

SHERIFF

WAYNE COUNTY

2018



Annual Report

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, 2019

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

Barry C. Virts
Wayne County Sheriff



A Message from the Sheriff



Dear Neighbors,

The two separate double homicide investigations in Sodus demanded the majority of our investigative time, resources and professional dedication throughout the spring, summer and fall of 2018. The investigation of these horrendous crimes was a testament in showcasing the abilities of the members of this Office, and our partnerships and collaborations with state and federal law enforcement agencies. My heart goes out to the victims' families and loved ones of these horrifying crimes and to all crime victims and their families. Fighting to bring justice to victims and their loved ones is a fundamental part of the mission of this Office.

In 2018, the North Rose - Wolcott Central School District added a second School Resource Officer and the School Resource Officer Program was expanded to provide services to the Clyde – Savannah, Sodus, Wayne and Williamson BOCES School Districts.

Everyday our school districts host roughly 15,000 students and staff members in our Wayne County eleven school districts and Williamson BOCES Campus. It continues to be 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.

This Office continues to maintain the highest standards of law enforcement through the accreditation of our Police Services, Civil, Court Security and Correction Operations. Some of the goals and objectives accomplished in 2018 were the Implementation of a Body Camera Program, enhanced Crime Scene Kits, the Black Creek SallyPort 4.0 System was installed in the Jail Management System, a Church Security Program (Run, Hide, Fight) was presented to the county's 110 churches with over 350 people attending and a second Active Threat Training was held with 140 people attending, a Pistol Permit Firearms Safety Program was instituted, inmate and jail facility records are now stored and maintained in a secure records retention area using the vacated (old) 911 Center.

In 2019, the jail facility will provide a court room approved by the NYS Commission of Correction, NYS Office of Court Administration and the local Wayne County Magistrates' Association members to arraign pre-arraignment defendants held in the Wayne County Jail. Our training programs will continue with the enhancement of crime scene detection using a new 360 degree camera to capture complete crime scene imagery and the use of less lethal weapons. Equipment will be updated for the Underwater Search Team's dive gear and the purchase of a 33' Safe Boat will be purchased from grant and insurance funds from the 27' Boston Whaler that was lost in a fire in 2017. A multi-agency large scale marine asset training incident will be planned and executed in the spring.

An APP for your iPhone and Android mobile devices will be developed to help me reach you wherever you are instantly with alerts, breaking news and other emergency notifications. You will be able to register for inmate release notifications through the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) System, register for sex offender notifications through OffenderWatch, view frequently asked questions and view our most wanted persons warrant list. You will be able to submit a tip, access reports online and view much more regarding your Wayne County Sheriff's Office. All this in one spot, through one APP and with you at all times to access information or to be informed immediately.

I want to thank all the members of this Office and our collaborating law enforcement partnering agencies and first responders for their professionalism, dedication and efforts as our work continues to be challenging.

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".

Barry Virts, Sheriff



Command Staff



*Barry Virts,
Sheriff*



*Jeff Fosdick,
Undersheriff*



*Steve Sklenar,
Chief Deputy*

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*Joe Croft,
Road Patrol Lieutenant*



