

CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



**SHERIFF WILLIAM A. SCHROM
& UNDERSHERIFF DOUGLAS W. HOUPER**



Sheriff William A. Schrom



Undersheriff Douglas W. Houper

SUPPORT STAFF



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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 2023, there are nearly 174 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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WILLIAM A. SCHROM
Sheriff

DOUGLAS W. Houper
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. 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 and E-911 center. Sheriff's Deputies have jurisdiction in the entire county, which consists of 412 square miles. 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 262 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 mental health and detoxing individuals.

In 2023, we added the E-911 Center as the fifth division of the Chemung County Sheriff's Office. The men and women of this division remain our unseen heroes. They are responsible for receiving nearly 200,000 calls annually! Ninety percent of those calls are law enforcement related, but also include calls for medical or fire services as well as other miscellaneous requests. This does not include any outgoing calls they have to make in the course of their shift. In addition, each dispatcher goes through extensive training to include typing, emergency medical dispatch, communication, etc. prior to being allowed to dispatch on their own.

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 2023, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office, and all men and women of law enforcement, were faced with challenging times.

2023 Accomplishments:

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office had a busy 2023. Many goals and objectives had been put in place for the 2023 year, which we were able to achieve. These goals and objectives included;

We were able to complete the implementation of the I-pad tablets within the Chemung County Jail which are utilized by the Incarcerated Individual (II) population. This helps cut down on II movement within the facility as well as providing other benefits to both the II and facility staff.

We unexpectedly expanded our SRO/SPO program into the Horseheads School District after the Village of Horseheads Police Department was unable to provide that service any longer.

We were able to assemble and successfully meet the mandates of the Threat Assessment Management (TAM) Team to evaluate and monitor any potential local threats related to Domestic Terrorism and work collaboratively with a variety of partners on that team to address any threat that may arise. These teams were created after the tragic Buffalo, NY shooting.

We added the E-911 Center to our agency making it our fifth division. This addition added another twenty-two (22) individuals to our staff.

We were able to install new dispatch workstations and instituted lamresponding software to all area fire departments. This provides each FD with a backup for their paging system and better reporting of incidents they respond to.

Overgrown trees and shrubs were removed from around the CCJ rec yard fence, eliminating the concealment for contraband to be thrown into the rec yard directly to Incarcerated Individuals.

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 2024. These include, but aren't limited to, the following:

After many years being located on William St., we will be looking to move to another location located on the corner of Lake St. and Market St. This will provide us with much needed space for personnel, equipment, evidence, training, and etc.

Continue to improve the 911 Center with updated software and abilities to better serve the community.

Begin a multi-county radio project which will update our radio software and hardware.

Continue to work hard to get all divisions of the Sheriff's Office to full staff in order to provide the best service possible to the community.

Will look to finalize and implement a new SheriffApp2024 for the community to better portray the multi-facets of the agency and provide real-time information to the public.

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.

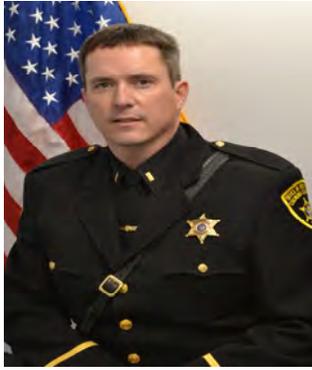


Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of William A. Schrom.

William A. Schrom
Chemung County Sheriff

Patrol Services Division



Captain Thomas Argetsinger
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."



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.

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 2023, the Patrol Services Division recorded 23,406 primary complaints. The Patrol Services Division issued 1,449 traffic tickets to motorists over the year and investigated 611 reportable motor vehicle collisions.



Statistics:

Complaints:

Incident Reports	23,406	
Events handled between hours:		
2200 hrs - 0600 hrs	8,068	
0601 hrs - 1400 hrs	7,950	
1401 hrs - 2200 hrs	7,388	
Felony charge	152	
Misdemeanor charge	467	
Offenses charge	82	
	Adults	Juvenile
Male Arrests	461	38
Female Arrests	187	15
Total Adult Arrests	648	
Total Juvenile Arrests		53

Major Investigations

Homicide/Manslaughter	0
Rape	0
Robbery	1
Assault	4
Burglary	17
Grand Larceny	3
Vehicle Larceny	2
Motor Vehicle Accident	611
Property Damage	88
Personal Injury	62
Fatality	2
Persons Killed	2
Alcohol involved	11
Animal involved	9

Records Division

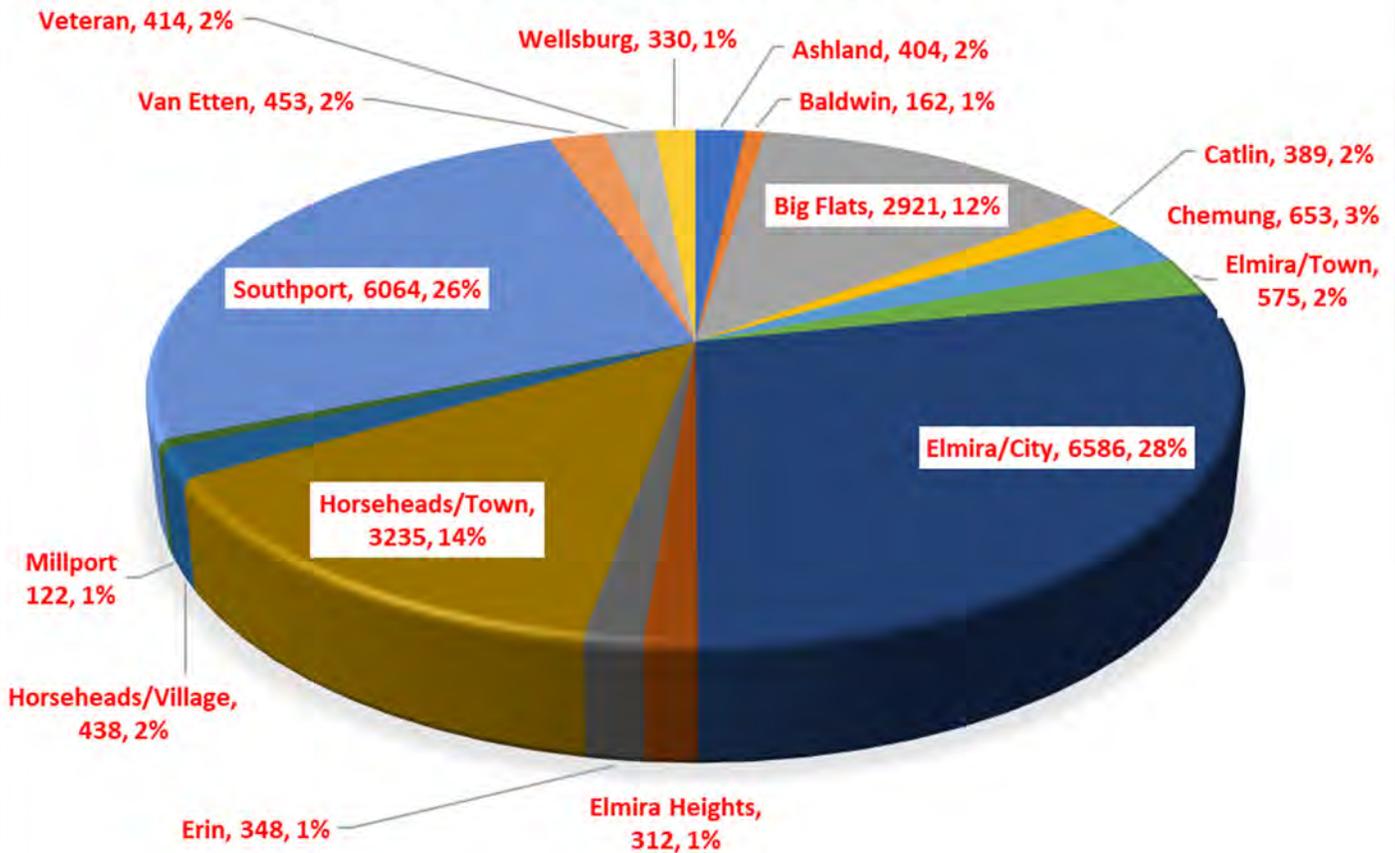
FOIL Requests	1,187
Warrants Received	288
Background Checks	353
Background Fee receipts	\$1,025.00
Bad Check Fee receipts	\$40.00
Copy fees	\$295.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,360.75

