2014 Annual Report



DeWitt Police Department

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The Town of DeWitt, New York Government Leadership



Supervisor Edward Michalenko

Town Board Members:
Kenneth Andrews
Joseph Chiarenza
Jack Dooling
Jamie Frank
Kerry Mannion
Karen Rigney

The Town of DeWitt, New York
Government Leadership Continued

Police Commission

The Police Commission is comprised of a board of Police Commissioners who are appointed by the Town Board in accordance with Article 10, Section 150 of Town Law. The Commission has the authority to exercise all the powers relative to police matters conferred upon the Town Board pursuant to Article 10 of Town Law.

The Commission has three members who are elected officials to the Town Board, one serving as the Chair-person. The remaining Commissioners hold the status of ex-officio and are members of the DeWitt Community. A meeting is held each month in which the Chief of Police reports to the Commission on all matters pertaining to the management and operation of the Department.

2014 Police Commission

Kenneth Andrews/Chair
Jamie Frank/Board member
Kerin Rigney/Board member
Tony Albanese
Susan Case DeMari
Karen Docter
John Duncan
Laura Fiorenza
Charles Gabriel
Harry Kiddney
Joseph Mehlek
Parker Stone
Peter Wells
Sam Young

DeWitt Police Department
Mission Statement:

We, the members of the DeWitt Police Department, are dedicated to protect life and property, to work with our citizens to reduce crime, disorder, and the fear of crime. Through community oriented and problem oriented policing we will provide personalized police services with full respect for human dignity according to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and accountability.

Chief's Message:

On behalf of the members of the Town of DeWitt Police Department, I welcome you. The dedicated men and women who serve with the Police Department take great pride in providing you, our customers, with the highest level of police services possible.



The Town of DeWitt Police Department is dedicated to making your community a safe place to live, work, and visit. Our commitment of service to the community remains foremost as we carry out our daily duties. We are a New York State Accredited Agency, continually striving to meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery.

Eugene J. Conway
Chief of Police

Police Command Staff



Captain James C. Hildmann
Police Operations



Lieutenant Scott C. Hare
Road Patrol Commander



Lieutenant John J. Anton
CID Commander

Contact The Department

CHIEF OF POLICE

Department Head, Research & Planning,
Budget, Risk Management
Chief Eugene J. Conway
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CAPTAIN

Police Operations, Human Resources
Training, Accreditation
Captain James C. Hildmann
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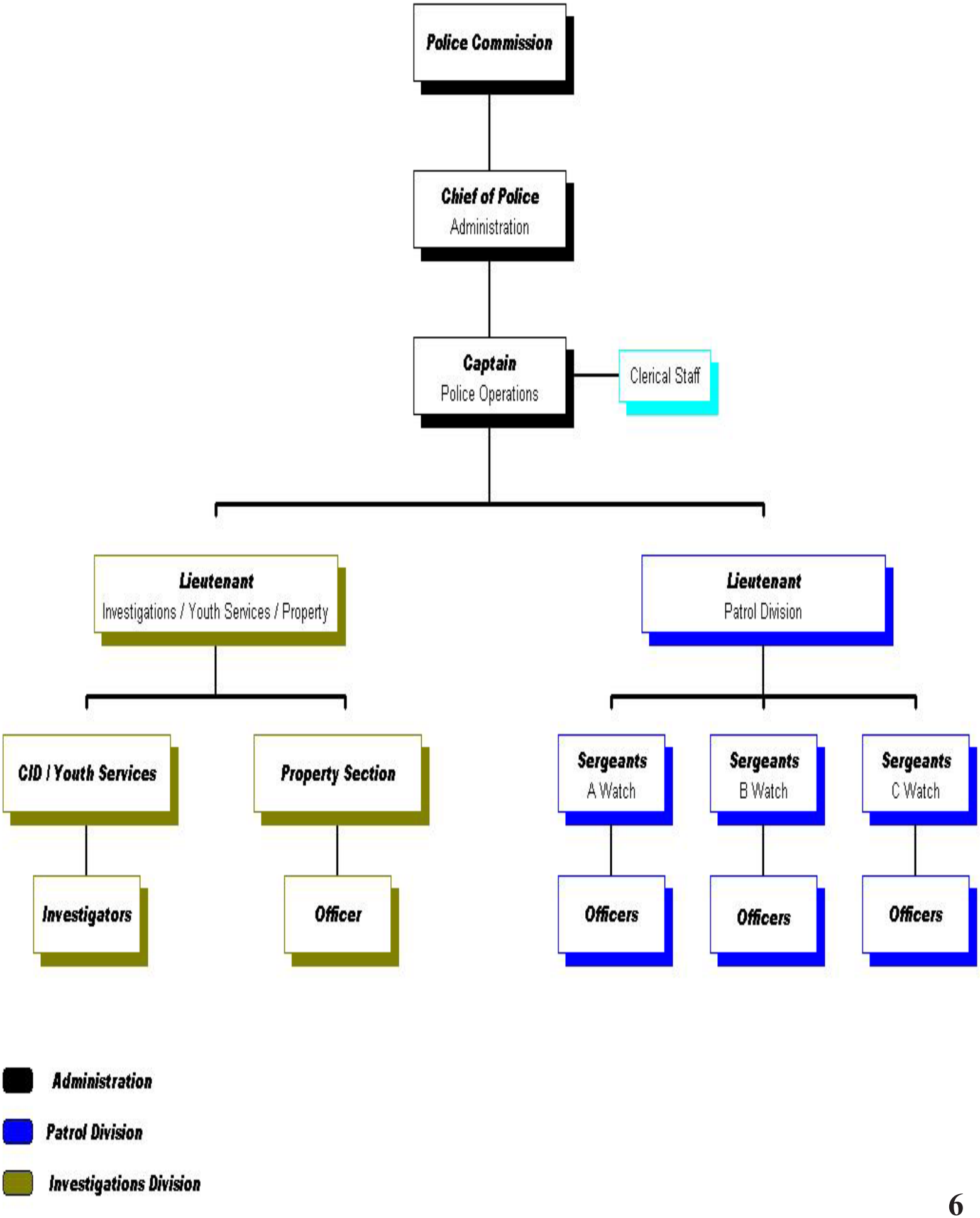
LIEUTENANT

