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County Executive Michael Hein, Legislature Chairman Kenneth Ronk
 Ulster County
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Dear County Executive Hein and Chairman Ronk:

We are pleased to issue the Sheriff's Office 2015 Annual Report. In it you will see reflected the truly astonishing range of talents, know-how, experience and teamwork collected in the 237 members of the Sheriff's Office. We appreciate the efforts you have lent in supporting our work to protect and promote the well-being 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

Michael O. Freer
 Undersheriff



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2015 Highlights

Sheriff VanBlarcum appointed Michael O. Freer to the rank of Undersheriff on January 17, 2015. Vincent Altieri was subsequently promoted to Captain of Police Services.



On October 24, Criminal Division personnel were among those agencies responding to an active shooter in New Paltz. After what began as a domestic assault incident, John Tozzi barricaded himself in an apartment with a rifle and fired repeatedly on police, striking three vehicles which they were using as a shield. After an eight-hour standoff, police deployed a robot into the house to identify the shooter's position. Having been found wounded in a bedroom, Tozzi was removed from the building and flown by helicopter to a hospital.

On October 27, Deputy Sheriff Detective Sergeant Jason Bruck was presented with the first ever "Award of Excellence" awarded by Ulster County District Attorney Holley Carnright. The award will be given annually in recognition of the dedication to an investigation and prosecution of domestic violence in Ulster County.



The following members retired in 2015: Undersheriff Frank P. Faluotico, Jr., Deputy Thomas Lattin, Correction Officers Saviero Fisco, John Lerchenmueller, L. David Elliott and Linda Sloane, and Security Guard Thomas Daley.

Administration



The Sheriff's Administration currently consists of Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum, Undersheriff Michael Freer and division heads Captain Vincent Altieri, Superintendent James Hanstein, Detective Lieutenant Edwin Brewster and Chief Civil Administrator John McGovern.

Administration also includes Administrative Assistant Barbara O'Brien and Sheriff's Confidential Secretary Maureen Krueger. Teresa Pleva holds the title Fiscal Assistant 3, and Melody Brooks and Christine Keck hold the title of Sheriff's Fiscal Assistant 1. This personnel performs administrative, secretarial, budgeting, accounting, payroll, contracts-related and personnel/benefits-related duties.

Notable during 2015 was a project to reorganize the processing of computer-related vendor contracts affecting the Sheriff's Office for better control of invoices and expenditures.



**SHERIFF PAUL J. VAN BLARCUM UNDERSHERIFF MICHAEL O. FREER
SUPERINTENDENT JAMES R. HANSTEIN**



Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. THE DETENTION FACILITY (UCLEC)

The Ulster County Law Enforcement Center (UCLEC) is located at 380 Boulevard, Kingston, NY 12401. The facility houses the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, Corrections Division and the Civil Division. 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 2015 increasing the MFC (Maximum Facility Count) 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 of 502 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 that 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. These

positions consist of correction officers, corporals, sergeants, 6 lieutenants, 2 wardens and a superintendent.



Corrections Command Staff

B. DAILY POPULATION

The 2015 high monthly inmate average of 346 occurred in January and the lowest monthly inmate average of 247 occurred in September. The overall daily population averaged 288 in 2015; this represents a significant decrease from 2014 due to Dutchess County's opening up 200 temporary beds on their site in the spring of 2015. Once again the female population remained high, averaging 38 women per day.

C. REVENUES

In October of 2007 the New York State Commission of Corrections allowed the Corrections Division to board in inmates from other jurisdictions. As a result of these agreements, in 2015 Ulster County received a total of 571 inmates for 11,327 days, amounting to a total of \$962,897 in revenue. Of the total board-ins, 2 inmates were federal inmates for 6 days. This accounted for \$612 of the total revenue. Reimbursement from DOCCS and the U.S. Marshal's Office for travel totaled \$12,446.

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. 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 \$22,800 from the Social Security Incentive Program for FY'15.

SCAAP is a Federal program that gives partial reimbursement for the cost of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens, netting Ulster County \$26,369 for the FY '15.

Revenue for the Ulster County Corrections Division amounted to **\$1,235,568** in 2015.

D. BAILS AND FINES

The Corrections Division processed 504 bail postings and 1 fine. Total monies received by the facility were \$921,913 in bails and \$405 in fines. We also allow individuals to post bail using credit cards. In 2015, a total of 203 bails were posted by credit card amounting to \$437,637. 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. OVERTIME / PART TIME

Overtime and part time compensation for staff are essential in providing manpower for post coverage, staff vacancies, training, one-on-one supervisions, and transportation of sentenced and awaiting-sentence population. In 2015, money spent on overtime was \$781,798 and \$160,645 on part time for a combined total of \$942,443.

301 inmates were placed on one-on-one supervision which requires an officer assigned to the post 24 hours a day, (three 8-hour shifts, 24 hours). 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.



*Correction Officers Nikita Lewis and
Adam Hendricks*

F. ACCREDITATION: MEDICAL

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

**G. N.Y.S. COMMISSION OF CORRECTIONS / NYS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION
ACCREDITATION PROGRAM**

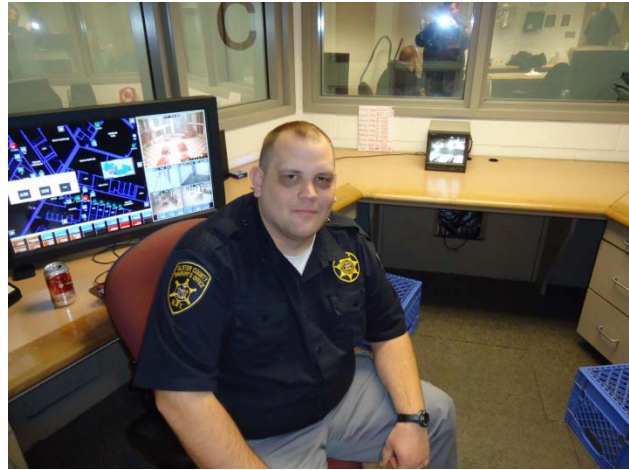
Representatives from the New York State Commission of Corrections visited the facility on several occasions in 2015. During these visits they reviewed the following standards: admissions, security and supervision, prisoner hygiene, discipline, visitation, exercise, classification, food service, sanitation, 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. RECEPTION, INTAKE & CLASSIFICATION

The Ulster County Jail's Intake / Classification Unit processed 2,410 initial classification screenings for FY'15. 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.

1,685 re-classifications were also processed in 2015. 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.



Correction Officers Shawn Roche and Carel Soltys

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

| | MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Total of Ulster County Admissions | 1,459 | 380 | 1,839 |
| Board-ins | | | |
| Other Counties | 146 | 56 | 202 |
| State | 104 | 16 | 120 |
| Federal | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Other | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| TOTAL | 1,716 | 452 | 2,168 |

Of the 2,168 inmates that were processed through the Ulster County Jail in 2015, sentencing was as follows:

| | Male | Female | Total |
|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Non-Sentenced | 1,305 | 329 | 1,634 |
| Sentenced (Definite) | 154 | 51 | 205 |
| Other (Board-ins, State, Federals, Housed Out) | 257 | 72 | 329 |
| TOTAL | 1,716 | 452 | 2,168 |

The *Local Conditional Release Program* is handled by New York State Parole. 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 Parole, 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 2015.

B. VICTIM NOTIFICATION (VINE)

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'15, the Ulster County Jail received 104,127 calls and made 10,708 notifications to victims. Additionally, 1,334 new victims requested notification. The general public can gain access by calling 1-888-846-3469 or logging on to www.vinelink.com, which 1,803,961 victims used. An additional 21,836 victims were notified by e-mail.

C. COMPUTERIZATION UPDATE

The Corrections 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 will enable 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. There are 16 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 U.S. Military and may be able to receive additional benefits. We also currently have 43 officers trained in the booking aspect of New World and another 159 whom 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.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division subscribes to the E-Justice Portal Access. 60 active agency members have access to the E-Justice Portal. Uses include: Daily Jail Reporting (DPRF), Wanted Persons Inquiries, Criminal History Information, NYS Sheriff's report, State Ready & Parole Ready reporting to NYS DOCCS and the reportable incident reporting system.

D. PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), a federal law enacted in 2003, was created to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement. In addition to providing federal funding for research, programs, training, and technical assistance to address the issue, the legislation mandated the development of national standards. The National Prison Rape Elimination Commission developed recommended national standards for reducing prison rape. The final standards became effective June 20, 2012, when they were published by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in the Federal Register. More recently, the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released final standards for DHS confinement facilities, effective May 6, 2015.

E. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

The Affordable Care Act, also known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), and informally as Obamacare, was signed into law by President Barack Obama on 23rd March, 2010. This health care law aims to improve the health care system of the United States by widening health coverage to more Americans, as well as protecting existing health insurance policy holders.

Beginning January 1, 2014, correctional facilities were to begin enrolling eligible inmates into Medicaid through qualified navigators. In 2015 the Corrections Division was able to enroll 54 inmates into the system, saving the County of Ulster substantial amount of money in inmate medical care.