Transports

Courts	59
Mental Health	0
Raise The Age	21
Total	80

Patrol Services Division

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY JURISDICTION



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 110 hours of dedicated traffic enforcement, issuing 119 Traffic Tickets. These dedicated enforcement efforts are targeted at aggressive driving with the goal of reducing traffic collisions.

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 participates in 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 *NARCAN*



In July of 2014, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office was trained in 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 99 citizens that had overdosed on heroin or opioid derivative which resulted in their lives being saved. In 2023, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office has successfully administered Narcan in the following jurisdictions:

- 2– Town of Big Flats
- 12– Town of Southport
- 1– City of Elmira
- 2– Town of Horseheads

Criminal Investigation Division



Lt. Pete Ruhmel
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 2023 CID handled 318 cases, ranging from assisting other agencies to crimes against persons

Typical Cases

Burglary
Robbery
Grand Larceny
Sex Offenses
Internal/Backgrounds
Narcotics
Death Investigations/Suicides/Overdoses



Emily Green, CID Clerk

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

100 Sex Offenders in Chemung County

- 16 Level III
- 43 Level II
- 37 Level III
- 4 no designation assigned



Criminal Investigation Division

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

CAC Purpose

In 2023 Investigators assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division investigated 34 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.

Partners

- LE
- DA
- DSS / FS
- Medical
- Mental Health



MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS:

- Assault – 4
- Burglary-Residential - 17
- Grand Larceny - 3
- Larceny of Vehicle –2
- Motor vehicle / Death – 2
- Robbery—1
- Weapons—3
- Deaths—36
- Search Warrants -11

Criminal Investigation Division

CID Statistics- 2023

Category	Total	Closed by Arrest	Inactive	Other
Arson	3	2	0	1
Assault	4	1	0	3
Assist Agency	22	0	0	22
Assist Agency FD	1	0	0	1
Assist Citizen	1	0	0	1
Attempt to Locate	1	0	0	1
Attempted Burglary	1	0	0	1
Background Investigation	69	0	0	69
Bad Check	3	0	0	3
Burglary	17	3	0	14
Child Abuse	4	0	0	4
Controlled Substance	2	0	0	2
Criminal Mischief	4	3	0	1
Death Investigations	36	0	0	36
Disturbance	1	1	0	0
Endangering Welfare of Child	2	1	0	1
Forgery/Counterfeit	1	0	0	1
Fraud Investigation	8	1	0	7
Fugitive from Justice	12	12	0	0
Grand Larceny	3	1	0	2
Gun Shots	1	0	0	1
Jail Incidents	16	6	0	10
Larceny	15	0	0	15
Larceny-Motor Vehicle	2	2	0	0
Menacing	1	1	0	0
Missing Person	1	0	0	1
MVA/Fatal	2	0	0	2
Prison Contraband	20	11	0	9
Property Lost/Stolen	1	0	0	1
Sex Offender Registry Violation	11	3	0	8
Sex Offense	4	0	0	4
Sex Offense- Child	28	1	0	27
Suspicious Condition	10	0	0	10
Take Back the Streets Detail	7	0	0	7
Warrants/arrests	1	1	0	0
Weapons	3	1	0	2
Totals:	318	51	0	267

Civil/Community Services Division



Lt. Joseph Dieterle
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 2023, the Civil Office processed \$989,282.11 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 \$110,132.67 which was transferred to the Chemung County Treasures Office. The Civil Office consists of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, and one full-time clerk.

Civil/Community Services Division

Pistol Permit Division



Pistol Permit Clerk Amanda Lord

In 2023 the Pistol Permit Office issued 390 new permits and processed 2,012 amendments, which included handgun purchases and transfers. There were 22 pistol permits that were suspended or revoked and 31 applicants who were denied. The total revenue generated by the Pistol Permit Office in 2023 was \$50,584.00, which includes new applications, amendments and purchase coupons. The Pistol Permit Office consists of one full-time clerk.

Airport Security

The Sheriff continued to support the Elmira/Corning Regional Airport in 2023 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**

The Records Division is a central data collection and processing office responsible for compiling and processing of case files, arrests and accident reports. In addition to completing audits, reports and FOIL requests. The office is vital to the Deputy Sheriffs as it reduces the administrative workload and enables the Deputies to concentrate their efforts on patrol functions. The office received 1,187 FOIL requests, completed 353 background checks and processed 288 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 2023, 80 transports were completed. The Records Office consists of one full time clerk.

The Human Resource Center



Deputy MacBeth and Deputy Barr

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 Flex, the records management system. In 2023 there were 102,853 persons scanned at the entry checkpoint. There were 697 restricted items identified during initial screening process and prohibited from entering the facility.

Civil/Community Services Division

Community Resource Officer / Special Patrol Officer



Sgt. Pat Parks



Sgt. Tom Kimble



At the start of the 2022 -2023 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. There is now 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 30 Youth Court referrals, 2 felony, 9 misdemeanor and 19 violation arrests.

In September of 2023, the Horseheads Central School district contracted with the Chemung County Sheriff's Office to provide a Special Patrol Officer for each school. There is now a Special Patrol Officer assigned to the Horseheads High School, Middle/Intermediate School, Big Flats, Gardner Road, Ridge Road and Center Street Elementary Schools.

Civil/Community Services Division

Southport Residential



Deputy Jason Balmer

The Sheriff maintained his support to the Town of Southport in 2023 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 431 calls for service, completed 15 arrests, and issued 112 traffic tickets. The Southport Resident Deputy completed over 20,000 miles of patrol activities in the Town of Southport for 2023.

<u>Date: 01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TO-TALS
Category													
Blotters Assigned	26	23	38	38	26	43	25	46	50	36	40	40	431
Cases Generated	0	4	4	3	2	1	3	4	5	1	3	1	31
Uniform Traffic Tickets	3	5	13	7	6	13	10	5	16	9	6	19	112
Parking Tickets	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Traffic Stops	1	3	5	1	3	3	3	3	4	5	3	9	43
Traffic Accidents handled	2	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	4	2	5	2	21
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	0	1	0	0	0	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	8
DWI Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Violation Arrests	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	6
Mileage	1,859	1,233	1,629	1,540	1,602	1,503	1,553	1,587	1,688	1,912	1,900	2,100	20,106
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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. The SSU Team constantly trains to be proficient.



