

OTSEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2013



ANNUAL REPORT



The annual report is a great opportunity for me to share with you some of the accomplishments and achievements of the Otsego County Sheriff's Office. As your Sheriff, service to the community and public safety are my highest goals and are reflective in the actions of our men and women every day. The Sheriff's Office holds a history and tradition I hold dear. It's a history and tradition that is instilled in every member of the office and relies on our close relationship with the community. The employees of the Otsego County Sheriff's Office work hard to achieve their goals and build positive and professional relationships with our citizens and visitors alike. Many times the nature of our work is challenging, but by working together, no obstacle or challenge becomes too great.

As in every year, this last year provided challenges and accomplishments. Working within our budgetary restraints, a number of improvements to operations have been implemented which have provided a cost savings to the citizens of Otsego County while not effecting service. Our office worked diligently at our attention to the illicit narcotics trade and the illegal sale of prescription drugs. These operations have received considerable attention from the public and instill in me a sense of pride as I serve as your Sheriff.

I feel that the annual report provides me an opportunity to share with you some of our accomplishments as it provides an insight to our statistics, activities and highlights. My hope is that by providing this information, you are able to see a clearer picture of your Sheriff's Office at work. It is only through a close relationship with our citizens that we are able to deliver the best service we can.

I appreciate you taking the time to review this report and hope you find it informative.

As always, I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Sheriff.

Sincerely,
Richard J. Devlin Jr
Sheriff



ROAD PATROL

Deputies assigned to Road Patrol provide law enforcement services 365 days a year to a population of over 62,000 residents. While responding to over four thousands calls for service during 2013, patrol deputies assisted citizens to resolve a number of complex issues and complaints. The patrol deputies' professional and thorough approach to situations demonstrated their dedication to delivering the high level of service the community expects and deserves. The Patrol Section embraces the challenges that come with patrolling what can be described as a geographically diverse county. The county spans 1,015 square miles and includes open rural areas, hilly terrain, residential areas, industrial properties, and numerous recreational areas including lakes and rivers.

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.

The Patrol Division is made up of many Specialized Units, but the Patrol Section continues to be the backbone of our law enforcement delivery system. Patrol deputies are our most visible asset and are the "eyes and ears" to what is going on in the community. Patrol deputies are often the first Sheriff's Office representatives to meet a citizen and these interactions almost always form the community member's opinion of the Office.

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. Deputies receive extensive training and annual refreshers, in order to stay current with specialized equipment and certified in specialized skills. Outside of specialized schools, all deputies receive over 21 hours of in-service training per year.



Patrol Division 2013 Activity

Total Complaints	4668
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	2191
DWI Arrests	87
Personal Injury Accidents Inv.	78
Property Damage Accidents Inv.	464
Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	614
Felony Arrests	276
Total Miles Patrolled	394,423



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigation Division of the Otsego County Sheriff's Office makes up the "plain clothes division" of the law enforcement section and is responsible for conducting serious / sensitive crime 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 forensic examinations, pistol permit background investigations, collect, analyze and disseminate criminal intelligence and give 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.



Criminal Investigation Division

2013 Activity

Pistol permit applicants		421
Sexual crimes investigations		38
Sexual abuse		30
Sexual assault		08
Narcotic investigations		34
CSCS investigations	12	
CPCS investigations	11	
CPM / CSM investigations	11	
Death investigations		17
OCJ assault / contraband / agg harassment invs		14
GL investigations		12
Assist other agencies		12
Oneonta PD	04	
Cooperstown PD	02	
DEA	02	
Chesapeake VA PD	01	
FBI	01	
Montgomery CO SO CID	01	
NYS DMV	01	
Child abuse investigations		10
Burglary investigations		09
Fire investigations		07
SOR investigations		06
Background investigations		05
Warrant arrests		04
Missing persons investigations		03
Serious PI / fatal MVA investigations		03
Computer / CP investigations		02
Domestic terrorism investigations		02
Armed robbery investigations		01
CPW investigations		01
Forgery investigations		01
Homicide investigations		01

603 total CID cases for 2013



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.





MRV UNIT

The Marine and Recreational Vehicle (MRV) Unit operates year around and provides police services related to recreation related activity that takes place with boats, snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles in Otsego County. This unit provides both education and law enforcement services related to the use of these recreational vehicles. During warm weather months, boat patrols are maintained on Otsego lakes. Along with boat patrols on the lakes, MRV staff patrol areas that border the lakes, including parks and launch sites. They also answer calls related to navigation complaints on these waterways and aid disabled boaters as needed. During the winter season, MRV members provide snowmobile patrols as needed within the county. This unit also provides emergency response to inaccessible areas using all terrain vehicles.





SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office SEB [Special Enforcement Bureau] consists of Deputies and Supervisors who are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The unit's specially trained personnel provide tactical response with the goal to save lives and de-escalate the potential for violence.

In order to maintain the skills necessary to handle high-risk situations, SEB members train rigorously on a scheduled basis. Many SEB members hold instructor ratings in various disciplines and provide instruction to other team members as well as throughout the agency.

SEB employs the use of specialized equipment including heavy body armor, ballistic shields, entry tools, armored vehicles, thermal imaging and advanced night vision optics.

SEB members are selected from volunteers within the office. Members must serve a minimum tenure within the office before being able to apply for a specialist position in SEB. All SEB members are sworn law enforcement officers and must have a thorough knowledge of department policies and procedures as well as New York State Law and legal findings.

After a Deputy has been selected, the team member must take numerous specialist courses that will allow them to function as a fully qualified SEB Deputy. SEB Deputies are trained in marksmanship, defensive tactics, first-aid, negotiation, handling K9 units, rappelling and roping techniques and the use of specialized weapons and equipment. Additional specialized training involves precision marksmanship, and the use of specialized ammunition such as bean bags and distraction devices. A great amount of training is allocated to the use of special non-lethal munitions.



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT

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 use of computer based programs and the Total Station Surveying System greatly improve how accident scenes can be measured and mapped. A completed “reconstruction report” is used to determine if legal charges should be pursued following an accident. Working “hand in hand” with the ID Unit, this unit assists by crime scene diagramming. The Accident Investigation Unit is available to assist other law enforcement and emergency service agencies.





K-9 UNIT

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 counterparts.

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.

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.



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.



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.

January 18, 2013

Contact: Public Information Officer

Number: 212-337-2906

Dante Major Received 55 Years to Life Sentence ***Longest Sentence Given to Drug Trafficker in Otsego County***

JAN 18 (Otsego County, N.Y.) - On Wednesday, January 16, 2013, Dante Major was sentenced to 55 years to life by the Honorable Brian D. Burns. Approximately one year ago, the Otsego County Sheriff's Office, Oneonta Police Department, New York State Parole, New York State Department of Health Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, Delaware County Sheriff's Office and DEA Albany District Office initiated an investigation into the rampant use and abuse of opiates in the Otsego County area. Law enforcement identified Dante Major, 46, of Hobart, NY. as the major source of supply and distributor of heroin and oxycodone powder throughout Otsego County, N.Y.

The sentencing was announced by Brian R. Crowell, the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Richard J. Devlin, Jr, Otsego County Sheriff.

Working from street level dealers to the supply source, Otsego County Sheriff's Office investigators and DEA Special Agents from the Albany District Office made controlled purchases of heroin and oxy powder from retail level dealers working for the head of the drug distribution organization, Dante Major. In October 2011, law enforcement officers executed search warrants and made arrests of retail dealers under the direction of Major. On March 20, 2012 law enforcement arrested Major in Cooperstown, NY. A trial followed his arrest and he was convicted in October, 2012. On January 16, 2013, Major was sentenced in Otsego County by the Honorable Brian D. Burns to 55 years to life imprisonment and fined \$260,000.

DEA Special Agent in Charge Brian R. Crowell stated, "The sentencing of Dante Major should send a clear message to the pill and heroin dealers operating in Otsego County. Some kids who take illegal pills and heroin receive a death sentence via overdose on the spot, and their families are left devastated and destroyed. Prescription pain medication and heroin abuse have similar effects when abused and can lead to overdose and death. Prescription drugs are the second most abused drug by our teens behind marijuana and it is estimated that prescription painkiller overdoses killed nearly 15,000 people in the United States - one life taken away or ruined by opiate abuses is one life too many. The men and women of our task force will not tire or relent in their work to identify, investigate and arrest all those responsible for distributing these deadly drugs into our communities."

Otsego Sheriff Richard J. Devlin stated, "The dismantling of an elaborate drug distribution ring and the sentencing of its leader really brings no joy – only the recognition that we must continue to tirelessly investigate and prosecute those that distribute illicit drugs in our county. I am extremely proud of this investigation and the partnerships formed by the agencies involved. Dante Major and his organization's trafficking activities clearly supplied drug users in numerous counties and a wide variety of locations. They are directly responsible for destroying many lives and families. Because of the size and scope of this activity, the sentence is appropriate and I commend everyone involved for their persistence in investigating this matter and their dedication to justice.

