirth</u>	14	0.2
<u>Psychiatric Problems</u>	138	2.4
<u>Respiratory Arrest</u>	4	0.1
<u>Sick Person</u>	546	9.7
<u>Stab/Gunshot Wound</u>	5	0.1
<u>Stand-By</u>	199	3.5
<u>Stroke/CVA</u>	108	1.9
<u>Traffic Accident</u>	354	6.3
<u>Transfer / Interfacility / Palliative Care</u>	8	0.1
<u>Trauma, Arrest</u>	2	0.0
<u>Traumatic Injury</u>	231	4.1
<u>Unconscious / Fainting</u>	209	3.7
<u>Unknown Problems</u>	182	3.2

Call break down Day vs. Night

06:00 – 18:00 3,613

18:00 – 06:00 2,044

Calls per unit per hour

	<u>00</u>	<u>01</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>09</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	Total
<u>802</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	6
<u>803</u>	0	0	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<u>820</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	0	67
<u>821</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	0	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
<u>822</u>	<u>1</u>	0	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	<u>1</u>	109
<u>Medic 1</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>14</u>	616
<u>Medic 2</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>69</u>	1966
<u>Medic 3</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>57</u>	1421
<u>Medic 4</u>	0	0	0	<u>1</u>	0	0	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>2</u>	0	<u>1</u>	0	737
<u>Medic 5</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>27</u>	696
Total:	126	102	107	95	85	110	170	193	281	323	345	334	348	310	313	329	350	317	319	273	263	224	172	168	5657

2013 ALBANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S PATROL

The Albany County Sheriff's Uniform Patrol Division operates out of the Sheriff's Albany County Public Safety Building in Clarksville, New York. Members of the Patrol Division provide primary law enforcement services to the "Hilltowns" of Albany County and provide supplemental services to many of the other towns and villages within Albany County. Staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the men and women assigned to this station faced a significant increase in call volume during 2013 while

maintaining minimum staffing levels due to budgetary restrictions.



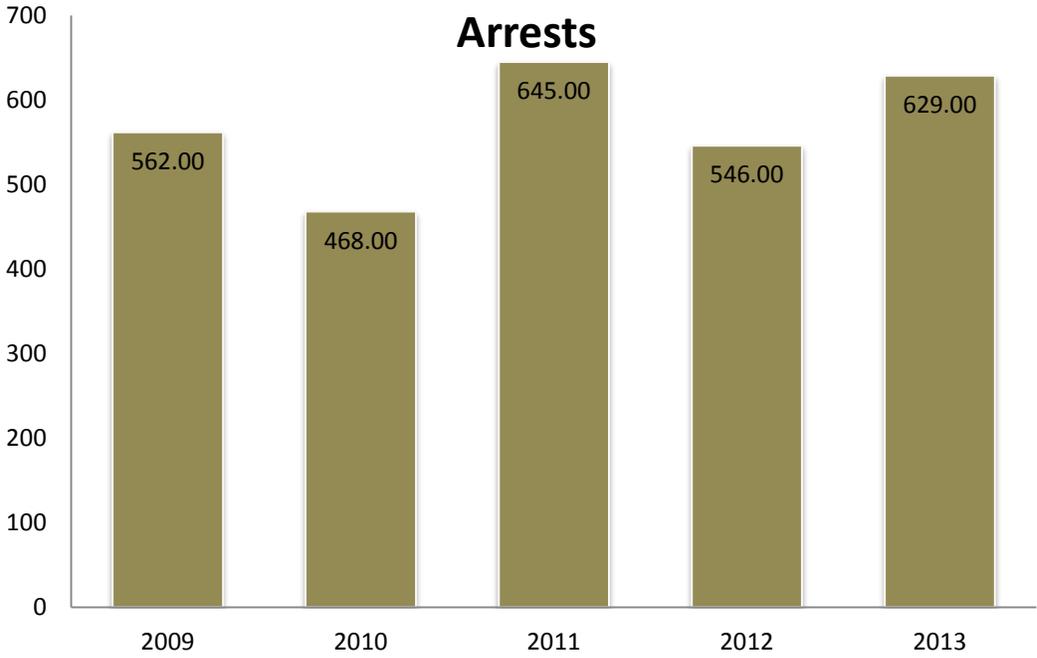
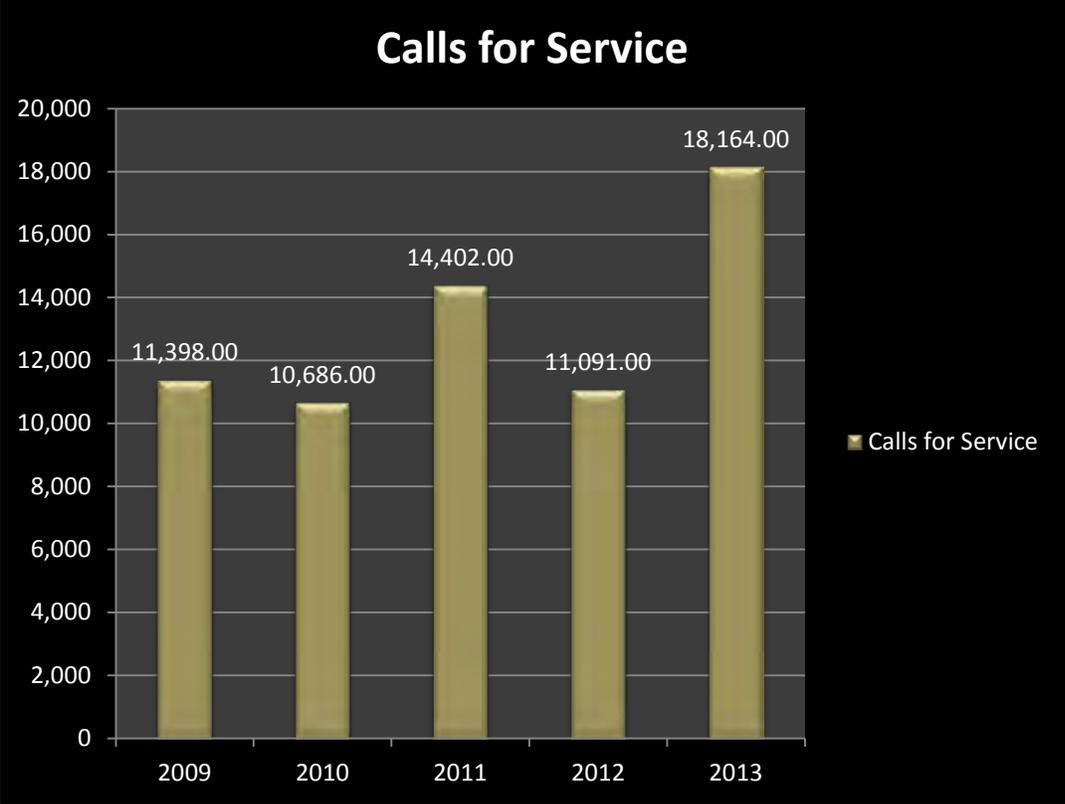
The Sheriff's Patrol responded to over 1,000 fire and emergency medical service calls. While the fire departments and ambulance services do respond to these calls, sheriff's deputies are already on the road, conducting patrols. More often than not, the deputies are first to arrive to render assistance. For instance, on February 22, 2013, sheriff's deputies responded to an EMS call in the Town of New Scotland for a 1 year old male who

was seizing. The deputies arrived and found the patient on the floor having a full body seizure. Deputies secured the patient on his side and manually cleared his mouth and throat to ensure a proper airway. They maintained the same until sheriff's paramedics arrived to administer anti-seizure medication and transport the infant patient to the emergency department. The seizure was such that it took multiple doses of medication to end the seizures. The patient survived, in part, due to the efforts of these deputies in securing and maintaining the patient's airway. The fact that the patient was an infant made this all the more critical.



TYPE OF INCIDENT	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Calls for Service	11,590	11,398	10,868	14,402	11,402	18,164
Arrests	557	562	468	645	546	629
Fire/EMS Calls	1,740	1,568	1595	1658	--	1,140
Traffic Stops	--	--	--	8082	--	over 6,000
Uniform Traffic Tickets	5,081	5,092	2502	2768	--	nearly 3,000
Cellphone/Texting While Driving Tickets	--	--	--	--	--	51
Speeding Tickets Issued	1,647	1,603	460	367	--	778
Stop Sign Tickets Issued	241	278	83	88	--	55
Suspended License Tickets	314	462	214	266	--	181
Seatbelt Tickets Issued	--	--	129	147	--	82
DWI Arrests	120	130	100	132	over 150	174
Auto Accidents	--	--	559	319	--	460
Domestic Incidents	--	--	--	--	--	675
Alarm Activations	--	--	--	--	--	127
911 Hang-Up Calls	--	--	--	--	--	290
Property Checks	--	--	--	--	--	238
Reports Generated	--	--	1088	1786	--	7,144





Marine Patrol

The Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol operates from the Sheriff's Public Safety Building in Clarksville, NY. Currently the Sheriff's Office has a fleet of two boats, a 25' Pro-Line Cruiser and a 17' Boston Whaler. The smaller of the two boats is mainly utilized on the smaller lakes in the hilltowns of Albany County and for emergency responses with the Dive Team. The 25' Pro-Line routinely patrols the Hudson River. The Sheriff's Office partners with the State of New York in a grant program wherein 75% of the expenditures of the Marine Patrol are

reimbursed. This creates a savings for the tax payers of Albany County and enables the Sheriff's Office to provide these services. In 2013, the Marine Patrol was in service for 212 hours utilizing three sheriff's members. Unit usage was limited by a lack of certified marine patrol members. The Marine Patrol conducted 22 vessel inspections, issued 8 citations and 14 warnings. The Marine Patrol assisted in several details this year. A channel security detail was conducted for the Castleton Yacht Club's Need for Speed event on the Hudson River. This event also utilized the assistance of Sheriff's EMS Lieutenant Dennis Wood for emergency medical assistance. The Marine Patrol assisted the Onondaga Nation with the Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign in which our marine patrol provided safe transit for over 150 kayakers in route from Rensselaer to New York City. Assistance was also given to the Rensselaer County



Sheriff's on Burden Lake for the annual Wounded Warrior Project. The Marine Patrol was also called out twice for emergency service. The first was for a report of a person in the water and the other for a report of a vessel taking on water. Our marine patrol also handled a boating accident in the Town of Coeymans that resulted in damage to one vessel, minor damage to a second and property damage to the Coeymans Landing docks. The Marine Patrol Unit was also available throughout the summer boating season, especially during Alive at Five events, to ensure the safety of those boating on the Hudson River.