*Matt Ryndock,
Civil Lieutenant*



*Rob Milby,
Criminal Investigation
Lieutenant*



*David Ambeau,
Correction Lieutenant*

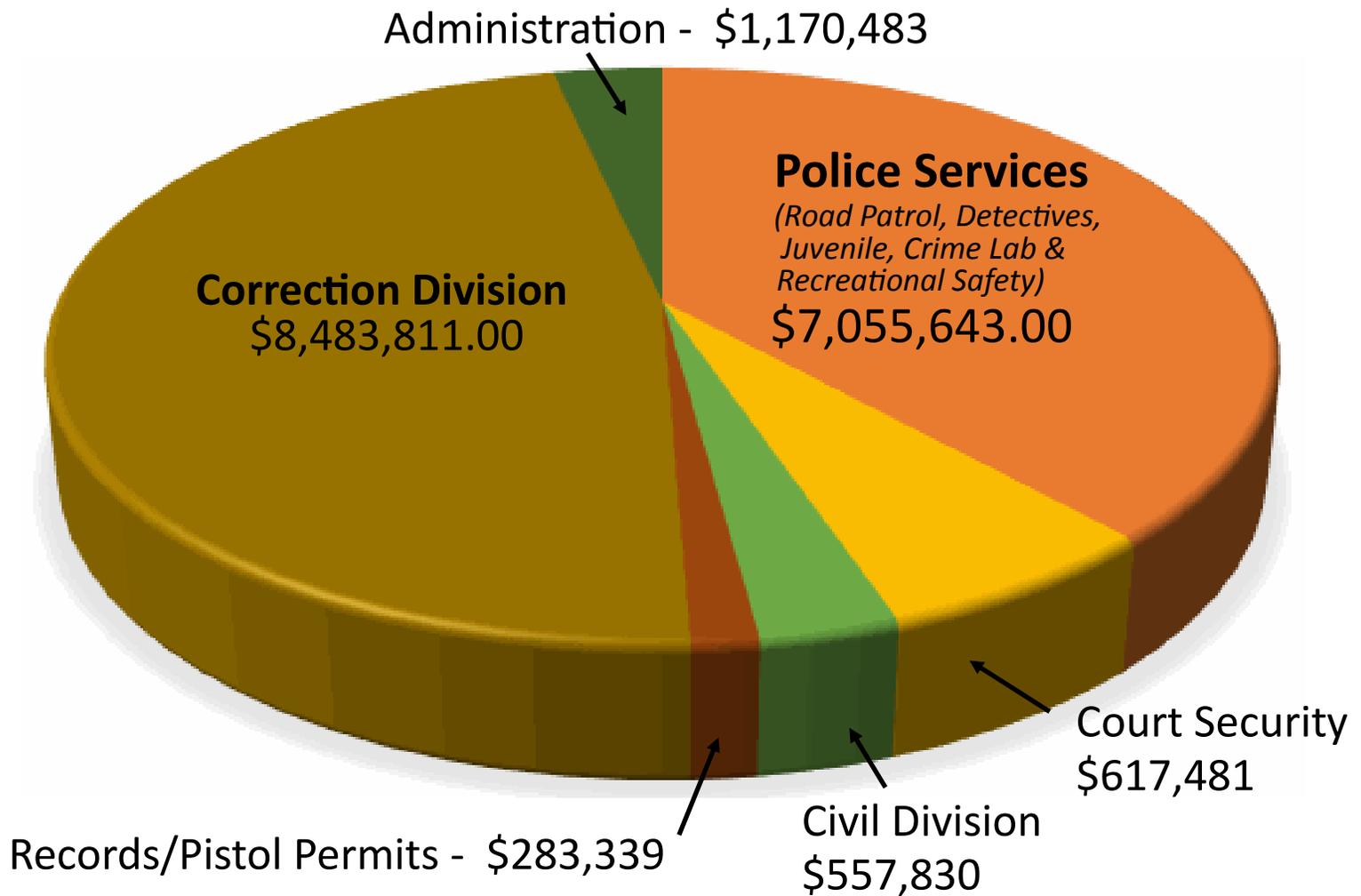
Budget



2018 Annual Operating Cost

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|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Road Patrol | \$5,168,853 | Regional Crime Lab | \$170,000 |
| Recreational Safety | \$228,739 | Civil | \$557,830 |
| Juvenile | \$123,522 | Administration | \$1,170,483 |
| Detectives | \$1,364,529 | TOTAL | \$18,168,587 |
| Court Security | \$617,481 | | |
| Records/Pistol Permits | \$283,339 | | |
| Correction Division | \$8,483,811 | | |

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Correction



The Wayne County Jail staffs 54 full time Correction Officers, 18 part time Correction Officers, a Doctor, Nurse Practitioner, two Registered Nurses, an Account Clerk and two Receptionists. Under the command of Undersheriff Jeff Fosdick and Lieutenant David Ambeau, the jail housed an average of 97 inmates per day in 2018. In addition to the daily Operation of the Jail, staff worked with over 75 program providers and volunteers to assist inmates with drug and alcohol counseling, parenting, mental health, education, job readiness and relationships. Our goal is to provide inmates with the tools necessary to help prevent them from reoffending.

