

# Annual Report 2024

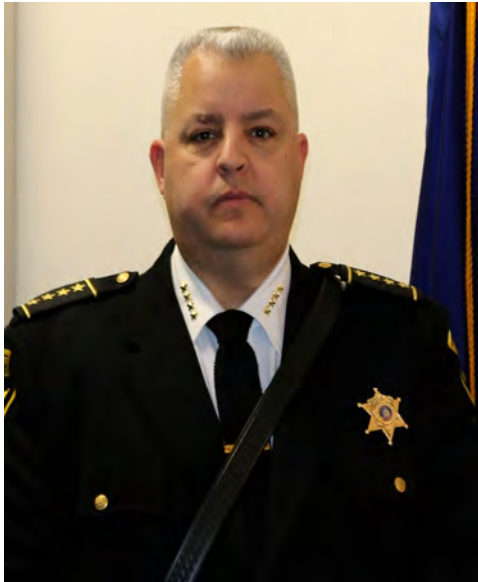
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Inv. Michael Theetge



Chemung County Sheriff's Office

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



**Sheriff**



**Undersheriff**



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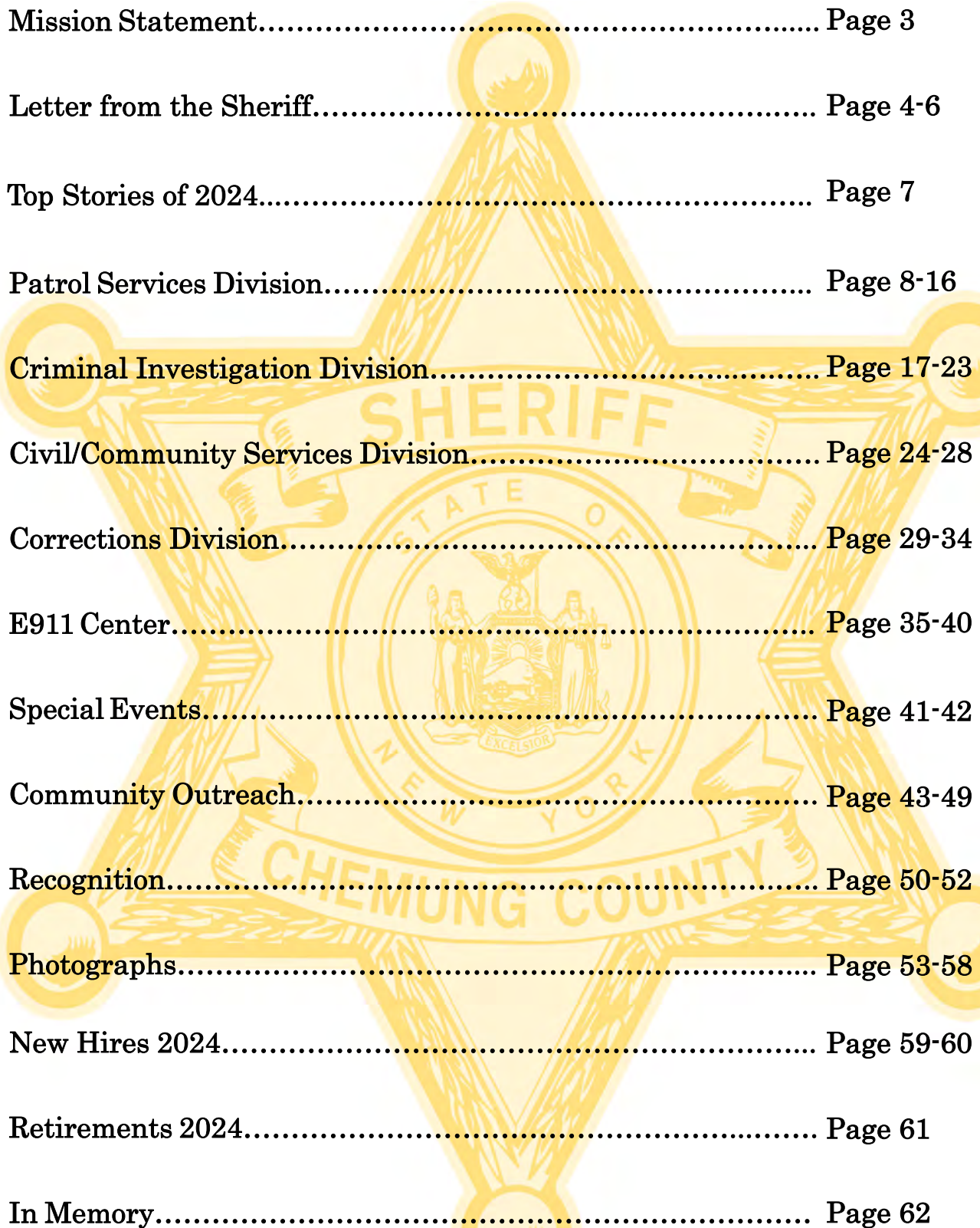
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**Administrative Assistant**



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**P/T 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 2024, there are over 165 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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### **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 E911 Communication 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 at times don't see a police presence. These create many unique challenges to the Deputy that they must adapt to daily. 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 Incarcerated Individuals (II's) (both male and female). These IIs are incarcerated for a variety of charges, ranging from minor Misdemeanors to violent Felonies. Some IIs are housed for periods of time up to, and in some cases, exceeding one-year. Our II population provides a variety of challenges such as violent behavior, disciplinary problems, medical issues, pregnant females, escape attempts, assaults on staff, suicides, mental health and detoxing individuals, to mention a few.

In 2022, we added the E911 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 2024, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office, and all men and women of law enforcement, were faced with challenging times, but also found many successes.

### **2024 Accomplishments:**

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office had a busy 2024. Many goals and objectives had been put in place for the 2024 year, which we were able to achieve. These goals and objectives included:

1. We were able to successfully fully staff our E911 Communication Center.
2. We were successful in our continuing efforts in updating and improving the effectiveness of our E911 Communication Center. We accomplished this by integrating the use of the Elmira Police Department Flock camera system, which works to alert Communication Center Operators when the gunshot detection system is activated. This allows for quick dispatching of law enforcement to the area where the gunshot(s) are detected.
3. We were successful in upgrading our Body Cameras for jail personnel which provides better audio and video quality for interactions with IIs.
4. We were successful in the launch of our new Sheriff's App. With 5,000+ downloads, the App serves as an innovative way for the Sheriff's Office to connect with Chemung County residents and visitors, providing information quickly & efficiently to anyone with a smartphone.
5. We started to work on a multi-county radio project, which is slated to be completed by 2027. This will upgrade our radio system and provide redundancy with the radio capabilities for law enforcement, fire, and county highway personnel.

### **Moving forward:**

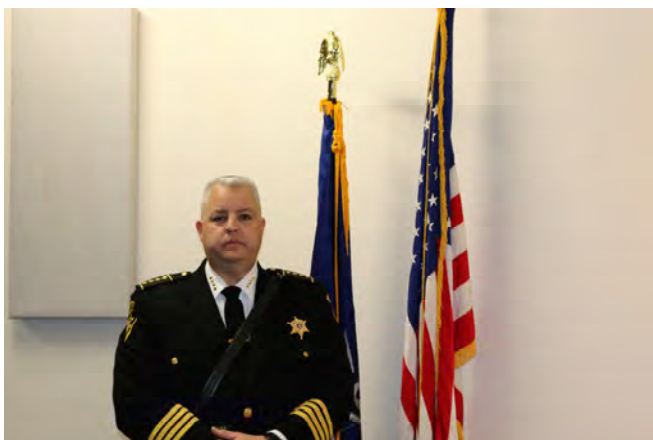
The Chemung County Sheriff's Office is committed to maintaining our achieved accomplishments and agency professionalism throughout the year. We will work hard to achieve this with goals and objectives set in place for 2025. These include, but aren't limited to, the following:

1. Purchasing and implementing a full person body scanner for Incarcerated Individuals in an effort to assist with identifying and eliminating contraband in the facility .
2. We will continue the work on the multi-county radio project in an effort to keep our timeline on track for the 2027 completion date.

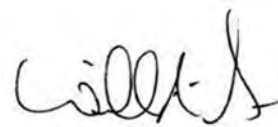
3. Continue to work hard to get all divisions of the Sheriff's Office to full staff and to retain personnel in order to provide the best service possible to the community.
4. We will be looking to complete our reaccreditation process for the Road Patrol Division.
5. We hope to implement a new Commissary process for the Chemung County Jail through the Keefe Group, who will facilitate this process for all Incarcerated Individuals.
6. We are budgeted to upgrade the Chemung County Jail with all new video and surveillance equipment as a major security benefit to all personnel, Incarcerated Individuals, and civilian staff who conduct various duties and responsibilities throughout the year.

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 email at [sheriff@chemungcountyny.gov](mailto:sheriff@chemungcountyny.gov).



Sincerely,



William A. Schrom  
Chemung County Sheriff

# Top Stories of 2024



## **Current times:**

Price of gas - **\$3.563/gallon**

Price of bread - **\$3.80/loaf**

Price of eggs - **\$3.65/dozen**

#1 movie - **Inside Out 2**

Winner of Superbowl – **Kansas City Chiefs**

Winner of World Series – **LA Dodgers**

Minimum Wage - **\$15/hour**

Starting salaries

Communications Operator \$23.1766/hr. or \$48,207/year

Corrections Officer \$25.1700/hr. or \$52,353/year

Deputy Sheriff \$29.6369/hr. or \$61,645/year

President – **Joe Biden**

## **National News:**

Election Biden / Harris vs. Trump

07/13/24 Trump survives assassination attempt

07/21/24 Biden withdraws from presidential race

09/15/24 Trump survives second assassination attempt

11/05/24 Trump wins the Presidential election

03/26/24 Baltimore Key Bridge collapses after ship collision

04/08/24 Total Solar Eclipse

10/09/24 Hurricane Milton hits Florida

10/30/24 P'Nut the Squirrel euthanized (and Fred the Raccoon)

12/05/24 United Healthcare CEO killed

## **Sheriff's Office News:**

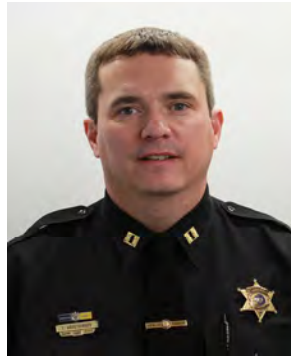
03/29/24 Inv. Michael Theetge hit and run

05/24/24 Launched Sheriff's App

11/15/24 J'Sean Williams Homicide Case



## 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 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. Under the Captain are 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 their shift.

