

CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



ANNUAL REPORT 2020



"Different horse, same quality service"

Serving Rural Chemung County Since
1836



**SHERIFF WILLIAM A. SCHROM
& UNDERSHERIFF SEAN HOLLEY**



Sheriff William A. Schrom



Undersheriff Sean D. Holley

SUPPORT STAFF



**McKenzie Roberts
Adm. Assistant**



**Melissa Brown
Confidential Secretary**



**Theresa Goodwin
Clerk**

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MISSION STATEMENT

The principal mission of the Chemung County Sheriff's Office is to preserve the rights of citizens and reduce fear in the community through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property and maintenance of order in public places and anticipate and respond to events that threaten public order and the protection of life and property.

It is essential all personnel remember that in the execution of their duties they act not for themselves but for the good of the public. They shall respect and protect the rights of individuals and perform their services with honesty, zeal, courage, discretion, fidelity and sound judgment.

Deputies must seek and preserve public confidence by demonstrating impartial service to law and by offering service and trust to all members of the public.

It is the expressed policy of this Agency that Deputies will use force only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient to obtain public cooperation to an extent necessary to secure observance of law or to restore order and to use only the minimum degree of physical force which is necessary upon any particular occasion for achieving a police objective.

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office is a New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services accredited agency. The Sheriff's Office has held this status since 2010. As of 2016, there are nearly 150 agencies located all over the state that are currently accredited, ranging in size from a small handful of full-time officers to more than 4,000 sworn personnel. Insurance benefits, enhanced community support, and a greater overall standard of professionalism are just a few of the many tangible benefits that accredited agencies enjoy.

The positive impact of the Accreditation Program stems from the profound commitment that New York's law enforcement executives have made to excellence and professionalism in the field of law enforcement, and from their desire to provide the best possible services to the communities that they serve. The Accreditation Program continues to provide a comprehensive blueprint for effective, professional law enforcement. (New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services)



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Undersheriff

From the Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is known as the "Peoples Law Enforcement". This is, in part, because the Sheriff is elected by the people as opposed to appointed by a Mayor or City/Town council. Sheriff's Offices are responsible for conducting law enforcement duties in the rural parts of the county as well as running and maintaining a full-time correctional facility. Sheriff's Deputies have jurisdiction in the entire county which consists of 412 square miles. There are certain areas within the county that a deputy may find themselves working which their back-up could be 20-25 minutes away. For this reason, deputies have to rely heavily on their training, equipment, and most importantly their ability to verbally interact with any individual they encounter in a manner that can hopefully deescalate a volatile situation before it escalates. While Sheriff's Deputies frequently and routinely provide back-up to other agencies within the county their main duties and responsibilities fall to the citizens who live in the rural parts of the county who oftentimes don't regularly see a police presence. These create many unique challenges to the road patrol deputy that they must adapt to on a daily basis. These challenges include but aren't limited to, dealing with armed suspects, vehicle pursuits, mental health persons, individuals under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, domestic cases, executing warrants, conducting vehicle stops, and etc.

Equally challenging, is the correctional facility which houses a maximum of 264 inmates (both male and female). These inmates are incarcerated for a variety of charges ranging from minor Misdemeanors to violent felonies. Some inmates are housed for brief periods of time up to, and in some cases, exceeding one-year. Our inmate population provides a variety of challenges ranging from violent behavior, disciplinary problems, medical issues, pregnant females, escape attempts, assaults on staff, suicides, to name a few.

Each year presents new innovations or ideas and certainly new challenges. As your Sheriff, I look forward to these many challenges that we face as an agency and a community. I am proud to be the Sheriff of this county and especially proud to be a member of an agency that has such deep roots within the history of our county. In 2020, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office, and all men and women of law enforcement, were faced with challenging times.

We can't speak of 2020 without, of course, mentioning COVID-19 and its impact on all of our lives, both personal and professional. For the Sheriff's Office, COVID-19 had a tremendous impact in the manner in which we conducted business to best serve our community. The men and woman of this agency did an exceptional job in maintaining a safe and healthy environment within the work place. Although we were not exempt of COVID-19 related illness, we were fortunate to keep this to a minimum which is a testament to everyone's participation to ensuring a safe environment.

I would be remise in failing to mention the efforts of the Chemung County Jail Correctional Staff in their efforts, not only to minimize their personal exposure, but in the manner in which they took extra steps to keep the inmate population safe. Through the course of this pandemic, we were fortunate to only have a handful of inmates test positive for COVID-19 without any widespread illness within the facility. The Sheriff's Office took immediate action to suspend visitation at the jail shortly after the pandemic hit. Additionally, all other non-essential personnel were prevented from coming into the facility during this time. Although the agency still has these practices in place, we are hopeful that we can resume normal programs in the near future. The agency as a whole did a phenomenal job with this very difficult issue.

2020 Accomplishments:

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office had a busy 2020. Many goals and objectives had been put in place for the 2020 year which we were able to achieve. These goals and objectives included:

1. Adapting to address the newly implemented laws (Bail Reform – 2019) and Discovery Laws implemented on 1/1/20. This was accomplished by continued education and collaboration with our other law enforcement stakeholders who were equally affected by these questionable laws.
2. We were able to maintain our involvement with the county's Drug Enforcement Unit to ensure a member of our agency is dedicated to work collaboratively with our law enforcement partners to combat the drug issues that continue to plague our community.
3. We were able to assign a full-time Investigator to the Welfare Fraud Unit which operates out of the Department of Social Services. This investigator worked with other law enforcement professionals to address on-going fraud associated with welfare and other benefits provided by the county costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

4. Unfortunately, due to budget cuts/restraints, we were unable to implement our much-needed renovations of the men's locker room in 2020. This will be one of our goals for 2021.
5. We were able to continue our involvement and partnership with The Friends of the River as well as the Department of Environmental Conservation in making sure our many waterways in the county were enjoyed in a safe manner. Due to COVID-19, we were not able to conduct any Boater Safety Classes however were still able to visit many of the launch sites within the county to educate persons utilizing the waterways. This was accomplished through safety checks and positive interactions between Sheriff's Office personnel and the citizens visiting and using those locations.
6. We were successful in adding a new K-9 unit to the agency in 2020. K-9 Egon, a Malinois breed, joined the Sheriff's Office in November of 2020. Egon's partner is Deputy Sheriff Patrick Pirozzolo. Egon has provided expanded use for the agency and community by obtaining certification in protection work, tracking, building searches, and narcotics.

