

OTSEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2009 ANNUAL REPORT



**“WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT THE
PEOPLE OF OTSEGO COUNTY”**



OTSEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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RICHARD J. DEVLIN, JR.
SHERIFF



CAMERON S. ALLISON
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Otsego County Office of Sheriff, I am proud to submit our 2009 Annual report.

This report was created to provide you with valuable information about the services and activities your Sheriff's Office provided in 2009. This past year was a challenging and event filled time for our Office, and my sincere hope is that this report will highlight the dedication and demands met by our employees every day.

The Office of Sheriff continued to promote excellence in service and operation in all our divisions. The road patrol responded to the highest number of complaints ever served by this office, and followed it up with an unprecedented number of arrests. Our corrections division vastly increased security measures for staff and inmates alike, by improvements in our video monitoring systems. The Civil Division once again, distinguished themselves by their professionalism during an ever increasing workload. These are just some of the points of interest you will see in the coming pages.

This annual report is a synopsis of the daily activities of the men and women of the Otsego County Sheriff's Office. The words, statistics and graphs represented here cannot truly measure the depth of their dedication demonstrated everyday. But as you read this please remember, that what you are truly seeing is the countless hours of training and determination that enhances the quality of life for the individuals residing in, working in or visiting Otsego County.

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office is here to serve you as we strive everyday to provide the best service we can.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Richard J. Devlin, Jr.

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In Memoriam



Allen Frank Hotaling Sr.

INDEX _ Mr. Allen Frank Hotaling Sr., 74, passed away Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, at his home in Index after a long illness.

He was born April 4, 1934, in Milford, the son of Myron and Elise (Condon) Hotaling.

He married Harriet June Graig O'Donnell on Sept. 11, 1966.

Along with his wife, Harriet, he owned and operated the Hotalings Market of Davenport and the Milford Meat Market.

Among his many accomplishments, he was president of the Milford Fish and Game.

Allen had many jobs but was very proud to be an Otsego County sheriff's deputy for 14 years. He then retired and mowed lawns with Harriet until he became ill.

Music was his true passion. He was the lead singer in many bands, including The Drift Woods. He loved playing guitar and taught himself to play piano later in life.

Allen was a proud man and loved his family and friends. He holds a special place in the hearts of many.

Survivors include his children, Terry Hotaling and wife Nancy, of Otego, Cindy and husband Jim Chamberlain, of Timberlake, N.C., Patricia Simmons and boyfriend Jay Reichenback, of Lansdale, Pa., Allen Hotaling Jr. and wife Cindy, of Franklin, Elise and husband Robert Jorgensen Jr., of Middlefield; and his stepchildren, Patricia and husband William Austin, of Davenport, Timothy O'Donnell and wife Suzanne, of East Meredith, Bonnie and husband Jeff Parslow, of Davenport; 16 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marge and husband Harold Edson, Claire Waring; one brother, Russell Hotaling; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents; a brother, Charles Hotaling; a niece, Linda Potter; granddaughters, Brenna Edith Utter and Amanda Lynn Parslow; grandson, Graig William Austin; and his first wife, Sherileana Stone.

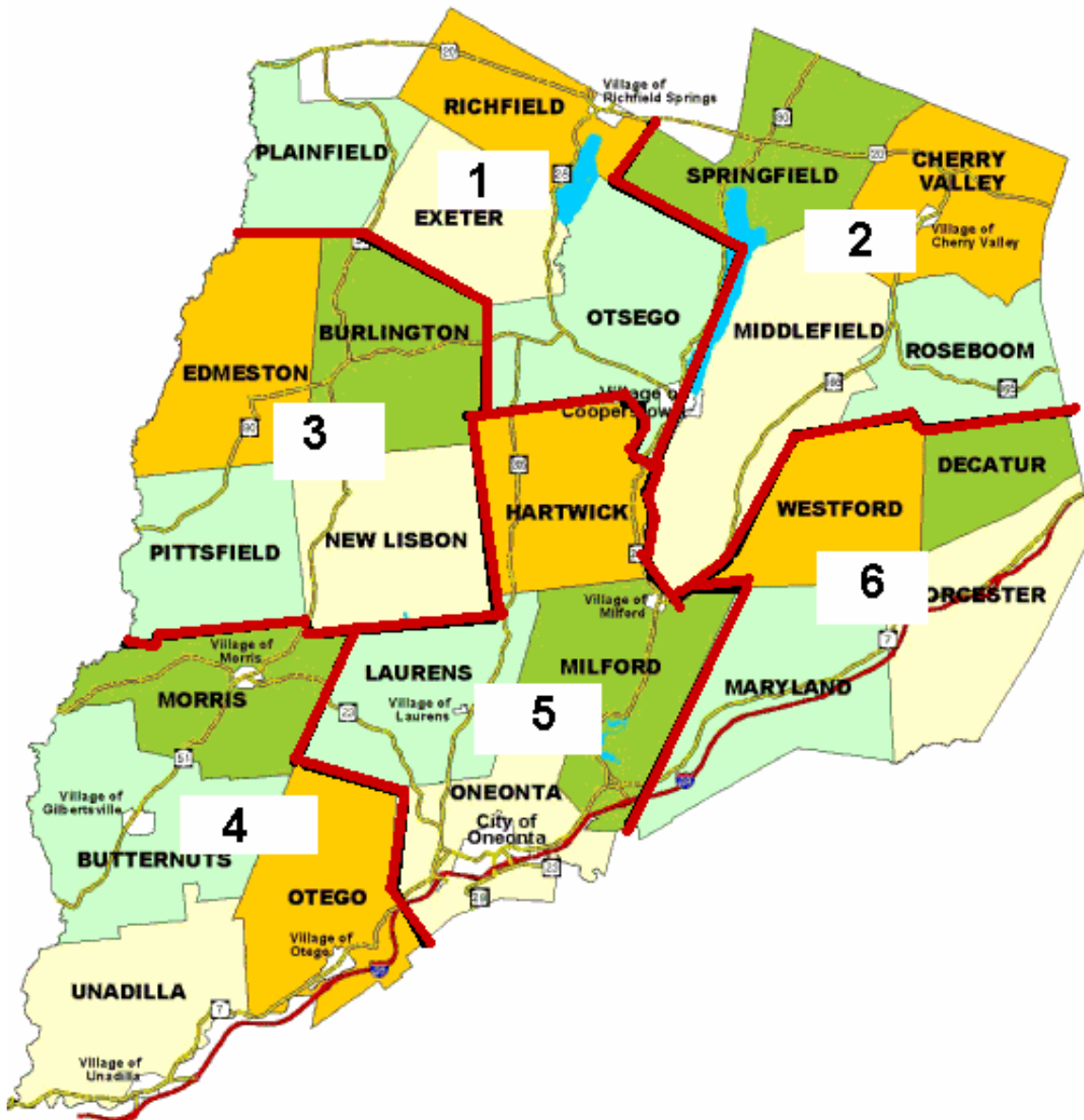
A special thank you to Allen's exceptional friends, who lent a helping hand during his time of need. May all of you be blessed with the same kindness you have given.

Also, a special thank you to the wonderful people at Hospice, the nurses at A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital and Dr. Matsuo. You are amazingly caring people. He was blessed with your care.

Services will be held at the Word of Faith Christian Family Center on Route 7, in Maryland, five miles east of Oneonta, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009. There will be a gathering for family and friends immediately following.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Ottman Funeral Home, Cherry Valley.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE PATROL ZONES



MISSION STATEMENT

“The Otsego County Sheriff’s Office is committed to partnering with the people we serve in order to prevent crime and injustice. We are driven to enhance the quality of life of our community as we hold ourselves to the highest standards of professionalism, performance and ethics.”

**Otsego County Sheriff's Office
2009 Notable Incidents
Zone 1
Plainfield, Richfield, Exeter, Otsego**



Woman charged in brush fire

A Copiague resident was arrested after a 17-acre grass and brush fire, Otsego County deputies said.

Destinee M. Tripoli, 21, was charged April 13 with negligently causing a forest fire and unlawfully possessing fireworks, deputies said in a news release Saturday.

Tripoli was accused of recklessly allowing illegal fireworks to be launched into a field, which caused a grass and brush fire on lands adjacent to county Route 21 in the town of Plainfield, deputies said.

The Unadilla Forks, West Winfield, Bridgewater, West Edmeston, Leonardsville and West Exeter departments were at the fire scene.

Tripoli is to appear in Plainfield Town Court on May 6.



Police seek to return stolen graveside items

By Tom Grace

Cooperstown News Bureau

January 31, 2009 04:00 am

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Otsego County Sheriff Richard Devlin Jr. is asking the public to identify and claim more than \$1,000 worth of religious and other memorabilia stolen from local cemeteries in the last two years.

Last week, a sheriff's department team, including Sgt. Raymond Freer, uncovered a cache of items from bronze stars to an "angel with a silver-colored ball" at a town of Otsego home, the sheriff said Thursday.

"I can't discuss details because it's an ongoing investigation," he said.

Devlin said someone will be arrested in this case, but he declined to say who or when. In the meantime, however, he would like the owners of "24 shepherd hooks, six wreath stands, three metal urns, four concrete urns, a wooden cross, a flag holder, a Santa on a yellow ball on a stand, a wreath stand with rooster and windmill, one concrete bench, one Virgin Mary statue" and many more graveside items to claim them.

Undersheriff Cameron Allison said he believes some of the goods were stolen from cemeteries in the towns of Otsego, Middlefield and Edmeston.

"There may be more places involved," he said. "That's why we want to hear from people, from anyone who thinks they're missing something from a graveside."

Devlin said the thefts occurred between early 2007 and late last year. He estimated the value of religious and secular decorations at "approximately \$1,500."

Asked how he knew where to search for the items, Devlin said his department had received a tip.

"This crime's a little unusual," the sheriff said as he perused the evidence stored inside a large garage behind the county's Public Safety Building in the town of Middlefield.

WOMAN NABBED IN THEFTS

By Jake Palmateer
Staff Writer

February 23, 2009 04:00 am

A 61-year-old woman was arrested Friday in connection with thefts from area cemeteries over a two-year span.

Dozens of religious and secular graveside decorations were found at a town of Otsego home last month. At the time, sheriff's deputies said an arrest was imminent.

Jessica E. White, of Fly Creek, was charged with four counts of petit larceny and one count of fifth-degree criminal possession of stolen property, both misdemeanors. White was issued appearance tickets returnable at a later date in the Otsego Town Court and Middlefield Town Court.

When the cache of items was uncovered, deputies issued a plea for public assistance in linking up family members who believe they may be missing something from a cemetery plot with the items recovered. Bronze stars, angels, wreath stands, urns and statues were among the items found by deputies.

Several people were able to identify items taken from family cemetery plots, but some items still remain, Devlin said.

Devlin also said some of those who came forward were seeking items that were not found during the investigation, which he said was completed upon White's arrest.

Devlin said he did not know what may have motivated White to take the items.

The value of the religious and secular decorations was estimated by deputies at \$1,500.

Devlin said the department received a tip that led them to the cache and to White.





Story Created: Jan 22, 2009 at 11:13 AM EST

Story Updated: Jan 22, 2009 at 12:05 PM EST

DOLGEVILLE, N.Y. (WKTV) - A Herkimer County man has been arrested has been charged following a six-month joint investigation with the Otsego County Sheriff's Office, Chenango and Oneida County Sheriff's Offices.

On July 5, 2008 around 6:15 a.m., the electronic 911 Center received a call of a motor vehicle accident on Richfield Hill Road in the Town of Richfield. When an Otsego County Sheriff's Deputy responded to the scene, they determined that the unoccupied 2003 Chevrolet Impala involved in the accident had been stolen from a Village of Bridgewater residence. That vehicle had been reported stolen by the Oneida County Sheriff's Department.

While investigating the accident, the Otsego County Sheriff's Office received another report of a another stolen vehicle - this one a 1999 Jeep Cherokee that had been stolen from the home of a woman on Richfield Hill Road - the street where the current accident had occurred.

During the investigation, the Chenango County Sheriff's Office called the Otsego County Sheriff's Office, informing them that the stolen 1999 Jeep Cherokee had been recovered on State Route 80 in the Town of Sherburne.

At the same time, the Chenango County Sheriff's Office was also investigating another stolen vehicle report - this one near an accident scene along State Route 80. This vehicle was later recovered at the Little Falls Hospital by the Little Falls Police Department.

The following morning on July 6, the various agencies worked together to develop a suspect - Shawn Knapp, 31, of Dolgeville - interviewing him at the Dolgeville Police Department that afternoon.

After the interview, Knapp was turned over to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office on a "violation of order of protection" warrant.

The stolen vehicles were process and items were submitted to the New York State Forensic Investigative Center for DNA Analysis.

Knapp's DNA was found in the 2003 Chevy and the 1999 Jeep.

Knapp was arrested on January 21, 2009 at the Oneida County Jail on charges of grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen property for possessing the stolen Chevy and for stealing the Jeep in Otsego County Last summer.