## 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 2024, the Patrol Services Division recorded 22,796 primary complaints. The Patrol Services Division issued 2,681 traffic tickets to motorists over the year and investigated 581 reportable motor vehicle collisions.



## Patrol Services Division Statistics:

<b>Incident Reports</b>	<b>22,796</b>
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### Events handled between hours:

2200 hrs - 0600 hrs	6,326
0601 hrs - 1400 hrs	7,317
1401 hrs - 2200 hrs	9,153

Felony charge	163
Misdemeanor charge	472
Offenses charge	81

	Adults	Juvenile
Male Arrests	465	43
Female Arrests	196	12
<b>Total Adult Arrests</b>	<b>661</b>	
<b>Total Juvenile Arrests</b>	<b>55</b>	

### Major Investigations

Homicide/Manslaughter	1
Rape	0
Robbery	1
Assault	4
Burglary	14
Grand Larceny	2
Vehicle Larceny	5

### Motor Vehicle Accident 581

Property Damage	76
Personal Injury	64
Fatality	2
DWI Arrests	51
Alcohol involved	19
Animal involved	208

### Records Division

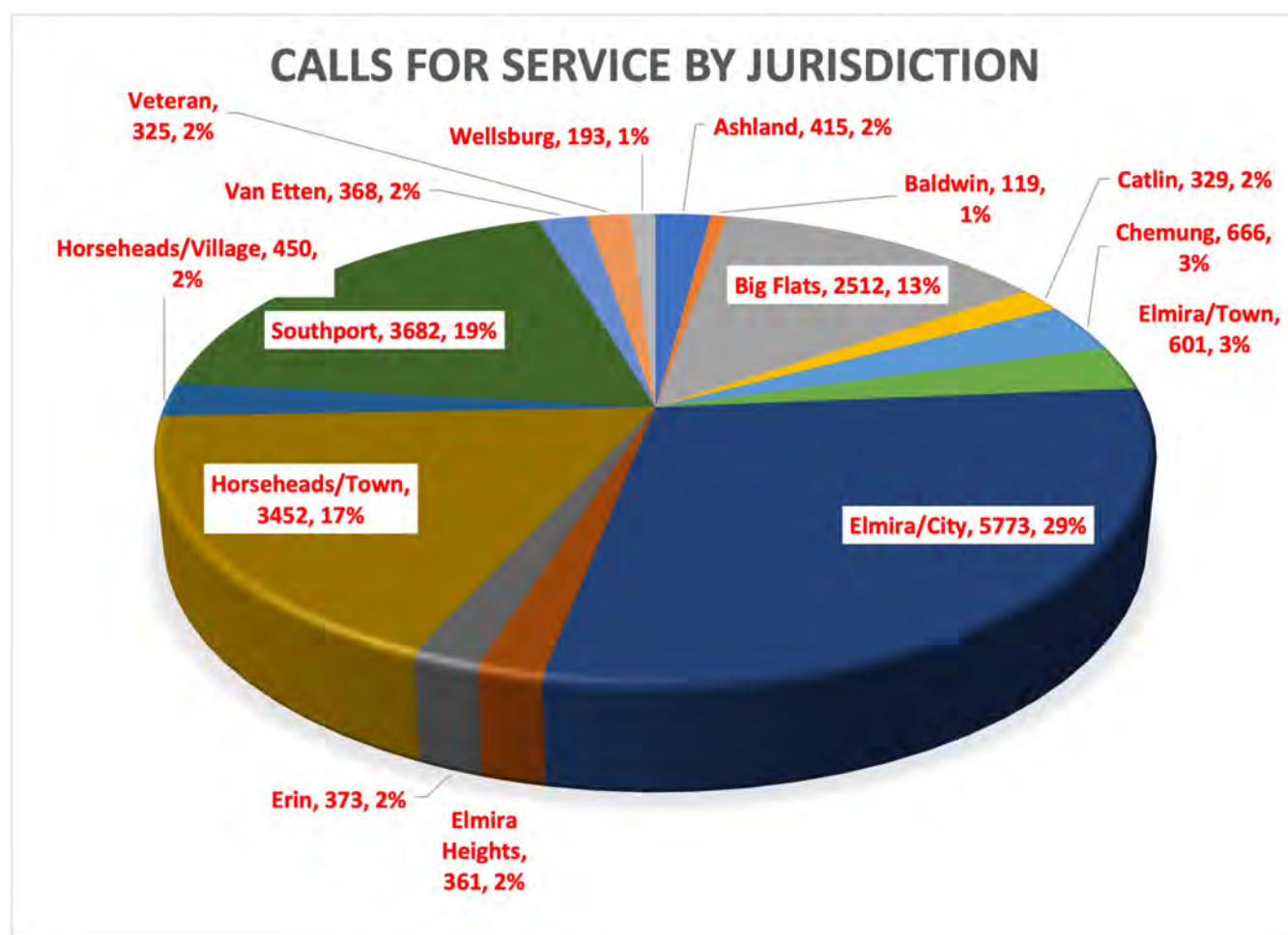
FOIL Requests	523
Warrants Received	390
Background Checks	290
Background Fee receipts	\$920.00
Bad Check Fee receipts	\$0.00
Copy fees	\$187.23
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$1,107.23</b>

### Transports

Courts	40
Mental Health	3
Raise The Age	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>



## Patrol Services Division



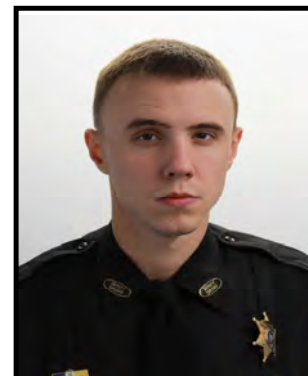
## Enhanced Patrol Activities

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 98 hours of dedicated traffic enforcement, issuing 118 Traffic Tickets. These dedicated enforcement efforts are targeted at aggressive driving with the goal of reducing traffic collisions.

## DRE

Deputy Jacob Cardinale is a Certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) who is highly skilled in the detection and identification of persons impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. He is trained to conduct a systematic and standardized 12-step evaluation consisting of physical, mental and medical components. Deputy Cardinale completed three phases of classes with over 70 hours of training.





# 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 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 127 citizens that had overdosed on heroin or opioid derivative which resulted in their lives being saved. In 2024, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office has successfully administered Narcan in the following jurisdictions:

- 4– Town of Big Flats
- 3– Town of Southport
- 2– Van Etten
- 1– Village of Wellsburg





## K-9 Unit - Egon



K-9 Egon is a Malinois purchased by the CCSO in 2020 and he has been working with his handler, Sgt. Pirozzolo since then. He is certified by NYS DCJS as a Patrol, Tracking and Narcotics K-9 and assists in lost and missing persons, combating the flow of dangerous drugs in our area, and aids in the tracking and apprehension of suspects.



## Bike Patrol

The Sheriff's Office and other local law enforcement agencies have participated in bike patrols at various locations/events throughout the county, to include the Lackawanna Catherine Valley bike and hiking trail. While patrolling these areas, personnel are interacting with the public on a variety of levels to include looking for and apprehending subjects with outstanding Warrants.





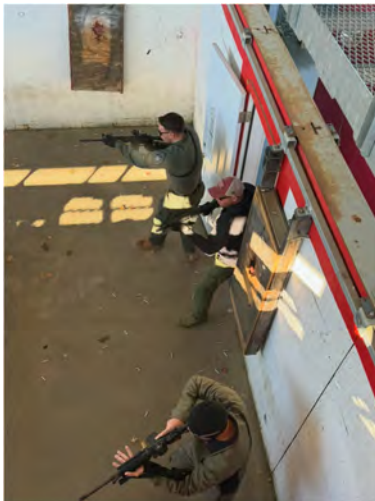
# Special Services Unit



The Special Services Unit (SSU) 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 at special weapons and tactics for high risk situations.



Sig Sauer Training Academy in New Hampshire



SSU firearm training



Stairwell training



Door breaching training





**Interview & Interrogation Training**



**Road Check**



**Speed Sign**



**Road Patrol**



## Battering Ram

The Sheriff's Office was extremely grateful to the Hilliard Corporation for their donation of a reinforced breaching door to our Special Services Unit on April 29, 2024. They continue to demonstrate their support not only to our community, but to law enforcement and first responders who serve our community.

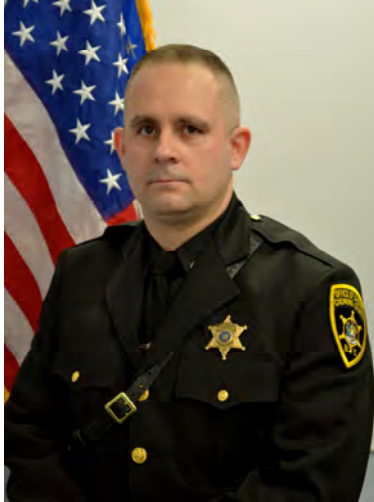


## Drone

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office purchased their first drone in 2016. We have personnel certified to use the unmanned aerial vehicle (Drone). The drone has been used for locating elusive criminals, missing individuals and checking for homeless encampments on restricted properties.



# Criminal Investigation Division



Lieutenant Jeremiah Ayers

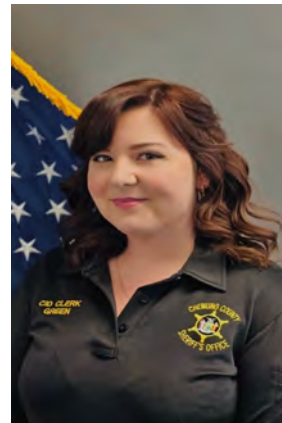
## Mission

- 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 2024 CID handled 324 cases, ranging from assisting other agencies to crimes against persons.**

## Types of cases handled by CID:

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



Emily Green, CID Clerk



Intelligence Officer Thomas Huffman



Intelligence Officer Christopher Sullivan



# 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 365 days, day or night, to respond to incidents;
- Responsible for the dissemination of intel to agency members and other Law Enforcement;



## Sex Offender Management

### CID Responsibility

100 Sex Offenders in Chemung County

- 19 Level III
- 53 Level II
- 38 Level III
- 3 no designation assigned



# Criminal Investigation Division

## Child Advocacy Center

### CAC Purpose

In 2024 Investigators assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division investigated 24 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 Team.

