



SHERIFF

WAYNE COUNTY

2015 Annual Report



Sheriff Barry Virts



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Wayne County Office of Sheriff

MISSION STATEMENT

The principal mission of the Wayne County Office of Sheriff is to preserve the rights of citizens and reduce fear in the county through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property, and the maintenance of order in public places. To anticipate and respond to events which threaten public order and the protection of life and property.

It is essential that all members and employees remember that in the execution of their duties they act not for themselves, but for the good of the public. They shall respect and protect the rights of individuals and perform their service with honesty, zeal, courage, discretion, fidelity and sound judgment.

Officers must seek and preserve public confidence by demonstrating impartial service to law and by offering service and trust to all members of the public.

It is the expressed policy of the Wayne County Office of Sheriff that officers will use force only when in the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient to obtain public cooperation to an extent necessary to secure observance of law or to restore order, and to use only the minimum degree of physical force which is necessary upon any particular occasion for achieving a police objective.

January 1, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry C. Virts".

Barry C. Virts
Wayne County Sheriff



A Message from the Sheriff



Dear Neighbors,

In 2015, this Office partnered with the Badge of Honor Association honoring Sergeant Investigator Carl Clingerman, who lost his life in an on duty fatal motor vehicle collision November 3, 1971, on Route 414 in the Town of Galen. A memorial service was held and a sign was displayed to pay tribute to his ultimate service to the Sheriff's Office and the County of Wayne.

Lieutenant Stephen Sklenar received the prestigious Carl Draxler Award, which is given for exceptional career achievements and conscientious devotion to duty that demonstrates a spirit of selfless public service over the course of an entire career. The award is given in memory of the late Chemung County Sheriff Carl Draxler and was presented to Lieutenant Sklenar by the New York Sheriff's Association Institute.

I teamed up with the National Sheriffs' Association and Center on Violence against Women who trained area law enforcement officers on how to investigate crimes where victims and parties involved have "Limited English Proficiency". The New York State Humane Society trained law enforcement on Animal Cruelty and how it is connected to domestic violence. The Police Services Division trained deputies, state troopers and police department officers in the latest Active Threat Tactics. Deputies further received Public Safety Mental Health Training on how to assist and manage those mentally ill to bring about positive endings to those encounters. The Correction Division hosted a multi-county Correction Officer Basic School and a select group of correction officers were certified to carry Taser non-lethal weapons during high risk inmate transports and court details. Officer safety and training will continue to be a priority.

In 2016, the jail facility capital plan will start renovations to increase the efficiency of inmate housing, classification and booking admission processing. The security management and camera system, electronic log books and Booking Room renovations will receive updates and enhancements to provide better inmate supervision and electronic record keeping documentation to go "paperless". Correction officers will receive the same Public Safety Mental Health Training as the deputies did to increase their knowledge and skills on how to deal with the incarcerated mentally ill. Deputies will be trained on how Driving While Intoxicated affects victims and families through a Victims Impact Panel for Law Enforcement in collaboration with the Council on Alcoholism of the Finger Lakes. A Patrol Rifle Program will start with the generous donation of thirty patrol rifles from the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant. A dedicated Pistol Permit Unit will be established with existing budgeted funds, to provide pistol permit license applicants a more timely service.

The annual report's cover photo highlights the assignment of School Resource Officer Deputy Sheriff Rick Halvorsen to the North Rose - Wolcott School District, a partnership funded by the school district. Everyday our school districts host roughly 15,000 students and staff members in the eleven school districts around the county. It is my vision to provide a School Resource Officer to every school district in the county by this Office and/or with the assistance of other law enforcement agencies to provide safety and security to our most vulnerable population and sites.

All Sheriff Office employees do continuous law enforcement work in providing the daily services to you for your public safety needs. It is important that we are accountable to this Office, ourselves and to you with the highest degree of service, integrity and professionalism.

As your Sheriff, I will continue to be in your communities and accessible to you. I will work tirelessly on behalf of all Wayne County residents to provide the most professional, progressive, effective and efficient Office of Sheriff our county can afford.

You can reach me by telephone (315)946-5797, email (bvirts@co.wayne.ny.us) or writing to 7376 Route 31, Suite 1000, Lyons, New York 14489 with your questions and/or concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry Virts".