SAC Crowell recognizes and appreciates the agencies that assisted the Otsego County Sheriff's Office and the DEA Albany District Office who conducted this investigation including; the Oneonta Police Department, the Otsego County District Attorney's Office, New York State Parole, New York State Department of Health Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

People v. Dante D. Major

10.19.2012 - Convicted of:

Count 1 - Operating as a Major Trafficker, a Class A-I Felony, in violation of Section 220.77(2) of the Penal Law of the State of New York;

Count 2 - Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, a Class A-1 Felony, in violation of Section 220.21(1) of the Penal Law of the State of New York;

Count 3 - Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, in violation of Section 220.16(1) of the Penal Law of the State of New York;

Count 4 - Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, in violation of Section 220.16(12) of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

01.16.2013 - Sentenced to:

Count 1 - an indeterminate term of 20 years to life imprisonment and a fine in the amount of \$100,000;

Count 2 - a determinate term of fifteen years imprisonment with five years post-release supervision and a fine in the amount of \$100,000;

Count 3 - a determinate term of ten years imprisonment with three years post-release supervision and a fine in the amount of \$30,000;

Count 4 - a determinate term of ten years imprisonment with three years post-release supervision and a fine in the amount of \$30,000.

Sentences imposed shall run consecutively.

February 2, 2013

Contact: Public Information Officer

Number: 212-337-2906

Two Distributors of Oxycodone Powder Arrested

FEB 02 (ALBANY, N.Y.) — Two former Oneonta residents, Dylan J. Clark and Michelle L. Slonaker, were arrested last Friday as part of "Operation Gold Rush" that was conducted by the Otsego County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the Oneonta Police Department (OPD), and the Albany District Office of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, into the distribution of oxycodone powder in and around Otsego County.

The two defendants, Clark and Slonaker, were indicted by the County Grand Jury in early January 2013 for an oxycodone powder sale that occurred in the City of Oneonta in May 2011. The Otsego County Court issued a sealed indictment warrant of arrest for them on January 11th, 2013.

The OCSO Criminal Investigation Division developed information of a possible residence for Slonaker in Orange County, NY. Early last Friday morning, NYSP investigators from the Violent Felony Warrant squad and other law enforcement officers assigned to the U.S. Marshals NY – NJ Regional Task Force located Slonaker at her Middletown, NY residence and arrested her on the sealed indictment warrant of arrest. Investigators from the Sheriff's Office picked Slonaker up at the State Police Liberty barracks and brought her back to Otsego County. She was arraigned that afternoon by County Court Judge Brian D. Burns and remanded to the OCCF on \$20,000 bail.

Friday afternoon Clark was located at a residence on Wells Bridge Rd in the Town of Unadilla by the OCSO with the assistance of the Oneonta PD and Otsego County DA'S Office SIU. Clark was arrested by the OCSO on the sealed indictment warrant of arrest. Later that afternoon he was arraigned by County Court Judge Brain D. Burns and remanded to the OCCF on \$50,000 bail.

Clark, a convicted felon for a CPCS 3rd charge in 2001, faces up to nine years in state prison. Slonaker, also a convicted felon who was convicted of attempted CPCS 4th in 2009, faces up to twelve years in prison.

March 1, 2013

Contact: Public Information Officer

Number: 212-337-2906

Heroin Pipeline from the Bronx to Otsego County Shut Down

MARCH 01 (OTSEGO COUNTY, N.Y.) Special Agent in Charge of the New York Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Brian R. Crowell, Otsego County Sheriff Richard J. Devlin, Jr, Oneonta Police Chief Dennis R. Naylor and Otsego County District Attorney John M. Muehl announce the arrest of a major trafficking ring responsible for operating a heroin drug trafficking organization based in Oneonta, NY with heroin supplied from the Bronx, NY.

Over the past two years, the Albany District Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Otsego County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division, the Oneonta City Police Department Detective Bureau and the Otsego County District Attorney's Office have been investigating the illegal trafficking of heroin into and throughout Otsego County. A variety of investigative techniques were used by law enforcement personnel throughout the ongoing investigation called "Operation Dial Tone".