K-9 George

The Patrol Station K-9 Unit consists of Deputy Sheriff Patrick Strollo and K-9 George. George has been with Sheriff's Office for a year now and has been requested to respond in one way or another to almost every city, town or village in the Albany County. He has also been requested to assist law enforcement agencies in surrounding counties as well. George has searched for prowlers in the Town of Berne, sniffed vehicles for drugs and tracked fugitives in Coeymans and also tracked suicidal subjects and sniffed for drugs hidden in vehicles in the Town of New Scotland. The K-9 Unit has responded to numerous burglaries in an attempt to track and locate the criminals who committed the burglary. George has found hidden drugs in cars in the Towns of Guilderland, Colonie and Bethlehem as well as in the Village of Voorheesville and the City of Watervliet. The unit was also requested to assist other K-9 units with checking school lockers in Schoharie County. In addition to these responses assistance was also rendered in finding missing hikers in the Town of Rensselaerville. He has also responded to burglar alarms to check for intruders. George assisted US Customs Agents and the Department of Homeland Security with checking airplanes for drugs at the Albany International Airport. On October 19th, Deputy Strollo and K-9 George responded to the City of Troy, along with other members of the Albany County Sheriff's Office and several other police agencies. These units assisted with crowd control during a potentially hazardous situation when over 500 SUNY Albany students were dropped off in Troy with no venue to go to due to scheduling errors.



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annual Paws in the Park fundraiser for the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society at Siena College, Albany County Family Court's - take your kids to work day, the Young Marines even at Christian Brothers Academy, as well as events for the local Girl Scouts, March of Dimes and the Albany County Sheriff's Office Explorers Post 043.

Patrol - Notable Cases

On January 11, 2013, patrol members responded to 1660 Thompsons Lake Road for a domestic dispute. After interviewing all of the parties involved, Paul A. Kenific II was arrested for Coercion in the first degree and two separate counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the fourth degree. Mr. Kenific threatened the victim and her family with metal knuckles and verbally threatened to kill the victim and her father if the victim tried to leave him.

On March 16, 2013, patrol members responded to a reported domestic incident that occurred inside of a moving vehicle between the City of Albany and the Town of Berne. The victim stated that, after leaving the St. Patrick's Day parade in the City of Albany, her boyfriend, Harold E. Albright III of 1578 Helderberg Trail in Berne, began to physically assault her in the car. The victim stated that Albright punched and choked her while they were in the car. Furthermore, Albright's mother, Mary Miesowicz, continued to drive the vehicle so that the victim could not escape. The victim sustained injuries to her face, neck, arms and hands and was later treated by EMS personnel. Harold Albright III was charged with Strangulation in the 2nd degree, Unlawful Imprisonment in the 2nd degree and Assault in the 3rd degree. Mary Miesowicz was charged with Unlawful Imprisonment in the 2nd degree and Unlawfully Dealing with a Child in the 1st degree for providing alcoholic beverages to her son and the victim, both of whom are under 21 years of age.

On March 17, 2013, patrol members stopped NY registration AHE-4285 on Virginia Avenue in the Town of Colonie. Upon speaking to the operator, Lorenzo Howard Kornegay Jr. of 26 Walter Street Albany, NY, an odor of alcoholic beverage was detected and an open container of alcoholic beverage was observed in plain view of the vehicle. The operator and the passenger, Daquan Charles of 288 River Road, Glenmont, NY, both appeared nervous and were removed from the vehicle for safety reasons. A stolen 9MM Glock model 19 handgun was found under the front seat of the vehicle. The handgun had been stolen out of the City of Watervliet. Both subjects were arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd degree, Criminal Possession of Weapon in the 3rd degree, Criminal Possession of a Firearm and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the 4th degree. The driver was also charged with several traffic infractions.



On April 26, 2013, patrol members conducted a DWI checkpoint on New Scotland Road in the Town of New Scotland. Peter K. George approached the checkpoint in a 2003 Chevrolet Trail Blazer. Upon speaking to Mr. George, a quantity of marijuana was observed in the cup holder of the vehicle. Mr. George was also observed to have glassy eyes, slurred speech and the odor of alcoholic beverage was detected on his breath. Mr. George failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI. Following his arrest for DWI and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, Mr. George was also found to be in possession of over 500mg of cocaine. Mr. George was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 5th degree, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana and Felony Driving While Intoxicated due to his prior DWI conviction within 10 years.



On May 15, 2013, patrol members stopped NY registration ELY-9845 in the Village of Voorheesville following a reported road rage incident. The operator of the vehicle, Daniel D. Holup, had previously made threats to harm police officers in prior incidents. Daniel Holup was found to be in possession of metal knuckles and a bludgeon. Holup was charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th degree and numerous Vehicle and Traffic Law infractions.

On May 30, 2013, patrol members responded to 3 New Scotland Avenue in Feura Bush, NY for a domestic dispute. Upon arriving, the deputies spoke to the victim who stated that her ex-boyfriend had pointed a loaded handgun at her during a verbal dispute. Christopher M. Mirabile was arrested and charged with Menacing in the 2nd degree and Reckless Endangerment in the 1st degree. Mirabile was then ordered to turn in all of his guns following the issuance of an order of protection. Upon seizing the firearms, per the order of protection, it was discovered that Mirabile was in possession of a .223 caliber AR-15 assault weapon. Mirabile was also charged with Criminal Possession of an Assault Weapon in the 3rd degree.

On June 01, 2013, Deputy Sheriff Philip Milano attempted to stop NY registration GCZ-3855 on Washington Avenue in the City of Albany for speeding and other vehicle and traffic law infractions. The operator of the vehicle, later identified as Oscar F. Lopez of 431 Morris Street in Albany, originally pulled over, but then sped off as Deputy Milano exited his vehicle. The operator took off at a high rate of speed on Washington Avenue to Washington Avenue Extension where he crashed his vehicle into a sand embankment off the right side of the roadway. The operator fled from his vehicle while his passenger, Cassandra Ramnauth, was trapped inside the vehicle, injured and screaming out in pain for help. The operator was apprehended after a brief foot pursuit. The operator had also sustained an injury to his wrist during the crash. After the Albany Fire Department was able to extricate the passenger from the vehicle, both the passenger and the driver were transported to the hospital for medical attention. The driver later apologized to deputies for failing to stop and admitted to consuming alcohol, marijuana and cocaine prior to operating the vehicle. Oscar Lopez was charged as follows: Unlawful Imprisonment 1st degree, Reckless Endangerment 2nd degree, Fleeing from an Officer in a Motor Vehicle 3rd degree, Resisting Arrest, Obstruction of Governmental Administration 2nd degree, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th degree (cocaine), Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, Leaving the Scene of a Personal Injury Auto Accident, Failure to Obey a Police Officer and several other vehicle and traffic law charges.

On June 03, 2013, deputies conducted a vehicle stop on Washington Avenue in the City of Albany and found Victor E. Williams Jr., of 231 Mount Hope Drive in the City of Albany was found to be in possession of a quantity of marijuana, 29 separate plastic baggies each containing a quantity of cocaine and a baggie containing a quantity of crack cocaine. Victor Williams was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd degree, Criminal Possession of a Narcotic Drug with Intent to Sell and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana.

On August 23, 2013, patrol members responded to the area of Thacher Park Road to assist the Guilderland Police in looking for an emotionally disturbed person who was possibly suicidal. Patrol members were advised by Guilderland Police of the location of the EDP by tracking her to Knox. Patrol members located the vehicle on State Route 156 in the Town of Knox and attempted to stop Zuleide Leonardo of 338 Hudson Avenue, Albany, NY. The suspect failed to stop and accelerated away at speeds exceeding 100mph before losing control of her vehicle and crashing off the roadway. Leonardo was evaluated by EMS, but stated that she was not injured. Despite refusing medical attention, she

continued to yell and scream and make strange remarks. The subject was arrested and transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital for an evaluation due to her suicidal remarks and actions. She was also charged with Unlawfully Fleeing a Police Officer in the 3rd degree, Reckless Driving and numerous other vehicle and traffic law infractions.

On August 31, 2013, members of the Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a fatal motor vehicle accident at 226 Saw Mill Road in the Town of Berne. Upon arriving, deputies found Daniel R. Ricketts unresponsive and being treated by EMS personnel. Mr. Ricketts had been riding his 4 wheel ATV on his own property when he apparently drove into a metal cable that had been strung near a marijuana field on the property. Mr. Ricketts died from a severe laceration to his throat caused by the metal wire. The death was determined to be accidental. Several marijuana plants were found growing near the area where Mr. Ricketts died and were seized during the investigation.

On September 13, 2013, members of this agency, including members of the Search and Rescue Team, were called to Thacher Park for a reported deceased male who was found off the Indian Ladder Trail. The victim, Ronald G. Czajkowski II of Pine Grove Street in the City of Rensselaer, had apparently entered the park after hours. He was rock climbing/rappelling in violation of park rules and failed to properly secure his rope which caused him to fall. The victim was found wearing a rock climbing harness and other climbing gear. His death was ruled accidental.

