Onondaga County Sheriff's Office



2019 Annual Report

Guiding Principles

Integrity:

We are committed to uphold our position of public trust by living up to our Sworn Oath and by maintaining the highest ethical standards as set forth in our Code of Ethics.

Accountability:

We hold ourselves accountable for our actions; freely admit our mistakes and we welcome the conversation and oversight that comes from this responsibility. We value our members and have confidence in their individual initiative and ability to solve problems. We believe that open, honest and sincere communication is critical to a healthy work environment. We value transparency as a vehicle to ensure the public trust, even in times of challenge.

Community Safety:

We are committed to public safety through community partnerships, preparedness, crime prevention strategies and steadfast enforcement of violations of the law.

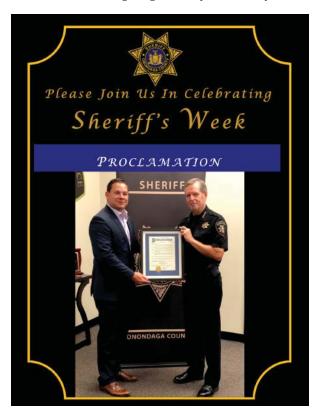
Customer Service:

We are committed to professional and courteous service, with empathy and compassion infused into our unbiased actions.

Excellence:

We commit to EXCELLENCE, in all we do, with every contact, with every action; We work as ONE TEAM to attain the highest of standards. We take pride and receive satisfaction from giving our very best, every time.













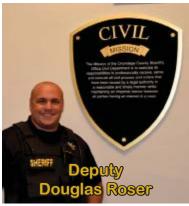




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Vision

Through a culture of excellence, professional commitment to our mission and adherence to our value system, we will demonstrate in every decision, with every contact, that the members of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office are among the finest public servants in the Nation. We will strive to provide our residents a safe environment in which to live, through effective Civil, Correction, Custody, and Police Operations, all while efficiently utilizing public funds. We commit to honor the public trust by employing transparency, collaboration, valuing partnerships and providing dignity to all to ensure operations consistent with the values of a free society.



















Eugene J. Conway Sheriff, Onondaga County

It is again a pleasure to be welcoming you to the 2019 annual report. I always look forward to opportunities that demonstrate how dedicated, brave, and selfless the men and women of the Sheriff's Office are. Since last year's report we have been very busy always striving to provide the best possible service in the most efficient manner possible.

For five consecutive years we have operated within our budget. This is not an easy task but it is a testament to the diligence of this administration's effort to control costs while not sacrificing services to the community.

We continue to look for ways that we can partner with other law enforcement agencies in pursuit of a single purpose, that being the safety of our children and our schools. We were proud to have brought to our area

an expert to speak on the greatest tragedy in a school setting, the Stoneman Douglas shooting.

It is important that we recognize and acknowledge the efforts that our members put forth each and every day. Please take time to learn of and look thoroughly at the awards area of this report. Of special note are two members, Lt. Jaymes Hurley of our Civil Department who was named Civil Deputy of the Year by the NY State Sheriff's Association. Deputy Kamilla Peck of our Custody Department was the recipient of Onondaga County's Martin Luther King Award. Both were very deserving. Whether sworn or unsworn each employee is a valued and important part of our quest to be the most respected and proud Sheriff's Office anywhere.

2019 was also a year when we said farewell to those separating from the Office while at the same time we graduated another new class of recruits who are trained to step in and carry on the duties and responsibilities of this profession.

The last quarter of the year brought about changes that affected our Police and Custody Departments primarily. These mandates required time and effort to quickly adapt but again the men and women of this agency responded as they have always done with commitment, with dedication and professionalism.

The Sheriff's Office is a full service agency providing services and assistance that no other law enforcement agency in Onondaga County can. We welcome opportunities that offer us the ability to interact with citizens separate from our main mission and thus gives us a better understanding of the community that we are a part of. We are thankful for all of the support we receive and in turn we strive to perform to the best of our ability.

We are prepared for 2020 as we take on new challenges, new programs and new ways to improve on our ability to serve our community. Thank you again for taking time to review this report.

It remains a privilege to serve as your Sheriff.

Stay safe!

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Command Staff



Undersheriff Jason Cassalia



Chief of Civil Susan C. DeMari



Chief of Custody Esteban Gonzalez



Chief of Correction William Bleyle



Chief of Police Joseph Ciciarelli

Civil Department

Mission

To exercise its responsibilities to professionally receive, serve and execute all civil process and orders that have been issued by a legal authority in a reasonable and timely manner while maintaining an impartial stance between all parties having an interest in a case.