Jail Statistics

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|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Admissions | 1,057 | Mental Health Case Management | 2,393 |
| Mugshots | 1,683 | Onsite Psychiatrist Visits | 76 |
| Fingerprints | 1,683 | Pre Trial Contacts | 426 |
| Inmate Meals | 105,924 | Pre Trial Releases | 104 |
| Law Library Request | 775 | Parole Officers' Visits | 40 |
| Inmate Visits | 5,950 | BOCES Class Days | 218 |
| Recreation Hours | 4,458 | Inmates Attending BOCES | 2,606 |
| Attorney Visits | 501 | Wayne CAP Parenting Classes | 191 |
| Medical Visits | 6,178 | Drug Court Visits | 4 |
| Doctor Visits | 89 | Jail Tours | 14 |
| Dentist Visits | 138 | | |
| Tuberculosis Test Given | 345 | | |
| Lab Samples Taken | 661 | | |
| HIV Test Completed | 146 | | |
| Increased Supervision | 528 | | |
| Inmate in Medical Cells | 1,457 | | |

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Road Patrol



Uniformed Deputy Sheriffs patrol the County's highways and byways 24 hours a day. On the highways, they are proactive enforcers of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to make our roadways safer. Deputies check businesses, homes and properties for anything suspicious while people are away. When a call for service is received from the 911 Center or directly from the public, it is the Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Road Patrol that will make first contact with the caller and begin the investigative process. Sheriff's Deputies are continually being trained and kept abreast of current trends in criminal activity, officer safety, domestic violence, court processes and procedures.



License Plate Readers

| Performance Measure | # of Hits | Violations | Felonies | Misdemeanors |
|------------------------------------|--|------------|----------|--------------|
| Stolen vehicles recovered | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Stolen Plates | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suspended / Revoked Driver License | 42 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| Suspended / Revoked Registration | 657 | 0 | 0 | Issued 304 |
| Uninsured Motor Vehicle | 55 | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| Unlicensed Operator | 24 | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| DWI / DWAI / DWAID | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Wanted Delinquent Spousal Support | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Plates Read by LPR | Total for 2018----338,686 plates read. | | | |

Sheriff's Calls for Service

| Types of Calls for Services Received | | Police Services Arrests | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Motor Vehicle Accidents | 1,192 | DWI | 99 |
| Animal Complaints | 393 | Criminal | 957 |
| Missing Persons | 50 | Vehicle and Traffic | 711 |
| Miscellaneous Complaints | 6,242 | Miscellaneous | 154 |
| Major Crime Complaints | 154 | Mental Health | 218 |
| Minor Crime Complaints | 4,960 | Motor Vehicle Collisions | 1,037 |
| Fire Investigations | 98 | With Injuries | 142 |
| All Other Complaints | 11,251 | Fatalities | 2 |
| Miles Traveled | 1,324,018 | | |

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Juvenile Division

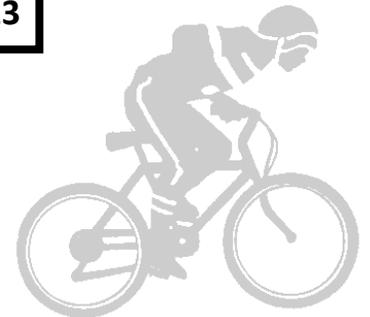


The Juvenile Division is a specialized subdivision of the Road Patrol that conducts criminal investigations involving juveniles between the ages of 7 and 16 while providing crime prevention for this vulnerable age group. The Division works closely with Child Protective Services, Department of Aging and Youth, Public Health, Probation, other Police Agencies and the District and County Attorneys Offices.

Juvenile Crimes in 2018

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| Larcenies | 12 | Possession of a weapon | 1 |
| Possession of Marijuana | 6 | Harassment | 25 |
| Sex Offenses | 28 | Aggravated Harassment | 2 |
| Criminal Mischief | 13 | Obstructing Breathing | 2 |
| Assaults | 8 | Governmental obstructing | 1 |
| Runaway/Missing Person | 6 | Burglary | 2 |
| Mental Health Law | 60 | Disorderly Conduct | 1 |
| Family Court Warrant | 4 | Possession of Stolen Property | 2 |
| Criminal Trespass | 5 | Juvenile Cases Referred to | |
| False reporting | 1 | the Hospital | 69 |
| Possession of weapon | 1 | Juvenile Cases Referred to | |
| Arson | 1 | Probation | 60 |
| Domestic | 53 | Cases Handled in House | 156 |
| Assist Citizens | 63 | Total | 513 |