Training for hostage situation at the School Bus Garage



SSU firearm training



Repping training



Door ram training

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 = 262 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

16 – Part-Time Correction Officers

3 – Full Time Registered Nurses

Corrections Division

Inservice Training 2023

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 for the Professional Rescuer



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, the facility continues to offer school for those who qualify and are looking to receive a TASC diploma. Diploma testing can no longer be done in the facility due to NYS guidelines. We continue to offer Incarcerated individuals wishing to study and prepare for testing that opportunity.

The facility also offers ancillary classes, which cover several of the topics listed below.

- Floor Maintenance, scrubbing, stripping, and finishing
 - Carpet Care
- Restroom deep cleaning and restoration
 - Daily Hard floor maintenance
 - General Office cleaning
 - Safety for custodians
- Snow removal (use of a snowblower)

Corrections Division

MEDICAL

Medical Director – Dr. Cliff Snellgrove

One Administrative Nurse

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



MEDICAL TRANSPORTS 2023

Hospital Evaluations = 54

Hospital Evaluations w/ Admission = 19

Dental Visits = 45

Dialysis = 0

Consulting Physicians

Pregnancy – OB/GYN visits = 4

Child Births = 0

Urology Associates = 2

Plastic Surgeon = 2

Allergist = 0

Eye Care = 1

Gastroenterology = 6

General Surgeon = 9

Orthopedic Consult = 15

STD = 35

Hand Management Clinic = 0

ENT = 0

Corrections Division

DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

CT Scans / MRI = 17

Eye Exams = 1

Ultrasounds = 10

X-Rays = 29

Surgery = 0

Same Day Surgery = 5

Lab Work = 20

Breast biopsy = 0

Mammogram = 2

Stress Test = 0



MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Provided by Family Services

-One Psychiatrist

-Two Forensic Counselors

NUMBER OF SERVICES PROVIDED

Approximately 204 Inmates seen by Psychiatrist and Forensic Counselors

Approximately 248 Inmates evaluated by Crisis Intervention for risk of suicide

CONSTANT WATCHES = 93

JAIL STATISTICS – 2023

TOTAL ADMISSION 2023 = 1077 INMATES

Felony Incarcerations = 485

Misdemeanor Incarcerations = 351

Other Offenses = 19

Housed in from other Counties = 28

Federal Inmates = 0

Parole Violators = 48

Average Daily Population 2023 = 118

Corrections Division

CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S INITIATIVE – PROJECT H.O.P.E. (Heroin Opioid Prevention Education)

Assessments and Consults for 2023 = 160

REVENUE FROM BOARD-INS

The Chemung County Jail housed-in 17 inmates from Schuyler, Monroe and Broome Counties in 2023. The total revenue accrued for 2023 from the housed-in inmates was \$41,654.80

INMATES TRANSFERRED TO NYSDOCS

Males = 95

Females = 8

TOTAL = 103

PAROLE VIOLATORS RETURNED TO NYSDOCS

MALES = 39

FEMALE = 3

TOTAL = 42

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 2023 is as follows:

TOTAL ORDERED = 133,863

COST = \$416,313.93

COST PER MEAL = \$3.11

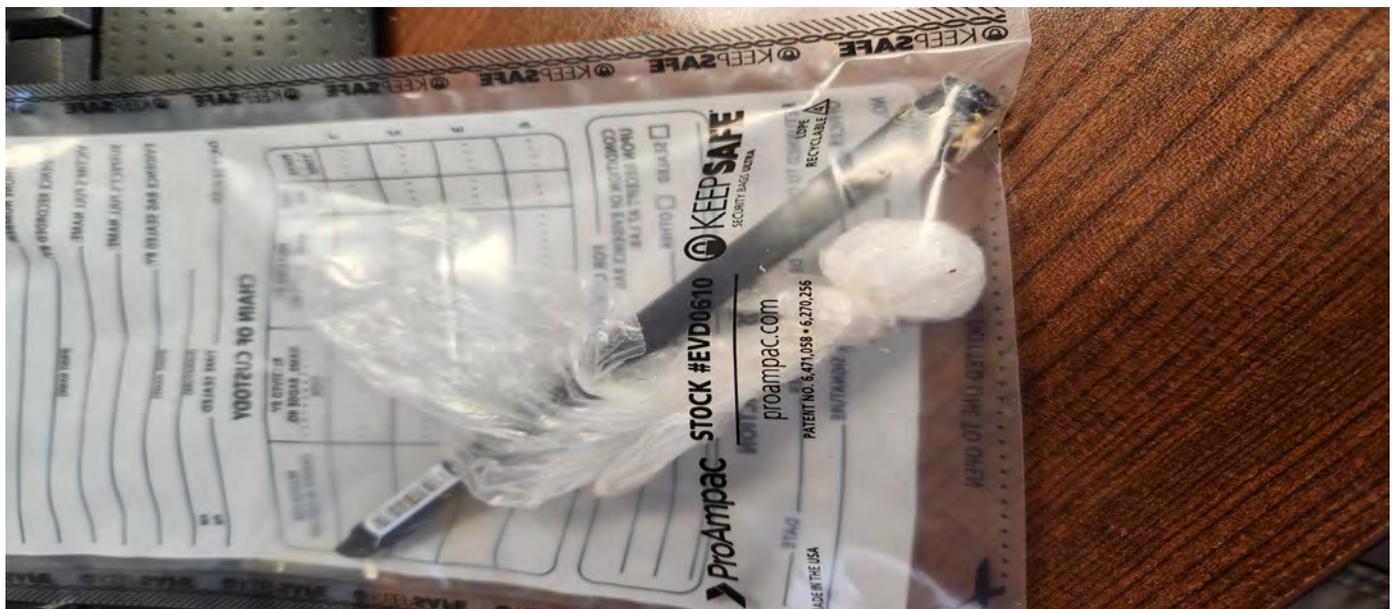
Corrections Division

Basic Corrections Officer Academy



Jail Amnesty Program

In 2023, our Amnesty box was used by newly admitted incarcerated individuals on 6 occasions stopping illegal drugs from entering the facility. The amnesty program allows an opportunity to place any contraband into the box without question before entering the facility. Pictured below is one of the items placed in the amnesty box which is believed to be crack cocaine.





COMMUNICATIONS E-911

In 2023, the Sheriff's Office took over the operations of the Chemung County Communication Center (E911), making the 911 Center the fifth division of the Sheriff's Office. The 911 Center is manned by 21 full-time employees and 3 part-time employees. The Director of 911 is responsible for the day to day operations of the center and he reports directly to the Undersheriff and Sheriff.

The 911 Center's Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Chemung County Sheriff's Emergency Communications Center (E911) is to contribute to the safety and quality of life of our community by linking the citizens of our community and our public safety agencies with efficient, reliable, responsive and professional public safety communications services. We take pride in dedicating ourselves to professionalism and public service, understanding that we are often the first representatives of local government to interact with citizens in need. We are constantly seeking ways to improve the quality of services we provide to the community, and facilitate the development of highly trained, proficient and dedicated personnel.