DEA Special Agent in Charge Brian R. Crowell stated, "The arrest of this major drug trafficker has resulted in shutting down a heroin distribution ring focused on flooding the streets of Otsego County with heroin. With a drug pipeline from the Bronx, NY to the streets of Otsego County, Garcia sold and distributed thousands of bags of heroin into this community. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our joint law enforcement partnership, the Garcia organization could not hide in the Bronx where they thought they were safe from detection. Today, she and her organization face the consequences of supplying heroin into our communities for the sake of making drug money."

Oneonta Police Department Chief Dennis R. Naylor stated, "A lot of hard work and mutual agency cooperation went into this investigation and the arrests were a direct result of that hard work and cooperation."

Sheriff Devlin, Jr added, "These arrests are extremely significant. Individually they represent a drug dealer and heroin taken off the streets. But collectively they represent the investigative efforts that it takes to dismantle a drug trafficking organization, targeting the organization's upper management and leadership. Because of the complexity and fluidity of this case, investigators dedicated long hours toward its conclusion. It was only through the individual efforts of these investigators and agencies involved that these arrests were made and this organization's criminal activity was terminated."

The Investigation:

On December 7, 2012 in the evening hours, three local men were arrested following a traffic stop for possessing 209 bags of heroin that had come from the Bronx, NY. Deputies Keith Sheldon and Michael Stalter stopped the 2005 Chevrolet Impala that was being operated by Daniel P. Parrotte, age 24, of 263 Cty Hwy 2, Mt Upton, NY on Lower Main Street in the Town of Oneonta, NY for an equipment violation. Passengers in the vehicle were Eric J. Doherty, age 22, of 155 Cross Road, Unadilla, NY and Azar K. Hughes, age 24, of 168 Chestnut Street, Oneonta, NY and formerly of the Bronx, NY. The deputies noticed inconsistent stories between the occupants of the vehicle as to what they were doing and where they had been. Deputy Sheldon observed a New York City parking ticket on the dashboard of the vehicle and none of the occupants admitted to being in NYC. Deputy Stalter observed a hypodermic syringe in the passenger inside door handle where Doherty was sitting. After removing the occupants from the vehicle, Deputy Sheldon used his narcotics detection dog to search the vehicle. K-9 Ricky alerted on a PlayStation gaming console and baseball cap that were in the backseat of the vehicle where Hughes was originally sitting. Sheriff's Office investigators, DEA special agents and OPD detectives responded to assist the deputies. Further investigation revealed that the 209 packets of heroin valued at \$8,180 were hidden inside the PlayStation and a small quantity of crack cocaine was secreted in Hughes' hat. After being interviewed at the Otsego County Sheriff's Office, Hughes, Parrotte and Doherty were all arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree and conspiracy in the fourth degree, both felonies, for constructively possessing the heroin in the motor vehicle and for conspiring to possess the narcotic drug for sale in Otsego County. Doherty was additionally charged with criminally possessing a hypodermic instrument, a misdemeanor, and Hughes was also charged with CPCS 7th charge for possessing the crack cocaine. Town of Oneonta Judge Philip S. Hosley arraigned the three individuals on December 8th and they were all remanded to the Otsego County Correctional Facility on \$25,000 bail. Each one faces up to nine years in prison if convicted of these charges

On December 17, 2012 in the afternoon, Sheriff's Office investigators and Oneonta PD detectives arrested Anthony M. Kinloch, age 20, of 10748 160th St, Jamaica, NY for CPCS 3rd and assault 2nd, both felonies, as well as resisting arrest, a misdemeanor. Investigators and detectives were performing surveillance on the Oneonta Bus Station on Market Street as buses were now commonly being used by the drug trafficking organization to transport heroin from NYC to Oneonta. Upon approaching and questioning Kinloch who was waiting for the NYC bus to leave, he gave inconsistent and non-truthful answers to questions posed by law enforcement personnel. As investigators searched Kinloch and located what appeared to be a bundle of heroin and \$585 in U.S. currency, he was being placed under arrest and in the process of being handcuffed when he fled on foot. Kinloch caused an injury to the hand of an investigator when he was being handcuffed. He ran across the Foothills Performing Arts and Civic Center parking lot and then scaled a chain link fence with law enforcement in pursuit of him. Kinloch threw the heroin packet on ground as he was being chased which was recovered by investigators.

. Oneonta PD officers responded to the scene and Patrolman Phillip Kraft located Kinloch in the stream behind the Damaschke Field in Neahwa Park and took him into custody without further incident. Sheriff's deputies and State Troopers and investigators from the Oneonta barracks also responded to the area to assist with the search. Kinloch was held in the Oneonta PD lockup until he was arraigned by Oneonta City Judge Richard W. McVinney on December 18th and remanded to the Otsego County Correctional Facility on \$20,000 bail. Kinloch faces up to nine years in prison if convicted of the CPCS 3rd charge.