Patrol Commander, Special Events,
Traffic Details, Community Policing
Lieutenant Scott C. Hare
share@townofdewitt.com
(315) 449-3640 ext. 120

LIEUTENANT

CID Commander, Youth Services,
Accreditation, IT Services Manager
Lieutenant John J. Anton
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DeWitt Police Department Organizational Chart



2014 Department Personnel

Chief of Police
Eugene J. Conway

Captain
James C. Hildmann

Lieutenants:
Scott C. Hare
John J. Anton

Sergeants:
Scott C. Kapral
Thomas A. Norton
Denis J. Mower
Chase L. Bilodeau
Edward W. Mason
Michael F. Kurgan

Investigators:
Thomas B. Regan
Timothy M. Farley
Christopher J. Fuller
Leroy E. Andrews

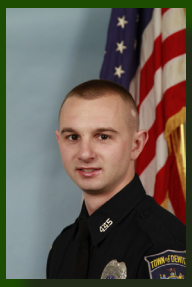
Evidence Officer:
Lucas J. Byron

Clerical Staff:
Laura S. Pulaski
Sheila M. Togias
Janet McGannon
Brenda L. Martin
Kate Brassie
Robin Crayton

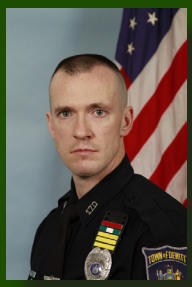
Patrol Officers:
Wayne H. Grecco
John L. McNeil
Timothy M. Farley
Donald N. Baumann
Jeffrey W. MacDonald
Joseph P. Senus
Glen S. Wintermute
Denis J. Mower
Michael F. Ellis
Stacey M. Wickes
Andrew J. Fusco
Lucas J. Byron
Brenton J. White
Lindsey A. Cook
Brittany M. Maloff
Jeffrey A. Conrad
Irving E. Reynolds
Shane E. Spencer
Mark W. Stanard
Ludmila V. Petrovets
Robert A. Wolfe
Kevin Skibinski
Chad Frederick
Jerry A. Pace
Jarod A. Petrie

Employee News

Promotions



Sergeant Chase Bilodeau

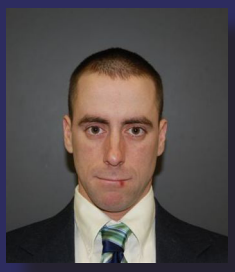


Sergeant Edward Mason

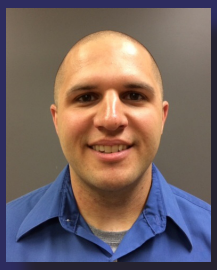


Sergeant Michael Kurgan

New Officers



Officer Chad Frederick



Officer Jerry Pace



Officer Jarod Petrie



Police Chaplain Rev. Ahern

Overview and History of the Department

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East Syracuse, New York 13057