Total Blotters 2023

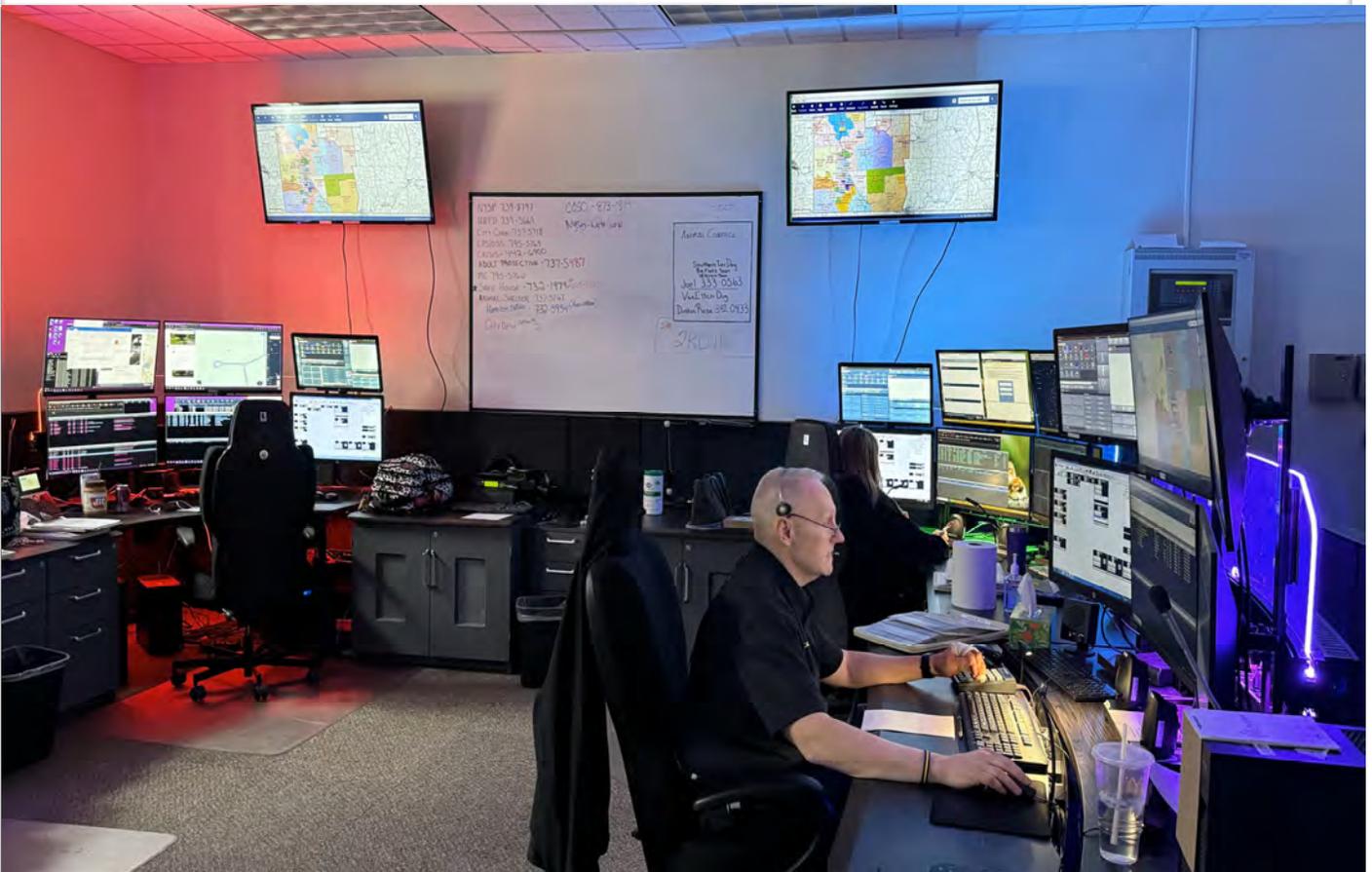
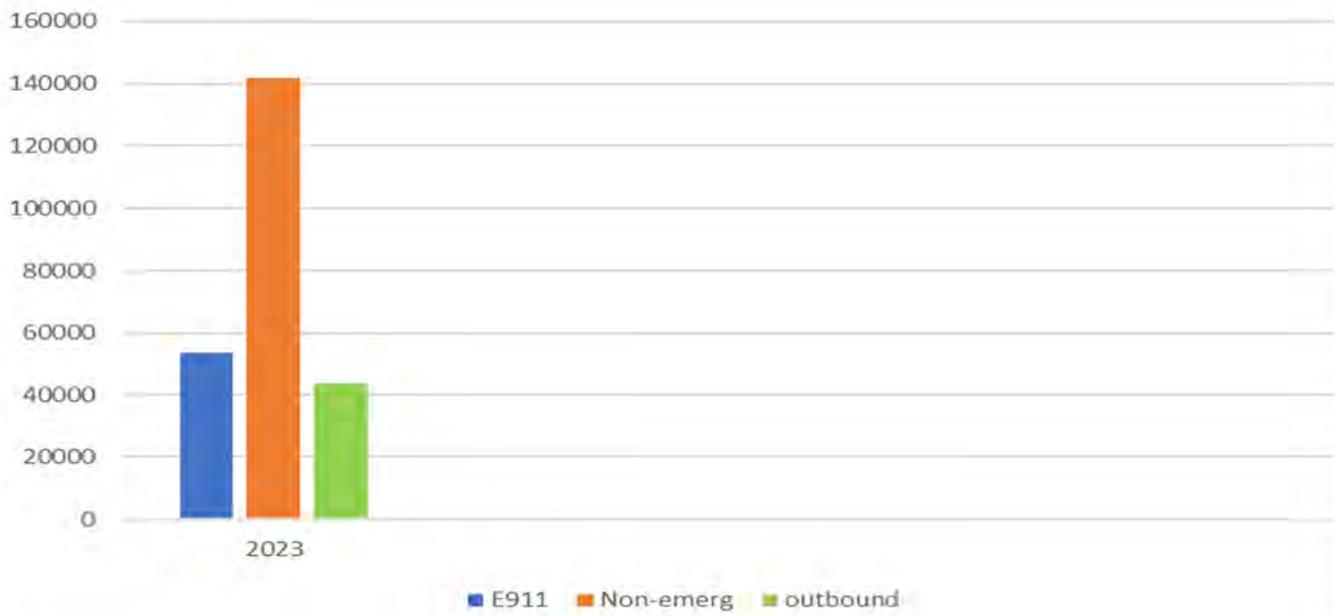
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CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	23,406
ELMIRA POLICE DEPARTMENT	40,592
ELMIRA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT	9,279
HORSEHEADS POLICE DEPARTMENT	7,573
WEST ELMIRA POLICE DEPARTMENT	4,146
NEW YORK STATE POLICE	11,275
TOTAL POLICE BLOTTERS	96,271
AIRPORT	8
BALDWIN FIRE DEPARTMENT	87
BIG FLATS FIRE DEPARTMENT	778
BREESPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	149
CHEMUNG FIRE DEPARTMENT	212
ELMIRA FIRE DEPARTMENT	4,925
ELMIRA HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT	680
ERIN FIRE DEPARTMENT	174
GOLDEN GLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT	95
HORSEHEADS FIRE DEPARTMENT	820
MILLPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	182
PINE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT	251
SOUTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	211
TOMPKINS CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT	89
TOWN & COUNTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT	640
WEBBS MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT	106
WELLSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT	200
EAST HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT	73
WEST ELMIRA FIRE DEPARTMENT	429
WEBB MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT	116
VAN ETTEN TOWN	192
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BLOTTERS	10,417
TOTAL LE and FD BLOTTERS – 2023	106,688

