



CAYUGA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

SHERIFF BRIAN P. SCHENCK
UNDERSHERIFF W. STEVEN SMITH



2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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A very special note of thanks to Chris Molloy for having taken many of the photographs found in this annual report. Chris is a local photographer who is very heavily involved in our community. His photography truly captures moments in time that would otherwise be lost. For this, we thank you for your time and sharing your artistic gifts with our community.

2019

Dedication

We dedicate this annual report to Officer Charles “Chuck” Jayne who passed away unexpectedly while off duty in February, 2019. We stand with Officer Jayne and the members of the Jayne family as they mourn the loss of a great husband, father and grandfather. Chuck’s contagious smile and encouraging words will be deeply missed. Thank you, Chuck, for your many years of service and dedication to the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office. Since his passing, the Sheriff’s Office has named the training facility the Charles “Chuck” Jayne Training Center in his honor.



Dedication



In November, 2019, the signs were purchased by the Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Association to dedicate the Training Center to former Sheriff Custody Officer Charles "Chuck" Jayne. His family and several officers were present to dedicate the building in his honor.

In Memoriam

On August 29th, 2019, the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office lost a friend and former Undersheriff, Stephen B. McLoud. Steve was a graduate of Weedsport High School and was the first full-time police officer for the Village of Weedsport. He was a 35 year member of the Weedsport Volunteer Fire Department and also served on the Brutus Town Board. After the World Trade Center fell in 2001, Steve went to New York City to assist in the search and rescue recovery efforts. His efforts there led to the cancer that ended his life at the age of 59. Subsequent to his death, the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office received countless letters and cards from across the Nation offering up sincere condolences and prayers to both the Sheriff's Office and to the family of Stephen McLoud. Those letters were given to his wife, Anne, to share with her family. Steve was a true hero and servant to his community and he will be remembered by his law enforcement family and fire department family. The Cayuga County Legislature issued a Proclamation declaring that September 25, 2019, will be henceforth known as Undersheriff Stephen McLoud Day in Cayuga County.





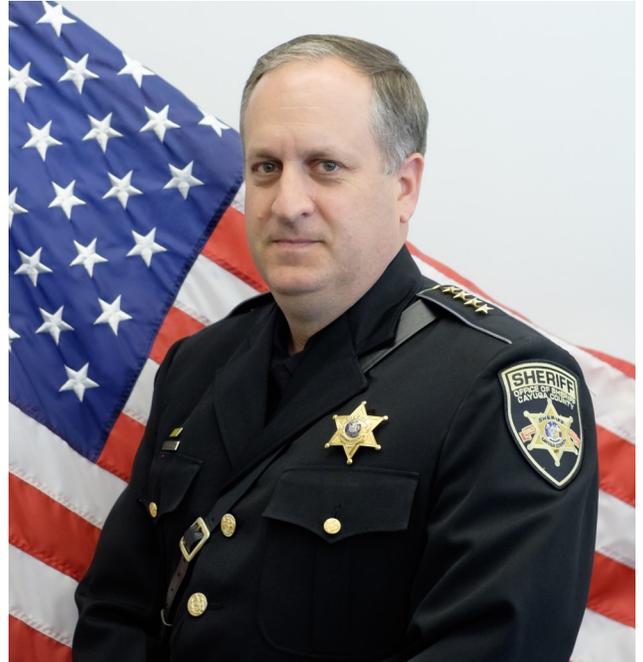
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Respect ~ Integrity ~ Dedication ~ Community

Greetings,

In a flash 2019 has come and gone. It was a busy year at our Sheriff's Office and the members of our agency and I are proud to share our first ever annual report with you. The report contains information related to all of our divisions, our public safety initiatives, and our community outreach efforts.

As you will see in the information that follows, we have expanded our community outreach initiatives as we recognize the need to partner with outside organizations and the citizens we serve to accomplish our mission. We have also expanded our treatment, programming, and transition efforts within our jail to reduce recidivism and move those committed to our facility in a positive direction upon release. Our report highlights the many staff members that were recognized for the excellent work they do each day, those that were promoted, and the retirees that were honored during the year. We also added a number of new staff members to our ranks and I am proud to have them on our team. The members of our Custody, Road Patrol, Civil, Court Security, County Office Building Security, and Navigation Divisions worked tirelessly in 2019 to secure a safe community and they stand committed to doing the same as we move forward.



I hope that you will find this report informative and that you enjoy seeing the highlights of our accomplishments. As I look back on the previous year, I could not be prouder of the men and women that serve with our Sheriff's Office and how they work to accomplish our mission each day. I am also thankful for the numerous agencies and citizens in our community that partner with us in the work we do. Thank you, we could not do what we do without you.

As we enter into the New Year, the members of your Sheriff's Office and I are committed to serving our community with dedication and integrity while maintaining the trust and respect of those we serve. It is our mission and we will work hard every day to achieve it. It is my honor to serve you as the 59th Sheriff of Cayuga County, and I am forever thankful for this opportunity that the citizens of Cayuga County have given me.

If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 315-253-4337 or by email at Sheriff@cayugacounty.us.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian P. Schenck".

Brian Schenck

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF CAYUGA COUNTY



Mission Statement

The mission of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office is to secure and maintain a safe community and enhance the quality of life of all citizens by providing responsive, caring, unbiased, and professional Law Enforcement, Custody, Correctional, Security, and Civil Enforcement services.

The Sheriff's Office is committed to utilizing community partnerships to accomplish this mission and to maintain the trust and respect of those we serve.

ADMINISTRATION



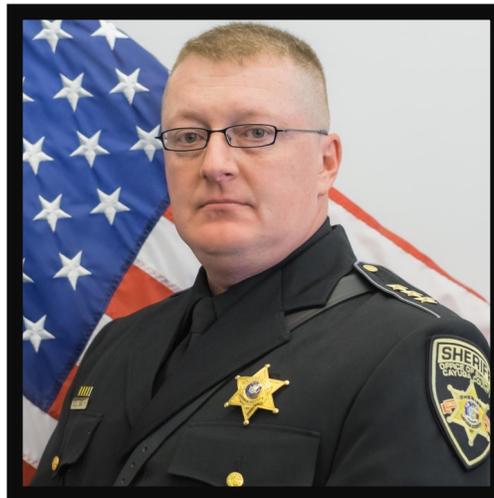
**CHIEF CUSTODY OFFICER
ROBERT ELSER**



**CUSTODY CAPTAIN
JOHN MACK**



**CUSTODY LIEUTENANT
GARY DENNIS**



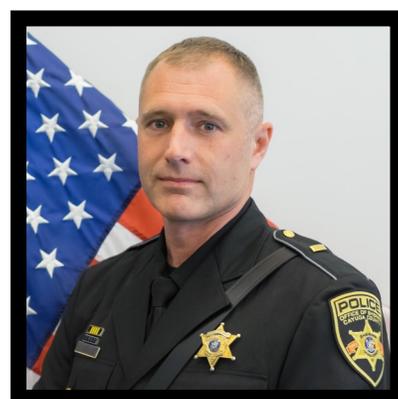
**UNDERSHERIFF
WILLIAM STEVEN SMITH**



**DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT
FREDERICK CORNELIUS**



**CUSTODY LIEUTENANT
DAVID MASSI**



**PATROL LIEUTENANT
MICHAEL WELLAUER**

OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Auburn Elk's Club sponsored a Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner on September 13, 2019, to honor local officers. The 2019 recipient from the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office was newly retired Deputy James Taber.