Sincerely,
Barry Virts, Sheriff



Command Staff



*Barry C. Virts,
Sheriff*



*Rick House,
Undersheriff*



*Bob Hetzke,
Chief Deputy*



*Jeff Fosdick,
Major*



*Steve Sklenar,
Civil Lieutenant*



*Rob Milby,
Criminal Investigation
Lieutenant*



*Alan Graham,
Road Patrol Lieutenant*

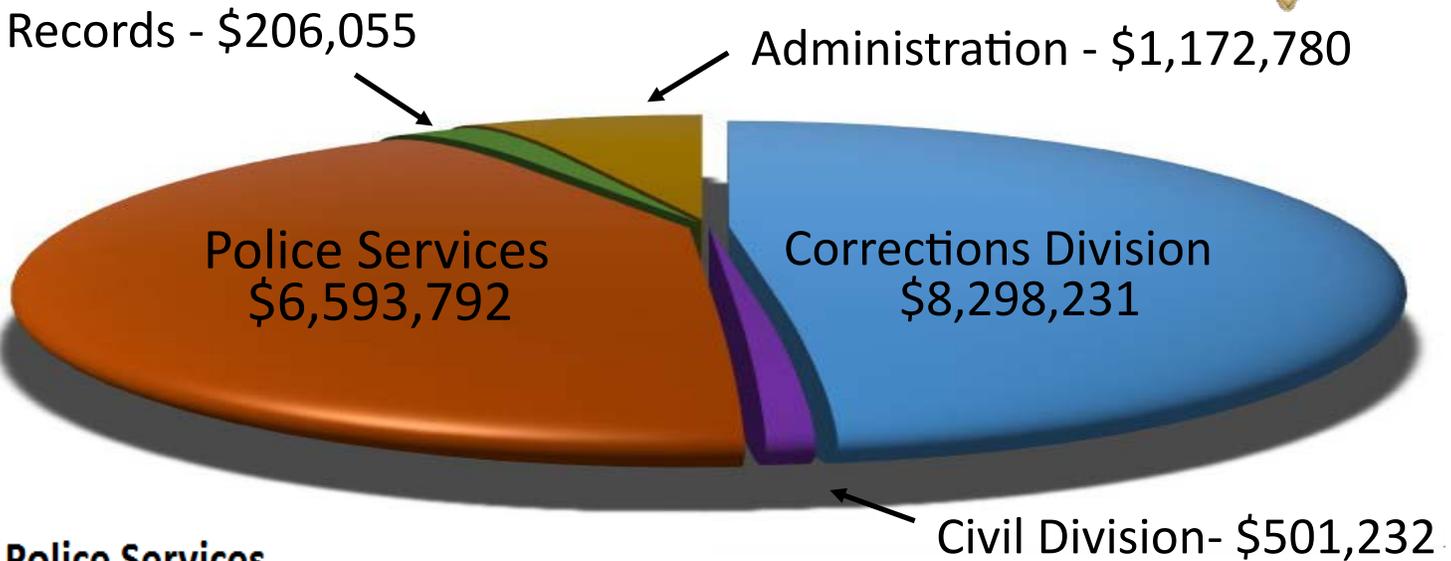


*David Ambeau,
Corrections Lieutenant*

Budget



2015 Annual Operating Cost



Police Services

Road Patrol	\$4,705,799
Criminal Investigations	\$1,369,078
Juvenile	\$127,337
Crime Lab Services	\$82,000
Recreational Safety	\$282,578

Correction Division

\$8,298,231

Court Security

\$686,866*

* (Monies Reimbursed by New York State)

Civil Division

\$501,232

Records

\$206,055

Sheriff's Administration

\$1,172,780

Total Expenses

\$17,431,956

Total Revenue

\$1,338,074

TOTAL COUNTY COST

\$16,093,882

Sheriff Virts works very closely with the County Administrator's Office as well as the County Board of Supervisors on budget issues.

The budget process starts in June with its formulation and then continues on with various committee reviews throughout the remainder of the year. The process culminates with a public hearing in December before its final adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

The Sheriff is responsible for the day-to-day fiscal operations of the Office. This includes accounts payable, accounts receivable, procurement of authorized equipment and services as well as the management of grant funds.

Sheriff Virts works on every aspect of the administration of the Sheriff's Office including maintaining a 17 million dollar budget.

Correction Division

The Correction Division is fully accredited by the New York State Sheriffs' Association. Under the command of **Major Jeff Fosdick** and **Lieutenant David Ambeau**, the jail functions extremely efficient with a staff of 54 full-time Correction Officers, 12 part-time Correction Officers, 8 Sergeants, 3 part-time Deputies, a Jail Doctor, a Nurse Practitioner, 2 Nurses, an Account Clerk and 2 Receptionist.

By utilizing the latest technology through continuous training and by instituting sound correctional practices the staff at Wayne County Jail provides a safe, clean and professional atmosphere for all who enter the facility.



Accredited Facility

Accreditation is a program developed by the New York State Sheriffs' Association. Through participation in the program, facilities are able to assess and enhance operational policies and procedures.

Accreditation is attained by demonstrating to a team of assessors that the facility has met or exceeded a comprehensive set of standards set forth by the New York State Sheriffs' Association and the New York State Commission of Correction. Benefits derived include assessment of the facility's strengths and weaknesses, improved working conditions and facility safety, while strengthening the facility against civil liability and costly litigation. During 2015, the Correction Division maintained compliance with all 166 standards and regulations by the joint accreditation committee of the New York State Commission of Correction and the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute. This is done through the annual certification of jail accreditation, a compliance verification that maintains our accreditation status for a professional Sheriff's Office Correctional Division with the goal of maintaining our certificate of accreditation.