BLOTTERS BY AGENCY
2016-2023

AGENCY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CCSO	32084	29532	32495	30167	28069	23372	24102	23,406
ELMIRA PD	33739	32511	31858	34418	39518	36436	40220	40,592
ELMIRA HGTS PD	9451	10551	11931	11649	11440	10757	9935	9,279
HORSEHEADS PD	6584	6784	8116	11969	10503	10760	9020	7,573
W. ELMIRA PD	3310	4566	6495	6699	3865	3580	4244	4,146
NYSP	16052	13133	12798	13177	12007	12330	10858	11,275
TOTAL LE BLOTTERS	94636	90293	95577	107779	105402	97235	98379	96,271
AIRPORT	8	8	8	11	7	16	11	8
BALDWIN FD	88	78	73	71	90	109	116	87
BIG FLATS FD	646	658	739	761	634	741	747	778
BREESPORT FD	147	159	194	148	192	174	215	149
CHEMUNG FD	214	218	234	198	223	241	190	212
ELMIRA CITY FD	3809	3664	3719	4185	4181	4548	4934	4,925
ELMIRA HGTS FD	611	621	618	625	612	599	707	680
ERIN FD	144	171	199	153	200	182	231	174
GOLDEN GLOW FD	74	79	98	81	70	81	83	95
HORSEHEADS VILLAGE FD	578	557	655	684	646	628	776	820
MILLPORT FD	117	142	163	146	121	141	180	182
PINE CITY FD	202	156	200	206	224	207	230	251
SOUTHPORT FD	196	157	154	192	182	188	185	211
TOMPKINS COR. FD	62	62	83	76	81	76	76	89
TOWN & COUNTRY FD	523	484	503	531	498	575	629	640
WEBB MILLS FD	88	83	61	65	63	109	106	116
WELLSBURG FD	204	193	202	169	155	192	233	200
EAST HILL FD	84	83	68	63	79	81	92	73
WEST ELMIRA FD	332	301	387	330	392	394	418	429
COMMUNITY FIRE FD	65	120	167	154	139	160	219	192
TOTAL FD BLOTTERS	8192	7994	8525	8849	8789	9442	10378	10417

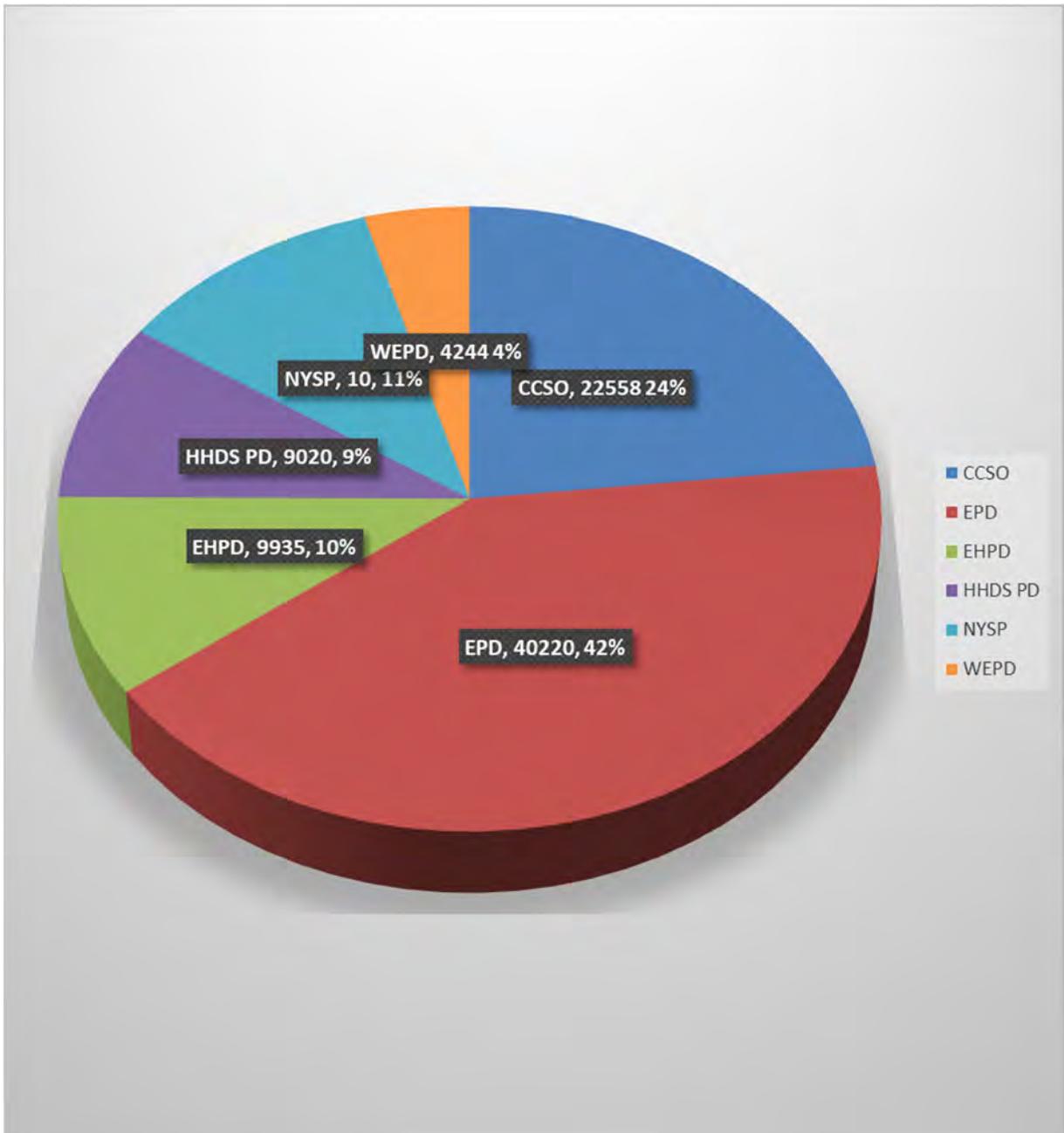
TOTAL 911 PHONE VOLUME 2023

195,633 incoming calls received



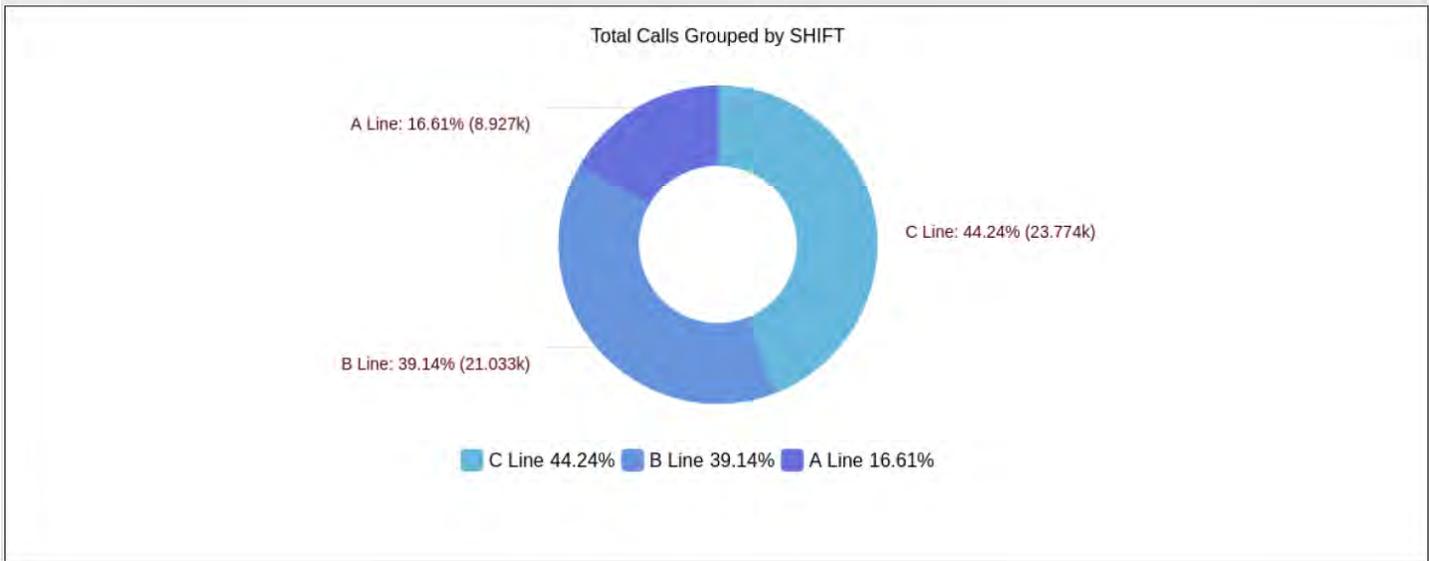
New workstations and room configuration at the 911 Center