2013 Explorer Post 043

The Albany County Sheriff's Office began a Deputy Explorer Program that is administered from the Clarksville Patrol Station by Sergeant Martin Zaloga. The program began in November 2012 with 8 members and has grown to its current size of 18 members.



The Explorers donated over 1,200 hours of service this past year. Their activities included assisting STOP DWI with the designated driver program, assisting the Wounded Warrior Project, providing traffic control for the Alzheimer's Association's charity walk and various area marathons and assisting with events at the Times Union Arena and Alive at Five concerts. The Explorers have trained with this agency's Emergency Response Team, as well as the Haz-Mat Unit. They have also conducted joint training with their fellow Explorer Posts at the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the Guilderland Police Department Explorers. Ride along programs have been established with both the Albany County Sheriff's Patrol and EMS units.



2013 Emergency Response Team

The Albany County Sheriff's Office has a highly trained, fully staffed Emergency Response Team. The Emergency Response Team (E.R.T.) is designed to be a *rapid deployment team*, which can be dispatched quickly to any volatile situation. Members of this team are trained in tactical insertions, crowd control, dignitary protection, high risk transports, high risk warrant service and hostage / crisis negotiations. The team is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week to respond to assist the Sheriff's Office or any other agency requiring these special skills.



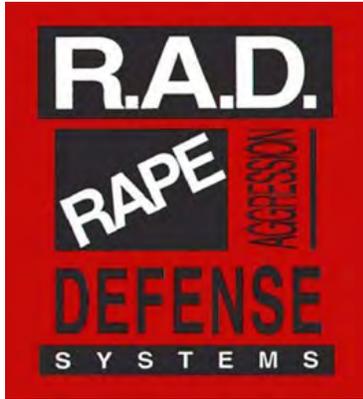
In 2012 the Emergency Response Team (E.R.T.) was one of the first SWAT teams in the State of New York to receive the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services SWAT Team Certification. This standard was approved by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC) on December 1, 2010. The standard complies with the select standards of the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program and the goals and objectives of the New York State Homeland Security Strategy.

The New York State SWAT Team Standards will give agencies the opportunity to provide a high level of emergency service to the communities they serve.



2013 R.A.D (Rape Aggression Defense)

R.A.D. Self Defense Programs



R.A.D. Basic Self Defense for Women is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention and risk avoidance strategies. We believe that this is 90% of our personal safety.

The system then progresses to the basics of hands-on defense training, but R.A.D. is not a martial arts program. Our goal is to teach women techniques to help them escape and survive.

Safety and survival in today's world requires a definite course of action. We operate on the premise that a spontaneous violent attack will stimulate a natural desire to resist on the part of the victim (Fight or Flight Syndrome). R.A.D. provides effective options by teaching women to take an active role in their own self-defense and psychological well-being.

Course Details

The 12 hour program is broken down into 3 or 4 sessions depending on the class' needs. Day one starts with risk education and transitions into hands on physical defense. The following sessions are composed of physical training that culminates in the simulation component of the program. This final session gives the participant the opportunity to perform the techniques they have learned against "aggressors" wearing special protective equipment in realistic training scenarios.



Free Return and Practice Policy

R.A.D. "graduates" receive a free lifetime return and practice guarantee that allows them to take a class anywhere, for free, regardless of whether that instructor charges for the program or not, as long as there is room in that class.

Instructors

The program is coordinated by Cindy Forte, a R.A.D. Instructor certified in basic and advanced women's self defense, as well as R.A.D. for seniors. Additional Instructors on the team are Shawn Higgins (basic and R.A.D. for seniors), Amanda Kyle-Sprague (basic and RAD for kids), Dave Poole, Shawn



Scavo, Kelly Jordan, Molly O'Brien, Chantelle Cleary, Heather Orth and Ron Messen.

COST

Classes are provided **FREE** to county residents by the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

- R.A.D. is the largest network of its kind with over 11,000 instructors having received training in our systems to date. These instructors teach at various colleges, universities and municipal law enforcement agencies as well as various other community organizations internationally. R.A.D. has trained more than 900,000 women since the program began in 1989.
- R.A.D. is the only existing program of its kind with a free lifetime return and practice policy. This policy is honored throughout Canada as well as the United States.
- R.A.D. is the only self-defense program ever endorsed by the [International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators \(IACLEA\)](#) .

2013

R.A.D. was presented to 553 people and 400 students completed the full 12 hour class. 32 classes and trainings were held at various locations in the Capital District including SUNY Albany, the College of Saint Rose, the Ciccotti Center in Colonie; as well as the Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central Schools.



2013 Grant Management Unit

This unit has been tasked with compiling information on all grant related projects which have been undertaken by the Sheriff's Office. In addition to compiling this information, the unit is responsible for tracking the progress of each grant funded project, ensuring the timely submission of related reports and researching new grant opportunities as they arise.

During 2013, the Albany County Sheriff's Office was involved with thirty-three grants of various types. These grants were multi-faceted and included, but were not limited to, funding for enhanced initiatives in the following areas:

- Traffic safety
- Anti-terrorism
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Response
- Information Technology
- P-25 Compliant Communications Equipment/Infrastructure
- Explosives K-9 Training and Equipment
- Hazardous Materials Response Equipment and Training
- Interoperable Communications
- Maritime Security Training and Equipment

Fifteen grants continued from 2013 and nine new grants were obtained this year. These grants totaled more than \$9.9 million dollars. An additional three grants were applied for, but were not obtained and six grants were closed out.

Continuing the plight of saving taxpayer dollars, this unit is also responsible for the Federal and State Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)/ Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) program. This program allows for surplus military equipment, vehicles and weapons to be passed on to state and local law enforcement agencies in an effort to save taxpayers money by reutilizing existing items. These items are provided to law enforcement agencies at no cost. In 2010, the Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team began looking for an armored vehicle. During this time period, grant funding was identified which had the potential for making the \$253,000.00 purchase of such a vehicle possible. Also at this time information was being received that armored vehicles were going to be made available through the DLA/LESO program. Sheriff Apple opted to redirect the grant funding into the repair of an ever failing, interoperable communications system and wait to see what became available through DLA/LESO. In 2013, the Albany County Sheriff's Office received an MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle valued by the federal government at \$658,000.00. This agency's only requirement was travelling to Fort Drum, New York to get the vehicle. It was transported to Albany County with the assistance of the Albany County Department of Public Works and has been added to our fleet.

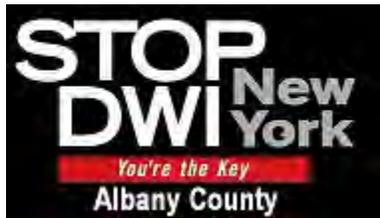


For 2014, we will continue to submit appropriate grant applications as they become available, as well as work on other funding opportunities which may arise. The major obstacles in grant funding for 2014 and beyond will be the decreased availability of funds. As it was this past year, the time frame in which grants may be spent down will remain at 2 years, as opposed to the previous 3 to 4 years. Also there are no extensions on grant funding. A new federal reporting requirement is also in place now, which is retroactive to

2011 on all Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) projects. Despite the many budgetary and logistical restrictions, this Agency will continue to pursue new grants and administer those in place. These grants are vital to ensuring that this Agency has the necessary tools to continue to serve the taxpayers of Albany County and do so in the most economical manner.



2013 Stop DWI



Program Overview

Since 1981, the Albany County STOP-DWI Program has served to educate the community regarding the dangers of impaired driving. Our program also provides funding to groups and organizations engaged in activities which support our mission to reduce alcohol related crashes in Albany County.

Albany County STOP-DWI offers the following services:

- Anti-DWI Programs including speakers and DVD'S
- High School mini-grants to assist with alcohol and drug-free prom-time events
- Handouts and printed materials
- DWI Program displays and educational events

Albany County STOP-DWI supports or funds the efforts of:

- Addictions Care Center of Albany, Inc. (ACCA)
- CHOICES 301, Inc.
- Honor Court - Altamont Program
- St. Peter's Addiction Recovery Center (SPARC)
- Albany County Drug Court
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- Parents Who Host
- Albany County Traffic Safety Board (ACTSB)

Albany County STOP-DWI provides funding to:

- Twelve (12) local law enforcement agencies within Albany County
- Albany County District Attorney's Office
- Albany County Probation Department

ADMINISTRATION & EVALUATION

Allocation of Financial Resources

It is the responsibility of the administrator to prepare an appropriate STOP-DWI plan and to provide financial resources to organizations that further the mission of the STOP-DWI Program. These organizations are involved in enforcement, prosecution, court related activity, probation, rehabilitation, public information, education and administration.

Promotion of DWI Prevention as a Priority

The Albany County STOP-DWI Program is fully committed to the deterrence model in its approach to addressing this problem. This program will continue to focus a great amount of effort and resources to reducing impaired driving crashes. We intend to increase awareness of the DWI offense by publicizing our efforts and have moved to improve training for law enforcement. Victims now play a huge role in personalizing why DWI enforcement is important. With the cooperation of law enforcement, there has been an increase in the number of tickets being issued and the District Attorney's Office has strengthened its prosecution policy through swift, sure and severe punishments.

Monitoring the Program's Progress

As administrators of this program, it is important for us to monitor its progress and effectiveness to achieve our mission. We will continue to seek assistance, monitor all aspects of our program and fund only those projects that further our mission.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

Displays

All STOP-DWI displays are comprehensive traffic safety displays. They are exhibited at area schools, shopping malls, industries, fairs and municipal events where anti-DWI educational literature and novelties are distributed.

Exhibits

The “Second Front” exhibit was unveiled in August of 2013 at the Veterans Administration Hospital as part of the Albany County STOP-DWI Program. The exhibit deals with veterans who have returned from active military duty experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and turned to alcohol as a form of self-medication.