Civil Process Section

The Civil Department welcomed newly appointed Chief Civil Deputy Susan C. DeMari following the retirement of Chief Kenneth Andrews. Under Chief DeMari's leadership, the Civil Department is looking ahead to 2020 to continue their proud tradition of providing exemplary service and professionalism to the residents of Onondaga County.

Victim safety continued to be on the forefront of the Civil Department's mind. Throughout 2019, the deputies served over 1,000 Orders of Protection, most of which were served within 24 hours of receipt. The Department actively participated in the Order of Protection Notification Program, to ensure victims would be made aware immediately upon service of these orders so they may implement their personal safety plan. The Civil Department's 2019 total revenue was \$786,086.59



Fiscal Management Section

Mission

The primary mission of the Fiscal Management Section is to support the administration of the Sheriff's Office through the management of all business oriented operations affecting the Sheriff's Office. The Fiscal Management Section is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Sheriff's Office annual budget as well as project and grant budgets.

The Fiscal Management Section oversees multiple Units for the Sheriff's Office. There were 776 budgeted positions in 2019 with a salary budget of \$42,892.221.

The overall operating budget was \$109,418,227.21. Through sound fiscal management we finished the year under budget.

Fleet Management: The Fleet Management Unit was able to increase the body shop repair facilities from 2 vendors to 4 vendors. This allowed for quicker repair time on damaged vehicles.

The Fleet Management Unit ordered 24 new vehicles to replace older vehicles.

Fiscal Management Section (Continued)

Grants:

We were awarded twelve grants in 2019 totaling \$985,239.

The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office collaborated with 21 schools within (7) Onondaga County School districts to include Onondaga Central Schools, LaFayette Central School District, Tully Central School District, Solvay Union Free School District, Marcellus Central School District, Lyncourt Union Free School District, and West Genesee School District to secure funding in the amount of \$249,989 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the STOP Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Grant.

This program provided funding for training to prevent and reduce school violence. The project will build on current efforts in Onondaga County Schools to enhance violence prevention efforts and improve our ability to respond to related mental health crises. We will use funding from this grant to build on the continuum of universal prevention/education using evidence-based strategies for staff and student training and education. The training will result in revised policies and programs that promote safe learning environments in schools.

Records Management Section

Freedom of Information Act (FOIL) requests for this year totaled 585

Records Revenue Summary		
Alarm Enforcement Unit \$213,49		
Identification Card Unit	\$30,653	
Pistol License Unit	\$60,610.50	
Records Unit \$26,871.5		
Second Hand Dealer	\$3,300	
Total	\$334,925	

Identification Unit Activity		
B.O.C.E.S. ID	22	
Cash Amounts	\$30,653	
Change/Update ID	76	
No Charge ID	49	
Over 21 ID	835	
Senior Citizen ID	231	
SHAPE ID	5	
Special ID (Reduced Fee)	16	
Under 21 ID	351	
All other Printing	729	

Fingerprinting	
Cicero P.D. Arrestees	2
DNA	24
Jail Visitors	51
O.C.S.O. Arrestees	841
O.C.S.O. Employees	89
Parole Prints & Photo	526
Probationers	32
S.P.D. Arrestees	1382
Seals in RICI	326
Sex Offenders	472
911 Employees	13
Total	3,758

Pistol License Unit Activity	
Background Investigations	774
Deceased Pistol License Investigations Closed	124
Deceased Pistol License Investigations Opened	989
License Denials	73
License Restored	18
License Revocations	4
License Suspensions	148



Alarm Enforcement		
27		
8		
3,711		
245		
19,190		

Correction Department

Mission

The mission of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Correction Department is to protect the public from criminal offenders, advance offender growth and development through education, training and programming, and to reduce recidivism as we assist offenders to re-enter society as productive citizens. Through our dedicated and professional staff members, we ensure a safe and secure environment for all those in our care while following all legal and constitutional requirements.

Admission-Discharge Unit

Staff were vital in the discovery and intervention of contraband being smuggled into the facility. Throughout the year staff recovered such items as pills, cocaine, heroin, buprenorphine, spike and marijuana.

The Unit also processed:

NYS Parole Violators: 529 Adult Males 42 Adult Females

Probation Violators: 12 Adult Males 36 Adult Females

Federal Lodges: 16 Adult Males 6 Adult Females

Military Detainee:
1 Adult Male

Admission Totals		
Adult Females	335	
Adult Males	1,251	
Minor Males	8	
Total	1,594	



Casework Unit

An inmate released from Jamesville on 8/2/2019 gave birth on 8/5/2019 and has been doing exceptionally well since release from Jamesville Correctional Facility. She has an apartment and is doing well with visits with her children under the supervision of child protective services. She is working part-time at Dunkin Donuts and is being supported by CNY Services Case Management.