Deputy Taber was selected for this award by members of the Road Patrol Division. His peers nominated him based on the qualities which Deputy Taber possesses that exude the values of the Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Taber served in the Air Force before joining the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office part time in 1999. In 2002, he was appointed full time as a Deputy Sheriff and worked for the Sheriff's Office off and on until his retirement in 2019. Throughout his years in law enforcement, he also served as a police officer for Skaneateles, Moravia and Port Byron. He worked as a Security Officer for Cayuga Community College and he also worked at Willard Drug Treatment Facility as a Corrections Officer.



Bottom Row (L to R): Deputy Michael Baim, Detective Lieutenant Fred Cornelius, Detective Robert Guarnieri

Top Row (L to R): Sergeant Tim Axton, Sheriff Brian Schenck, Undersheriff W. Steven Smith, Deputy James Taber, Corporal Brian Myers

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019



The Cayuga County Jail graduated numerous inmates from three separate Thinking 4 a Change classes in 2019. These inmates volunteered to participate in the program sponsored by a grant from the State Department of Criminal Justice in collaboration with Cayuga Counseling Services.

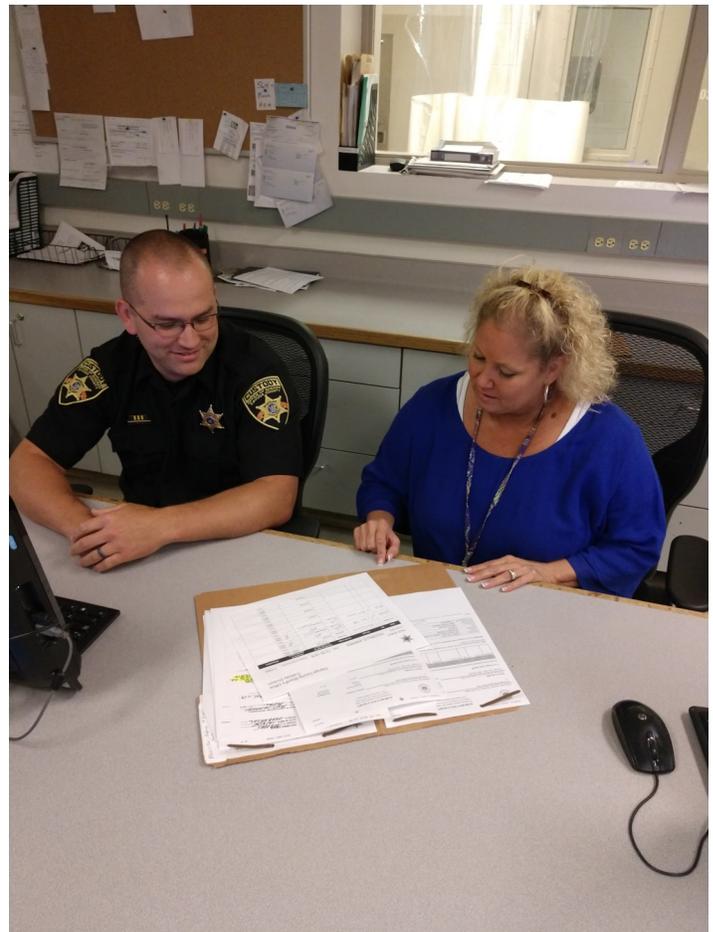
Left, Sheriff Brian Schenk congratulates Bill Purcell on completing the Thinking 4 a Change Program. The ultimate goal of the program is to reduce recidivism and help inmates by providing them with the tools to be more successful upon release.

Photo credit to Kevin Rivoli of [The Citizen](#)

In 2019, the Cayuga County Jail implemented the Jail Transition Coordinator position which was filled by Michelle Applebee who worked for the Department of Social Services as a Caseworker for over eighteen years. The Transition Coordinator provides a variety of interventions and connections to other agencies to assure a smooth transition from jail back into the community, and prevention of relapse or return to former negative behavioral patterns. The transition program creates an individual plan focusing on the needs of each inmate's strengths and patterns of behavior.

Some of the barriers that individuals encounter are lack of identification (such as birth certificates, social security cards, etc.), lack of employment, health insurance, housing, transportation and issues with addiction. The transition coordinator can assist with making referrals and partners with community agencies to help inmates overcome barriers to help make a successful transition back into the community.

Michelle has worked with 142 inmates in 2019 to assist with the task of transitioning.



Michelle Applebee with
Custody Officer William Buisch

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



ROAD PATROL

The Road Patrol Division is the initial response and investigation component of the Sheriff's Office comprised of 5 Sergeants, 19 Deputies and 1 School Resource Officer over 4 shifts and covering the 800 square miles of Cayuga County 24 hours a day all year. Due to internal movement and retirements, the Road Patrol Division started 2019 down 9 members and we are finishing the year down 5 members. We are slowly rebuilding our ranks with a very solid contingent of newly trained personnel.

Members of the Road Patrol conducted approximately 27,000 investigations from property checks and serving civil papers to a wide array of criminal investigations. For 2019, these numbers are as follows:

Complaints Generated through 911	16,551
Traffic Tickets Issued	1,599
Driving While Intoxicated Arrests	42
Civil Papers Issued	2,626
Property Damage Accidents	467
Personal Injury Accidents	216
911 Hang Ups	167
Alarm Calls	372
Disabled Vehicles	294
Domestics	563
Criminal Arrests	345

Additional Member Duties

Members of the Sheriff's Office often have secondary expertise and duties beyond their full-time capacity. Below are the many additional skills members train for and contribute.

- ◆ Evidence Technician
- ◆ Drone Pilot
- ◆ Accident and Scene Reconstruction
- ◆ Tactical Response Unit
- ◆ Critical Incident Negotiations Unit
- ◆ Field Training Officers
- ◆ Project Lifesaver Operators
- ◆ Snowmobile Unit
- ◆ Navigation Unit
- ◆ ATV Operators
- ◆ Police Instructors
- ◆ Child Safety Seat Technicians
- ◆ Critical Incident Stress Management Team
- ◆ Crises Intervention Team
- ◆ Safe Child ID

K-9 UNIT

Sergeant Matt Sloan and his K9 Partner Aron did 6 demonstrations for various community groups and events and conducted 14 searches for either drugs or people.