STOP-DWI Educational Programs

During 2013, the STOP-DWI Program continued to participate in a number of educational events at various high schools and colleges. These included alcohol awareness education at orientations and homecomings as well as pre-prom and graduation programs. At many of these events, the fatal vision goggles were utilized. Additionally, the STOP-DWI Program spoke about alcohol awareness at several health classes at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

DITEP: Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals

Drug impairment recognition training conducted at the STOP-DWI office was provided free of charge to numerous school administrators, nurses and other staff. This training is crucial for those who work with our children every day. Continuing education ensures that they are able to recognize when a student is impaired by drugs and take appropriate action.

NEW YEAR'S SAFE RIDE

The STOP-DWI Program once again sponsored a free ride for those who, while celebrating, became impaired and should not have been driving. This year's event was co-sponsored by the law firm of Martin, Harding & Mazzotti and hundreds of free taxi cab rides were provided to get individuals home safely. The STOP-DWI Program has sponsored this event for the past twenty-nine years and since that time there has not been a DWI related fatality on New Year's Eve.

ALIVE AT 25

The Albany County STOP-DWI Program has continued to work with select local criminal courts to improve public education. In 2013, defendants between the ages of 16 and 25 who were charged with a moving violation were mandated to take the Alive at 25 defensive driving course. The course includes a segment on driving while impaired and over 400 individuals were mandated to attend over the past year.

TIPS Training

The program continued to offer Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) throughout the county. This initiative helps to ensure that all people handling alcoholic beverage sales are properly trained and educated on related issues.

Parents Who Host

The Albany County Stop DWI Program continued to promote and support this coalition's mission to discourage parents from hosting underage parties that serve alcohol to minors. Several advertisements were run on television as a "PSA blitz" during prom, homecoming and graduation seasons.

DWI Crime Victim's Event

Once again the STOP-DWI Program organized and hosted a DWI crime victims' event during National Crime Victims' Week in the City of Albany. This event memorializes DWI victims and their families. Pictured below, local officials and victims come together to address a crowd of over a hundred.



STOP-DWI Project Safe Child

This program provides free photo identification to children up to the age of 18. The Albany County STOP-DWI Program funds this and we find it an excellent way to introduce the STOP-DWI Program to local schools and community groups. This program has been sponsored by the STOP-DWI Program since 2006 and has provided thousands of Child Photo Identification Cards to help keep our children safe. In just 2013 alone, Project Safe Child issued over 1,200 ID's in Albany County.



Designated Driver Initiative

The Albany County STOP-DWI program, along with various corporate sponsors, provided numerous non-alcoholic beverages and cab vouchers to those who signed up to be designated drivers at events where alcohol was served. Many of these events were held at the Times Union Center, while others were outdoor events like the Tulip Festival sponsored by the City of Albany.



STOP-DWI Victim Impact Panel (VIP)

The Albany County STOP-DWI Victim Impact Panel (VIP) consists of three to four DWI victims who address an audience composed of DWI offenders. They speak about the impact on their lives brought about by drunk driving crashes that have resulted in either the injury or death of a loved one. In addition, a member from our partners on the rehabilitation side speaks about alcoholism and offers assistance to whomever might like to take advantage of it. The goal of the panel is to deliver a message calling for a change in the behavior of the drunk driver, in order to save lives. This does not replace conventional sentencing, but instead compliments it. The VIP is self-sufficient through the collection of fees. In order to reach as many individuals as possible, the panel is also broadcast on cable access television. The following picture pictured shows over 200 DWI offenders who were court mandated to attend a victim impact panel. The Albany County STOP-DWI Program organizes six victim impact panels annually where victims and offenders tell their stories of how DWI has forever changed their lives.

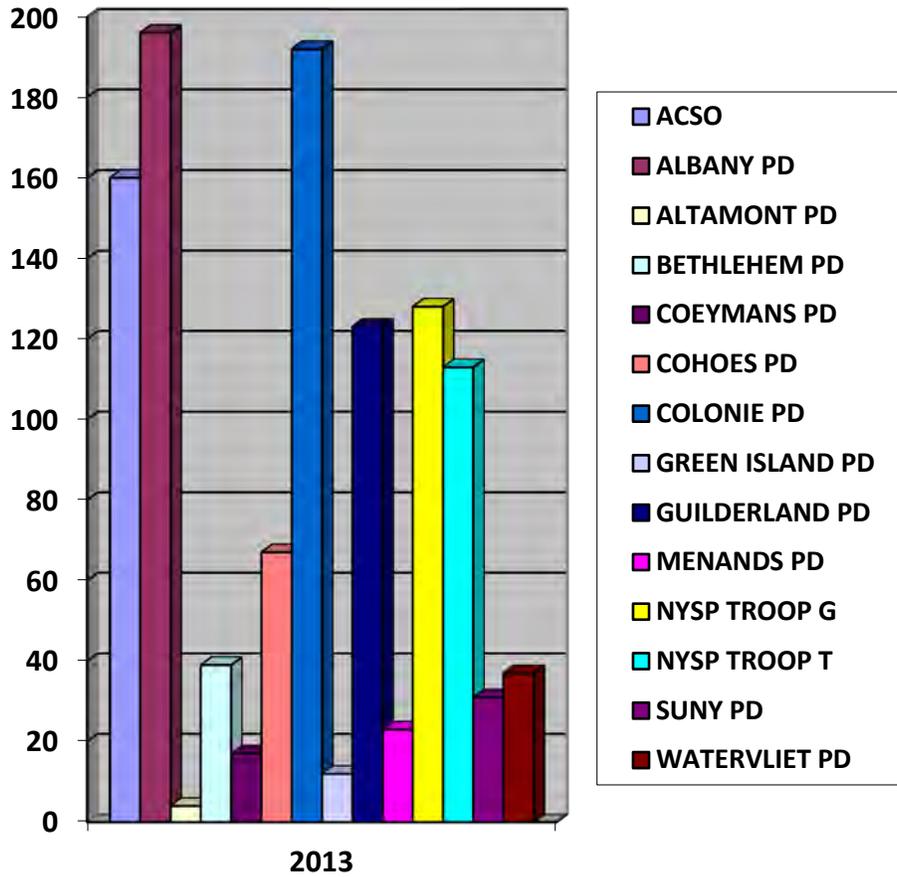


Public Service Announcements

In March of 2013, the Albany County STOP-DWI Program kicked off an Anti-Drugged Driving Campaign with a press conference. Public service announcements were also placed on several CDTA buses and bus huts, as well as several mobile billboards around the county.



County Wide DWI Arrest Totals



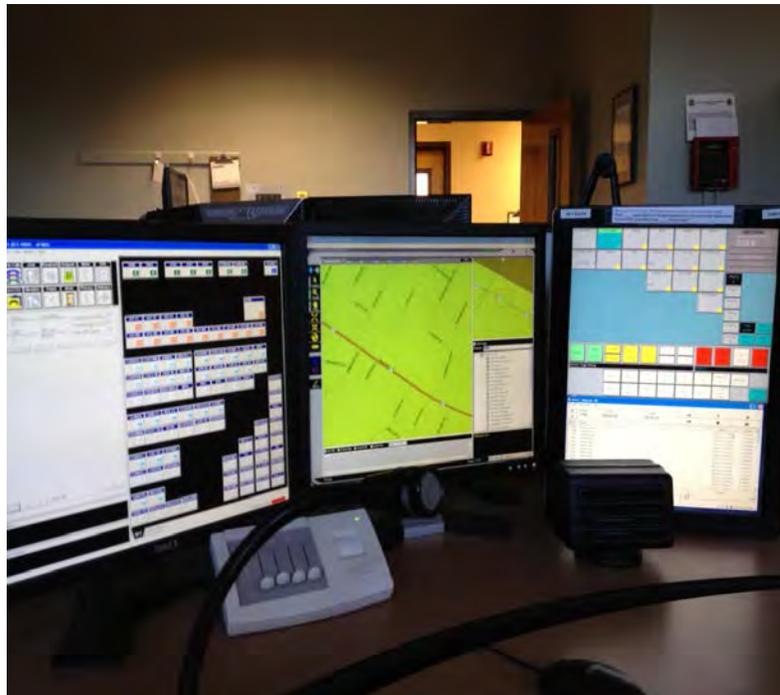
2013 E911 - Communications

During 2013, the Albany County Sheriff's Office E911/Communications Center continued to provide effective and reliable support and services to the public safety agencies and citizens of Albany County despite the tough fiscal climate. There are many citizens and entities which benefitted over the past year because of the professional and dedicated assistance that was provided to them by the E911/Communications Center staff.