Correction Officers Ronald Gulick and Dennis Roudis

III. FACILITY OPERATIONS

FACILITY REPORTS

A. GRIEVANCES

A grievance is an inmate’s written complaint concerning facility policies, procedures, rules, practices, programs, or the actions or inactions of any person or services within the facility. All attempts are made to resolve the grievance in house. The Grievance Officer is designated by the Superintendent and is

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 continues as the full time grievance coordinator for 2015.

| TYPE OF GRIEVANCE | # OF COMPLAINTS | | RESULTS | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------|------------|
| Medical | 54 | | Denied | 63 |
| Food Service | 12 | | Accepted | 0 |
| Legal Service | 10 | | Withdrawn | 7 |
| Commissary | 3 | | Resolved in House | 87 |
| Exercise | 6 | | Returned | 4 |
| Staff Conduct | 35 | | I/M Released | 10 |
| Maintenance | 3 | | Pending | 1 |
| Religion | 14 | | processed | 0 |
| Visits | 0 | | Unfounded | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 55 | | Appeal to SCOC | 20 |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL | 192 | | Total | 192 |



Hearing Officer C.O. Michael Arcadipane

B. INMATE HEARINGS

The Ulster County Jail disciplinary hearing panel reviewed 1,203 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 found guilty at a disciplinary hearing. A total of \$5,030 was collected in surcharges from 749 inmates involved in disciplinary matters and incidents in 2015. Hearings were ranked and placed in the following categories:

| CATEGORY | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Failure to comply | 250 | 295 | 339 | 312 |

| | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Assaults on other inmates | 97 | 94 | 126 | 74 |
| Assaults on staff | 8 | 13 | 6 | 15 |
| Contraband | 76 | 81 | 88 | 89 |
| Smoking | 60 | 33 | 41 | 33 |
| Destruction of property | 21 | 38 | 102 | 43 |
| Disorderly conduct | 161 | 175 | 176 | 199 |
| Abusive language or threats | 181 | 183 | 214 | 175 |
| Miscellaneous | 263 | 291 | 420 | 238 |
| Throwing of any Liquid or Substance | 13 | 11 | 23 | 23 |
| Failure to Attend School | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Totals | 1130 | 1218 | 1536 | 1203 |

*A total of \$35.62 was imposed for destruction of county property in 2015



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C. REPORTABLE INCIDENTS

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:

| REPORTABLE INCIDENT CATEGORIES | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|---|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Deaths | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Assaults | 14 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 2 |
| Sexual Offense | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Attempted Suicide | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Physical Injury/Hospitalization | (New category in 2015) | | | | 24 |
| Self-Inflicted Injuries | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Accidental Injuries | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 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 | 14 | 19 | 19 | 12 | 21 |
| Natural / Civil Emergency | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Major Maintenance or Service Disruption | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Incident Disturbance | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Personal Group Actions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Firearms Discharges | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fires | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Escapes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Attempted Escapes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Absconders | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Contraband | 10 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 15 |
| Hostage | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total: | 49 | 50 | 48 | 42 | 65 |
| Arrests: | 8 | 14 | 14 | 21 | 8 |

D. GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT

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 (URGENT).

Upon admission, with the assistance of U.R.G.E.N.T., inmates are assessed based on self-admission, 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 individuals' 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.

As seen in the numbers below, a total of 70 gang members entered the Ulster County Jail in FY' 15. All of these gang members have been positively identified by Members of the Gang Intelligence Unit and

have had all of their personal information and gang affiliations documented and stored for further reference.

Categories:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Bloods: | 38 |
| Crips: | 20 |
| Latin Kings: | 4 |
| Other | <u>8</u> |
| Total Confirmed | 70 |

E. SHERIFF'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Ulster County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (S.E.R.T.) is under the direction of Major Jon Becker, C.O. Michael Harris 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. The team participates 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. They completed over 1,533 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. K-9 UNIT

Our K-9 teams, consisting of K-9 Maverick and his handler Officer Anthony Maggio and K-9 Jagger and his handler Officer Dwayne Caunitz, work together in forming our Ulster County Corrections Department K-9 unit.

This year Officer Maggio and K-9 Maverick attended a 4-month Patrol School for Protection, Tracking and Article searches resulting in K-9 Maverick becoming Narcotics and Patrol Certified in these areas. Both teams are responsible for daily routine tasks including visitor searches for contraband, car searches (both visitors and employees), perimeter checks, shake downs, checking inmate mail, searching work crew inmates and road blocks. Together the K-9 Teams conducted a total of **10,121** searches including visitor lockers, visitors, housing units, car searches and other miscellaneous searches. From these searches **11** arrests were initiated and referred to the Road Patrol for processing. The K-9 teams also receive various requests from other outside agencies for assistance and also participate in community activities such as demonstrations. The teams also participate annually in **72** hours of narcotics training and tracking.

G. NIMS (NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)

Under Homeland Security Presidential Directive-4, Sgt. Charles J. Polacco III and Lt. Joseph Decker 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 2015 Sgt. Polacco continued to assist disciplines with the adoption of NIMS and the implementation of objectives for 2015. In 2015 several disciplines received ICS (Incident Command System) training, while others wrote EOPs (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 remained steady 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 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Number of Officer Hours | 18,629 | 16,975 | 18,485 | 16,427 |
| Number of Officers Utilized | 5,348 | 4,840 | 5,590 | 4,591 |
| Number of Inmates Transported | 7,488 | 6,839 | 8,094 | 6,144 |
| | | | | |
| Total Miles | 163,629 | 129,259 | 126,259 | 138,452 |
| | | | | |
| Local Courts Transports | 1,977 | 1,868 | 1,857 | 1,700 |
| State Transports | 93 | 73 | 75 | 74 |
| Medical Transports | 524 | 316 | 493 | 207 |
| Psych. Transports | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Work Detail | 207 | 202 | 192 | 198 |
| Other * | 577 | 616 | 805 | 611 |
| Board – Ins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| U.S. Federal Board-Ins | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Total Trips | 3,383 | 3,078 | 3,424 | 2,793 |

* Includes corrections assistant errands, funeral details, death bed visits, escort cars, UCAT, etc.

Department vehicles were utilized for transportation to the following sites throughout the state: County Court, City Court, Village, Town and Family Courts, medical, dental and psychiatric examinations, drug and alcohol rehab facilities, Public Defender’s Office, 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.

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



Sheriff's Office Honor Guard members on right: C.O. Anthony Maggio and Deputy Emmett Vedder

I. Fire Safety

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 (Sgt. Charles Polacco, Lt. 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 Officers (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 US 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 coordinates with all responding agencies and acts as the department liaison during any emergency involving fire suppression. Additionally the FSO facilitates facility formularization training to the local fire department and conduct walk through training.

J. VEHICLES

The total mileage logged by the Corrections Division for 2015 was 138,452. There are 8 vans, 1 pick-up, 5 SUV's, 2 K-9 vehicles and 1 cargo trailer for the work crew. The Corrections Division is the primary transport for inmates in the Ulster County Corrections Division.

| VEHICLE # | YEAR / MAKE | ENDING MILES |
|------------------|--|---------------------|
| 301 | 2015 Chevy Tahoe | 4,922 |
| 302 | 2006 Ford 12 Passenger Van | 6,949 |
| 303 | 2010 Chevy Tahoe | 18,830 |
| 304 | 2014 Ford 8 Passenger Van | 7,757 |
| 305 | 2014 Ford 8 Passenger Van | 7,386 |
| 306 | 2008 Chevy Van | 6,776 |
| 307 | 2004 Ford 12 Passenger Van (Work Crew) | 4,151 |
| 308 | 2011 Chevy Tahoe (K9 1) | 17,691 |
| 309 | 2012 Chevy Tahoe | 5,260 |
| 310 | 2006 Ford 11 Passenger Van | 6,627 |
| 311 | 2010 Chevy Express Van (For S.E.R.T.) | 7,329 |
| 312 | 2011 Chevy Tahoe | 5,379 |
| 313 | 2005 Ford 12 Passenger Van | 1,557 |
| 314 | 2012 Chevy Silverado | 12,000 |
| 315 | 2009 Chevy Tahoe | 19,806 |
| K9-6 | 2013 Chevy Caprice | 6,032 |
| Sheriff | 2000 Trailer Express (Work Crew) | |
| | | 138,452 |

IV. SUPPORT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

A. FOOD SERVICES

Food services for the Ulster County Jail and the Community Corrections Program are provided by ARAMARK Correctional Services. Ulster County Jail maintains 1 full time county cook, while ARAMARK employs a Food Service Manager and four cooks. The facility cooks prepared and served 319,582 meals to inmates and Corrections staff in 2015.



B. COMMISSARY

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' 15 gross proceeds from inmate commissary were \$151,501, an increase of 36 % from last year.

C. INMATE TELEPHONES

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 2015 was \$211,056.

D. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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 2015, 1,484 inmates were seen by the psychiatrist. In addition, the psychiatrist is part of a group of doctors 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 facility layout and procedure changes, the Certified Social Worker (C.S.W.) was able to see 1,141 inmates. Inmates seen by the Discharge Planner numbered 1,622.

E. MEDICAL SERVICES

2015 was the twelfth full year of medical services provided by Correctional Medical Care Inc (C.M.C.). The medical staff completed 1,921 new inmate screenings in addition to 4,049 inmate sick call visits. An additional 1,199 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. INMATE EXERCISE

Inmates are entitled to exercise periods which, at the discretion of the chief administrative officer, shall consist of at least 1 ½ hours during each of five days per week or at least one hour seven days a week.