Percentage of Law Enforcement calls for 2023



2023 Received 911 calls per shift

SHIFT	COUNT
C Line	23774
B Line	21033
A Line	8927
Totals	53734



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. Houser 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 2023, the Sheriff’s Office certified 37 qualified retired law enforcement officers

Photographs:



Recovery of Stolen Weapons



Deputies working a football game at EHS



Getting ready to search housing post



Wreaths Across America



Career day with Patrol and Corrections Divisions



Tag's Concert

Community Outreach:

The Sheriff's Office participated in various Community Outreach events to include Town Hall meetings and Community related events in an effort to engage the community. These events afforded the community the opportunity to voice their concerns relating to issues in their respective communities as well as allowing the Sheriff's Office to formulate plans to address these concerns. This has led to an increased focus on community policing, especially in rural areas.

Special Enforcement Details:

Thirty (30) enforcement details were conducted to include drug and illegal weapons interdiction. Since the increased utilization of hotels by criminals in an effort to avoid detection, there has been a focus on enforcement at these locations. Hotel management struggles with this and the Sheriff's Office has offered assistance in an effort to reverse this trend. Several of these details involved the various police departments in the area working collaboratively. Examples of multi-Agency Details were a Gun Violence Detail in Elmira, Warrant Sweeps, a Meth Detail to identify dump sites and make the sites safe, and Prostitution Details. Thirty-two (32) arrests were made resulting from the details conducted in 2023.

The Sheriff's Office hosted three (3) trainings for area Law Enforcement with the focus on pro-active enforcement and continues to host monthly intelligence sharing meeting with area law enforcement.

Community Presentations

The Sheriff's Office conducted over 22 presentations to the community in 2023;

Active Shooter -19 Online and Cellphone safety—1

Threat Assessment's -1

Alcohol and drug use -1

Community Outreach:

For over 100 years, The Arctic League has provided gifts for Christmas morning to needy children in Chemung County. In 2023, Arctic League volunteers delivered gifts to thousands of children in Chemung County on Christmas Eve!



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 April 30, 2023 and Saturday, October 28, 2023 the Chemung County Sheriff's Office hosted two drop-off sites in Chemung County. The location and results are as follows:

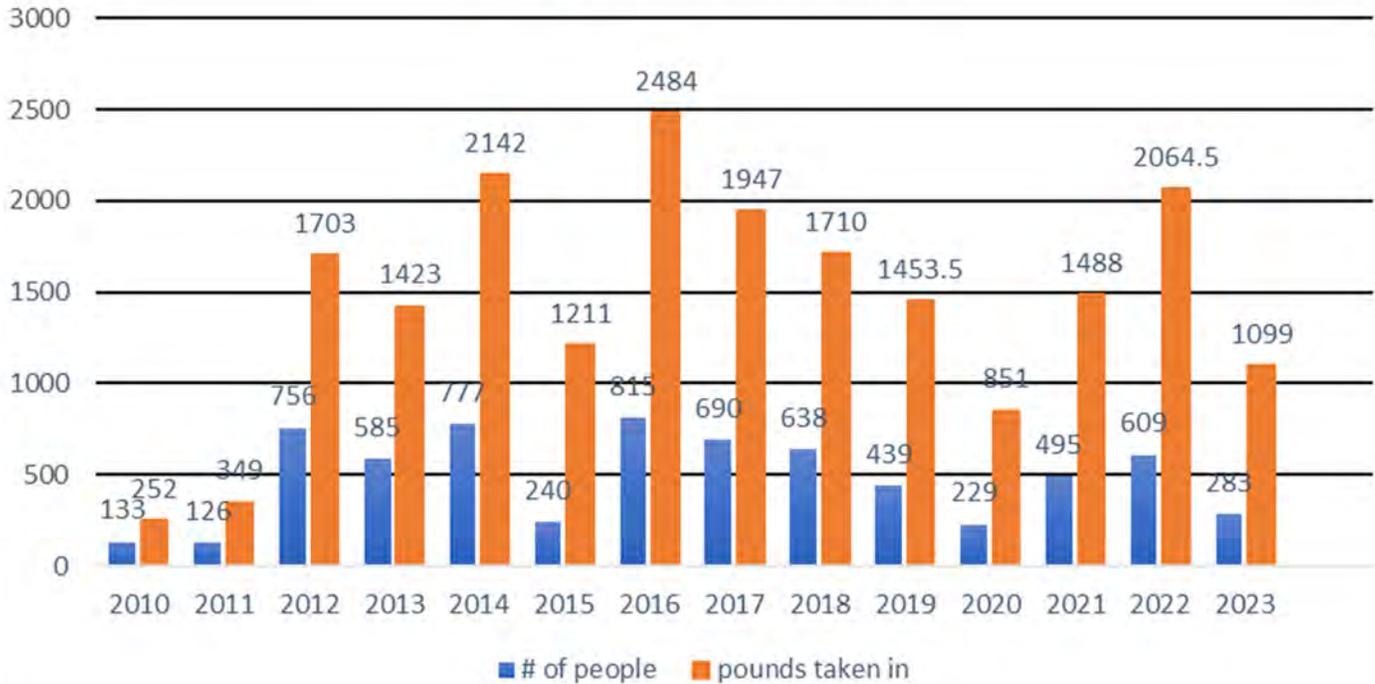
West Elmira Volunteer Fire Department

1255 W. Water St.
Elmira, N.Y. 14905

Southport Volunteer Fire Department

1001 Carl Street
Elmira, N.Y. 14904

Drug Take Back Stats

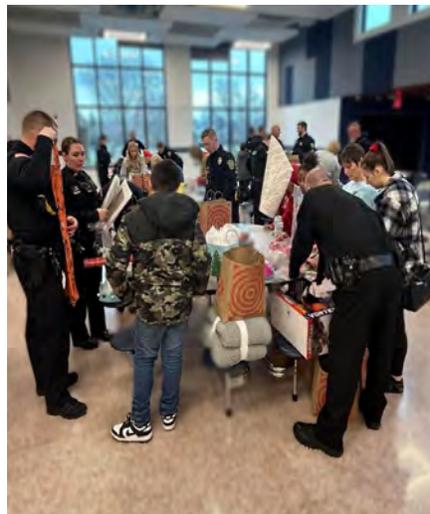


Community Outreach:

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.