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

NAVIGATION UNIT

The Navigation Unit is comprised of full-time police officers and supplemented by part-time seasonal officers and civilian assistants. We have 5 vessels and patrol Cayuga Lake, Owasco Lake, Skaneateles Lake, the Seneca River and Lake Ontario.

Vessel Hours on the Water	472
Personnel Hours	955
Boating Accidents	3
Boater Assists	10
Vessel Inspections	48
Citations Issued	6
Warnings Issued	159



SECURITY DIVISION

The Security Division is responsible for the security at the County Office Building, Grand Jury, Cayuga County Court House and the Historic Post Office. Members of the Security Division are retired police and peace officers supervised by a Sergeant. There are 10 members assigned to the County Office Building and 27 members assigned to the two court buildings.

CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division is comprised of two Civil Enforcement Officers, and supervised by a Sergeant. Some of the duties of the Civil Division of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office are to process and serve civil papers and process family court papers. The Civil Enforcement Officers are also responsible for serving and enforcing court orders such as eviction warrants. In addition to these duties, the Civil Division also collects money from court cases where there is a judgment placed. Our two Civil Enforcement Officers are Sue Alvarado and Kelley Barrera. The data for 2019 for our Civil Division is as follows:



Total Receipts Recorded	\$1,250,849.06
Revenue Paid to County Treasurer	\$148,833.40
Total Papers Served	2,716
Income Executions	661
Eviction Warrants Served	222
Family Court Served	465
Summons/Complaints Served	148

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Criminal Investigations Division is overseen by Detective Lieutenant Frederick Cornelius and is staffed by a Detective Sergeant and Four Detectives. They are responsible to provide investigative and special support to the other divisions of the Sheriff's Office. Members of the Division are responsible for felony investigations and are also responsible for juvenile operations, sex offender management, domestic incident follow-up, child forensic interviews, vice and narcotics investigations and background investigations.

CASES

In 2019, Detectives were assigned over 300 cases for primary investigative responsibility including:

- 24 Sex Crimes
- 13 Arrest Warrants
- 15 Cell Phone Analysis
- 12 Child Abuse Cases
- 22 Death Investigations
- 9 Serious Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 17 Burglary
- 74 General Investigations
- 56 Background Investigations
- 39 Narcotics/Vice Investigations

Sex Offender Management

Detectives monitor 153 total Registered Sex Offenders who reside inside Cayuga County but outside the City of Auburn. Depending on the risk level assigned to the Sex Offender, they may be required to report personally to the Sheriff's Office as frequently as every 90 days. In addition to personal reporting, Sex Offenders are also responsible to report any change of address and other pertinent changes in status within 10 days. Detectives filed charges against 4 registered sex offenders for failing to meet their requirements in 2019.

Domestic Incident Follow-up

Detectives assisted in the follow-up investigation of 38 Domestic Incidents in 2019 resulting in 6 arrests for new or continued criminal conduct.

IDENTIFICATION SECTION

The Identification Section is supervised by the CID Commander and staffed by one Deputy Sheriff Corporal Joseph Ryan. His primary responsibility is to support the Criminal Investigation and Patrol Divisions through evidence and property management and well as professional assistance to the various Evidence Technicians assigned to the Divisions. He is also responsible for the management of Cayuga County Pistol permits which includes conducting initial investigations and processing amendments when guns are obtained or disposed of.

Conducted 219 Pistol Permit Background Investigation for initial permit applicants.

Processed more than 1,500 amendments to Cayuga County Pistol Permits

Managed an Evidence Room which contains nearly 3,000 individual pieces of property and evidence.

RECORDS SECTION

The Records Section is supervised by the CID Commander and staffed by one civilian Records Clerk. The clerk is the primary records custodian for the Sheriff's Office, managing all print and electronic records. The Records Clerk is also the receptionist assisting more than 2500 visitors to the Sheriff's Office annually.

CUSTODY DIVISION



The Cayuga County Jail staffs 95 full-time Custody Officers, three Registered Nurses and one part-time physician, Dr. Adam Duckett. Under the command of Chief Custody Officer Robert Elser and Custody Captain John Mack, the Cayuga County Jail housed 1,386 inmates in 2019.

This past year, the jail also added a Transition Coordinator who works closely with mental health providers within the facility provided by Cayuga County Mental Health, the Department of Social Services and local recovery agencies to help transition people with addiction issues back into society with the goals of reducing recidivism and preventing future overdose with potential loss of life.

In addition, there were 9,608 total training hours for the officers and staff of the Cayuga County Jail in 2019 as well as 5,456 hours logged from the Community Services Team (Inmate Work Crew) supervised by custody staff. The jail work crew is essential to our smaller communities to help complete projects that local municipalities do not have the resources to complete. The Sheriff's Office received many letters of thanks from these communities in 2019. We are very happy to provide these services to our local communities.

The following are the Custody Division Statistics for 2019:

TOTAL BOOKINGS 2019	1,386
AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION	155
AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION MALES/FEMALES	140.3 MALES, 14.6 FEMALES
INMATE MEALS SERVED	182,249
TRANSITIONAL SERVICES NEEDED	142
INMATES HOUSED FROM OTHER SOURCES (FEDERAL OR OTHER COUNTIES)	332
REVENUE GENERATED FROM BOARDED IN INMATES	\$1,762,240
INMATE VISITATION HOURS	12,235
NUMBER OF INMATES TRANSPORTED	18,875
NUMBER OF TRANSPORTS CONDUCTED	1,430
NUMBER OF MILES LOGGED FOR TRANSPORTS	57,346
INMATES TRANSPORTED TO PRISON IN 2019	208 - 172 MALES, 36 FEMALES
ADULT EDUCATION HOURS	2,966
YOUTH EDUCATION HOURS	1,588
THINKING 4 CHANGE (T4C) ATTENDEES	25
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS ATTENDEES	822 (15.8 AVG PER WEEK)
PARENTING CLASS ATTENDEES	82
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS ATTENDEES	76
VACCINATIONS GIVEN IN 2019	158

CUSTODY ACADEMY

In 2019, the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office Custody Academy graduated sixteen recruits in partnership with Onondaga County Sheriff's Office . Of the sixteen, four were from Cayuga County, twelve were from Onondaga County. The classroom training topics covered:

- ◆ Military protocol
- ◆ Ethics
- ◆ Special needs inmates
- ◆ Personal awareness
- ◆ Legal issues
- ◆ Essential services
- ◆ Security and supervision
- ◆ Effective communication
- ◆ Suicide prevention
- ◆ First Aid/CPR/AED
- ◆ Stress management
- ◆ Interagency cooperation
- ◆ Report writing
- ◆ Sexual misconduct
- ◆ Sexual harassment
- ◆ Manipulation by inmates
- ◆ Criminal procedure law
- ◆ Penal law
- ◆ Corrections law
- ◆ Investigations by peace officer
- ◆ Crime scene preservation
- ◆ Fire prevention
- ◆ Hostage survival
- ◆ Court room testimony
- ◆ Inmate transports
- ◆ Progressive discipline
- ◆ Media relations
- ◆ Inmate orientation
- ◆ Drug identification

In addition to the classroom training, recruits were required to perform physical fitness training and defensive tactics. There were 147 hours of firearms training with each custody training class in addition to 8 hours of chemical weapons training.