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Community Programs

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| Snowmobile Safety Program | 17 certificates issues |
| Boater safety program | 25 certificates issued |
| DWI/Drug Awareness programs | 25 students |
| Driver 's Education | 50 students |
| Stranger Awareness | 665 students |
| Operation Safe Child I.D. | 1,722 ID's issued |
| Child Safety Seats | 80 Car Seats Inspected |
| Bike Safety | 565 students |
| F.A.I.R. Program | 55 Students |
| Citizen Safety | 10 Citizens |
| Career Law Enforcement | 845 Students |
| Fire Prevention | 300 Students |
| Total of contacts | 4,359 |

School Resource Officers



School Resource Officers not only provide safety and security for the students, staff and visitors to the school districts, but teach classes to the students to include health classes talking about drugs and vaping, internet safety, bus safety and bullying to name a few. School Resource Officers successfully complete a certified Basic School Resource Officer Course, attend advanced School Resource Officer Course and a 4 day Restorative Practices in Schools training and Current Trends in Teen Drug Abuse.



Deputy Caitlin Fitzgerald explains to the young students what her roles as a School Resource Officer are and what the items on her belt are.

2018 School Resource Officers

Wayne Central School District

Deputy Justin Klinkman

Deputy Robert Mansell

Williamson BOCES

Deputy Brian Steinruck

Sodus

Deputy Caitlin Fitzgerald

North Rose Wolcott School District

Deputy Brian Pitt

Deputy Heath Wadhams

Clyde Savannah School District

Deputy Rachel Connor



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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, which includes, but is not limited to, illicit drugs, crimes against children, property crimes, violent crimes against persons, fraud and white collar crimes. The Division is staffed with 11 Criminal Investigators and Deputies that are assigned various specialties such as evidence Processing and Collection, Social Services Frauds, Drug Investigations, Sex Offender Registry Investigations, Arson Investigations, Crimes against Children and Computer Forensics.

Wayne Net Cases - 12 Arrests
 Purchased and/or Seized Contraband
 Cocaine - 46.78 grams
 Heroin – 1 gram
 Marijuana - 860 grams
 Fentanyl - 6 grams
 Prescription - 88 units
 Acid -1 unit
 Untaxed Cigarette - 3 cartons
 Seized Money - \$5,095.00
Offenses Against Children
 Investigations– 54
 Arrested– 16
 Charges– 23
 Pending Investigations - 6
 Closed by Investigation - 52

Welfare Investigations :
 Investigations - 58
 Arrested – 23
 Charges - 55
 Pending Investigations - 7
 Closed by Investigations/No Fraud - 9
 Prosecution declined by DA - 19
 Pending a Disqualification less than \$1,000- 3
Charges:
 Misuse of Food Stamps - 16
 Misuse of Benefit Cards - 1
 Welfare Fraud - 10
 Grand Larceny - 6
 Petit Larceny - 11
 Offering a False Instrument - 5
 Identity Theft - 1



Investigators process a large crime scene

Charges:

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| Rape 1st | 2 |
| Falsely Reporting | 1 |
| Endangering the Welfare of a Child | 4 |
| Assault | 3 |
| Forcible Touching | 1 |
| Sex Abuse 1st | 3 |
| Sex Abuse 2nd | 1 |
| Criminal Sex Act | 1 |
| Criminal Contempt 1st | 2 |
| Criminal Mischief | 1 |



Civil Division



Some of the tasks, duties and functions of the Civil Division of the Wayne County Office of the Sheriff are to process and serve civil papers, processing family court papers, handling evictions, and conducting sex offender verification checks are when deputy sheriffs stop in at sex offenders' residences to verify their address on file, update changes in regards to their information and update their photograph if needed. The Civil Office also collects payments in regards to judgments that debtors have against them. Payroll for the Sheriff's Office is also handled through the Civil Office.