Sheriff's Summer Camp

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office participates in the New York State Sheriff's Association Institute Summer Camp located on Keuka Lake every summer. The camp is for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12 who, would not have an opportunity to attend a summer camp or enjoy a summer vacation. Three weeks every summer, dozens of children from Chemung County attend the camp, free of charge, and enjoy all that the camp has to offer. The camp promotes healthy activities for the kids and at the end of the week the campers learn that some of the counselors, whom they become friends with, are really Deputy Sheriffs from around the state.



Annual Awards

In 2023 the Sheriff's Office held its 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 2023, 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.

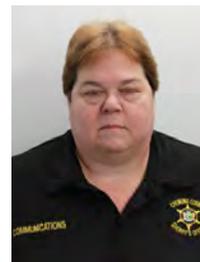
Every year, an individual from the Corrections Division and Road Patrol Division and now 911 are selected for the Deputy/Officer/Dispatcher of the year. For 2023, Lieutenant Peter A. Ruhmel, a 23 year veteran and Lieutenant in CID, Officer Angela Calkins, a 23 year veteran of the Corrections Division, and Dispatcher LeeAnn Novakowski, a 16 year veteran of the Communications Center were selected for these high honors. The Undersheriff and I wish to congratulate all of them on their awards as well as all the men and women of the Sheriff's Office who were also nominated and received recognition.



Lt. Peter Ruhmel



Officer Angela Calkins



Dispatcher LeeAnn Novakowski

2023 Annual Awards Banquet

Deputy of the Year

Lt. Peter A. Ruhmel

Correction Officer of the Year

Officer Angela Calkins

Communications Operator of the Year

Dispatcher LeeAnn Novakowski

HONORABLE SERVICE

Deputy Andrew R. Hodge

Deputy Conor P. Everett

Sgt. Patrick L. Pirozzolo

Lt. Justin M. Hamula

Lt. Julian E. Hughey

Officer Donald B. Brant

Officer Davey M. Akins

Dispatcher Johnathan R. Gunderman

SHERIFF'S COMMENDATION

Deputy Collin M. Holloway x 2

Deputy Gavin T. Rupp x 2

Deputy Nicolas E. Cosmore

Deputy Conor P. Everett

Dispatcher Alec J. iccora

Dispatcher Raymond D. Edger

Dispatcher John M. Quinn

Annual Awards Banquet

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

Deputy Jeremy J. Rucker
Sgt. Charles E. Kennedy, III
Lt. Peter Ruhmel
Sgt. Jeremiah L. Ayers
Inv. Michael A. Theetge
Inv. James R. Ritter x 2
Deputy Kasey A. Slater
Sgt. Patrick L. Pirozzolo
Deputy Joshua J. Arnold
Sgt. David M. Buchholz
Deputy Reese Miller
Officer Donald B. Brant
Dispatcher Alec J. Ciccora x 2
Dispatcher Raymond D. Edger
Dispatcher Ashley E. Ward x 2
Dispatcher Johnathan R. Gunderman
Dispatcher Karla J. Casler
Dispatcher Randi M. Baldwin
Dispatcher LeeAnn Novakowski
Dispatcher Jason E. Mitchell
Dispatcher Richard R. Skebey

Life Saving:

Deputy Jason T. Balmer
Sgt. Brandon R. Couse x 2
Deputy Gavin T. Rupp x 3
Deputy Conor P. Everett
Deputy Nickolas E. Cosmore
Lt. David E. Padgett
Deputy Landon P. Miller
Sgt. Thomas J. Kimble
Deputy Joshua J. Arnold
Deputy Collin M. Holloway

Photographs



Honor Guard



Parade marching for the Honor Guard



Firearms Training



Road Check Seatbelt



Tags Concert Patrol

Photographs



Deputies lined up at a retirement walk-out



Child ID at an event



Sheriff Schrom at a community event



Deputy Parisi giving blood at EHS

Photographs



Shop with a Cop with Santa



Assisting STLEA with new recruits



Traffic stop in the winter



Shop with a Cop at Target



Guthrie One helicopter at scene with serious injuries



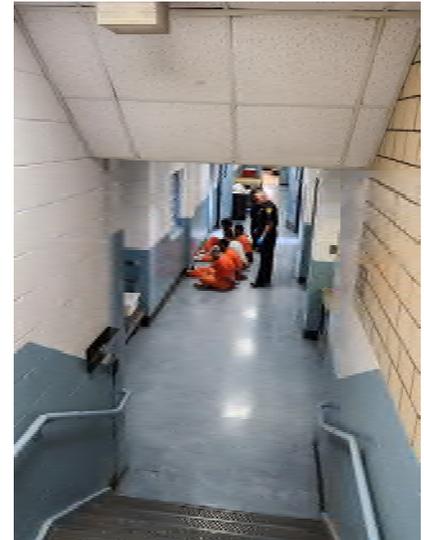
EHS student using the intox goggles



Shakedown at the jail for contraband



Swearing-in of new Deputy Sheriffs



Jail shake-down



SPO Wheeler visiting with students at lunch



Partnership with Advance Auto community outreach



SPO Solt visting with students at Horseheads



SPO McGrain talking with some students



SPO Wheeler giving knuckles



SPO Leipham interacting with students



Sgt. Pirozzolo with K9 Egon



Deputies at the county fair



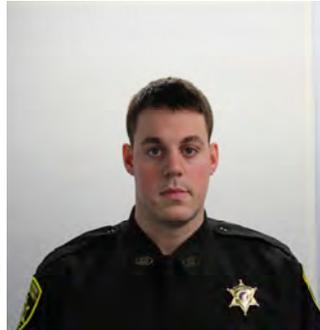
K9 Egon ready for action

New Hires 2023

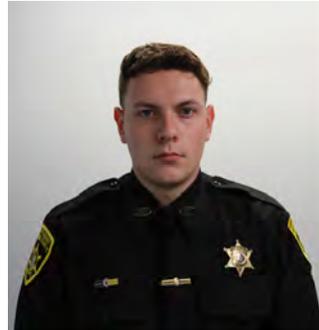
Police Services



Deputy Calum Houser



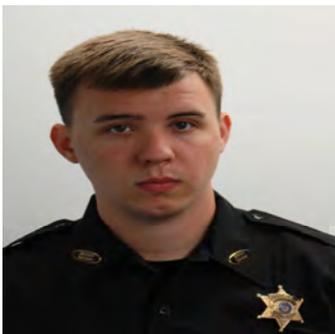
Deputy Reece Miller



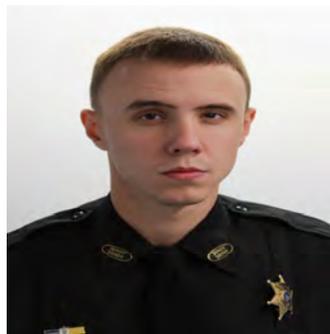
Deputy Hunter Dart



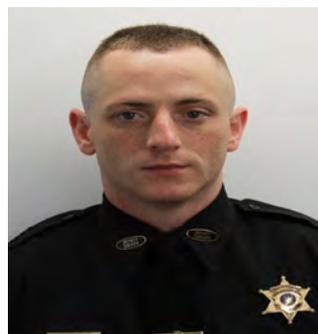
Deputy Tom Barr



Deputy Caleb Cardinale



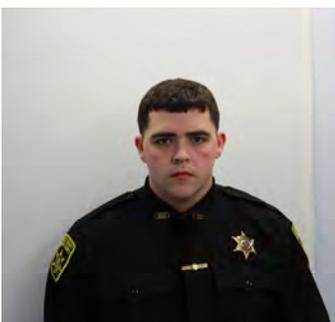
Deputy Jake Cardinale



Deputy Justin Young



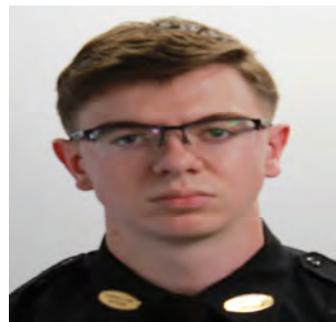
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Deputy Nick Cosmore