Later in the evening on December 17th, Sheriff's Office investigators and DEA special agents continued their surveillance of the Oneonta Bus Station. Louis Medina, age 24, of 528 W 47th St, New York, NY was arrested for CPCS 3rd for possessing 200 packets of heroin valued at \$8,000 after he arrived in Oneonta on the NYC bus. Medina was questioned by law enforcement personnel and he gave inconsistent and non-truthful answers to several questions. A search of Medina produced the 200 packets of heroin destined for sale in Otsego County. Medina was held in the Oneonta PD lockup until he was arraigned by Oneonta City Judge Richard W. McVinney on December 18th and remanded to the Otsego County Correctional Facility on \$20,000 bail. Medina faces up to nine years in prison if convicted of the CPCS 3rd charge.

On February 17, 2013 Sheriff's Office investigators arrested Anays Garcia, age 25, of 150 W 82nd St, New York, NY at the Downstate Correctional Facility in Fishkill, NY when she went to visit her boyfriend, Jose "Flip" Rodriguez, who is serving a 40 year prison sentence for operating as a major trafficker in Otsego County and is presently under indictment and awaiting for trial on CPCS 3rd and conspiracy 4th charges for running his drug trafficking organization from the Otsego County Jail in the fall of 2011. Garcia who had intentions of visiting Rodriguez was stopped by investigators from the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision Inspector General and turned over to the Sheriff's Office investigators. Garcia who was directing the heroin drug trafficking organization from NYC since the summer of 2012 was charged with operating a major trafficker, conspiracy in the second degree and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree, all felonies. Garcia was later arraigned by Town of Oneonta Judge Philip S. Hosley and remanded to the Otsego County Correctional Facility without bail. If convicted Garcia could face up to 54 years in state prison if convicted on the charges.

Sheriff Richard J. Devlin, Jr says "The arrest of Anays Garcia is satisfying in two ways, it not only takes a drug dealer off the street but more importantly it dismantled an elaborate drug trafficking ring. This trafficking ring distributed narcotics from New York City to local towns, villages and cities. This was a significant investigation and arrest that was successful because of the tireless efforts of all of our law enforcement partners. It can't be overstated, how this arrest truly made our community a safer place to live."

The cases are being prosecuted by District Attorney John M. Muehl and Chief Assistant District Attorney Michael F. Getman.

The narcotics trafficking investigation is continuing and further arrests are expected for those who conspired with the drug trafficking organization to sell heroin in Otsego County.

March 8, 2013

Contact: Public Information Officer

Number: 212-337-2906

Four Individuals Arrested on Marijuana Charges in Otsego County

MARCH 08 (OTSEGO COUNTY, N.Y.) Four Otsego County residents were arrested for marijuana offenses following a two month narcotics investigation that was conducted by the Otsego County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Albany District Office with assistance from the Oneonta Police Department Detective Bureau and the DEA Northeastern Aviation Resident Office in New Jersey. In January 2013, the Sheriff's Office CID received information that Timothy Gregory of Unadilla who had previous federal convictions of conspiring to distribute marijuana was again selling marijuana in Otsego County.

On February 28th Sheriff's Office deputies, K-9 units and investigators, DEA special agents, OPD detectives and State University of New York at Oneonta police officers searched a barn and residence belonging to Timothy Gregory at 597 Kilkenney Road in the Town of Unadilla, NY. Seized during the search was approximately two and a half pounds of processed marijuana valued at \$7,500, an electronic digital scale and \$520 in U.S. currency.

Arrested on February 28th were the following people:

Timothy Gregory for criminal possession of marijuana, 2nd for possessing more than one pound of marijuana in his barn. He was arraigned by Unadilla Judge Stephen H. Judd posted bail for \$1,000 at the Court. Gregory faces up to two and a half years in state prison if convicted of the possession charge. He is scheduled to reappear Monday, March 11.

Deborah Gregory and Tracy Nichols for possessing small quantities of marijuana on their person during the investigation. They were both issued appearance tickets at the scene returnable in the Unadilla Town Court on March 18th. They face up to 15 days in the Otsego County Jail on the possession charge.