### Partners

- Law Enforcement
- District Attorney
- Department of Social Services / Family Services
- Medical
- Mental Health



### Major Investigations

- Assault - 4
- Burglary - 14
- Deaths - 27
- Grand Larceny - 2
- Homicide - 1
- Kidnapping - 1
- Larceny of Vehicle - 5
- Serious Injury/Fatal MVA- 7
- Robbery - 1
- Weapons - 2





# Criminal Investigation Division

## CID Statistics 2024

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Closed by Arrest</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>Other</b>
Arson	1	1	0	0
Assault	4	2	0	2
Assist Agency	12	0	0	12
Assist Agency FD	1	0	0	1
Assist Citizen	3	0	0	3
Background Investigation	52	0	0	52
Burglary	14	6	0	8
Intel	75	0	0	75
Child Abuse	7	0	0	7
Controlled Substance	1	0	0	1
Criminal Contempt	1	1	0	0
Criminal Mischief	1	0	0	1
Death Investigations	27	0	0	27
Disturbance	1	1	0	0
Fire Investigation	1	0	0	1
Fraud Investigation	5	0	0	5
Fugitive from Justice	26	25	0	1
GIVE Investigation	1	0	0	1
Grand Larceny	2	1	0	1
Gun Shots	1	0	0	1
Harassment	1	0	0	1
Homicide	1	1	0	0
Jail Incidents	16	8	0	8
Kidnapping	1	1	0	0
Larceny	10	2	0	8
Larceny-Motor Vehicle	5	0	0	5
MVA/Fatal	2	0	0	2
MVA/Person Inj.	5	1	0	4
Officer Injured	1	0	0	1
Prison Contraband	9	1	0	8
Property Found	2	0	0	2
Robbery	1	1	0	0
School Threat	4	0	0	4
Sex Offender Registry Violation	10	0	0	10
Sex Offense	4	1	0	3
Sex Offense- Child	17	1	0	16
Stolen Property	1	1	0	0
Suicide	2	0	0	2
Suspicious Condition	9	0	0	9
Suspicious Person	1	0	0	1
Take Back the Streets Detail	1	0	0	1
Traffic Investigation	1	0	0	1
Weapons	2	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>288</b>

# HIGH PROFILE CID CASE OF 2024

## MASSALINE & HALEY



On March 29, 2024, CCSO and NYSP conducted a joint retail theft detail at the Target store in Consumer Square. At about 6:45 p.m., while pursuing a larceny suspect in the parking lot on foot, the suspect ran toward a get-away car and attempted to jump over the hood. Inv. Theetge was directly behind the suspect and was able to tackle him on the hood of the vehicle. Instead of stopping, the driver accelerated the vehicle and turned abruptly causing Inv. Theetge and the suspect to fall off the hood. The suspect landed directly on top of Inv. Theetge causing Inv. Theetge to strike his head on the pavement, rendering him unresponsive. As a result of the driver's actions, Inv. Theetge sustained a skull fracture and brain bleed. All feared Inv. Theetge would not survive his injuries. Due to his strong will to live, the love and support of his family and friends, his family in blue, as well as the outpouring of support and contributions from the community, Inv. Theetge is well on his way to a normal life again. During this incident, a NYSP Investigator, Brian Kozemko, was also injured while taking the larceny suspect into custody. The Sheriff personally wants to thank all law enforcement, E911, and all medical personnel for everything they did that night and in the weeks to follow.

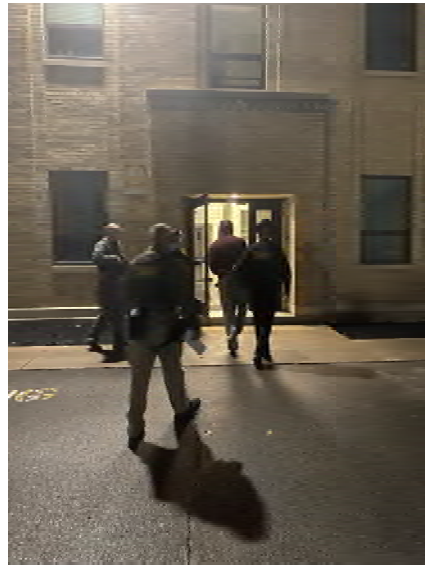
The larceny suspect, **DOMINICK J. HALEY**, age 24, was taken into custody immediately. **HALEY** was charged with Assaulting a Police Officer and Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, both class C Violent Felonies, and Petit Larceny, a Class A Misdemeanor. On 03/03/25, **HALEY** plead guilty to all charges. He was sentenced to 12.5 years in prison and 5 years post-release supervision.

A massive law enforcement search was conducted for the driver, **FATIUNAA.MASSALINE**, age 24, who eventually turned herself in the next day. **MASSALINE** went to trial and was found guilty on both charges, Assaulting a Police Officer and Assault in the 2nd Degree, both Class C Violent Felonies. She was sentenced to 12.5 years in prison and 5 years post-release supervision.



# HIGH PROFILE CID CASE OF 2024

## MASSALINE & HALEY



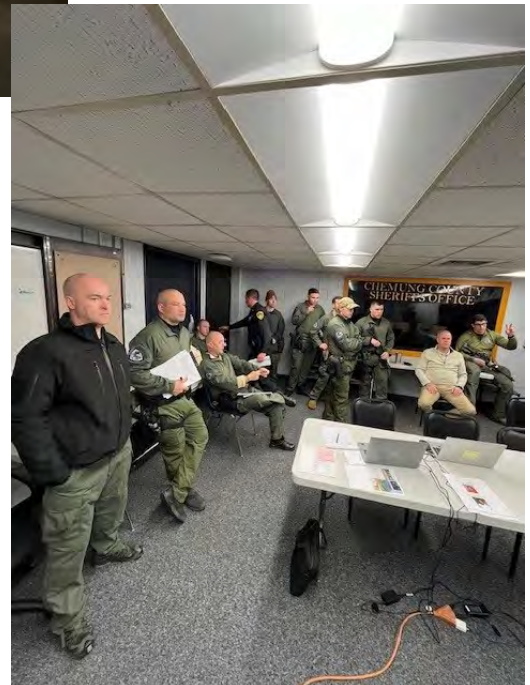
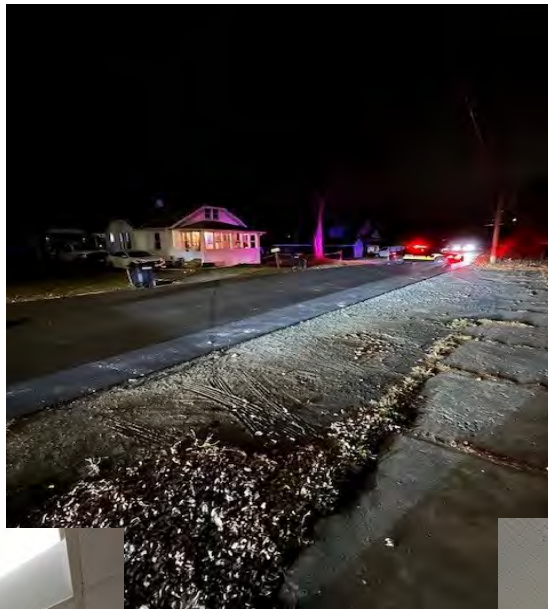


# HIGH PROFILE CID CASE OF 2024

## WILLIAMS HOMICIDE



On November 15, 2024, at about 12:46 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to 1154 Richard St., in the Town of Southport, to investigate a report of a shooting that occurred at that location. Upon arrival, Deputies learned that there was a birthday party at that location consisting of mostly underage people. At some point in time, the victim, J'SEAN WILLIAMS, age 21, went outside the residence and was shot multiple times by an individual(s) who then fled the area in a vehicle. Shortly thereafter, J'SEAN WILLIAMS died as a result of the injuries he sustained. The Sheriff's Office spent many man hours working on this case, which resulted in the arrest of **MICHAEL WILLIAMS**, age 17, on 11/23/24. He was charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree, a Class A-1 Felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, Class C Felony. Disposition is still pending.





## Civil/Community Services Division



**Lt. Joseph Dieterle**

**Civil/Community Services Commander**

## Civil Division



**Sergeant Charles Kennedy**



**Deputy Jeremy Rucker**

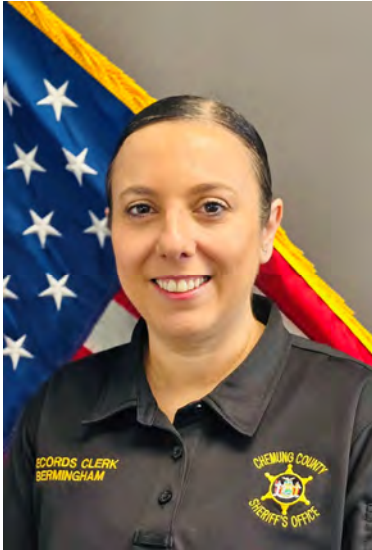


**Civil Clerk Diane Brown**

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 recognition. In 2024, the Civil Office processed \$1,054,226.20 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 \$110,894.26, which was transferred to the Chemung County Treasurer's Office. The Civil Office consists of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, one Deputy, and one full-time Clerk.

# Civil/Community Services Division

## Records Division

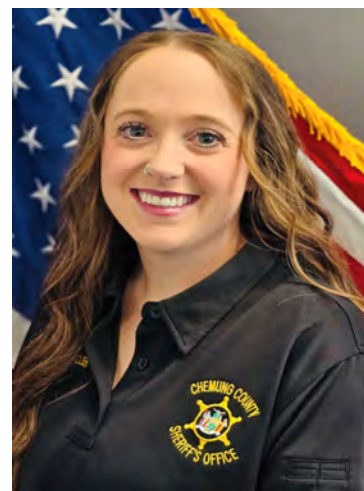


**Records Clerk  
Simona Bermingham**

The Records Division is a central data collection and processing office responsible for compiling and processing case files, arrests and accident reports. In addition, this office is responsible for completing audits, reports and FOIL requests. The office is vital to the Deputy Sheriffs as it reduces their administrative workload and enables the Deputies to concentrate their efforts on patrol functions. The office received 523 FOIL requests, completed 290 background checks and processed 390 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 2024, 72 transports were completed. The Records Office consists of one full-time clerk.

## Pistol Permit Division

In 2024, the Pistol Permit Office issued 173 new permits and processed 1,432 amendments, which included handgun purchases and transfers. There were 47 pistol permits that were suspended or revoked and 6 applicants who were denied. The total revenue generated by the Pistol Permit Office in 2024 was \$38,383.00, which includes new applications, amendments and purchase coupons. The Pistol Permit Office consists of one full-time clerk.



**Pistol Permit Clerk  
Amanda Lord**

# Civil/Community Services Division

## Airport Security

The Sheriff continued to support the Elmira/Corning Regional Airport in 2024 by providing on-site law enforcement coverage at the airport. This assignment is a deterrent to terrorism while supporting the public interests of the passengers and guests.