Deputy Jake Adams



Deputy Chris Long

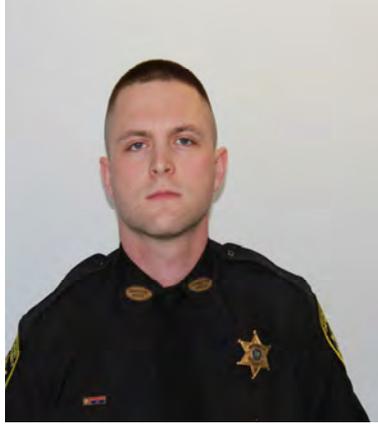


Deputy Bryce Akins

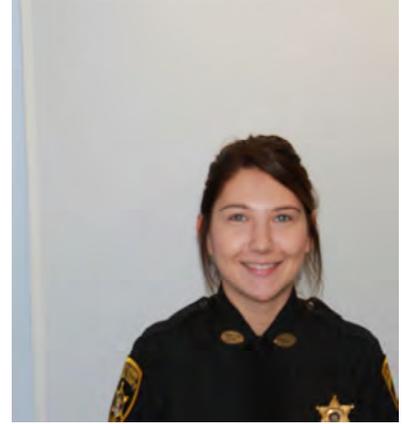
Corrections Division



Officer Daijeon Gardner



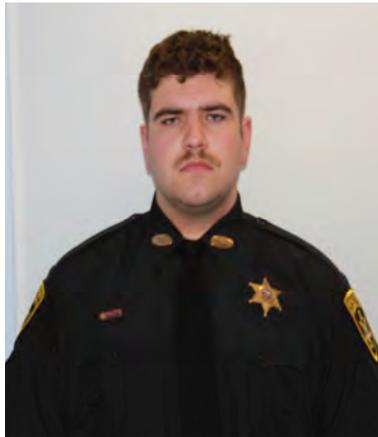
Officer Ethan Dunham



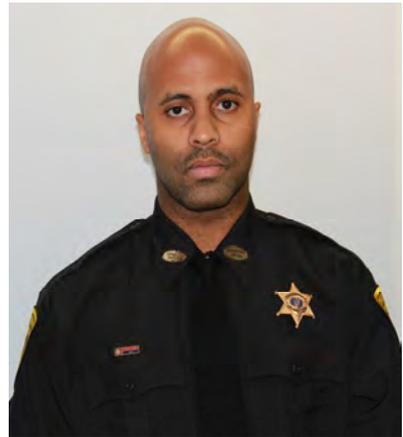
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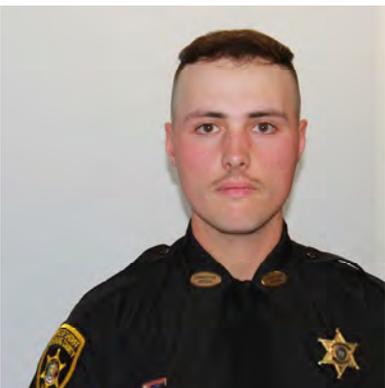
Officer Logan Jones



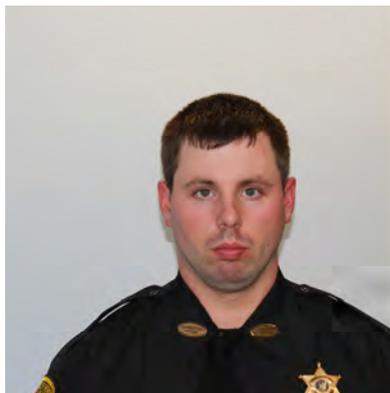
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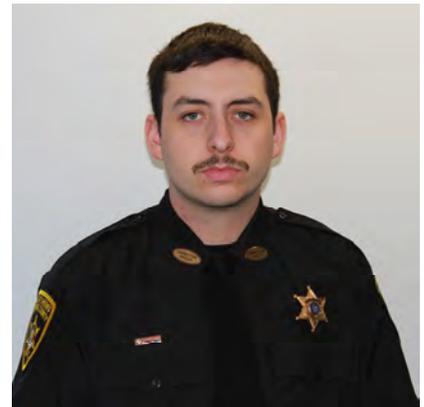
Officer Cameron Reid



Officer Robert Castrechino

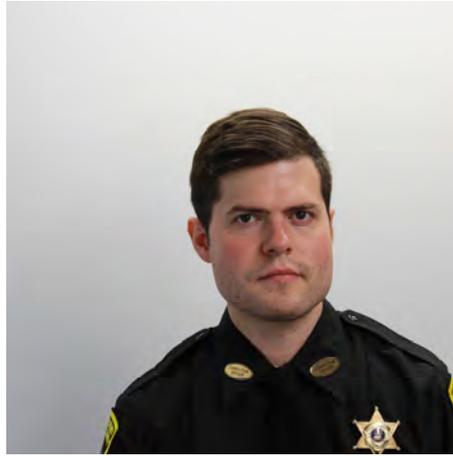


Officer Herman Thomas



Officer Adam Ward

Corrections Division



Officer Nick Viele

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



Com. Oper. Yolanda Fish

Special Patrol Officers



SPO Scott McGrain



SPO Howard Leipham



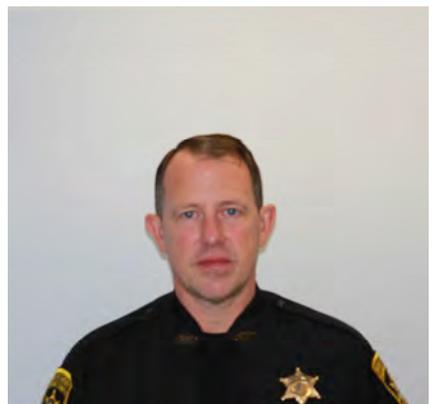
SPO Mike Collins



SPO Mike Wheeler



SPO Mike Skroskznik



SPO William Solt



SPO Scott Wheeler

2023 Retirements

In 2023, the Sheriff's Office had 12 retirements with a combined 271 years of service and knowledge with the Sheriff's Office. Two in the Patrol Services Division and three in the Corrections Division . Their knowledge and professionalism will be missed, but we wish them all the best for a long, happy, healthy, and well deserved retirement.

Road Patrol

Captain Mathew Stevens

Lieutenant Mike Skroskznik

Deputy Mike Wheeler

Deputy Chris Black

Deputy Todd Degarmo

Deputy Kevin Draxler

Deputy John Allen

Deputy Jason Smith

Corrections

Lt. Daniel Howe

Officer Thomas Griffiths

Officer David Canali

911

Communications Operator Bradley Jacobus

In Memoriam



Emma Jane Stewart 911 Dispatcher



Warren Denson Corrections Officer



Thomas Wingert Corrections Officer

CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

