# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF ULSTER COUNTY ANNUAL REPORT 2013







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County Executive Michael Hein, Legislature Chairman John Parete Ulster County P.O. Box 1800 Kingston, NY 12402

Dear County Executive Hein and Chairman Parete:

We are pleased to issue the Sheriff's Office 2013 Annual Report. In it you will see reflected the truly astonishing range of talents, know-how, experience and teamwork collected in the 250 members of the Sheriff's Office. We appreciate the efforts you have lent in supporting our work to protect and promote the wellbeing of the people of Ulster County. We are proud to share our accomplishments with you and the public. We welcome any thoughts and look forward to our continuing to serve.

Sincerely, Paul J. VanBlarcum Sheriff of Ulster County

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### **2013 HIGHLIGHTS**

On December 14, 2012, the nation was horrified by the shooting of 20 children and 6 adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. In January, the Sheriff's Office, Ulster County District Attorney, New York State Police and Police Chiefs' Association in partnership with school superintendents, formed the Ulster County Police Chiefs School Safety Committee to address school safety county-wide. Their goal was to make for better coordination among police agencies and schools in preventing incidents and responding to them should they occur.

After seeking public input, the group enacted such measures as regular lock down drills and a greater police presence in schools. Uniformed police officers and deputy sheriffs are actively walking the grounds and hallways of the more than 75 learning facilities in Ulster County. School Resource Officers are now posted both at the BOCES Center for Special and Alternative Education in Port Ewen and the Rondout Valley Central School District.

The Sheriff's Office teamed up this year with Keith Bennett's Karate Academy, the well-known local self-defense school, to offer the agency's first Women's Self Defense and Safety Workshop. The successful workshop in February drew an attendance of 75 women and was repeated due to demand.

In 2013 the Sheriff's Office, Ulster County District Attorney, UC DSS and UC Family Court joined in a campaign targeting child support violators. 49 people have been arrested, representing approximately \$1.5 million in arrears. This initiative remains ongoing.

Violation citations against Registered Sex Offenders increased, as oversight has been expanded by members of the Criminal Division. Better offender supervision practices and more cooperation with the community underlie the improved numbers.

Following passage of the NY SAFE ACT, the Pistol Permit section of the Civil Division processed a high number of new applications and amendments to existing licenses. The unit processed 595 new licenses and 5,149 amendments to existing licenses (often to add guns to a license).

The Pistol Permit section is tasked with enforcing judges' orders to pistol permit holders to turn in their guns when charged with misdemeanors and/or felonies, as well as under Mental Health regulations. The unit took in 286 handguns for safekeeping last year.

Revenues for boarding-in inmates at the Ulster County Jail exceeded the \$900,000 which had been anticipated for the year. This was due to demand from neighboring counties and other housing needs. Ulster County received 967 inmates for 19,651 days, amounting to \$1,668,992 in revenue, a 75% increase over 2012.

### **1. ADMINISTRATION**

The Sheriff's Administration consists of Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum, Undersheriff Frank Faluotico and Captain of Police Services Michael Freer, Superintendent James Hanstein, Wardens Jon Becker and Louis Russo and Chief Civil Administrator John McGovern.

Civilian staff includes Administrative Assistant Barbara O'Brien and Sheriff's Confidential Secretary Maureen Krueger. Three Sheriff's Fiscal Assistants constitute a business office. Teresa Pleva joined the agency during 2013 as Sheriff's Fiscal Assistant 3. Melody Brooks and Christine Keck both hold the title of Sheriff's Fiscal Assistant 1. The civilian personnel perform administrative, secretarial, budgeting, and accounting duties, as well as those related to human resources and benefits.

### 2. CORRECTIONS

#### I. <u>ADMINISTRATION</u>

#### A. <u>THE DETENTION FACILITY (UCLEC)</u>

The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center (UCLEC) is located at 380 Boulevard, Kingston, NY 12401. It is 277,000 square feet, which includes inmate housing, a medical department, and classes for G.E.D. through the Kingston School District, among other services. The UCLEC had an original rated capacity of 426 inmates; however, double bunking was instituted in several areas during 2012 increasing the MFC (Maximum Facility Capacity) to 488 as stated by the New York State Department of Corrections.

The Corrections Division is supervised by a mandated security staff of 158. Built-in design



features enable the Corrections Division to eventually be expanded to a higher capacity with additional double bunking. The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center continually conforms to the Rules & Regulations set forth by the New York State Corrections Law and the New York State Commission of Corrections.

Committed to the jail are prisoners who may be charged with any type of crime or violation, including homicide, sex crimes, DWI, trespassing, etc. In order to provide a safe and secure correctional institution for these inmates, the Sheriff's Office employs both full and part-time correction personnel. In 2013, these positions consist of correction officers, corporals, sergeants, 6 lieutenants, 2 assistant wardens and a superintendent.

During 2013, Sheriff Van Blarcum promoted Charles Wranovics to the rank of Corrections Sergeant and Scott Brocco to the rank of Corrections Corporal.

Warden Ray Acevedo retired from the agency in June after a 35-year career in the Corrections Division beginning July 1978.

#### B. <u>DAILY POPULATION</u>

The 2013 high count of 374 occurred on January 27, and the low count of 313 occurred on March 11. The overall daily population averaged 341, representing an increase of 7% from the previous year. Once again the female population remained high, averaging 43 women per day.

#### C. <u>REVENUES</u>

In October of 2007 the New York State Commission of Corrections allowed the Corrections Division to board-in inmates from other jurisdictions. Due to demand of neighboring counties and other housing needs, the Jail exceeded the projected \$900,000 in revenue for 2013. As a result of the agreements with outside jurisdictions, Ulster County received 967 inmates for 19,651 days, amounting to \$1,668,992 in revenue. Of the total board-ins, 4 inmates were Federal Inmates for 404 days. This accounted for \$40,902 of the total revenue. Reimbursement from DOCS and the U.S. Marshal's Office for travel totaled \$12,265.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office and Social Security Administration have worked together since 1999 on an Incentive Payment Agreement. This agreement exists with the Ulster County Jail providing inmate information to Social Security whereas Social Security then, if applicable, suspends benefit payments to the person(s) incarcerated. The amount of payment is determined by Social Security receiving the report within 30 days after the date of confinement begins. In this case \$400.00 would be applied per inmate. If the report is received after 30 days, but within 90 days of confinement, \$200.00 would be received. The UC Treasurer's General Fund received \$32,400 from the Social Security Incentive Program for FY'13.

**SCAAP** is a Federal program that gives partial reimbursement for the cost of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens, netting Ulster County \$27,377 for the FY '13.

Revenue for the Ulster County Corrections Division amounted to **\$1,741,034**, a **75%** increase in 2013.

#### D. <u>BAILS AND FINES</u>

The Correction Division processed 549 bail postings and 1 fine. Total monies received by the facility were \$932,626 in bails and \$540 in fines. We also allow individuals to post bail using credit cards. In 2013, a total of 156 bails were posted by credit card amounting to \$316,020. The individuals that were incarcerated continue to represent a population with major substance abuse, communicable diseases and violent criminal histories. This type of population spends more sentenced time in jail and requires more direct supervision by officers. Many of the inmates represented by this type of population are recidivists – repeat offenders.

#### E. <u>OVERTIME / PART TIME</u>

Overtime and part time compensation for staff are essential in providing coverage for post coverage, staff vacancies, training, one-on-one supervisions, and transportation of the sentenced and awaiting-sentence population. In 2013, money spent on overtime was \$856,737.

Part time totaled \$140,611, a decrease of 40 % from the previous year. However the Corrections Division was able to decrease the total combined figure by \$44,810 in 2013.

There were 334 inmates placed on one-on-one supervision which requires an officer assigned to the post 24 hours a day, (in three 8-hour officer shifts). The inmates were supervised for 365 days with multiple posts on many of the days. The constant supervision post is above and beyond the minimum staffing requirement for the UCLEC. As a result, all of the coverage is accomplished with overtime and part time staffing.



Officer Billy Willliamson

Officer Adam Hendricks

#### F. <u>ACCREDITATION MEDICAL</u>

Correction staff continues to work closely with Correction Medical Care (CMC) to maintain accreditation. For the last ten years, the medical dept. has maintained the Standards of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC).

#### G. <u>N.Y.S. COMMISSION OF CORRECTION/SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION</u> <u>ACCREDITATION PROGRAM</u>

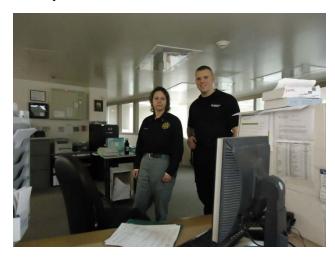
Representatives from the New York State Commission of Corrections visited the facility on several occasions in 2013. During these visits they reviewed the following standards: admissions, security and supervision, prisoner hygiene, discipline, visitation, exercise, classification, food service, sanitation, personnel standards and the grievance program. The UCLEC facility continues to meet all of the requirements to maintain the accreditation by the New York State Sheriff's Association.

#### II. INMATE RECORDS

#### A. <u>RECEPTION, INTAKE & CLASSIFICATION</u>

The Ulster County Jail's Intake / Classification Unit processed 2,444 initial classification screenings for the FY'13. Classification is based on age, prior criminal history, any gang affiliation, propensity for victimization, history of medical/mental illness, history of sex offenses, history of hostile relationships with other inmates, prior attempts at self injury or suicide, prior escapes or attempted escapes, attitude and behavior during present and prior incarcerations including any history of menacing behavior, victimization during incarceration, and any other information which may affect the safety and welfare of staff or other inmates.

1,635 reclassifications were also processed in 2013. Reclassification occurs if an inmate causes a disturbance, violates a rule or law, or is found guilty in the disciplinary process. It can also change when an inmate exhibits good behavior and follows the rules and regulations of the facility.