## The Human Resource Center Security

The Human Resource Center Security consists of two full-time Deputy Sheriffs. 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 depositions into Flex, the records management system. In 2024, there were 109,392 persons scanned at the entry checkpoint. There were 720 restricted items identified during initial screening process and prohibited from entering the facility.



**Deputy John MacBeth and Deputy Tom Barr**



# Civil/Community Services Division

## Community Resource Officer / Special Patrol Officer



**Sergeant Brandon Couse**



**Sergeant Thomas Kimble**



For the 2023 -2024 school year there were four (4) School Resource Officers, and sixteen (16) Special Patrol Officers assigned to local schools, which represented the Elmira City School District, BOCES Campus, Finn Academy, and the Horseheads School District. In addition, there are two (2) supervisors assigned to oversee personnel within each of these schools who are responsible for coordinating training, scheduling, special event coverage, acting as a liaison with school administration to name a few of their many duties and responsibilities. The breakdown of the assignments of personnel is as follows; there is one (1) School Resource Officer assigned to each of the following schools: Elmira High School, Broadway Academy, Ernie Davis Academy, and the BOCES campus. There is one (1) Special Patrol Officer assigned to each of the following schools: Pine City, Broadway, Parley-Colburn, Riverside, Diven, Hendy, Fassett, and Beecher Elementary. There is also a Special Patrol Officer assigned to Finn Academy and the BOCES campus. These School 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 addition, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office has six (6) Special Patrol Officers assigned to the Horseheads School District. These Special Patrol Officers are assigned to Big Flats, Gardner Road, Center Street, and Ridge Road Elementary schools, the Middle/Intermediate School, and the High School.

In this environment, and in addition to their regular duties and responsibilities, the School 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, 6 felony, 25 misdemeanor and 10 violation arrests. Fortunately, arrests within the schools are not a common occurrence as the focus remains on creating a safe and orderly learning environment for all.



## Civil/Community Services Division



**Southport Residential Deputy Joshua Arnold**

The Sheriff maintained his support to the Town of Southport in 2024 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 734 calls for service, completed 26 arrests, and issued 139 traffic tickets. The Southport Resident Deputy completed over 13,000 miles of patrol activities in the Town of Southport for 2024.

<u>Date: 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS
Category													
Incident Reports	46	27	23	28	140	97	17	74	75	78	65	64	734
Uniform Traffic Tickets	20	15	6	8	40	11	11	2	10	6	2	8	139
Parking Tickets	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	16
Traffic Stops	7	4	3	9	68	17	1	8	8	12	4	9	150
Traffic Accidents handled	2	1	1	2	0	3	0	1	2	2	1	3	18
Code Enforcement Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Misdemeanor Arrests	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	5	4	1	19
DWI Arrests	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Violation Arrests	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Mileage	1,609	1,691	1,087	1,273	1,629	1,134	1,340	1,252	1,179	1,496	1,225		

## **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 Incarcerated Individuals

Two Distinct Types of Housing Settings:

Direct Supervision – For General Housing, Male and Female

Close Confinement – Based on Security needs

### **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 2024

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



## Incarcerated Individual Education Services

The facility must offer educational services to all Incarcerated Individuals who are under the age of 21 and have yet to receive their High School Diploma or TASC Diploma. The facility also offers Incarcerated Individuals 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 Incarcerated Individuals, 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 pre-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

Physician Assistant—Thomas B. Coss

One (1) Administrative Nurse

Two (2) Full Time Registered Nurses

Services Provided Include

- Incarcerated Individual Pregnancies
- X-Rays
- Emergency Room Visits
- Dental Services
- Incarcerated Individual Physicals
- Incarcerated Individual Education
- Diabetes, Heart Disease and Medications



## Medical Transports 2024 - 233 Total

Hospital Evaluations - 30

Hospital Evaluations w/ Admission - 7

Hospital Evaluations w/ Observation - 5

Hospital Evaluation w/ Admission/Surgery - 0

Hospital Evaluation, Discharged from Custody - 2

Dental Visits - 39

## Consulting Physicians

Pregnancy – OB/GYN visits - 18

Child Births - 0

Urology Associates - 1

Plastic Surgeon - 4

Eye Care - 2

Gastroenterology - 0

General Surgeon - 6

Orthopedic Consult - 3

STD - 31

ENT - 1

# Corrections Division

## Diagnostic Testing

CT Scans / MRI - 9

Eye Exams - 0

Ultrasounds - 13

X-Rays - 16

Surgery - 0

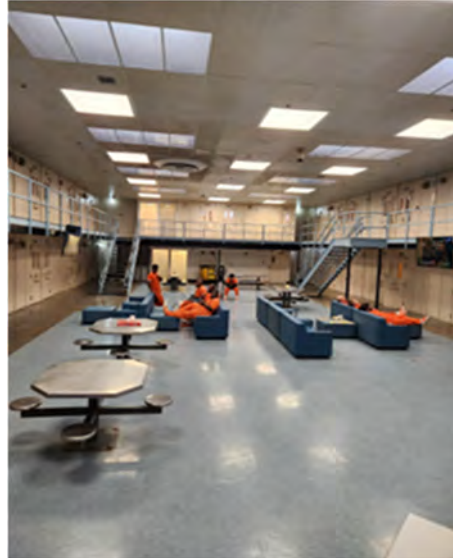
Same Day Surgery - 5

Lab Work - 33

Mammogram - 2

Stress Test - 1

Medication-assisted treatment (MAT), Incarcerated Individuals participating - 154



## Mental Health Services

Provided by Family Services

-One Psychiatrist

-Two Forensic Counselors

## Number of Services Provided

Approximately 215 Incarcerated Individuals seen by Psychiatrist and Forensic Counselors

Approximately 264 Incarcerated Individuals evaluated by Crisis Intervention for risk of suicide

CONSTANT WATCHES - 65

## Jail Statistics – 2024

TOTAL ADMISSION 2024 - 978 Incarcerated Individuals

Felony Incarcerations - Male 374 - Female 110

Misdemeanor Incarcerations - Male 200 - Female 80

Other Offenses - Male 9 - Female 14

Housed in from other Counties - Male 1 - Female 14

Federal Incarcerated Individuals - 0

Parole Violators - 73

Average Daily Population 2024-106



## Corrections Division

### Chemung County Sheriff's Initiative – Project H.O.P.E. (Heroin Opioid Prevention Education)

Assessments and Consults for 2024 - 211

### Revenue from Board-Ins

The Chemung County Jail housed-in 14 Incarcerated Individuals from Schuyler County in 2024. The total revenue accrued for 2024 from the housed-in Incarcerated Individuals was \$30,960.00

### Incarcerated Individuals Transferred to NYSDOCS

Males - 72

Females - 12

TOTAL - 84

### Parole Violators Returned to NYSDOCS

Males - 27

Females - 1

TOTAL - 28

### Incarcerated Individuals Meals Ordered and Costs

The Chemung County Jail must supply the Incarcerated Individual 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 ordered for 2024 is as follows:

TOTAL ORDERED = 136,863

COST = \$449,325.90

COST PER MEAL = \$3.11

# Corrections Division

## Basic Corrections Officer Academy

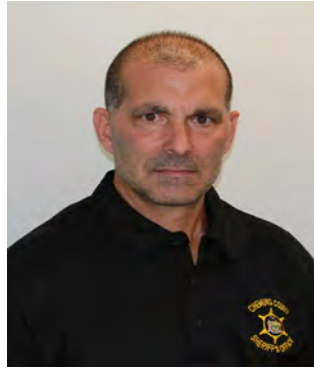


## Jail Amnesty Program

In 2024, our Amnesty Box was used by newly admitted Incarcerated Individuals on 5 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 and methamphetamine.



# Communications E911



**Director Michael Marrone**

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office took over the operations of the Chemung County Communication Center (E911), making the E911 Center the fifth division of the Sheriff's Office. The E911 Center is manned by one Director, who is responsible for the day to day operations of the center and he reports directly to the Undersheriff and Sheriff. There are also 21 full-time and one part-time Communications Operators.