He was arraigned by a Town of Richfield judge and sent to the Otsego County Correctional Facility on \$10,000 bail.

Knapp faces up to seven years in prison on each charge.

**Otsego County Sheriff's Office
2009 Notable Incidents
Zone 2
Springfield, Cherry valley, Middlefield, Roseboom**



Brad L. Anderson, 26, of Burlington Flats, and Jennifer M. Schneider, 25, of Cherry Valley, were indicted on charges of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, heroin; and fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, hydrocodone.

Drug seizure from Brad ANDERSON'S and Jennifer SCHNEIDER'S apartment located at 38 Montgomery Street Apt # 2, V/Cherry Valley resulting from information developed during assault investigation

EVIDENCE COLLECTED:

- Item # 1 - one deck of heroin
- Item # 2 - one spoon with white residue
- Item # 3 - used syringe
- Item # 4 - two MJ pipes
- Item # 5 - two MJ roaches I
- Item # 6 - Metal crack pipe
- Item # 7 - Used heroin decks with a small amount of heroin
- Item # 8 - Hydrocodone tablets
- Item # 9 - Suboxone tablets & RX meds
- Item # 10 - Klonopin tablets
- Item # 11 - Suboxone pills in cellophane

In Otsego County Court on Oct. 1 before Judge Brian Burns, Jennifer M. Schneider, 25, of Burlington Flats, was sentenced as a second-degree felony drug offender to four years in state prison and two years of post-release supervision for fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, hydrocodone.

Hunter shot, rushed to hospital



MIKE LaFAVE

Story Created: Nov 24, 2009 at 11:58 PM EST

(Story Updated: Nov 25, 2009 at 10:22 AM EST)

MIDDLEFIELD, N.Y. (WKTV) - A Sharon Springs hunter is in the hospital after a hunting accident Tuesday morning.

Walter O. Rouse, Jr., 37, of Sharon Springs, was hunting in a field off Roscoe Jones Road in Middlefield with a hunting party, including Lawrence C. Delaney, 68, of Cooperstown. Delaney was in a "hunting blind" and accidentally shot Rouse, mistaking him for a deer.

The shot was from about 300 feet away and hit Rouse in the upper left arm and traveled to his abdomen.

Both the Otsego County Sheriffs and the New York State Department of Environmental Police.

Rouse was rushed to MIB Hospital in Cooperstown for emergency surgery.

No tickets have been issued yet. The investigation is on going.



DEPUTY, SEVERAL OTHERS EXPERIENCE WEATHER-RELATED CAR ACCIDENTS

Staff Report

February 20, 2009 04:00 am

An Otsego County deputy and his K-9 partner were not injured during one of many accidents Thursday caused by roadways made slippery by a winter storm, deputies and emergency service personnel said.

Deputy Stan Cade and Marty were on duty, traveling north on state Route 166 in the town of Middlefield in a marked patrol car.

The following occurred, deputies said: Cade saw a southbound vehicle being driven by Edward W. Serdy, 26, of Worcester, lose control on the snow-covered roadway. It was spinning and crossed into the northbound lane into the path of Cade's vehicle.

He unsuccessfully tried to avoid collision, which occurred off of the east shoulder, where both vehicles came to rest in a cornfield. Cade reported the accident via radio to the 911 center, and units from Cooperstown and Middlefield fire departments and deputies responded.

Serdy was taken to Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown with minor injuries, deputies said.

Although there were numerous property damage accidents during the storm, they were all minor, county dispatchers said.

The snow started at about 11 a.m., said National Weather Service observer in Emmons David Mattice. The storm tapered off after dark, and about 5.9 inches had fallen by 8 p.m., he said. Cold air came into the area behind the storm, with temperatures at 35 degrees in the morning and 14 degrees at 8:30 p.m., he said.

Wind gusts greater than 30 miles per hour were possible through today, he said.

**Otsego County Sheriff's Office
2009 Notable Incidents
Zone 3
Edmeston, Burlington, Pittsfield, New Lisbon**



Area News Briefs

Men charged for drugs, weapon

Two New Lisbon men who lived at 228 Bell Hill Road were arrested Tuesday after a joint investigation with the county probation department, Otsego deputies said.

Jesse J. Goodspeed, 23, was arrested for growing cannabis by an unlicensed person, a misdemeanor, and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation.

Brian L. Squires, 42, was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, deputies said.

After information was developed by the probation department about a large amount of marijuana being grown in New Lisbon, 28 large, mature marijuana plants were located outside the property.

A Remington 243 rifle and about seven grams of processed marijuana were seized from the residence, deputies said.

Squires, who is convicted felon, is on misdemeanor probation in Otsego County, deputies said.

The street value of the marijuana seized is about \$5,000.

Each was issued an appearance ticket returnable later this month, deputies said.

Man dies after head-on collision

By Denise Richardson
Staff Writer

A New Berlin motorist pulled from a burning pickup truck Friday died Sunday, authorities said.

Carl D. Carpenter, 66, died of massive internal injuries, including chest injuries, Otsego County Coroner James Dow said. Carpenter died at M.I. Bassett Hospital on Sunday morning, Dow said.

Carpenter, who was helped out of his truck by passers-by, wasn't burned, Otsego County Sheriff Richard Devlin Jr. said.

The operator of the second vehicle, Chase R. Devine, of Brackney, Pa., was ticketed for failure to keep right and is to appear in Pittsfield Town Court at a later date, said deputies, who are continuing the investigation with the sheriff's accident-reconstruction team.

Devine was in good condition Sunday at Bassett Hospital, spokeswoman Karen Huxtable said.

Dow said he heard from deputies that the operator of the second vehicle fell asleep at the wheel.

Devlin said the driver didn't say he had fallen asleep, but that it's possible.

The investigation continues, Devlin said, and why Devine crossed the yellow line may never be known. Alcohol or drugs weren't factors in the crash, Devlin said, and a report may be done in a couple of weeks.

At 4:41 p.m. Friday, the Otsego County 911 Center received an 911 emergency call reporting a two-vehicle head-on collision, with injuries and one vehicle on fire, deputies said in a media release.

The accident was on county Route 13 in the town of

Pittsfield, and crews from the Pittsfield Fire Department and sheriff's office were dispatched.

“You could tell by the scent it was a serious accident,” Devlin said.

Pittsfield and Morris emergency squads took Carpenter and Devine to M.I. Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. Garrattsville emergency crews assisted.

Deputies said Devine was driving west on county Route 13 just west of the Pine Tree Road intersection when, for unknown reasons, the vehicle crossed the double-yellow center line and struck the pickup truck head-on.

Devine's Jeep overturned and landed on the driver's side in a ditch just off of the eastbound lane, deputies said.

The pickup truck came to rest in the eastbound land and caught fire, deputies said, and passers-by stopped and helped remove Carpenter from his truck.

Devine got out of his vehicle on his own, Devlin said, and details on his injuries weren't available.

Carpenter was driving a 1996 Ford F-150 pickup truck, the release said, and Devine was driving a 1996 Jeep Cherokee. Devlin said both men were wearing seat belts.

Dow said Carpenter had been highly regarded in the community and previously was active in the emergency squad.

“His death is no doubt a tragedy,” Dow said.

Deputies and Pittsfield Fire Department crews were at the scene for about three hours while the sheriff's reconstruction team investigated the accident.

Ted's Body Shop of New Berlin assisted at the scene and removed the vehicles.



Massive fire at Curtis Lumber on County Highway 18 in Pittsfield



MIKE LaFAVE

Story Created: Dec 29, 2009 at 6:20 PM EST

(Story Updated: Dec 29, 2009 at 11:16 PM EST)

PITTSFIELD, N.Y. (WKTV) - Firefighters are still on the scene of a blaze at Curtis Lumber in Pittsfield.

The fire broke out around 3p.m. Tuesday.

It was confined to a building used for storing insulation, vinyl siding and roofing materials.

Those materials going up in flames produced toxic smoke.

Eleven fire companies from a two-county area fought the flames and six more were on standby.

A lack of water combined with the cold weather caused problems for the firefighters. Tankers had to shuttle water in from quite a distance.

An investigation into the cause of the fire is continuing.

Stay with NEWSChannel 2 and wktv.com for more details as they become available.

Police find cache of weapons & drugs in home; man arrested



WKTV News

Story Created: Jan 4, 2010 at 2:12 PM EST

(Story Updated: Jan 4, 2010 at 2:23 PM EST)

BURLINGTON FLATS, N.Y. (WKTV) - A man is under arrest after a search of his home turned up bombs, ammo and drugs.

Otsego County Sheriff's say they got a tip that a man was in possession bombs in his home. After getting a search warrant, deputies along with ATF and the NYSP Bomb Disposal Unit executed a search on December 30th.

They found the following items in the home of Edward H. Oefelein, 23:

- 11 pipe bombs
- 2 bags of flash powder
- A hand grenade shell
- 5 pounds of sulfur
- 2 pounds of black powder
- electronic matches, numerous fireworks
- 258 aerial mortars
- Billy clubs, a switchblade knife, an electronic stun gun
- Assorted ammunition
- Glass marijuana pipes, drug related items and prescription medications

All of the items were removed by the Bomb Disposal Unit and sent to a secure location for storage.

Oefelein now faces charges of criminal possession of a weapon, reckless endangerment and unlawfully dealing with fireworks. He's been sent to the Otsego County Jail on \$25,000 bail.

He faces up to seven years in prison if convicted.

**Otsego County Sheriff's Office
2009 Notable Incidents
Zone 4
Morris, Butternuts, Otego, Unadilla**



Two area men arrested for drug possession

Staff Report

Two men were arrested at an Otego motel Saturday morning for allegedly possessing drugs.

Jaden L. McEldowney, 22, of Davenport, and Patrick J. Souffrant, 34, of Davenport and Brooklyn, were arrested after a search of their room at Maple Terrace Motel, according to a media release from Otsego deputies.

Souffrant was initially taken into custody for an outstanding arrest warrant from Albany County on a charge of second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance. When deputies made the arrest, 2 grams of marijuana and a half-gram of crack were visible, deputies said.

Later, a search warrant was executed, and another 10 grams of crack and \$256 in U.S. currency was discovered, deputies said.

The men were charged with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance _ both felonies _ and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation.

McEldowney and Souffrant were arraigned in Otego Town Court. McEldowney was sent to Otsego County jail on \$20,000 bail, while Souffrant was being held there without bail.

The two men are to reappear Thursday in the same court for felony hearings.

Leak tested by N.Y. DEC

Staff Report

The state Department of Environmental Conservation is conducting tests to identify a liquid found leaking from a transformer at a Unadilla home. The leak was found Tuesday by special-operations teams from Otsego and Delaware counties, emergency service officials said.

Teams were called to the home of Gloria Fish at 979 State Route 7 after she detected an odor coming from her basement and called 911 at about 6 p.m., said Otsego County Emergency Service Coordinator Lyle "Butch" Jones. Fish was provided shelter by the American Red Cross until the DEC spills bureau deemed it safe to return Wednesday afternoon.

The Unadilla Fire Department responded first, and after finding the electrical transformer, contacted the Otsego County team, consisting of about 25 volunteer firefighters from around the county, said Jones. The Delaware County team of six and the Sidney Fire Department's team of about 15 also responded, he said.

Otsego team Chief Patrick Pidgeon said one two-person team in protective gear went into the basement but were unable to identify the hazardous liquid. A second similar team went in to contain it, he said. The liquid was on the basement floor, Pidgeon said, and crews used absorbent pads and materials to contain. Members wore full-body hazardous material suits and used air packs.

Pidgeon said the team set up a decontamination zone where crews, including some Unadilla firefighters, were washed down. No one was hurt, and no exposure problems were reported, he said.

The transformer was left in the basement, and the area was sealed as the DEC conducted tests, Jones said. The results could be back by Friday, he said.

The transformer probably leaked because of the age of the container or corrosion, he said.

**Otsego County Sheriff's Office
2009 Notable Incidents
Zone 5
Hartwick, Laurens, Milford, Oneonta**



FIVE ARRESTED IN ONEONTA DRUG BUST

Staff Report

August 07, 2009 12:00 am

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A several-week-long investigation into hallucinogenic mushroom sales in the city of Oneonta led to the Thursday arrest of five people on several drug charges, Otsego County deputies said.

The drugs seized at the house had a street value of about \$5,000, said Sheriff Richard J. Devlin Jr.

The five were arrested at their residence after the execution of a no-knock search warrant at about 7 a.m. at 181/2 Pine St.

Those charged were Jaime L. Ladlee, 23; Patricia M. Caston, 29; Tiffany L. Saylor, 20; Joshua Sanchez, 25; and Aaron B. Fleischer, 24, deputies said.

They were each charged, according to deputies, with two counts of fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class D felony; unlawful dealing with fireworks, a class B misdemeanor; and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation.

Caston and Fleischer were also charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor, deputies said. The five face a minimum of seven years in prison if convicted of the charges, Devlin said.