A Family Court Judge has reported positive outcomes since her release from Jamesville Correctional Facility.

Another participant of the New Directions Program has secured a private apartment since his release. This inmate was released from the Jamesville Correctional Facility on 11/15/2019 to CNY Service's Forensic Case Management to New Directions Aftercare Program.

A male released from the Jamesville Correctional Facility successfully completed the New Directions Program and had been sober for 90 Days. He was still attending treatment, and has had a job at Little Caesar's Pizza for 4 months. It was confirmed that he will begin training as a supervisor shortly.

Pregnant Inmates/Inmates with child	
Admitted	25
Babies delivered while incarcerated	5
Inmate housed with baby	4
Total days baby was housed at Facility	215



Security-Operations Unit

The Correction Department implemented the use of the Guardian Tracking System to document incidents and maintain records, so real-time performance feedback can be tracked.

In an effort to gain consistency with the other departments within the Sheriff's Office, the Correction Department successfully transitioned to the Glock model 21 pistol.

Accreditation was obtained from New York State Sheriff's Association. Working on ACA



Visitation

The mission is to support and encourage the establishment and maintenance of positive ties with family, friends and community for the benefit of the inmate.

Active warrants were found on 12 visitors.

Activity Breakdown		
Inmate Visits	10,678	
Packages	1,112	
Visitors	13,163	



Inmate Work Coordinator Unit

396 inmates were hired for various work responsibilities around the facility.

265 inmates had the opportunity to work in the kitchen.

64 inmates were hired to work outside the facility on the Community Crew, Outside Crew and the Dog Shelter Crews.

Another 58 inmates were assigned to various special cleaning crews throughout the facility.

We also employed 7 laundry trustees during the year.







Programs

2019 was very active for the Programs Unit:

Male and female inmates, some of whom are veterans, participated in an EEOC "Work Train" event in November and 1 former inmate earned a job post release. Tanya Graham will continue to offer this program to all inmates every other month in 2020.

BOCES Instructor Pam Wildridge continued her 2nd year of Horticulture & Landscaping classes in conjunction with the Inmate Work Program. More than 50 inmates completed the hands-on program in custom-built greenhouses/tunnels.

BOCES Instructor Lori Pallone was honored with a Letter of Appreciation by the Correction Department in April.

The inmate library successfully transitioned from a book dispenser to book carts in August.

Case Work Supervisor Lavern Arrance-Doud, Education Programs Supervisor Randy Adamakis, & Sgt. Thomas McDowell provided presentations to the CNY Society for Human Resource Management in October on the work potential of former inmates.

Education Programs Inmate Activity	
Citizens for Community Alternatives (CCA) (Self-development re-entry)	113
Completed Individuals engaged in post release employment programs	12
Early Head Start/P.E.A.C.E.: (Parent education and interaction with children 3 and under)	40
Horticulture & Landscaping 30hr Certificates Issued	52
Law Library	54

Helio Health: (6-8 week substance abuse education program-focus on opioids).

139 individuals participated in the Helio Health Re-entry program.

121 individuals completed the program resulting in a dramatic increase from 62 in 2018.

51 individuals had aftercare referral services made.

52 individuals had discharge plans completed.

27 individuals received transportation from Helio Health upon release.

53 individuals participated in opioid treatment and 18 participants received the vivitrol shot.

7 individuals received suboxone and 6 individuals engaged in residential services.

5 individuals engaged in IP SUD treatment and 2 individuals received methadone as part of our MAT program.





Second Chance K9

The Second Chance K9 Shelter gives homeless dogs at risk of being euthanized a second chance.

Success Stories:

The Second Annual "An Evening for Second Chances" event held at Drumlins Country Club raised \$18,000 to help care for the dogs.

Staff-Works 2019 Save A Life Campaign Fund raised \$14,000.

A Second Chance for Lights on the Lake raised \$6,500.





Second Chance K9		
Dogs Adopted	88	
Hours certified trainer worked with the Inmates	300	
Inmate Workers	27	
Volunteers	70	

Warehouse Unit

Statistics		
	2018	2019
Cost of non-stock orders	\$1,726,780	\$1,847,576.17
Cost of stock items issued	\$224,364.36	\$193,659.98
Cost of stock items received	\$255,884.49	\$187,036.84
Net change in our inventory cost	\$31,520.13	-\$6,623.14
Number of in-stock items	594	594
Number of non-stock orders processed	238	193
Number of Procurement Forms/Requisitions	369	312
Number of stock issue transactions	8,401	6,231
Number of stock items issued	166,333	132,087
Number of stock items received	181,436	118,529
Number of stock received transactions	792	729
Year end stock inventory cost	\$153,244.24	\$146,877.56



Custody Department

Mission

To ensure public safety for the citizens of Onondaga County by providing premier and cost-effective prisoner custody, security and transportation services. We will maintain the confidence that the public has placed upon us by developing a safe and secure community, through having a positive impact on the persons we detain while maintaining a humane environment at the Patrick J. Corbett Justice Center.