During the training, the core values of our mission were stressed to include integrity, respect and dedication.

Sheriff Custody Officer and Training Coordinator, Mario Campanello, has graduated six classes of recruits from the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office and has been our custody trainer for fourteen years. Officer Campanello went above and beyond during the course of this academy class and is a valuable asset to our agency.



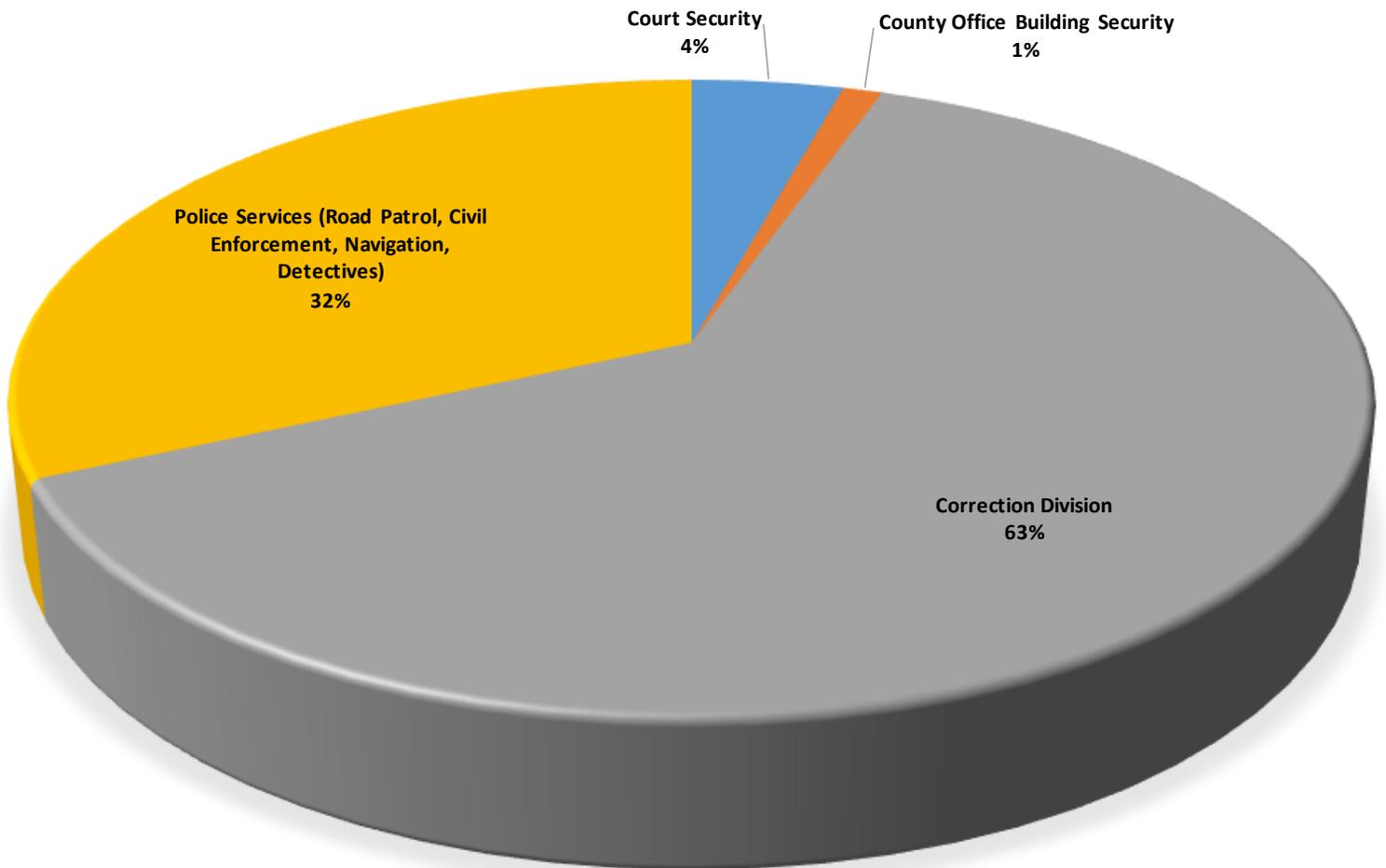
Bottom Row Recruits (L to R): Kasey Fellows, Matthew Doughty, Brian Connor, Jonathon Borden, Michael Perkins, Matthew Jones, James Dennis, Jason Armstrong

Top Row (L to R): Custody Training Officer Mario Campanello, Nicotianna Williams, Michael Vespi, James Schmunk, Randall Plucinik, Marcus Hubbard, Dustin Holmes, Megan Healey, Kevin Finizio, Sgt. Christopher Kerr

BUDGET 2019

2019 Adopted Operating Budget

Court Security	\$655,933
County Office Building Security	\$170,028
Custody Division	\$9,670,834
Law Enforcement Division (Road Patrol, Civil Enforcement, CID, Records, Pistol Permits, Navigation)	\$4,885,236
TOTAL	\$15,382,031



Retiree of Distinction

On March 26, 2019, a Proclamation was issued by the Cayuga County Legislature announcing that March 26, 2019, shall henceforth be known as ***Sergeant Francis G. Porter Day***. Sergeant Porter retired after ***fifty years*** of serving as an officer in the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office! Thank you so much for your half century dedication to our community.



RETIREES 2019



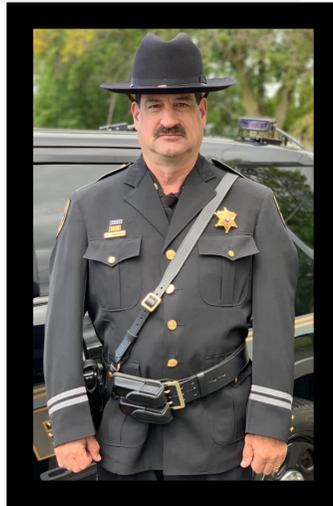
Deputy James Taber 25 YEARS

Pictured, left to right are Sergeant Tim Axton, Undersheriff Steve Smith, Deputy James Taber, Deputy Brian Myers, Deputy Adam Bacon, Deputy Brandon Raftis, Deputy Brandon Androsko, Deputy Jerry Field and Sheriff Brian Schenck.