Moving Forward:

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office is committed to maintaining our achieved accomplishments and agency professionalism throughout the year. We will work hard to achieve this with goals and objectives set in place for 2021. These include, but aren't limited to, the following:

1. Adhering to the new requirements and Local Law associated with the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention (Executive Order No. 203). This will include evidence-based policing strategies including, Use of Force Policies, procedural justice, implicit bias training, de-escalation training, community-based outreach and conflict resolution, to name a few. We will continue to be diligent in fostering and strengthening our agency's relationship with the minority community and the partners that were formed as part of this commitment.
2. The Sheriff's Office was the recipient of a COPS grant entitled "Take Back the Streets" which will provide funding through the 2021 year. This grant money will be used to provide training to law enforcement, educational material for the public, and collaborative efforts of all county law enforcement agencies to combat, drug and sex-trafficking, violent crimes, as well as other designated crimes in an effort to produce a safer community.

3. Incorporate on-line pistol permit classes that are required for carry-conceal candidates due to COVID-19 restrictions prohibiting in-person classes.
4. Obtaining I-pad tablets which will be made available to the inmate population which will provide them the capabilities of video visitation, jail law library, commissary ordering, books, and music. With this device, the facility maintains the ability to greatly monitor and restrict the usage of the devices to include no outside access to phone or the internet.
5. Obtain the upgraded and renovated men's locker room that was unable to be completed in 2020.

In closing, I wish to thank the men and women of the Chemung County Sheriff's Office for their continued hard-work, dedication, and professionalism to the community in which they serve. I would also like to thank the community for their support of our efforts to achieve our goals at the Sheriff's Office to better serve them.

If you have any questions in reference to the Annual report or any other concerns you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 607-737-2987 or by e-mail at sheriff@chemungcountyny.gov.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Schrom".

William A. Schrom

Chemung County Sheriff

Patrol Services Division



Captain Matthew Stevens
Patrol Commander

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office Patrol Services Division consists of three 8 hour shifts, which provides 24 hour/365 days a year of law enforcement coverage to the citizens of Chemung County. The Road Patrol is an Accredited Agency through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The Patrol Services Division is the most visible division of the Sheriff's Office and it is overseen by the Road Patrol Captain. The Road Patrol handles calls for service throughout the county and they enforce all laws anywhere within Chemung County. The Patrol Services Division embraces the Mission Statement of the Sheriff's Office: "To preserve the rights of citizens and reduce fear in the community through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property and maintenance of order in public places and anticipate and respond to events that threaten public order and the protection of life and property."



**Deputies investigate motor vehicle crashes on all roadway types,
from Interstate 86 to rural roadways throughout the County**

Patrol Services Division



Patrol Staff

The Patrol Services Division consists of three Lieutenants, who run the day to day operation of their respective shifts, and three Sergeants who assist the shift Lieutenant with supervising Deputy Sheriffs assigned to the shift. The Patrol Services Division is supervised by the Patrol Services Captain, who is responsible for the day to day operations of the Patrol Division, to include scheduling, monitoring of overtime, adherence to the Policy and Procedure, and investigating complaints against Deputy Sheriffs.



Deputies search for missing hunter



Sunset over City of Elmira

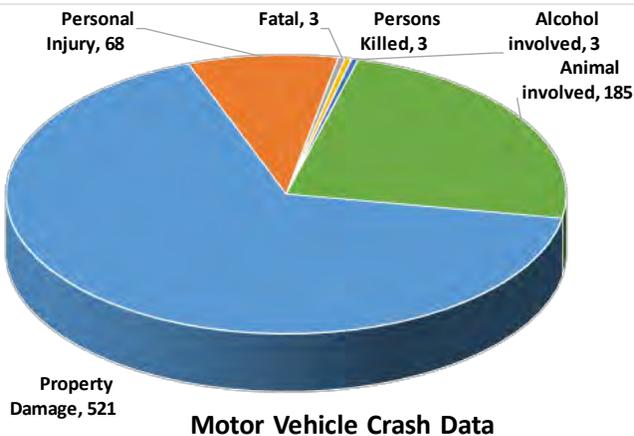
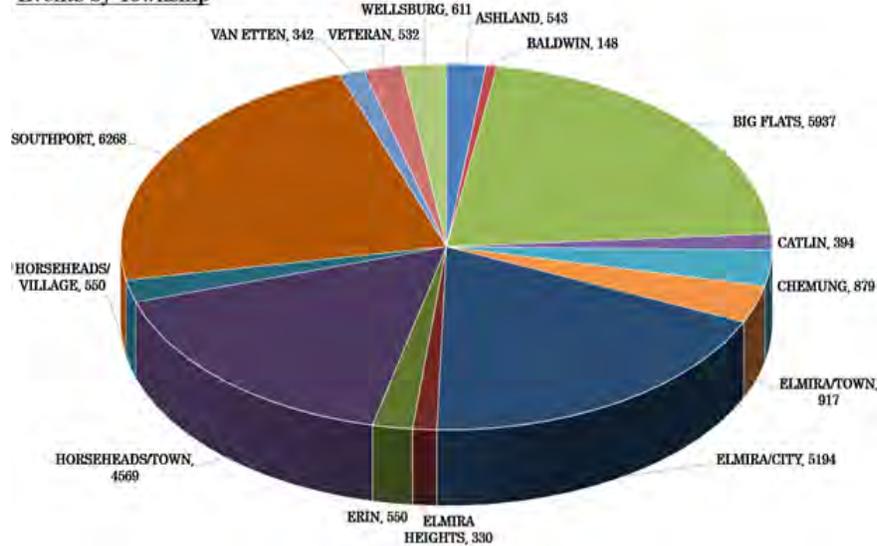
Patrol Activities

The Patrol Services Division responds to calls for service, investigates crimes against persons and property, and aides other government agencies with their duties. During the year 2020, the Patrol Services Division recorded 28,076 primary complaints. The Patrol Services Division issued 1,725 traffic tickets to motorists over the year and investigated 521 reportable motor vehicle collisions.

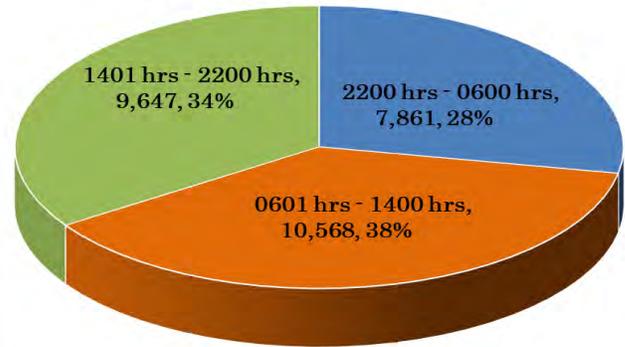
Patrol Services Division



Events by Township



Events by Time of Day



Enhanced Patrol Activities

The Patrol Services Division participates in several New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Grants; Police Traffic Services Grant and Buckle Up New York, and DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant. The traffic safety grants run through the state's fiscal year of October 1st through September 30th.

This year the Traffic Safety Grant provided funding for 111 hours of dedicated traffic enforcement, issuing 134 Traffic Tickets. These dedicated enforcement efforts are targeted at aggressive driving with the goal of reducing traffic collisions.