Officers Nicole Whitaker and Adam Hendricks



Sgt. Dave Farrell

The breakdown of the inmates includes county admission, other counties admission, state and federal:

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Total of Ulster			
County Admissions	1604	386	1990
Board-ins			
Other Counties	262	48	310
State	137	18	155
Federal	13	0	13
Other	2	0	2

TOTAL	2018	452	2470

Of the 2470 inmates processed through the Ulster County Jail in 2013, sentencing was as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Non-Sentenced	1420	344	1764
Sentenced (Definite)	184	42	226
Other (Board-ins, State, Federals, housed	414	66	480
out)			
TOTAL	2018	452	2470

The *Local Conditional Release Program* is handled by New York State DOCCS. Eligibility requirements for inmates include a definite sentence from a local court, with a minimum of 90 days left to serve. Eligible inmates can submit an application to New York State DOCCS, after serving a minimum of 30 days, and must serve 60 days before release to this program. \*There were no applications submitted for consideration in 2013.

#### B. <u>VICTIM NOTIFICATION (VINE)</u>

The National Victim Notification Network, VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) allows crime victims across the country to obtain timely and reliable information about criminal cases and the custody status of offenders 24 hours a day. Victims and other concerned citizens can also register to be notified by phone, email, or TTY device. Registered users are notified immediately if an offender's status changes, such as release, transfer or escape. When a notification is triggered, VINE automatically continually calls the number(s) or sends an e-mail that the victim has provided.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office has continued to participate in the statewide victim notification program with Correction Officer Warren Whitaker as coordinator. For the FY'13, the Ulster County Jail received 66,321 calls and made 6,006 notifications to victims. 997 victims were notified by e-mail. Additionally, 805 new victims requested notification. The general public can gain access by calling 1-888-846-3469 or logging on to <u>www.vinelink.com</u>, which 461 victims used.

#### C. <u>COMPUTERIZATION UPDATE</u>

The Correction Division has been working with New World Systems (NWS) since July, 2004. NWS provides tailored reports for the Commission of Correction and in house statistics such as electronic log books, live scans, and digital mug shots. Additionally, it enables other police agencies to interface with our inmates and arrest records.

In 2012 New World Systems, the records management system for the jail, instituted the electronic visiting module. Previously all visits were hand logged in books. There are 8 officers trained and assigned in working with this program. This enables visiting reports to be printed on

all inmates and their visitors. Also, as requested by Albany Veterans Administration, a report was created in order to track inmates whom have served in the US Military and may be able to receive additional benefits. We also currently have 39 officers trained in the Booking aspect of New World and another 159 who are able to keep electronic activity logs and look up basic inmate information. We continue to upgrade the system in order to move towards a full electronic system and eliminate the use of log books and paper.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division subscribes to the E-Justice Portal Access. This agency currently has 45 active members with who have access to the E-Justice Portal Access. Uses include: Daily Jail Reporting (DPRF), Wanted Persons Inquiries, Criminal History Information, NYS Sheriff's report and State Ready & Parole Ready reporting to NYS DOCS.



Officer Clifford Bell



Cpl. Manzi-Cantwell and Lt. Ferro

#### III. FACILITY OPERATIONS

#### FACILITY REPORTS

#### A. <u>GRIEVANCES</u>

A grievance is an inmate's written complaint concerning facility policies, procedures, rules, practices, programs, or the actions or inactions of any person or service within the facility. All attempts are made to resolve the grievance in house. The Grievance Officer is designated by the Superintendent and available to help the inmate through the grievance process. Categories for inmate grievances are taken from the New York State Minimum Standards. Corporal Jennifer DeCicco was appointed as the full time grievance coordinator for 2013. The notable statistic below is that 0 grievances were sustained by the New York State Commission of Corrections.

TYPE OF GRIEVANCE	# OF COMPLAINTS	RESULTS	
Medical	52	Denied	42
Food Service	11	Accepted	0

Legal Service	20	Withdrawn	3
Commissary	10	<b>Resolved in House</b>	124
Exercise	2	Returned	0
Staff Conduct	63	I/M Released	35
Maintenance	3	Pending	8
Religion	4	Processed	0
Visits	7	Unfounded	1
Miscellaneous	47	Appeal to SCOC	8
TOTAL	219	Total	162

#### B. <u>INMATE HEARINGS</u>

The Ulster County Jail disciplinary hearing panel reviewed 1,218 hearings by C.O. Michael Arcadipane. Several years ago the NYS Minimum Standard Section 7006 was amended to allow the county to place a surcharge on any inmate that is found guilty at a disciplinary hearing. A total of \$4,463 was collected in surcharges from 706 inmates that were involved in disciplinary matters and incidents in 2013. Hearings were ranked and placed in the following categories:

CATEGORY	2010	2011	2012	2013
Failure to comply	422	310	250	295
Assaults on other inmates	122	119	97	94
Assaults on staff	19	9	8	13
Contraband	51	44	76	81
Smoking	12	28	60	33
Destruction of property	16	12	21	38
Disorderly conduct	263	225	161	175
Abusive language or threats	270	177	181	183
Miscellaneous	400	331	263	291
Throwing of any Liquid or Substance	35	26	13	11
Failure to Attend School	13	17	0	4
Totals	1623	1298	1130	1218

\*A total of \$72 was imposed for destruction of county property in 2013.



Lt. E. Taylor, Cpl. E. Decicco and Lt. C.J. Polacco Lt. V. Fiscaletti Sgt. J. Steketee and Sgt. J. Bleau

#### C. <u>REPORTABLE INCIDENTS</u>

As mandated by the New York State Correction Law, the New York State Commission of Corrections provides an internal and commission review of all incidents of a serious or potentially problematic nature. The following is a list of incidents that are to be reported to the Commission:

<b>REPORTABLE INCIDENT CATEGORIES</b>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Deaths / Non-suicide	2	0	0	1	2
Assaults	10	20	14	7	5
Sexual Assaults	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Suicide	1	6	1	1	0
Self Inflicted Injuries	5	0	0	0	1
Accidental Injuries	2	4	3	4	2
Contagious Illness	0	0	0	0	0
Inmate Group Actions	0	0	0	0	0
Major Disturbances	0	0	0	0	0
Individual Inmate Disturbance	10	15	14	19	19
Natural / Civil Emergency	0	0	0	0	0
Major Maintenance or Service Disruption	0	0	0	0	0
Minor Disturbances	2	4	7	3	2
Personal Group Actions	0	0	0	0	0
Firearms Discharges	0	0	0	0	0
Fires	0	0	0	0	0
Escapes	1	0	0	0	0
Attempted Escapes	0	1	0	0	0
Absconders	0	0	0	0	0
Contraband	16	16	10	0	0
Hostage	0	0	0	15	16
Total:	49	66	49	50	48
Arrests:	20	19	8	14	14

#### D. <u>GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT</u>

In an effort to combat the growing gang presence, the Gang Intelligence Unit gathers and validates information regarding individuals identified as members of Security Risk Groups (SRG). The Ulster County Sheriff's Office Gang Intelligence Unit works closely with the Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team (U.R.G.E.N.T.).

Upon admission, with the assistance of U.R.G.E.N.T., inmates are assessed based on selfadmission, tattoos, clothing colors, beads, and hand signs. With the gathered information, the Gang Intelligence Unit can evaluate and analyze ways that provide decisions regarding housing and transporting inmates. The individual's propensity for engaging in Security Risk Group related activity is evaluated. This information allows the facility to better plan searches, to appropriately adjust inmate housing, work assignments and visits to avoid potentially violent situations.

83 gang members entered the Ulster County Jail in FY'13. All of these gang members have been positively identified by the Gang Intelligence Unit and have had all of their personal information and gang affiliations documented and stored for further reference.

Categories:	
Bloods:	48
Crips:	18
Latin Kings:	10
Other	<u>10</u>
Total Confirmed	83

#### E. <u>SHERIFF'S EMERENCY RESPONSE TEAM</u>

The Ulster County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (S.E.R.T.) is under the direction of Capt. Becker, C.O. Norman James and C.O. Anthony Maggio. S.E.R.T. was established in 1990. The original team started with 8 officers, and grew to 23 specialized trained staff. Throughout the team's tenure, they have participated in numerous high risk, high security transports and trials. One of their main functions is to conduct facility shakedowns on a regular basis. S.E.R.T. members are assigned to handle facility problems, escort inmates to and from housing units and are prepared at a moment's notice to quell problems before they escalate. From time to time, S.E.R.T. is called upon to handle crowd/riot control for requesting agencies. They completed over 600 hours of training. This training consisted of physical training in the weight room, chemical agents, cell extraction, cell searches, jail shake-downs, Article 35/Use of Force, hostage survival, and fire fighting and firearms certification. The Corrections Division and the Patrol Division continue to be joined together forming a larger and stronger S.E.R.T. team



Sheriff's Emergency Response Team

#### F. <u>K-9 UNIT</u>

The K-9 Team has again been a valuable asset to facility operations of the Ulster County Jail. C.O. Caunitz and his partner K-9 "Jagger" have shared information with the Gang Intelligence Unit and local police agencies, from their pro-active security approach in visits. Each visitor is subject to narcotics and contraband searches. With the combined efforts of the K-9 Team, Visiting Team and the Sheriff's Road Patrol, numerous arrests were made for both inmates and visitors through expired driver's licenses, and registration.

Among its daily routines, the K-9 Team, consisting of Officer Caunitz and K-9 Jagger, is also involved in such tasks as visitor searches for contraband, car searches (both visitors and employees), perimeter checks, shake downs, checking inmate mail, searching work crew inmates and road blocks. The K-9 Team conducted a total of 26.148 searches including 21.503 visitor lockers, 4,395 visitors, 24 housing units, 116 car searches and 110 other miscellaneous searches. There were 44 arrests made and taken over by the Road Patrol for processing. In addition to their regular duties the K-9 Team also receives requests from outside agencies for assistance. The K-9 Team participates in community activities such as demonstrations. To maintain certification, they also participate annually in 72 hours of narcotics training and tracking.

#### G. <u>NIMS (NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)</u>

Under Homeland Security Presidential Directive-4, Lt. Charles J. Polacco III continued to assist disciplines within Ulster County as the NIMS Coordinator to become compliant with the directive HSPD-4(Homeland Security Presidential Directive-4).

During 2013 Lt. Polacco continued to assist disciplines with the adoption of NIMS and the implementation of objectives for 2013. In 2013 several disciplines received ICS (Incident

Command System) training, while others wrote EOP'S (Emergency Operations Plans). Some of these plans were tested by conducting table top exercises. Disciplines also set up NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST) accounts through the County NIMS Coordinator. This program reports the disciplines process of NIMS compliancy to the state and federal government.

Disciplines are working on planning full scale exercises, which will assist them in prevention, protection against, response to, and recovering from the effects of incidents, regardless, of cause, size, location, or complexity.

#### H. TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS

Transport activity was reduced due to better oversight in all categories. Transporting officers must be thoroughly trained and provided with the equipment necessary to accomplish their task with efficiency and safety. Officers selected for this unit must exhibit the highest degree of mental, emotional and physical capabilities to successfully transport inmates. When transporting inmates for court appearances, the transporting officer must be alert to all conditions and potential hazards which surround the movement of the inmates to and from court. The transports include those inmates with scheduled medical appointments, funeral and deathbed visits and any other transport of inmates in our custody. Specialized equipment, vehicles and S.E.R.T. may be utilized for high-profile inmates, high risk inmates or transports for inmates with special medical and mental needs.

CATEGORY	2010	2011	2012	2013
Number of Officer Hours	15,005	25,411	18,629	16,975
Number of Officers Utilized	4,595	5,054	5,348	4,840
Number of Inmates Transported	7,056	6,720	7,488	6,839
Total Miles	134,747	132,390	163,629	129,259
Local Courts Transports	1,827	1929	1,977	1,868
State Transports	74	84	93	73
Medical Transports	388	395	524	316
Psych. Transports	2	0	0	0
Work Detail	216	196	207	202
Other *	480	545	577	616
Board – Ins	0	0	0	0
U.S. Federal Board-Ins	29	5	5	3
Total Trips	3,016	3154	3,383	3078

\* Includes corrections assistant errands, funeral details, death bed visits, medical relief shifts, UCAT, etc.

Department vehicles were utilized for transportation to the following sites throughout the state: county courts, city courts, village, town and family courts, medical, dental and psychiatric examinations, drug and alcohol rehab facilities, Public Defender's offices, Court Order pickups at state correctional facilities, other county jails and delivering inmates to psychiatric facilities (Mid-Hudson, Marcy). During this past year, we've also been picking up U.S. federal inmates from airports or Albany County Jail. Transports also include those inmates with scheduled medical appointments, and any other transport of inmates in our custody.

In addition, department vehicles are also utilized for corrections staff to attend and/or participate in training (Basic Academy, Firearms Academy, certification and recertification of firearms).

#### I. <u>FIRE SAFETY</u>

Due to the size and complexity of the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center and the Commission of Corrections Minimum Standard 7039, staff and resources are required to perform several mandated fire, safety and security inspections. The Sheriff's Office has one full time staff member appointed to the Fire Safety Officer position or FSO, Officer George R. Hill, and three additional staff members (Lt. Charles Polacco, Cpl Joseph Decker, and Officer Ryan Petit) all trained by the standards put forward by the Commission of Corrections (COC) and the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control (NYSOFPC). The additional staff has been identified to assist in a relief capacity for the full time FSO.

The Fire and Safety Officer's (FSO) core job performance duties include weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi and annual inspections of all the facility and fleet fire protection, detection and control equipment such as fire extinguishers, automatic sprinkler systems, alarm systems and any equipment related to health safety, OSHA or PESH mandates. The FSO is responsible for fire safety and health training to the Sheriff's Office, and under direction of the Sheriff, other county departments and local municipalities. Additional responsibilities include accompanying Department of Labor, OSHA, PESH, COC or any other regulator agency that relates to the fire and health safety or any other inspections of the facility.

The FSO is responsible for the coordination of any type of drills or exercises mandated by the regulatory agencies that fall within the parameters of the Sheriff's Office, such as annual disaster drills, and quarterly housing unit fire drills.

The FSO will coordinate with all responding agencies and act as the department liaison during any emergency involving fire suppression. Additionally the FSO will facilitate facility formularization training to the local fire department and conduct walk through training.

#### J. <u>VEHICLES</u>

The total mileage logged by the Corrections Division for 2013 was 126,259. This is a 33% decrease from last year. There are 8 vans, 1 pick up, 4 SUV's and 1 K-9 Expedition and 1 cargo trailer for the work crew. The Correction Division is the primary transport for inmates in the Ulster County Jail.

<b>VEHICLE #</b>	YEAR / MAKE	ENDING MILES
302	2006 Ford 12 Passenger Van	54,353
303	2010 Chevy Tahoe	63,974
304	2002 Chevy 12 Passenger Van	38,080
305	2004 Ford 15 Passenger Van	88,339

306	2008 Chevy Van	43,183
307	2004 Ford 12 Passenger Van (Work	
	Crew)	57,485
309	2012 Chevy Tahoe	15,691
310	2006 Ford 11 Passenger Van	48,196
311	2010 Chevy Express Van (For S.E.R.T.)	35,331
312	2011 Chevy Tahoe	17,417
313	2005 Ford 12 Passenger Van	74,593
314	2012 Chevy Silverado	4,215
315	2009 Chevy Tahoe	73,706
K9-6	2008 Ford Expedition	68,123
Sheriff	2000 Trailer Express (Work Crew)	
		126,259

#### IV. SUPPORT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

#### A. <u>FOOD SERVICES</u>

Food services for the Ulster County Jail and the Community Corrections Program are provided by ARAMARK Correctional Services. Ulster County Jail maintains 2 full time county cooks, while ARAMARK employs a Food Service Manager, and three other kitchen workers. The facility cooks prepared and served 378,518 meals to inmates and Corrections staff in 2013.

#### B. <u>COMMISSARY</u>

ARAMARK is responsible for all purchases by inmates through commissary. Profits generated from the sale of commissary goods offset the cost of the games, recreation equipment, television sets, and cablevision. There is no financial impact on Ulster County taxpayers for any of the above items purchased for inmate use in accordance with the New York State Minimum Standards. The FY'13 gross proceeds from inmate commissary were \$103,470, an increase of 25 % from last year.

#### C. <u>INMATE TELEPHONES</u>

On August 19, 2010, the facility changed vendors and now uses I.C. Solutions as the inmate telephone system provider. The new system offers the population access to call cell phones; there are also several different ways for the inmates to make just collect calls. There are debit and prepaid accounts. Total revenue for telephone service in 2013 was \$205,889, a slight increase from the previous year.

#### D. <u>MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES</u>

Correctional Medical Care Inc. (C.M.C.) contractually provides forensic services to the Ulster County Jail. Under the contract with C.M.C., the psychiatrist provides 16 hours of service per week. For the year of 2013, 1,501 inmates were seen by the psychiatrist. In addition, the

psychiatrist is part of a group of doctors that are on call 24 hours a day. This is an invaluable tool to the correction facility as inmates can be in crisis at anytime. C.M.C. also provides a forensic manager 40 hours per week. We continue to maintain constant supervisions which are monitored closely, tying up valuable staff hours as well as housing space.

Due to the new facility layout and procedure changes, the Certified Social Worker (C.S.W.) was able to see 316 inmates. Inmates seen by the Discharge Planner numbered 1,765.

#### E. <u>MEDICAL SERVICES</u>

2013 was the tenth full year of medical services provided by Correctional Medical Care Inc (C.M.C.). The medical staff completed 2,219 new inmate screenings in addition to 4030 inmate sick call visits. An additional 1,901 inmate visits were made to the physician and dentist. C.M.C. remains an accredited agency with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) and the New York State Sheriff's Association (NYSSA).

#### F. <u>INMATE EXERCISE</u>

Inmates are entitled to exercise periods which, at the discretion of the chief administrative officer, shall consist of at least 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours during each of five days per week; or at least one hour seven days a week.

#### G. INMATE VISITATION

Since Jan.1, approximately 14,593 civilians visited 9,048 inmates in separate visiting blocks. Staff members have worked closely with supervisors, S.E.R.T. and the K-9 Unit in locating contraband. They have also utilized effective communication skills, passing on valuable information gathered while speaking with inmates during visitation.

A total of 7 arrests were made in the visiting area this year. These arrests were contraband related. Tickets were issued as a result of road blocks and license checks using Mobile Cop.

Visitation security was enhanced by the combined efforts of the Criminal and Correction Divisions. The department K-9 acts as an additional measure for preventing contraband from entering the facility by outside sources.

#### H. INMATE WORK DETAIL

Each year, the work detail has worked setting up the Ulster County Fairgrounds and Seamon's Park, which the inmates plant for the Mum Festival. In addition, they set-up for the Garlic Festival held in Saugerties each year. They sheet-rock, hang insulation, paint, plant, and build new structures. 498 inmates participated in the work detail crew, working 3,725 hours for Ulster County.

This detail helps inmates after release with the labor skills they have learned and applied. It also prepares them to be employable members of society and give back. In 2013, the detail worked

at various locations, including schools, Fire Departments such as West Hurley, Accord, Woodstock and West Camp. Other work details included various churches, town halls and other non-profit organizations throughout the community.

#### I. <u>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</u>

Eligible youth are entitled to receive educational services and are encouraged to become involved in the programs offered by the Kingston City School District as they may obtain skills and credentials necessary to function more productively both during incarceration and after release. All youths ages 16 through 21 that are admitted to U.C.L.E.C. are interviewed during an intake screening as to the last level of schooling they have completed. The Kingston School District distributes a handbook on the services provided. Youths are mandated to attend school as soon as they are incarcerated.

Due to a change in the teaching structure, the Kingston City School District now has (3) full-time teachers with one teaching assistant and one counselor. The teaching staff offers various studies, including; adult and teen G.E.D. preparation studies, remedial studies, life skills, post G.E.D. review and actions for personal choice (APC). Currently, the teachers use contact area teaching. This is a more hands on approach. Math, social studies, science, language arts and writing have been more specifically addressed. This has proven to benefit the students, as it offers a much more structured environment and gives teachers the ability to target each individual students needs. The educational services also provide employment preparation education.

The G.E.D. can be administered after pre-testing and "tabe" testing (grade level equivalent) for the exam. Grade 11/12 must be attained for the G.E.D. If an inmate states he/she already has a G.E.D., or high school diploma, it is first verified.

Graduating students now celebrate with pizza and a movie after completion of their G.E.D. Other students are now looking forward to the celebration of their accomplishments and rewards through what they have attained in education.

#### G.E.D. statistics for 2013

(Class time is based on 5.5 hours per day, 212 days per year). 16 Took the G.E.D. 15 Passed the G.E.D.

#### J. <u>REHABILITATION</u>

With the reorganization of inmate programs and resources available to the inmate population, we are now able to provide a sufficient number of programs to meet the needs of the growing inmate population.

**Volunteer Registry**- The volunteer registry program continues to be a very successful program in the identification of volunteers visiting the facility. Applications are kept on file and reviewed yearly for all volunteers.

**Law Library**- The law library is updated on a regular basis. On a routine schedule, law materials that are outdated are replaced with the appropriate updates as per the N.Y.S. Minimum Standards. The mobile computer kiosks allow for more time per housing unit for law studies.

**Programs** - Long standing programs continued their services this year. Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotic Anonymous, and Religious services of several different faiths were routinely attended by both male and female inmates. The female population is offered several programs: Ulster Literacy, which teaches the fundamentals of reading and writing, the YWCA which offers parenting class that has been well received, and the Maple Ridge and Woodcrest communities which continue with crafts, as well as other seasonal events.

#### V. TRAINING & AWARDS

#### A. <u>TRAINING</u>

Training and staff development is an integral function of jail operations. Training Coordinator Sgt. Eddie Torres is responsible for implementing the facility's training program. There are a total of 23 certified BMP/COC instructors within the Ulster County Corrections Division.

#### **Certified Trainers include**:

Supt. J. Hanstein	C.O. Bradford Ebel	Cpl. Tracy McCoy
Capt. Jon Becker	Lt. Vincent Fiscaletti	Lt. Charles Polacco III
C.O. Matthew Blum	C.O. George Hill	C.O. Wilbur Prutzman, Jr.
C.O. Scot Burke	C.O. Chris Howe	Capt. Louis T. Russo Sr.
C.O. Mathew Bogert	C.O. Norman James	Lt. Nicholas Scott II
C.O. Eamon Cunningham	C.O. Paul Juliano	Sgt. John Steketee
Cpl. Joseph Decker	C.O. Ann Marie Legg	Sgt. Eddie Torres
C.O. Vincent Decker	C.O. Anthony Maggio	

In addition to all being General Topic Instructors, many are certified in specialized "Train the Trainer" topics such as Legal Issues, Firearms, Chemical Agents and Effective Communication, Defensive Tactics, Direct Supervision, Suicide Prevention and Ethics Awareness.

As an accredited agency, member training is recognized as an important factor in the Sheriff's Office's responsibility and receives increased emphasis and effort by the training coordinator. Continual training consists of: an ongoing in-house service training program and search for outside applicable training courses or seminars. To satisfy the requirements of the NYS Sheriffs' Association all staff members are required to receive 21 hours of in-service training annually. I.C.S. 200 was accomplished among the supervisory levels throughout the department. Overall, in 2013, the Training Unit provided 13,781 hours of training to 3,371 members of the Correction Division and other county employees. The Basic Academy for newly hired correction officers is comprised of 160 hours within one year from the date of hire for peace officer training. We have sponsored several Correction Officer Basic Academy Courses. Instructors have also assisted other agencies in the field of legal services, defensive tactics, gang intelligence, report writing,

and firearms. We also participate in career days and K-9 presentations in local schools and other organizations.

#### B. <u>AWARDS</u>

#### **Correction Officer of the Quarter**

The Officer of the Quarter program was initiated to recognize officers of the department for their role as correction professionals in the overall operation of the facility and their contribution to the local criminal justice system.

#### 2013 Officers of the Quarter were:

1st Quarter -	Correction Officer David Elliott
2nd Quarter -	Correction Officer Robert Rodriguez
3rd Quarter -	Correction Officer Scott Burke
4th Quarter -	Correction Officer Timothy Elmendorf

### **3. CIVIL DIVISION**

The Sheriff serves as the enforcement officer of the courts and legal community regarding civil matters. The Civil Division serves and executes the various legal processes issued by the non-criminal courts of the state and its subdivisions, as well as the legal

community and the public.

The purpose of civil process is to give a defendant notice that a legal action or a proceeding is going to commence. Although any citizen 18 years or older can serve process if he or she is not party to the action, Sheriff's deputies are asked to serve process because of their traditionally good record keeping practices and professional service.

Specific civil processes include income executions, property executions, evictions, orders of attachment (seizures of property which may be used to satisfy a judgment); orders of seizure (seizures of items of personal property whose ownership and possession is disputed); and civil arrests. In each case, papers must be delivered in person to the defendant.



Chief Civil Administrator John McGovern

The Civil Division carries out pistol permits licensing, background checks, accident reports and

accounting for jail bail and fine monies and the jail commissary.

Because of its role in evictions, the Civil Office often is called on to perform the service of guiding landlords and tenants through the process, trying to protect both tenants from illegal evictions (both actual lockouts, or constructive evictions resulting from the cutting off of essential services such as heat, water, etc.) and landlords from malicious vandalism.

In August of 2013, Sheriff VanBlarcum appointed John McGovern Chief Civil Administrator. John's experience includes over 20 years experience in property management and landlord/tenant litigation. He possesses a law degree

from New York University School of Law, is a former Ulster County Assistant District Attorney and is also a certified General Topics Police Instructor.

During 2013 there was a decrease in papers processed for service. The overall average revenue collected by the Civil Division decreased by 3% compared to 2012. The decline is explained by the continuing weak economy and job market, since wage garnishments are dependent upon employment and wages.



#### **Civil Papers Docketed 2013**

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Total papers received and docketed for service	791
(summons, complaints, orders, evictions)	
Income Executions	
First stage process	1,420 (48
	reserved)
Second stage process	723 (149 new)
Total income executions	2,143
Property Executions	
Service/levy	65
Vehicle levy	1
Real property sale	1
Commitment orders/Civil arrests	1
Total Property Executions	68
Total Executions Processed	2,211
New Executions Received	1,589

Services Summary 2013	
Family Court	140
Evictions completed	150
Evictions cancelled	188
Summons	107
Other services	32
Total services	617
Returns	86
Jurors served	45
Subpoenas returned	10
Total papers served (income	3002
and property executions,	
summonses)	

During 2013, the Civil Division took in a total of \$ 3,476,043.96, comprising monies from income executions, property executions, fees and bail. Of this, the County retained the fees summarized below and disbursed the remainder to creditors and others as required.

	Fees Collected 2013	Fees Collected 2012
Income executions	191,389.85	197,207.88
Property executions	17,880.23	14,728.10
General / misc.	95,652.04	97,535.60
fees*		
*includes pistol fees (	(\$30,556.00) and fees fo	r fingerprints, records,
accident reports, phot	os and other fees.	
Total	341,841.52	341,844.13

#### **Pistol Permit Statistics 2013**

595
18
590
5,149
595
64

The Pistol Permit section is tasked with enforcing judges' orders to pistol permit holders to turn in their guns when charged with misdemeanors and/or felonies, as well as under Mental Health regulations. The Civil Division maintains a secure gun vault to store weapons seized or surrendered pursuant to judicial orders resulting from arrests and/or mental health orders, as well as for the estates of those who pass away in possession of handguns. During 2013, the Civil Office took in 286 handguns for safekeeping and returned 122 handguns.

Former employee Mary-Wynne Deyo passed away on November 7, 2013. Mary-Wynne was employed in the Civil Division from 1976 until her retirement in 2009. Following her retirement, she would often return to the Civil Division to assist the staff with its caseload.



Wynne Deyo

### 4. CRIMINAL DIVISION

The Criminal Division has three main branches: Road Patrol, Detectives, and Security Services. URGENT overlaps internally with the Criminal Division and also with the Ulster County Jail. The Criminal Division has 71 sworn personnel consisting of 58 full time deputies encompassing supervisors, patrol deputies and detectives, plus 19 part-time deputies. It also includes 3 full time dispatchers and 7 full time security guards, also augmented by part-time staff in each category.

### I. <u>Road Patrol</u>

The Road Patrol operates from the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center and also from substations located in Wallkill, Esopus, Shandaken, at the Joseph V. Resnick Airport in Wawarsing, and at SUNY Ulster. The Navigation Unit operates from the United State Coast Guard station in Saugerties and the Rondout Creek in Kingston.

Under the command of Captain Michael O. Freer, the road patrol comprises the main law enforcement force of the Sheriff's Office. These deputies patrol roads, trails and waterways, give assistance and protection, enforce the laws, and arrive on the scene when a crime or incident occurs. The department enforces orders of protection and maintains the governmental registry of sex offenders. New oversight practices have increased documented violations and arrests.

In 2013, the Criminal Division responded to 16,583 calls for service; made 1,703 arrests (up 24% compared to 2012); responded to 837 accidents and issued 4,216 traffic tickets. DWI arrests are up over previous years due to a concentrated effort.



Deputy Hadeer Omar, School Resource Officer, Rondout Central School District

Sheriff Van Blarcum promoted Perry Soule to the rank of Lieutenant, Allen Rowe to the rank of First Sergeant; Chad Storey, Stuart McKenzie and Christopher Lutz to the rank of Patrol Sergeant; and Craig Miller and Michael Rell to the rank of Detective.

Lieutenant Dennis Young retired from the Sheriff's Office, having begun with the agency in 1984.

The following pages detail activity at the substations in Wawarsing, Wallkill, Esopus, Shandaken and at SUNY Ulster. They describe training and special units and programs within the Criminal Division.

#### A. PATROL TRAINING AND AWARDS

During 2013 the Training Office was completely reorganized. All training files were brought up to date and are current. The use of the POSS automated scheduling system has greatly enhanced the record keeping process. Training highlights for this year are as follows.

- 108 members including patrol, security and civilian staff received 13,359 hours of specialized, in-service and special teams training.
- All department members attended the County-mandated Diversity Training.
- 4 newly hired members completed the Basic Course for Police Officers. These officers replaced retiring members.
- 4 members successfully completed the Instructor Development Course.
- 1 member completed Firearms Instructor Certification.
- 3 members completed Active Shooter Training in Oriskany, NY.
- 3 members completed DDACTS training.
- 4 members completed BresthTestOperator training.
- 4 members completed High Risk Patrol training.
- Criminal Division instructors were utilized at the following schools:

**Basic Police Officer Academy** Instructor Development Breath Analysis Operator Field Training Officer Standardized Field Sobriety Testing **Basic Course in Police Supervision UCLETG Police Academy Training** NYS EnCon Basic Marine Law Enforcement NYS DCJS Weapons of Mass Destruction/Terrorism/Fraudulent **Documents** Radar/LIDAR **High Risk Patrol** Aerosol Subject Restraint Taser

#### **Deputy Sheriff of the Quarter Program**

The Deputy of the Quarter program was initiated to recognize members of the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division who distinguish themselves as law enforcement professionals. 2013 Deputies of the Quarter were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Deputy Thomas Lattin 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Deputy Scott Buchinger 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Deputy David Hughes

- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Detective Jason Bruck

#### B. WAWARSING STATION ZONE 1

#### Patrolling the Village of Ellenville, and the Towns of Wawarsing, Rochester, Marbletown.

155 Airport Rd. Napanoch, NY 12458 (845) 647-2677

During 2013, the Zone 1 substation was manned by nine deputies under the supervision of Sergeants Glenn VanKleeck and Stuart McKenzie.



#### May 30 Cragsmoor Plane Crash

Deputies and members of other agencies responded to a report of a plane crash on Cragsmoor. The plane had taken off from the Joseph Resnick Airport. The 23year-old female pilot and only occupant crashed shortly after takeoff. After landing in the tree tops, she

Complaints	3,136
Non-criminal	2,598
Criminal cases	538
Domestic incidents	112
Arrests	359
DWI/DWAI	16
Warrant	60
All other	283
Motor Vehicle Accidents	329
Property Damage	270
Personal Injury	58
Fatal	1
TSLEDs Civil papers served Miles patrolled	868 49 153,781

climbed to the ground, uninjured. After hiking a short distance, she was located by law enforcement personnel already en route to her cell phone coordinates.

#### June 19 Deputies raid cock-fighting farm in Plattekill.

The Sheriff's Office received a tip of illegal chicken(cock) fighting. Deputies responded and indeed found an illegal cock fighting farm at the location. After a brief foot chase, 7 subjects were taken into custody. It was later discovered that several of the subjects involved were also under investigation by N.Y.P.D. on suspicion of similar activity in New York City.

#### July 2 Cragsmoor murder-suicide

Deputies responded to a check-the-welfare call for subjects at a residence in Cragsmoor. After gaining entry to the house, deputies found two deceased individuals. It seems the wife shot her husband while he was sleeping, then took her own life by taking an overdose of pills.

#### C. WALLKILL STATION ZONE 2

#### Patrolling the Towns of Shawangunk, Gardiner, Plattekill, Marlborough, Lloyd, New Paltz

Route 208, Wallkill

(845) 895-3011

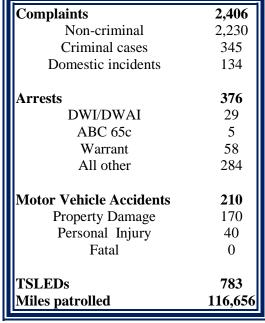
During 2013, the Zone 2 substation operated with five deputies under the supervision of Sergeant Christopher Lutz.

#### March 27 Violent domestic dispute in Plattekill

Deputies along with New York State Police, police officers from Plattekill, Shawangunk and Marlborough Police, and the Ulster County Emergency Response Team responded to a 911 call for a violent domestic dispute on Barclay Road in Plattekill. Shawn Rahm of Clintondale was charged with the felony of Assault in the Second Degree.

#### June 3 Investigation reveals marihuana grow operation.

Deputies were requested by the police of the Towns of Walden and Montgomery to check a residence for a subject with an outstanding NYS Parole warrant. When deputies approached the residence on Plains Road in Shawangunk, they detected a strong odor of marihuana. Subsequent investigation revealed an indoor marihuana growing operation inside the house. Additionally, a small quantity of heroin was found.





Deputy Shannon Britzky and Deputy Chris Heimink

#### D. ESOPUS STATION ZONE 3

Patrolling the City of Kingston, Towns of Esopus, Rosendale, Hurley, Kingston, Ulster, Saugerties Salem Street, Port Ewen, New York (845) 338-3640 The Zone 3 substation in the Esopus Town Hall comprises nine full time patrol deputies supervised during 2013 by Sergeants Kevin Richards and Glenn Buchinger.



Complaints	2,450
Non-criminal	1,983
Criminal cases	467
Domestic incidents	58
Arrests	403
DWI/DWAI	7
ABC 65c	1
Warrant	67
All other	328
Motor Vehicle Accidents	173
Property Damage	140
Personal injury	32
Fatal	1
TSLEDs	1,746
Civil papers served	52
Miles patrolled	172,813

#### March 28 Investigation reveals that a driver in a fatal accident was intoxicated.

Deputies and detectives investigated a fatal car-pedestrian accident on Salem St. in Esopus. The driver, who was found to be intoxicated at the time, was subsequently charged with Vehicular Manslaughter and several other offenses.

#### August 20 Sex offender accompanying child questioned by deputy, then arrested.

Deputy Dave Hughes observed a known sex offender walking in Port Ewen with a young child. Dep. Hughes took the initiative to interview the sex offender. Subsequently the level-one sex offender Michael McKevitt was arrested for inappropriate conduct with the child. McKevitt is still in jail awaiting trial.

#### E. <u>SHANDAKEN STATION ZONE 4</u>

# Patrolling the Towns of Shandaken, Woodstock, Olive, Denning, Hardenburgh

Route 28 Shandaken, New York (845) 688-2233 This substation operates from Shandaken Town Hall on

Rte. 28 with two deputies assigned under the supervision of Sergeant Wallace Fulford.



Complaints	863
Non-criminal	777
Criminal	85
Domestics	22
Arrests	60
DWI/DWAI	2
Warrants	6
All other	52
Motor Vehicle Accidents	29
Property Damage	21
Personal Injury	8
TSLEDs	168
Civil papers served	16
Miles patrolled	37,780

March 26 Deputies responded to assist multiple agencies with a possible shooting suspect in Shokan who was believed to be shooting at responding officers. The suspect was later located burned to death in his vehicle behind the structures, which he intentionally set on fire.





#### F. <u>SUNY ULSTER STATION ZONE 7</u>

#### Patrolling the Towns of Rosendale, Marbletown, Hurley and Esopus

491 Cottekill Rd
Hasbrouck Hall Room 131
Stone Ridge, NY 12484
(845) 688-6131
This substation on the SUNY campus in Stone Ridge operates with four deputies assigned under the supervision of Sergeant Chad Storey.



Complaints	2,130
Non-criminal	1,849
Criminal	243
Domestics	38
Arrests	215
DWI/DWAI	7
Warrants	21
All other	187
Motor Vehicle Accidents	108
Property Damage	80
Personal Injury	27
Fatal	1
TSLEDs	314
Miles patrolled	92,513

**December 1** Deputies responded to an armed robbery at the Citgo Gas Station on Route 32 in Plattekill. The deputies, along with members from the NYSP, and the Town of Plattekill Police Department worked numerous leads and were able to come up with a person of interest. Although an arrest has not yet been made, the cooperation, professional conduct of our members and knowledge of the patrol area has been key in the development of the person of interest.

#### G. <u>SPECIAL UNITS</u>

#### 1. Ulster County STOP DWI

Under a memorandum of agreement with Ulster County STOP DWI, the Sheriff's Office performs sobriety checkpoints and selective enforcement details to distribute information and enlist the cooperation of the driving public to identify problems and increase public awareness. Below is a summary of this campaign during 2013.

Total Task Force hours	1,062	
STOP DWI monthly expenditures	\$41,023.54	
Arrests by Task Force	DWI: 10	DWAI: 2
Tickets issued by Task Force	2	
Arrests by routine Sheriff's patrols	DWI: 63	DWAI: 13
Alcohol/drug related crashes	26 (up from 7 in 2012)	

#### 2. Ulster County Emergency Response Team (UCERT)

The UCERT Team, under the command of F/Sgt. Allen Rowe, had 2 notable incidents in 2013.

**March 26** Team members responded to the Town of Olive for an active shooter at the scene of an active structure fire. On arrival, fire department members found the subject shooting at responders and vehicles. Team members were deployed to set up perimeter containment. UCERT and DEP SWAT worked together to set up perimeter and search all out buildings and residences in the immediate area. The subject had committed suicide and was located in a vehicle on the property behind the residence.

**March 27** Team members responded to the Town of Plattekill for a report of an armed barricaded subject, following a domestic incident. The subject was located and taken into custody without incident.

The team applied for a NYS Department of Homeland Security SWAT grant in October for a new van and equipment. UCERT also has underway a grant application to purchase a Lenco Bearcat armored vehicle to enhance team ability and safety of team members.

Team members also participated in planning and organizing training sessions. The team participated in multiple training scenarios and firearms range days throughout the year. Trainings were also conducted with the NYSP Special Operations Response Team, the Kingston Police Emergency Services Unit and the NYC DEP Police SWAT unit.

Team members participated in and assisted in planning several school lock-down drills throughout the county.

Team members provided training for UCAT on Terrorism and Bus Assaults. Four members completed a two week Basic SWAT Operators Course. All team members are now certified in SWAT Operations.



Incident scene, Shokan

#### 3. Detective Unit

Commanded by a Detective Lieutenant and supervised by a Detective Sergeant, the unit consists of 7 members assigned to the unit and one assigned to the multi-jurisdictional, inter-county Family Violence Task Force. The Detective Unit apprehends offenders who elude arrest by the Patrol Unit and investigate incidents and offenses such as death cases, sex offenses, violent felony offenses, burglary and stolen property offenses, gambling offenses, and controlled substance offenses. The duties of this unit supplement those of the uniformed Patrol Unit.

2013 Cases: 330						
Closed by investigation	129	Closed, prosecution declined	17			
Closed by arrest	72	Closed, victim refused to	8			
		cooperate				
Remaining Open Cases	<b>48</b>	Closed, exceptional				
		clearance (including				
		warrants)				
Closed, pending further	44	Closed, unfounded	9			
development						
Cases by type						
Arson	3	MVA, fatal	3			
Assault, all types	10	MVA, injury	8			
Background investigations	27	OGA/Resisting arrest	1			
Burglary, all types	53	Possession stolen property	2			
Child abuse	3	Possession of a weapon	1			
Contraband, UC Jail	12	Rape, all types	6			
Criminal mischief	1	Reckless endangerment	3			
Criminal possession of	1	Requests for assistance	29			
weapon, all degrees						
Criminal trespass	1	Requests for patrol	16			
Death investigations (including	36	Robbery	4			
suicide)						
Forgery/Possession of Forged	5	School incidents, all types	1			
Instrument			11			
Fraud	9	Sex offense, all others (non-				
		rape)				
Harassment, violation	6	Stolen vehicles	2			
Harrassment, misdemeanor	3	Strangulation, all degrees	2			
Homicide, all types	2	Suspicious activity/person	7 1			
Identity theft	3	Unlawful imprisonment				
Internet related / ICAC	4	Unlawful surveillance	1			
Larceny (Felony)	22	Warrant investigations and	14			
		arrests (U.S. Marshals Task				
	0	force)				
Larceny (Misdemeanor)	9	Welfare Fraud	1			
Lost property	2					
Missing person	6					

#### Warrants

Active warrants on file with the Sheriff's Office are published on the Sheriff's website: <u>www.co.ulster.ny.us/sheriff</u>. The public is encouraged to review the list. The Active Warrants link lists the wanted person's name, date of birth, last known address (town/city), the offense, and the date of issuance of the warrant. The presence of a person's name on the list is not considered as probable cause to detain the subject, and the public is not to act on its own concerning any listed warrants. Confirmation of the existence of a valid warrant is made to authorized individuals only.

<b>Total Warrants Received</b>	277
By category:	
Bench Warrants	119
Arrest Warrants	84
Family Court Warrants	65
Probation Warrants	3
Warrants Closed by Arrest	227
Warrants Closed by Other	83
(Vacate/Recall)	
Total Warrants Closed	310

*Note*: During 2013, six Fugitive from Justice arrests were completed for other agencies, and one Fugitive from Justice arrest was completed for this agency, (paperwork filed, extradition waived prior to being enforced).

#### **DETECTIVE UNIT SIGNIFICANT CASES 2013**

**Brent Manz, ICAC arrest (14564-11), case agent Deputy Tuey** Between 11/14/11 and 04/05/13 an investigation was conducted in cooperation with the Niagara Falls Police into the transmission of sexually explicit images and chat conversation between Deputy Tuey posing as a 13 year old girl and Brent J. Manz, 29, of Niagara Falls. This culminated in a search warrant being executed at his residence on 03/18/13 and his subsequent arrest by Niagara Falls Police.



# Ron Grumberg, Fraud/Weapons arrest (7005-12), case agents Detective Robertson and URGENT

Beginning in May, Detectives and URGENT members conducted an investigation into forged documents and fraud committed by Ronald Grumberg, 59, of Saugerties. A search warrant later executed at home revealed numerous weapons, illegally possessed by Mr. Grumberg, as well as a large quantity of documents, which were seized. This case is pending prosecution at this time.

## **Star Grocery, Welfare Fraud (3478-11), case agent Detective Montfort**



Between 3/13/11 and 11/1/13, this agency, in conjunction with the UCDSS Special Investigations Unit, investigated the misuse of welfare and food stamp funds by personnel of

Star Grocery in Accord. This two-year investigation ultimately resulted in a search warrant being executed against the business on 02/06/13, whereby a large quantity of records were recovered. This also resulted in the arrests of Shonda Decker, 20, of Wawarsing; owner Qadeer Shah, 32, of Accord; Lori Shah, 37, of Accord; Alsa Quent, 32, of Accord; Toni Perretta, 39, of Kerhonkson; and Lisa Knauer, 35, of Kerhonkson. This case is pending prosecution.



#### Child Support Sweep, case agents Deputy Tiano and Detective Sergeant Markiewicz

Between January and the end of March, 18 child support violators were apprehended in what has become an ongoing coordinated enforcement effort between this agency, the District Attorney's office, UCDSS support enforcement and Family Court. Their combined arrears totaled approximately \$665,000. Several remain in the jail serving sentences imposed by Family Court, Ulster Town Court, or both. A second initiative between April and June resulted in another 16 arrests, totaling approximately \$595,000 in arrears. A third initiative covering the remainder of the year resulted in another 15 arrests, totaling approximately \$255,000 in arrears, not including another \$48,235 in arrears in warrants vacated by the court. This initiative remains ongoing.

**Derek Wood, Vehicular Manslaughter (3758-13), case agents Detectives Robertson and McKenzie** On 3/28/13 this agency began investigating a DWI-related crash, whereby Paul J. DeGraff, 45, of Port Ewen, struck Derek Wood, 18, also of Port Ewen, while he was walking on Salem Street between Gurney Street and Millbrook Road,



killing him. DeGraff also sustained a neck injury in the crash. Additional investigation, including the execution of several search warrants, yielded evidence DeGraff was highly intoxicated when the crash occurred. This case is scheduled to go to trial in February, 2014.

#### Greg Scott et. al., burglaries (14369-12), case agent Detective Bruck

Between October, 2012 and April, 2013, this agency investigated a series of burglaries and larcenies whereby a large quantity of personal property was stolen from residences. Orange County police agencies and the New Jersey State Police cooperated with UCSO. Ultimately, Jeffrey J. Lang Jr., 24, of Highland, Javon S. Lawrence, 23, of Wallkill and Gregory M. Scott, 23, of Newburgh, were charged in one or more of the numerous cases under investigation.



Assist KPD with Homicide of Anita Royer-Jacobs, (1504-13), case agents Detectives Bruck and Waage Beginning 02/03/13, Detectives Bruck and Waage assisted Kingston City Police with pursuing leads relative to the murder of Anita Royer-Jacobs. Ultimately, Audelis Cruz, 49, of Kingston was charged and later convicted of her murder. He was recently sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison.





#### Michelle Neumann, Grand Larceny (4249-13), case agent Detective Robertson

Between 4/10/13 and 10/19/13 an investigation was conducted into the larceny of over \$100,000 from a trust account for a 7-year-old disabled child by his mother, Michelle Neumann, 42, of Saugerties. She was later arrested after examination of volumes of documents. This case is pending court action at this time.

#### Romeo Chevrolet, Grand Larceny (8859,10588,11511-13), case agent Detective Miller:

Between July and September, this agency investigated the burglary of a residence and larceny of car parts from Romeo Chevrolet in the Town of Ulster. A tip led to evidence that Robert J. Lunan, 47, of Kingston, had committed these offenses, including an additional larceny of a pickup truck bed gate in the City of Kingston. These cases are pending court action at this time.



#### 4. Navigation Unit

This year the navigation unit was on the water for 904 hours with an accumulated total of 1015 man hours of patrols. It conducted 400 safety inspections of bridges, fuel storage and like buildings and structures; 40 inspections of launch sites and marinas; and 247 vessel safety boarding inspections. It conducted 103 vessel/person assists and 36 search-and-rescues. The unit issued 193 warning tickets and 27 tickets; responded to reports of 5 vessels lost or stolen; and investigated



3 accidents. The unit assisted in the recovery of a plane crash victim in the Ulster-Greene county line area of the Hudson River, using watercrafts M26 and M27.

Members conducted 3 boater safety classes for the public and 2 safety courses for the construction workers of the new Tappan Zee bridge. They assisted in the training of UCERT and KPD ESU teams for navigation assault. The teams spent several hours deploying off M27, practicing techniques in the event the "Rip Van Winkle" came under siege. Training was also provided to the Kingston City Fire Department on boat handling and emergency operations.

The Navigation Unit also assisted the U.S. Coast Guard in two river operations. Members boarded and inspected foreign flagged vessels, checking for proper documentation, citizenship

paperwork, boater education, and also signs of narcotics trafficking. The unit participated in 24 boardings, during which 10 citations were issued.

Vessels M26 and M27 are now equipped with the Blue Force Tracking system and software.

# 5. In-Water Rescue Unit

Divers belonging to the In-Water Rescue Team are certified in open water, black water, evidence recovery, rapid deployment and ice diving. In addition, team members (divers and tenders) are

certified in surface ice rescue, swift water rescue, small boat operations and diver-to-surface communications. Certain members are certified in side-scan sonar operations, used to locate submerged victims and objects.

The unit is called out to assist other law enforcement agencies who do not have dive units. The 2013 year started out with a plane crash in the Hudson River in Greene County. Deputies assisted New York State Police and the Greene County Sheriff's Office with recovering the body of the pilot and conducting dives on the wreck site. It assisted NYSP with a dive operation under the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge after a subject jumped from that span. In December, the unit assisted Town of Saugerties Police with the recovery of a male who committed suicide by jumping from a bridge into the ice-covered Esopus Creek. The team was called out 5 additional times for water emergencies throughout the year.

The team participated in trainings with the Dutchess and Greene County Sheriff's Offices and NYSP to ensure smooth joint operations during an emergency. The unit conducted demonstrations and trainings for the public, the Boy Scouts, and several fire departments and EMS providers. It conducted dives on vessels of the United States Coast Guard to check for malfunctioning equipment. It provided hull sweeps for Homeland Security details on the Hudson River. Members contributed equipment and safety divers during the annual Polar Plunge in Highland, providing expertise and safety both to cut the hole in the ice and to protect the participants.

> Operation on the Esopus Creek in Saugerties, December 17, 2013. Rt. Officer George Hill







# 6. Sheriff's K9 Unit

The K9 teams are a critical part of this agency's work. They have a long history in this office going back to arrival of K9 Ben in 1991. Since then, our units have grown in numbers, skill and professionalism and are completely integrated in this agency's police and investigation work.



K9 Unit Significant Cases 2013

Self generated K9 uses	101
Assist UCSO members	17
Assist other agencies	79
Narcotics vehicle	88
searches	
Area searches	7
Building searches	16
Narcotics building	24
searches	
Narcotics outside	5
searches	
Currency seized as a	\$309,000
result of K9 sniff	
Cadaver searches	0
Tracking suspects	44
Tracking non-suspects	2
Article searches	5
Jail details	2
Special details	4
Crowd control	2
Demonstrations	10
Finds / Narcotics	21
Finds / Persons	9
Finds / Weapons	2

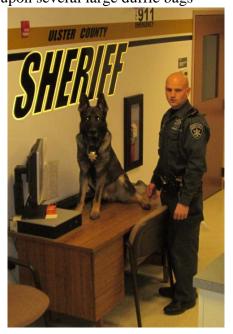


**February 2** Sgt. Wally Fulford deployed K9 Drago following a traffic stop on Rt. 28 in the Town of Ulster. Eric Sobaczewski was found to have been driving with a suspended license. Drago searched the vehicle and alerted upon several large duffle bags

containing over \$225,000 in U.S. currency. All the currency was seized due to the alert by Drago for presence of narcotics.

**May 16** Deputy James Mullen deployed K9 Triton on a track while assisting NYSP with an investigation into a burglary of the Reservoir Inn in West Hurley. Triton began tracking along Basin Rd. and located a recently-dropped cell phone, later determined to belong to the suspect who had dropped it when he fled the scene. The suspect was later arrested and charged with Burglary.

Sgt. Wallace Fulford and Drago, (above), Deputy James Mullen and Triton (rt.)



#### January 12

K9 team Deputy James Slinsky and Kilo responded to Route 32 in the Town of Plattekill to assist another deputy with a vehicle stop and search. Kilo was deployed and alerted high in the front of the vehicle. Hypodermic needles, heroin, powder cocaine and crack cocaine were found in the headliner of the vehicle. The search resulted in the arrest of a male subject from Walden who cooperated with URGENT and eventually played an important role in the indictment of a large narcotics dealer in the Gardiner area.



Deputy James Slinsky and Kilo

#### **December 28**

Deputy Slinsky and Kilo responded to an address in Walker Valley to help Shawangunk Police locate a suicidal female who was thought to have walked into the woods. After a searching a large area over the course of several hours, Kilo located the woman, who was unconscious and unresponsive. After a lengthy extrication from the woods, the female was evaluated by paramedics and found to have a core body temperature of 86 degrees. She was taken to a hospital and survived. According to the emergency room doctor, she would have likely died of exposure within 60 minutes if she had not been located.

New K9 Team Deputy Robert Vedder and Dozer (rt.), Deputy George Carlson and Coda (below rt.)



# 7. Security Services Unit

Uniformed deputy sheriffs and security officers, under the supervision of Sgt. George Goodwin, provide security at the County Office Building, Department of Social Services, Mental Health, Probation, Veterans' Agency, Purchasing and the Trudy Resnick Building. In 2013, the high statistics in terms of activity, especially at the U.C. Dept. of Social Services, reflects the continuing weak economy.



Security Guard Steven Ross at the Ulster County Dept. of Probation

Department of Social Services	Total
Magnascanner count	289,294
Weapons held for safekeeping	1,956
Incident reports	79
Assistance calls	659
Investigate report of fire	6
Illegal weapons	3
Warrant arrests	5
Other arrests	24
Medical calls	25
Parking calls	19
TSLEDs	12
Parking tickets	17
Ulster County Probation	
Magnascanner count	26,385
Weapons held for safekeeping	106
Incident reports	13
Emergency calls	0
Assistance calls	279
Warrant arrests	63
Other arrests	5
UTTs issued	22
Office of Mental Health	<i></i>
Code Blue alarms	56
Stand by	27
Escorts	1,740
Smokers Modical emergencies	524
Medical emergencies	8
Non-criminal complaints	16
Criminal complaints	1
Lockouts Weapons accured	4
Weapons secured Other / Misc	85 2 420
	2,420
(Security checks, battery boosts, assistance requests, fire drills)	
assistance requests, file utilis)	

















Pictured right column, Security Officers at their stations: Chris Fowler, Martin Knuffke and Phil Kearney, Gary Lee Schwartz, Senior Security Officer David Mead.

# 8. Community Oriented Policing

The Community Oriented Policing (COP) programs are dedicated to community policing and crime prevention programs. The following are community based crime prevention programs that operate within Ulster County and involve community residents actively working with local public and private agencies.

## For Children and Youth

#### **Child Passenger Safety (CPS)**

In 2013, Ulster County received an annual Award from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to participate in the statewide CPS program. Child safety seats are required in New York State because they provide the best protection for infants and young children. Parents and caregivers may have their child's safety seat inspected at each Sheriff's sub-station as a free walk in Fitting Station by a deputy who is a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician.

#### **Bicycle Rodeos and Helmet Safety Education**

The bicycling community has increased since the raising of gas prices and global warming. The National Highway Safety Administration provides educational strategies for bicycle helmet laws and usage. The Sheriff's Office has increased its bicycle safety promotion, cooperating with the following entities:

- YMCA of Ulster County
- Rip Van Winkle Scouts of Highland and Marlboro Communities
- Bicycling for Cancer throughout Ulster County
- Everette Hodge Center of City of Kingston

#### Sheriff's Summer Camp

The NYS Sheriffs' Association Institute Summer Camp offers a camp experience to economically-

distressed children across New York who otherwise might not have a chance to go. Located in

Penn Yan, NY, the camp helps foster good relations between these children and the men and women of law enforcement, with deputies serving as counselors and conducting demonstrations related to police work. In 2013, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office sent 25 children to the camp.

*Ulster County campers prepare to depart.* 





#### **Project ChildSafe**

Project ChildSafe promotes safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearm owners through the distribution of safety education messages and free firearm safety kits. The kits include a cable-style gun-locking device and a brochure that discusses safe handling and storage.

#### **Explorers Post 129**

The Ulster County Sheriff's Explorer Post 129 provides opportunities for young people ages 14 to 21 to get a taste of working in a law enforcement environment. The program is organized in affiliation with the Boy Scouts. Cadets volunteer alongside deputies at events such as bike safety rodeos and child car seat safety checks. Explorers also tour the 911 center and the jail.

This year, UCSO Post 129 competed at the New York State Explorer's Post Stations Day in Solvay, New York. Competing against 7 other groups from across the state, UCSO's cadets placed in physical agility, crime scene investigation and arrest-and-search procedures. 2013 also marked the passing of Deputy William King, who was a pioneer leader of the Post.

#### **Criminal Justice Student Internships**

Internships are made possible through coordination with the Criminal Justice Program at SUNY Ulster. By volunteering at the Sheriff's Office for 150 hours, students receive 4 college credits. Three students completed internships during 2013.

## **For Seniors**

#### Keeping Seniors in the Driver's Seat

The Sheriff's Office and the Ulster County Office for the Aging annually host drivers' safety training programs entitled "Keeping Seniors in the Driver's Seat" and "Car Fit." Car Fit is a nationally recognized effort to encourage senior citizen driver's safety by emphasizing safety belt laws.

> Deputy Deborah Prusack helps Judy, a senior, find her safety fit.

#### **Project Lifesaver**

Project Lifesaver is a search-and-rescue program to help locate individuals who have wandered, such as those afflicted with Alzheimer's, dementia and autism. During 2013, deputies trained in Project Lifesaver obtained recertification. The agency attended the U.C. Office of Aging Conference on Caregiving, meetings of the AARP of Gardiner and Olive Senior Citizens, and the 2013 Walk to End Alzheimers to educate about Project Lifesaver.







# For the Community at Large

#### **Boater Safety Courses**

The Sheriff's Office hosted 3 New York State Boater Safety Courses. The free course is for required by state law for all boaters ages 10 to 18 and all personal watercraft operators NYS certified instructors cover navigation rules, NYS navigation laws, vessel operation, and required boating and safety equipment.

#### **Snowmobile Safety Courses**

Certified instructors teach proper riding habits, safety equipment, and laws and rules of the trail as well as the history of snowmobiling and components of a snowmobile. The NY S Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: Bureau of Marine and Recreational Vehicles prescribes this course.

#### **Yellow Dot**

The Sheriff's Office offers this free program designed to give emergency first responders quick access to individuals' vital medical information. Funded through the NYS Sheriffs' Association, Yellow Dot consists of a kit containing medical information cards and Yellow Dot stickers directing responders to the cards.



#### **Biathlons and Triathlons**

The Sheriff's Office assists with traffic and safety planning and control at events such as the Woodstock Women's Cycling Grand Prix and other biathlons and triathlons.