Civil Division 2018 Statistical Report

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| <i>Collected for Civil Actions</i> | <i>\$1,602,855.80</i> |
| <i>Total Dollars Received by Civil Office</i> | <i>\$1,602,855.80</i> |
| <i>Paid Out to Creditors, Debtors, Etc.</i> | <i>\$1,582,805.34</i> |
| <i>Dollars Refunded</i> | <i>\$15,490.37</i> |
| <i>Misc Accounts Payable</i> | <i>\$0.00</i> |
| <i>Total Checks Uttered</i> | <i>\$1,598,295.71</i> |
| <i>Dollars Remitted Treasurer</i> | <i>\$184,904.43</i> |
| <i>Total Summons and Complaints Processed</i> | <i>501</i> |
| <i>Total Executions Processed, Income & Property</i> | <i>723</i> |
| <i>Service Attempts</i> | <i>2,275</i> |
| <i>Actual Papers Served</i> | <i>1,396</i> |
| <i>Warrants to Remove</i> | <i>187</i> |
| <i>Persons Removed</i> | <i>125</i> |
| <i>Family Court Papers Received</i> | <i>1,337</i> |
| <i>Family Court Papers Served</i> | <i>990</i> |
| <i>Total Documents Entered</i> | <i>2,563</i> |



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Pistol Permit Unit

The waiting time for an appointment to apply for a pistol permit is now down to about two weeks. The Licensing Authority (Wayne County Court Judges) changed the procedure slightly this year and as of January 1, 2018 all new applicants must attend a Firearms Safety Class, provided by the Sheriff's Office, free of charge, which addresses the Application Process and the safe usage and storage of a firearm. These classes are offered two times a month. We continue to look at ways to streamline the application process, this year by simplifying the reference procedure. In 2018, the Pistol Permit Unit processed 472 new applications, down slightly from the previous year and processed 764 Brady Background Checks and ran 1,507 Mental Health Backgrounds.

Criminal Records

The Records Office acts as a conduit for the Sheriff's Office, providing documents and records for both local and state Courts. In addition, the Records Office provides data to New York State and Federal record keeping organizations such as the Division of Criminal Justice Services and the FBI.



The busy four person office, consisting of Michele Bennett, Nicol Carr, Jeanne Bailey and Debby Jayne (all pictured left), comply with all mandates of the Judicial System and archive all of the documentation generated by the Sheriff's Office.

| Services Provided | | Income | |
|----------------------------|-------|------------------|---------|
| Finger Prints Captured | 456 | Accident Reports | \$3,421 |
| Request for Reports | 1,354 | Pistol Permits | \$9,120 |
| Messages Transmitted | 3,363 | Photographs | \$1,180 |
| Mental Health Inquiry | 1,507 | | |
| Record Checks | 1,228 | | |
| Sex Offenders Reported | 570 | | |
| Sex Offender Verifications | 900 | | |

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Court Security

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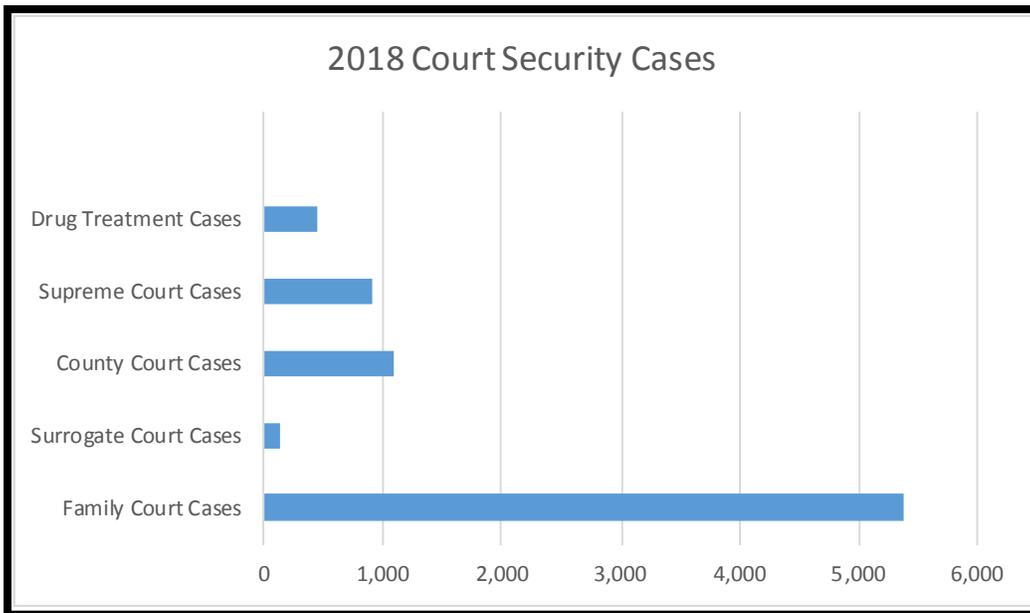