Arrested on March 4th were the following people:

Alexander Zienkker for criminal possession of marijuana, 2nd for possessing more than one pound of marijuana at his residence (597 Kilkenney Rd). He was arraigned by Unadilla Judge Stephen H. Judd posted \$1,000 bail at the Court. Zienkker faces up to two and a half years in state prison if convicted of the possession charge. He is scheduled to appear next Monday evening in the Town Court.

Timothy Gregory for two counts of criminal sale of marijuana in the third degree for selling more than 25 grams of marijuana to another person in the Town of Unadilla in January and February 2012. He was arraigned by Unadilla Judge Judd and released to reappear Monday, March 11th. Gregory faces an additional one and a half years in prison on each sales charge if convicted.

April 04, 2013

Contact: Public Information Officer

Number: 212-337-2906

Two More Arrests in Heroin Trafficking Ring Based in Otsego County

APRIL 04 (OTSEGO COUNTY, N.Y.) Special Agent in Charge of the New York Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration Brian R. Crowell, Otsego County Sheriff Richard J. Devlin, Jr, Oneonta Police Chief Dennis R. Naylor and Otsego County District Attorney John M. Muehl announce further arrests of individuals involved in a major heroin drug trafficking organization in Oneonta, NY.

Special Agent in Charge Brian R. Crowell stated, "As we stated after the arrests last December, this collaborative law enforcement team will not rest until every member of this heroin trafficking ring faces justice. From the Bronx source of supply, to the recent arrests of Azar Hughes and Daniel Parrotte who were selling heroin throughout Oneonta, an entire heroin trafficking organization has been dismantled. The heroin threat is significant and our team is committed to protect our public and combine our investigative resources to dismantle organizations profiting from the sale of poison in our communities."

Sheriff Richard J. Devlin, Jr stated "These arrests once again indicate the nature of the problem we are up against. Putting together cases like these are arduous and time consuming. But any time we can take drugs off the street we feel we have attempted our goal of making Otsego County a safer place to live."

Over the past two and a half years, the Otsego County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division, the Albany District Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Oneonta City Police Department Detective Bureau and the Otsego County District Attorney's Office have been investigating the illegal trafficking of heroin into and throughout Otsego County. A variety of investigative techniques were used by law enforcement personnel throughout the ongoing investigation called "Operation Dial Tone".

Daniel Patrick Parrotte, 24, of 12 Britton Street, Pine Plains, NY who formerly resided in Wells Bridge, NY and Azar Karef Hughes, 24, of 128 Chestnut St, Oneonta, NY who formerly resided in Bronx, NY were arraigned Monday morning on drug sale charges in the Otsego County Court by Judge John F. Lambert.

Hughes was arraigned on two counts of criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third degree for selling heroin to another person in October and November 2012 in the City of Oneonta.

Parrotte was arraigned on one count of criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third degree for selling heroin to another person in October 2012 in the City of Oneonta.

Hughes was remanded back to the Otsego County Correctional Facility where he has been since his December 7th arrest following a traffic stop in the Town of Oneonta where 209 packets of heroin were found in a vehicle. Judge Lambert set his bail at \$25,000. Parrotte who was also arrested on December 7th was released without bail by the Court. Both Hughes and Parrotte are scheduled to reappear in the County Court on May 6, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. to answer their sales and possession charges. Hughes faces up to 18 years in prison on his sales charges and Parrotte faces nine. The cases are being prosecuted by District Attorney John M. Muehl.

The narcotics trafficking investigation is continuing and further arrests are expected for those who conspired with the drug trafficking organization to sell heroin in Otsego County.

Pistol Permitting

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.

Pistol Permitting 2013

Total Applications Returned	443
Total Applications Issued	403
Total Applications Denied	12
Totally Money Received	\$13,040.00

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. All Sheriff Office and divisional policies and procedures must be consistent with New York State and enacted court case law. These policies are designed and developed to insure the accurate, expeditious, and judicious service and execution of all matters relating to civil process which includes the Civil Practice Law and Rules [CPLR], Judiciary Law, Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law [RPAPL] and the Family Court Act [FCA]. Legal processes administered by the Civil Division for the legal community and the general public include: Income and property executions, Notices, summonses, subpoenas and petitions, Court orders: contempt of court, civil arrests, orders of seizure and attachments, and Orders, Writs and Warrants related to evictions. Collections are done by way of income executions [wage garnishments] and property executions, which authorize the Sheriff to seize property and then sell it at a Sheriff's sale. The sale proceeds are then applied to satisfy the judgment.

The Civil Division is the enforcement vehicle for all civil courts, including small claims, city, county, state and federal jurisdictions.