CONGRATULATIONS



**Deputy Sheriff
Sergeant Cory Colton
20 YEARS**



**Deputy Sheriff
Thomas Carbonaro
20 YEARS**



**Deputy Sheriff Sergeant
John Leja
42 YEARS**

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**Lieutenant John Gleason
30 YEARS**



**Tracie Coulson, Records Clerk
32 Years**

Pictured left to right are Justin Leszczynski, Michelle Applebee, Robert Franklin, Sheriff Schenck, Tracie Coulson, Undersheriff Smith and Evelyn Goodman

FIRST ANNUAL CAYUGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RETIREE LUNCHEON



On April 26, 2019, we had the honor of welcoming back a number of our retired and previous members of the Sheriff's Office at our first annual retiree luncheon. Thank you to all of our retirees and former members for your service to our community. If you are a retiree and were not invited, please contact our office and we will gladly add you to our contacts for future events and news.

Pictured, left to right are Lieutenant Mike Wellauer, Ed Nash, Ken Burnett, Sheriff David Gould, Paul Benton, Edward Darrow, Joe Weeks, Undersheriff Steve Smith, Sheriff Brian Schenck, Don Elser, Gerry Kelly, Margaret O'Connell, Richard Thompson, Harry Norcross, Terry Sullivan, Steve Caruana, Undersheriff Steve McLoud, Lee Montroy, Richard Evans, Officer Mario Campanello and Fran Porter.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

PROMOTIONS & NEW HIRES 2019

The following officers were promoted in 2019. Congratulations to all of these dedicated members of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office:

Detective Sergeant Frederick Cornelius promoted to Detective Lieutenant in January 2019
Detective Robert Franklin promoted to Detective Sergeant in January 2019
Deputy Sheriff Robert Guarnieri promoted to Detective in January 2019
Deputy Sheriff Justin Leszczynski promoted to Detective in January 2019
Deputy Sheriff Corporal Glen Dudley promoted to Deputy Sheriff Sergeant in May 2019
Sheriff Custody Officer David Martin promoted to Sheriff Custody Corporal in July 2019
Sheriff Custody Sergeant Gary Dennis promoted to Sheriff Custody Lieutenant in July 2019
Sheriff Custody Officer Colby Anthony promoted to Sheriff Custody Corporal in September 2019
Sheriff Deputy Matthew Sloan promoted to Sheriff Deputy Sergeant in September 2019
Sheriff Deputy Brian Myers promoted to Deputy Sheriff Corporal in September 2019
Sheriff Custody Sergeant David Massi promoted to Sheriff Custody Lieutenant in October 2019
Sheriff Custody Corporal Joseph Marventano promoted to Sheriff Custody Sergeant in October 2019
Sheriff Custody Officer Neal Recckio promoted to Sheriff Custody Corporal in November 2019

NEW HIRES 2019

Deputy Sheriff Brandon Androsko, February 2019
Custody Chief Robert Elser, February, 2019
Deputy Sheriff Jerry Field, February 2019
Deputy Sheriff Nikki Loveless, February 2019
Julie Piascik, February 2019
Deputy Sheriff Jacob Slobe, May 2019
Sheriff Custody Officer Jason Armstrong, September 2019
Sheriff Custody Officer James Dennis, September 2019
Sheriff Custody Officer Matthew Jones, September 2019
Sheriff Custody Officer Michael Perkins, September 2019
Deputy Sheriff Valerie Thurston, September 2019

Congratulations

PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES

Early in 2019, Sheriff Schenck distributed information relative to the Yellow Dot Program to area fire departments and first responders. The program is a partnership with the New York State Sheriff's Association and local Sheriff's Offices to provide critical information to first responders in the event of an emergency. The Yellow Dot stickers are placed on vehicle windows or windows/doors of the home to signify that lifesaving information is contained in the vehicle's glove box or the home's freezer. Students at the Cayuga Community College's Criminal Justice Program distributed hundreds of Yellow Dot brochures and stickers to the public.



In April, Cayuga County area law enforcement agencies including The Auburn Police Department, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, Port Byron Police Department, Weedsport Police Department, Moravia Police Department, and New York State Police implemented a Safe School Bus Stop Campaign using both marked and unmarked patrol vehicles to periodically follow school buses and ticket those who pass buses that are stopped with red flashing lights. Tickets were also issued to those who were in violation of the school speed zone limits during school hours.

Also in April of 2019, a team of volunteer adolescents teamed up with Lieutenant Michael Wellauer, Road Patrol Division Commander, along with several other officers, and conducted alcohol sales compliance checks throughout Cayuga County. Forty two businesses were checked and of the forty two, only two were not compliant. Arrests were made in these two instances. Officers who were present with the volunteers from the community were Jeffrey Ross, Brandon Reindfleisch, Michael Baim and Brendan Raftis. The Sheriff's Office is very pleased that the majority of the businesses in our communities are being safe and responsible.



PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES CONTINUED

A very special thank you to the many businesses in Cayuga County who supported the National Child Safety Council and the Sheriff's Office on partnering with us to provide funding for educational materials for children and teens on many safety topics. Shown, right, is Sheriff Schenck with Undersheriff Smith with the books and brochures. Because of the generosity of our community, we are able to distribute this information to children in our county.

Those businesses who helped sponsor this program are:

Auburn Pediatrics, PLLC
Burke Excavation Service & Testing, Inc.
C&R Contracting and Building, LLC
Sun Harvest Realty
Pennells Auto LLC
King Ferry Winery, Inc./Treleven Wines
Tom Weaver & Son Excavating, LLC
Heieck-Pelc Funeral Home, LLC
Jack Fine/Purr-Fect Place Hospital for Cats
Uniform Fashions
SK American Legion Post
American Legion Post 1107
Cayuga Veterinary Services
Cayuga Milk Ingredients
Raymond Donald & Sons, LLC
VFW of Auburn Post 1975
A.T. Walley & Company
Thomas Hogan, DDS
Main & Pinckney Equipment
Loveless Excavating, Inc.
Hoskins Farms
Plis Funeral Home, Inc.