The Court Security Unit is staffed by 8 full time Court Security Officers. The primary goal of the Court Security Staff is to maintain a safe and secure environment for all people that enter the Hall of Justice. The Court Security Unit is comprised of a Court Security Supervisor, Dawn Piscioti and (7) sworn Court Security Officers, Dan Carr, Jonathan Butterfield, Margaret Fischette, John Blied, Josh DiCicco, Julie Smith, Paul Orlopp and Chad Dekdebrun. Correction Officers are used to cover staffing shortages and in 2018 they were utilized to cover 321 Court Security post assignments.



Court Security Division - Lyons, New

In 2017, the Court Security Division received their reaccreditation through the New York State Sheriffs' Association by meeting or exceeding all standards set by the NYSSA. The unit has held their accreditation standing since 2007.



In 2018, 38,994 people passed through the magnetometer at the Hall of Justice. Court Security Officers issued vouchers for 9,826 items, deemed as contraband or inappropriate materials to be carried within the building.

Recreational Safety



The Snowmobile Unit has two 2012 Ski Doo 600 E Tec's that are used to patrol 178 miles of State trails, 67 miles of Corridor trails, 12 miles of local trails, and 110 miles of secondary trails. In 2018 the Snowmobile Unit patrolled 203 miles. The ATV Unit has a 2005 Yamaha YZN660 which primarily patrols the path alongside the Erie Canal. In 2018, 83 miles were put on the ATV. The Marine Patrol Unit has three vessels; a 24' Boston Whaler, 19' Boston Whaler and a 22' Zodiac. The vessels patrol Lake Ontario, the bays in Wayne County and the Erie Canal. The Marine Patrol Unit had 2878.46 total work hours for all marine related work, 736 work hours the deputies spent aboard the vessels while on patrol, 340 total hours that our vessels spent patrolling. The snowmobiles and ATV are also used for collision investigations, in the enforcement of various laws and to assist with other investigations which include missing person cases, evidence searches and to assist with criminal cases where patrol vehicle access is limited.



The Wayne County Office of Sheriff's Underwater Recovery Team (SCUBA), is staffed by nine divers. The team is utilized to perform both water and land based operations that require search or recovery under water. Many special tools, requiring specialized training, are used to safely and effectively conduct these operations.

Four new divers joined the team in 2018, filling absences, bringing the team to full staffing. Those four divers successfully completed a basic open water SCUBA certification as well as learning more advanced skills, such as dry suit diving.

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| SNOWMOBILE UNIT | 203 Miles |
| ATV UNIT | 83 Miles |
| DIVE TEAM | 56 Hours |
| NAVIGATION | 2,878 Hours |

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Specialized Teams



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The Emergency Response Team

- *Assisted Geneva Police Department in taking Robbery Suspects into custody in Wayne County.*
- *Assisted Newark Police Department in taking a mental hygiene subject that had barricaded himself in his residence into custody.*
- *Apprehended murder suspect in Livingston County that is accused of killing Owen Hildago-Calderon and Selena Hildago-Calderon in the Town of Sodus.*
- *Assisted the Special Investigations Unit in executing a search warrant at a residence on West Union St. in the Village of Newark.*
- *Assisted in search for the suspect that committed a double murder at 29 Carlton St. in the Village of Sodus, victims were Joshua Niles and Amber Washburn.*
- *Dignitary escort for Congressman Katko at the Wayne County Fair and at the Public Safety Building.*
- *Assisted the Special Investigations Unit with a vehicle traffic stop in reference to a felony drug arrest.*
- *Assisted in searching the Joy Road Farm and discovered the remains of Owen Hildago-Calderon.*
- *Conducted three high profile Inmate transports.*

Honor Guard

This year, the Honor Guard Unit participated in eight details. Five of the details involved the Honor Guard Unit assisting with funerals. The first funeral was for retired Seneca County Sheriff Tom Cleere who died at his residence, 88 years old. Sheriff Cleere served as the Seneca County Sheriff from 1985 to 1992. The second funeral was in February for retired Wayne County Deputy George M. Pierce. Deputy Pierce was with the Wayne County Office of the Sheriff for over 28 years of dedicated service. The third funeral was a second service for retired Wayne County Office of the Sheriff Deputy George M. Pierce. The fourth funeral service was the burial for retired Wayne County Office of the Sheriff Investigator Edward L. Williams, 80 years old. Investigator Edward L. Williams was with the Wayne County Office of the Sheriff for over 29 years. The fifth funeral service was for Retired Wayne County Sheriff Piscioti's step father David L. Sandborne.