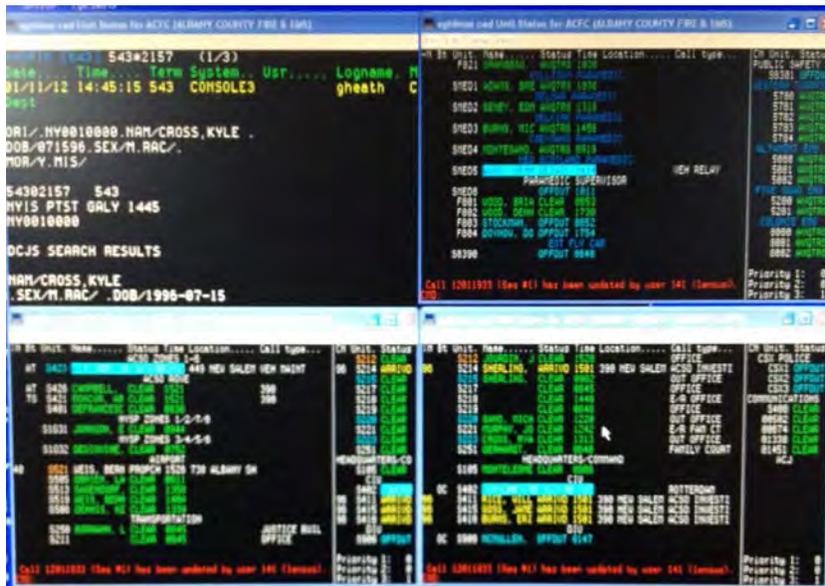
The Albany County Sheriff's Office E911/Communications Center is also the station responsible for the management and administration of the 911 system throughout all of Albany County encompassing every jurisdiction within the county. Throughout 2013, the technology unit of the Albany County Sheriff's Office E911 Program has effectively supported the technical needs of first responders throughout the County of Albany. The technology unit, which is housed in the Albany County Communications Center, implements and maintains cutting edge technical tools for first responders in multiple law enforcement and public safety agencies. The primary and secondary PSAPs (Public Safety Answering Points) that are supported by this unit are the Albany County Sheriff's Office, the Albany Police Department, the Colonie Police Department, the Bethlehem Police Department, the Guilderland Police Department, the New York State Police at the Empire State Plaza, the Menands Police Department and the Coeymans Police Department. In addition to these PSAPs, this unit is responsible for technology that is deployed in over 50 different fire departments and emergency medical service departments within the County of Albany. The Technology Unit responded to over 2,700 requests for service during 2013. These requests were for the support and maintenance of nearly 80 different systems and applications. These systems and applications are classified into different tiers ranging from low priority to mission critical.

The Albany County Sheriff's Office E911/Communications Center provides dispatch services to the Office of the Sheriff, the New York State Police, the City of Cohoes Police and Fire, the City of Watervliet Police and Fire, the Village of Green Island Police and Fire, 10 volunteer fire companies and 5 ambulance companies. The E/911 Communications Center also provides services, as needed, for several other state and local law enforcement agencies, as well as the Albany County Highway Department and the Albany County Probation Department.

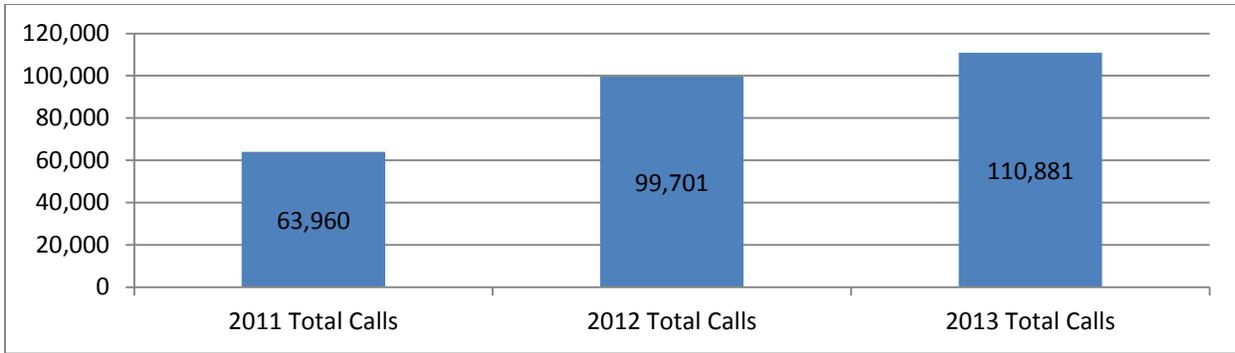
The Albany County Sheriff's Office E911/Communications Center is the primary E911 answering point for six towns, three villages and two cities. In two of these municipalities, 911 calls not requiring emergency medical dispatch are transferred upon receipt and determination. However, if the call is of a medical nature, then the Albany County telecommunicator must follow through with the call until the fire department or ambulance arrives on the scene.



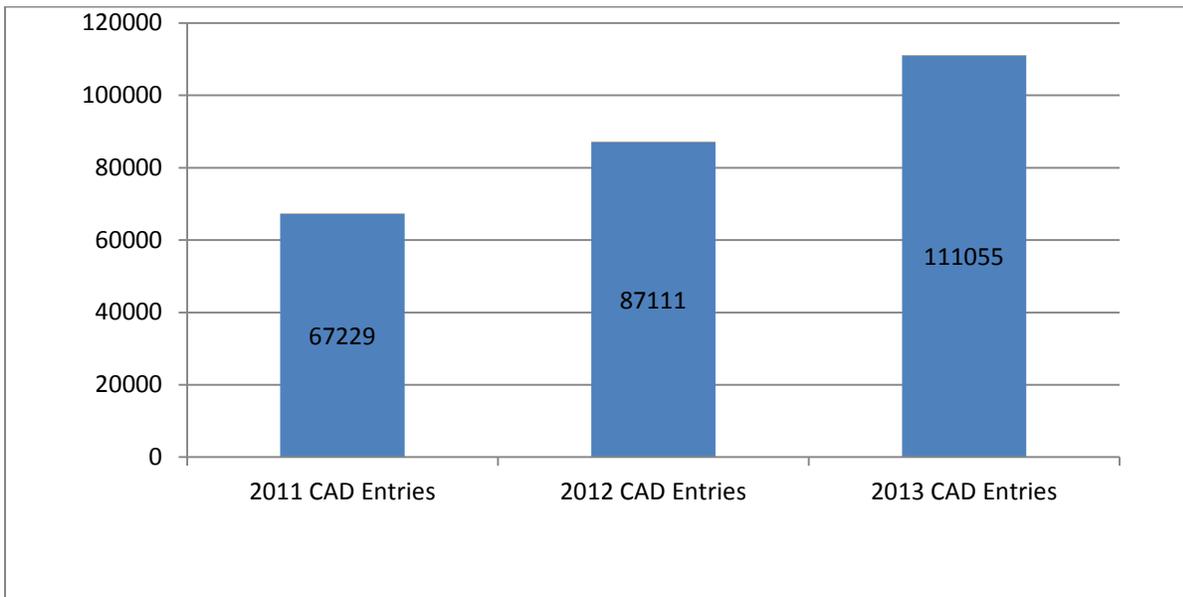
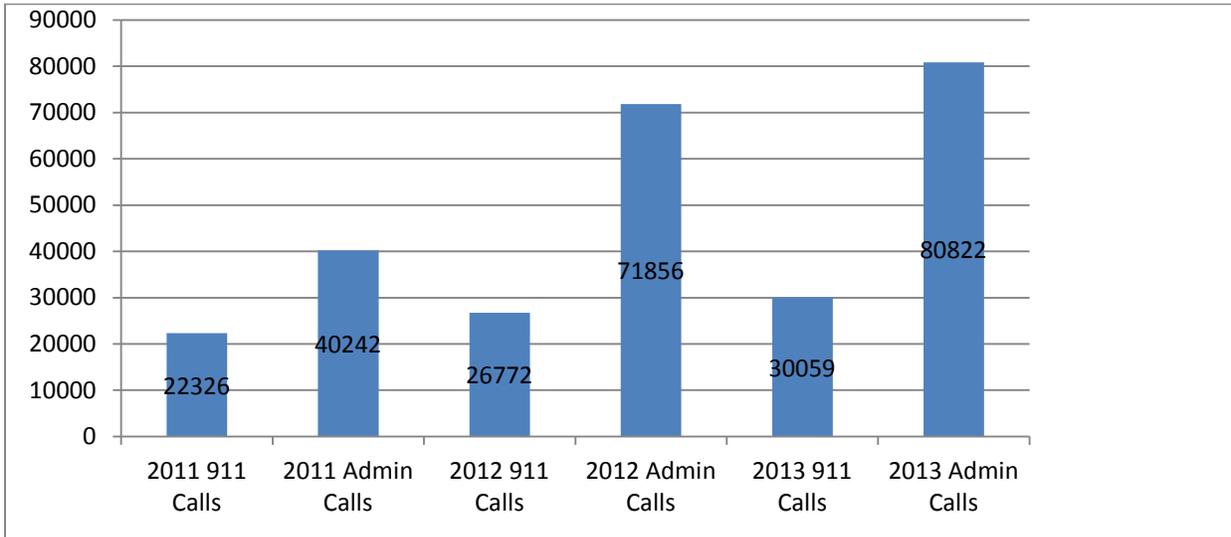
Three of the 4 main screens utilized by each telecommunicator from left to right: the phone system including E911 and wireless 911, the call mapping software and the radio system.



These are the last of the 4 main screens utilized by the telecommunicators. This is a view of the computer aided dispatch system. This system is being used by all agencies within Albany County, with the exception of Bethlehem, as well as most agencies within Schenectady County. This system was purchased for every agency through 911 funds and allows the telecommunicators to dispatch and track every police, fire and EMS unit in Albany County.

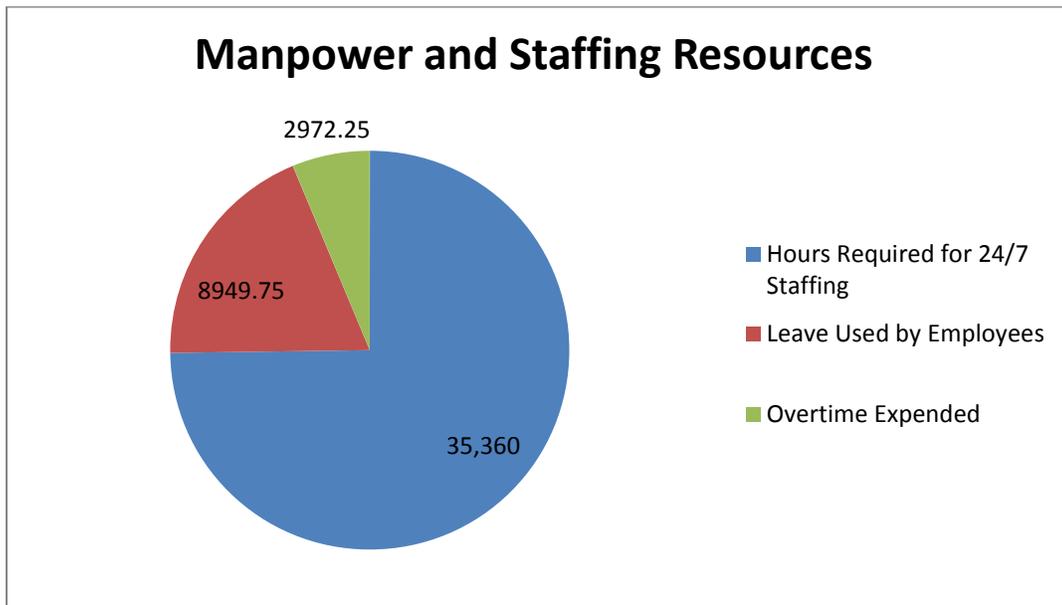


The total number of calls received by the Albany County Sheriff's Office 911 Center in 2013 compared with previous years.