Booking Section

The Booking Section continues to update and evolve with the ever changing Standards/Rules, one such change was to revamp the Justice Center Lobby operations to accommodate changes in facility procedure to inmate visitation due to newly implemented 'Step Down Program' developed to manage inmates that violate facility rules.

Completed the transition of all minor inmates to Hillbrook detention facility as a result of Raise the Age legislation.

Discharge 8,8	812 1	Fingerprints	9,738	Intake	8,782	
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Control Section/SERT

The Sheriff Emergency Response Team was activated 518 times. During the activations, there were no serious injuries sustained by staff or inmates. An accomplishment that is a testament to the team's professionalism and preparation.



Custody Administration Section

Some of the many noteworthy incidents and achievements:

The Onondaga County Justice Center launched its Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) program in 2019. It continues to be a work in progress as we transition from WellPath to NaphCare as our contracted medical provider. The program remains in phase one at this time but will expand further in 2020.

The Justice Center's computerized security system received a complete upgrade to the facility's programmable logic controllers. The programmable logic controllers which have served as the backbone of the facility's security system for 25 years, had become unreliable and its outdated technology lacked the ability for repair.

Justice Center Disciplinary Incident Reports		
Disciplinary Surcharge	202	
Disciplinary Surcharge Money Collected	\$4,889.61	
Disciplinary Surcharges Levied	\$6,264	
Hearings Appealed	29	
Inmate Disciplines	1,251	
Inmate Misconduct Resolution Report Issued	321	
Misbehavior Reports Issued	930	
Property Damage Charges	\$1,813	
Property Damage Charges Money Collected *	\$1,210.51	
Total Hearings Held	744	
Use of Force Cases Reviewed	456	

*Money collected is lower than charged due to lack of funds in inmate's account during incarceration at the Justice Center for the 2019 calendar year.



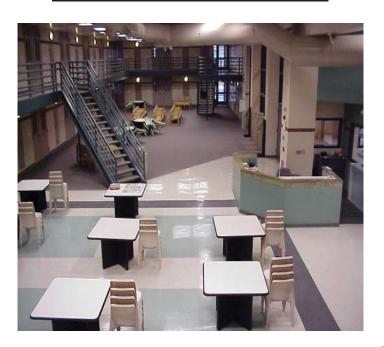
Housing Section

Deputies assigned to the Housing Section, which includes the Reception, Behavioral Health and Medical units, supervise and manage inmate behavior by interacting with the inmate population utilizing proven direct supervision methods of inmate management.

Eighteen new Deputies, from two separate academies, completed Field Training and are successfully operating on and detainers. They share common resources such as their own.

The newly promulgated NYS Commission of Correction standard, 7075, was fully implemented. The standard increases the minimum 'out of cell' time each inmate is afforded. Additionally, the standard mandates internal oversight regarding the segregation of inmates and modifications of their essential services.

Facility Incident Totals		
Arrests	72	
Assault (inmate/inmate)	35	
Assault (inmate/staff)	14	
Contraband	244	
ER/Urgent Care Details	417	
Inmate Disciplines	1251	
Inmate Misconduct	321	
Inmate Misconduct Use of Force	456	
Medical Emergencies	175	
Property Damage Incidents	78	
Refusal to Lock In	108	
Suicide/Attempted Suicide	30	



Transport Section

The Transport Section is comprised of five separate units, Adult Transport, City Court, Juvenile Court, Youth Court and Justice Court.

They each have unique responsibilities but share common resources. All are responsible to prepare and maintain accurate records of court appearance dates, dispositions vehicles, restraints and staff.

Before becoming permanent members of a unit, members are cross-trained and certified in all units.

One of many Success Stories:

On October 21, 2019, after completing their Hillbrook detail, Deputies James Hare and Sean Fitzgerald encountered an emotionally disturbed person (EDP) at the corner of McDonald Rd. and Glenwood Ave. After requesting a patrol unit from the local jurisdiction, they were able to locate the residence of the individual. Their actions prevented this individual from hurting himself and/or others. For this action they were recognized as Employees of the Month.