Investigators seized 0.25 pounds of hallucinogenic psilocybin mushrooms _ about 40-45 doses _ and 231 tablets of MDMA. That drug, which goes by the "street name" of Ecstasy, or E, is a psychoactive drug popular with college students, deputies said.

There were about a dozen tablets of prescription drugs including oxycodone _ a painkiller, according to website drugs.com; alprazolam (also known by the trade name Xanax), an anti-anxiety medication, deputies said.

Also seized was one-half ounce of marijuana, as well as fireworks and more than \$2,500 in cash, deputies said.

Investigators and deputies were assisted by Oneonta police and state Division of Parole.

The suspects were arraigned in Oneonta City Court and held at Otsego County jail on \$25,000 bail, pending further action.

Fleischer, who is to appear in court 8 a.m. Monday, will be represented by a public defender, while the others have court-appointed attorneys and are scheduled to appear at 8 a.m. Tuesday, deputies said.



Five arrested in drug bust



Michael LaFAVE

ONEONTA, N.Y. (WKTV) - Otsego County Sheriffs investigators arrested Oneonta residents Thursday morning on multiple drug charges.

Jamie L. Ladlee, 23; Patricia M. Caston, 29; Tiffany L. Saylor, 20; Joshua Sanchez, 25; Aaron B. Fleischer; all face charges of: two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance, unlawful dealing with fireworks, and unlawful possession of marijuana.

Investigators seized a 1/4 lbs. of psychedelic mushrooms, 231 Ecstasy, Oxycontin, Xanax tablets, and an assortment of other prescription drugs. They also found pot, fireworks and \$2,500.

They are all being held on \$2,500 bail.



Man sentenced to 11½ years in city drug case

Cooperstown News Bureau

COOPERSTOWN _ In Otsego County Court on Friday, Luis V. Cabrera, 20, of Brooklyn, was sentenced to 11½ years in state prison with four years of post-release supervision for drug-related crimes in the city of Oneonta.

Cabrera, who pleaded guilty July 22 to third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance and third-degree attempted criminal sale of a controlled substance, was one of three key players in a cocaine ring that flourished in Oneonta for several years, Otsego County District Attorney John Muehl said.

Cabrera must serve six-sevenths of his sentence, or more than nine years, in prison.

The other two men involved in the cocaine ring are Steven A. English, 24, of Brooklyn, who was sentenced last month to 7½ years in prison, and Mark A. Santiago, 31, of Bay Shore, who has pleaded guilty to third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance and is scheduled to be sentenced Friday.

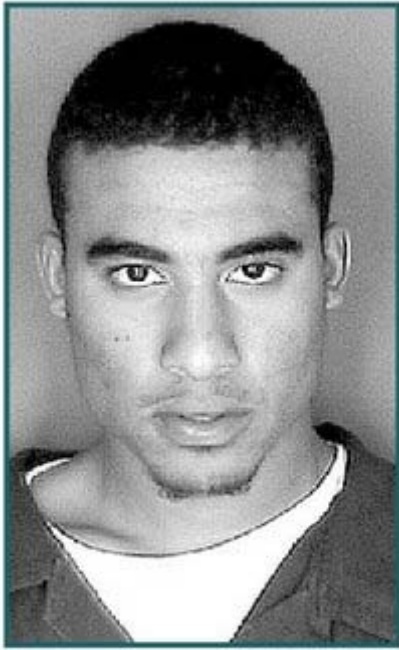
CRACK, HEROIN RING BUSTED

Drug Suspect Chased, Caught Outside CCS

By JIM KEVLIN

COOPERSTOWN

Mary Jo McPhail was in her car in the Cooperstown Elementary School parking lot at 1:10 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, when she suddenly found herself in the middle of a TV-like police drama. “I saw a youth being chased down the street by a member of the sheriff’s department,” the CCS superintendent of schools said later. Shortly thereafter, she called for a “lockdown” at all school buildings.



Cabrera

The young man, with officer in hot pursuit, dashed down the alley at the west end of the elementary school and, when McPhail headed back to her middle/high school office a few minutes later, she found he had been captured and subdued near the Linden Avenue gate.

The suspect was later identified as Luis V. Cabrera Jr., 19, of Brooklyn, the last of three young men arrested on suspicion of peddling crack cocaine and heroin from New York City in Otsego County. During the investigation, \$11,000 in cash, \$28,000 worth of cocaine and 100 bundles of heroin valued at \$2,000 had been seized, according to county Sheriff Richard J. Devlin Jr.

"This is a group that ran together," said Devlin, adding that it's possible the suspected ring had been transporting drugs, not just to Oneonta, but to communities through Upstate.

The action had begun a little before 1 when sheriff's deputies were alerted that Cabrera was aboard an Otsego Public Transit bus heading toward Oneonta. Deputies pulled over a bus just south of the village line, but found nothing.

Then, a man matching Cabrera's description was seen near the Cooperstown Motel, according to Village Police Sgt. Mark Fassett, and Deputy Jack Wilkens took after him on foot.

The suspect dashed across the Great American parking lot, through a yard and down Walnut Street. He passed the elementary parking lot, then doubled back, which is where McPhail saw him.

Cabrera dashed down the alley with Wilkens on his trail, but when the suspect reached the entrance to the middle/high school he found two cruisers – Fassett's and a sheriff's, manned by Deputy Ray Freer – blocking the exit to Linden Avenue.

According to Fassett, the young man threw himself on the asphalt in surrender. Freer held him and Fassett cuffed him.

Cabrera's two suspected accomplices – Steven A. English, Jr., 24, of Brooklyn, and Mark A. Santiago, 30, of Long Island and Broward County, Fla. – were already in Otsego County Jail.

The three men appeared before Supreme Court Judge Michael V. Coccoma and were jailed on \$100,000 bail.

Sheriff Devlin said the arrests were the outcome of a 10-month investigation by his Criminal Investigation Unit conducted with Oneonta detectives.

Using federal funds, the local officers made alleged drug buys from the three men last January and February. They were the subjects of sealed indictments issued by a county Grand Jury in August. English had been in jail since June 4 on another charge. Santiago was picked up Sept. 9 in Oneonta. Cabrera's arrest ended the sweep.

Tuesday's excitement was the talk of CCS, and a letter was sent home explaining to parents what had happened.

While McPhail couldn't remember the last time there was an actual lockdown at the schools, she said periodic lockdown drills are conducted just in case.

"It just shows how important it is to have those kinds of procedures in place," she said.

"Ten or 15 years ago, drug arrests were unusual," said Devlin. "They aren't unusual any more."

POLICE SEARCH YIELDS DRUGS

Staff Report

September 21, 2009 04:00 am

Two Oneonta men were arrested Wednesday night after the execution of a narcotics search warrant at their apartment at 14 Columbia St., Otsego County deputies said.

Michael F. Skellie, 20, was charged with unlawful possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor, and unlawfully dealing with fireworks, a violation.

Mark H. Rathbun, 20, who moved into the apartment that day, was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor, deputies said.

Deputies and Oneonta police received complaints about suspicious activity at the upstairs apartment at that address. Following a six-week investigation, deputies obtained a search warrant from the city court.

Inside the residence, a small quantity of marijuana _ about 3 grams _ and fireworks were seized, deputies said.

During the execution of the search warrant, Deputy Stanley Cade and his K-9 partner, Marty, found about 32 1/2 grams of marijuana in Rathbun's car after he arrived at the apartment while the search was going on, deputies said.

More arrests are expected from the investigation, deputies said. The two men were issued appearance tickets at Oneonta City Court for a later date.

Skellie faces up to 15 days in county jail, and Rathbun faces three months in jail, deputies said.

**Otsego County Sheriff's Office
2009 Notable Incidents
Zone 6
Westford, Decatur, Maryland, Worcester**



Area dispute ends in gunfire

Staff Report

A Worcester man was arrested Wednesday after he fired a shotgun at someone who drove a motorcycle onto his property the previous night, Otsego deputies said.

The victim, Alan W. Stay Jr. 20, of East Worcester, was treated and released at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, deputies said.

Erik M. Manchester, 25, of Worcester, was charged with first-degree attempted murder, first-degree criminal use of a firearm and second-degree assault, deputies said.

There had been an ongoing dispute between neighbors, including Manchester, who lives at 167 Lum Road, and the Steele residence at 185 Lum Road, deputies said.

Stay Jr. is a frequent guest at the Steele's, deputies said. The incident occurred as follows, deputies said: At about 11:30 p.m., Stay Jr. drove onto Manchester's property and Manchester knocked him off the motorcycle. When Stay Jr. attempted to flee, Manchester fired multiple rounds from a 12-gauge shotgun that was loaded with a birdshot-type round. Stay Jr. was struck more than once and injured in the back, an arm and rear of the head. He was able to run to the Steele house until law enforcement arrived.

Deputies were able to contact Manchester and talked him into surrendering. He was taken into custody without incident, and the firearm he allegedly used was recovered at the scene, deputies said. Deputies remained at the scene conducting interviews and collecting evidence, with all units leaving at 11:30 a.m., deputies said.

Manchester was arraigned in Worcester Town Court on Wednesday and sent to Otsego County jail on \$100,000 bail to reappear Monday, deputies said.

Worcester man could face 8 years in prison for alleged Otsego County scams

Story Created: Jul 8, 2009 at 10:30 AM EST

Story Updated: Jul 9, 2009 at 11:05 AM EST

BUTTERNUTS, N.Y. (WKTV) - A Worcester man is facing up to eight years in prison if convicted of scamming Otsego County residents out of approximately \$3,000.

A joint investigation involving the New York State Division of Parole Utica Office and the Otsego County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division revealed that in the Summer of 2008, Gary Murphy received \$2,200 from an Oneonta resident to perform a renovation on their residence.

Murphy failed to start the job and promised to repay the homeowner the \$2,200.

However, Murphy only gave her \$50 back.

According to the Otsego County Sheriff's office, in December 2008 Murphy scammed a Village of Gilbertsville store out of \$645 in power tools by promising to pay for the tools but never doing so.

Then, last month authorities said Murphy scammed a Town of Maryland auto repair business out of \$138 for a repair on his vehicle. Once again he promised to come back and pay the bill, but never did.

Murphy was arrested Tuesday afternoon and arraigned in the Town of Butternuts Court. Murphy was sent to the Otsego County Correctional Facility without bail, and is scheduled to return to court on Monday, July 13 for a felony hearing.

The New York State Division of Parole will be obtaining a warrant for Murphy for violating the terms and conditions of his parole. Murphy faces up to eight years in prison if convicted of the above crimes.

Worcester man charged with forging checks in Otsego County



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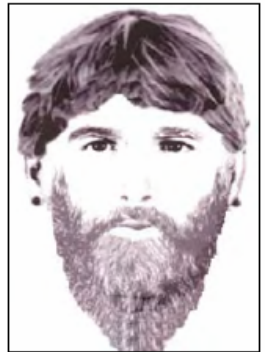
ONEONTA, N.Y. (WKTV) - An Worcester man has been arrested for passing five forged checks earlier this year in Otsego County. According to the Otsego County Sheriff's Office, 58-year-old Gary Murphy of Worcester passed checks at the Schenevus Quickway, the Cooperstown DMV office and Oneonta Home Depot. Murphy is charged with criminal possession of a forged instrument, a felony. He obtained the checks from a Town of Maryland resident that he was friends with. He was arraigned in the Town of Maryland Court and sent to the Oneida County Jail without bail. He is scheduled to return to the Town of Maryland Court next year.

Murphy faces up the seven years in prison on each check if convicted of the charges.

WORCESTER - Armed Robbery

Otsego County Sheriff's Office is investigating an Armed Robbery that occurred on August 27, 2009, at around 6:10 pm at the I-88 Westbound Rest Area. The victim was working on his disabled vehicle when he was approached by a bearded white male, possibly in his 20's who was armed with a small black handgun. The suspect demanded the victim's wallet. After complying with the suspects demands, the victim observed the suspect flee the scene in a dark colored (possibly green) Hyundai Accent or Toyota Tercel. The vehicle operated by the suspect is believed to have out-of-state license plates, possibly Pennsylvania. The suspect is further described as 5'6" to 5'8," 150 to 160 lbs, and last seen wearing baggie shorts and a black t-shirt. The suspect is believed to have earring plugs in both ears. The victim's wallet contained cash, a driver's license and other assorted papers. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Otsego County Sheriff's Office at (607) 547-4273 or the TIPS HOTLINE at (607) 547-1690.

Source: Otsego County SO



ROAD PATROL



The Otsego County Sheriff's Office Criminal Patrol Deputies are the most highly visible part of the Sheriff's Office. These law enforcement deputies are responsible for responding to over 4,000 calls a year.

The road patrol is currently comprised of 13 patrol deputies who are supervised by two sergeants. The road patrol provides police services to the citizens and visitors of Otsego County. They enforce all New York State Laws as they patrol a county larger than the country of Luxembourg.