- This data was obtained from actual entries of calls for service into the computer aided dispatch system.

The personnel currently assigned to the 911/Communications Center consists of 1 captain, 1 deputy sheriff, 3 senior telecommunicators, 18 telecommunicators, 1 clerk and two information technology support personnel. Minimum staffing for the operation of the Communications Center is 4 telecommunicators per shift. Telecommunicators work a rotating schedule based on 12 hours per day and are divided into 4 sections.



On February 18, 2013, the 911 center staff received a report of a house fire in the City of Watervliet. When the call was received there were 6 people in the house. The dispatchers were able to provide instructions and get the 6 people to safely evacuate the home. During the fire, the 911 center staff coordinated the dispatching of four fire departments to the scene, as well as EMS and police.

On August 1, 2013, telecommunicator John Rockwell received a call for a 22 year old that had stopped breathing. Telecommunicator Rockwell gave lifesaving CPR instructions until the fire department arrived. The fire department was able to continue CPR and the person was resuscitated. This was an example of a telecommunicator applying emergency medical dispatch protocols, training and experience correctly.

On September 20, 2013, the 911 center staff received a call for a smoke condition at an apartment complex in Watervliet. As the situation quickly changed, it was found that it was a major structure fire with 5 people still trapped in the complex. The 911 staff, with the assistance of the Rensselaer County 911 staff, was able to coordinate and assist the 4 fire departments involved in locating the entrapped persons.

In 2013, the Albany County Sheriff's Office E/911 Center managed several major projects and upgrades to its technology.

Radio System Upgrade and Replacement

The Albany County Sheriff's Office signed a contract with Motorola to rebuild a failing and aged radio system that is used for dispatching the first responders of Albany County. Over the course of 2013, the Albany County Sheriff's Office replaced the radio equipment at two existing radio tower sites and added 3 additional radio tower sites. By replacing this equipment and adding the additional sites, radio coverage in Albany County is at 95% countywide. This system will greatly enhance the communication abilities of first responders. The 1.6 million dollars in costs associated with this project were paid for with Homeland Security Grant funds. \$100,000.00 of E/911 surcharge funds were used to cover additional construction costs associated with two of the sites.

Pinnacle Mountain Radio Tower Site (CRB) – Town of New Scotland

The CRB site has been used by the Albany County Sheriff's Office for several years. In 2013, all of the radio transmitters were replaced, as well as the existing microwave equipment, which provides connectivity to the 911 center and the other tower sites. The old 2 foot microwave dish was replaced with two 6 foot microwave dishes. All of the tower sites have been upgraded to utilize two microwave dishes. In the event that one microwave should fail, the system has a second level of redundancy built in which takes over seamlessly. The CRB tower is a 300 foot tower used by several local TV stations for broadcasting. The local stations have provided space on the tower and in their building for Albany County to use. Below is a picture of the tower and the broadcast equipment used for the Sheriff's Office radio system.



Pond Hill Road Tower Site – Town of Rensselaerville

The Pond Hill Road tower site is a newly developed site which will provide enhanced coverage in the Towns of Berne, Westerlo and Rensselaerville. Installation at the Pond Hill Road site included transmitters, two 6 foot microwave dishes and a 35 Kilowatt generator, as well as heating and air conditioning to protect the radio equipment. The Pond Hill Road tower is an old 300 foot digital communications link that was decommissioned in the early 1990's. The tower was then purchased by a leasing corporation. Currently, the Albany County Sheriff's Office and the FAA lease space on the tower and in the building. Pictured below are the tower, the new generator, the room constructed to house the county radio equipment and the radio equipment at the site.



Gedney Hill Road Site – Town of Coeymans

The Gedney Hill Road site is a newly developed site which will provide enhanced coverage for the Towns of Coeymans, New Scotland and Westerlo. The Gedney Hill Road site had transmitters installed, along with two 6 foot microwave dishes, a 35 Kilowatt generator and a precast building containing heating and air conditioning. The building will house all of the radio equipment. The Gedney Hill Road tower is a 199 foot cellular tower owned by the Town of Coeymans. Pictured below are the microwave dishes, antennas, generator and interior of the shelter which was placed on the site by the county.



Durham Site – Town of Durham

The Durham site has been used by the Albany County Sheriff's Office for several years. This site's microwave equipment was upgraded, along with its transmitters. It provides coverage for the Preston Hollow area in the Town of Rensselaerville. The Durham site is an 80 foot tower owned by Mid-Hudson Cablevision. The shelter and generator were placed at the site by the county in order to house the radio equipment. Due to its location, space at the site is extremely limited, so a smaller shelter and generator were used to remain within the footprint of the leased area.



Bald Mountain Site – Town of Brunswick

The Bald Mountain site will take the place of the former Corning Tower site in the City of Albany. The Bald Mountain site provides coverage to nearly the entire eastern portion of Albany County. This greatly enhances coverage along the Hudson River and the municipalities which border it. The Bald Mountain site is owned by Rensselaer County, who has allowed the Albany County Sheriff's Office to install 2 six foot microwave dishes and radio transmitters on their tower. Albany County was able to share their existing precast shelter and generator as well. This site is an excellent example of cooperation and shared resources between municipalities.



Countywide Camera System

In 2013, the Albany County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with Albany County Information Services, deployed a robust countywide camera system. Previously the county had diverse camera systems that worked independently from one another. The separate systems resulted in redundancies in maintenance agreements and hindered work flow due to the different technologies. By utilizing the county's robust fiber network, we were able to deploy an IP based system that can be utilized by all county entities. Long-term storage is held in secure locations throughout the county. In total, 700 cameras are now on the same system. All cameras within the county are now on the same platform. We were also able to reutilize the current analog cameras on site by converting their video stream to digital.

Locations: Albany County Jail, Albany County Judicial Center, Albany County Family Court, 112 State Street, Albany County Department of Public Works, Albany County Department of Health, Albany County Social Services and Albany County Probation.

Moving forward we will be able to Install IP cameras anywhere that the county has fiber presence. In the case of an emergency, all cameras are able to be monitored from offsite county locations. The entire project was paid for with Homeland Security Grant funds.

Net Motion

The Albany County Sheriff's Office has deployed a persistent VPN solution. This solution manages the connection of mobile or remote clients, such as mobile data terminals in the patrol cars, onto the County of Albany network. This system enables a remote client to access any resource on the County of Albany's network. Additionally, this solution provides regional law enforcement agencies with the ability to access and share data that is housed on the County of Albany's network.

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The IT staff at the 911 center worked with the Albany Crime Analysis Center to upgrade the LPR (License Plate Reader) server. The Albany County Sheriff's Office has enhanced the functionality of this system by creating a data warehouse for LPR reads. This has been deployed on a regional level and law enforcement agencies from the counties of Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer contribute to the database. There is a front end application that each participating agency can use to query data that is housed on this server.

Inventory Application

The Crow Canyon Inventory System uses Microsoft SharePoint as a platform. This leverages the functionality of Microsoft Office applications for a comprehensive inventory management system. This system will allow the E911 Center and the Sheriff's Office to track and maintain equipment.

Help Desk Application

The IT Helpdesk System tracks technology calls for service. This system includes a dashboard function to allow administrators to manage their IT resources effectively. Service calls can be tracked for progress.

In Vehicle Camera System

The Panasonic Arbitrator 360 is an in-car evidence acquisition system. This in-vehicle video and audio system is considered state of the art technology for law enforcement. The system allows for the secure collection and storage of evidence collected in the field. Both the suspect's and officer's actions are recorded when in and around the patrol vehicle or during emergency response.

GIPD Tech Services

The Albany County Sheriff's Office Technology Unit, through contractual agreement, has assumed the IT responsibilities for the police department in the Village of Green Island. All of the Green Island systems and applications have been integrated onto Albany County sponsored platforms. By sharing these services, the Village of Green Island will save approximately \$20,000.00 per year in IT associated costs.

Records Management Consolidation

The Albany County Sheriff's Office has consolidated the records management systems in Green Island, Cohoes, Watervliet and Menands onto one platform. This allows all agencies involved in the project to more efficiently share incident and arrest information between agencies.

In Vehicle Wireless Upgrades

The Albany County Sheriff's Office has installed Sierra Wireless GX440 modems into patrol vehicles. This equipment has replaced legacy wireless technology. As a result, true broadband capabilities are now available on the Mobile Data Terminals. The same technical tools and systems that are available on an in-station computer are also now accessible right in the patrol vehicle.

2014 will be another busy and exciting year for the Albany County Sheriff's Office E911 Center. The Albany County Sheriff's Office will begin a second radio project in partnership with both the Town of Colonie and the City of Albany. This system will bring true interoperability to fire, police, EMS, public works and schools. Once completed, this will be a one of a kind system within New York State and have the capability of becoming regional.