Jail Statistics

	2014	2015
Admissions	1,243	1,411
Mug shots	1,772	1,848
Finger prints	1,772	1,848
Inmate meals	126,227	130,837
Law Library	471	382
Recreation	7,551	8,440
Private Attorney Visits	197	218
Public Defender Visits	485	527
Inmate Visits	4,633	4,642
Medical Room Visits	6,040	7,908
Doctor Visits	70	79
Dentist Visits	146	163
TB Test Completed	517	485
Lab Samples Taken	483	609
HIV Test Completed	53	107
Constant Watch/5 Checks	456	590
Inmates In Medical Cells	905	902
Direct Case Management	3,035	2,702
Evaluations Court Ordered	2	6
On Site Psychiatrist Visits	70	84
Pre-Trial Contacts	667	629
Pre-Trial Releases	149	123
Parole Officer Visits	53	79
Parole Hearings	55	82
Probation Officer Visits	98	120
BOCES Class Days	227	230
Inmates Attending Class	5,439	5,667
FLACRA Evaluation Completed	32	32
FLACRA Group Attendance	4,778	4,540
WCAP Parenting Class	868	918
Drug Court Visits	14	15
Jail Tours	12	12

Throughout the year, under the direct supervision of corrections staff, various duties are performed in and around the jail as well as throughout the community by sentenced inmates. Painting, cleaning and helping with projects at the Wayne County Fairgrounds are to name just a few. The Inmate Worker Program provides inmates the opportunity to learn new skills all while providing them an opportunity to give back to the community. Last year inmate workers began the task of repainting the entire jail interior.



These sentenced inmates (above and left), learn a valuable trade skill while assisting the grounds crew at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

Daily inmate worker details include preparing and serving meals, laundry, cleaning the facility, stripping and waxing floors, washing fleet vehicles and washing windows throughout the facility.



Here an inmate worker gives a fresh coat of paint to an old section of the jail.



This inmate worker cleans, folds and sorts laundry as part of his daily routine.

Basic Corrections Academy



This past year, the Wayne County Sheriff's Office hosted a Basic Corrections Academy. The class was comprised of six Wayne County and five Livingston County recruits. Training on Use of Force, Suicide Prevention, Effective Communications, Defensive Tactics and New York State Minimum Standards for Correctional Facilities were a few of the topics covered over the four month part time academy. After graduating from the academy, recruits took part in an intensive eight week long training in the jail working side by side with experienced correction officers.



Correction Officer recruits practice take down moves, instructed by Sergeant Matt Hilkert, during Basic Correction School Defensive Tactics Training at the Wayne County Sheriff's Corrections Academy.

Correction Goals in 2016

In 2016, the jail facility capital plan will start renovations to increase the efficiency of inmate housing, classification and booking admission processing. The security management and camera system, electronic log books and Booking Room renovations will receive updates and enhancements to provide better inmate supervision and electronic record keeping documentation to go "paperless". Correction officers will receive the same Public Safety Mental Health Training as the deputies did to increase their knowledge and skills on how to deal with the incarcerated mentally ill.

Road Patrol



The Road Patrol is the basic element of the Police Services Division. When any call for service is received, it is the Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Road Patrol that makes the initial contact with the complainant. The Patrol Deputy must rely on his or her training and instincts to make a decision about how to best handle the complaint and decides what, if any, resources are needed to satisfy the complaint.

Wayne County is home to the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant that has a very comprehensive safety plan that complies with the requirements of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. As a result, Deputies in Wayne County receive additional yearly training in the "Incident Command System" and in handling incidents that might be related. Both the State and Federal Government test deputies yearly for their knowledge and proficiency in their part of the response plan.

The Sheriff's Office maintains three satellite offices around the county where Deputies complete paperwork and process prisoners. The satellite offices are located in Marion in the Town Office Building, in Ontario in the Town Court Building and in Sodus Point at the County Park.

Sheriff's Office Complaints Dispatched by 911

	2015	2014		2015	2014
911 Hang Ups	182	183	Agg. Harassment	54	57
Air Tank Details	53	39	Harrassment	62	69
Alarms	935	1,006	Juvenile Problems	131	116
Ambulance	452	407	Larcenies	315	345
Animal Complaints	281	250	Missing Persons	48	60
Assaults	19	20	Notifications	56	102
Assist to Citizens	1431	1,208	Overdose Complaints	41	24
Assist to other Departments	265	234	Order of Protections	341	347
Assist to Motorists	326	249	Other Police	865	652
Bad Checks	8	18	Property Damage MVA	849	936
Boat Complaints	106	69	Pedestrian Struck	20	11
Bomb Threats	2	2	Personal Injury MVA	220	244
Burglary	139	136	Property Checks	10886	10,019
Criminal Mischief	108	127	Psyc Problems	303	315
Court Details	244	212	Robbery	13	13
Court Security Complaints	30	32	Snowmobile Complaints	10	11
Delayed MVA's	46	40	Special Investigations	2373	2,395
Details	592	540	Subpoena	374	375
Disturbances	1057	1,222	Suspicious Condition	881	931
Death Investigations	23	29	Traffic Stops	6443	2,661
DWI	137	131	Transports	1256	1,063
Family Court Papers	432	360	Trespass	148	162
Family Troubles	1022	1,013	V&T Complaints	1444	1,258
Fire Calls	196	155	Warrant Arrests	370	388
Gun shot/Stabbing	14	7			
			TOTAL	35,617	30,315

As sworn police officers, Road Patrol Deputy Sheriffs have the responsibility as your public protectors. Their duty is to maintain public tranquility while making sure that the legal rights of all citizens are protected. Although the Road Patrol Deputy has a variety of tasks from finding lost children to issuing traffic tickets, their primary duty is to prevent unwanted accidents, bodily harm, or loss of property. They are lawmen and women who watch over and protect the public day and night.