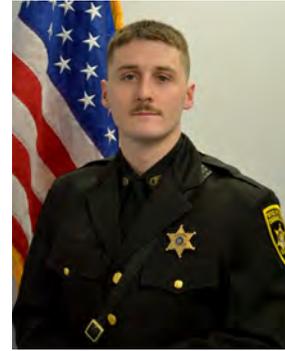
Patrol Services Division



STOP DWI



Deputy Michael Theetge



Deputy Dalton Lawson

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office has one full time Deputy Sheriff whose primary responsibilities are DWI Prevention and Detection and Enforcement of all laws pertaining to Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs. This year the duties of the STOP DWI Deputy, were split between Deputy Michael Theetge and Deputy Dalton Lawson, as Deputy Theetge accepted an assignment in the Community Resources Division. Deputy Theetge continues to serve the STOP DWI Program as a Drug Recognition Expert.

2020 STOP DWI Statistics

Date 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020*

Category	Theetge		Lawson		Lawson		Total
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Blotters Assigned	26	11	106	89	88	84	404
Cases Generated	1	2	7	10	7	7	34
Uniform Traffic Tickets	8	0	6	6	18	13	51
Traffic Stops	22	8	54	51	61	18	214
Traffic Accidents handled	0	0	1	1	2	0	4
DWI Arrests	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
Other Arrests	0	0	1	5	5	1	12
Assist other Deputy (CCSO)	10	3	7	15	31	18	84
Assist Agency Calls	1	0	5	7	2	5	20
Special Events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Deputy Theetge was unavailable from January-June of 2020, leaving the STOP DWI Program Vacant

Patrol Services Division



Highway Safety

The Sheriff's Office performs an active role with traffic enforcement on Interstate 86, the major Interstate that runs through Chemung County. The Sheriff's Office was able to secure \$5,700.00 from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Police Traffic Services Grant, for dedicated traffic enforcement details. This allowed the Sheriff's Office to maintain an enforcement presence on Interstate 86 in addition to maintaining a police presence in the community.

Naloxone



In July of 2014, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office was trained and began carrying Naloxone (NARCAN). Naloxone is a pure opiate antagonist and prevents or reverses the effects of opioids including respiratory depression, sedation and hypotension and reverses the effects of other narcotic medicines, such as the illegal use of an opioid substance, like heroin. Since the implementation of Naloxone, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office successfully administered it on over 71 citizens that had overdosed on heroin or opioid derogative which resulted in their lives being saved. In 2020, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office has successfully administered Narcan in the following jurisdictions:

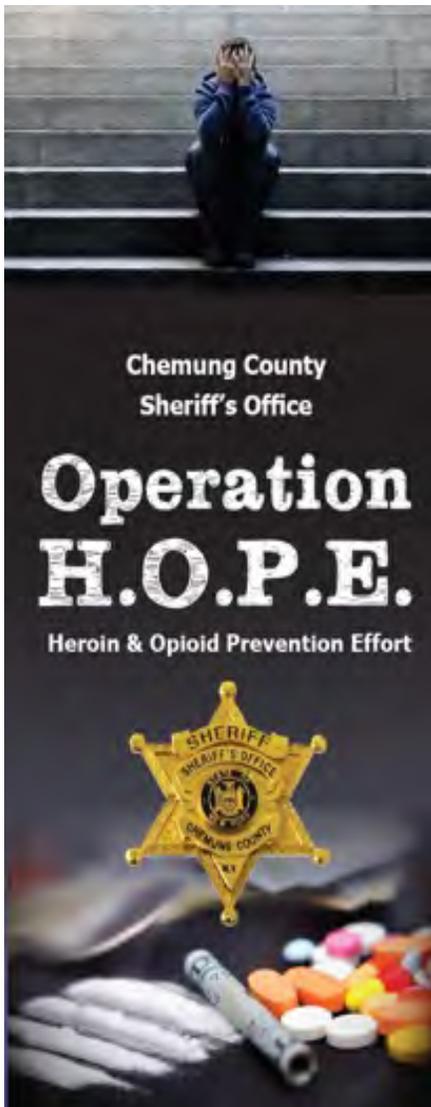
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| 1- Town of Chemung | 4- Town of Big Flats | |
| 1- Town of Elmira | 3 - Town of Southport | 5- Town of Horseheads |
| 1- Town of Catlin | 1- City of Elmira | 1- Town of Ashland |
| 1- Town of Veteran | 1- Village of Wellsburg | |

Patrol Services Division



OPERATION HOPE

The heroin and opioid epidemic continues to grow throughout Chemung County and all over the United States and many people are losing their lives from overdoses. This is an epidemic that has no financial, racial or religious barriers and has an effect on every person in our society. Enforcement alone is not the answer and will not solve the problem. Operation HOPE, which stands for (Heroin Opioid Prevention Effort), is a multifaceted approach to addressing that issue through community partnerships with human resource organizations and mental health officials to provide a component of education and treatment that are equally as important.



Identifying Abuse

Physical Signs of Abuse

- Nod Off
- Loss of consciousness
- Decreased heart rate
- Nausea / vomiting
- Anxiety
- Euphoria
- Depressed breathing
- Constricted Pupils
- Needle marks

Other Signs of Abuse

- Needles
- White / tan powder residue
- Dark / sticky residue
- Small glass pipes
- Foil with burn marks
- Rubber tubing
- Knives or razors with residue
- Micro zip lock bags, corners of baggies, Wax paper folds



If you suspect Heroin / Opioid use

Act Immediately!

If under the influence contact 911
Phone Book / Internet for treatment

The key is to act once the problem is recognized! The person using can't stop on their own! If the problem is ignored it may end in death!



Chemung County Sheriff's Office
(607) 737-2987

Criminal Investigation Division
(607) 737-2933

Chemung County Crisis Program
(607) 733-5696

Chemung County
Communication Center
Non-Emergency (607) 735-8600

Emergencies 911

Operation Hope



Effects on Our Community

- Property crime
- Violent Crime
- Loss of Life
- Burden of Medical System
- Financial Burden
- Destroys Families

Criminal Investigation Division



Lt. Nicolas Demuth
Investigation Commander

Mission

- Initiate and pursue investigations
 - Apprehend offenders
- Develop intelligence on criminal behavior
 - Cultivate informants
- Establish and maintain mutually cooperative relationships with other criminal justice entities
- Act as conduit for crime prevention and victim assistance
 - Assist other agencies on major cases

In 2020 the CID Handled

- 387 cases
- Ranging from assisting other agencies to crimes against persons

Typical Cases

- Burglary
- Robbery
- Grand Larceny
- Sex offenses
- Internal / Backgrounds
- Narcotics
- Death Investigations / Suicide / Overdose

Criminal Investigation Division



CID Members

- Receive specialized training in investigative techniques, evidence collection, and victim services
- Trained in and assigned specialized equipment to assist in solving cases
- Assigned a schedule which makes them available day or night to respond to incidents
- Responsible for the dissemination of Intel to agency members and other LE



Sex Offender Management

CID Responsibility

111 Sex Offenders in Chemung County

- 19 Level III
- 43 Level II
- 48 Level I



Criminal Investigation Division



CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

CAC Purpose

In 2020 Investigators assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division investigated 31 cases involving crimes against children. These cases were investigated by Sheriff's Investigators who worked jointly with other members of the Child Advocacy Centers Multi-Disciplinary Task Force. These investigations involve physical/and or sexual abuse acts against children.