Left: Major Jon Becker, Sheriff VanBlarcum, C. O. Christopher Kohlenbeck, Major Louis Russo Right: Lt. Michael McGirr, C.O. Christopher Rider, C.O. Joseph Martini

G. INMATE VISITATION

Since Jan.1, approximately 10,342 civilians visited 7,859 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 11 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 in 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 built new structures. 482 inmates participated in the work detail crew, working 3,200 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 2015, the detail worked at various locations, including the fire departments of West Hurley, Glasco, Woodstock and Lake Hill. Other work details included various churches, town halls and other non-profit organizations throughout the community.

I. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

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 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 Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) preparation studies, remedial studies, life skills, 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 student's needs. The educational services also provide employment preparation education.

TASC statistics for 2015: (Class time is based on 5.5 hours per day, 212 days per year).

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|-----|-------------------|
| 179 | Enrolled in class |
| 3 | Adults Passed |
| 6 | Youths Passed |

J. REHABILITATION

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, outdated law materials 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, including Ulster Literacy, which teaches the fundamentals of reading and writing, and a parenting class given by the YWCA. The Maple Ridge and Woodcrest communities continue to provide programs involving crafts and seasonal events.

V. TRAINING & AWARDS

A. AWARDS

Correction Officer of the Year (2015) went to Correction Officer Robert Rodriquez

Civilian Employee of the Year (2015) went to William Busch in the Criminal Division.

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.

2015 Officers of the Quarter were:

- 1st Quarter - Correction Officer Thomas Rinaldi
- 2nd Quarter - Correction Officer Raymond Scally
- 3rd Quarter - Correction Officer Kent Singer
- 4th Quarter - Correction Officer Anthony Bachor

B. TRAINING

Training and staff development is an integral function of jail operations. Training Coordinator Sgt. Eddie Torres has the responsibility of implementing the facility's training program.

There are a total of 23 certified BMP/COC instructors within the Ulster County Correction Division.

Certified Trainers include:

Major Louis Russo

C.O. Paul Juliano

Major Jon Becker
Colonel James Hanstein
C.O. Eamon Cunningham
Lt. Joseph Decker
C.O. Vincent Decker
C.O. Bradford Ebel
C.O. Matthew Blum
C.O. George Hill
C.O. Chris Howe
C.O. Ann Marie Legg
C.O. Scott Burke

C.O. Anthony Maggio
Cpl. Tracy McCoy
Sgt. Charles Polacco III
C.O. Wilbur Prutzman, Jr.
C.O. Mathew Bogert
Lt. Nicholas Scott II
Lt. John Steketee
Sgt. Eddie Torres
C.O. Norman James

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, the Sheriff’s Office recognizes member training as an important responsibility and allots increased emphasis and effort to this task 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 Sheriff’s Association all staff members are required to receive 21 hours of in-service training. In addition, all supervisors are required to receive an additional 21 hours of managerial training annually. I.C.S. 200 was accomplished among the supervisory levels throughout the department. Overall, in 2015, the Training Unit provided 14,492 hours of training to 3,785 members of the Correction Division and other county employees. The Basic Academy for newly hired correction officers comprises 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.

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.

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.

There was a decrease in the number of papers received for service. The overall average of **revenue** collected by the Civil Division **decreased by 4%** over 2014.

Civil Papers Docketed 2015

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|--|---------------------------|
| Total papers received and docketed for service (summons, complaints, orders, evictions) | 794 |
| Income Executions | |
| First stage process | 1,064 (46 reserved) |
| Second stage process | 529 (119 new, 3 reserved) |
| Total income executions | 1,601 |
| Property Executions | |
| Service/levy | 55 |
| Vehicle levy | 3 |
| Real property sale | 3 |
| Commitment orders/Civil arrests | 1 |
| Deed signing | 1 |
| Order of seizure | 1 |

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|----------------------------|-------|
| Total Property Executions | 64 |
| Total Executions Processed | 1,665 |
| New Executions Received | 1,183 |

Services Summary 2015

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|--|-------|
| Family Court | 117 |
| Evictions completed | 217 |
| Evictions cancelled | 99 |
| Evictions incomplete | 81 |
| Summons | 208 |
| Other services | 23 |
| Total services | 745 |
| Returns | 52 |
| Jurors served | 48 |
| Subpoenas returned | 1 |
| Total papers served (income and property executions, summons) | 2,459 |

During 2015, the Civil Division took in a total of \$3,160,754.94, 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 2015 | Fees Collected 2014 |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Income executions | \$160,440.35 | \$175,054.57 |
| Property executions | \$10,908.90 | \$12,106.74 |
| General / misc. fees | \$107,300.45 | \$101,315.87 |
| Pistol permit fees (included in general fees figure above) | (\$31,146.00) | (\$28,159.00) |
| Total | \$278,649.70 | \$288,477.18 |

General /Misc. fees summary 2015

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Accident | \$215.95 |
| Photo | \$4,430.00 |
| Fingerprinting | \$180.00 |
| Other | \$229.00 |
| Record fees | \$49.00 |
| Service | \$71,050.50 |
| Pistol | \$31,146.00 |
| Total remitted to County | \$107,300.45 |

Pistol Permit Statistics 2015

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| New Licenses Issued | 472 |
| Dealer/Gunsmith Licenses Issued | 32 |
| Duplicate Licenses Issued | 606 |

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|------------------------|-------|
| Amendments Processed | 4,719 |
| New Applications filed | 451 |
| Fingerprints | 50 |
| Handguns added | 4,659 |
| Handguns deleted | 1,354 |

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.

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 79 sworn personnel consisting of 57 full time deputies encompassing supervisors, patrol deputies and detectives, plus 22 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.

ROAD PATROL

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. Our Navigation Unit operates from the United States Coast Guard station in Saugerties and the Rondout Creek in Kingston.

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.

Statistics for the year were as follows:

| | 2015 | 2014 | % change |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Calls for service | 16,570 | 16,164 | + 2.5% |
| Arrests | 4022 | 3351 | + 20% |
| Tickets issued | 4677 | 4256 | + 10% |
| Accidents | 688 | 787 | -12.5% |

Notable in 2015 was the creation of a new position of Information Technology Specialist, reflecting increased computerization in all aspects of Criminal Division operations. This is a part time position staffed by a civilian.

Sheriff VanBlarcum promoted Vincent V. Altieri to the rank of Captain of Police Services, Dirk R. Budd to the rank of Lieutenant, Jason S. Bruck to the rank of Detective Sergeant, Albert Babcock to the rank of Detective. Undersheriff Frank Faluotico and Deputy Thomas Lattin retired from the agency in 2015.

Below are statistics for arrests by the Sheriff's Road Patrol for 2015 plus prior years' statistics. Other 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.

Criminal Division Arrests Broken Down by Offense and By Month 2015

| Offense | Total | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |
|---|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| All other offenses | 2594 | 214 | 153 | 238 | 249 | 258 | 160 | 288 | 209 | 229 | 195 | 147 | 154 |
| Article 250 – Offenses against right of privacy | 26 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Aggravated assault | 38 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Assault-intimidation | 66 | 4 | 16 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 2 |
| Assault – simple | 150 | 9 | 5 | 12 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 13 | 21 | 9 | 15 | 20 | 12 |
| Bad checks | 10 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|---|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Burglary – breaking and entering | 41 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Destruction/damage/vandalism of property | 129 | 17 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 15 | 15 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Disorderly conduct | 40 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Driving under the influence | 157 | 11 | 3 | 10 | 23 | 12 | 19 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 4 |
| Drug / narcotics violations | 262 | 24 | 7 | 22 | 23 | 27 | 36 | 24 | 18 | 26 | 27 | 16 | 12 |
| Drug equipment violations | 16 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Embezzlement | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Extortion / blackmail | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Family offenses – non-violent | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Forcible rape | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Forcible sodomy | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fraud – credit card / ATM fraud | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fraud – false pretenses/swindle/confidence game | 12 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Fraud – impersonation | 29 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Fraud – welfare fraud | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kidnapping / abduction | 10 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Larceny – all other | 241 | 14 | 11 | 16 | 23 | 19 | 22 | 39 | 23 | 18 | 29 | 14 | 13 |
| Liquor law violations | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 13 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Pornography / obscene material | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Prostitution offenses | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Sex offense – forcible fondling | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Sex offense – statutory rape | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Stolen property offenses (receiving, etc.) | 31 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| Trespass of real property | 75 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Weapon law violation | 32 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| 2015 total | 4022 | 317 | 237 | 338 | 382 | 383 | 426 | 451 | 346 | 342 | 320 | 251 | 229 |
| 2014 total | 3351 | 249 | 200 | 211 | 265 | 261 | 312 | 309 | 291 | 281 | 359 | 331 | 282 |
| 3013 total | 3342 | 287 | 268 | 323 | 304 | 324 | 285 | 289 | 260 | 253 | 231 | 256 | 262 |

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 2015, the Zone 1 substation was manned by nine deputies under the supervision of Sergeant Stuart Mc Kenzie.



Zone 1 was extremely busy during 2015.

October 8 Deputies and U.R.G.E.N.T. arrest drug dealer.

Deputies arrested Jason Rodgers for felony drug sales following the development of informants and the use of hidden and plainclothes deputies and K9 units. K9 Dozer tracked Rodgers through dense woods where he was cornered. Following a brief struggle Rodgers was subdued and taken into custody.

October 17 Arrest of Most Wanted Subject

Deputies and members of URGENT arrested Kanye Potter, one of the Sheriff's Office Top 10 Most Wanted, during a sweep in Ellenville.

October 18 2-Week Manhunt Yields Arrest

The two week, round-the-clock manhunt by officers and K9 units concluded with the arrest of Eric Wilhelm on an outstanding arrest warrant for Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2nd Degree.