Drug Recognition Expert

The Sheriff's Office has a trained Drug Recognition Expert, Deputy Travis Dunn. He is utilized in cases where a vehicle operator is suspected of driving under the influence of illegal drugs or excessive prescription medication when it impairs a driver's ability to drive. Deputy Dunn conducted a total of 28 drug influence evaluations in 2015. Eleven of those were proactive evaluations found on his own patrols. Seventeen were reactive evaluations or evaluations he conducted at the request of other police officers employed by the Newark, Macedon and Palmyra Police Departments.



Deputy Pagnotti changes a tire for a stranded Motorist on Route 104.

The items on the cart were seized from a food stamp fraud case. Deputy Andrew Hares (Pictured far Right), purchased the items during an undercover food stamp buy. After the case was closed the items were donated to the food closet in Newark.



Deputy Andrea Knapp searches a trunk (left) during a drug interdiction traffic stop. Contraband (right) is taken off the streets during the detail.



Juvenile Division



The Juvenile Division is a specialized subdivision of the Road Patrol. The Office conducts criminal investigations involving juveniles, (those youths between the ages of 7 and 15) and is the liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the community. The Juvenile Division works closely with Child Protective, Department of Aging and Youth, Public Health, Probation, other Law Enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's Office and County Attorney's Office. The Juvenile Division consists of one Juvenile Officer.

When a Road Patrol Deputy receives a complaint involving a juvenile, the Deputy takes a report. If there is a need for further investigation and the officer is not able to continue the investigation, that officer contacts the Juvenile Division and the Juvenile Officer continues the investigation.

The Juvenile Division works closely with the Road Patrol and Criminal Investigation Division each sharing their knowledge and expertise to solve cases. This division is responsible for entering all crimes, missing persons under the age of 16 and all domestic reports involving juveniles into SJS. (Spectrum Justice System). A Total of **180** Juveniles were entered into SJS in 2015.

CRIMES INVOLVING JUVENILES

Larcenies	8	Obstructing Breathing	0
Possession of Marijuana	5	Public Lewdness	2
Sex Offenses	13	Criminal Impersonation	0
Criminal Mischief	25	Burglary	2
Assaults	5	Conspiracy to Commit a Crime	2
Runaway/Missing Person	20	Possession of Stolen Property	4
Mental Health Law	29	Resisting Arrest	2
Family Court Warrants	8	Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer	2
Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle	2	Disorderly Conduct	2
Criminal Trespass	4	Domestic and Citizens Arrest	65
Aggravated Harassment	0	TOTAL	237
False Reporting	0	Juvenile Cases Referred to Probation	77
Possession of a Weapon	6	Juvenile Cases Handled in house	167
ABC Law	1	Drug Awareness Education:	
Arson	5	Newark High School	Wayne Central
Endangering	4	North Rose-Wolcott High School	North Rose Elementary
Harassment	18	North Rose-Wolcott Elementary	Newark Drivers Ed
Menacing	3		Lyons Health Fair
Robbery	0		Savannah Elementary

Presented to 1,055 Students



Driver Education - 50 students

Neighborhood Watch - 50 people

Bullying - Wayne County Schools, including Sodus Middle School, Clyde Savannah Elementary and Lyons Elementary were visited and 520 students were instructed.

Senior Citizens Safety - 45 People were instructed.



Child Safety Seat Inspections:

Red Creek Health Fair

Macedon Fire Department

Ontario Ambulance

Newark Hospital w/ Public Health

Wayne County Fair

Williamson Fire Department

Newark Fire Department w/ Public Health.

Total: Seats inspected 100

Failed and replaced 66

Bicycle Safety Program:

Sodus Elementary

Bike Rodeo

Tot Spot in Ontario

Tot Spot in Macedon

Clyde Elementary Rodeo

Total: 370 Students



Juvenile Transports:

<i>Juveniles Transported</i>	15
<i>Total Miles on transports</i>	6,423
<i>Total Man Hours involved</i>	216
<i>Total Cost</i>	\$9,416.00

Eddie Eagle Program: Children are instructed if you see a gun, **“WALK AWAY AND TELL AN ADULT”**. The Juvenile Division currently works with Elementary students in Wayne County and instructed close to **426** young people last year in the following schools:

Freewill Elementary

Huron Head Start

Sodus Head Start



Operation Safe Child:

Lyons Health Fair, North Rose Fire Department, North Rose Elementary, Williamson Health Fair, Freewill Fun Days, Casey Park, Palmyra Fair Grounds, Clyde Fire Department, Palmyra Library, Clyde Health Days, Walworth Library, Sodus Point Community Center, Lyons Library, Ginna Family Days, Newark Fest, Ginegaw Park, County Fair, Moose Lodge, Marion Head Start, Williamson Town Park, Macedon Town Park, Williamson Ambulance, Walworth Library, and the Lincoln Fire Department.