## The E911 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.



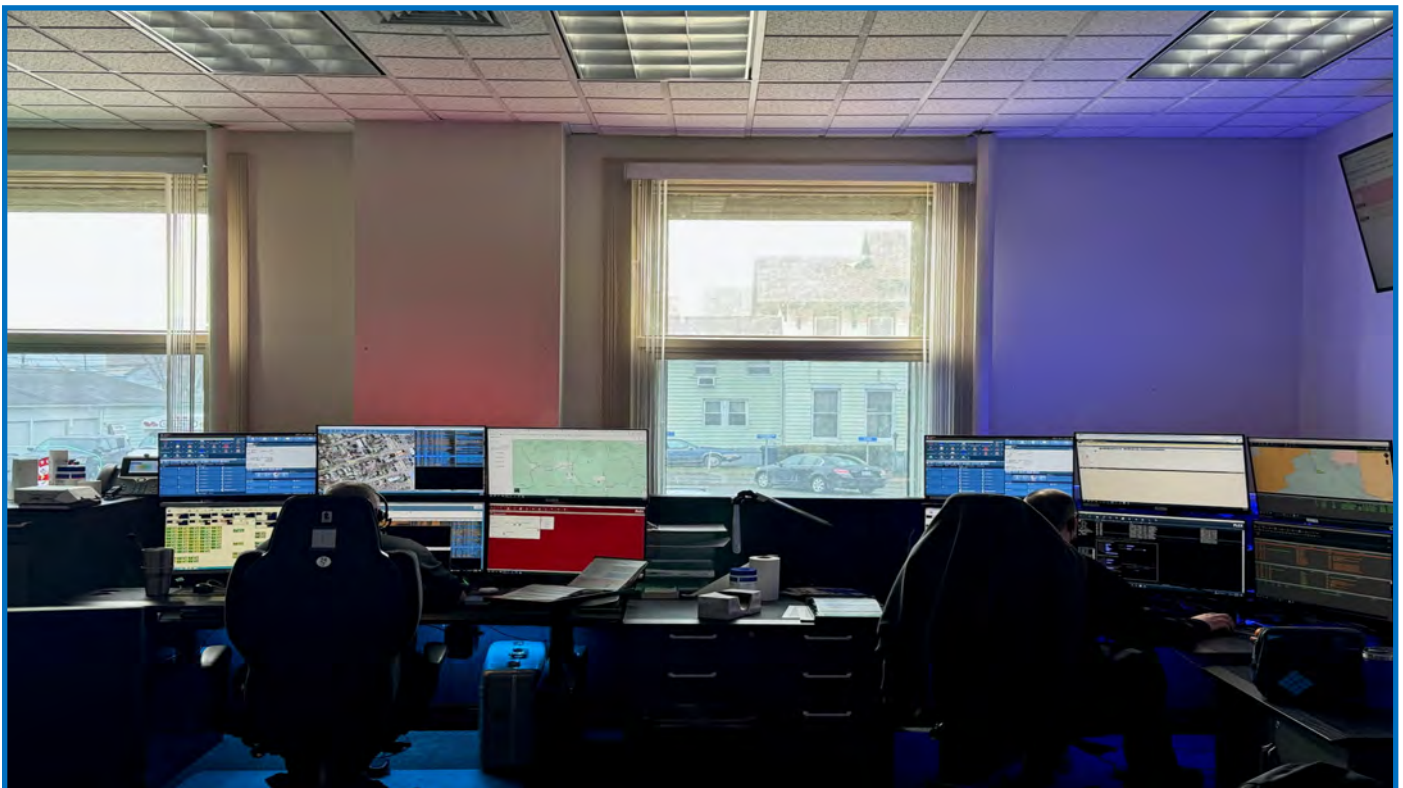
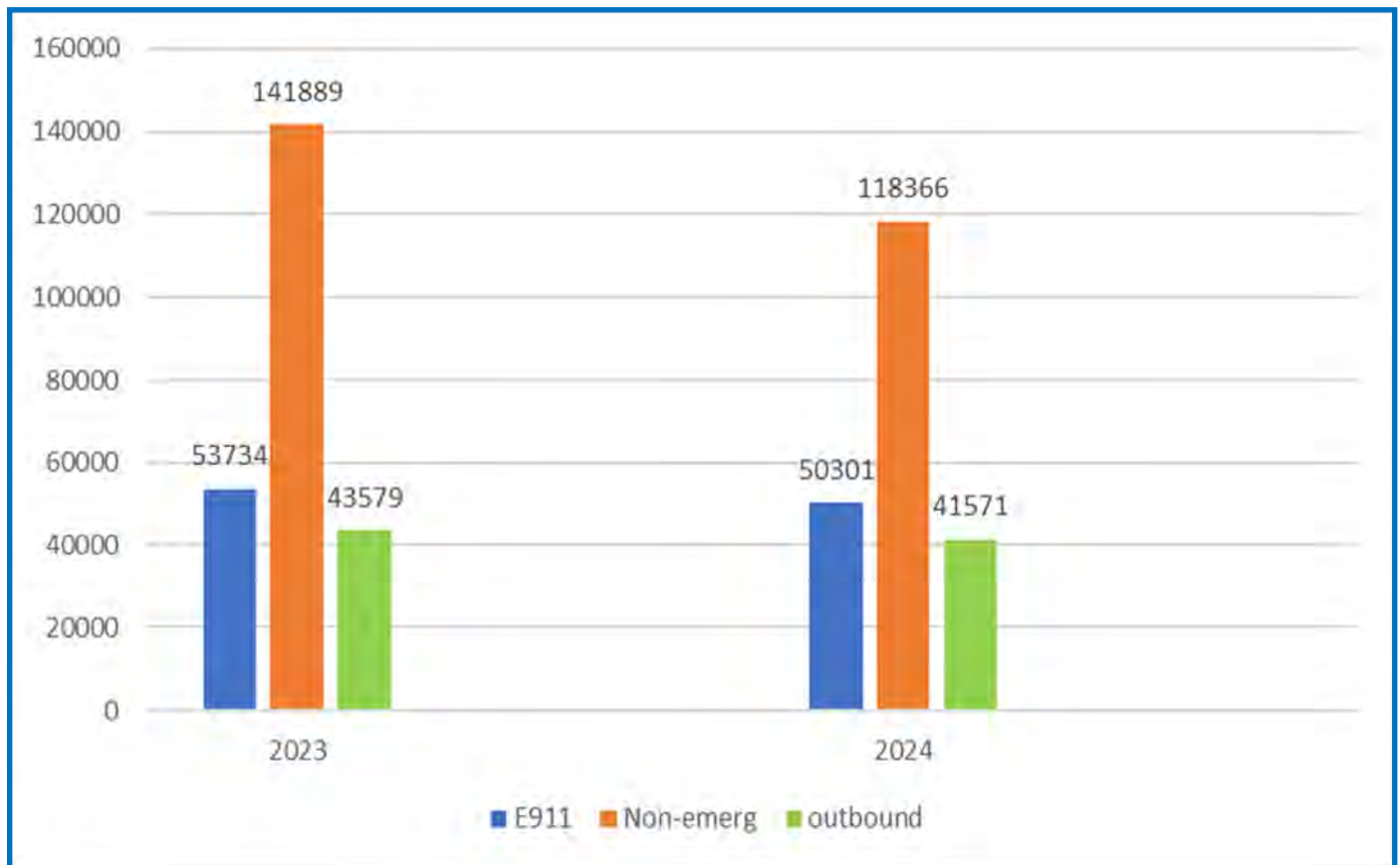
## Total E911 Blotters 2024

<b><u>AGENCY</u></b>	<b><u>#BLOTTERS</u></b>
CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	22,796
ELMIRA POLICE DEPARTMENT	44,809
ELMIRA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT	8,898
HORSEHEADS POLICE DEPARTMENT	7,326
WEST ELMIRA POLICE DEPARTMENT	4,734
NEW YORK STATE POLICE	12,626
<b>TOTAL POLICE BLOTTERS</b>	<b>101,189</b>
AIRPORT	5
BALDWIN FIRE DEPARTMENT	122
BIG FLATS FIRE DEPARTMENT	840
BREESPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	209
CHEMUNG FIRE DEPARTMENT	207
ELMIRA FIRE DEPARTMENT	5,182
ELMIRA HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT	841
ERIN FIRE DEPARTMENT	226
GOLDEN GLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT	89
HORSEHEADS FIRE DEPARTMENT	824
MILLPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	148
PINE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT	297
SOUTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	217
TOMPKINS CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT	101
TOWN & COUNTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT	677
WEBBS MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT	144
WELLSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT	192
EAST HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT	93
WEST ELMIRA FIRE DEPARTMENT	426
VAN ETTEN COMMUNITY FIRE	195
<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BLOTTERS</b>	<b>11,035</b>
<b>TOTAL LE and FD BLOTTERS – 2024</b>	<b>112,224</b>

## E911 Blotters By Agency 2016-2024

AGENCY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CCSO	32084	29532	32495	30167	28069	23372	24102	23,406	22796
ELMIRA PD	33739	32511	31858	34418	39518	36436	40220	40,592	44809
ELMIRA HGTS PD	9451	10551	11931	11649	11440	10757	9935	9,279	8898
HORSEHEADS PD	6584	6784	8116	11969	10503	10760	9020	7,573	7326
W. ELMIRA PD	3310	4566	6495	6699	3865	3580	4244	4,146	4734
NYSP	16052	13133	12798	13177	12007	12330	10858	11,275	12626
<b>TOTAL LE BLOTTERS</b>	<b>94636</b>	<b>90293</b>	<b>95577</b>	<b>107779</b>	<b>105402</b>	<b>97235</b>	<b>98379</b>	<b>96,271</b>	<b>101,189</b>
AIRPORT	8	8	8	11	7	16	11	8	5
BALDWIN FD	88	78	73	71	90	109	116	87	122
BIG FLATS FD	646	658	739	761	634	741	747	778	840
BREESPORT FD	147	159	194	148	192	174	215	149	209
CHEMUNG FD	214	218	234	198	223	241	190	212	207
ELMIRA CITY FD	3809	3664	3719	4185	4181	4548	4934	4,925	5182
ELMIRA HGTS FD	611	621	618	625	612	599	707	680	841
ERIN FD	144	171	199	153	200	182	231	174	226
GOLDEN GLOW FD	74	79	98	81	70	81	83	95	89
HORSEHEADS VILLAGE FD	578	557	655	684	646	628	776	820	824
MILLPORT FD	117	142	163	146	121	141	180	182	148
PINE CITY FD	202	156	200	206	224	207	230	251	297
SOUTHPORT FD	196	157	154	192	182	188	185	211	217
TOMPKINS COR. FD	62	62	83	76	81	76	76	89	101
TOWN & COUNTRY FD	523	484	503	531	498	575	629	640	677
WEBB MILLS FD	88	83	61	65	63	109	106	116	144
WELLSBURG FD	204	193	202	169	155	192	233	200	192
EAST HILL FD	84	83	68	63	79	81	92	73	93
WEST ELMIRA FD	332	301	387	330	392	394	418	429	426
COMMUNITY FIRE FD	65	120	167	154	139	160	219	192	195
<b>TOTAL FD BLOTTERS</b>	<b>8192</b>	<b>7994</b>	<b>8525</b>	<b>8849</b>	<b>8789</b>	<b>9442</b>	<b>10378</b>	<b>10417</b>	<b>11035</b>