Reconstruction



The Collision Reconstruction Unit is composed of 5 members; Sergeant Gilbert Sterk, Sergeant Aaron DiSanto, Sergeant Craig Pagnotti, Deputy Andrew Hares, and Deputy Sam Ross.

The goal of the unit is successful documentation and preservation of scene evidence and to assist other law enforcement officers and the District Attorney's Office in the preparation of their cases for successful prosecution.

This year the office purchased a new accelerometer (measures acceleration of a vehicle) to replace the one we have used for many years and which has become obsolete. The unit also added drone capability to assist in aerial photography.

The unit attends monthly training sessions to maintain their skills and to comply with the requirements of the NYS Accreditation Standards. The unit attends an advanced training session at Gettysburg, PA at no cost, sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Police.

All members must complete a four week program of intensive training and testing prior to being certified by the State of New York.



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K-9 Unit



*Deputy Nicholas Yates
and K-9 Noris*



*Deputy Joseph Roeland
and K-9 Majo*



*K9 Demonstration at the 2018
Wayne County Fair.*



*Sergeant George
Lorenz and K-9
Tyson*



*Deputy Brian Pitt
and K-9 Mazie*

K9 2018 Calls for Service:

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| Demonstrations | 42 |
| Area Searches | 11 |
| Tracking | 21 |
| Narcotic Searches | 15 |
| Building Searches | 9 |
| School Searches | 18 |
| Assist other Agencies | 19 |
| Explosive Searches | 11 |
| Apprehensions | 8 |
| Total | 154 |

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Stop DWI Program



STOP DWI Budget:
Revenue \$167,464.24
Expenses \$156,547.93

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Sheriff Virts is the coordinator of the Wayne County Stop DWI Program. In 2018, there were 223 DWI arrests in Wayne County of which 16 were related to crashes. Through the efforts of STOP DWI Wayne County, 147 individuals attended the Victims Impact Panel which was offered 4 times this past year. The Wayne County Office of Sheriff will continue to team up with Stop DWI in an effort to 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.

Social Media

Through a wide variety of media outlets, the Wayne County Office of Sheriff is able to reach out to residents of Wayne County in order to provide them with important and potentially lifesaving information. In addition, Wayne County Citizens can access specific media like the Mobile Patrol app, the Sheriff's Facebook page, the New York State VINE Link System and the Sheriff's Twitter profile to both inform and be informed.