Altogether 1,635 ID's were issued.

Criminal Investigation Division



Under the command of Lieutenant Robert Milby, the Criminal Investigations Division plays a vital role in the investigation of major crimes in Wayne County.

When a Road Patrol Deputy takes a citizen's report of a burglary, arson or other major crimes, it is the responsibility of the Criminal Investigations Division to follow-up and to investigate such crimes.

After the Road Patrol Officer receives the call, he determines the best way to handle it and what resources are needed. Many times the deputy may need technical assistance from the Criminal Investigation division to collect trace evidence or process the crime scene. When this is the case, an investigator will respond to help process the scene and may also request additional assistance of an investigator assigned to the crime scene technical unit.

Investigation Statistics

	2014	2015
Animal Cruelty	2	6
Attempted Murder	0	2
Assault	6	8
Burglaries	92	97
Criminal Contempt	2	5
Criminal Mischief	21	8
Criminal Obstruction of Breathing	1	2
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property	5	7
Death Investigations	9	10
Drug Investigations	0	23
False Reporting	2	1
Forgeries	3	4
Frauds	47	54
Fugitives	5	6
Identity Thefts	7	7
Larcenies	62	40
Missing Persons	1	0
Rapes	7	9
Reckless Endangerment	1	1
Robbery	6	6
Sex Abuse	10	8
Special Investigations	51	50
Sex Offender Registration Investigations	24	6
Trespass	4	2
Total Cases Assigned	385	370
Cases Closed by Arrest		95
Other Case Assists		256

WayneNET Statistics:

WayneNET Jobs	79
Cases Closed by Arrest	31
Cases Pending Arrest	18
Purchased /Seized Contraband	
Cocaine	66.798grams
Heroin	7.2 grams
Scrip-Pills	148
Marijuana	1.645lbs



Just as in the Road Patrol Division, investigators in the Criminal Investigation Division receive training in specialized fields and utilize special tools to complete the task at hand. The training might entail fingerprint examination, special techniques for interviews and surveillance techniques. Some of the equipment might be, alternative light sources for detecting trace imaging, photography, drug detection and the Computer Stress Analyzer which is used to determine if a person is being deceptive by measuring the amount of stress in a person's voice and speech patterns.

The criminal investigation process is one of the most important police responses to the problem of crime. Investigators piece together the information they collect from the patrol deputies and from interviews and processing crime scenes. They coordinate with the District Attorney's Office to prepare cases for court. Additionally, not only do they handle Sheriff's Office cases, the members of the Criminal Investigations Division also assist other police agencies in investigating and preparing their cases.

Welfare Investigations:

Arrested-15 Charges-37

Pending investigations- 13

Closed by investigation-26 (unfounded, or unable to prove fraud)

Charges:

Misuse of Food Stamps (Felony)- 1

Misuse of Food Stamps (Misdemeanor)-5

Welfare Fraud 5th - 8

Welfare Fraud 4th - 3

Welfare Fraud 3rd - 1

Petit Larceny - 6

Grand Larceny 3rd - 1

Grand Larceny 4th - 1

Offering a false instrument for filing (Felony) - 4

Identity Theft- 6

SWL Sale/exchange assistance supply - 1



Civil Division



The Civil Division, under the command of Lieutenant Stephen Sklenar, fulfills the constitutional requirements of the Sheriff to serve civil papers and collect fines. The Sheriff is the enforcement officer for the courts. As the enforcement officer, it is the responsibility of the Sheriff to carry out the mandates and judgements of the court.

The Civil Office serves civil mandates for the court, civil process for individuals that are acting "pro se" and for attorneys, a service for which the office is paid a fee. The office enforces judgments of the court, which is the civil equivalent of a verdict, in criminal court. The judgment can be enforced in several ways varying from a simple garnishment of wages through an income execution to seizure and sale of personal or real property.

The Civil Office also makes civil arrests pursuant to warrants issued by the court. This is usually done to compel a debtor or respondent to comply with a mandate of the court after other methods have failed. In addition, the Civil Office handles many of the personnel services in the Sheriff's Office as well. The office maintains the payroll portion of the contract between the Sheriff's Office employees and the County of Wayne. Deputies in the Civil Division deal with many different laws such as Penal, Vehicle and Traffic, Landlord Tenant, Executive, CPLR, Real Property, Judiciary and Public Officers Laws. In 1985, the Civil Office processed over a quarter million dollars. Today, the Civil Office processes more than 1.75 million dollars.