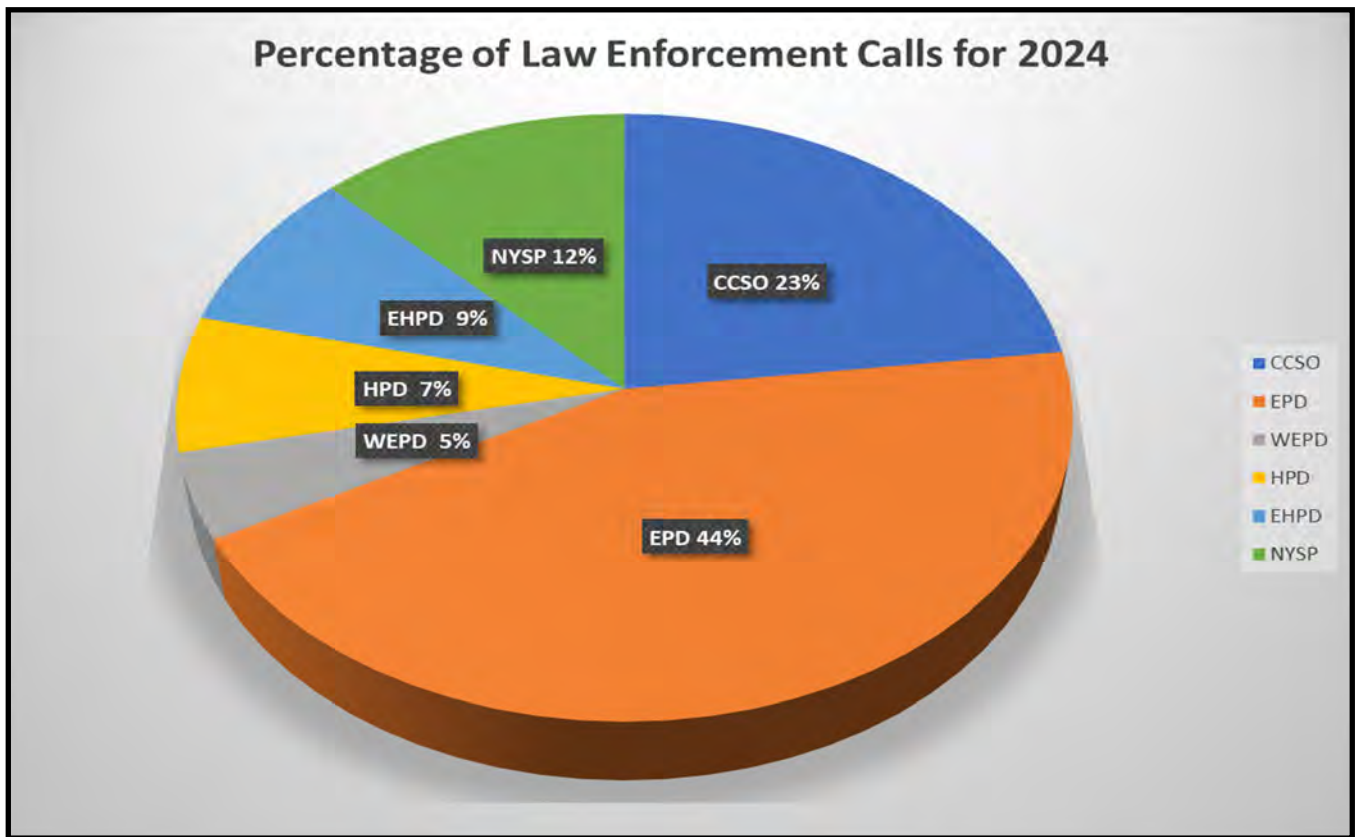
## Total E911 Phone Volume 2023 vs. 2024



**E911 Communications Center**



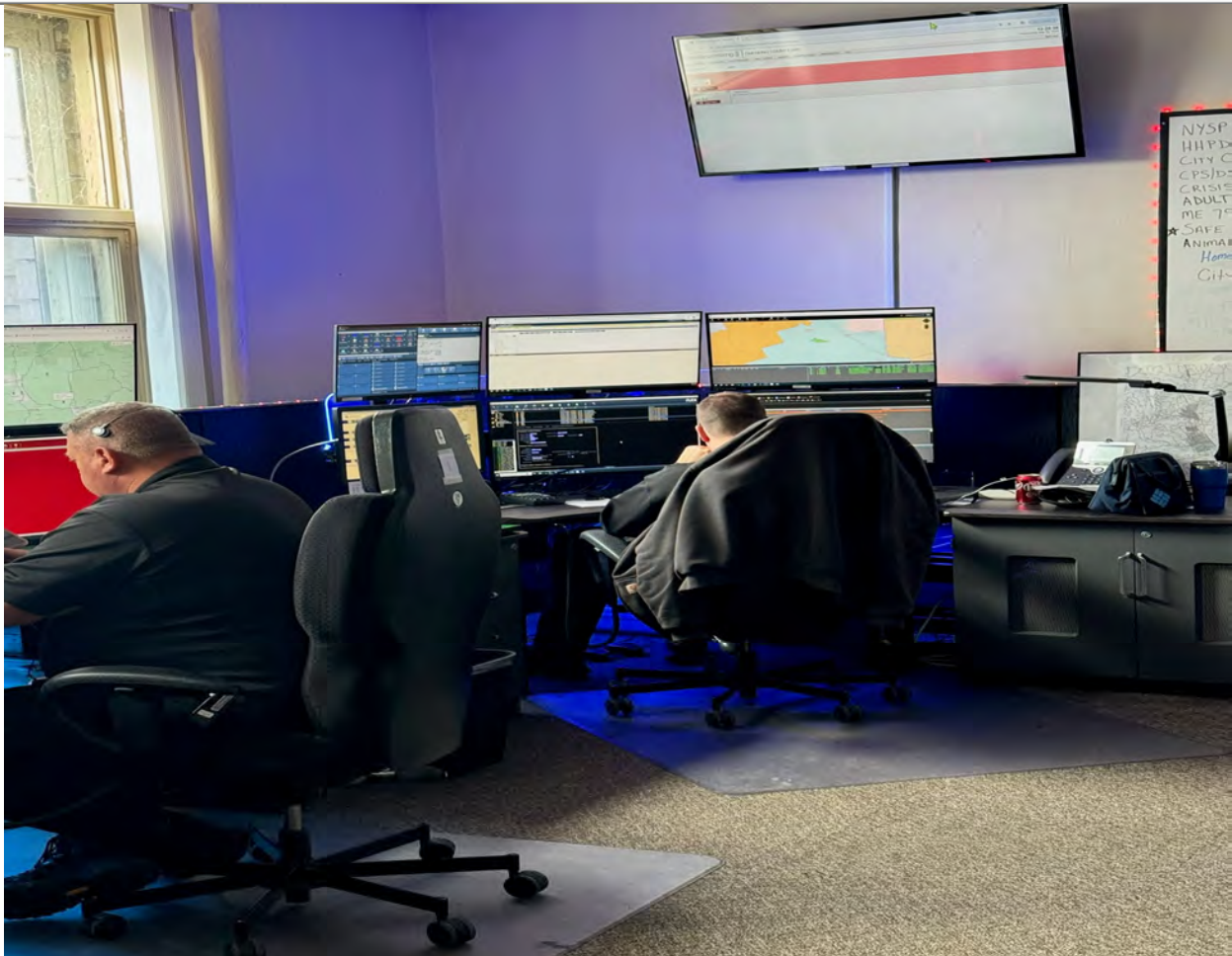
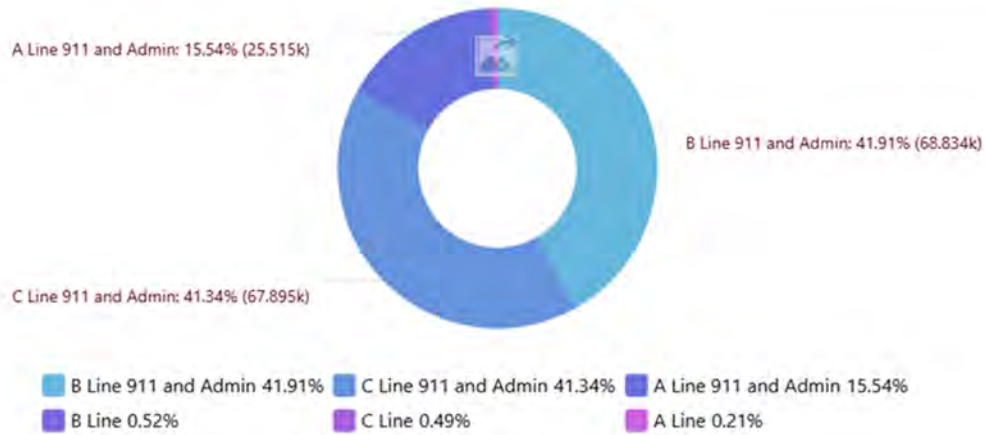
## Percentage of Calls by Jurisdiction for 2024



# E911 Calls Received Per Shift in 2024

SHIFT	
B Line 911 and Admin	68834
C Line 911 and Admin	67895
A Line 911 and Admin	25515

Total Calls Grouped by SHIFT





# SPECIAL EVENTS

## MARCH

03/07/24  
Twin Tiers Job Fair  
03/09/24  
St. Patrick's Day  
Parade  
03/30/24  
Southport Easter Egg  
Hunt



03/24/24 Operation Safe Child  
at Arena



04/24/24 CCC Job Fair

## MAY



05/04/24 Suicide Prevention



05/27/24 Elmira Heights  
Memorial Parade



05/31/24 Brantley Gilbert  
Concert @ Tags



06/08/24 Street Festival

## APRIL



03/21/24 Horseheads Town Hall



04/17/24 Applebees  
Special Olympics



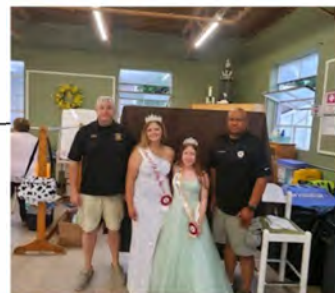
04/27/24 Rx Take Back

05/10/24  
Tags  
Billy Currington Concert  
05/15/24  
Schuyler County Memorial  
Day Service  
05/22/25  
EOP Head Start Carnival



05/27/24 Elmira Memorial  
Parade

## JUNE



06/05/24 Dairy Ambassador



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## JULY

07/11/24  
Child ID in Elmira Heights  
07/27/24  
Big Flats  
Community Days  
07/27/24  
Panther Pride VanEtten



08/02/24 Chemung  
County Fair



08/24/24 Strong Kids Safe Kids

## OCTOBER

10/09/24  
CCC Carnival  
10/10/24  
Town & Country FD  
Child ID  
10/11/24  
Horseheads FD Child ID



10/26/24 Trunk or Treat  
in Southport



12/14/24 Shop With A Cop

10/14/24  
Child ID  
at Elmira Heights FD  
10/19/24  
Rx Take Back  
10/26/24  
Harvest Fest  
at His Tabernacle  
10/26/24  
Trunk or Treat  
at Arnot Mall

## DECEMBER



06/19/24 Arnot Mall Carnival

06/10/24  
Arnot Health Fair  
06/15/24  
Juneteenth @ EOP  
06/24/24  
St. Joseph's  
Health Fair

## AUGUST



08/24/24 NAACP

## SEPTEMBER

09/19/24  
Veteran's Stand Down  
09/19/24-09/21/24  
Big Flats Comm. Days



10/09/24 Child ID at  
West Elmira FD



10/12/24 Child ID at  
Millport Fire Department

## NOVEMBER

11/28/24  
Notre Dame  
Turkey Trot  
12/7/24  
Southport  
parade



11/29/24 Elmira Holiday  
Parade

## **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**

Sixteen (16) enforcement details were conducted to include drug and illegal weapons interdiction. Increased utilization of hotels by criminals in an effort to avoid detection has prompted a focus on enforcement at these locations. 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 Gun Initiative Violence Elimination (GIVE) details, retail area and hotel enforcement details, Operation Take Back the Streets, and retail theft enforcement details. The Sheriff's Office hosted four (4) trainings for area Law Enforcement, to include DCJS Firearms Instructor Refresher Course, AR-15 Armorers Course, Drug Identification Training and Interview and Interrogation Training.