Each tour of duty is started once the deputy calls into service from their home. Deputies are assigned patrol zones at the start of their shift and are responsible for calls for service within their assigned zone. This design allows for a better response time when responding to calls of service and allows deputies to provide response to calls for service making them available 24 hours a day, every day of the year. In addition to proactively patrolling, all deputies are responsible for priority 911 assignments, criminal investigations and enforcing vehicle and traffic laws. Computer equipped patrol vehicles enable the deputies to stay mobile throughout their shift, writing reports, issuing summons and taking statements without having to return to the station. This enables our office to increase our patrol signature, provide improved service at a lower cost and have deputies available for priority complaints. Given the amount of terrain they have to cover, deputies are trained to handle most events on their own and are expected to function largely independently. Due to this fact, deputies receive extensive training and annual refreshers, in order to stay current with specialized equipment and certified in specialized skills.

In addition to their regular duties, most deputies are assigned technical patrol duties such as Field Training Officers, Firearms; Defensive Tactics and General Topic

Instructors, Drug Recognition Expert, Accident Investigator and Evidence Technician. All deputies are trained and equipped with Automated Defibrillators and Stop Sticks.

Our deputies display the highest levels of courage, leadership, integrity and professionalism. These values are honored and are made visible daily through the lives of those who serve under the leadership of Sheriff Richard Devlin and the Otsego County Sheriff's Office.

The information on the following pages is intended to provide a brief overview of some of the more notable statistics and occurrences during 2009

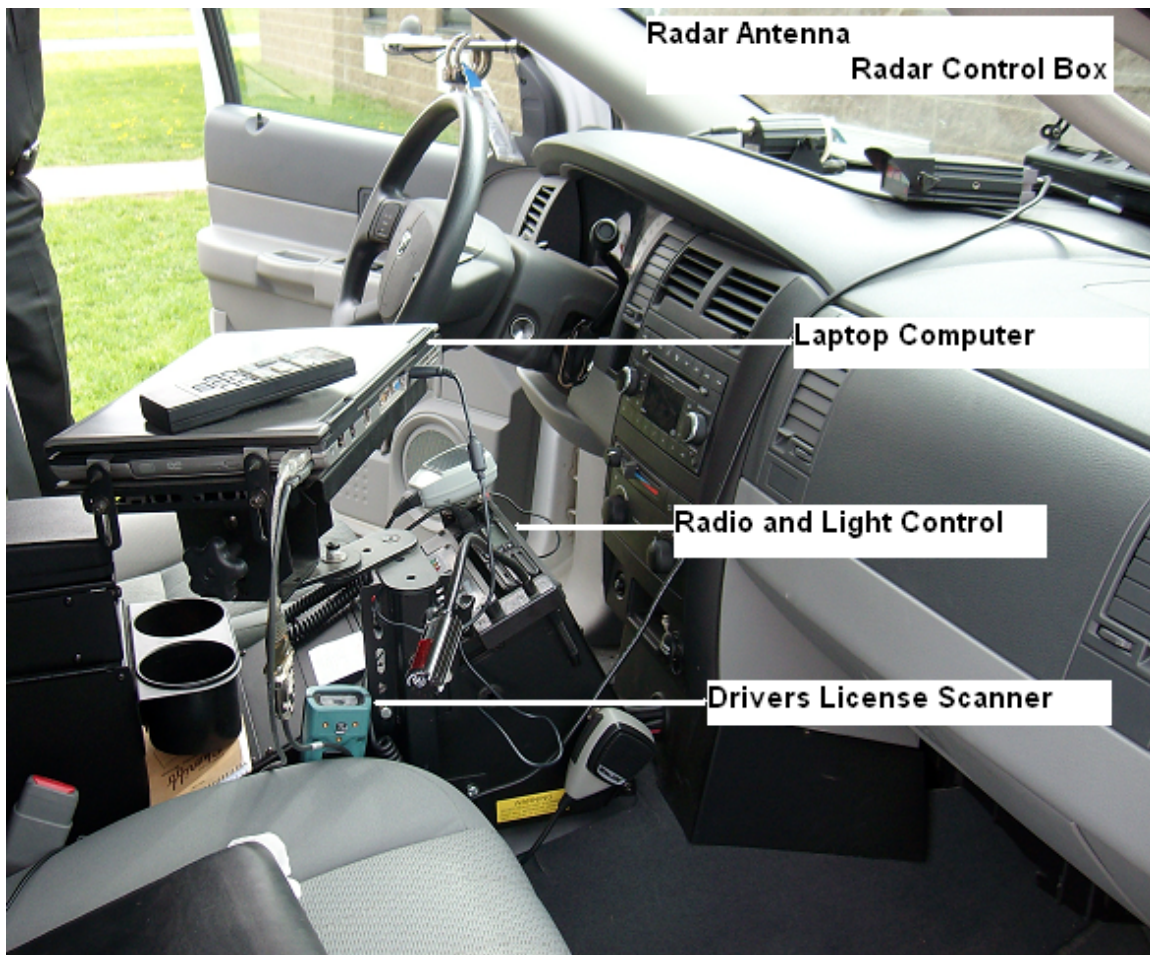
Patrol Activity	2009
Uniform Traffic Tickets	2932
DWI Arrests	234
Personal Injury Accidents	84
Property Damage Accidents	403
Fatal Accidents Investigated	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	973
Felony Arrests	488

Total Miles Patrolled	471,161
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Total Complaints Handled	4,921
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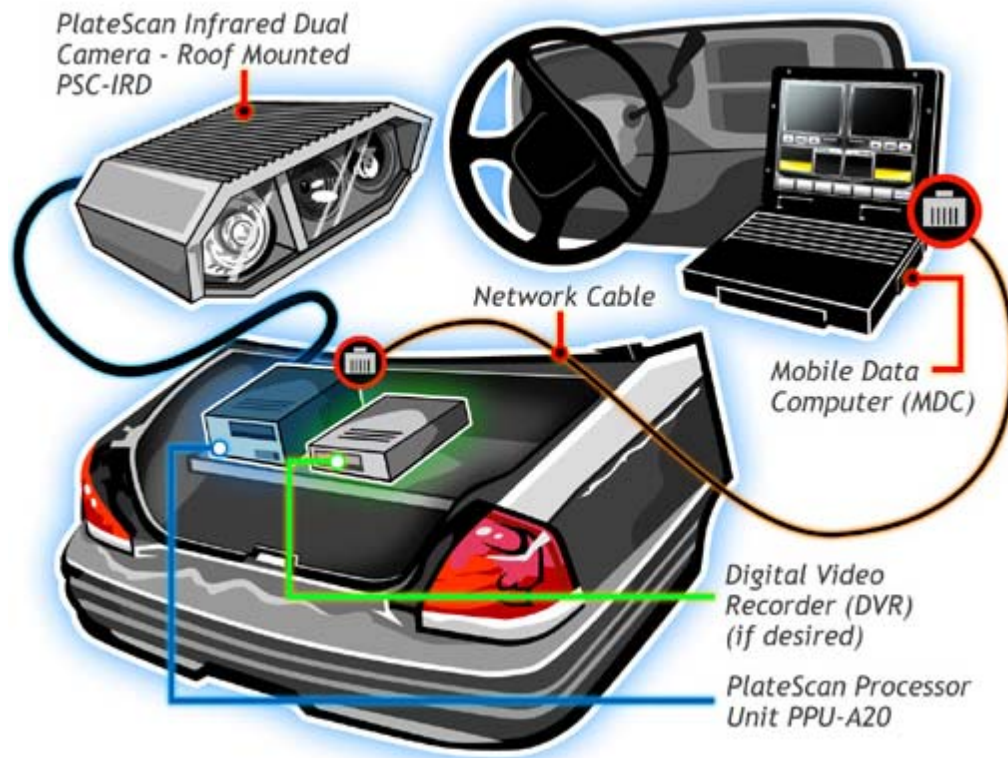


INSIDE OF A DEPUTY SHERIFF'S VEHICLE



LICENSE PLATE READER

In 2006, the Otsego County Sheriff's Office became equipped with the Remington License Plate Reader, a system to monitor stolen and unregistered license plates and in certain circumstances, plates being targeted by police investigating crimes. The equipment consists of two small cameras mounted on the car that continually scan 180 degrees around the vehicle. When a car is scanned, an image is sent to the laptop inside the cruiser and a New York Statewide Police Information Network "hot list" database is virtually scanned for discrepancies in plate registration, insurance information and other kinds of information. This system replaces the old procedure, in which an officer had to type a plate number manually into the system in his or her car. The system can run eight to ten thousand plates per shift. A deputy can also be alerted if a plate from a car used in a robbery getaway was scanned by the LPR system, making it easier to locate and pursue suspects.



2009 LPR Total Plates Scanned	70,952
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TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVE

This past year the Otsego County Sheriff's Office, as well as the New York State Sheriff's Association, has supported efforts designed to assist and enhance traffic safety. Our office made a three phase traffic safety objective for 2009. This plan was to both target dangerous drivers and locations and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety. These objectives were to:

Enforce vehicle and traffic laws that are directly related to unsafe and dangerous driving.

Target enforcement at accident prone locations

Employ speed reduction tools to improve critical locations

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office has always maintained a proactive approach towards traffic safety, but these objectives furthered our commitment to improving the safety of our roads and highways. In order to implement our plan, all members of the road patrol were involved and participated. Road side stops were performed at peak hours and on a random schedule. As times, conditions and priorities presented themselves our Deputies patrolled those areas of the county that produce the most traffic complaints, in an attempt to target dangerous drivers. Deputies additionally provided stationary radar enforcement in an attempt to ensure compliance with vehicle and traffic laws at hazardous intersections and locations. The third objective of our plan involved the use of our speed enforcement trailer. The trailer, specifically designed to alert motorists to the posted speed limit, records traffic patterns that enabled us to direct enforcement efforts at specific times and locations.





Dear Friends and Citizens of Otsego County,

One of our main initiatives for 2009 was to make the roads and highways of Otsego County a safer place to travel. As you enjoy the wonderful attractions and business that our county has to offer, or possibly just drive to and from work and home, our wish to you is that your journey is as safe and enjoyable as possible. Our office knows first hand the importance of traffic safety, as our deputies log over 400,000 miles a year patrolling the county 365 days a year. We all know that weather related conditions and nighttime travel in upstate New York are always a challenge in itself, so we all have to work together to make our travel as safe as possible.

In an effort to improve traffic safety in Otsego County, the Sheriff's Office instituted an increase in road checks, speed enforcement assignments, school bus details, DWI road checks and the use of our speed radar trailer. All of these efforts were designed to decrease motor vehicle accidents and roadside incidents. Our apology for any inconvenience one of our road checks may have caused you, but our wish is that you fully understand the importance and see how we are improving the safety of our residents and guests. Please remember, aggressive and irresponsible drivers are a danger to us all.

Our hope is you have seen our efforts and we sincerely pray that it makes a difference.

Sincerely,

SHERIFF RICHARD J. DEVLIN, JR.

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office has a strong commitment to the enforcement of Driving While Intoxicated (D.W.I.). In New York, a person is guilty of drunk driving if he/she operates a motor vehicle with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.08 percent or greater. BAC refers to the amount of alcohol in your blood. Although the law refers to a 0.08 percent BAC, you can be convicted of driving while ability impaired even when your BAC is below 0.08 percent. The BAC threshold determining drunk driving was changed from 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent in early 2004. Consuming even small amounts of alcohol dulls the senses, decreases reaction time, and hampers judgment, vision and alertness. If you consume any amount of alcohol and your driving is affected, you can be convicted of drunk driving.

Total DWI Arrests in 2009	234
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The Otsego County Sheriff's Office participated in the "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program" (STEP) this past year. The "Block" grant through the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee provides funding to support equipment and dedicated police patrols targeting speeding and unsafe driving behaviors. In 2008, the Otsego County Sheriff's Office received a \$14,000 grant that assisted in purchasing two new radar units along with funding for specialized traffic enforcement details.

Total STEP Hours for 2009	239
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issues	308
Misdemeanor Arrests	15
Felony Arrests	1

CANNABIS SUPPRESSION PRORGAM

Marijuana is one of the most widely used and readily available drugs, and is the only major drug of abuse grown within the United States. The Otsego County Sheriff's Office aggressively strives to stop the sale and spread of cannabis within the county. In order to accomplish this, the Sheriff's Office initiated a "Cannabis Suppression Program", specifically targeting marijuana growers within the county. Throughout the year, Investigators in the Criminal Investigation Division deliberately work at developing leads and cases that specifically target marijuana cultivation. This office initiative has lead to excellent investigations that has arrested and disrupted groups involved in cannabis cultivation.



Deputy Stalter recovers plants from Pittsfield NY





Grow Table in Middlefield NY



Chemicals and Instructions found at Indoor Grow Site



Plants being prepared for outdoor growth

PATROL DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS 2009



Deputy Jason Munson graduated from the prestigious Drug Recognition Expert program.



Sr. Investigator Michael Ten Eyck received the Opportunities for Otsego – Advocacy for Victims Award.



Deputy Frank Koren Jr. is recognized by STOP-DWI for more DWI arrests than any other officer in the county.