Revenue

Affidavits	\$330,000	Collected for Civil Actions	\$ 1,327,324.91
Executing	\$15,571.40	Total Dollars Received by Civil Office	\$1,327,324.91
Levy Fees	\$3,196.00	Paid Out to Creditors, Debtors, Etc.	\$1,308,505.82
Mileage	\$23,667.35	Dollars Refunded	\$18,814.11
Notary	\$936.00	Total Checks Uttered	\$1,327,309.93
Postage	\$808.16	Dollars Remitted Treasurer	\$148,356.14
Poundage	\$59,793.51	Total Summons and Complaints	416
Filing Fees	\$14,100.00	Total Executions Processed	665
Miscellaneous Fees	\$16.07	Service Attempts	1946
Return	\$13,003.50	Actual Papers Served	1182
Serving	\$12,791.95	Warrants to Remove	168
Serve Notice	\$3,844.48	Persons Removed	136
Copies	\$310.00	Total Documents Entered	2553
		Total Documents Closed	2918
		Evictions Completed	94

Criminal Records



The Criminal Records Office is responsible for maintaining all of the records generated by Police Services. Arrest, accident and criminal investigations all fall under the responsibility of this unit.

Reports - *Made available to victims of crimes and insurance companies through this Office. One of the most utilized reports is Motor Vehicle Accident Reports. These reports are available for a small fee at the Records Office. Other reports are also available through Freedom of Information requests as provided for by law. These requests are received through the Records Office and forwarded along with the pertinent reports to the County Records Access Officer for consideration before being sent out to the requestor.*

Background checks - *Performed for individuals, local Housing Authorities, the military, or any other agency with written authorization and identification.*

Warrants - *All incoming warrants of arrest are logged into the system and entered into NYSPIN. A file is put together with pertinent information regarding the case. Once Records has finished the warrants, they are given to the Road Patrol to execute.*

Court Calendars - *All prosecutions are not complete until the suspect has had his or her day in court. Court calendars are generated in Records using dates provided by each Justice Court in Wayne County. Once the calendars have been assembled, they are distributed to the Deputies, New York State Police and other agencies. The trial notices are logged by Records and in turn given to the officer to appear on the date and time provided by the Court. Requests for supporting depositions and other supporting documents are also processed in the Records office.*

Sex Offender Registry - *The State of New York requires each jurisdiction to maintain a registry of sex offenders within their jurisdiction. The Records Office maintains this registry which is available for public inspection and maintains a verification list where assigned sex offenders check in regularly and update their photographs and current residence. The updates are then forwarded to the Division of Criminal Justice Services. This is extremely labor intensive.*

Pistol Permits - *The Records Office processes all pistol permit, gun dealer and liquor license applications. Pistol permits were at one time a very small portion of the duties in the Records Office but has become a very large part of the responsibility since 2008. The application process has been streamlined; however, that has been offset by new requirements from the State and Federal Governments. The fingerprinting for pistol permits is done electronically through a Live Scan System and are immediately transmitted to the Division of Criminal Justice Services and a criminal history is generated the very next day. Brady Bill checks are processed in conjunction with the County Clerks Office.*

Court Security



The Court Security Unit is staffed by 9 full time Court Security Officers. The primary goal of the Court Security Staff is to maintain a safe and secure environment for all who enter the Hall of Justice as well as to ensure that all Court proceedings are handled in a professional and timely matter.



Hall of Justice - Lyons, New York

The Court Security Unit is comprised of nine Court Security Officers, Adam Verkey, Dan Carr, Heath Wadhams, Margaret Fischette, John Bliet, Josh DiCicco, Paul Orlopp and Chad Dekdebrun. Dawn Piscioti is the Court Security Supervisor and Major Fosdick the Division Commander.

In 2015, 40,417 people passed through the magnetometer at the Hall of Justice. Court Security Officers issued 9,643 vouchers for items which were held for people visiting the Hall of Justice that were deemed contraband or inappropriate materials to be carried within the building and 3 items which were confiscated. In addition, the unit provided security services for Family Court, County Court, Supreme Court and Surrogate Court which included services for approximately 11,000 Family Court appearances, 264 Surrogate Court appearances, 1,441 Supreme Court appearances and 1,550 County Court appearances. Court Security also provides security for visiting Judge's and DMV hearings. Court Security was responsible for security for four Drug Court Graduation's held in the Wayne County Courthouse and four Victim Impact Panels held in the Hall of Justice.

Five jury trials were held at the Wayne County Hall of Justice. Of these trials, two were Civil/ Supreme Court and three for County Court. Altogether, they brought in 495 prospective jurors. In addition to the trials, the District Attorney reconvened the Grand Jury 48 days in which Court Security provided their assistance. The Court Security Unit took into custody nine adults and four juveniles in 2015.

Recreational Safety



The Recreational Safety Division is supervised by Sergeant Steven Mitchell and consist of four units, the Marine, Snowmobile, ATV and Underwater Search and Recovery Team.

The Sheriff's Marine Patrol has use of four boats, a 27 foot Boston Whaler Challenger, a 24 foot Boston Whaler, a 22 foot Zodiac Hurricane and a 19 foot Penn Yan. The Sheriff, as the Harbor Master by law, has the responsibility to patrol approximately 875 square miles of Lake Ontario including 36 miles of shore line consisting of Sodus Bay, Port Bay, Blind Sodus Bay, East Bay and 35 miles of the Erie Canal.