2013 Appointments, Promotions and Retirements

Appointments:

- 1/11/13 Jordan Harrington, Deputy Sheriff
Matthew Kavanagh, Deputy Sheriff
William Keeler, Deputy Sheriff
Jesse Smith, Deputy Sheriff
Michael Warner, Deputy Sheriff
- 1/11/13 Carey Jordan, Correction Officer
Albert Bleichert, Jr., Correction Officer
Thomas Bellow, Correction Officer
- 1/18/13 Robert Drozd, Correction Officer
- 2/1/13 Bonni Deady, Library Clerk
(Corrections)
- 2/15/13 John Rockwell, Telecommunicator
- 3/8/13 Leta Bailey, Food Service Helper (Corrections)
- 4/12/13 Christopher Morse, Building Maintenance Helper (Corrections)
- 5/10/13 John Smalley, Court Attendant
- 7/12/13 Anthony Fiacco, Correction Officer
Mark Loya, Correction Officer
Craig Apple, Jr., Deputy Sheriff
Matthew Rimmer, Deputy Sheriff
Thomas Praisner, Deputy Sheriff
Javier-Luis Martinez, Deputy Sheriff
Laurie Malfer, Deputy Sheriff
Robert Lemerise, Deputy Sheriff
Christopher House, Deputy Sheriff
- 8/30/13 Glenn Helmer II, Food Service
Helper (Corrections)



9/27/13 Thomas Cox, Correction Officer
David Dollerd, Correction Officer
Brian Dongelewic, Correction Officer
Sprague Frenyea, Correction Officer
Shante McKinley, Correction Officer
John Stratta, Correction Officer
Dawn McKinney, Correction Officer
Nicholas Mustico, Correction Officer
Roger Salisbury, Correction Officer
Timothy Perkins, Correction Officer

Promotions:

5/3/13 Lawrence Warner to First Sergeant, from Sergeant (Corrections)

5/24/13 William Riley to Inspector, from Captain (Law Enforcement)
James Goss to Captain, from Investigator (Law Enforcement)
Christian Clark to Superintendent, from Assistant Superintendent (Corrections)
Michael Lyons to Assistant Superintendent, from Correction Officer (Corrections)
Michael Monteleone to Assistant Chief, from Inspector (Law Enforcement)
Gennaro Appell to Inspector, from First Sergeant (Law Enforcement)
Arrel Moncur to First Sergeant, from Sergeant (Law Enforcement)
John Henry to Sergeant, from Deputy Sheriff (Law Enforcement)
Shawn Noonan to Investigator, from Deputy Sheriff (Law Enforcement)

8/2/13 Kristen Spinnato to Correction Officer, from EMT-PT (Corrections)
Veronica Beretvas to Correction Officer, from Food Service Helper (Corrections)

10/18/13 Kerry Thompson to Chief Deputy, from Lieutenant (Law Enforcement)
Michael Monteleone to Chief Deputy, from Assistant Chief Deputy (Law Enforcement)

11/1/13 Ryan Cross to Deputy Sheriff, from Motor Vehicle Operator (Law Enforcement)



Retirements:

1/11/13 Patricia McCully, Build Maintenance Mechanic (Corrections)

1/15/13 Michael Taylor, Deputy Sheriff

1/31/13 Philip Stoughton, Correction Officer
Leslie MacDougall, Corrections Sergeant

2/28/13 Joseph Carey, Deputy Sheriff

3/29/13 Thomas Wigger, Superintendent (Corrections)

4/10/13 Ronald Hoyt, Correction Officer

5/23/13 Timothy Barrett, 1st Assistant Superintendent (Corrections)

5/23/13 Daniel Maron, Correction Officer

6/7/13 Matthew Campbell, Chief Deputy (Law Enforcement)

5/31/13 Thomas Carroll, Correction Officer

5/3/13 Donald Howell, Correction Officer

8/2/13 Frank O'Brien, Correction Officer

9/27/13 Theodore Nobles, Work Alternative Supervisor (Corrections)

10/25/13 Joseph Ashley, Correction Officer

11/8/13 Gregg Winans, Correction Officer



2013 Law Enforcement Training Unit

The Law Enforcement Training Unit is charged with the responsibility of coordinating the activities and maintaining the records relating to Basic, Supervisory, Specialized and In-service training programs. This includes all programs attended, taught and sponsored by or for members of the Law Enforcement Division. The training unit coordinated and recorded over 18,763 hours of training in 2013.

In 2013, the Albany County Sheriff's Office maintained a lead role in the area of law enforcement training. Sheriff Craig Apple serves on the Board of Directors for the Zone Five Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy. The Zone Five Training Academy currently serves 67 law enforcement agencies within the ten counties that comprise the Zone Five Region.

In 1996, Sheriff James Campbell joined forces with area law enforcement executives to reorganize the design of what is now the regional law enforcement training academy. As a result of this reorganization, participating agencies would be responsible for paying a flat rate which covered all academy related enrollment expenses for newly hired law enforcement personnel.

Police Instructors

During 2013, Law Enforcement Division instructors responded to a total of 61 requests for instruction and provided 2,093 hours of training. Three of our members were re-certified as police instructors and four members earned new certifications to become basic instructional staff. The training unit was also able to conduct an Instructor Development Course this year.

Firearms/Use of Force Training

Firearm's training was conducted at the Bethlehem Police Department range in Feura Bush this year. This training included a thorough weapons maintenance program which was followed by an inspection of all issued firearms. Members attending this course of



instruction qualified with their issued sidearm as well as the patrol rifle and shotgun. This training was conducted by seven part-time firearm's training instructors. In addition to firearm's training, law enforcement members received in-service training in the use of force, which is governed by NYS Penal Law Article 35, the use of Oleoresin Capsicum or O.C. spray; the deployment of TASER conductive energy devices and proper use of the ASP police baton. Members attending this training also participated in a course of instruction on building search techniques.

Active Shooter Training

In 2013, the Albany County Sheriff's Office instituted a ground breaking new program. The training unit began providing active shooter response training to civilians to educate them on how to properly respond to an active shooter scenario. Over 1,000 people attended this training program this year. Attendees came from various county agencies as well as from corporate and private entities. To further this education, a video was created by this agency which can be viewed by visiting AlbanyCountySheriff.com. This new media approach provides essential safety tips to those who have not yet been able to attend the Active Shooter Response for Civilians training course.

In-service Training

In addition to the firearms training listed above, the training unit conducted an array of various in-service training in 2013. This in-service training serves as continuing education for our deputies and provides opportunities for them to certify and recertify in various areas. Active shooter training was provided for all sworn members and served as an inspiration for the new Civilian Active Shooter Training Class instituted this year. Recent graduates of the Zone Five Training Academy were sent to both Breathalyzer and radar training, where they received certifications. Many senior deputies were recertified in the Breathalyzer again this year as well. Due to the nature of this, and many other certifications, periodic training and recertification is required. Both the Search and Rescue and Emergency Response Teams continued to have their monthly training sessions and records of this training are kept by the training unit. This unit also conducted a Field Training Officer School which led to the certification of six new training officers.

In-Service Training for 2013 included:

- * Range Qualifications
- * Breathalyzer Recertification
- * Radar Training
- * Active Shooter Training
- * Weekly Commanders' Meetings
- * Distribution of Training Bulletins (16 distributed this year)
- * Documented ERT/SRT Training
- * Conducted a Field Training Officer School
- * Conducted an Instructor Development Course
- * Conducted Taser Training and Recertification

Basic Course for Police Officers



The Albany County Sheriff's Office sent 12 Recruits to the Zone 5 Law Enforcement Training Academy in 2013. This agency also had the distinction of providing the session counselor to one of the two sessions held at the Training Academy this year. The session counselor is directly involved with the training and development of all recruits in attendance during the academy session, regardless of their agency. Each academy session lasts for six months, during which the recruits receive over 1,000 hours of training.

Major blocks of instruction included:

- 40 hours of Firearms Instruction and Qualification
- 40 Hours of First Responder Training
- A weeklong Emergency Vehicle Operation Course
- A weeklong course in Officer Safety, Street Encounters and Active Shooter Scenarios

The recruits also received intensive instruction in the following areas:

- Penal Law
- Criminal Procedure Law
- Physical Training
- Arrest Techniques
- Aerosol Devices and Taser Certification (including exposure)
- Situations involving Mental Illness
- Domestic Violence Response
- Traffic Safety and Accident Investigation
- Radar Certification
- Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and Breath Test Operator Certification



Prior to graduation all recruits completed a period of supervised field training, review and orientation. This training continued after graduation as the new deputies completed this Agency's field training program before receiving their duty assignments. The commander of the training unit oversees this program and arranges for the certification of new field training officers who provide instruction and evaluation. Six new field training officers were certified in 2013.