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY



Sheriff Devlin explains the Law Enforcement Effort in Otsego County



Deputy Koren is presented Award for DWI Enforcement

2009 DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

“This award is presented to members who distinguish themselves by actions which represent the highest standards of the police profession.”

This award honors a Deputy Sheriff of the Otsego County Sheriff's Office who has demonstrated exceptional performance in the areas of accomplishment, professionalism and dedication. The 2007 award was presented in January of 2008 and was presented to Deputy Sheriff Jason Munson and Deputy Sheriff Michael Stalter. Both officers demonstrated the finest qualities expected of a member of the Otsego County Sheriff's Office.



Deputy Sheriff Jason Munson receives his Award from Sheriff Devlin



Deputy Sheriff Michael Stalter receives his award from Sheriff Devlin

Project Lifesaver



Project Lifesaver helps provide rapid response to save lives and reduce potential for serious injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, dementia and other related disorders.

Project Lifesaver of Otsego County deploys specially trained teams with the most modern technology available to quickly return wandering adults and children to their families and caregivers.

Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies the 911 center and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area.

Through our partnership with Otsego County Emergency Services, six additional Deputies were trained and certified as Electronic Search Specialists in 2009. This greatly improved our ability to locate a wandering loved one.



Sheriff Richard J. Devlin, Jr. was pleased to introduce the STOPPED Program in 2009. A parental notification system developed by the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office to help reduce the number of young drivers involved in motor vehicle accidents.



DEPUTIES CAN KEEP TABS ON YOUNG DRIVERS

By Tom Grace

Cooperstown News Bureau

May 18, 2009 04:00 am

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Otsego County parents can keep a closer watch on their teenage drivers thanks to a service being offered by the Otsego County Sheriff's Office.

Called ``Stopped," the voluntary program allows parents or guardians to be notified if their children are pulled over while driving, Sheriff Richard Devlin said Friday.

``Parents worry when their kids are out, and if something happens, especially something minor, they may not find out about it right away," he said.

Now, parents will automatically be alerted if a car they've registered in the program is stopped by a sheriff's deputy.

Enrolled cars will have stickers affixed to their windshields, and if a driver younger than 21 is stopped by a deputy, a report will be filled out and sent to the parents, Devlin said.

``We'll include time, location, things like why the car was stopped, how many passengers were in it and if a ticket was issued," the sheriff said.

Otsego County's program, which began this week, is modeled on one in Onondaga County.

“Other places are doing this, too,” Devlin said. “Basically, we want to keep parents informed and young drivers safe. Parents usually have rules for driving, but they have to know what's going on, to enforce them.”

A person's first years behind the wheel are often the most dangerous.

According to the National Safety Council, a congressionally chartered group, “Motor vehicle crashes are the number-one cause of death for young adults between the ages of 16 and 24.

“Sixteen- to 24-year-old drivers only make up 14 percent of all drivers, yet they are involved in 28 percent of all collisions,” the group said. “Young drivers are involved in fatal traffic crashes at over twice the rate of the rest of the population.

“More than 11,000 people aged 15 to 24 were killed in crashes in 2002, and 5,940 of those were drivers and passengers in vehicles operated by drivers ages 16-to-20,” the study continued.

The group also advises that cell phones and audio devices such as iPods can distract drivers, but young people use them extensively.

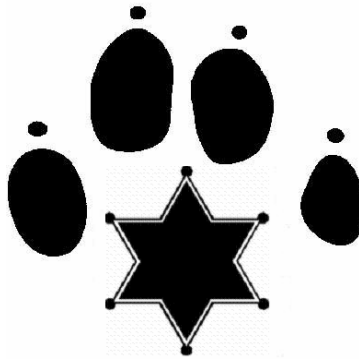
Devlin said parents and guardians can enroll in “Stopped” by calling the Otsego County Sheriff's Office at 547-4273 or online at www.otsegocounty.com/depts/shf/STOPPED.htm.

"Your teenager may borrow the keys to the family car but as parents you hold the keys to their future.

Please join the STOPPED Program and let the Sheriff's Office become your partner in promoting young driver safety."

SHERIFF RICHARD J. DEVLIN, JR.

K9



The Otsego County Sheriff's Office K9 Division handles a wide variety of tasks in protecting the citizens of Otsego County.

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office maintains a professional K9 Unit which has proved to be a valuable asset to the daily operations of the sheriff's office. The K9 unit is called upon to fulfill many tasks within the department. Their services include criminal apprehension, building searches, area searches, evidence detection, narcotics detection, tracking missing persons, tracking fleeing suspects, crowd control and for protecting the lives of their handlers and other law enforcement counter parts.

Each K-9 is assigned to a deputy and lives with that deputy and his/her family. In order to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the K9, continuous education is top priority. Each K9 dog is trained and certified. Reliability in job performance is of paramount importance when it comes to our K9's and their duties. Their ongoing proficiency training ensures each dog will act and perform according to expectations and standards. The K9 team literally saves hundreds of man -hours each year searching for criminal suspects and missing persons. Our canines, with the use of their enhanced sense of smell, can search a location in a fraction of the time that it would take a deputy or search team, therefore allowing our resources to be back in full service in a timely manner.

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office currently uses German Shepherds and Bloodhound as our K9 companions. Our dogs are a treasured part of the sheriff's office.

Our K9 Unit not only works diligently to provide Otsego County the protection they deserve, they continuously work to maintain a favorable relationship within the county by actively participating in community events and education.



Deputy Stan Cade



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MARINE AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE UNIT



The Marine and Recreational Vehicle Unit plays a unique and important role in helping the citizens of Otsego County as they handle all the maritime complaints in the county. Without the assistance of this Unit, the citizens would not receive an acceptable level of law enforcement and emergency response on or around the waterways of Otsego County. Of the 1,015 square miles of area in Otsego County, approximately 12 square miles of it is water. Maintaining an ardent law enforcement presence on the waterways of Otsego County, the Unit patrols three major lakes and their navigable tributaries.

The unit maintains a fleet of four vessels. Each boat is maintained for specific duties and due to the size, depth and hydrographs of the different lakes; each vessel is able to safely navigate their assigned patrol area. In addition to maritime duties, the unit additionally maintains two four wheel ATVs and a six-wheel utility vehicle outfitted for search and rescue. The availability and use of these special purpose vehicles enhances our efforts of providing superior Law Enforcement to the people of this county by making almost every part of the county accessible.

In addition to patrolling the waterways within the County, the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Division has a long and proud tradition of being an active part of water safety within the county, as they provide training and assistance to the boating community through the presentation of Safe Boating Classes.

2009 Marine Statistics Topics	Numbers
Total Marine Man Hours	241
Total Citations Issued	11
Total Warning Issued	65
Water Rescues	1



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU SEB



Special Enforcement Deputies execute high risk narcotics warrants and serve as a specialized unit trained to respond to a wide variety of situations such as officer and citizen rescues, hostage rescues, barricaded subjects, armed suicidal subjects, and crowd control situations. The mission of the Special Enforcement Bureau is to provide the office with the capability to peacefully and safely resolve high risk situations. Members of Special Enforcement can be operationally deployed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and can assist any Otsego County Law Enforcement Agency. SEB Deputies train regularly on a monthly basis. Each member of the team is trained in a specialty skill, but receives cross-training in every skill and tool need during deployment. Every member of the unit is also trained and certified in the use and deployment of Less-lethal Munitions. These kinetic energy munitions are specially designed to incapacitate a subject with reduced risk of lethality. The SEB is supported by Tactical Medic provided through the Otsego County Office of Emergency Services. These medics provide not only life saving skills but wellness and preventative medical support.

SEB Operations in 2009

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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Accident Investigation Unit was created by the Sheriff's Office to respond to serious injury and fatal accidents. Since its inception the unit has become a valuable resource. The goal of the unit is to determine the cause of an accident through reconstruction. The Accident Investigation Unit provides support to both the Patrol and Criminal Investigations Divisions by being available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to assist in investigating fatal and serious motor vehicle accidents, boating accidents and work related accidents. The unit members search for evidence at the scene of an incident and utilize numerous accident reconstruction techniques in their investigation. The completed reconstruction report is used to determine if vehicle and traffic or penal law charges should be pursued. Working "hand in hand" with the ID Unit, this unit assists by crime scene diagramming and recreation. The Accident Investigation Unit is available to assist other county law enforcement agencies as well as outside emergency services agencies.

The deputies assigned to the Accident Investigation Unit have specialized training and equipment which allows them to reconstruct how an accident was likely to have occurred based on measurements of skid marks and other evidence left at the crash site. The use of computer based programs and the Total Station Surveying System had greatly improved how accidents can be reconstructed.



IDENTIFICATION / CRIME SCENE UNIT

The Identification / Crime Scene Unit (ID) support every element of the Sheriff's Office with Collection, preservation and evaluation of evidence. Investigators and Deputies are trained in identification and forensic techniques and specialties. Identification Unit personnel respond to all major crime scenes, motor vehicle crashes and other accidents that result in death. The Crime Scene Investigator must evaluate the minute details of a crime scene and determine what types of processing are appropriate. Using state-of-the-art video and still photography equipment, team members record every detail of a scene for future investigation, analysis and preparation for court review. The unit also supervises the proper collection of evidence, latent fingerprint processing and other evidentiary duties relating to major cases. Available to respond 24/7, the unit is outfitted with modern investigative equipment. The ID unit's effectiveness is greatly enhanced by the use of the "Total Station". The Total Station is an electronic/optical instrument used to survey crime scenes and accidents, which enable investigators to reconstruct the scene. The ID Unit also manages and oversees the storage of evidence and all related records.



Criminal Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigation Division makes up the plain clothes investigative services unit of the Sheriff's Office. The goal of the unit is to successfully investigate all crimes with diligence, efficiency, dedication and respect for all people involved. The Criminal Investigation Division conducts sensitive and serious investigations. Investigators are responsible for handling felony related crimes, death investigations, narcotics investigations, sexual abuse cases, financial and white collar crimes, computer crimes and arsons. Investigators also assist the patrol division with follow-up investigations that require substantial time and resources to investigate. The Division works closely with the other Otsego County Law Enforcement agencies, the New York State Police and all Federal law enforcement agencies. CID investigators additionally oversee the sex offender registry, pistol permit background investigations and truth determining exams. Due to their diverse workload, CID Investigators receive extensive training and are required to be current with numerous investigative techniques. The CID is often involved in the investigation from the time an incident is reported to the Sheriff's Office through the conclusion of the prosecutorial process. With a proven track record of professionalism and success, the Criminal Investigation Bureau continues to strive to protect the citizens of Otsego County.

Case Investigated 2009	Numbers
Attempted Murder	1
Conspiracy to Commit Murder	1
Clandestine Meth Lab	1
Burn Injury	2
On-line Child Exploitation	3
Criminal Contempt	3
Aggravated Harassment	3
Felony Weapons Possession	4
Missing Persons	5
Felony Assault	5
Arson	5
Serious or Fatal MVA	5
OCCF Contraband	7
Narcotics Search Warrants	7
Warrant Arrests	7
Fraud & Forgery	13
CVSA Examinations	13
Child & Elder Abuse	14
Death Investigations	16
Grand Larceny	16
Assist Other Agency	19

OCCF Assault	20
Burglary	23
Narcotics	45
Sexual Assault	45
Pistol Permit Background	236
Totals	525



Sr. Investigator Michael Ten Eyck



Investigator Mike Covert



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office maintains a registry of all levels of sex offenders living in the county. Local law enforcement is required to maintain the Subdirectory for registered sex offenders in New York State, and serves as the point of contact between registries and New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The failure to register is a crime. The first conviction is punishable as a class A misdemeanor; a subsequent conviction is punishable as a class D felony. All investigations concerning failure to register are conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division. The CID Investigators work diligently at maintaining the counties registry as well as investigating all crimes concerning registry violations.

Sex Offender Violations	2008 Arrests
Failure to get photograph taken	2
Failure to register	5
Having an internet connection	1
TOTALS	8

Please remember to visit our Website:

<http://www.otsegocounty.com/depts/shf/>


To receive more information about Sex Offenders and Offender Watch



Otsego County Sheriff's Office
visit: www.otsegocounty.com/depts/shf/
Community Awareness Program

To learn more about this free community program, please view our online presentation:

**Otsego County Sheriff's Office
Presentation**

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The Otsego County Sheriff's Office maintains this **OffenderWatch®** portal as a community service. Please view the Presentation above to get a better understanding of the facts about registered sex offenders and what our office is doing to comply with the law. Be sure to visit the Safety Tips page and review the information we have provided under the Community Awareness Fliers or the other links. You may print flyers for your use to distribute to your club, school, library or group.

CRIME STOPPERS & TIP HOTLINE



The Otsego County Sheriff's Office has in operation a telephone number for the public to report any information concerning criminal activity 24 hours a day. Any Tips in reference to criminal activity in Otsego County can be reported to the Tips Line. Callers may leave an electronically recorded voice-mail message. The Tips Line is a voice mailbox that is dedicated to receiving information on criminal investigations from the public. The caller may remain anonymous or provide their name and information. The purpose of the Tips Line is to effectively funnel information or tips to the investigator or deputy handling the case. The Tips Line phone number is also utilized for press releases regarding on-going investigations being handled by the Criminal Investigation Division.