Partners

LE

DA

DSS / FS

Medical

Mental Health



MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS:

Assault – 2

Burglary-Residential - 8

Larceny - 12

Larceny of Vehicle – 6

Motor vehicle / Death - 3

Unlawful Manufacturing of Meth – 1

Robbery – 0

Weapons – 6

Criminal Investigation Division



CID STATISTICS – 2020

Category	Total	Closed by Arrest	Inactive	Other
Administrative Reports	7	0	0	7
Agg. Harassment	1	0	0	1
Assault	2	2	0	0
Assist Agency	24	2	0	22
Assist Citizen	2	0	0	2
Arson	0	0	0	0
Background Check	42	0	0	42
Background Investigations	16	0	0	16
Bad Check	0	0	0	0
Burglary	15	5	1	9
Burglary/Attempted	1	1	0	0
Check Welfare	0	0	0	0
Child Abuse/Neglect	10	1	1	8
Civil Matter	0	0	0	0
Confidential Investigations	0	0	0	0
Controlled Substances	31	4	25	2
Controlled Substances/Meth	15	4	10	1
Criminal Contempt	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	0
Death Investigations	31	0	0	31
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0
Disturbance	0	0	0	0
Endangering Welfare of Child	3	1	1	1
Fraud Investigation	10	1	4	5
Fugitive from Justice	17	15	0	2
Harassment	3	0	0	3
Hazmat-Meth	1	1	0	0
Internal Investigations	1	0	0	1
Jail Incidents	20	5	0	15
Larceny-Felony	9	2	0	7
Larceny-Misd	1	0	0	1

Criminal Investigation Division



CID STATISTICS – 2020

Larceny-Motor Vehicle	4	2	0	2
Menacing	0	0	0	0
MVA/Fatal	3	0	0	3
MVA/Personal Injury	2	0	0	2
Overdose	1	0	0	1
Police Tips	29	0	0	29
Police Tips – Meth	2	0	0	2
Prison Contraband	0	0	0	0
Property Lost/Found	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	0	0
Resisting Arrest	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Search Warrants	2	2	0	0
Sex Offender Registry	16	1	0	14
Sex Offenses	28	3	0	25
Suicide	4	0	0	4
Suspicious Condition	18	4	0	14
Suspicious Condition-Meth	0	0	0	0
Unlawful Manufacture of Meth	0	0	0	0
Warrant	1	0	0	1
Weapons	6	5	0	1
Totals	379	61	42	276

*Death Investigation totals include overdose and suicide

Civil/Community Services Division



Lt. R. Scott Wheeler
Civil/Community Services Commander

Civil Division



Sergeant Charles Kennedy



Civil Clerk Diane Brown

The Civil Division is an accredited division through the NYS Sheriff's Association for meeting or exceeding more than 120 standards set forth to earn this Civil Division Accreditation. In 2020, the Civil Office processed \$1,572,908.73 in monies received. The majority of the revenue was the result of money received from wage garnishments in the form of income executions, which are received from attorneys and private individuals for the purpose of debt collection. This resulted in poundage of \$121,645.66 which was transferred to the Chemung County Treasures Office. The Civil Office consists of one full time clerk, one Sergeant and one Lieutenant.

Civil/Community Services Division



Pistol Permit Division



Pistol Permit Clerk Kirsten VanAtta

In 2020 the Pistol Permit Office issued 221 new permits and processed 2,220 amendments, which included handgun purchases and transfers. There were 32 pistol permits that were suspended or revoked and 13 applicants who were denied. The total revenue generated by the Pistol Permit Office in 2020 was \$81,812.00 which includes new applications: amendments and the pistol permit upgrade classes. The pistol permit upgrade class is a requirement of the County Court Judges in order for applicants to be issued a non-restricted (carry conceal) permit and also allows an individual with a restricted permit (hunting/target practice) to upgrade to a carry conceal permit. The Pistol Permit Office consists of one full time clerk.

Airport Security

The Sheriff continued to support the Elmira/Corning Regional Airport in 2020 by providing on-site law enforcement coverage of the Elmira/Corning Regional Airport. This assignment is a deterrent to terrorism while supporting the public interests of the passengers and guests.



Civil/Community Services Division



Records Division



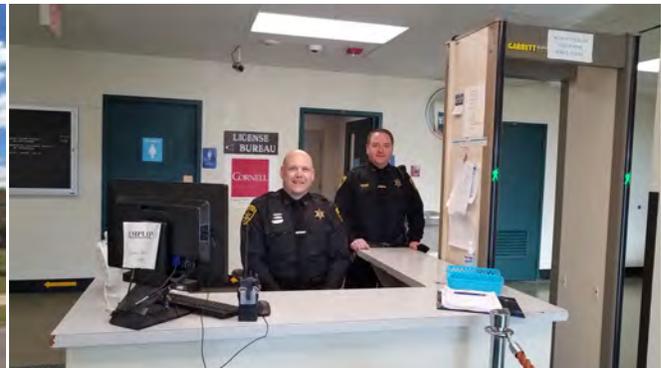
**Records Clerk
Simona Bermingham**

In addition to completing audits, reports and FOIL requests, the Records Division is a central data collection and processing office responsible for compiling and processing of case files, arrests and accident reports. The office is vital to the Deputy Sheriff's as it reduces the administrative workload and enables the Deputies to concentrate their efforts on patrol functions. The office received 655 FOIL requests and completed 553 background checks and processed 269 warrants. The office also provides statistical data to both State and Federal agencies. The Records Office is also responsible for arranging juvenile transports for the Chemung County Family Court and in 2020, 42 transports were completed. The Records Office consists of one full time clerk.

The Human Resource Center



Human Resource Center



Deputy Draxler and Deputy Wheeler

The Human Resource Center consists of two full time Deputy Sheriff's. Their duties include maintaining security, supporting staff and screening the civilians entering the building. These Deputies were also assigned to completing Sheriff's Office background checks and entering court deposition into Impact, the records management system. In 2020 there were 62,512 persons scanned at the entry checkpoint. There were 341 restricted items identified during initial screening process and prohibited from entering the facility.