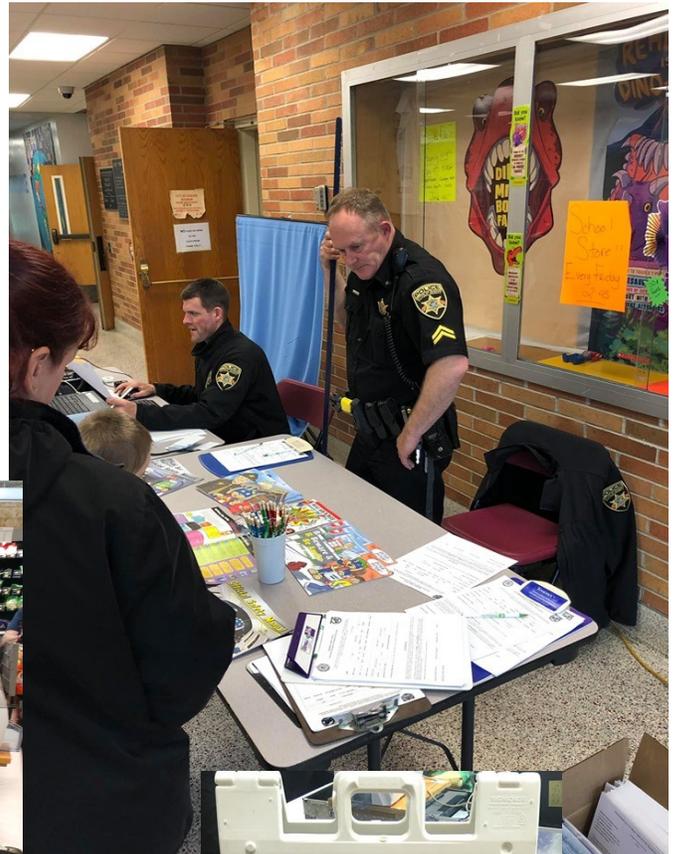
We also had a few neighbors who mailed checks after the publication deadline, and we would like to thank you for your donations. We are hoping to partner with the National Child Safety Council again in 2020 so please keep an eye out for the letters in the Spring. These are very fun for children and are filled with activities and safety information.



PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES CONTINUED

Several times throughout the year, you will find our officers at events offering Operation Safe Child where children's height, weight, photo, fingerprints and data are recorded. In the event that the child goes missing, Law Enforcement agencies can utilize this information in their investigation. It is recommended that the information be updated every two years as children grow and change. If you would like to register your child, please get in touch with our office so that we can notify you as to when the next detail will be. Several officers are involved in this initiative including Sue Alvarado, Kelley Barrera, Joe Ryan, Robert Guarnieri, Jeffrey Ross and Nicole Stewart. Please stop by and visit one of our tables if you would like to register your child.

Officers Joe Ryan and Jeffrey Ross are pictured, right, registering children in the community. Pictured, bottom left, is Sue Alvarado hosting a table at Wal-Mart. We sincerely appreciate the support of our local community for allowing us to provide this valuable service at local events. Special thanks to these officers who continue to commit to the safety of our community.



PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES CONTINUED

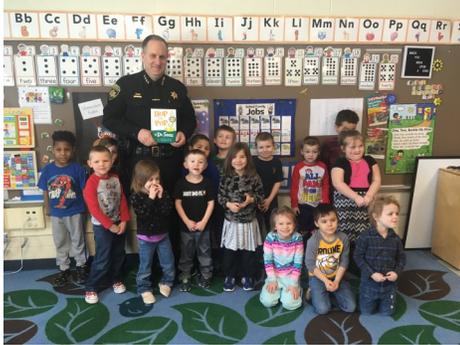
In June, several people attended a three day course hosted by the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office to become certified child safety seat and restraint technicians. Those who took the course, from several organizations, are now able to assist families with providing the correct safety equipment and installation for their children and automobiles. Thank you to everyone who attended in order to safeguard the children in our community.



Pictured, left to right, are Suzanne Healey from Rochester General Hospital, Patrick Maguire of the Dewitt Fire Department, Danielle Cornwell, Melissia Thompson, Rita Froebel, Aimee Del Favero (all four from CAP/Cayuga Action Program), Deputy Brandon Rindfleisch and Deputy Brendan Raftis from the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Left, Sheriff Schenck had the opportunity to read to children at Owasco Elementary.



Right, Deputies Sue Alvarado & Kelley Barrera provide Safe Child services.



Left, Captain Mack reads to children at Seward Elementary School.



Right, Det. Lt. Fred Cornelius delivers meals and conversation at the Boyle Center.



Left, Det. Lt. Fred Cornelius reads to eager onlookers at Casey Park Elementary School.



Left, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office Recruits Jerry T Field II, Nikki M Loveless and Brandon Androsko after participating with the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy at the Canandaigua Polar Plunge in March to benefit the Special Olympics of New York.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Deputy Brian Myers was on patrol in the Town of Scipio in April when he came across this beagle in the road. He stopped and located the owner of this guilty dog, who was very grateful.



Right, Sheriff Custody Officer Mario Campanello stands with Officers Wesley Burger and Brandon Raftis at a recruitment event at Cayuga Community College.



Left, Custody Officers, Alan Jayne, Lisa Errington and Paul Cowan volunteered to help raise money for the Special Olympics partnering with Applebee's Restaurant. Pictured, left, is Officer Jayne with another volunteer.



Above, Sergeant Jeff Ross and Corporal Joe Ryan are providing Safe Child Cards at the Finger Lakes Mall.



Left, local Daisy Troop 60179 and Brownie Troop 60178 visited the Sheriff's Office, donating bags full of stuffed animals that were given to the Child Advocacy Center. These stuffed animals will all find homes with other children in the community. Thank you, Scouts, for taking care of your friends in Cayuga County and for doing such a nice project for other kids!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Members of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office participated in a Mock DWI Presentation in May at Southern Cayuga High School. Deputy Brandon Rindfleish, left, explained the field testing and arrest process for a DWI in a serious motor vehicle accident. Thank you to all first responders who participated in this drill and for the Southern Cayuga School District for allowing all involved to help educate youth about the importance of making responsible choices. Pictured, below, are the first responders who also participated in this drill.



Pictured, left, Deputy Myers and (below) Deputy Rindfleish participated in a Mock Texting-Accident at the Moravia

High School in May to show the dangers of distracted driving. Thank you to Moravia High School for your dedication to the safety of your students!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



In June, those pictured, above, participated in the annual Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics. The 2019 event was dedicated to the memory of Charles "Chuck" Jayne. Chuck was heavily involved in supporting Special Olympics through the Torch Run during his years with the Sheriff's Office. This event was very near and dear to him. Several members of both the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, Auburn Police Department, New York State Police and the community participated.



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Charles "Chuck" Jayne

We the men and women of the Law Enforcement Torch Run and the Athletes of Special Olympics New York, are better off for knowing you and being a big part of what you stood for in your amazing life. We thank you and your family for the honor of being part of your extended family for so many amazing years.