Current investigations are often outlined on the Sheriff's Office website. Individuals are asked to assist us in solving crimes by sending us an email from our webpage.

Hotline Tips Received in 2009	60
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PISTOL PERMIT & LICENSING

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office processes Pistol Permit Applications for Otsego County residents under terms of appropriate New York State laws. Following the completion of an application and criminal background checks, final approval or denial of a permit is the decision of an Otsego County Court Judge.

After receiving a new pistol license application, this unit processes the application as follows:

- Review all pistol license applications to insure compliance with state law
- Obtain fingerprints and photographs of applicant (along with pistol license application and fee)
- Submit fingerprint cards to D.C.J.S. and the F.B.I. for criminal history background checks
- Conduct background investigation
- Send out reference letters regarding new applicants
- Submit completed application to appropriate County Court Judge for final approval
- Upon approval, process and issue pistol license to applicant as well as distribute application to appropriate agencies

Other duties include processing license holders' amendments, acquisitions, disposals, address changes, duplicates and transfers, maintain pistol license files, process pistol license suspensions and revocations, conduct criminal investigation of pistol licensees when warranted, and conduct deceased pistol licensee investigations.

Applications Handed Out	695
Applications Returned	270
Applications Issued	211
Applications Denied	13
Money Rec'd to Treasurer	\$,6039.00

CIVIL DIVISION



The Civil Division is a state mandated service of the Sheriff's Office. Its purpose and function is to serve and execute the various legal processes issued not only by and for the several non-criminal courts of the state and its subdivisions, but also for the legal community and the general public. The Sheriff serves as the enforcement officer of the courts and legal community regarding civil matters.

Civil Papers Docketed	2009
Total Papers Received / Docketed	1904
Income Executions Served	826
Property Executions Served	47
Summons Served	1031

Total Monies Paid	2009
Treasurer	\$109,277.21
Attorneys	\$904,206.48
Total Paid	\$1,013,483.69

Total Civil Papers Served	1072
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CORRECTIONS DIVISION



The Corrections Division is responsible for the “day to day” operation of the Otsego County Correctional Facility. The facility operates around the clock, 365 days a year. The Otsego County Correctional Facility is supervised by Jail Administrator, Lt. Donald Lincourt, who is assisted by Deputy Administrator Lt. Adam Pierce. The Administrators supervise Six Sergeants who are responsible for the Operations and Administration sections of the Division. Operations include Facility Security, Booking and Classification, Shift Operations, Court / Transport Units and Correctional Investigations. Administration includes Training, Medical Services, Food Service Unit, Jail Services and Programs, Records and Maintenance.

The Corrections Divisions overall function is to provide processing and detention services for all law enforcement agencies within Otsego County while administering the facility according to New York State standards.

In 2009, the Otsego County Correctional Facility continued to provide and maintain a safe and secure correctional facility for inmates and staff alike. As the facility continues to deal with an adverse and revolving population who deal with substance abuse and violent histories, maintaining a safe environment is of the utmost importance. A \$30,000 upgrade to the video monitoring station in Central Command now enables officers to monitor up to 17 cameras at one time. This has proven to be an excellent enhancement of our security package. Another goal that was accomplished this year was the acquisition and implementation of improved portable communications within the facility. This improvement has eliminated “dead spots” while directly improving safety and security. In an attempt to assist the community, inmate workers took over the care of the county cemetery. These workers mowed, trimmed and cleared brush on a weekly basis, thereby, providing a cost effective workforce that assisted our county maintenance staff. Other important cost effective measures were also implemented this year. The ability to develop a formulary in relation to prescription costs and care of our inmates showed a vast savings to our medical line. Another measure that has shown a huge improvement in our cost cutting

measures was the ability to couple with the State in the Cook Chill Program. This has lowered our overall food service bills without compromising on the quality and dietary needs of our inmates. The increased costs associated with incarceration and the decrease in economic subsidies has directly affected our facility, however, through effective oversight and management it has not affected our service and security.



2009 Statistics	Numbers
Total Number of Inmates Admitted	681
Highest Inmate Population	90
Lowest Inmate Population	49
Average Inmate Population	56
Total Male Inmates Admitted	575
Total Female Inmates Admitted	106

TRANSPORTS



Transport activity remains an important and essential part of correctional operations. Transport officers are specially trained and equipped to accomplish their task with efficiency and safety.

Officers selected for this detail must exhibit the highest degree of professional standards as they are directly responsible for transporting inmates to court appearances, medical appointments and other correctional facilities. Transporting officers must be alert to all conditions and potential hazards which surround the movement of the inmates to and from these places. Specialized equipment and vehicles may be utilized for high-profile inmates, high risk inmates or those with special medical and mental conditions.

Total Transports in 2009	826
Total Transport Mileage for 2009	33,832



FACILITY REPORT

The Otsego County Sheriff's Department has the legal obligation to care for persons held in County custody. The department operates a detention facility at the Public Safety Campus. In 2009, over 600 inmates were admitted into the facility, which operates an average daily population of more than 50 inmates. In addition to booking, classifying, housing, and releasing inmates, the department provides a wide array of quality services including medical, mental health, food, counseling, recreation, religious, and educational services. The Jail Administrator and his staff provide continuous oversight of operations and daily expenses. Monthly and weekly meetings with unit managers track bookings, processing times and inmate program involvement. Together, they ensure that the community can enjoy a high degree of confidence that their local detention facility is being operated safely and responsibly.

Contact Visitations	3992
Non-Contact Visitations	221
Inmate / Attorney Visits	464
Inmate official Visits	158

Facility Searches	132
Reportable Incidents	18

Total Transports	826
Total Mileage for Year	33,832

Total State Grievances Filed	84
Total Grievances Appealed	36
Total Grievances Resolved	45



Jail Administrator Lt. Donald Lincourt

HEALTH SERVICES



Correctional medical care is provided by the Health Services Unit. Daily the medical staff oversees new inmate screening and inmate sick call. The Health Services Unit also encompasses ambulatory care, health education and urgent care within the correctional facility. The staff manages referrals and appointments to mental health providers, dental care and physicians. Health Services deals daily with a wide range of health issues and concerns. Their average patient population has not had consistent healthcare prior to their incarceration. This overlying issue coupled with substance abuse and mental health issues provide for a unique specialty of nursing. Our staff truly cares for an interesting variety of health concerns from minor ailments to major and atypical conditions.

Total Inmates at Sick Call 2009	1175
New Inmates Screened	602
Inmates Seen by Doctor	235
Inmates Seen by Mental Health	376
M/H Practitioner Inmates	165
Inmates Seen by Dentist	80



Medical Services Director Lynn Baulch

DIETARY SERVICES



The correctional food service is supervised by Wayne O. Granger, the Director of Food Service Operations. He is responsible for planning, directing and supervising the preparation and serving of food to the inmate population. Additional food management duties include procurement and storage, menu planning, sanitation and record keeping. Dietary Services professionally and diligently care for the health and safety of both the inmate population and correctional staff. Food operations are supported with inmates, where the staff not only monitors their handling and sanitation methods but try to model proper social and work behavior traits.

Total Meals Served 2009	66,240
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Dietary Services Director Wayne Granger

EDUCATIONAL & REHABILITATIVE SERVICES



Educational and Rehabilitative Programs provide academic, counseling and support to our inmate population. Numerous activities and programs are brought into the correctional facility all year long, in order to provide rehabilitative counseling and education. These programs attempt to serve as a catalyst for change in an inmate's life.

Inmates attending GED in 2009	54
GED Graduates	5

Alcoholics Anonymous	68
12 Steps to Better Living	52
1 on 1 Religious Counseling	41
Bible Study	36
Church Services	81

Total Inmate Participation	278
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TRAINING UNIT



The Training Unit provides direct support to the Corrections and Law Enforcement Operations Divisions. This unit is tasked with the responsibility of providing mandated training for all personnel who work for the Sheriff. In addition to ensuring that mandated training is received the training unit is also tasked with maintaining files of all training that Sheriff's Office personnel attend and complete. A large majority of the training, Officers and Deputies receive, is mandated by the Division of Criminal Justice Services. In addition to the above mentioned training, many assignments require additional training that must be completed within certain time parameters. Such assignments could be promotions or specialized jobs that require advanced skills and knowledge. Due to the size, structure and mission of the Otsego County Sheriff's Office, every day our Patrol Deputies and Correctional Officers are receiving training or classroom instruction. The instructors put in long hours of classroom preparation prior to each class. Our instructors formulate lesson plans, develop visual aids and handouts and complete class rosters in advance to their classroom instruction. The Otsego County Sheriff's Office also provides instructors to outside agencies as well as the Otsego County Law Enforcement Academy.

Total training Classes in 2009	20
Total Approx. Staff Hours Involved	4,570
Ave. Training Hours per Officer	84.6
Annual In-Service Training Hours	156
FEMA / NIMS Training Hours	3200
Number of Office Instructors	10



Training Coordinator Lt. Adam Pierce



Officer Christopher Green receives Certificate from Sheriff Devlin

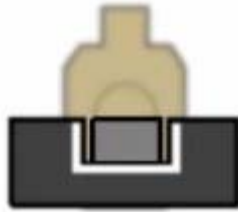


OCSO Peace Officer Training Class 09-01



Training Room

FIREARMS TRAINING UNIT



The purpose of the Otsego County Sheriff's Office Firearms Training Unit is to provide reality-based, mission-specific and court-defensible training programs for all sworn members of the office. Training is provided in marksmanship, gun handling, tactics, mindset, and the legal use of lethal force. All of the training delivered is designed to teach the deputy to survive a deadly force encounter while simultaneously protecting the community and preserving citizens' civil rights. The training delivered by the Firearms Training Unit is fully integrated with other skills areas of police work, such as emergency vehicle operation, patrol tactics and defensive tactics, to give the deputy all of the force options and tools needed to successfully accomplish their assignments. This includes recruit, in-service, and special-unit personnel. In addition to providing training to our sworn members, the unit additionally trains and qualifies the Otsego County Department of Probation.

The unit consists of four New York State Certified Firearms Instructors and three Armorers. The Armorers are responsible for the inspection, maintenance and/or repair of agency weapons. The Patrol Division's annual qualification course consists of qualifying rounds of fire with the Glock 21, Patrol Shotgun and M4 Patrol Rifle. The Corrections Division qualifies with the Glock 21 and the Patrol Shotgun.



**Sr. Firearms Instructor
Dep. Jason Ough**



**Less-Lethal Instructor
Dep. Michael Stalter**

CHAPLAINS

“Our mission is the personal well being of all who serve”

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office Chaplains serve the deputies, officers and citizens of Otsego County. They provide Spiritual support and guidance, as well as stress counseling and stress debriefs. They additionally assist during “critical incidents” involving emotional notifications to those in distress and need. Their real strength lies in providing support to the law enforcement community after hours and through family support and services.



Otsego County Sheriff's Office Chaplain Stephen D. Fournier

EMERGENCY SERVICES PARTNERSHIP



The Otsego County Sheriff's Office enjoys an excellent working relationship with the Otsego County Office of Emergency Services. With budgetary and manpower restraints experienced by both offices, the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Services has attempted to improve their services and response capabilities by an effective and useful partnership. This partnership has grown over the years and flourished in 2009, as we shared and assisted each other with manpower, facilities and equipment. We all know that effective emergency service management requires agencies from many different services to work closely together and to have open lines of communication. In Otsego County, we have taken that view to heart by establishing this partnership and improving our fire investigation, search and rescue capabilities, medical first response and emergency management.

Throughout 2009, a series of fires across the county kept the Office of Emergency Services busy. Our office assisted their efforts when a criminal investigation was undertaken.



Barn Fire Laurens NY



Tire Tracks Cast at the Scene of a Fire



HAZ MAT Response

“Working together to ensure that Otsego County is not only prepared to respond to emergencies but able to mitigate against their impacts.”

YOUTH SERVICES AFFILIATIONS



The Otsego County Sheriff's Office is proud to provide support and assistance to Otsego County Youth Court and Law Enforcement Explorer Post 911.

The mission of Youth Court is to offer youth offenders a second chance through restorative justice, peer accountability, and empowering opportunities; and to engage all youth – especially those at risk for entering the juvenile justice system -- in expansive experiences related to law and justice with the aim of changing young lives and impacting communities.