Civil/Community Services Division



Community Resource Officer / Special Patrol Officer



Sgt. Jeremiah Ayers

At the start of the 2019 -2020 School year there were four (4) Community Resource Officers and nine (9) Special Patrol Officers assigned to local schools, which represented the Elmira City School District, BOCES Campus and Finn Academy. The Sheriff's Office and Elmira City School District now have one Community Resource Officer assigned to the Elmira High School, Broadway Academy, and Ernie Davis Academy and one Special Patrol Officer assigned to Pine City, Broadway, Parley- Colburn, Riverside, Diven, Hendy, Fassett, and Beecher Elementary Schools. There is also a Special Patrol Officer assigned to Finn Academy and one Community Resource Officer assigned to the BOCES Campus. These Community Resource Officers and Special Patrol Officers have been instrumental in providing the schools, staff and students with a law enforcement presence that assists in maintaining order and a safe learning environment. In this environment the Community Resource Officers/Special Patrol Officers were also required to enforce the New York State Penal Law and the New York State Family Court Act which resulted in 65 Youth Court referrals, 21 misdemeanor and 16 violation arrests.



Civil/Community Services Division



SPO Collins and his wife Kristen

Schools were hit incredibly hard by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Students and teachers were separated from their classrooms and each other.

In the above photo, Special Patrol Officer, Dennis Collins (Finn Academy) demonstrates the dedication of the Special Patrol Officers, reading books to students virtually in an effort to maintain personal interaction during these difficult times.



SPO Oakes and his Student Assistant

Special Patrol Officer Jeremy Oakes started a program in which students take an active role in their school communities.

In the above photo Special Patrol Officer Oakes and his student assistant perform bus monitor duties at Pine City Elementary School, just one of the ways these students help maintain the safety of their school community and gain a valuable sense of responsibility within that community.

Civil/Community Services Division



Southport Residential



Deputy Todd Degarmo

The Sheriff maintained his support to the Town of Southport in 2020 by providing one full-time Deputy Sheriff to the Town of Southport, for the purpose of additional law enforcement coverage. In this partnership with the town, the Sheriff has provided the town with an additional patrol at a reduced cost to the taxpayers. The Residential Deputy completed 761 calls for service, completed 25 arrests, and issued 124 traffic tickets on 127 traffic stops. Deputy Degarmo traveled over 24,419 miles while conducting patrol activities in the Town of Southport for 2020.

<u>Date: 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TO-TALS
Category													
Blotters Assigned	92	91	80	46	79	72	44	45	61	60	51	40	761
Cases Generated	8	3	3	5	2	2	3	7	2	5	1	2	43
Uniform Traffic Tickets	22	26	23	6	9	8	4	1	7	6	4	8	124
Parking Tickets	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Traffic Stops	22	27	21	6	9	7	3	5	9	6	7	5	127
Traffic Accidents handled	4	1	0	2	2	2	2	0	3	4	2	2	24
Code Enforcement Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	5	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	14
DWI Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Violation Arrests	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	1	10
Assist other Deputy (CCSO)	12	7	3	3	8	9	7	10	7	7	12	8	93
Assist Agency Calls (Code Enforce-ments, NYSP, Encon, etc)	6	7	4	0	4	4	4	4	6	5	9	5	58
Special Events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mileage	1,781	2,229	2,269	3,405	2,112	1,810	1,969	1,400	2,001	1,933	2,199	1,311	24,419

Statistics:



Complaints:	28,076
Criminal	2,431
Non-Criminal	25,645
Events handled between hours:	
2200 hrs - 0600 hrs	7,861
0601 hrs - 1400 hrs	10,568
1401 hrs - 2200 hrs	9,647
Felony charge	104
Misdemeanor charge	455
Offenses charge	223
Male Arrests	549
Female Arrests	256
Total Adult Arrests	781
Total Juvenile Arrests	26
Major Investigations	
Homicide/Manslaughter	0
Rape	1
Robbery	0
Assault	2
Burglary - Residential	10
Burglary - Business	3
Larceny	9
Vehicle Larceny	6
Motor Vehicle Accident	
Property Damage	521
Personal Injury	68
Fatal	3
Persons Killed	3
Alcohol involved	3
Animal involved	185
Records Division	
FOI Requests	655
Warrants Received	269
Background Checks	553
Background Fee receipts	\$2,645.00
Bad Check Fee receipts	\$20.00
Copy fees	\$152.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,817.25
Transports	
Courts	22
Mental Health	1
Raise The Age	20
Total	43

Special Services Unit



The Special Services Unit consists of 10 members of the Sheriff's Office. The SSU Team receives 192 hours of training each year to include training on firearms proficiency, physical fitness, search warrant executions, tubular vehicle assaults, methodical searching techniques and room clearing, as well as violent felony warrant arrests.



SSU/Hostage Negotiations Training Exercise



Search for Felony Suspect in Wooded Area



SSU/Hostage Negotiations Training Exercise



Sniper and Spotter Training

Operation Take Back The Streets



The Chemung County Sheriff's Office was awarded a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant through the U.S. Department of Justice. The Grant is titled Operation Take Back The Streets. This will allow the Chemung County Sheriff's Office to collaborate with its law enforcement partners in Chemung County to ensure the safety and quality of life of its citizens. The Grant will allow for funding to help enhance this collaboration through training, intelligence sharing and enforcement efforts.

Through the utilization of this grant, we will be targeting high crime areas within the county, focusing on drug interdiction, hotel interdiction, human trafficking interdiction, warrant details, and other locations known for high crime or violent activity. It is important that the community know that law enforcement agencies within our county work collaboratively on a regular basis; however, when grants such as this are received it allows us to better allocate our resources and personnel without financially burdening of the taxpayers or significantly impacting any one agency's over-time budget. This grant benefits every agency in this county, not just ours. Although we were the requesting source, the monies awarded will be utilized for every agencies' personnel that participates in the details outlined above.

Often times grants are requested by law enforcement for a variety of reasons, but in a lot of cases, not awarded due to multiple agencies applying for the same money source. In this case, we would like to thank the County Executive, Congressman Reed and the Chemung County Legislatures for their assistance with the application and approval of this grant. We are fortunate to have such strong law enforcement support from each one of these individuals mentioned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Schrom".