## **Community Presentations**

The Sheriff's Office conducted over 22 presentations to the community in 2024, some of these include Active Shooter (4), Threat Assessments (7) and Home Visit Safety (1).

## **HR218**

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 2024, the Sheriff's Office certified 42 qualified retired law enforcement officers.



# Community Outreach

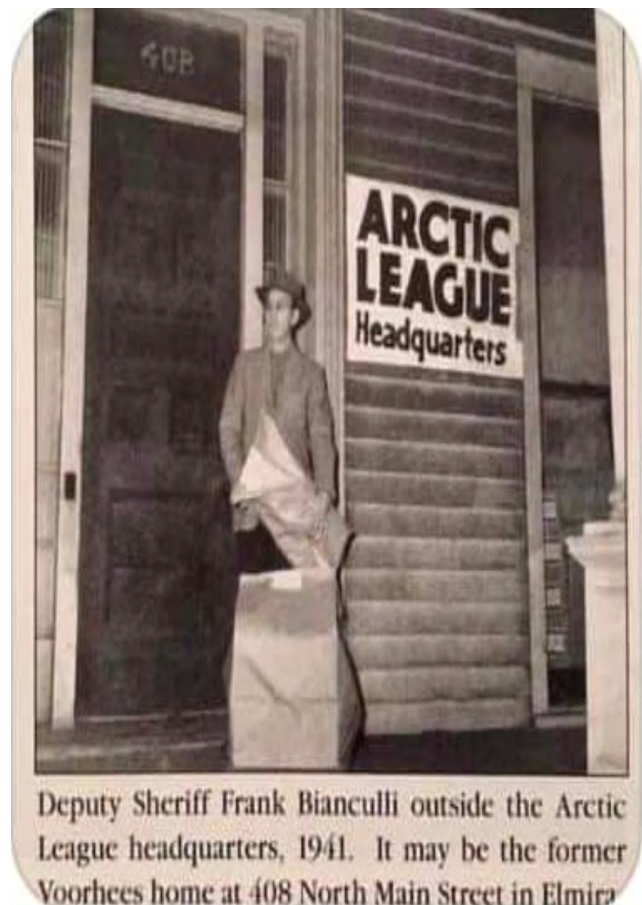
## Arctic League



Every year the Chemung County Sheriff's Office employees and their families kick off the holiday season with the Arctic League Packing Night. In 2024, 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.

For over 100 years, the Arctic League has provided gifts for Christmas morning to needy children in Chemung County.

Again in 2024, Arctic League volunteers delivered gifts to thousands of children in Chemung County on Christmas Eve!



Deputy Sheriff Frank Bianculli outside the Arctic League headquarters, 1941. It may be the former Voorhees home at 408 North Main Street in Elmira



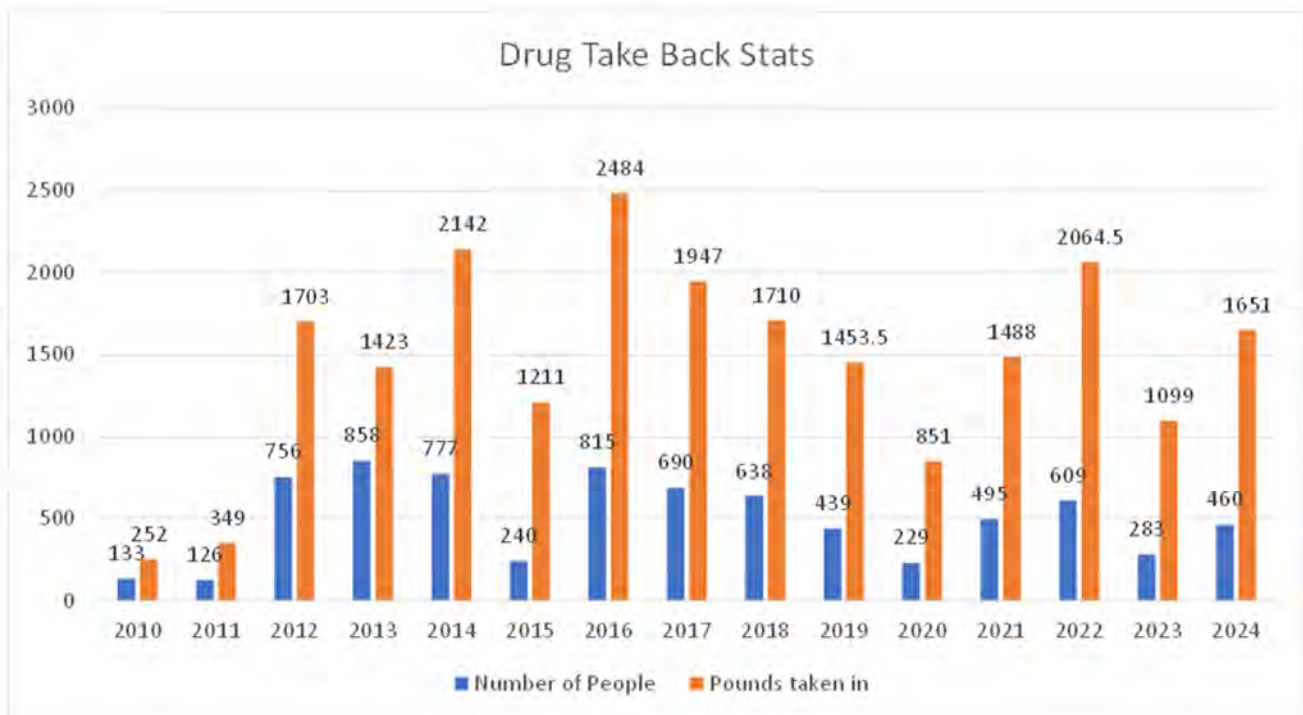
# Community Outreach

## 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. Since 2010, we have collected 22,090 lbs of medication from 7,697 people.



On both Saturday April 27, 2024 & October 26, 2024 the Chemung County Sheriff's Office hosted two drop-off sites in Chemung County. In 2024, we collected 1,651 pounds of medications from 460 people.

#### **Southport Volunteer Fire Department**

1001 Carl Street  
Elmira, N.Y. 14904

#### **West Elmira Volunteer Fire Department**

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



# 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.





# Community Outreach

## Operation Safe Child

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office participates in the SAFE CHILD Card program, which is a free public service administered by the New York State Sheriffs' Association, Inc. Using equipment that contains the latest digital fingerprinting technology and high-resolution photography capabilities, 58 County Sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies are able to produce a SAFE CHILD Card for parents or guardians. The goal of this program is to provide parents and children with important child safety information and to capture the fingerprints, basic biographical information, and photographs of children – information critical to expediting the return of a missing child. In addition to being able to quickly provide important details to law enforcement agencies investigating a child's disappearance, the NYSSA SAFE CHILD Card will serve as an important tool when used in conjunction with the NYS AMBER Alert and Missing Child Alert programs. The card contains a child's name, biographical information (including date of birth, gender, height, weight, hair color, eye color, and other identifying data), and a fingerprint image of both index fingers. The card can be made in less than two minutes and can be easily carried in a wallet or purse.





# Community Outreach

## Sheriff App



On April 25, 2024, the Chemung County Sheriff William A. Schrom announced the release of a custom smartphone application. The app serves as an innovative way for the Sheriff's Office to connect with Chemung County residents and visitors, providing information quickly and efficiently to anyone with a smartphone. The app offers quick access to items of public interest and is easy to use. In just a few clicks, users can access features such as:

### **APP FEATURES**

- Meet The Sheriff
- News & Alerts
- Programs & Services
- Incarcerated Individual Information
- Most Wanted
- Submit a Tip
- Warrants List
- Contact us



# Community Outreach

## 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.



Several of the local chiefs, including Sheriff Schrom, have participated in the Coffee with the Chiefs events around town last year. It is advertised for any local residents to come sit down and chat with their chiefs or Sheriff to discuss any local issues and concerns, including any suggestions to the local problems in a friendly, nonconfrontational setting.

**These were held:**

**02/22/24**

**05/22/24**

**07/31/24**

**09/26/24**



# 2024 Annual Awards Banquet

On March 8, 2025, the Sheriff's Office was able to present their annual awards at the Deputy Sheriff's Association Banquet for the 2024 year accomplishments. This annual banquet allows us 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 2024, there were many individuals nominated for a variety of awards that range from Perfect Attendance, Years of Service, Life Saving, Meritorious Achievement, Honorable Service and Sheriff's Commendation, to name a few.

Every year, an individual from the Road Patrol Division, Corrections Division and Communications Division are selected for the Deputy/Officer/Dispatcher of the year. For 2024, Sergeant Charles E. Kennedy, III, a 27 year veteran of the Road/Civil Division, Officer Jamie L. Hoppins, a 22 year veteran of the Corrections Division, and Dispatcher Brittany L. Huffner, a 6 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.

**Deputy of the Year: Sgt. Charles E. Kennedy, III**



## Road Awards

### LEGION OF HONOR

Inv. Michael A. Theetge

### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Sgt. David M. Buchholz

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Thomas M. Barr  
Deputy Caleb C. Cardinale  
Deputy Jacob J. Cardinale  
Deputy Collin M. Holloway  
Deputy Calum D. Houper  
Deputy Jacob D. Adams  
Deputy Bryce M. Akins

### EDUCATION AWARD:

Lt. Richard Mathews, Jr.