The Sheriff's Office Marine Unit responds to various calls for service that include, but are not limited to, disabled boaters, boats in distress, hazardous conditions, speed and noise complaints, boating accidents, and is responsible for enforcement of the Navigation Laws of New York State.

The Unit is also active in Boater Safety Education and works with other members of the Sheriff's Office to promote community service programs to enhance the boating experience. The Marine Unit conducted three Boater Safety Classes which certified 68 people.

Marine Patrol:

Total Hours of Enforcement on County Waterways	3183
Navigation Complaints Answered	136
Navigation Warnings issued	32
Navigation Law Arrest /Summons	11
Other Summons and Arrest	0
Boating While Intoxicated Arrest	2
Marine Accidents Investigated	1
Search and Rescue Operations	5
Stranded Boater Assist	44
Regatta/Marine Events Patrolled	4

As an active participant in Home Land Security, the Marine Unit works closely with U.S. Customs, Border Patrol, U.S Coast Guard and their Auxiliary. The Marine Unit is also a critical part of the emergency response plan to comply with the various state and federal regulations for operation of the Ginna Nuclear Power plant located within the county.

Specialized Teams



Snowmobile Patrol

The unit patrols the state and local snowmobile trails within the county and enforces the Snowmobile Laws of New York State. The Snowmobile Unit maintains two 2012 Ski Doo Grand Touring LE 600 snowmobiles for patrol.

Snowmobile Patrol:

Days of Operation	11
Miles Travelled	387.6
Accidents	3
Complaints	19
Summons	7
Warnings	5



Dive Team:

Pool Training	1
Open Water Training Dives	12
Open Water Working Dives	2
Total Bottom Time	40.55 hrs.



Emergency Response Team:

Emergency Response Team is a highly trained, highly skilled police tactical unit that has shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, victims, law enforcement and suspects. The team responds to high risk incidents that are unconventional situations such as hostage situations, barricade situations, warrant apprehensions, personal protection, terrorist activity, mass arrest situations and special assignments approved by the Sheriff based on the level of threat or the need for tactical expertise.

Emergency Response Team:

Team Training Days	13
Operational Deployments	4
Active Threat Refresher Training Days	10

(85 Deputies, Troopers and Police Department Officers and 27 Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy Police Officer Recruits were trained.)

Reconstruction



The Reconstruction Team consists of 5 members and a Supervisor, Lieutenant Stephen Sklenar. The Team consists of Sergeant Aaron Disanto, Sergeant Joe Ayotte, Sergeant Gilbert Sterk, Deputy Craig Pagnotti and Deputy Philip Dalton.

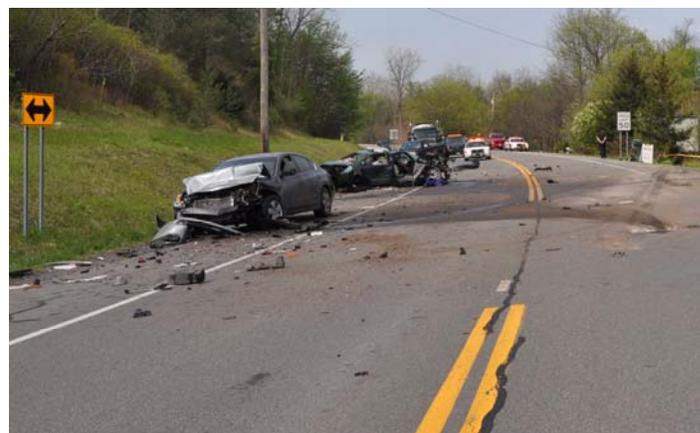


The goal of the team is to identify common factors relating to automobile collisions so that preventative measures can be taken, patrols may be focused on problem areas, and offenders can be successfully prosecuted.

The team attends monthly training as required by the NYS Accreditation Standards and also an annual in service training sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Police.

All members must complete a four week program of intensive training and testing to be certified by the State of New York and continue their training once on the team in specialized areas.

The team has special skills which can be used to document unusual crime scenes and because of that, has been utilized to assist the Sheriff's Evidence Unit in preparing court presentations and documenting crime scenes.



Honor Guard



In the year 2015, the Wayne County Office of the Sheriff had eight members of the road patrol division assigned to the Honor Guard Unit. The members are Sergeant Joe Croft, Sergeant Gil Sterk, Deputies William Benedict, Terry Pickett, Craig Pagnotti, Robert Fiorito, Joe Roeland and Sergeant Matt Ryndock who is in charge of the unit.



The Honor Guard Unit participated in seven details. The details consisted of participating in the funeral service for retired Monroe County Sheriff Andrew Meloni, assisted with the Badge of Honor Association sign dedication ceremony for fallen Rochester Police Department Officer Daryl Pierson, attended a candlelight vigil for fallen Rochester Police Department Officer Daryl Pierson, assisted with the calling hours for Wayne County Office of the Sheriff receptionist Mary Weaver, assisted the Monroe County Sheriff's Office with a dedication ceremony for three of their twelve fallen deputies since their Sheriff's Office inception, assisted with the Badge of Honor Association sign dedication ceremony for fallen Wayne County Office of the Sheriff Investigator Carl Clingerman and participated in the Genesee Valley Concerns of Police Survivors annual candlelight memories vigil.