William A. Schrom

Chemung County Sheriff

CORRECTIONS DIVISION



Major Raymond Hodge
Correctional Division Commander

CHEMUNG COUNTY JAIL

The Chemung County Jail is fully accredited through the New York State Sheriff's Association

Maximum Facility Capacity = 264 inmates

Two Distinct Types of Housing Settings:

Direct Supervision – For General Housing

Linear – For Females and High Security Inmates

FACILITY STAFFING

1 – Major

2 – Administrative Lieutenants

3 – Shift Lieutenants

3 – Shift Sergeants

62 – Full Time Correction Officers

3 – Part-Time Correction Officers

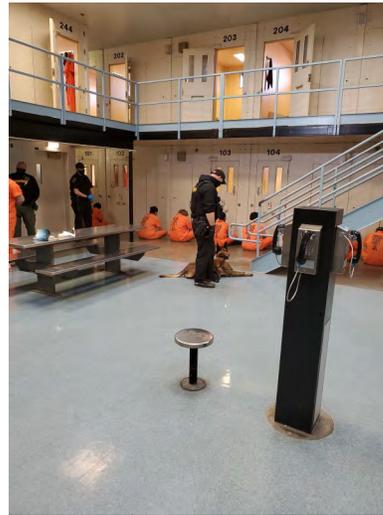
2 – Full Time Registered Nurses

CORRECTIONS DIVISION



INSERVICE TRAINING 2020

Chemical Agents and Use of Force
Suicide Prevention
Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct
Legal Issues
Defensive Driving
Communicable Disease/ Blood Borne Pathogens
Effective Communication
Firearms Re-Qualification
CPR / AED Training



INMATE EDUCATION SERVICES

The facility must offer educational services to all inmates who are under the age of 21 and have yet to receive their High School Diploma or TASC Diploma. The facility also offers inmates who are over the age of 20 the opportunity to get their TASC diploma if they have yet to receive their High School Diploma or TASC Diploma. Due to the facility no longer housing 16 and 17-year-old inmates and due to COVID – 19 restrictions, our educational program was halted on March 11, 2020. At that time we had 5 inmates enrolled in educational programs. The total number of inmates who received their TASC Diploma in 2020 was zero (0) due to COVID -19 restrictions.

The facility also offers ancillary classes, which cover several of the topics listed below. Due to COVID -19, none were offered in 2020.

OSHA 10
Resume Workshops
TASC Math
Resume Workshop / Career Exploration
Flagger Training
Blueprint Reading
Introduction to CNC Machining
Precision Measurements
Introduction to Trade Careers
Carpentry Math / Precision Measurements
Carpentry Tools
Blue Print Reading
Building a House / Electricians Helper

CORRECTIONS DIVISION



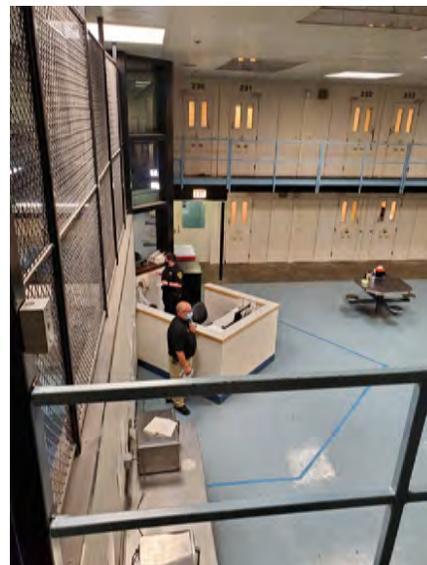
MEDICAL

Medical Director – Dr. Roger Schenone

Two Full Time Registered Nurses

Services Provided Include

- Inmate Pregnancies
- X-Rays
- Emergency Room Visits
- Dental Services
- Inmate Physicals
- Inmate Education
- Diabetes, Heart Disease and Medications
- Hope Referrals



MEDICAL TRANSPORTS 2020

Hospital Evaluations = 21

Hospital Evaluations w/ Admission = 17

Dental Visits = 0

Dialysis = 0

Consulting Physicians

Pregnancy – OB/GYN visits = 6

Child Births = 1

Urology Associates = 0

Plastic Surgeon = 0

Allergist = 0

Eye Care = 1

Gastroenterology = 3

General Surgeon = 2

Orthopedic Consult = 2

STD = 12

Hand Management Clinic = 0

CORRECTIONS DIVISION



DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

CT Scans / MRI = 3
Eye Exams = 0
Ultrasounds = 5
X-Rays = 18
Surgery = 0
Same Day Surgery = 3
Lab Work = 11
Breast biopsy = 0
Mammogram = 0
Stress Test = 3



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Provided by Family Services

- One Psychiatrist
- Two Forensic Counselors

NUMBER OF SERVICES PROVIDED

Approximately 225 Inmates seen by Psychiatrist and Forensic Counselors

Approximately 101 Inmates evaluated by Crisis Intervention for risk of suicide

CONSTANT WATCHES = 77

JAIL STATISTICS – 2020

TOTAL ADMISSION 2020 = 636 INMATES

Felony Incarcerations = 378

Misdemeanor Incarcerations = 106

Other Offenses = 16

Housed in from other Counties = 73

Federal Inmates = 0

Parole Violators = 69

Average Daily Population 2020 = 86

CORRECTIONS DIVISION



CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S INITIATIVE – PROJECT H.O.P.E

Assessments and Consults for 2020 = 97

REVENUE FROM BOARD-INS

The Chemung County Jail housed in 73 inmates from other counties in 2020. Housed in inmates were from different Counties in the State of New York. The Counties the facility housed inmates for were Schuyler, Tompkins and Tioga Counties.

The total revenue accrued for 2020 from the housed-in inmates was \$52,716.64

INMATES TRANSFERRED TO NYSDOCS

Males = 18

Females = 1

TOTAL = 19

PAROLE VIOLATORS RETURNED TO NYSDOCS

MALES = 36

FEMALE = 1

TOTAL = 37

INMATE MEALS ORDERED AND COSTS

The Chemung County Jail must supply the inmate population with three meals per day. One of the meals must be a hot meal, and is always the dinner meal. The total costs and number of meals that were order for 2020 is as follows:

TOTAL ORDERED = 98,564

COST = \$282,878.68

COST PER MEAL = \$2.87



Interdiction Training



Dedication of Bench in Memory of Sergeant John Hawley,



Receiving Re-Accreditation from DCJS



Public Support for Law Enforcement



Sheriff Speaks to Local Youth



Trunk or Treat



Juneteenth

Special Events



HR 218

HR 218, is known as the “Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act”, which was signed into law on July 22, 2004 by then President George W. Bush and exempts qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from local and state prohibitions on the carrying of concealed firearms. Both the “qualified active law enforcement officer” and “qualified retired law enforcement officer” must meet the definition of just that outlined in the bill.

The Chemung County Sheriff’s Office holds HR 218 firearms qualification for qualified retired law enforcement officers twice annually. The qualification is held at the Sheriff Charles D.W. Houper training facility located in Breesport. The average class size per training is generally twenty retired law enforcement officers who are from the Chemung County Sheriff’s Office, Elmira City Police Dept., Horseheads Police Dept., Elmira Heights Police Dept., New York State Police and New York State Corrections. In 2020, the Sheriff’s Office certified 36 qualified retired law enforcement officers

Marine Law Enforcement

In 2020 the Chemung County Sheriff’s Office continued an initiative to ensure the public can safely enjoy our many waterways in Chemung County by educating the public in boating regulations, conducting vessel safety inspections, and enforcing laws. There is an ever increasing utilization of our waterways in Chemung County by canoeists, kayakers, and sportsmen. We partnered with the Friends of the River as well as New York State Environmental Conservation Officers to work together and the program was greatly appreciated by the public.