Deputy of the Year

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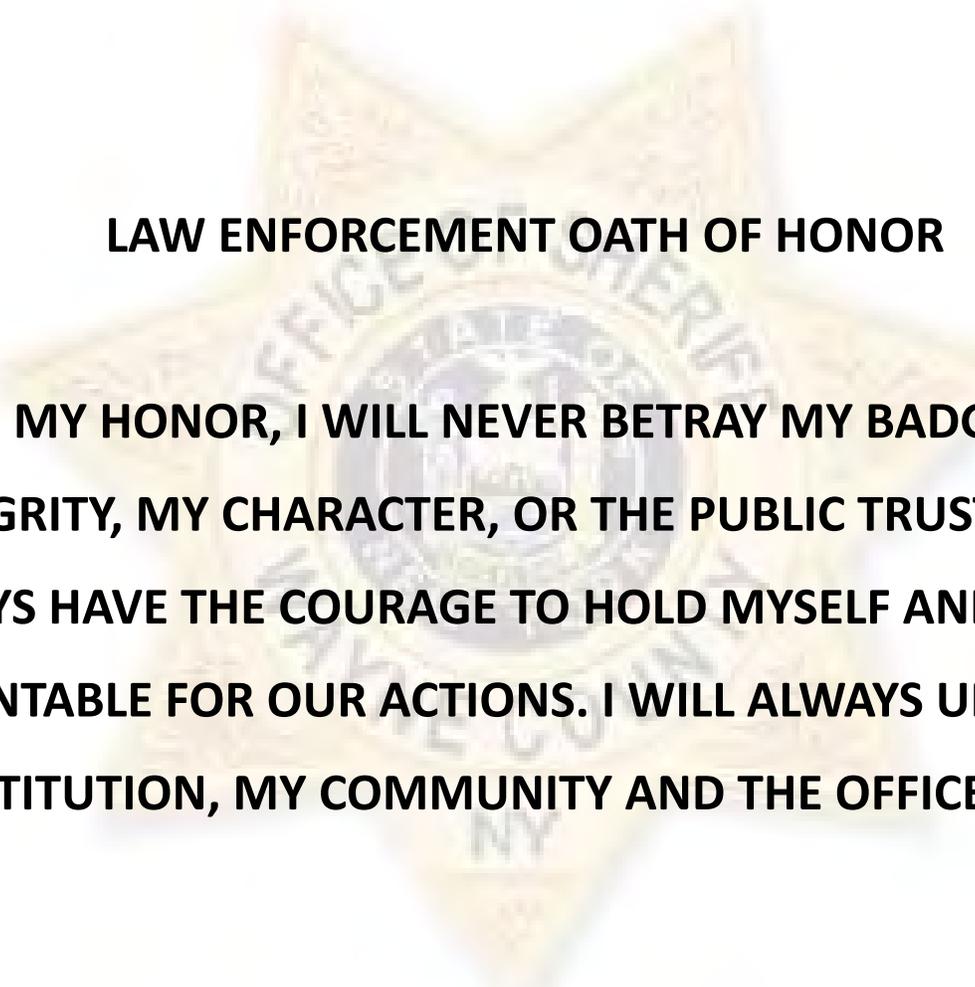


Deputy Thomas Munzert was named 2018 Deputy of the Year by the New York State Sheriffs' Institute and was honored at a luncheon in Albany in January 2018. The Deputy of the Year award goes to a deputy sheriff who has performed an act of exceptional valor and heroism, above and beyond the normal call of duty.

Sheriff Barry Virts nominated Deputy Munzert for his actions on Saturday, July 15, 2017. That day, Deputy Munzert responded to a call from the Wayne County 911 Center about a vehicle had gone off the road into a pond in Arcadia. He arrived to find the vehicle on its roof in the pond. He helped the driver, Sandra Casselman, to get out of her vehicle, which was filling with water and smoke. "Deputy Munzert displayed courage beyond the normal course of his tasks, duties and functions as a deputy sheriff by entering the pond without safety equipment to rescue the driver of the overturned vehicle and bring her to safety without injury. Deputy Munzert saved her life," Sheriff Virts said. Deputy Munzert was also awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal by Sheriff Virts.

NYS Senator Pam Helming presented Deputy Munzert with the New York State Senate Liberty Medal, the highest award the State Senate can bestow upon an individual at the Wayne County Fair in August of 2018..

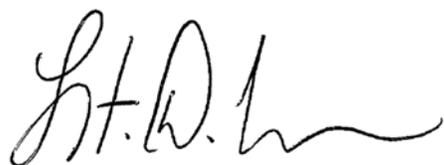
Senator Helming stated, "The Wayne County Sheriff's Office mission statement reads in part that deputies are called upon 'to anticipate and respond to events which threaten public order and the protection of life and property' and to 'act not for themselves, but for the good of the public.' That sums up precisely and eloquently what Deputy Munzert did last year. He upheld these ideals to the highest degree. Deputy Munzert is truly a hero who demonstrates great courage and diligence not just in this moment, but throughout his career. He continually devotes himself to public service and to the care and welfare of the citizens he is tasked with serving and protecting. When someone demonstrates the true meaning of being a hero – as Deputy Munzert did that day – they deserve commendation for their actions. That is why I consider it a privilege to honor Deputy Munzert for his courageous and meritorious actions with the Liberty Medal".



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.

2018 Annual Report prepared by:



David Ambeau, Lieutenant

2018 Annual Report submitted by:



Barry Virts, Sheriff

The Year in Review

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