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| Complaints | |
| Non-criminal | 2,103 |
| Criminal cases | 1,827 |
| | 3,930 |
| Domestic incidents | 141 |
| Arrests | |
| DWI/DWAI | 38 |
| ABC 65c | 21 |
| Warrant | 76 |
| All other | 466 |
| Total arrests | 611 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | |
| Property Damage | 146 |
| Personal Injury | 41 |
| Fatal | 1 |
| Total MVAs | 188 |
| TSLEDs | 2,143 |
| Civil papers served | 43 |
| Miles patrolled | 134,026 |

WANTED

By the Ulster County Sheriff's Office



WANTED FOR CRIMINAL SALE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN THE 3RD DEGREE (B FELONY)

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 574 NICHOLAS AVE
KINGSTON NY 12401

POTTER, KAYNE N

Age: 18
Sex: Male
Height: 6'05"
Hair: Brown
Race: White
Weight: 135
Eyes: Brown
Photo Date: 2015

Wallkill Station Zone 2

Patrolling the Towns of Shawangunk, Gardiner, Plattekill,

Marlborough, Lloyd, New Paltz

Route 208, Wallkill

(845) 895-3011

During 2015, the Zone 2 substation operated with five deputies under the supervision of Sergeant Christopher Lutz.



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| Complaints | 1,937 |
| Non-criminal | 1,568 |
| Criminal cases | 312 |
| Domestic incidents | 57 |
| Arrests | |
| DWI/DWAI | 14 |
| ABC 65c | 0 |
| Warrant | 73 |
| All other | 219 |
| Total Arrests | 376 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | |
| Property Damage | 97 |
| Personal Injury | 13 |
| Fatal | 0 |
| Total MVAs | 110 |
| Civil Papers Served | 16 |
| TSLEDs | 692 |
| Miles patrolled | 98,836 |

October 24 Gunman taken into custody after 8 hours.

Deputies assisted New Paltz Police in investigating John Tozzi after he threatened to harm uniformed police officers, following a domestic dispute. When they arrived at his apartment, he shot at them with a rifle. The officers and deputies took cover, and UCERT and other agencies were soon on the scene. After 8 hours, Tozzi was taken into custody.

November 4 Deputy revives drug overdose victim.

Deputy James Riley responded to a Town of Lloyd address to help EMTs with an unconscious 32-year-old male exhibiting labored breathing and a faint pulse. On being advised by family that the man was an IV drug user, Deputy Riley administered Naxolone and revived the man.

November 29 Deputy arrests man wanted on 5 Bergen County warrants.

Deputy Collin Reynolds responded to a Black Creek Rd., New Paltz, address for a warrant investigation. Before this, the deputy had come into contact with a Joseph Boniello during a medical emergency and discovered that Boniello was wanted on warrants out of Bergen County, New Jersey for drug possession and identity theft. He located Boniello at that address and made the arrest.

December 7 Deputies help locate stabber after 10-hour search.

Sheriff's Office members and state police responded to a 911 call on Rte. 44/55 in Gardiner involving the stabbing of a woman during an altercation, with the attacker having fled. After a 10-hour search, responding agencies found and arrested Carlinton Augustus.

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 2015 by Sergeant George Goodwin.



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| Complaints | |
| Non-criminal | 11,389 |
| Criminal cases | 1,544 |
| Domestic incidents | 621 |
| Arrests | |
| DWI/DWAI | 26 |
| ABC 65c | 1 |
| Warrant | 196 |
| All other | 731 |
| Total Arrests | 954 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | |
| Property Damage | 170 |
| Personal injury | 53 |
| Fatal | 0 |
| Total MVAs | 223 |
| TSLEDs | 2,380 |
| Civil papers served | 19 |
| Miles patrolled | 147,906 |

August 8 Artillery shell recovered from pickup truck.

In a parking lot in the Town of Ulster, Sgt Kevin Richards observed a man moving a large shell in the rear of a pickup truck. The man had found the artillery round along with another one, in a house that he was cleaning out. The NY State Police bomb squad was called and they took the round along with the other one, which was at his home, for destruction.



September 9 Deputies and KPD intercept armed robbery.

Deputies assisted the City of Kingston Police, when a man armed with a handgun had entered a house on Washington Ave. in the early morning intending to rob the occupants of money. The residents resisted with physical force. Officers and deputies quickly and safely took control of the scene and put the suspect in custody. The robber had received substantial injuries from the residents resisting his attempt at robbing them.

December 14 Deputies arrest Rifton Post Office robbers.

Four persons robbed the US Post Office on Route 213 in Rifton of cash and money orders. The individuals fled the scene in a car which was located a short time later by the New Paltz Police travelling south on Route 32. All four subjects, from outside of Ulster County, were charged with robbery. Citizen assistance provided the major clue needed to end this quickly, a description of the vehicle and the out-of-state license plate.



Shandaken Station Zone 4

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 three deputies assigned under the supervision of
Sergeant Wallace Fulford.



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| Complaints | |
| Non-criminal | 1577 |
| Criminal | 229 |
| Total | 1806 |
| Domestic incidents | 24 |
| Arrests | |
| DW/DWAI | 4 |
| Warrants | 12 |
| All other | 61 |
| Total Arrests | 77 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | |
| Property Damage | 51 |
| Personal Injury | 14 |
| Total MVAs | 65 |
| TSLEDs | 413 |
| Civil papers served | 18 |
| Miles patrolled | 48,280 |

June Deputies, troopers and police prevent teenager bent on “suicide by cop.”

Members of the Sheriff’s Office, along with NYSP Kingston and Olive Police, responded to a home in Shandaken. A 15-year old suicidal boy, armed with a pole saw, stated that he intended to force responding police to shoot and kill him. Deputies, troopers and officers tactically approached the teenager, using a bean bag round and taser to incapacitate him. He was taken into custody and eventually sent to a psychiatric unit.

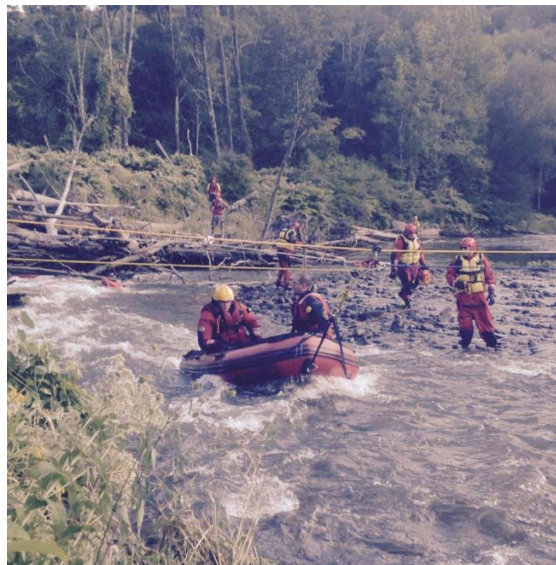
September 2 Deputies rescue lost hiker in Oliverea.

Deputies responded to a report of lost hiker/camper on the NYS DEC lands located in Oliverea. Brian Buhlman, age 22, of Panama City, Fla was hiking various trails on DEC lands when he grew disoriented and became lost. Deputies responded and, through efforts with 911 and phone pings, were able to walk him in the direction of a main roadway and out of the woods.



September 2 Tragic drowning on Esopus Creek

Deputies responded to the report of tuber stranded in the fast- moving Esopus Creek. Emergency personnel and police arrived to learn that a young 14 year old girl was trapped under the rapids in a strainer of debris along the creek. The girl’s father was unable to rescue her from drowning, and as a result the Sheriff’s Office In-Water Rescue Unit was utilized for a recover mission. After several hours the body of Jordan Engler of Connecticut was recovered from the creek.



Sheriff's in-water team at the scene of the tubing accident that claimed the life of a 14-year-old Connecticut girl

SUNY Ulster Station Zone 7

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 Glenn VanKleeck.



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|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Complaints | |
| Non-criminal | 1,052 |
| Criminal | 142 |
| Total | 1,194 |
| Domestics | 138 |
| Arrests | |
| DW/DWAI | 14 |
| ABC 65c | 0 |
| Warrants | 12 |
| All other | 99 |
| Total Arrests | 125 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | |
| Property Damage | 83 |
| Personal Injury | 16 |
| Fatal | 0 |
| Total MVAs | 99 |
| TSLEDs | 216 |
| Civil Papers Served | 13 |
| Miles patrolled | 97,380 |

Stabbing / Assault at Atkins Trailer Park

Deputies responded to a complaint of a fight in progress at Atkins Trailer Park in the Town of Rochester. Upon arrival, they located a man who had been stabbed several times. The assailant had left prior to the unit's arrival. The perpetrator was identified and later apprehended.

Suicide

Deputies responded to a report of a man with a gunshot wound at a residence in the Town of Rochester. The man, who they located in a bedroom there, had used a rifle to commit suicide. No other friends or family members had been injured.

Arrest after domestic violence incident in Wawarsing

Deputies responded to a domestic complaint in the Town of Wawarsing. Upon arrival they learned that the one male involved was armed with a rifle and had discharged the gun several times. He was located and taken down at gun point by police personnel at the scene.

Patrol Training

During 2015, 119 members including patrol, security and civilian staff received 11,589 hours of specialized, in-service and special teams training. All department members attended the County-mandated Diversity Training and Workplace Violence training.

- 1 member completed the Basic Course for Police Officers
- 5 completed Crisis Intervention Officer Training
- 2 completed School Resource Officer Training
- 2 completed DCJS FTO training
- 3 completed BTO training
- 3 completed High Risk Patrol training
- 1 completed K9 School
- 2 completed Arson Investigation School
- 1 completed Open Water Dive School
- 2 completed Law Enforcement Bicycle Patrol

Instructors from the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division taught 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 Sheriff of the Quarter program was initiated to recognize members of the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division who distinguish themselves as law enforcement professionals. 2015 Deputies of the Quarter were (pictured below in order with supervisors Capt. Vincent Altieri, Lt. Perry Soule, Lt. Eric Benjamin, and Sgt. Wallace Fulford):

1st Quarter – Deputy Christopher Heimink

2nd Quarter – Deputy Joseph Stock

3rd Quarter – Deputy Thomas Vasta

4th Quarter – Deputy Robert Vedder



SPECIAL UNITS

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 2015.



Deputy Kyle Frano and Deputy Joseph Stock were the year's Top DWI Enforcement Deputy Sheriffs with 12 and 10 defendants arrested respectively.

The Task Force conducted two checkpoints during 2015:

June 4 Town of Saugerties

Number of Vehicles Checked: 395

Persons arrested: 7

Felonies: 2

Misdemeanors: 5

Violations: 5

UTTs issued: 22

DWI Offenses Charged: 1 (DWAI Drugs)

Persons Charged with DWI Offenses: 1 (DWAI Drugs)

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| Total Task Force hours patrolled | 962.5 |
| Crackdown hours patrolled | 256 |
| STOP DWI monthly expenditures | \$43,000 |
| Arrests by Task Force | DWI: 14 DWAI-DRUGS: 3 |
| Tickets/citations issued | 427 |
| Arrests by routine Sheriff's patrols | DWI: 7 DWAI-DRUGS: 14 |
| Alcohol/drug related crashes | 17 (down from 31 in 2014), 0 deaths |

September 4 Town of Lloyd (with Town of Lloyd Police and New York State Police) (Crackdown)

Number of Vehicles Checked: 199

Persons Arrested: 9

Felonies: 0

Misdemeanors: 6

UTTs issued: 26

DWI Offenses Charged: 1

Persons Charged with DWI Offenses: 1

Ulster County Emergency Response Team (UCERT)

This multi-agency team operates like a SWAT team in such crises as hostage situations and active-shooter incidents. Its 22 members under the command of F/Sgt. Allen Rowe are from the Sheriff's Office and the police departments from the Towns of New Paltz, Woodstock, Saugerties, and Plattekill and the SUNY New Paltz Police. UCERT had one callout in 2015.

Accomplishments during 2015:

-The Memorandum of Understanding for UCERT was completed for ratification by all agencies involved.

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

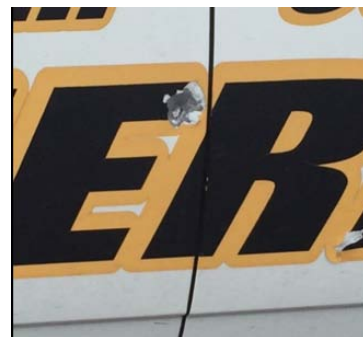
-Members attended the New York Tactical Officers Training Conference in April and participated in 3 days of specialized training classes.

-Team members participated in and assisted in planning several school lock-down drills throughout the county. Most notable were the drills conducted at Saugerties High School in April, the Rondout Valley Central School District in June and a large multi-team/agency training at the Mount Academy.

Callout: October 24

Team members were requested to assist the New Paltz PD at the scene of an armed barricaded subject. The man had shot at officers who were attempting to take him into custody after a domestic assault incident earlier in the evening. UCERT members were dispatched at 03:38 hours to assemble at the Copeland Funeral Home on S. Putt Corners Road in the Town of New Paltz. The subject had fired numerous rounds at responding officers, striking Town of New Paltz and Sheriff's Office vehicles. Team members took positions around the 2 story residence, while neighboring homes were evacuated.

Before UCERT arrived, on-scene officers had fired on the shooter and in fact had struck him. Unaware that he was incapacitated, UCERT attempted to make contact with him. At approximately 11:45 hours, the NYSP SORT team deployed a robot which located the subject in a bedroom. NYSP SORT Team members entered the building, removed the man, and transported him to Westchester Medical Center by helicopter.



Detective Unit

The Detective Unit is commanded by a Detective Lieutenant and supervised by a Detective Sergeant. There are 7 division 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 deputies and investigates 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 the Detective Unit supplement those of the uniformed Patrol Unit.

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| 2015 Cases: 254 | | | |
| Closed by investigation | 140 | Closed, prosecution declined | 4 |
| Closed by arrest | 48 | Closed, victim refused to cooperate | 4 |
| Remaining Open Cases | 41 | Closed, exceptional clearance (including warrants) | 3 |
| Closed, pending further development | 8 | Closed, unfounded | 5 |
| Incident Type | | | |
| Assault, all types | 6 | Lost property | 3 |
| Attempted kidnapping | 1 | Missing person | 10 |
| Background investigations | 17 | MVA, injury | 1 |
| Burglary (all types, including attempts) | 26 | Offering false instrument for filing | 4 |
| Child abuse | 1 | Perjury | 1 |
| Contraband, Ulster County Jail | 9 | Possession / recovery of stolen property | 1 |
| Counterfeiting | 1 | Rape | 10 |
| Criminal mischief | 2 | Requests for assistance | 36 |
| Death investigations (including suicides and attempts) | 40 | Requests for patrol | 3 |
| Forgery | 1 | Robbery | 1 |
| Fraud | 16 | Sex offense (non-rape) | 12 |
| Harassment, all types | 8 | Stolen vehicles | 3 |
| Identity theft | 4 | Suspicious activity / person | 7 |
| Internet-related / ICAC | 1 | Terroristic threat | 1 |
| Larceny, misdemeanor | 5 | Trespass | 1 |
| Larceny, felony | 14 | Warrant investigations / arrests | 8 |
| | | Total | 254 |



Warrants

Active warrants on file with the Sheriff's Office are published on the Sheriff's website: www.co.ulster.ny.us/sheriff. The public is encouraged to review the list. It lists the wanted person's name, date of birth, last known address (town/city), offense, and the date of issuance of the warrant. The presence of a person's name on the list is not considered 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.

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| Total Warrants Received | 282 |
| By category: | |
| Bench Warrants | 125 |
| Arrest Warrants | 97 |
| Family Court Warrants | 53 |
| Probation Warrants | 1 |
| Juvenile Warrants | 6 |
| Civil Warrants | 0 |
| Warrants Closed by Arrest | 216 |
| Warrants Closed by Other (Vacate/Recall) | 51 |
| Total Warrants Closed | 267 |

Prescription Drug Drop Off Program

This program allows the public to dispose of unused prescription drugs safely without contaminating the environment. Drop off boxes are located at headquarters and substations. 334 lbs. of prescription drugs were collected during 2015. The total includes 105 lbs collected by Senator George Amedore's office on October 9.

During 2015, 5 arrests were made from the Sheriff's Office Top 10 Most Wanted List. 51 warrants related to child support were closed corresponding to total money owed of \$1,023,388.

DETECTIVE UNIT SIGNIFICANT CASES 2015

Attempt to locate/Nationwide BOLO (620-15), case agent Detective Gillespie/URGENT

On January 15, Detective Gillespie observed a box truck in Saugerties, NY that had been the subject of a nationwide BOLO ["Be on the lookout."]. Police in Redding, CA had sent a BOLO that a couple had left their jurisdiction and were likely enroute to Saugerties, with additional information suggesting that the woman may have been in danger and that the truck occupants may have been transporting drugs. The truck was stopped and the male, Blake Gonzalez, was taken into custody on outstanding felony warrants.



Request for assistance, Shandaken PD (2015-1466), case agents Detective Montfort/Deputy Tiano

On February 2, Shandaken Police requested assistance with an audit of their property room after an employee was suspected to have stolen property. The employee resigned, and the case is being reviewed by the District Attorney with a similar case being handled by the NYSP.

Rape 3rd investigation (2015-1649), case agent Detective Gillespie

On February 2, this agency received a report of a 24 year old male having sex with an underage female. An investigation and subsequent evidence recovery resulted in the arrest and imprisonment of Jonathan Randolph for a determinate sentence of 4 years.

Sexual Abuse 1st (2015-3906), case agent Detective Miller

On April 5, Detective Miller responded to a report of an elderly female having been the victim of a sex offense in Shawangunk. The victim had agreed to help with the care of an acquaintance's husband, Ronald Utter. While the friend was away, Utter forced himself on the victim. Utter was charged with Sexual Abuse 1st and he is still incarcerated while the case is making its way through the judicial system.

Rape 3rd (2015-4657), case agent Detective Sciutto

On April 22, a report came in that a 16 year old female was having a relationship with a 21-year-old male. Detective Sciutto interviewed the victim, witnesses and suspect and secured evidence from within the defendant's vehicle. The defendant Jonathan Santiago was subsequently charged with Rape 3rd.

Death Investigation/Request Assistance (2015-5178), Detective Babcock, Detective Sgt. Bruck

On May 4, Detective Sgt. Bruck and Detective Babcock responded to the Sam's Point Visitor Center in Wawarsing for a report of a hiker who had fallen to her death. Detectives aided in the investigation led by the New York State Park Police. The hiker, an off-duty NYPD officer, accidentally had fallen into a crevasse. Rescue efforts were hindered by a large forest fire in the area.

Perjury Investigation of Dr. Gilberto Nunez (2015-6246), Detective Sgt. Bruck

On May 24, Town of Ulster Police and the Orange County DA contacted this agency about Dr. Gilberto Nunez, who was under investigation for murder. A review of Ulster County Pistol Permit Bureau records revealed that Dr. Nunez had provided false information concerning his military record. He was processed, arraigned and released by the Court and later charged with murder.

Missing Man with Dementia (2015-8335), case agents, Detective Unit

On July 6, members from this agency responded to a report of a missing 83 year old male with dementia named Joseph Weisblatt. An extensive search began in the Town of Esopus and Hudson River using land, sea and air resources from police, fire and EMS agencies. Weisblatt was eventually located in good health in a wooded area toward the end of the day.

Gang Assault (2015-10460), Detective Unit

On August 18, this agency responded to Modena Country Club in the Town of Plattekill for a reported gang assault. A woman had been assaulted by two males. After extensive interviews and follow ups, one suspect John Rivera was charged with Assault 2nd. The second suspect James Collazo fled the area. Under pressure from the fugitive investigation, he eventually surrendered to NYPD on the Sheriff's Office arrest warrant for Assault.

Grand Larceny 2nd (2015-14902), case agent Detective Babcock

On November 19, a doctor in New Paltz reported that her former office manager may have been stealing from her over a period of time. An initial accounting estimated \$67,000 had been taken. Detective Babcock is working with the Ulster County District Attorney and a forensic accountant to determine the actual scope of the theft in order to proceed to arrest.

Robbery 2nd (2015-15953), Detective Unit

On December 14, this agency responded to a report of a strong arm robbery having taken place at the Rifton Post Office. A description of the vehicle and suspects was broadcast, and the vehicle was located by New Paltz Police. Gary Salmon, Shareef Goddard, Damari Edwards and Sharmaine Edwards were charged with Robbery 2nd. A search warrant executed on the vehicle yielded proceeds from the robbery and evidence of other financial crimes in the northeast.

Navigation Unit

Ulster County Sheriff's Office boats, M26 and M27, were on the water from April 17, 2015 through January 6, 2016. Throughout the summer the Navigation Unit assisted with numerous grounded vessels and medical emergencies on the Hudson River.



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| Hours of on-water patrol | 1,072 |
| On-water safety inspections (Bridges, railroad lines, fuel storage buildings, etc.) | 457 |
| Vessel Safety Boarding Inspections | 219 |
| Vessel/Person Assists | 52 |
| Search and Rescues | 20 |
| Warning tickets issued | 123 |
| Tickets issued | 13 |
| Vessels reported lost/stolen | 3 |
| Accident investigations | 2 |
| HIN Assignments | 5 |
| Boater safety classes conducted | 6 |

The Navigation Unit assisted outside agencies with water-related operations, including rescues, investigations, trainings and security operations.

Police-related rescues and investigations

-Assisted New York State Police with a sonar search at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge for a subject who had jumped off the bridge; with the continuing search for Audrey Mae Herron of Catskill who had disappeared in 2002; and with the investigation of the alleged homicide of Vincent Viafore by his fiancé Anglika Graswald while they were kayaking near Bannerman's Island in April.



-Assisted the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office in their investigations of a drowning near Mill's Mansion and a boat accident on the eastern shore of the Hudson across from the Esopus Lighthouse.

-Assisted Town of Saugerties Police with a sinking vessel in the Saugerties Creek by Lynch's Marina and with the rescue of 4 stranded persons who had gone over the bank off Dock Street.

-Starting in April, assisted in several searches for suicide victims who had jumped off the Mid-Hudson Bridge. The bodies of all victims were located during the boating season.

Trainings

-Assisted training of fire departments in water operations. Trained the departments of Kingston City, Glasco, Saugerties, Malden-West Camp, and Germantown in boat handling and water emergency operations.

Security operations

-Provided security during the U.S. Coast Guard's dredging of the Saugerties Creek and assisted them with "Operation Drywater," a 3-day customs and safety boarding detail on the Hudson River. Coast Guard boarding crews also returned several times throughout the summer to perform customs boarding inspection on foreign flagged vessels. Operations consisted of boarding and inspecting foreign flagged

vessels for proper documentation, citizenship paperwork and boater education. 60 boardings were conducted.

-Assisted in setting up a safety zone in the Rondout Creek for the launching of a new barge built at the Feeney Shipyard.

Sporting and community events

-Assisted throughout the season by setting up safety zones for water-related events, including Kingston High School crew races in the Rondout Creek, the Marist College crew races on the Hudson River and the Burning of Kingston Re-enactment. The Navigation Unit also provided safety and security for the swim portion of the Hudson Valley Triathlon and the new Iron Man Triathlon at Kingston Point.

In-Service Training

Two members completed a Boating Accident Investigation and Analysis Course; three completed the Marine Patrol Vehicle Operations Course; two completed Marine Law Enforcement training and two were certified in the Marine Seated Battery SFST Course.

In-Water Rescue Unit

Call-Outs

Call-outs ranged from assistance calls on the Blue Mountain Reservoir and the Ashokan Reservoir for persons who had fallen overboard to operations to find and recover missing or drowned individuals near Cragsmoor and on Onteora Lake.



New In-Water Rescue Team truck in 2015

Notable cases

The unit responded to a missing person call in Esopus along the shoreline of River Road. The subject who has Alzheimer's disease was thought to have lost his way and walked into the Hudson. A search was conducted all day and was stopped when the subject was located unharmed several miles away.

IWRT responded to the missing tuber/distress call in Shandaken in September. The victims were a father and daughter who had been swept off their tubes by the fast-moving Esopus Creek. The team rescued the father but was unable to rescue the daughter, who was trapped in debris. Team members located her body, but recovery had to wait until the DEP closed the Portal to slow the rushing creek. During the operation, the unit lost an Achilles swift water boat and other equipment which has been replaced and put into service.

The team was called out to the Town of Hurley for a reported vehicle and person trapped in the creek as they attempted to drive across. All victims were safely rescued.

Divers assisted the U.S. Coast Guard in Saugerties to inspect the hull on the Cutter WIRE and the buoy tender for possible damage, using an underwater video camera.

Trainings

The Navigation and IWRT teams trained on all department boats and water craft, and taught a basic class with regard to the Hudson River and the channel was taught. Our Side scan equipment was deployed several times with continued training being conducted.



We continue to assist and train county fire and rescue teams for rescue and recovery operations during a water emergency. This effort provides a much greater understanding for their members during the response and operation period.

Members trained monthly in different topics and scenarios to test their skill levels. At the Coast Guard station in Saugerties, a vehicle was submerged to the bottom of the river, allowing divers to practice search methods, rigging, lift bag work, and crane hookup.

Demonstrations and Community Events

Divers demonstrated their skills or assisted at the following events:

-Ice dive demonstration at the Camp Tri Mount Boy Scout Camp in Greene County, done jointly with the Greene County Sheriff's Office Dive Team.

-Subzero Heroes jump at Berean Lake in Highland in February to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

-Hudson Valley Triathlon, The Iron Man Triathlon, New Paltz Wacky Boat Race, Plattekill Elementary School Safety Day.

-Ulster County Fair: fairgoers watched divers operate equipment underwater.

Kids played tic tack toe with diver through the glass with the diver losing often.



Above: Sheriff VanBlarcum takes home the trophy for most funds raised in the SubZeroHeroes jump to benefit Alzheimer's treatment and research.

Right: Member of In-Water Rescue Team greets fairgoers through the dive tank glass at the Ulster County Fair.



Sheriff's K9 Unit

The Criminal Division K9 Unit consists of five agency members and their canine partners. The stories below tell of these amazing skilled K9s who are relied upon by a range of police agencies to perform police work beyond human powers.



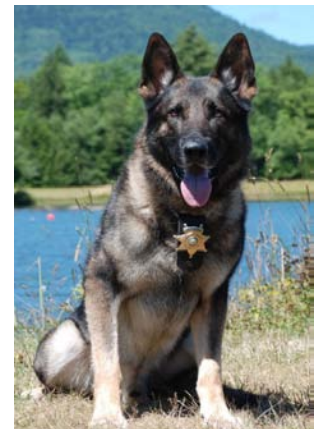
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| Self generated K9 uses | 61 |
| Assist UCSO members | 42 |
| Assist other agencies | 77 |
| Narcotics vehicle searches | 102 |
| Area searches | 11 |
| Building searches | 8 |
| Narcotics building searches | 14 |
| Narcotics outside searches | 1 |
| Bus terminal searches | 0 |
| Currency searches | 5 |
| Currency seized as a result of K9 sniffs | \$12,500 |
| Tracking suspects / non-suspects | 41 |
| Article searches | 7 |
| Perimeter contain | 6 |
| Apprehensions | 2 |
| Special assignments | 0 |
| Crowd control | 0 |
| Demonstrations | 25 |
| Finds / Narcotics | 14 |
| Finds / Persons | 3 |
| Finds / Weapons | 0 |

K9 "Dozer" has been awarded a ballistic vest thanks to the nonprofit organization, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. On March 14, that company along with the Staten Island Companion Dog Training Club raised \$4,750 for 5 K9 vests at the NY AKC Rally Trial.

Notable Cases 2015

Sgt. Wallace Fulford and K9 Drago

September 23 K9 Drago was deployed during a traffic stop in Kingston. Drago searched the vehicle's exterior and alerted on the rear trunk. Uncovered in the trunk was over 41 grams of crack cocaine. A U.S. currency search from that stop also resulted in seizing over \$3,300 in cash and the vehicle in which the suspect was driving.



K9 Drago

Deputy James Mullen and K9 Triton

March 27 K9 Triton was working with KPD's Special Investigation Unit and URGENT in attempting to apprehend a suspect involved in cocaine sales. Triton was deployed when the suspect failed to stop in response to police commands. Triton apprehended the suspect who was taken into custody. The suspect was treated for bite lacerations. 12 grams of cocaine were found on the suspect at the time of arrest.

Deputy James Slinsky and K9 Kilo / K9 Farrell

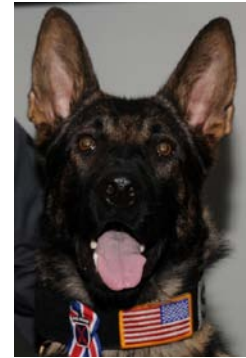
April 23 Kilo was deployed to the scene of a suicidal man who had jumped out of a window in the Town of Gardiner and fled into the woods. Kilo began a track of the despondent man and shortly located him. He was taken into custody for mental health evaluation.

July 31, 2014 Kilo was diagnosed with lymphoma. As a result of his condition and age Deputy Slinsky retired K9 Kilo in August of 2015.



Deputy James Slinsky and K9 Kilo

K9 Farrell The Sheriff's Office purchased Farrell from Upstate K9 for \$8,000. The dog is named after local fallen war hero Sgt. Shawn M Farrell. Farrell was put through patrol school and began his assignment on November 19. As of spring 2016, he is a certified narcotics detection K9. Deputy Slinsky has gained certification as a K9 trainer.



K9 Farrell

Deputy Kyle Frano and K9 Dozer

January 31 Dozer was requested to assist NYSP with a subject who had fled from a traffic stop in the Town of Hurley. The suspect was later located by K9 approximately 2 miles from the initial stop. He was flushed from the wooded area by k9 towards waiting police.

February 7 Deputy Frano and K9 Dozer apprehended a fleeing suspect in New Paltz, a member of a group involved in an altercation. The suspect had thrown a full beer can at a deputy. K9 Dozer physically apprehended him, and he was subsequently placed under arrest and treated for lacerations from the canine.



Deputy Kyle Frano and K9 Dozer

February 7 Dozer assisted NYSP with a traffic stop and vehicle search on Rt. 9W in Esopus. The dog located 50 decks of heroin and a small quantity of marihuana, all of which was turned over to NYSP.

September 27 Dozer was requested to assist New Paltz PD in searching for a missing 13 year old girl. Deputy Frano and Dozer attempted a track which was already 4 hours old. Officers eventually brought in a bloodhound, due to the amount of time elapsed. While exiting the scene, however, K9 Dozer picked up a scent. Within minutes, the dog located the young woman hiding behind a tree.



October 8 K9 Dozer assisted deputies who were attempting to apprehend Jason Rodgers. Rodgers had been on the run for several weeks, trying to elude capture on several drug warrants. Dozer began a track after Rogers was seen behind a home. Within minutes Rodgers gave himself up.

Deputy George Carlson and K9 Coda

Deputy Carlson conducted K9 Patrol School, his last, from August-November 18, for Sheriff's Office Criminal and Corrections Divisions and with the City of Poughkeepsie Police Dept.

Deputy George Carlson will be officially retiring from his duties as K9 handler, trainer and examiner after over 30 years of dedicated k9 service with both the Kingston Police and the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Carlson has spent the last 13 years as the Ulster County Sheriff's Office head K9 trainer. During his career, Carlson has handled 6 police canines and has certified, judged and examined hundreds of police canines all over the NYS region and in various states.

Deputy Carlson serves as a Peace Officer at Ulster County Community College and will be utilizing K9 Coda as an Explosives Detection K9 until Coda is ready to retire.



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, Veteran Services Agency and the Trudy Resnick Building.



Security Deputy John Solian

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| Department of Social Services | |
| Magnascanner count | 285,016 |
| Weapons held for safekeeping | 1,296 |
| Incident reports | 8 |
| Assistance calls | 663 |
| Investigate report of fire | 0 |
| Illegal weapons | 0 |
| Warrant arrests | 4 |
| Other arrests | 12 |
| Medical calls | 17 |
| Parking calls | 1 |
| TSLEDs | 3 |
| Parking tickets | 1 |
| Ulster County Probation | |
| Magnascanner count | 24,326 |
| Weapons held for safekeeping | 80 |
| Incident reports | 25 |
| Emergency calls | 0 |
| Assistance calls | 142 |
| Warrant arrests | 29 |
| Other arrests | 5 |
| UTTs issued | 13 |
| Office of Mental Health | |
| Code Blue alarms | 41 |
| Stand by | 19 |
| Escorts | 1,202 |
| Smokers | 343 |
| Medical emergencies | 17 |
| Non-criminal complaints | 39 |
| Criminal complaints | 4 |
| Lockouts | 7 |
| Weapons secured | 72 |
| Other / Misc | 1,756 |
| (Security checks, battery boosts, assistance requests, fire drills) | |

Notable Incidents

June 16 Arrest made at Veteran Services Agency after man makes a terroristic threat.

Security Personnel received a complaint about an agitated man at the Ulster County Veteran Services Agency. He had threatened to drive to the New York Regional Office of the U.S. Veterans Administration for the purpose of shooting employees at that location as well as the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C. The subject, Charles DeYoung III, was a U.S. Army veteran who had become upset after experiencing financial issues in his dealings with the VA.

DeYoung had left the U. C. Veteran Services Agency prior to the Sheriff's Office being contacted. When the Sheriff's Office first failed to locate him at his home, it alerted other law enforcement agencies and the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs. As the investigation continued, Sheriff's Office members located DeYoung on Stuart Lane in the Town of Marlborough, where he was taken into custody and charged with the felony of Making a Terroristic Threat. DeYoung was arraigned in the Town of Esopus Court and remanded to the Ulster County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 cash bail.

July 10 County Office Building evacuated because of gas leak

Security guards at the Ulster County Office Building received calls from several floors reporting an odor of natural gas within the building. They determined the cause to be a gas leak, and Sheriff's Office Personnel evacuated all persons from the building. The Kingston Fire Department was called, and the building was checked and found to be secure. The gas odor was found to issue from an emergency generator being serviced that day. No injuries were sustained due to the immediate response and dedication of Sheriff's Office personnel on the scene.

Community Oriented Policing (COP) Programs

Child Passenger Safety

The program's main purpose is to improve the safe transport of children by encouraging the secure and correct installation of child car seats throughout Ulster County.

In 2015, 8 members of the Criminal Division serving as Child Passenger Safety Technicians inspected 214 car seat installations and replaced 157 car seats.



Deputy Shannon Britsky, Susan Nelson and Raymond Mendel are teaching the proper fit of a child car seat at the Ellenville Regional Hospital Community Day.

Car Fit for Seniors

Trained deputies offer a 30 minute class to help older drivers stay healthy and continue to drive for as long as safely possible. In 2015, 108 seniors attended this class.

Senior Citizen of the Year

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office and the Office for the Aging partner together to select and recognize the Ulster County Senior Citizen of the Year. Seniors from across New York are nominated for their lifetime civic contributions, and an event is held in Albany to honor the awardees. Deputy Deborah Prusack represents the Sheriff's Office on the Ulster County Office for the Aging Advisory Council, providing the opportunity for input on the advertising, recruiting and selection of nominees for the prestigious award.

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. In 2015, the Sheriff's Office doubled the number of clients served, sent four deputies for refresher training, and received twelve Project Lifesaver kits under a grant funded by NYS DCJS, seven of which were distributed free to individuals afflicted by cognitive impairment.



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 Sheriff's Association, Yellow Dot consists of a kit



containing medical information cards and Yellow Dot stickers directing responders to the cards.

Project Childsafe

This nationwide program 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.



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 2015, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office sent 24 children to the camp.



Left: Sheriff VanBlarcum welcomes campers' families to the annual Sheriff's Pre-Camp Picnic held at UCLEC. Right: Sheriff's Summer Camp in Penn Yan, NY.

U.R.G.E.N.T.

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.