### 5 Years:

Inv. Gavin Rupp  
Deputy Bryce M. Akins  
SPO Dennis R. Collins  
SPO Andrew S. Rice  
SPO Jeremy T. Oaks

### 10 Years:

Sgt. David M. Buchholz  
Sgt. Patrick L. Pirozzolo  
Deputy Luca M. Masia  
Confid. Asst. Melissa A. Brown



# 2024 Annual Awards Banquet

## Road Awards continued

### HONORABLE SERVICE

Lt. John M. Smith Jr. x2  
Lt. Richard L. Mathews Jr. x2  
Sgt. Patrick L. Pirozzolo  
Deputy Benjamin D. Howe  
Deputy Hunter S. Dart  
Deputy Caleb T. Cardinale x2  
Deputy Nickolas E. Cosmore x2  
Deputy Collin M. Holloway  
Deputy John M. Burczynski  
Deputy James F. Goodwin  
Lt. Jeremiah Ayers  
Inv. Jason T. Balmer x2  
Inv. Gavin T. Rupp  
Clerk Emily A. Green  
Captain Thomas C. Argetsinger  
Lt. Joseph R. Dieterle  
Lt. David E. Padgett  
Sgt. Thomas J. Kimble  
Sgt. Kasey A. Slater  
Deputy Conor P. Everett  
Deputy Jacob J. Cardinale

### LIFE SAVING

Inv. Jason T. Balmer  
Deputy Justin Young x2  
Deputy Conor P. Everett  
Sgt. Patrick L. Pirozzolo  
Deputy Collin M. Holloway x2  
Sgt. David M. Buchholz  
Inv. Gavin T. Rupp  
Inv. Jason T. Balmer  
Deputy Jacob J. Cardinale  
Deputy Hailey N. Fierro  
Deputy Dalton A. Lawson

### SHERIFF'S COMMENDATION

Lt. Richard L. Mathews Jr.  
Deputy Dalton A. Lawson x2  
Deputy Caleb T. Cardinale  
Deputy Collin M. Holloway x3  
Deputy Dalton A. Lawson  
Deputy Jacob D. Adams  
Deputy Calum D. Houper  
Deputy Hailey N. Fierro  
Deputy Crystal L. Kennison  
Deputy Reece P. Miller x2  
Deputy Justin Young  
Sgt. David M. Buchholz  
Sgt. Brandon R. Couse  
Sgt. Charles E. Kennedy III  
Sgt. Patrick L. Pirozzolo  
Deputy Jacob D. Adams  
Deputy John M. Burczynski  
Deputy Hunter S. Dart  
Deputy Kaitlyn N. Fletcher  
Deputy James F. Goodwin Jr.  
Deputy Andrew R. Hodge  
Deputy Benjamin D. Howe  
Deputy Crystal L. Kennison  
Deputy Christopher J. Long  
Deputy Luca M. Masia  
Deputy Jeremy J. Rucker  
Analyst Thomas E. Huffman  
Analyst Christopher M. Sullivan  
Deputy Bryce M. Akins  
Lt. David E. Padgett

### MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

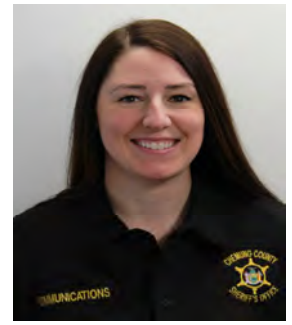
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# 2024 Annual Awards Banquet



## Jail Awards

**Officer Jamie L. Hoppins**  
**Correction Officer of the Year**



## E911 Awards

**Dispatcher Brittany L. Huffner**  
**Communication Operator of the Year**

### SHERIFF'S COMMENDATION

Officer Jesse D. Wintermute  
A/Sgt. Nathaniel M. Sherbert  
Officer Samantha A. Traynham

### MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

Officer Jared M. Ferriter Officer  
Robert W. Weiskopf Officer  
Robert J. Castrechino II Officer  
Davey M. Akins

### HONORABLE SERVICE

Sgt. Jacob C. Giammichele  
Officer Davey M. Akins  
Officer Gregory T. Johnson

### 5 Years:

Officer Timothy P. Howe  
Officer Gregory T. Johnson  
Officer Triston L. Kline  
Officer Daniele A. Tuttle  
Officer Taylor R. White

### 10 Years:

Officer Michaela C. Lynch

### 25 Years:

Major Raymond A. Hodge  
Officer Angela L. Calkins  
Officer Samantha A. Traynham

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Lt. Douglas Stadelmaier

### MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

Jonathan R. Gunderman x2  
Jason E. Mitchell x4  
Karla J. Casler x2  
Director Michael Marrone  
Brian R. Andrew  
Brittany L. Huffner  
Sheri L. Allington  
Christopher J. Johnston  
Raymond D. Edger  
Randi M. Baldwin  
Jamie S. Sullivan  
Karley A. Horton  
Hannah M. Cosmore  
Gary W. Shaw  
Alec J. Cicora  
Ashley E. Ward

### SHERIFF COMMENDATION

Gary W. Shaw x2  
Alec Cicora x2  
John M. Quinn x2  
Raymond D. Edger  
Jason E. Mitchell x2  
Jonathan R. Gunderman  
Karley A. Horton  
Richard R. Skebey  
Karla J. Casler

### LIFE SAVING

LeeAnn Novakowski  
Richard R. Skebey



## Photographs



Wreaths Across America Escort



Traffic Safety Grant being used for “BUNY” seatbelt enforcement.



City of Elmira Christmas Parade



## Photographs



Chemung County Fair



Wedding fun chase & escort



Search and rescue for hang- glider accident



## Photographs



Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy Graduation



Operation Elf on A Shelf



Punishers MC Club Winter Coat Drive







Twin Tiers Regional Job Fair

## Photographs



CTZ-12 Counter Terrorism meeting



Swearing-in and Promotional Ceremony for Deputy Sheriffs



Boater Safety Class



Law & Order Go For The Gold fundraising event for the Special Olympics of New York



Career Day at Center Street Elementary School





## Photographs



SPO Solt visiting with students at Horseheads Middle School SPO Wheeler visiting with students at Fassett School



SRO Hodge showing a student his patrol car SPO Oakes with students at Pine City Elementary



SPO Wheeler and SPO McGrain having lunch with students





Sgt. Pirozzolo playing basketball with kids

## Photographs



SRO Hodge with students at BOCES

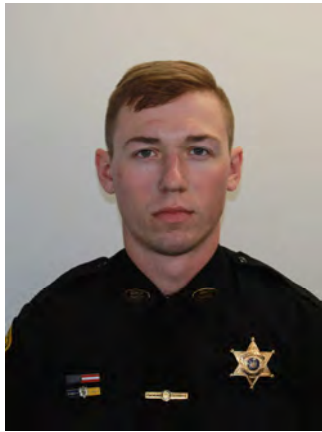


Deputies Dart and Arnold on ATV patrol



# New Hires 2024

## Road Patrol Division



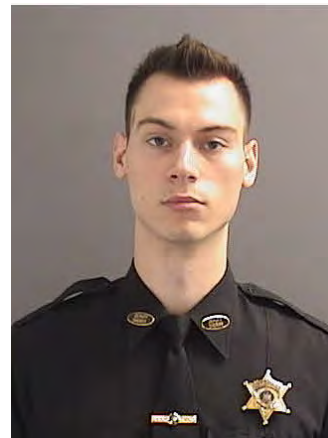
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Deputy Hailey Fierro



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Deputy Cody Gonzales



## Special Patrol Officer

SPO John Allen

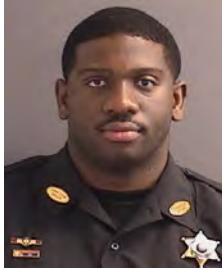


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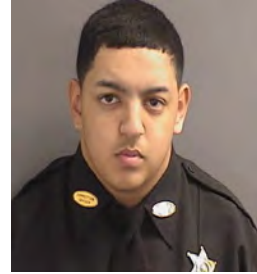
## Corrections Division



Officer Vincent Denierio



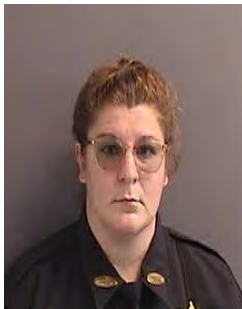
Officer Jeffrey Guillaume



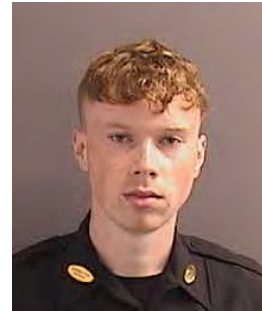
Officer Andre Bellamy



Officer Daniel Mazzaraco



Officer Megan Thomas

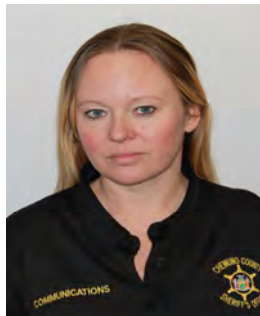


Officer Mason Keagle

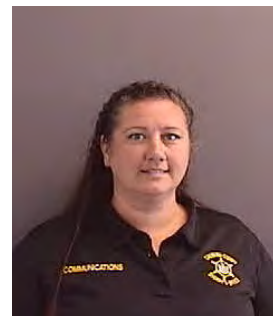
## Communications Division



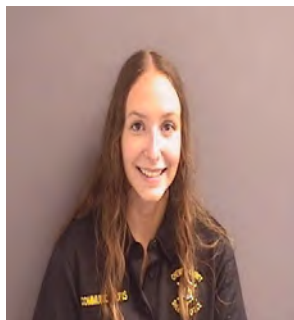
Comm. Oper. Nathan Kastenhuber



Comm. Oper. Karley Horton



Comm. Oper. Jamie Sullivan



Comm. Oper. Rachelle Tobey



Comm. Oper. Hannah Cosmore

## 2024 Retirements

In 2024, the Sheriff's Office had 5 retirements with a combined 110 years of service and knowledge with the Sheriff's Office: 3 in the Patrol Services Division and 2 in the Corrections Division. Their knowledge and professionalism will be missed, but we wish them all the best for a long, healthy, and well deserved retirement.

### Road Patrol

Lieutenant Peter A. Ruhmel

Sergeant Patrick J. Parks

Investigator James R. Ritter



### Corrections

Officer Daniel T. Wylie

Officer Todd C. Burch





## In Memoriam



Patrick Patterson (former Sheriff)



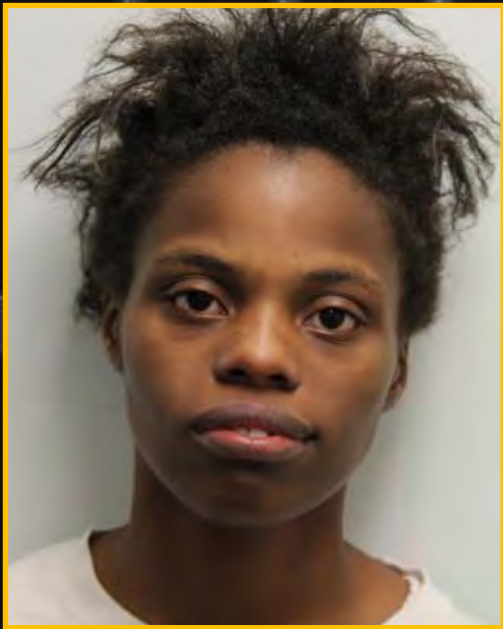
Thomas E. Manchester (former 911 Operator)



K9 Eiger



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Fatiuna A. Massaline



Dominick J. Haley

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