Security and Operations External Transports				
Destination	Detail	Inmates	Miles	Staff Hours
Crouse	21	20	45	174.25
Hillbrook	7	7	109	59.5
Justice Center	41	34	73	112.25
Lunch Relief	39	N/A	198	57.5
St. Joseph's ER	10	10	18	88
Supervisory Tours	244	N/A	996	249.25
Upstate-Community	88	84	699	826
Upstate-Downtown	115	114	501	979.50
Totals	565	269	2,639	2,546.25

In February of 2019, activity reports were introduced to track external inmate transports and related responsibilities performed by staff assigned to Security and Operations.



Police Department

Mission

The Mission of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Police Department is to provide the citizens of Onondaga County a full service professional law enforcement agency to protect life and property, reduce the opportunity for crime and disorder, enforce all laws, assist victims and provide other police-related services as required by the community. The daily focus of the Police Department is to successfully execute our law enforcement operations with compassion and courage, holding ourselves and each other accountable for our actions at all times, with the goal to provide the highest level of Police service to safeguard the community.

Abused Persons Unit

In July of 2019, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office was The overall calls for service increased by 388 calls; 22.8% called to assist the Manlius Police Department with a child from 2018. complaint. The initial allegations were that a registered sex offender had sexually abused a child victim for several years; almost daily.

A search warrant was executed at the offender's residence with the assistance of the Manlius Police Department. The offender was eventually located, interviewed and subsequently confessed to the entirety of the allegations.

The case was built in collaboration with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, Manlius Police Department and the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office. The offender pleaded guilty to the crimes without the need for a trial, sending him to prison for twelve years.

Facilities Security Unit

The increase is attributed to:

Improved documentation.

Improved staff deployment strategies.

Increased security-safety workplace awareness and communication strategies.

Internal Affairs Unit

Internal Affairs personnel are responsible for all record keeping on subject management and pursuit incidents and conduct investigations of complaints when specifically directed by the Sheriff, or his designee.

Cases Investigated by Department			
Correction	26	Members Involved	33
Civil	3	Members Involved	6
Custody	50	Members Involved	61
Police	41	Members Involved	52
Total	120	Total	152

Complaint Source		
External	51	
Internal	69	

Aviation Unit

The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Aviation Unit currently is the only law enforcement aerial platform in the Central New York area providing critical Police services. The Unit is operational 365 days a year and is available 24 hours a day.

The Aviation Unit responded to 1042 calls for service, utilizing 285.7 flight hours.

Accomplishment: Updated Aircraft's Transponder System to be in compliance with new Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast-ADS-B FAA requirements.





Aviation Calls for Service		
Accidents	9	
Boat	4	
Burglary	6	
Details/Special Events	35	
Drowning	3	
Fire	1	
Larceny	3	
Marihuana	51	
Missing Persons	34	
Navigation Property Check	173	
Property Checks	502	
Pursuit Vehicle/Foot	33	
Shots Fired	14	
Suicide	18	

Evidence Technician Unit

The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office purchased an OSCR 360 camera system for the Evidence Technician Unit. This system is important for case presentations. We are now able to virtually "walk" jurors through crime scenes.

Evidence Collected		
Biological Stains	167	
Drugs	81	
Evidence-No Exam	288	
Firearms	105	
Items for Lab Exam	636	
Photographs	52,600	
Property Stolen/Recovered	20	
Property-Non Evidence	27	
Vehicle	19	

OCSO

12

60

Outside

Agencies

3

36

23

3

7

11

11

3

43

20

K9 Unit

Success Stories:

Deputy Murphy and K9 Savro responded to the area of 478 Churchill Ave. in the City of Syracuse to assist The Syracuse Police Department with locating a suspect who fled from a vehicle pursuit. Deputy Murphy completed

Activity

Apprehensions

Area Searches

a track and area search for the suspect with K9 Savro. The search led to a backyard where the suspect was located hiding in a tree. He was taken into custody without incident.

and K9 Alex assisted the DEA Task Force with a

Building Searches 60 20 Demonstrations 27 **Explosive Searches** Narcotic Searches 31 Officer Protection 21 Page Outs 14 Perimeter Checks 427 Sergeant Belcher Tracks 24 Total 696 160

narcotics sweep of a storage facility upon completing the sweep, K9 Alex indicated on the exterior door of a storage garage.

An affidavit was completed as to the results of the search which gave the DEA the probable cause needed to obtain

a search warrant of the storage garage.

The search warrant was executed and revealed \$200,000 in U.S. currency, a kilogram press, 5 handguns, 5 rifles and a large amount of ammunition.