ALWAYS in our hearts and in our prayers.

June 13th, 2019

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Members of the Honor Guard had the opportunity to participate in the opening ceremony of the Homes for Our Troops Wells College Golf Tournament in Aurora to honor and support our veterans. Pictured, left, are Corporal Joe Marventano, Office Hyun Williams, Officer Paul Cowan and Corporal Dave Martin. Homes for Our Troops provides homes and modifications to those who are injured in the line of duty. The Cayuga County Sheriff's Office is proud to support this event.



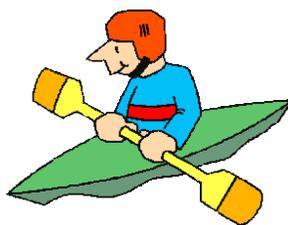
In early August, Deputy Androsko, Deputy Field, Undersheriff Smith and Sheriff Schenck climbed up onto the roof of the Genesee Street Dunkin Donuts in Auburn to raise money for Special Olympics. As shown, right, they were able to draw attention to people by dropping a bucket for donations down to street level. The Cops on Top program was both fun and successful in 2019.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Each year, the Honorary Members of the Sheriff's Institute sponsor children from our county to attend the NYS Sheriff's Institute Summer Camp in Yates County. The camp, on Keuka Lake, provides a recreational program while stressing basic values and good citizenship at no cost to families.

Sgt. Jeff Ross coordinates the effort in getting children from our county to camp. In its 43rd year of operation, the camp accommodates over 900 children between 9 and 12 years of age at no cost to their families. Campers work with law enforcement members and are able to participate in archery, boating, sailing, hiking, talent shows, scuba diving and more. Thank you for the continued community support of this program.



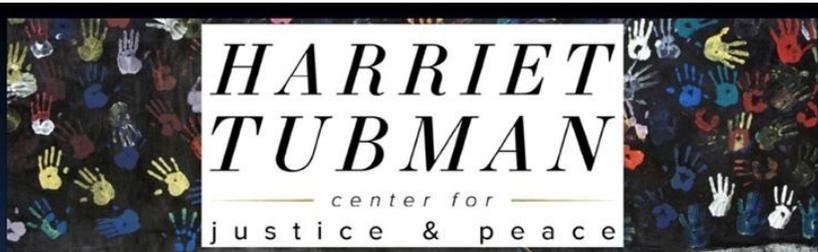
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Association was generous enough to provide funding for the Sheriff's Office to distribute Halloween bags with safety tips for children for Trick or Treating. Safety is our primary concern when children are involved.



The Sterling Silver Seniors group invited the Sheriff, Undersheriff and Sergeant Sloan (K9) to meet with them. Sergeant Sloan was able to provide a demonstration of his K9, Aron. All three officers enjoyed their time with the Sterling Silver Seniors who have always been great supporters of law enforcement.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Connecting Bridges

The Harriet Tubman Center for Justice and Peace, in a long term collaborative working partnership with the Auburn Police Department and the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, as well as the Auburn Fire Department, Civil Service Commission and host meeting venues seeks to enhance the relationship that the community has with local law enforcement. Mindful of national policing situations, this county-wide initiative seeks to foster a better understanding of local law enforcement and ensure that the community's concerns are heard, addressed and strategic solutions and new initiatives reported back to the community. This effort seeks a mutual understanding of experiences and expectations and needs from all participating groups, and any corrective actions for planned change...The goal? ...**To connect bridges.**

Nov 19th, 2019 6:30 - 7:45 PM - Westminster Presbyterian Church - 17 William St. Auburn

Dec 3rd, 2019 6:30 - 7:45 PM - Booker T. Washington Community Center - 23 Champman Ave. Auburn

Dec. 10th, 2019 6:30 - 7:45 PM - Apostolic Church of the Lord Jesus Christ - 103 Fitch Ave. Auburn



**Please put dates on your calendar.
Plan to attend a forum and bring
a neighbor or friend with you!**



Each forum will be built on a platform of getting to know each other; sharing our experiences; developing trust; decreasing fear of one another; instilling effective communication; enabling each participant to articulate opinions in a safe, respectful, nurturing environment while learning about other services that our local police agencies provide as community actions.

The Sheriff's Office, along with the Harriet Tubman Center for Justice and Peace, the Auburn Police Department and the Auburn Fire Department, began a long-term, collaborative effort to enhance community relationships and foster a better understanding of local law enforcement. This effort further seeks to make sure that any of the community's concerns are heard and addressed.

Agency recruiting is also another goal of this collaboration. The groups have worked together on initiatives to increase the number of community members that are taking our entry level exams and diversify our ranks.

Everyone involved in this effort seeks to bring about any needed change while working cooperatively and promoting communication between the community and our agencies with the goal of mutual understanding and to connect bridges.

At the first of several scheduled meetings at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Auburn, community members met with Sheriff Brian Schenck, Auburn Police Department's Chief Shawn Butler, Lt. James Slayton, Deputy Chief Roger Anthony and Auburn Fire Department's Chief Joe Morabito to discuss several issues. Some of the topics that were broached were mental health issues, domestic violence, addiction, race and more. Discussing these topics as a community will ensure that we find solutions together.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Sheriff Schenck was very pleased to have been invited to a presentation sponsored by the Cayuga Onondaga BOCES Criminal Justice Program. This presentation focused on strategies to reduce recidivism and included ideas for programming. The students worked cooperatively on this presentation. The Sheriff was very impressed with the group and is very much hoping that some of these fine young men and women will think about a career in law enforcement.

Below, left, Cameron Seastrom, asked his mom to invite police officers to his birthday party. His mom, Meghan, contacted the Auburn Police Department who then contacted our Sheriff's Office. When Cameron saw the officers walk in, he was thrilled. Both Chief Butler and Sheriff Schenck were able to attend. Cameron was also invited to come to the Sheriff's Office and check out the cars with Deputy Sheriff Michael Baim. Someday, Cameron would like to be an officer. We believe he will!!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Sergeant Glen Dudley had a great time with Cub Scout Pack 54 out of Union Springs. The Sergeant showed them a lot of the different equipment that officers need to know how to use, he let them use the metal detectors and he showed them around the 911 center. He also explained how fingerprints are taken. Having children visit our public safety building is important to us. We hope to inspire children at a young age to understand our role in the community. We also hope to inspire them to want to pursue a career in criminal justice if that is an area they are interested in.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADES IN OWASCO & FAIR HAVEN 2019



HOLIDAY FUN WITH AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

In case you didn't follow the most notorious case of 2019, Both Sheriff Schenck and APD Chief Shawn Butler solved the Great Grinch Caper of 2019. After having issued a media release asking for his capture, the Grinch was seen around the city trying to steal lights, trees, decorations and other merriment from the people of Auburn. After careful pursuit and having followed up on several leads, the Grinch was apprehended thanks to the hard work of our officers and detectives. Here are some photos from the Great Grinch Caper of 2019. Let's be on the lookout for this scoundrel in 2020!!! Unfortunately, because of the new bail reform laws, we had to release him by January.