2013 Totals

Income Executions	412
Property Executions	14
Executions Served	809
Total Papers Processed	1866

Corrections Division

The Corrections Division is responsible for the “day to day” operation of the Otsego County Correctional Facility. The Corrections Division’s 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. The correctional facility is located at the Public Safety Building which was opened in 1991. It houses up to 104 inmates committed to the custody of the Sheriff by a judge. Inmates are awaiting trial by local and county level courts, or are sentenced to a term of incarceration of one year or less. The facility operates around the clock, 365 days a year. The Otsego County Correctional Facility is supervised by an administrative staff that includes two lieutenants, who supervise Six Sergeants which 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 Correctional Facility is operated by full time and part time Correction Officers who by state law, are sworn Peace Officers. Correction Officers and Supervisors receive annual training in areas such as Firearms, Penal Law [physical and deadly physical force], Aerosol Spray, First Aid/CPR/AED, Hazardous Material Communications, Life Safety, Fire Protection and Defensive Tactics.

Correctional facility operations require management of a full commercial kitchen, extensive laundry facility and on-site medical support. The Sheriff’s Office Dietary Services [kitchen] provides breakfast, lunch and dinner. All meals are planned and calculated to meet all daily requirements, as well as meals required to meet restrictive, medical and religious diets. The laundry facility is supervised by correctional staff and operated by trustee inmates. The laundry facility is operated 16 to 18 hours per day, where it cleans and maintains clothing, bedding, linens and towels. The laundry facility also provides and oversees the inventory of standard issue clothing and bedding for inmate during processing and re-issue. Medical Support oversees the daily health of the inmate population. 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. Our staff truly cares for an interesting variety of health concerns from minor ailments to major and atypical conditions.



Logistics and staffing for transportation serves as a major administrative function of correctional operations. Inmate court appearances, medical and dental appointments, and facility-to-facility or facility-to-prison transports make up the top reasons. With city, county and local courts within the county, all with varying schedules, at any time during the day or night the corrections division is facilitating a transportation requirement.

In order to improve conditions post-release, the Otsego County Correctional Facility provides inmates numerous programs and services. Education and literacy programs are scheduled daily and provide opportunities for inmates to receive high school equivalencies. Rehabilitative services confronting drug and alcohol abuse are one of our most attended programs. Inmates are allowed to continue their faith practices through a number of religious and counseling services offered on a regularly scheduled basis.

The Otsego County Correctional Facility strives to provide and maintain a safe and secure corrections facility for inmates, staff and visitors. On average, over 5,000 people a year visit the Otsego County Correctional Facility. Whether through visitation of inmates, professional and attorney visits or by probation and parole convening with inmates, visitors are able to be safe and secure during their stay.

Corrections Division 2013 Activity

Total Inmates Admitted	669
Total Male Inmates Admitted	538
Total Female Inmates Admitted	130
Total Minors Admitted	20
Average Daily Population	77

Facilities Report 2013

Inmate Contact Visits	4,776
Inmate Non-Contact	132
Professional Visits	204
Official Visits	60
Total Inmate Grievances	84
Number Resolved at Facility	78
Number Referred to NYSCOC	6
Number in Favor of Facility	3
Number Pending	3
Criminal Investigations in Facility	14
Basic Academy Graduates	5
Officers Trained in FT0	6
Staff Re-Certified in CPR	40
Total Staff Trained In-Service	54
Number of Certified Instructors	8
Total Transports	880
Local Court Transports	485
State Prison Transports	35
Medical Transports	234
Psychiatric Transports	6
Inmate Work Details	46
Dentals Visits	38



Dietary Services

Correctional facility operations require management of a full commercial kitchen. The correctional food service and kitchen 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. All meals are planned and calculated to meet all daily requirements, as well as meals required to meet restrictive, medical and religious diets. 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.

Food Service Production 2013

Total Meals Served	84,315
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Average Cost per Meal	\$1.74
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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.

Health Services 2013

New Inmates Screened	543
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Inmates Seen at Sick Call	1029
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Inmates Seen by Physician	273
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Inmates Seen by Mental Health	43
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Educational and Rehabilitative Programs

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.

GED and Literacy Programs

Inmates Attending GED Classes	15
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Inmates Graduated with GED	5
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Inmates Attending Adult Literacy	36
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Rehabilitative Services

Alcoholics Anonymous Program	98
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1 on 1 Religious Counseling	109
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Bible Study Program	101
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Church Services	151
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Sex Offender Registration

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 Sex Offender Registration Act, New York's version of Megan's Law, was signed by Governor George E. Pataki in July 1995 and became effective on January 21, 1996. The text of the statute is contained in Correction Law Article 6-C [Section 168 et seq.].