Law Enforcement Explorer posts help youth to gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

OPERATION SAFE CHILD



Operation SAFE CHILD was created in July 2005 to raise awareness about child safety. Using equipment that contains the latest digital fingerprinting technology and high resolution photography capabilities, The Otsego County Sheriff's Office is able to produce a SAFE CHILD card for parents and guardians. The cards contain a child's name, biographical information (date of birth, gender, height, weight, hair color, eye color, etc.), and a fingerprint image of both index fingers. The card can be made in less than two minutes and can be easily carried in a wallet or pocketbook. Interested parents can choose to store the fingerprints, basic biographical information and photographs of children who are not missing - information critical to expediting the return of a missing child. The storage of information is entirely voluntary and requires the written consent of a parent or legal guardian. The information gathered is digitally recorded and stored in a database at the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in Albany. In the event DCJS receives a missing child report, the fingerprints of that child will be included in a special search file and compared against all incoming fingerprints submitted to the agency.

Total Safe Child Events 2009	13
Total Children Processed in 2009	716

ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION



One of the programs the Otsego County Sheriff's Office oversees is the Alternatives to Incarceration Program. This program, more commonly referred to as the Otsego County Community Service Program has been in operation since 1983. It is mandated by the New York State Division of Probation & Correctional Alternatives. This alternative to jail time gives the correctional facility the ability to house inmates in a more efficient way. It was specifically designed to alleviate overcrowding in the Otsego County Correctional Facility. All the judges in Otsego County have access to this program and can sentence a person to hours of community service in exchange for jail time. Persons who are convicted of felony and/or misdemeanor charges are the target population for this program. They would be truly jail bound and help to alleviate overcrowding in the correctional facility. It continues to fulfill the state requirements for felony and misdemeanor sentences. The OC Community Service Program took on another aspect of serving persons who were not truly jail bound in 1990 due to the demand from local courts that there was a growing need for the service. A person that is sentenced to a charge other than a misdemeanor or felony, is a transfer into this County from another Court, and/or has been re-sentenced, will be charged a \$50.00 fee to participate in the Community Service Program. The expectations are the same to ultimately provide oversight of a participant to his/her successful completion of mandated community service hours. The program serves on an average of 250 participants. Total number of hours the program oversees on average is 8,500 – 9,000 per year. We have established consistently over a 90% success rate. Some of the participants, not only completed a court mandate, they were offered and took advantage of part or full-time employment. The Program Coordinator is Cathy Jeanette and has been since it's inception in 1983.

CRISIS INTERVENTION & SUPPORT SERVICES



Crisis Intervention and Support Services are offered to the Otsego County Sheriff's Office by a partnership with Opportunities for Otsego, Inc. O.F.O. offers services when individuals or families are in crisis and provide short-term assistance to meet their immediate needs. The Violence Intervention Program of Opportunities for Otsego additionally assists the office by providing services to: victims of domestic violence, victims of rape and sexual assault, families of child sexual abuse and crime victims needing assistance from the New York State Crime Victims Board.

Year	Reported Domestic Disputes
2006	167
2007	210
2008	222
2009	319

SHERIFFS' SUMMER CAMP



The Sheriffs' Camp is located in the Finger Lakes region on Keuka Lake in Yates County. It is six miles south of the village of Penn Yan. The camp, a former YMCA Camp, is owned by the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute and meets the full compliance of the New York State Health Department. The camp is for economically challenged children, between the ages of 9 and 12 who, because of economic reasons would not have an opportunity to attend a summer camp or enjoy a summer vacation. Deputy Sheriffs play two roles within the camp community. Typically, about 4 to 6 Deputy Sheriffs are in residence during each of the six one-week sessions. They work themselves into the camp's daily curriculum. They work hard to project themselves as mentors to the kids. Other Deputy Sheriffs visit the camp daily to conduct demonstrations of law enforcement techniques and equipment. Such as K-9 and scuba diving demonstrations. Each week a Deputy Sheriff makes a presentation regarding illicit drugs and alcohol use.

Number of Campers Attending from Otsego County	19
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GRANT FUNDING

A major source of funding for the Otsego County Sheriff's Office has been awarded grants. In these difficult economic times, grant funding becomes all the more important in filling gaps in budgets. Our grant writing and coordination of grant funding has gone a long way toward making the Otsego County Sheriff's Office a stronger force in ensuring public safety. This additionally reduces the total cost to the taxpayers. That is why our office has worked diligently at securing grant funds over the last decade. Grant funding has helped fund the purchasing of essential equipment, paid for overtime of important programs such as DWI patrols, as well as providing reimbursements for our Marine Patrol.

This past year 2009, was a particularly good year for us as we were awarded both funding and equipment grants. Our traffic safety initiative was enhanced by grant money provided for DWI patrols and school bus safety violations. The Otsego County Sheriff's Office also received BUNY (Buckle Up New York) and STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) funding. This allowed us to offset the cost of specialized patrols and traffic enforcement road checks.

Funding was provided to the office from the Scriven Foundation for the purchase of a 2009 Ford F250. This is a specialized four wheel drive, three quarter ton, six passenger cab emergency services vehicle. The gaining of this vehicle was a much needed and wonderful acquisition that has assisted the office greatly since its arrival. With its use as an emergency vehicle with utility capabilities, this vehicle offers an added measure of function in providing essential services and ability.



2009 also saw us receive funding through the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the purchase of a 2009 Angler Commercial Patrol Boat. The ability to modernize our Marine Unit has long been a goal of Sheriff Devlin. This new boat greatly increases our maritime capabilities. "Being able to acquire and use such equipment with no added cost to the taxpayer is wonderful, said Sheriff Devlin. The Sheriff went on to say, "The New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has

to be commended, they have assisted us every inch of the way as we try and make the waterways of Otsego County not only fun, but safe"



The Otsego County Sheriff's Office was able to increase our ranks this year as we received our newest Deputy. An AKC Bloodhound named "Copper" came to our office as a gift from the Jimmy Ryce Center.

On September 11, 1995, 9-year-old Jimmy Ryce was kidnapped at gunpoint from his school bus stop, sodomized, and shot as he was trying to escape. To free more children from the clutches of sexual predators, [The Jimmy Ryce Center for Victims of Predatory Abduction](#) was established in June of 1996 in honor of Jimmy and his courage in trying to get home even after hours of pain and humiliation. As part of their program, The Jimmy Ryce Center provides AKC bloodhounds free to law enforcement to find abducted and lost children.



Sheriff Devlin and members of the department receive "Copper" at the Albany Airport

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office was extremely lucky to receive assistance from [Medical Coaches Inc.](#) this last year. Their world class services and technology was provided free of cost when they retrofitted one of our K-9 vehicles. Their exemplary work helped us provide a cost effective and superior product to our K-9 force.



An agreement with Dog Wild Canine Supply of Cooperstown has provided us with supplies and dog related equipment. This partnership helps our office tremendously in providing a totally cost effective K-9 service to the people of Otsego County.



Once again in 2009, Springfield Tractor & Implement from Springfield Center has been more than gracious to the Otsego County Sheriff's Office. Springfield Tractor provided our office with lawnmowers that specifically allowed our inmates to maintain the upkeep and care for the county cemetery.

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office would like to thank all the agencies and organizations that assisted us this past year. Their help truly enabled us to not only improve our services, but provide the citizens the law enforcement they deserve. In our effort to provide the most cost effective and efficient law enforcement services in this county, grants and alternative funding sources will continue to play an important role in effective law enforcement in the future.



“Proudly serving the people of Otsego County”

“We hope you have enjoyed this 2009 summary of our activity and look forward to your comments. The following pages are offered to give you a quick glimpse statistics, so you understand where you’re hard earned money goes.”

Sheriff Richard Devlin

APPENDIX

THE FOLLOWING PAGES PRESENT A HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OTSEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