K-9 Unit



*Deputy Nicholas Yates
and K-9 Noris*



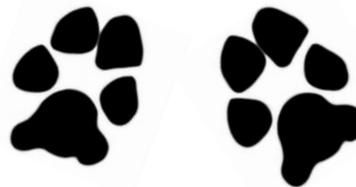
*Deputy Joseph Roeland
and K-9 Majo*



	Mazie	Noris	Majo	Tyson
Criminal Apprehensions	0	5	0	1
Area Searches	1	4	0	0
Building Searches	15	4	0	0
Explosive Searches	6	0	0	0
Drug Searches	0	17	9	0
Tracks	11	29	0	24
Assist to other Agencies	11	7	3	10
Community Demonstrations	19	11	9	26



*Sergeant George
Lorenz and K-9
Tyson*



*Deputy Brian Pitt
and K-9 Mazie*

STOP DWI New York

WAYNE COUNTY

STOP-DWI stands for "Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated".

The Program, created by the State Legislature in 1981, empowers counties to coordinate local efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug related traffic crashes. It functions as a financially self-sustaining alcohol and highway safety program. Funded entirely from fines paid by convicted drunk drivers, STOP DWI uses no tax dollars. In 2015, there were 325 DWI arrest in Wayne County.

STOP DWI VICTIMS IMPACT PANEL

197 Individuals attended this court mandated Program in 2015. The program is offered to DWI violators 4 times per year at the Wayne County Hall of Justice. The Sheriff in cooperation with the Council on Alcoholism of the Finger lakes invites speakers so that participants have the opportunity to see the consequences of DWI related accidents. At the completion of the Program, participants receive a letter from the Sheriff.

<http://www.stopdwi.org>

STOP DWI Mission

- *Reduce the number of persons killed or injured in alcohol and other drug-related traffic crashes.*
- *To promote DWI prevention as a public priority*
- *Coordinate local efforts in Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Probation, Rehabilitation, Public Information, Education, and Administration.*

Community

Focused.

Saving Lives.

Sponsored by STOP DWI Wayne County, a radar trailer is utilized from early spring through late fall. The unit was placed in several different locations throughout Wayne County to warn drivers of their excess speed. Citizens concerned about drivers exceeding the posted speed limit can ask the Sheriff to have the trailer set up to monitor traffic in their requested location. The trailer was utilized for over **1,170** hours in 2015.



Social Media



The Sheriff maintains an informational website providing citizens with updated, valuable information on all functions of the Sheriff's Office. The website includes, Jail facts and related information, Sex Offender listings, Domestic Violence help and information as well as links to the department's multiple divisions including , records, juvenile, corrections, recreational safety, criminal investigations and road patrol. The modern site not only provides valuable resources to the community, but also displays that there is more to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office than what most of us perceive.



WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The principal mission of the Wayne County Office of Sheriff is to preserve the rights of citizens and reduce fear in the county through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property, and the maintenance of order in public places. To anticipate and respond to events which threaten public order and the protection of life and property. [READ MORE](#)



Send us a Tip

We maintain an anonymous email for tips from the public. Please [Click Here](#).



Wayne County Jail FAQs

For information regarding visitation hours, policies and procedures, [Click Here](#).



Criminal Records

Responsible for maintaining all of the records generated by Police Services. [Click Here](#)

NEWS & UPDATES

California Man Arrested as a Fugitive from Justice

Wayne County sheriff's deputies report the arrest of a California man as a...

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PRESS RELEASE: Village of Palmyra

The Wayne County Office of the Sheriff reports the arrest of a Village of Palmyra...

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News & Updates

- California Man Arrested as a Fugitive from Justice
- PRESS RELEASE: Village of Palmyra
- PRESS RELEASE: Marion NY

Latest from Facebook

The Wayne County Office of Sheriff Welfare Fraud Unit reports the arrest of Semara Howe, age 43, of ... [See More](#)
1 day ago ·

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Links & Resources

- [Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#)
- [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
- [NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#)
- [NYS Sheriff's Association](#)

Acknowledgements



Deputy Matt Weber receives a Life Saving Award after pulling a woman from the Canal.



Lieutenant Stephen Sklenar receives the prestigious Carl Draxler Award, which is given for exceptional career achievements and conscientious devotion to duty that demonstrates a spirit of selfless public service over the course of an entire career.



A memorial service was held and a sign was displayed to pay tribute to Sergeant Investigator Carl Clingerman, who lost his life in an on duty fatal motor vehicle collision November 3, 1971, on Route 414 in the Town of Galen.



Sheriff Virts meets with the 2015 Public Safety Committee Chairman, Supervisor Steve LeRoy.

A Productive Year



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LAW ENFORCEMENT OATH OF HONOR

ON MY HONOR, I WILL NEVER BETRAY MY BADGE, MY INTEGRITY, MY CHARACTER, OR THE PUBLIC TRUST. I WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE COURAGE TO HOLD MYSELF AND OTHERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR ACTIONS. I WILL ALWAYS UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION, MY COMMUNITY AND THE OFFICE I SERVE.

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