Courses Attended by Law Enforcement Members

Taser Recertification 2013	Technologies Against Police and Prosecutors
STAT Sniper Training	Emergency Medical Responder
SRT Training	Zone 5 Instructor Pepper Spray
Forensic HAZ-MAT Training	Zone 5 Firearms Instructor
Firearms Range	Taser Training-New & Recertification
Field Training Officer Course	Prosecuting Drugged Drivers
FEMA On-line Course	Missing Persons Investigations
ERT Training	Zone 5 EVOC Instructors
ERT School 1	Telecommunication Investigative Course
East Coast Gang Investigation Association Training	Marine Patrol Operators Course
DWI Detection/Field Sobriety Course	K-9 Training
Domestic Preparedness Awareness	Interview & Interrogation for Police
Defensive Tactics Instructor at Zone 5	Instructor Request Breath Analysis Course
Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety	Instructor Development Course
Course in Police Supervision	Incident Command System ICS-300
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	Impact of High Stress Events
Civil Procedures Phase 2	Sovereign Citizen Extremism
Civil Procedures Phase 1	Radar/Lidar Operator Course
Choices 301	ICS-200
Cannabis Indoor Grow	GLOCK Armorer School
Bulk Money Smuggling Seminar	General Topics Recertification
Breath Test Operator Recertification	Suicide Prevention in County Jails and Lockups
Breath Analysis Course	Firearms Instructor Recertification
Basic SWAT School	Supervisor's School
Basic Photography Course	PT Instructor at Zone 5 Training Academy
Basic Marine Law Enforcement Program	Project Lifesaver
Basic Criminal Investigator Course	Public Safety Critical Incident Management Course
Basic Course for Police	Patrol Rifle Operator Course
Armorer Course (AR-15)	Genetec's Auto VU LPR's
Alco-Sensor FST Online Training	Firearms/Tactical Shooting
Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement	Explosives Course for Law Enforcement
Advanced Highway Interdiction	Crime Scene and Evidence Tech Course
Adobe Digital Govern Solutions Seminar	Clandestine Drug Lab/Synthetic Drug Awareness
Accreditation Program Manager Training	Civil Supervisor's Training

Honor Guard

The commander of the training unit also coordinates all functions of the Albany County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard. The Honor Guard participated in 13 events this year. These functions included parades, Sheriff's Office ceremonies and public awareness events. The Honor Guard was proud to send a contingent to the New York State Police Memorial Ceremony again this year. In addition to this, the Sheriff's Honor Guard was able to pay tribute to fallen Patrol Officer Sean Collier of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Police Department. Officer Collier was killed in the line of duty during the search for the suspects of the Boston Marathon Bombing. The Albany County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard was proud to represent this agency, again this year, in commemorating fallen officers at various memorial ceremonies across the region.



CORRECTIONS DIVISION

Accreditation Unit

This office ensures compliance in conjunction with the New York State Commission of Corrections and works closely with their staff. Its duties include constant reviews of current facility policies, rules and regulations, HIPPA compliance and cycle reviews. Reports and databases are produced for facility activities in order to define accurate accounting of inmate and business activity. The Albany County Correctional Facility has been accredited by the NYS Sheriff's Association since 2003. The accreditation will remain in effect until a stringent re-accreditation application inspection occurs in 2014. This unit is also responsible for maintaining the facility's computer and surveillance systems. Included in this is a new Offender Management System program which integrates all current inmate information with the Global Tel Link inmate telephone system. This unit is also tasked with the integration and collection of data from the New York State Criminal Information Repository. The Livescan automated fingerprinting system, which provides digital fingerprint data to the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, is also maintained. In the event of any emergency or disaster within the County, a business recovery plan for the Albany County Correctional Facility is maintained by the Accreditation Unit.



Boarder Revenue Program

The Albany County Correctional Facility “rents” out empty cells to the Federal Government, the State of New York and other area facilities that are overcrowded. The Federal Government (U.S Marshals Service) has a contract with the county for guaranteed cell space for 20 Federal Inmates. Major changes occurred in 2012 with respect to New York State funded housing. The State no longer pays for Parole Violators to be housed at county correctional facilities, leaving the counties to absorb those costs. The state has also changed its policy on paying counties for housing State Ready Inmates, those that are ready for transfer into the State Prison System. The state now begins paying only after ten business days, leaving counties to absorb the costs associated with housing the inmate up to the tenth business day. Since the inception of the Boarder Program in 1990, Albany County has received over 93.7 million dollars in revenue.

Agency	Daily rate per cell	Received in 2013
Federal Government	\$ 119.30	\$ 1,966,340.20
Other Counties	\$80.00-\$100.00	\$ 4,040,281.69
NYS ready/Parole	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
	Grand Total	\$ 6,006,621.89

Food Services Unit

A 2010 capital project which renovated the facility kitchen has allowed staff to prepare meals more efficiently and include diabetic, religious and allergy dependent special diets. The 2013 average population was 764 inmates with each inmate receiving three meals per day. This resulted in a total of 2,293 servings per day, 16,051 servings per week and 834,652 servings per year, including special diets. The Albany County Correctional Facility continued its partnership with Aramark Correctional Services to maintain and support the facility's Commissary and Food Services Unit.

Mental Health Services Unit

This unit provides psychological services to the inmate population as deemed necessary by either the courts or by staff observations. Risk assessments are routinely conducted under the auspices of the Adult Forensics Unit, which is directed by Dr. Marilyn McKee. The unit also works closely with the facility's medical unit to ensure proper inmate treatment at all times. Staff members of the Albany County Department of Mental Health and the Psychiatric Group of Albany have been active in addressing the needs of 10,999 inmates during the 2013 calendar year. Of these 1,478 inmates were identified as being at risk of harming themselves. The construction of an 80 bed Mental Health Annex at the facility is now complete. This complex, containing state of the art security and monitoring systems, is a twenty-four hour housing unit which provides services to inmates in need of mental health care.

Inmate Services Unit

Under the direction of Mr. Theron Rockwell, the Inmate Services Unit and its staff is responsible for meeting with each inmate following admission. Through individual interviews, the ISU staff determines each inmate's needs for programs, religious services, continuing education, law research materials and other things. Additional duties of ISU include coordinating various services such as inmate marriages and video conferences. 8 male inmates and 1 female inmate were married in the facility in 2013. There were 516 video conferences in 2013: 17 to Albany County Probation, 16 to Schoharie County Probation, 38 to Jefferson County Probation, 1 to the Jefferson County Public Defender, 3 to the Dutchess County Public Defender and 1 to the Dutchess County Probation Department. These video conferences allow for legal representation for offenders while saving transportation costs to and from the facility. Video conferencing will expand in 2014 along with the addition of Video Visitation. This revenue bearing opportunity allows visitors to communicate with offenders via their computers at home. The equipment and video services are paid for by the revenue generated by the program at no cost to Albany County. There were 1,493 video visitations in the past year, as well as 212 telephone conferences to Albany County Family Court and various other counties in New York State. The facility also provides a full school curriculum and in 2013, 21 inmates received GED's while incarcerated with 2 others awaiting test results.

A Trinity Transition program is available to inmates between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age. This program is designed to help incarcerated youth turn their lives around using a Twelve Step Program model. The goal of the program is to remove obstacles to training and employment for young people who have been involved with the criminal justice system. Individual consultations and group settings are utilized. The program is conducted in four week cycles. During the 2013 calendar year, 3,121 participants transitioned from the correctional facility to the community based program.

Admissions and Discharge Unit

This area, also known as booking, is one of the first places minor and adult inmates will see at any correctional facility. The staff assigned to this unit will question and assess each individual admitted to the facility for all issues related to incarceration. Upon intake, the unit will digitally fingerprint and outfit inmates with facility issued clothing. Personal effects and clothing are returned upon being discharged and released. The daily average population for 2013 was 764 inmates. The booking area processed 6,710 new admissions and 6,568 discharges during the 2013 calendar year. In 2013, the facility accepted 278 pre-arraigned detainees. By accepting newly arrested individuals, local police agencies saved funds and resources by housing their prisoners at the correctional facility until arrangements for arraignment and transportation could be made.

Medical Services Unit

The Albany County Correctional Facility utilizes a privatized medical services company, Correctional Medical Care, which has resulted in a cost savings to Albany County. During 2013, 355 inmates were admitted to the infirmary for various illnesses resulting in a \$1,173,200.00 savings to the county in outsourced hospitalization costs. 8,395 inmates were seen by the nursing staff for routine sick call requests. The unit screened 6,495 newly admitted inmates as part of the initial admissions process. 20 female inmates were monitored or admitted due to pregnancy prior to incarceration.



Workforce Crew Program

A 2011 Inmate Workforce Crew Program was initiated by Sheriff Apple utilizing sentenced inmates to perform work at various locations throughout the county. This program, under the supervision of trained corrections officers, performed 348 inmate work hours during 2013. This resulted in substantial savings to Albany County residents and to nonprofit organizations where work was performed daily.



Training Unit-Corrections Division

The training unit has the responsibility of individual and group training for all employees of the correctional facility. Training for sworn staff includes firearms, defensive tactics, use of force, suicide prevention, diversity training and many other topics. This unit coordinated 11,686 hours of training in all areas required by Federal and New York State standards. The Albany County Correctional Facility sponsored a basic training academy for correction officers in 2013. 18 correction officers graduated from this school.



Corrections Emergency Response Team



This team consists of highly trained sworn correctional staff members who respond to inmate disturbances, support contraband searches, perform high security inmate transports and address facility perimeter threats. The team trains in multi-scenario incident responses and is on call twenty-four hours a day. During 2013, the team completed 1,473 hours of specialized training. Select members of this team have been cross designated to supplement the Law Enforcement Emergency Response Team for events such as dignitary protection, scene preservation and training assignments.

Work Alternative Program

The Work Alternative Program was instituted in April of 1991. Since its inception, the program has proven to be a successful and positive alternative to incarceration. Many of the courts, along with the District Attorney's Office, have utilized the services of the Work Alternative Program and have found it to be very beneficial. According to New York State law, a judge may sentence nonviolent offenders to perform unpaid services in lieu of incarceration. After evaluating such criteria as previous criminal history and severity of crimes, the offender may be sentenced to this program as a condition of their probation or as a requirement of conditional discharge. The sentencing judge sets the number of hours to be worked in accordance with the schedule established by the Sheriff's Office.

Number of participants	Total number of service hours	Work Site Savings	Boarder Savings
59	7,295	\$ 52,891.00	\$91,200.00

S.T.A.R. (Steps To Adopted Readiness) Program

In addition to the many programs that the facility has to offer, a new program has been implemented in conjunction with the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. Canines are paired up with inmates who have received training in how to properly care for animals intended for adoption. The pets receive training in basic commands in order to prepare them for their future families. In 2013, 9 dogs were trained at the facility and 8 were adopted. Many facility staff members have also adopted some of these pets.