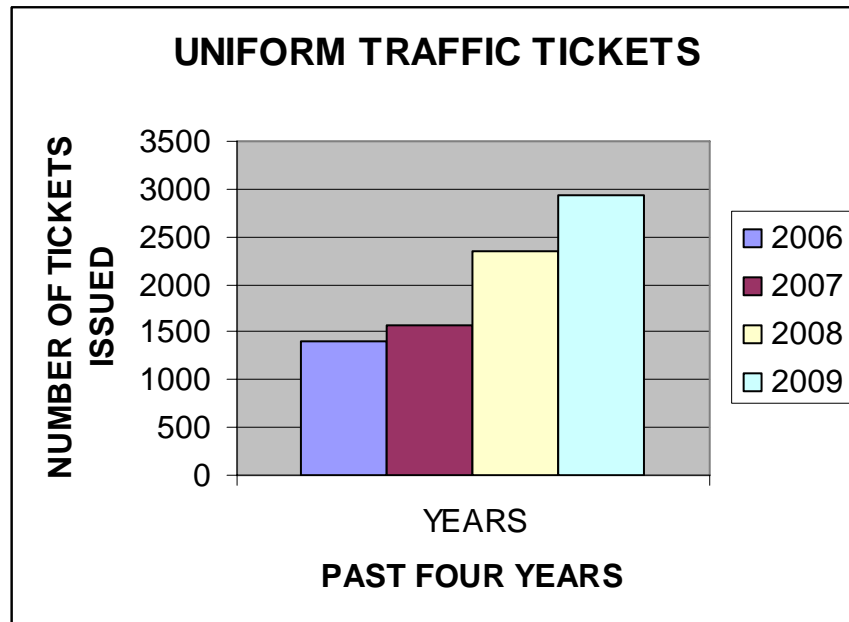
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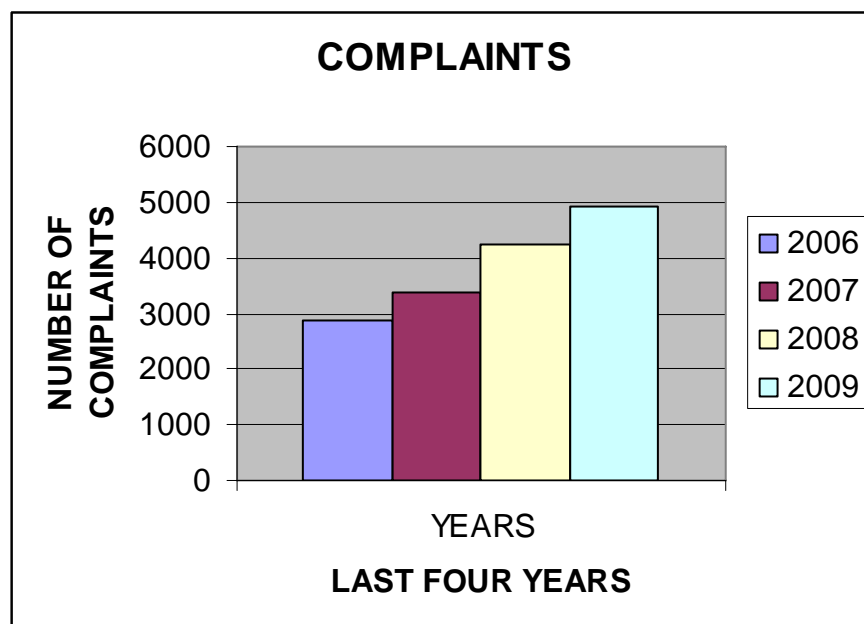
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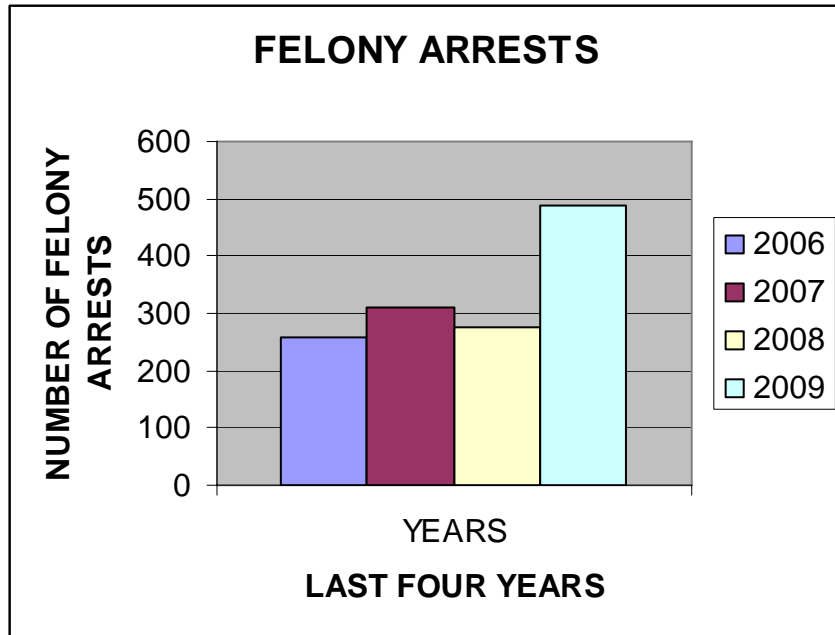
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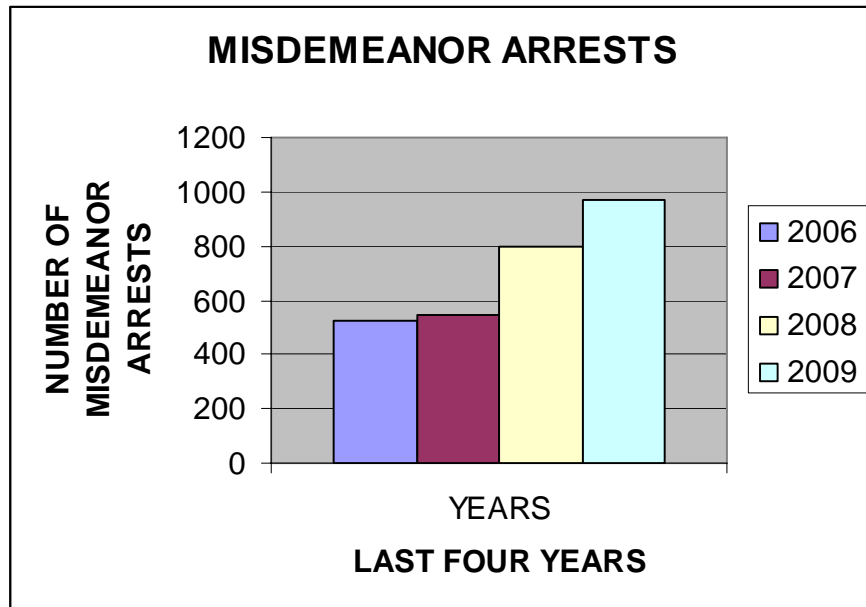
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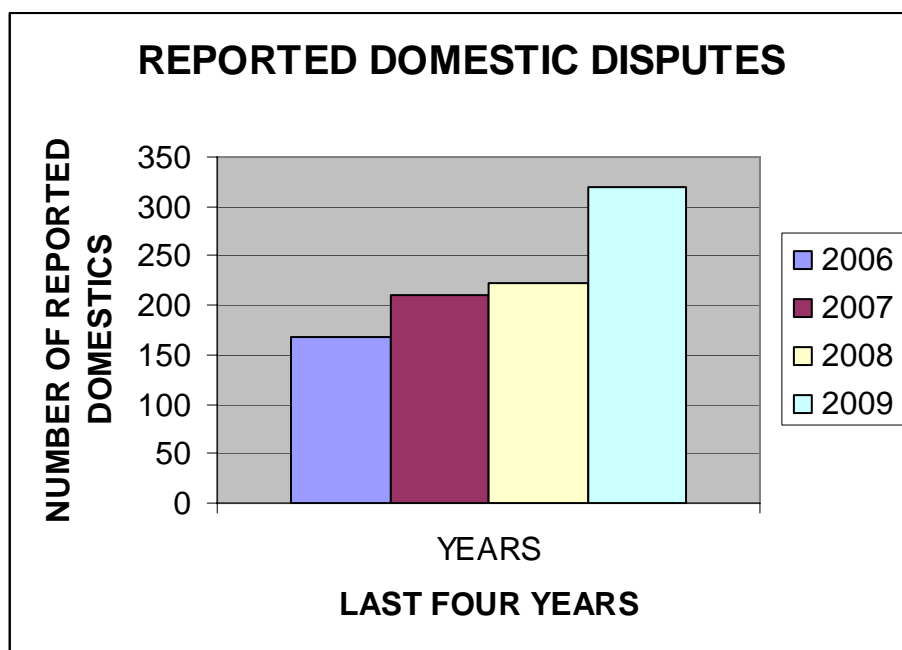
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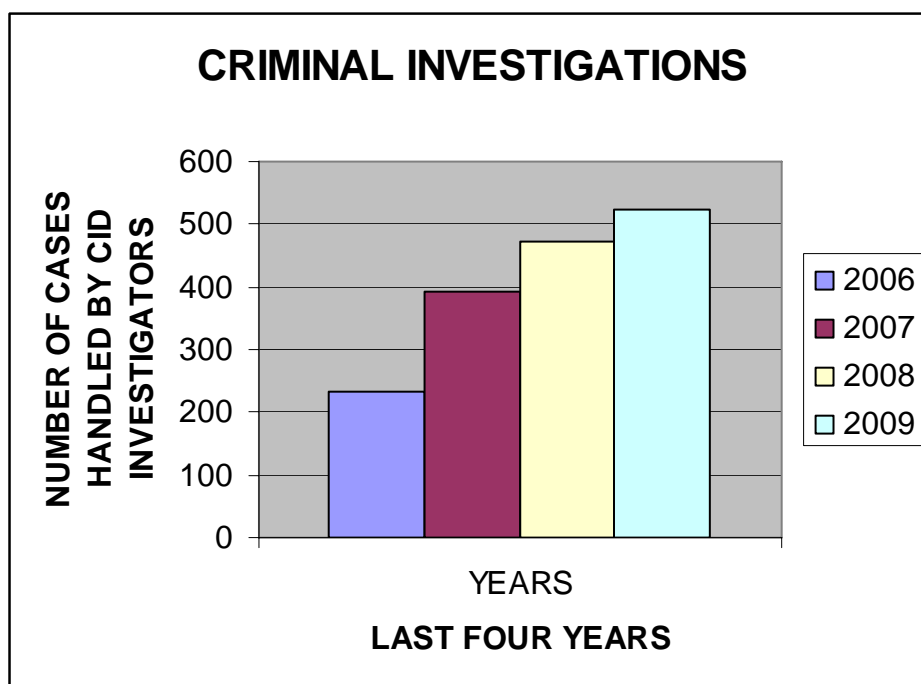
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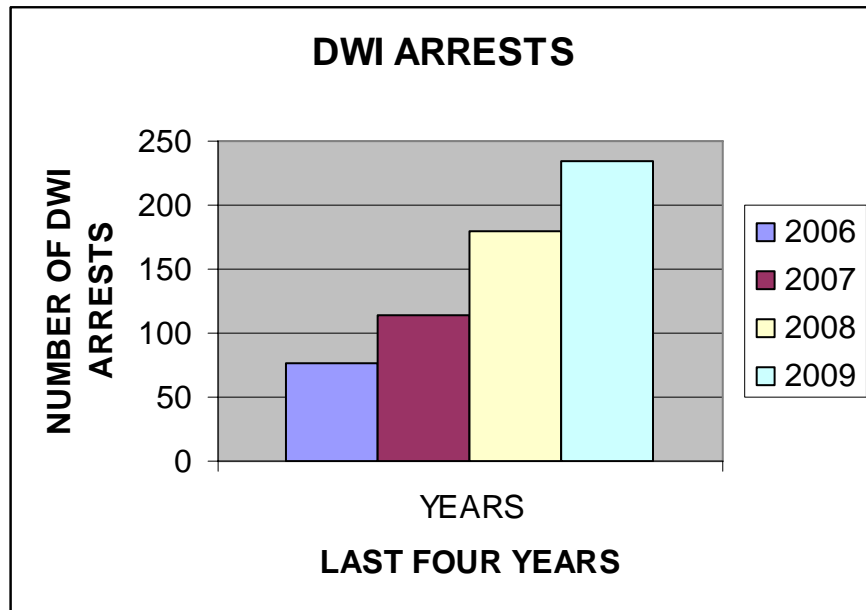
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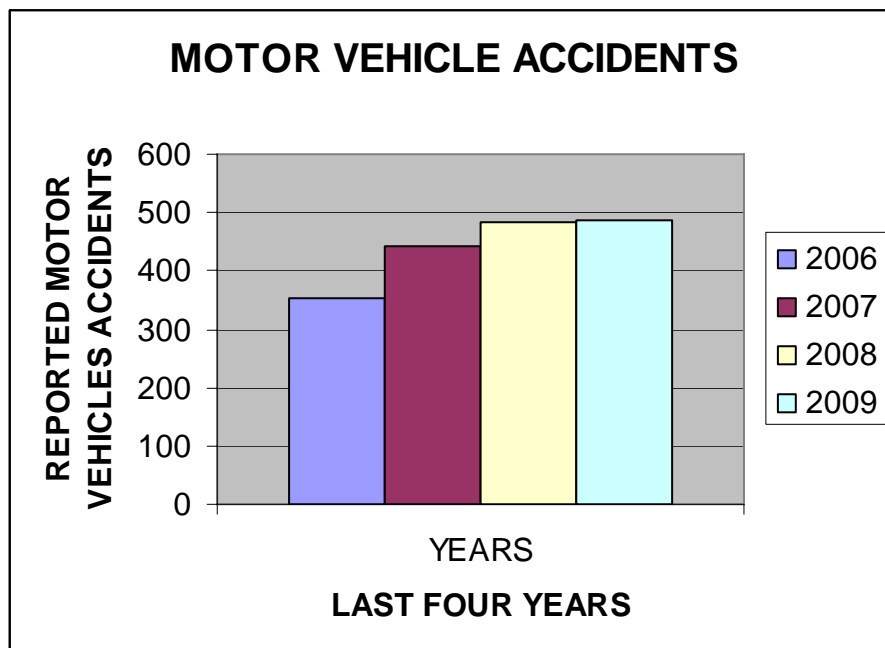
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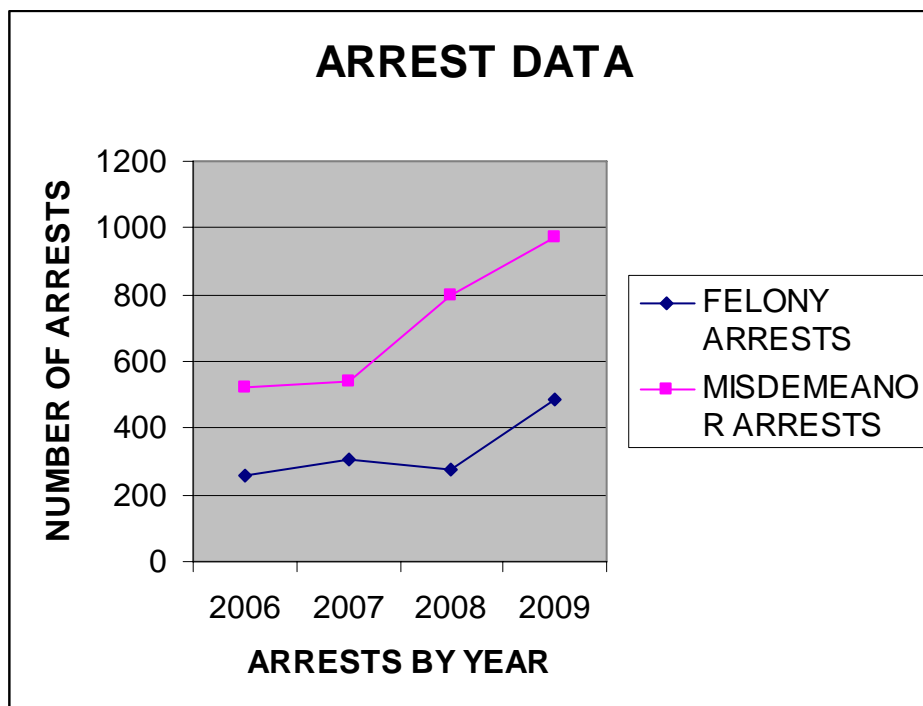
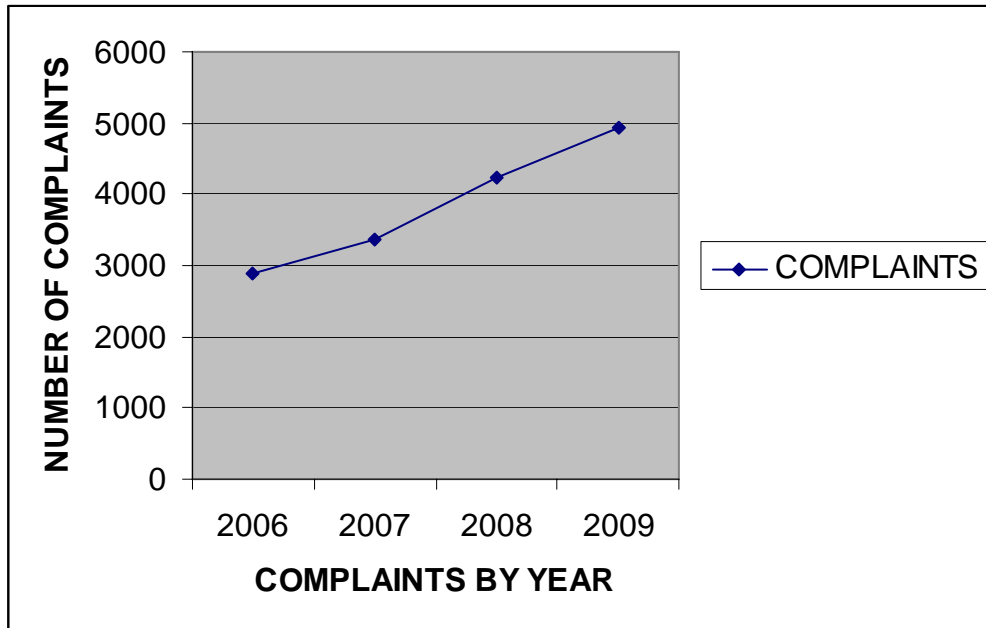


DWI ARRESTS



MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS





VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC