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, Village of Ellenville Police, Town of Marlborough Police, Ulster County District Attorney, Ulster County Probation, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the United States Marshals.

| CASES / ARRESTS / CHARGES | | SEIZURES | |
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| Cases opened | 164 | Guns | 16 |
| Assists | 22 | Assists | 1 |
| Arrests | | Cash | \$37,291 |
| | | Assists | \$14,030 |
| Persons arrested | 117 | Cars | 5 |
| Assists | 8 | Assists | 1 |
| Gang members arrested | Latin Kings/Latino Gangs 2 | Stolen documents | 0 |
| Gang field interviews | 66 | Cocaine (grams) | 224.9 |
| | | Assists | 45 |
| Charges | | Crystal meth (grams) | 2 |
| Felonies | 193 | Heroin (decks) | 7,703 |
| Assists | 10 | Assists | 0 |
| Misdemeanors | 143 | Marijuana (lbs) | 82.08 |
| Assists | 1 | Assists | .03 |
| Violations | 34 | Hash (grams) | 7.8 |
| Assists | 5 | | |
| Search warrants | 11 | MDMA (grams) | 1.4 |
| Assists | 2 | | |
| | | Pharmaceuticals (D/U's) | 5,532 |
| | | Psilocybin mushrooms (grams) | 62.8 |
| | | LSD (D/U's) | 15.5 |

URGENT SIGNIFICANT CASES 2014

June 6 Kevin Elder Heroin Investigation/Arrest

URGENT developed information regarding ongoing heroin sales in the Town of Saugerties area. A search warrant was later executed at the residence of Kevin D. Elder, 51, on Malden Turnpike in Saugerties. Marijuana, crack cocaine, heroin, drug packaging

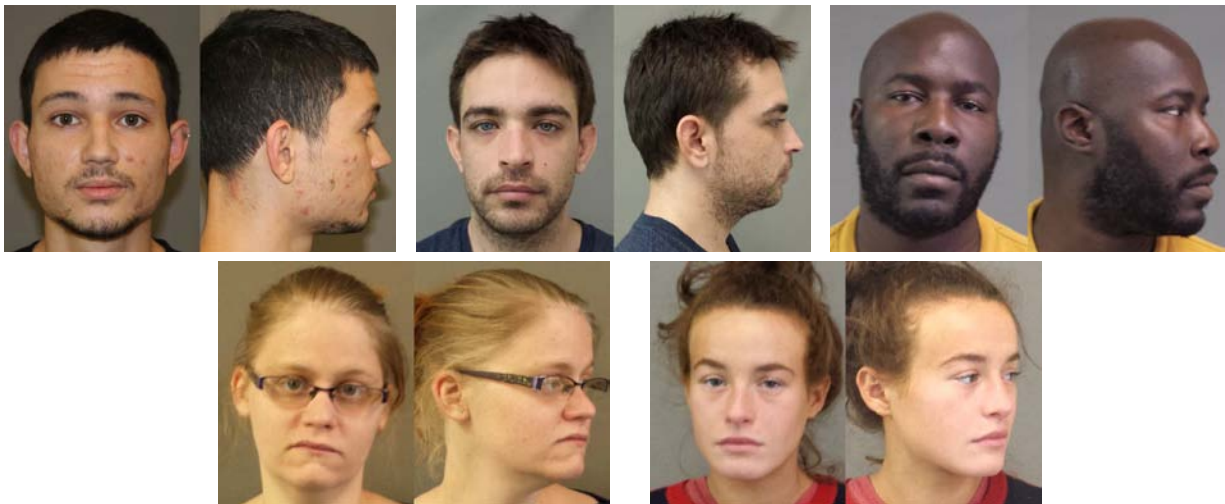


materials and related paraphernalia were recovered. This case is scheduled to go to trial in February, 2016

Town of Marlborough Sweep

In the early part of 2015, an investigation was commenced into narcotics sales in the Town of Marlborough and surrounding areas. Numerous undercover purchases were made of marijuana, cocaine and diverted pharmaceuticals, culminating in several arrests and the execution of a search warrant on 06/19/15. Mr. Brooks' vehicle was also seized and is pending asset forfeiture proceedings. Arrested were:

- Marcus D. Brooks, 20, of Newburgh
- Robert J. Greer, 29, of Marlborough
- James E. Boykin, 40, of Marlborough
- Erica J. Heindel, 25, of Marlborough
- Krista F. Lang-Becker, 18, of Marlborough



Stolen Handgun Recovery (7919-15)

Beginning on 06/28/15, members of URGENT and the Detective Unit began investigating the theft of a handgun from a vehicle in the Town of Saugerties. Information was developed which led to the arrest of Edward S. McCoy, 18, of Saugerties. Later searches of locations associated to Mr. McCoy resulted in the additional arrests of Brandon J. Gruccia, 19 and Antonio J. Purcell, 20, both of Saugerties and the recovery of the stolen handgun. Also located was additional stolen property previously reported to the Saugerties Police and a second handgun, which had not been discovered or reported stolen. Mr. McCoy was sentenced to term of imprisonment on a later, but unrelated, arrest. The other two defendants are awaiting trial.



Sheriff's Office Departmental Awards

The Sheriff's Annual Awards Banquet took place Friday, May 15 at the Wiltwyck Golf Club. Sheriff VanBlarcum and Undersheriff Freer bestowed awards on the employees shown below for their achievements in 2014.

Exceptional Duty Award

Dep. Emmett Vedder III

Life Saving Award

Lt. Eric Benjamin (3)
Det. Joseph Sciotto
Dep. Sean McMahan

Sgt. Stuart McKenzie
Deputy Brett McGuire
Dep. Joseph Steyer

Sgt. Glenn Buchinger
Dep. Mario Tagliaferro
Security Guard Russell Renfrow

Trooper Marc Baney Trooper Matthew Bresnahan

Cpl. Ronald Manzi-Cantwell
C.O. Adam Hendricks

C.O. William Walter
C.O. Paul Juliano

C.O. Jarett Speenburgh

Meritorious Service Award

Lt. Eric Benjamin (2)
Sgt. Glenn Buchinger
Dep. James Riley (3)
Dep. Kyle Frano
Dep. Brett McGuire

Sgt. Chad Storey
Dep. David Hughes
Dep. Joshua Caliendo
Dep. Joseph Sciotto

Sgt. Stuart McKenzie
Dep. James Slinsky
Dep. Matthew Brophy (2)
Dep. Christopher Zaccheo

Dive Team (Team Members Include)

Dep. Michael Rell
C.O. George R. Hill

Sgt. Kevin Richards
Dep. Corey Halwick
Sgt. Kerry Winters

Dep. Joseph Steyer
Dep. Christopher Heimink

Honorable Service Award

1st Sgt. Allen Rowe
Dep. Joshua Caliendo
Dep. Joseph Steyer
Dep. Kyle Frano (2)
Dep. David Hughes
Cpl. Scott Brocco
C.O. John Legg
C.O. Thomas Rinaldi
C.O. Frederick Holland Jr.

Sgt. Kevin Richards
Dep. Joseph Stenta
Dep. Paul Costa
Dep. James Riley
Dispatcher Jay Rowe
C.O. Matthew Bogert
C.O. Anthony Maggio (2)
C.O. Paul Juliano

Sgt. Wallace Fullford
Dep. Michael Wilber
Dep. Thomas Lattin
Dep. Emmett Vedder III
Dispatcher Jerrold Brainard
C.O. Jarett Speenburgh
C.O. Matthew Blum
C.O. Adam Hendricks

Excellent Duty Award

Lt. Eric Benjamin (3)
Sgt. Kevin Richards (2)
Det. Joseph Sciotto
Det. Francis Gillespie (2)
Dep. James Mullen (3)
Dep. Kyle Frano
Dep. Christopher Heimink (2)
Dep. Joshua Caliendo (2)
Dep. David Hughes
Dep. Griffith Liewa
Dep. Joseph Stenta

Sgt. Chad Storey (2)
Sgt. Stuart McKenzie
Det. Margaret Waage
Det. Peter Monfort
Dep. Christopher Zaccheo
Dep. David Schaller
Dep. Brett McGuire (3)
Dep. James Riley (2)
Dep. Sean Becker
Dep. Matthew Brophy (2)
Officer Oscar Lopez

Sgt. Christopher Lutz (3)
Sgt. Glenn Buchinger
Det. Jason Bruck (2)
Det. Craig Miller (2)
Dep. Darren Bondar
Dep. Damon Alberts (2)
Dep. Emmett Vedder III
Dep. Sean McMahan
Dep. Albert Babcock (2)
Dep. Collin Reynolds
Dispatcher William Busch

Dep. James Slinsky & K-9 Kilo
(3)
Cpl. Tracy McCoy
C.O. Michael Coughlin
C.O. George R. Hill
C.O. Linda Graham

Sgt. Eddie J. Torres
Cpl. Jennifer DeCicco
C.O. Vincent Decker
C.O. Nicole Whitaker
Diane Falzareno

Cpl. Edward DeCicco
C.O. Michael Arcadipane
C.O. Christopher Howe
C.O. Warren Whitaker

Sheriff's Achievement Award (Hudson Project)

Lt. Eric Benjamin
Cpl. Joseph Decker
C.O. Nicole Whitaker

Lt. Vincent Altieri
C.O. George R. Hill
C.O. Warren Whitaker

Sgt. Charles Polacco III
C.O. Michael Coughlin
1st Sgt. Allen Rowe

Letters of Recognition

Sgt. Kevin Richards
Dep. James Riley (2)
Dep. Brett McGuire

Sgt. Glenn Buchinger
Dep. Joseph Stenta (2)

Dep. Joshua Caliendo
Dep. Kyle Frano (2)

Unit Citation Certificate

U.R.G.E.N.T. Task Force
(Exceptional Duty)

Civilian Commendation

John Fagerstrom
Richard "Buddy" Krakowski

Civilian Employee of the Year

Dispatcher William Busch

Deputy of the Year

Deputy Hadeer Omar

Correction Officer of the Year

Correction Officer Robert Rodriguez

Years of Service Awards

10 YEARS

Deputy Albert Babcock
C.O. Wilbur R. Prutzman III

C.O. Amy Brewster
C.O. Robert Ferrara Jr.

C.O. George MacDonald
C.O. James Wenzel

20 YEARS

Maureen Farrell

25 YEARS

Major Jon Becker

Lt. Nicholas Scott II

Cpl. Ronald Manzi-Cantwell

30 YEARS

Captain Vincent Altieri

Lt. Eric Benjamin
C.O. David Elliott

Sgt. Glenn VanKleeck

35 + YEARS

Sheriff Paul J. VanBlarcum (38) Deputy Deborah Prusack (37)