Major Crimes Unit

Staff works with outside law enforcement agencies, Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, and the United States Attorney's Office regarding the successful prosecution of offenders.

Success Stories:

Detectives investigated a sex offense incident which occurred at 1830 Teall Ave. in the Town of Salina. A 28 year old female with special needs was sexually assaulted by an unknown male behind a business. The investigation culminated with the arrest of the 32 year-old suspect.

Detectives investigated a shooting with injuries which occurred at the Fastrac gas station at 100 W. Main St. in Elbridge. An extensive investigation led to the arrests of three men for charges including Attempted Robbery 1st and Assault 1st.

Detectives investigated a fatal hit and run car-pedestrian collision which occurred on the Onondaga Lake Parkway in the Town of Salina. A 31 year old male was struck and killed by a vehicle that had fled the scene.

An intensive investigation culminated with the identification and arrest of the 49 year-old suspect.

Total Cases	
Cases assigned in 2019	870
Cases being carried over to 2020	711
Cases carried over not closed	446
Cases carried over prior years	572
Cases closed 2019	605
Cases worked 2019	1442
Prior cases closed in 2019	126

Forensic Examinations		
92		
14		
45		
8		
159		



Navigation Unit

The waterways are being used more and more as Onondaga County continues to develop waterfront access

and promote tourism_____

with destinations such as the Amphitheater, and adding additional boat launches on several of the Lakes and Rivers.

Navigation Activity	
Arrests/Summonses	49
Boating While Intoxicated Arrests	8
Search and Rescues Conducted	12
Stranded Boater Assists	14
Total Staff Hours (aboard vessels)	2,380
Vessel Inspections	346
Warnings Issued	514

The Navigation

Unit has placed an emphasis on boater safety. The unit accomplishes this by high visibility patrols, property checks of popular boating destinations, and conducting Alcoholic Beverage Control, Safety, and Sobriety checks.

The Navigation Unit has become more active; below is a brief comparison between 2018 and 2019.

Contacts with boaters increased from 175 in 2018 to 346 in 2019.

Warnings: Increased from 266 in 2018 to 514 in 2019.

Citations: Fell from 87 in 2018 to 49 in 2019.





Uniform Division

Success Stories:

Deputy Hahn was dispatched to a domestic incident. Upon arrival, he observed a male run into the residence. The female and her father, who were standing outside, informed Deputy Hahn that the male had a knife and was threatening to kill himself.

Deputy Hahn entered the residence and was confronted by the male, who was holding a large kitchen knife to his own neck. The male ignored Deputy Hahn's orders to drop the knife. The male then made a motion with the knife as though he was going to stab himself, Deputy Hahn deployed his Taser. The deployment was successful and

the male was taken into custody without further incident. The investigation revealed a valid stay away order of protection, and evidence that the male had rammed his vehicle into the female's parked vehicle. He also had struck the female several times in the head with his fist.

Uniform Division Statistics		
Appearance Tickets	607	
Arrests	3,541	
False Alarms	1,740	
Incidents/Complaints	83,529	
Investigations	6,269	
Miscellaneous Action	14,243	
No Police Action Taken	60,084	
Parking Tickets	396	
Uniform Traffic Tickets	5,429	

Success Stories continued:

Deputy David Martin was patrolling South Bay Road when he observed a 29-year-old female standing on the top rail of the guardrail above I-81 below. Observing that the female appeared to be in distress. Deputy Martin approached without alerting her to his presence and was able to take hold of her and remove her from the guardrail before she could react.

Through investigation it was determined that the female had been texting her mother stating that she was depressed and wanted to end her life.

The female was subsequently transported to St. Joseph's Hospital's Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP).

Incidents by Watch	
A-Watch (2100-0700)	2,435
B-Watch (0700-1700)	1,701
C-Watch (1100-2100)	2,695
D-Watch (1700-0300)	1,345



Special Investigations Unit

Detectives conducted an on-going undercover investigation targeting subjects selling illegal drugs in and around Onondaga County. At the conclusion of this investigation, detectives had arrested 14 subjects for direct drug sales to undercover officers. As a result of this investigation detectives recovered "Crack" Cocaine, Heroin, Fentanyl and a variety of prescription pills. Approximately 50 felony charges resulted from this investigation.

Members of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit routinely work joint-operations with NYS Division of Parole. During the course of one such operation, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit was provided with information from NYS Parole that led to the execution of a search warrant at a residence in the Town of Onondaga. As a result of this search warrant, detectives recovered 13 ounces of Cocaine, 14 grams of "Crack" Cocaine, over 700 bags of Heroin, several diverted prescription pills and \$1,533 U.S. Currency.