Registered sex offenders in New York are classified by the "risk of reoffense". A court determines whether an offender is a level 1 [low risk], 2 [moderate risk] or 3 [high risk]. The court also determines whether an offender should be given the designation of a *sexual predator*, *sexually violent offender* or *predicate sex offender*. Offenders are required to be registered for 20 years or life. Level 1 offenders with no designation must register for twenty years. Level 1 offenders with a designation, as well as level 2 and level 3 offenders regardless of whether they have a designation must register for life. 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. Furthermore, the Otsego County Office of Sheriff recognizes that the internet is a very efficient way of disseminating information to the residents of Otsego County. That is why in November of 2008, Sheriff Richard Devlin unveiled "*OffenderWatch*" to help his agency manage the offenders in Otsego County, and to make community information and email alerts available for the citizens of the county.

OTSEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF RICHARD DEVLIN, JR.

Search for Offenders in your area | Register for Email Alerts | Safety Tips | Links | Contact

Offender Search

In your area | Name | City | Non-compliant

Use this search to view all published offenders within a specified radius of your home, business, school or other desired address. > [How searches work](#)

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Zip Plus:

Offender Address Type: ☒ Home Addresses

* Denotes required field

Search Reset

Other Search Options

> [Click here](#) to list all published offenders registered with this agency.

> [Click here](#) to search by name or other options.

Receive Email Alerts

Click [here](#) to register to receive an email alert whenever a published offender registers within the selected radius of your desired addresses.

Experiencing Problems?

Click [here](#) if you are experiencing technical problems or need assistance using this site.

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**OTSEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE**

CONFIDENTIAL TIP LINE 607-547-1690

E-Mail: SHERIFFTIPS@OTSEGOCOUNTY.COM

HELP US KEEP OTSEGO COUNTY A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE.

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.

ANONYMOUS TIP LINE



Call

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E-Mail

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Call Reassurance Program



CALL REASSURANCE PROGRAM

What It Is & How It Works

The Otsego County Sheriff's Office uses the CARE (Call Reassurance) phone system from Database Systems Corp. to provide its senior citizens with a phone reassurance service. Citizens can be called daily free of charge to ensure their well-being.

CARE (Call Reassurance) is an automatic calling system that calls individuals on a daily basis to check on their well-being. The CARE phone system is the latest generation of telephone reassurance programs available to communities and senior service organizations.

CARE systems can also send emergency notification phone alerts to community members and likewise send automatic notices to seniors such as medication reminders.

CARE senior calling programs are widely accepted by many communities and are managed by city and county police departments or other public service CARE organizations.

If you would like more information about this program please call us at 607-547-4270 or E-Mail us at SHERIFF@otsegocounty.com

This program was purchased with Federal Funds received through the
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT program.

This program is maintained and operated by members of the Otsego County Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Association and the Otsego County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association.

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.

467 CHILD ID'S WERE PROCESSED THROUGH SAFE CHILD IN 2013



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.

OTSEGO COUNTY HAD 18 PARTICIPANTS OF SHERIFF'S SUMMER CAMP



Mobile Patrol App

Otsego County Sheriff Richard J. Devlin, Jr. announces that his office has launched a Smartphone app, which allows the office to communicate much more effectively with the community. The Otsego County Sheriff's Office app is a free download, which is available for both iPhone and Android smart devices. Users simply search "MobilePatrol" offered by Appriss. After downloading, select the sheriff's office that you want to be associated with or go to the Sheriff's web site to read more about the app and a link to the download.

Users of the app will have access to real-time correctional center information with mug shots, charges and offender information. The app is fully integrated with VINE® [Victim Information and Notification Everyday], which allows crime victims to be notified about the custody status of their offender. The app also includes warrants, most-wanted criminals, sex offenders, missing children, news, the facility location, the Sheriff's office directory and much more.

Information can be pushed right to a user's Smartphone including Amber Alerts [including photos of missing persons], news about traffic alerts, police emergencies, weather warnings and other local emergencies.

Sheriff Devlin states that "this is just another tool for my office to keep the citizens of Otsego County informed and allow access to information related to the Sheriff's Office. It is our mission to ensure that communication of information flows freely between the Sheriff's Office and the community."



FREE Mobile App!

Chaplain Services

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 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.***