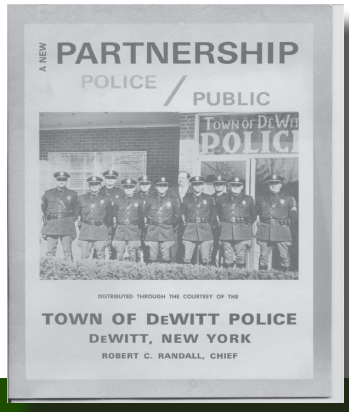
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The DeWitt Police Department is a New York State accredited, full-service police agency serving the Town of DeWitt, New York.

The Town of DeWitt is located in Central New York in eastern Onondaga County bordering the City of Syracuse. The Town consists of approximately 33.87 square miles of land and .05 square miles of water. DeWitt has a population of 25,000 permanent residents and a transient population of over 100,000. The community has over 30 hotels, 3 major highways, 11 schools, 1 college, major retail districts, industry, and a wide range of residential areas spread throughout the Town.

The DeWitt Police Department was founded in April of 1959 as the "Volunteer DeWitt Police Unit" which consisted of four, all volunteer special police officers. It wasn't until 1963 that the first full time paid employee was hired and the name was changed to the Town of DeWitt Police Department.







The Town of DeWitt Police Department provides full-time, professional law enforcement services to its residents and visitors. From a staffing of 4 volunteers in 1959, to an authorized staffing of 42 full time employees today; both sworn and civilian personnel. The Department is comprised of a Chief of Police, 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 6 Sergeants, 4 Investigators, and Patrol Officers on three shifts. In 2014, DeWitt Police Department responded to 25,618 calls for service.

Patrol Division

The DeWitt Police Patrol Division consists of one Lieutenant, five Sergeants and 25 patrol officers. These officers are deployed throughout three patrol zones, 24 hours per day.

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division work one of three shifts:

- A Watch 11:00 pm - 7:00 am
- B Watch 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
- C Watch 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Fourteen marked vehicles are assigned for use by the Patrol Division. Members of the Patrol Division duties include, but are not limited to:

- Response to calls for service
- Proactive police patrol & crime prevention
- Enforcement of appropriate Federal, State and Local Laws
- Crash investigation
- Reporting and preliminary investigation of criminal complaints
- Response to non-criminal complaints



Additionally, members of the Patrol Division are at the forefront of the community policing initiative. Patrol Officers are familiar with the individuals and businesses they serve.

The concept of Community Oriented Policing is at the core of DeWitt Police Department's mission. Our officers provide a wide range of services: Community Patrol Program, Alert ID Program, Neighborhood Watch, community presentations, foot patrol, bicycle patrol, and motorcycle patrol. These officers actively participate in many highway safety programs including Buckle Up New York and Stop DWI. Both programs focus on reducing injuries and eliminating fatalities on our roadways through aggressive enforcement activities.

In 2014, members of the Patrol Division issued 1,885 Tickets.



Patrol Units drove a total of 397,094 miles in 2014.



Motorcycle Unit

The Motorcycle Unit consists of two officers and one Harley Davidson motorcycle. Officers assigned to the Motorcycle Unit handle all patrol functions as well as special events such as parades, community policing details, escorts and funeral details.

Bicycle Patrol

The DeWitt Police Department Bicycle Patrol Unit gives the Police Department more latitude in patrolling the various parts of the Town and to provide more options in keeping with our Community Policing Initiatives.

Throughout the late spring, summer and early fall, the bicycles were deployed to everyday patrol, directed patrol activity and to many community services events. The bicycles were a common sight at the Town of DeWitt's annual Canal Days event at Ryder Park.





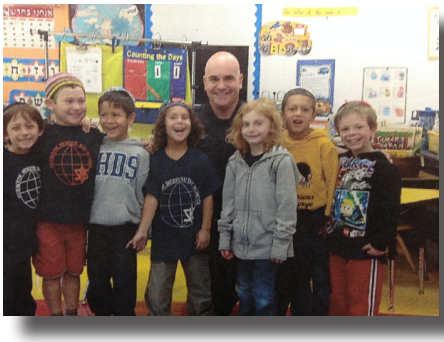
Criminal Investigations Division



The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for investigating felony crimes committed within the Town of DeWitt. To meet the needs and demands of investigating various crime types, the DeWitt Police Department Criminal Investigations Division has sub-specialties.
In 2014 CID received 430 cases.