This search warrant resulted in the arrest of an active parolee for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st degree (A-1 Felony), Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree as well as a variety of related misdemeanor charges.

Special Investigations Activity		
Arrests	204	
Assets seized in conjunction with DETF	\$581,987	
Cars (dollar value)	\$15,000	
Cocaine (grams)	3,544	
Cocaine recovered with DETF (grams)	9,560	
Felonies	144	
Heroin (packets)	18,785	
Marijuana (ounces)	512	
Marijuana Plants	114	
MDMA (ecstasy tablets)	177	
Methamphetamine (grams)	6	
Misdemeanors	247	
Prescription Pills	16,729	
Search Warrants	57	
U.S. Currency	\$187,054	
Violations	85	
Weapons	11	

Warrants Investigations Unit

The Warrants Investigations Unit, tracked Matthew Brennan to a remote area of North Carolina in late November. Brennan was originally arrested for Reckless Assault of a Child in 2018 for shaking his girlfriend's child and causing brain damage. The child died a year later and Brennan fled New York immediately following the death. Brennan was apprehended by members of the U.S. Marshals Service NC Regional Fugitive Task Force and extradited back to Onondaga County.

The Warrants Investigations Unit, with the assistance of U.S. Border Patrol, successfully apprehended Olvin Ventura at the San Juan, Puerto Rico Airport in December. Ventura was wanted for a Major Drug Trafficking (A-1 Felony) Warrant and had been on the run for 3 years. He was taken into custody after arriving on a plane from the Dominican Republic.

Warrants Cleared		
Family Court	21	
Felony	228	
Material Witness	19	
Megan's Law (Felony)	12	
Misdemeanor/Violation	116	
Outside Agency	21	
Parole	13	
Vehicle and Traffic	37	
Violation Probation	203	
Total	670	

Warrants Received		
Felony	392	
Family Court	207	
Material Witness	30	
Misdemeanor/Violation	712	
Vehicle and Traffic	302	
Viol Probation	582	
Total	2,225	

Underwater Search and Recovery Team (USRT)

Detective Myers and Deputy Lamoureux successfully completed Dive Rescue International's Dive Rescue 1 training program.

The Underwater Search and Recovery Team responded to a drowning on Oneida Lake near Dunham Island. Members of Underwater Search and Recovery Team along with Oswego County Sheriff's Office divers, the Onondaga County Fire Department divers, and the New York State Police divers conducted an extensive search using various search methods including expanding arcs, and planer boards. Sadly, the victim's body was recovered by Onondaga County Sheriff's Office and New York State Police divers.

Community Relations

Here are some of the many success stories of 2019:

The Third Annual Youth Law Enforcement Academy was held in July at Baker High School in Baldwinsville. Twenty local kids from various Onondaga County school districts participated in the two-week program. The program consists of physical fitness, classroom lectures, hands on activities and several tours of other law enforcement agencies.

The unit participated in Senator Antonacci's Senior Fair on September 24th. Hundreds of brochures were handed out and approximately 300 seniors stopped at our booth to discuss various crime safety tips. The unit also held a prescription drug take back program, receiving approximately 800 pounds of unused or outdated medications.

The unit participated in the Clay Senior Fair, and provided presentations to seniors at the Brookdale Summerfield Center and the Canton Woods Senior Center.

	Events/Presentations/Activations/Checks	
	Animal Abuse Registry	12
s	Car Seats donated through Fit Station/Grant Funding	17
	Child Passenger Safety Events	7
,	Child Safety Presentations	5
•	Individual Child Restraint Checks	148
	Internet Safety Presentations	3
	Operation Safe Child Events	25
	Personal Safety Presentations	4
	Project Lifesaver S.A.R. Activations	10
	Recruitment/Job Fair Presentations	18
	Safe Child ID Cards Issued	1135
	Senior Safety Presentations	11
	Snowmobile/Boat Safety Presentations	2
	Stop DWI/Driver's Education Presentations	4
	Traffic Safety Presentations	12

Members of the unit showed appreciation to our veterans by serving lunch to more than 100 veterans and their families at Clear Path for Veterans.

Multiple presentations were provided to a range of groups including county employees, daycare centers, elementary schools, senior centers and summer camps. The range of topics included, pedestrian safety, bicyclist safety, motorcycle safety, helmet safety, seatbelt safety, child passenger safety seats, and distracted driving. Outreach to these groups yielded more than 600 county residents.

