Let this be a lesson —crime doesn't pay.

Don't be a Grinch!!!!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Left, Sheriff Schenck, Undersheriff Smith, Captain Mack, Chief Elser and Sergeant Sloan are pictured with all the children who gladly marched with the Sheriff's Office in the Annual Holiday Parade in Auburn on November 30th. Cold temperatures couldn't keep the children from wanting to participate. Right, the Sheriff "deputizes" another junior deputy before the parade.



The holiday season was kicked off with the parade in Auburn, but for the Sheriff's Office, the best part of the holiday season is always the **Shop with a Cop** program. This year, as usual, was a ton of fun for our officers and children. Fourteen children in our community were given the opportunity to buy items for their families for Christmas. The photo, below, and the following page are highlights of the event. Thank you to the Deputy Sheriff's Benevolent Association for the gift cards and for your generosity.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH SHOP WITH A COP CONT'D.



EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



Pictured, above, left to right are Cpl. Joseph Marventano, Andrew "Chip" Kehoskie, Jason Morrell and Cpl. James Mennerich

Custody Officers Jason Morrell, Andrew "Chip" Kehoskie, and Joseph Marventano received a Divisional Commendation from Custody Chief Robert Elser, for excellence in investigating a jail contraband situation. These officers acted in a manner that thwarted the inmates from being able to destroy or use drug contraband, and resulted in arrests related to prison contraband and concealing illicit drugs. These officers used their skills and common sense to prevent a situation that could have had a very bad outcome.

Corporal James Mennerich was presented with a Letter of Recognition for his commitment to the program, "Thinking 4 a Change." This program was in conjunction with Cayuga Counseling Services and provided programming to inmates who were willing to participate in order to change behavior patterns and reduce recidivism. Corporal Mennerich put a great deal of time and effort into helping organize the programming and arranging, implementing and conducting the graduation ceremony as well.

In June, Deputies Myers and Baim happened on a vehicle during the overnight shift and stopped to investigate. They came upon a woman in late stages of labor. Calling 911, they were talked through the process of delivering a healthy baby while waiting for medical personnel

to come. Emergency Services Dispatcher, Patti Enge, is the 911 dispatcher who was able to instruct the two Deputies on delivering a baby. Nice job to all three for helping a very distressed family!



Pictured, left to right are Deputy Brian Myers, Deputy Michael Baim, Sheriff Schenck, Patti Enge and Denise Spingler, 911 Administrator.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Sheriff Custody Officer Casey Davis was honored with a Departmental Commendation for his excellence to duty with the Custody Division and the Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Jeffrey Akins, who works closely with Officer Davis, has stated that "Casey is hands down one of our best Custody Officers within the Division." With many years of experience under his belt, Officer Davis has honed his abilities to classify our incoming inmates and be able to properly identify areas of strengths and weaknesses to best place inmates within our jail. Because of this, he continues to put the safety of both of the inmates and his fellow custody officers first. In doing so, incidents of assaults are decreased and the jail is a safer place.



Custody Lieutenant David Massi was presented with a Divisional Commendation for outstanding work in his administrative role in the Cayuga County Jail. Lt. Massi is extremely organized and efficient and helps to keep the administrative officers better organized. He has developed and refined policies and procedures. He has excellent computer skills and has simplified payroll operations

to streamline the process. He works closely with our new Jail Transition Coordinator to guide both the person hired for this job as well as assist with developing programming related to the position. Pictured, left to right are Custody Officer Beverly Massi, Custody Captain John Mack, Lieutenant Dave Massi, Chief Custody Officer Robert Elser, Undersheriff Steve Smith and Lieutenant Gary Dennis.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION



On December 9, the Sheriff was pleased to present several awards for excellence to members of the Sheriff's Office and to a member of our community. Pictured, left to right, are Officer James Menrich and Officer Tom Stebbins who were recognized for going above and beyond their normal duties and who discovered dangerous contraband in the jail that could have led to serious property damage and injury to both inmates and personnel. Third from the left, Sheriff Custody Corporal Neal Reckio received a promotion because of his dedication and commitment to the Sheriff's Office. Next to him, Civil Enforcement Officer Sue Alvarado received recognition for countless hours spent outside the workday to assist our community members with registering their children in the Safe Child program and also for being a leader in our Child Passenger programs. Officer Alvarado is extremely dedicated to the safety of the children in our community. Third from the right is Deputy Wesley Burger who was instrumental in helping a man who accidentally shot himself in the leg, from losing both life and limb. Deputy Burger administered lifesaving first aid, stayed calm and assisted emergency medical help in getting the citizen loaded onto an emergency helicopter where he was flown to a nearby hospital for treatment. Lastly, next to Sheriff Brian Schenck, is Bradley O'Dell who courageously trailed a suspect who left the scene of a fatal accident in the Village of Weedsport that occurred in early November. Had he not trailed the suspect, it is very likely that law enforcement officials would not have apprehended this man and brought him to justice as quickly as they did. This man acted out of pure bravery and respect for the law and the Sheriff very much wanted to commend him for his selfless actions. Congratulations to all who received very much deserved recognition for your service and dedication.

EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Deputy Brandon Rindfleisch completed a four week Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Operators Course. This intense training prepares officers to serve on tactical teams. Deputy Rindfleisch has been with the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office since November, 2011. He started as a Custody Officer and changed to road patrol in September, 2015.

Deputy Rindfleisch, right, is pictured with Sergeant Glen Dudley.



Bottom Row L to R : Lt. Dennis, Det. Guarnieri, 911 Dispatcher Amanda Jessie, Sgt. Gilfus (APD)

Top Row L to R: 911 Dispatcher Kevin Head, Dpty. Catalfano, Trooper Wrobel, 911 Dispatcher Chris Gray, Trooper Penczek, Det. Stewart, Lt. Massi

The Cayuga County Sheriff's Office was selected by NYS to develop a CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Program with the goal of minimizing the times that law enforcement officers respond to individuals in emotional distress and provide first responders with the knowledge, skills and resources to de-escalate situations where people are in crisis. The team, above, is our first group of people to have been selected for this detail and were given training in November for an entire week. The training was administered by Don Kamin, Ph.D. from the Institute for Police, Mental Health & Community Collaboration out of Rochester, New York. Those in attendance were from our 911 Office, New York State Police, Auburn Police Department, Deputy Sheriffs and Custody Officers as well. The Sheriff's Office is very pleased to promote this initiative and work to provide a better response to those in crisis.



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