#### **Community Events**

Agency members regularly demonstrate at or participate in community and fund-raising events. During 2013 these included United Way Touch-a-Truck Emergency Services Day Ulster County Fair Hudson Valley Autism Society Autism Walk & Expo Walk to End Alzheimers WGHQ Happy Christmas Fund Warrior Weekend Subzero Heroes American Legion community events K9 demonstrations throughout Ulster County at scouting, school and community events.

# **5. URGENT**

URGENT combats drugs, gangs, illegal firearms and other criminal activity around the clock. This inter-agency task force operates under the command of Detective Lt. Edwin Brewster of the Sheriff's Office. The unit is a steady disrupting force against criminal activity ranging from cocaine and heroin trafficking to New-York-based gang operations active in Ulster. Heroin offenses and overdoses have risen over the past three years. Heroin and presecription drugs have become a focus of this investigative unit.



The following agencies have members assigned to URGENT: Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Town of Lloyd Police, Town of Plattekill Police, Town of Woodstock Police, Town of Shandaken Police, Town of New Paltz Police, Ulster County Probation, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the United States Marshals.

CASES / ARRESTS / CHARGES		SEIZURES	
Cases			
Cases opened	203	Cars	4
Assists	46	Assists	0
Arrests			
Persons arrested	142	Guns	22
Assists	26	Assists	1
Gang members	8 BLOODS		
arrested	1 OMG's	Cash	\$310,561.00
	1 Latin Kings /	Assists	\$2,745.00
	Latino gangs		
Gang field interviews	41	Stolen documents	13
		Assists	0
Charges			
Felonies	200	Cocaine (grams)	113.6
Assists	8	Assists	3
Misdemeanors	148	Amphetamine (grams)	17
Assists	25		
Violations	38	Heroin (decks)	1,910
Assists	8	Assists	10
Search warrants	7	Marijuana (lbs)	62.07
Assists	1	Assists	7.67
		Hash (grams)	4.5
		Assists	2
		MDMA	18.1
		Assists	0
		Pharmaceuticals	814
		(pills)	
		Assists	0

# **URGENT SIGNIFICANT CASES 2013**

In January, URGENT initiated an investigation after receiving intelligence in regard to a regional marihuana trafficking organization operating in Woodstock. On 02/02/13, the unit conducted surveillance and coordinated a traffic stop of one of the suspects on Route 28 in the Town of Ulster. The suspect, Eric M. Sobaczewski, 39, of Glastonbury, CT, was taken into custody for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. A search of the defendant and the vehicle revealed marihuana and \$214, 067 in United States currency. The currency was seized, and Sobaczewski was additionally charged with Unlawful Possession of Marihuana. Sobaczewski is currently incarcerated in New York City on unrelated charges.



In January, the task force initiated an investigation into Poughkeepsie-based drug and prostitution organizations operating in the Town of Lloyd. The investigation required multiple coordinated undercover operations. URGENT concluded the investigation in May with the arrest of 12 persons, including members of the BLOODS and Latin Kings gangs, on conspiracy, drug and prostitution charges.

In February, URGENT members became involved in an ongoing Detective Unit fraud case

involving suspect, Ronald Grumberg. Detectives and members of URGENT determined that Grumberg was additionally trafficking firearms. URGENT initiated an undercover investigation and purchased numerous illegal firearms/assault weapons from Grumberg, a convicted felon from a previous unrelated case. On 03/01/2013, the task force executed a search warrant at Grumberg's residence in Saugerties. The search revealed two handguns, fifteen rifles and shotguns and other evidence



associated with illegal firearms trafficking. Grumberg was arrested inside the residence on various felony weapons possession and sale charges. He remains in the Ulster County Jail.

In June, members of URGENT received intelligence in regard to a money laundering and drug trafficking operation in New Paltz and Shawangunk. They conducted hours of surveillance in regard to the primary target of the investigation Christopher Francis, 31. On 08/16/2013, a search warrant at the suspect's home revealed cocaine, diverted pharmaceuticals, firearms and approximately **\$84,000** in U.S. currency.

In June, members initiated an investigation into drug sales in all areas of Ulster County. URGENT conducted numerous undercover buy operations and many hours of stationary and rolling surveillance. In August of 2013 members of URGENT and United States Marshals raided the addresses of the defendants and arrested 18 defendants, some of whom are pictured on the following pages.

In July, the unit received intelligence in regard to gang members from the City of Newburgh distributing narcotics in southeastern Ulster County. Between July and November, URGENT conducted several "buy/bust" undercover operations. The effort resulted in the arrest (several class A felonies) of numerous traffickers and the seizure of large quantities of heroin, cocaine, MDMA and diverted pharmaceuticals.



In October, URGENT and Ellenville Police received intelligence in regard to a significant heroin trafficker operating in Ellenville. The suspect was also a known member of the BLOODS criminal street gang. URGENT and Ellenville Police obtained a search warrant for the distribution location on Mill Street in Ellenville. A search of the residence revealed heroin, oxycodone and drug packaging material. Over 550 "bags" or "decks" of heroin packaged for sale were recovered. Rasean K. Mack, 28, was taken into custody inside the apartment and charged with: Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3<sup>rd</sup> degree (intent to sell), a class B felony, 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4<sup>th</sup> degree, a class C felony and Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.



Iqwan Mandiville a/k/a "Quan" DOB: 8/6/1992



Jahdeem A. Mead a/k/a "S-dubs" a/k/a/ "Scram Jones" DOB: 4/27/1990



Jerrod Anderson a/k/a: JA a/ka: JA-Stretch DOB: 11/10/1984



Justin D. Klare DOB: 3/27/1987



Ryan Gruber DOB: 10/7/1984



Christopher Ronda DOB: 11/9/1980



Jason Morano DOB: 2/5/1979



Jacob Lester DOB: 7/24/1983



Ana K. Jacobson DOB: 10/3/1991



Rachel L. Armbuster DOB: 6/1/1988



Hunter S. Falk DOB: 5/1/1986



Donna M. Vantassell DOB: 5/28/1967



William M. Kuntz DOB: 11/3/1961



Juanita Velazquez-Amador DOB: 3//28/1966



Melissa A. Gallo DOB: 6/2/1981



Julia A. Gary DOB: 1/20/1961



Peter N. Golgoski DOB: 8/15/1997

# Sheriff's Office Departmental Awards 2012

Recipients recognized at the Sheriff's Annual Awards Banquet Thursday, June 20th, 2013

Letters of Recognition

Lt. Charles Polacco III Kenneth Sisti C.O. Bradley Higgins Dep. Kyle Frano Det. Margaret Waage (2) C.O. James Maines C.O. John Lerchenmueller C.O. Louis Mottola Dep. Stuart McKenzie Dep. John Schatzel

Excellent Duty Award

Cpl. Edward DeCicco C.O. David Elliott C.O. Robert Rodriguez Sgt. Glenn Buchinger (2) Dep. James Mullen Det. Jason Bruck (2) Dep. Albert Babcock Cpl. Charles Wranovics C.O. Warren Whitaker C.O. Vincent Martelli Dep. Chris Zaccheo Dep. Jonathan Geuss Det. Debra Robertson Belinda Brewster C.O. Anthony Maggio C.O. Christopher Rider C.O. Dwain Caunitz C.O. Robert Leonardo Dep. Robert Shamro Dep. Joseph Sciutto

C.O. Paul Juliano (3)C.O.

C.O. Annemarie Legg

C.O. Brian Hines

Det. Jason Bruck

Dep. Chris Zaccheo

Detective Division Unit Citation (2) – Detective Members Include:

Det. Lt. Ed Brewster	Det. Sgt. Abe Markiewicz	Det. Jason Bruck
Det. Margaret Waage	Det. Christopher Lutz	Det. Peter Monfort
Det. Debra Robertson	Det. Chad Storey	

Exceptional Duty Award

C.O. Michael Coughlin	C.O. Jeffrey Breithaupt	C.O. Amy Brewster
Det. Christopher Lutz	Det. Margaret Waage	

#### S.E.R.T. Team Unit Citation – S.E.R.T. Members include:

Capt. Jon Becker
C.O. Tracy Patterson
C.O. Wilbur Prutzman Jr.
C.O. Matthew Bogert
C.O. Nicholas Jackson
C.O. Thomas Rinaldi
C.O. Jarret Speenburgh

C.O. Norman JamesC.O. Anthony MaggioC.O. Paul JulianoC.O. John LeggC.O. Tyrone BrodheadC.O. Anthony SchleudererC.O. Travis RossmanC.O. Scott BroccoC.O. Matthew BlumC.O. Adam HendricksC.O. Robert FerraraC.O. Michael HarrisC.O. Frederick HollandDep. Stuart McKenzie

Meritorious Service Award

Det. Sgt. Dirk Budd

Dep. Robert Reynolds Probation Off Dennis Doyle

# URGENT Unit Citation (3) – URGENT Team Members Include:Det. Sgt. DirkBuddDep. Robert ReynoldsProbation Off Dennis DoyleC.O. Robert LeonardoDep. Joseph SciuttoDep. Francis GillespieChief Daniel WaageOfficer Calvin HalsteadOfficer Thomas Vasta

#### UCERT Unit Citation – UCERT Members Include:

Sgt. Allen Rowe Officer Chris Helmoortel Det. Christopher Lutz Dep. Kyle Frano C.O. Matthew Blum C.O. Tyrone Brodhead Officer Ryan Watt Sgt. Scott Butler Det. Paul Gambino Dep. Joseph Steyer Dep. Jonathan Geuss C.O. Matthew Bogert Officer Rod Purvis Officer Kris Frisenda Lt. Charles Polacco III Officer Pat Hastings Dep. Craig Miller Dep. Robert Shamro C.O. Anthony Maggio Officer Andrew Seyfarth

#### Life Saving Award

Deputy Kyle Frano

Deputy Damon Alberts

Civilian Employee of the Year

#### Maureen Farrell

#### Deputy of the Year

Deputy James M. Tiano

#### Correction Officer of the Year

C.O. Linda M. Sloane