Staff Development

Training is a priority of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, and serves as a benchmark for the level of professionalism we seek to attain. The Staff Development Section is responsible for identifying current and future agency training needs and administering all types of training to include in-service, advanced leadership, and basic academy training. The Staff Development Section also facilitates the analysis, development and preparation of the agency's policies and procedures through multiple law enforcement accreditation programs. These accreditation programs provide a proven management system of written directives, sound training, clearly defined lines of authority, and routine reports that support decision-making and resource allocation.

In May of 2019, fifty-four Recruits began their law enforcement careers at the Central New York Regional Law Enforcement Academy. Class #4 included twenty Police Department Recruits, fourteen Correction Department Recruits, fourteen Custody Department Recruits and six Police Recruits from agencies outside of the Sheriff's Office. The Academy is hosted by the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office through a committed partnership with Onondaga Community College.

The Staff Development Section is committed to continually evaluating and improving our function to assist in achieving the mission of the Sheriff's Office.





Training Hours Civil/Police	
Academy Student Hours	24,000
In Service	7,440
Online/Power DMS In-Service	3,968
Outside Training	2,650
Civil /Police Total	38,058

19,560
19,300
3,751
2,352
25,663

Training Hours Custody	
Academy Student Hours	10,200
In Service	5,040
Online/Power DMS In-Service	7,308
Outside Training	3,328
Custody Total	25,876

Deputy of the Month

January



Deputy J. Quigley

February



Deputy A. Quigley

April



Deputy R. Martin

May



Mr. Brian Conner

August



June

Sergeant T. McDowell, Deputy J. Hinton



Deputies T. Griffin, S. Saunders, J. Hickok, P. Miles

September



Deputies M. Doupe, J. Neal

October



Deputies J. Hare, J. Hagenmayer

December



Deputy D. Martin

November



Deputy E. Hujdur

Medal of Valor Sergeant Shawn Bergman Deputy Kristen Mullen Deputy Kyle Guadagnolo Deputy Joseph Kelly



Deputy Douglas Roser
Deputy Adam Quku





Civilian Member of the Month
Mr. Anthony Berardi
Mr. Joseph Berardi





Mr. Shad Akhtar
Ms. Jody Barnes
Ms. Theresa Rodriguez

Office Awards





Charles A. Florczyk Sr. Award for Excellence in Investigations Lieutenant Richard Flanagan Jr.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Employee Recognition Award Deputy Kamilla Peck



Civil Deputy of the Year NY State Sheriff's Association Lieutenant Jaymes Hurley







Medal of Distinction
Sergeant Craig Belcher
Deputy Shanna Stassi



Certificate of Merit
Sergeant Willie Jones
Senior Correction Officer
Carl Kaiser
Correction Officer Daniel Mathews Jr.
Deputy Elaine Egan
Deputy Joseph Kelly
Deputy Elizabeth Lehmann
Deputy Katherine Loveland
Deputy Michael McCarty
Deputy Christine O'Connor
Deputy Devin Reschke
Deputy Matthew Viel



Detective Laura Collins

Special Recognition Award
Special Deputy Roger Bowers
Special Deputy Edward Tarsel
Special Deputy John Fedkiw
Mr. Jeremy Cali
Ms. Alison Fineberg
Mr. Mark Forsythe
Ms. Cassandra Rucker
Mr. Charles Wilson
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Custody Department	
Jason Jarvis	Lieutenant
David Squairs	Lieutenant
Benjamin Okun	Sergeant
Loretta McCarty	Sergeant





Civil Department	
Susan DeMari	Chief

Promotions





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Correction Department	
Kimberly Bell	Sergeant
Jason Eibert	Sergeant











Retirees

Correction Department
Sergeant Ronald Hill
Sergeant Jeffrey Matty
Senior Officer Yvonne Cooper
Senior Officer Daryl Glass
Senior Officer Grant Spiker

Civilian	
Finger Print Technician	_
Christina Kotula	
Personnel Administrator	
Michael Romeo	
Boiler Operator	_
Jacque Thornton	
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Custody Department
Assistant Chief Kathleen Ford
Lieutenant Adam Bradley
Lieutenant James Raus
Sergeant Mark Casselmon
Sergeant Ronald Joslyn
Sergeant Mary Smith
Deputy Scott Davis
Deputy Nadine Denman
Deputy Daniel Mayer
Deputy Michael Mills
Deputy Freddy Perry
Deputy Richard Roney
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Police Department
Lieutenant Keith Flanagan
Sergeant Carl Kruger
Deputy Jonathan Anna
Deputy Jeffrey Bailey
Deputy Michael Cox
Deputy Matthew Crowley
Deputy Thomas Czyz
Deputy Terrence Fischer
Deputy Michael Graham
Deputy Marc Sacco
Deputy Todd Shields
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