Boaters Education and Enforcement on the Chemung River



Deputy Goodwin Opening Day of Trout Season

Community Outreach:



For over 100 years, The Arctic League has provided gifts on Christmas morning to needy children in Chemung County. In 2020, Arctic League volunteers delivered gifts to over 3,100 children in Chemung County on Christmas!

Every year the Chemung County Sheriff's Office employees kick off the holiday season with the Arctic League Packing Night. In 2020, over 24 employees participated in the sorting and getting the gifts ready for packaging to be delivered to families in need. It's the Sheriff's Office employees way of giving back to the people they serve. This year's volunteers for this event was significantly limited due to the COVID-19 restrictions.



Pharmaceutical Medication Drop-Off Program:

Since 2010 the Chemung County Sheriff's Office has participated in the National Take-Back initiative in conjunction with the DEA. Each year the events have netted significant results in collecting expired and unused medications that otherwise would be disposed of improperly or possibly stolen.

Pharmaceutical Medication Drop-Off Program:



On Saturday, October 24, 2020 the Chemung County Sheriff's Office hosted two drop-off sites in Chemung County. The location and results are as follows:

West Elmira Volunteer Fire Department

1255 W. Water St.

Elmira, N.Y. 14905

140 people visited the site

580 pounds of medication collected

Chapel Park Pavilion

83 Personius Rd.

Elmira, N.Y. 14904

89 people visited the site

271 pounds of medication collected

The totals for both locations are:

229 people participated

851 pounds of medication collected

August 28, 2010 – 133 people/252 pounds

September 25, 2010 – 126 people/349 pounds

April 30, 2011 – 155 people/ 465 pounds

April 28, 2012 – 404 people/854 pounds

October 1, 2012 – 352 people/849 pounds

April 27, 2013 – 241 people/667 pounds

October 26, 2013 – 344 people/756 pounds

April 26, 2014 – 376 people/1134 pounds

September 27, 2014 – 401 people/1008 pounds

September 26, 2015 – 240 people/1211 pounds (no event in the spring of 2015)

April 30, 2016 – 563 people/1847 pounds

October 22, 2016 – 252 people/637 pounds

April 29, 2017 – 384 people/1096 pounds

October 28, 2017 – 306 people/851 pounds

April 28, 2018 – 385 people/1112 pounds

October 27, 2018 – 253 people/598 pounds

April 27, 2019 – 245 people/848 pounds

October 26, 2019 – 194 people/605.50 pounds

October 24, 2020 – 229 people/851 pounds

Totals to date since 2010: 5583 people/15,127 pounds

Community Outreach:

Shop With A Cop



“Shop with a Cop” is a national community policing program that has been in existence for over two decades. It has long been noted that relationships between law enforcement and their respective communities have been very strained, especially in today’s society. The initial intent of the “Shop with a Cop” program was to be utilized as a community policing function to assist and address the issues of repairing these strained relationships. One methodology of community policing is to build positive relationships with the younger kids, ages 5 and up, within the communities. The effects of the program are multi-faceted and indispensable. “Shop with a Cop” hopes to break down the barriers between the communities, in which we as police serve, with the intent of developing a better and more trusting relationship, beginning with our youth.



Special Recognition



New York State Civil Deputy of the Year



Sergeant Charles E. Kennedy III received the New York State Sheriffs' Association Civil Deputy of the Year award. This was presented to Sgt. Kennedy at a ceremony in Albany. The Sheriff's Office are very proud of Sgt. Kennedy for being chosen out of all Sheriffs' Offices in New York State for this prestigious award.

Pictured from left to right, Chenango County Sheriff Ernest Cutting, Yates County Sheriff Ron Spike, Chemung County Sgt. Charles Kennedy, Chemung County Undersheriff Sean Holley, and Oneida County Sheriff (and NYS Sheriff's Association President) Rob Maciol.

Annual Awards

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the Sheriff's Office was not able to host their annual awards banquet. This annual banquet is held to recognize the men and women of the Sheriff's Office for their dedication and professionalism to the agency and community as well as to acknowledge personnel for certain accomplishments achieved throughout the previous year.

In 2019, there were many individuals nominated for a variety of awards that range from perfect attendance, years of service, Life Saving, Meritorious Achievement, Honorable Service, Sheriff's Commendation, to name a few.

Every year, an individual from the Corrections Division and Road Patrol Division are selected for the Officer/Deputy of the year. For 2019, Deputy Dave Padgett, a 17 year veteran of the Road Patrol Division and Officer Davey Akins, a 23 year veteran of the Corrections Division, were selected for these high honors. The Undersheriff and I wish to congratulate both men on their awards as well as all the men and women of the Sheriff's Office who were also nominated and received recognition.



Deputy David Padgett



Corrections Officer Davey Akins

2019 Special Recognition



Road Patrol

Sheriff's Commendation:

Deputy John M. Allen
Deputy Ryan M. Murphy
Deputy Ryan M. Murphy
Deputy Michael A. Theetge
Lt. Patrick J. Parks
Sgt. Richard L. Mathews
Deputy David M. Buchholz
Lt. Patrick J. Parks
Sgt. Richard L. Mathews

Meritorious Achievement:

Deputy Michael A. Theetge
Sgt. Richard L. Mathews
Inv. John M. Smith, Jr.

Life Saving Award:

Sgt. Michael D. Skroskznik
Deputy R. Michael Wheeler

5 years:

Melissa A. Brown
Deputy David M. Buchholz
Officer Thomas S. Holden
Officer Michaela C. Lynch
Deputy Luca M. Masia
Deputy Patrick L. Pirozzolo

15 years:

Officer Seth R. Hoff

NARCAN

Deputy David M. Buchholz x 3
Deputy John M. Allen
Deputy James F. Goodwin x 2
Deputy Ryan M. Murphy
Sgt. Richard L. Mathews x 2
Lt. Patrick J. Parks
Deputy Patrick L. Pirozzolo x 2
Deputy E. Scott Smith x 2
Sgt. Jeremiah L. Ayers
Deputy Todd C. DeGarmo
Deputy Luca M. Masia
Deputy Michael A. Theetge
Deputy David E. Padgett
Deputy Joseph A. Cloke
Deputy Conor P. Everett
Deputy Corey T. Hamula

Civilian Awards:

Wal-Mart Employees

Tatianna Walker
Crystal Kochersberger
Richard Jochem
Aaron Thomas

Anniversary

Corrections

Life Saving:

Officer Patrick J. Locker
Officer Brandon M. Zepp
Officer Raymond R. Decker
Officer Daniele A. Tuttle
Sgt. William M. Benjamin
Nurse Eric E. Nybeck

Heights Stabbing:

Deputy Michael A. Theetge

Perfect Attendance

Sheriff William A. Schrom
Deputy Andrew R. Hodge
Deputy Thomas J. Kimble
Deputy Jeremy J. Rucker
Inv. John M. Smith, Jr.
Lt. Anthony J. Vitucci
Officer Douglas C. Stadelmaier
Officer William J. Washburn

20 years:

Officer Angela L. Calkins
Major Raymond A. Hodge
Sgt. Samantha A. Pfuntner
Deputy Jason F. Smith
Officer Donald R. Snyder
Officer Victoria L. Whipple-Schultz
Officer Daniel T. Wylie

25 years:

Lt. David S. Strong
Officer Jacquelyn Wilson

Special Recognition



The New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) recognized the late Lieutenant Sharon A. Douglas for the 2020 GTSC Chair Award. This award was created to recognize individuals and organizations who have made efficient use of public resources and have produced programs that are innovative, superior and highly successful in promoting traffic safety.

Lt. Douglas was nominated by Aubrey Feldman, the GTSC Child Passenger Safety Program Coordinator, for her persistence and determination in getting an unsafe child seat off the streets. During a routine traffic stop back in 2017, Lt. Douglas issued a ticket to a family who had children seated in their "Little Passenger Seat". This product was advertised as a custom third and fourth row seat for more than 70 SUVs and other vehicles (little was known about the product at that time). Lt. Douglas, who was also a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician, realized that this seat did not meet federal standards. Lt. Douglas, with assistance from fellow CPS Technicians, submitted a petition to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to begin an investigation on this product. On April 21, 2020, NHTSA issued a Consumer Advisory, warning drivers not to purchase the "Little Passenger Seat" and advising all current owners to cease use of the product, as they were deemed unfit for children and did not meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. We have Lt. Douglas to thank for getting this lengthy investigation started and her efforts undoubtedly will protect children traveling on our highways for years to come.



Photographs



Chemung County Farm Bureau FREE Milk Giveaway



Division Head Meeting



Sheriff Schrom and Chief Kane Attend Peaceful Rally in City of Elmira



Tour Bus Accident on Interstate 86



Motorcycle Crash on St Rt 352

Photographs



SPO Saunders and CRO Kimble



K9 Egon's First Find



Deputy Kimble Broadway CRO



Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy Basic Firearms Course



Deputy Pirozzolo and K9 Eiger



K9 Egon



CO Bennett Retires



Visitor for the Sheriff

Photographs



Investigating a Crash on a Rural Roadway



SSU Training



Night Firearms Training



Deputy Pirozzolo and K9 Eiger



Deputies Train in All Weather Conditions



Lady luck riding with Deputy Padgett



Sgt. Slater's Bad Hair Day

Southport Residential Deputy Partnership

Lt. Howe is COVID-Ready



Community Support



When the Major is away, the Lt.'s...



2020 Elmira High School COVID Graduation Ceremony



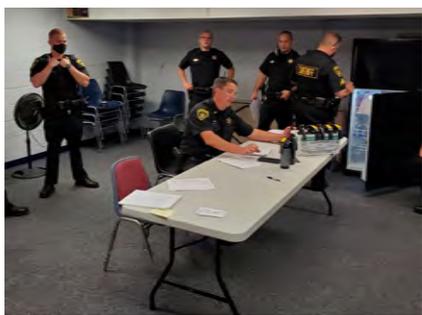
COVID-19 Shift Briefing



DA's Office, Courthouse, and Jail early 1900's



God Bless Our Volunteer Firefighters

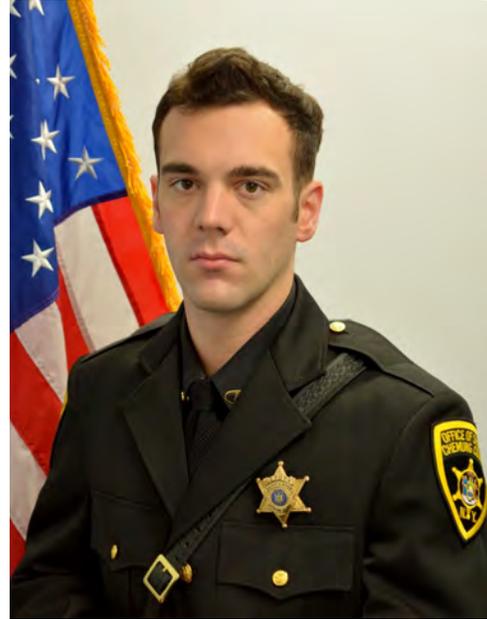


Pre-Rally Preparation

New Hires 2020



Deputy Jason Balmer



Deputy John Burczynski



**McKenzie Roberts
Adm. Assistant**



K9 Egon

2020 Retirements



In 2020, the Sheriff's Office had four retirements with a combined 66 years of service and knowledge with the Sheriff's Office. Two in the Corrections Division and one in the Patrol Services Division. Corrections Officer Scott Bennet retired in December having 25 years of service. Corrections Officer Michael Corsi retired in November with 25 years of service. Administrative Assistant Betsy Keenan retired from the Sheriff's Office but continues her service to Chemung County. K9 Eiger retired after 7 years of faithful service to the Chemung County Sheriff's Office. Their knowledge and professionalism will be missed, but we wish them all the best for a long, healthy, and well deserved retirement.



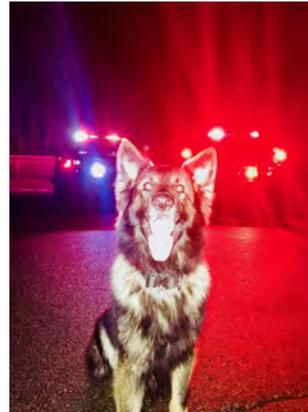
Officer Scott Bennett
Corrections Division
25 Years of Service



Officer Michael Corsi
Corrections Division
25 Years of Service



Betsy Keenan
Administrative Assistant
9 Years of Service



K9 Eiger
Patrol Services
7 Years of Service

In Memory



Deputy Lee Phelan
Patrol Services
Years of Service: 1970's-1980's



Deputy Michael Cirulli
Patrol Services
Years of Service: 1985-2010



Officer Seth Hoff
Corrections Division
Years of Service: 2004-2020



Major John Hamula
Corrections Division
Years of Service: 1982-2019

In Memory



Officer Steve Zobel
Corrections Division
Years of Service: 1986-2014



Officer Harold Sechrist
Corrections Division
Retired 1985



K9-Gus
Patrol Services
Years of Service: 2006-2012