Investigations Division

The Investigations Divsion is responsible for cases involving crimes against persons and property. This unit includes but is not limited to, assault, robbery, burglary, homicide, and other penal law statutes. The CID Unit is a specially trained group of individuals who conduct investigations into complex incidents. These cases usually require in-depth examinations in order to find motive cause that will lead to the arrest of the perpetrator.



Youth Services Division

The Youth Services Division investigates incidents involving crimes committed by or against youths (under 16 years of age). Incidents may range from minor offenses to all other crime classifications.

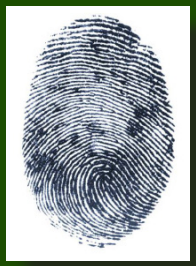
In addition, the Youth Investigator acts as a liaison with 12 schools and provides twenty-four different youth programs to all grade levels. The Youth Investigator also maintains all juvenile records and reviews all juvenile arrests made in the Town of DeWitt, and then forwards these cases to Onondaga Family Court or diverts them to Youth Court.



Evidence/Property Unit

The Evidence Officer is responsible for many tasks such as crime scene processing, lab work, and property/evidence management. This officer is a certified Evidence Technician and has advanced training in the fields of forensics and crime scene analysis.

2014 Items of Evidence Received
1,189





S.A.V.E.
DEWITT POLICE DEPT.



In the spring of 2009 the DeWitt Police Department in cooperation with the Town's school districts, came up with a new educational safety program to replace its current D.A.R.E. Program; which had been the primary youth program of the Department for the past twenty-one years.

The S.A.V.E. Program (Safety Awareness Violence Education), provides the children of our community with the skills needed to deal with the dangers of drug abuse, alcohol abuse, personal safety, peer pressure, internet & social media safety. It also provides them with guidance they need to make the right decisions for their health and future.



The Office of Youth Services of the DeWitt Police Department offers twenty four programs geared to the education, prevention, and intervention of the youth in the Town of DeWitt.

The goal of the Office of Youth Services is to have Police Officers as positive role models; facilitating safety lessons to an age group span from Pre-K, all the way up to High School Levels. Police Officers see first hand, the dangers and consequences of making poor decisions involving drugs, alcohol, and other risky situations. Our hope is that Officers cannot only give a foundation for the kids to build on, but to create a relationship between the Police, Schools, Students and Parents.

Because of this combined effort, the Office of Youth Services of the DeWitt Police Department can make a difference in our ever changing society. Through education, prevention, and intervention we are able to watch these children grow, learn, and recognize the need to make the right decisions when faced with risky situations; and choose their friends wisely. It is the belief of the Office of Youth Services of the DeWitt Police Department to facilitate, "Children learn what they live & they live what they learn".



Digital Child Fingerprinting

The DeWitt Police Department's Digital Child Fingerprinting Program records digital images of a child's 10 fingerprints, photograph, & personal information onto a mini compact disk; and printed out poster. Since 2004, we have printed 3,986 kids at 137 different youth events in the Town of DeWitt.

Accreditation:

The Administration of the Police Department are responsible for ensuring that all department policies and procedures are in compliance with the standards set by New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of training and professionalism. The DeWitt Police Department was originally accredited in 1998 and reaccredited in 2003, 2008 and 2013. The Department is currently in the self-assessement phase of the CALEA Accreditation Program.

Training Unit:

The Training Unit staff includes the Captain, two Lieutenants, six Sergeants, Investigator, and five Officers. This unit develops, implements and evaluates mandated in-service training as well as providing selective topical training. In 2014 this unit conducted over 27 hours of In-Service training, practical exercise and classroom instruction that all of our officers attended. Officers also attend numerous local training sessions held through out the region on various topics.

Training this year included instruction on Legal Updates, Patrol Topics, Alert ID, Stress-Trauma-Suicide for Law Enforcement Officers, Dealing with Mentally Ill Veterans, Tactical Medic, BEAST/Evidence, Defensive Tactics, EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course), Firearms, Roll Call Trainings, In addition to in-service training, officers are sent to a variety of specialized training schools to enhance their respective duties. In 2014 these included: CALEA Accreditation Manager, Defensive Tactics "SPEAR" Instructor, Street Survival, Bloodstain Pattern Evidence, Cell Phone Analysis, Col. William F. Henry Homicide Seminar, Instructor Development, NY Highway Safety, NYS Women in Law Enforcement, Police Motorcycle Operator, Tactical Emergency Casualty Care, and Threat Assessment Active Shooter.

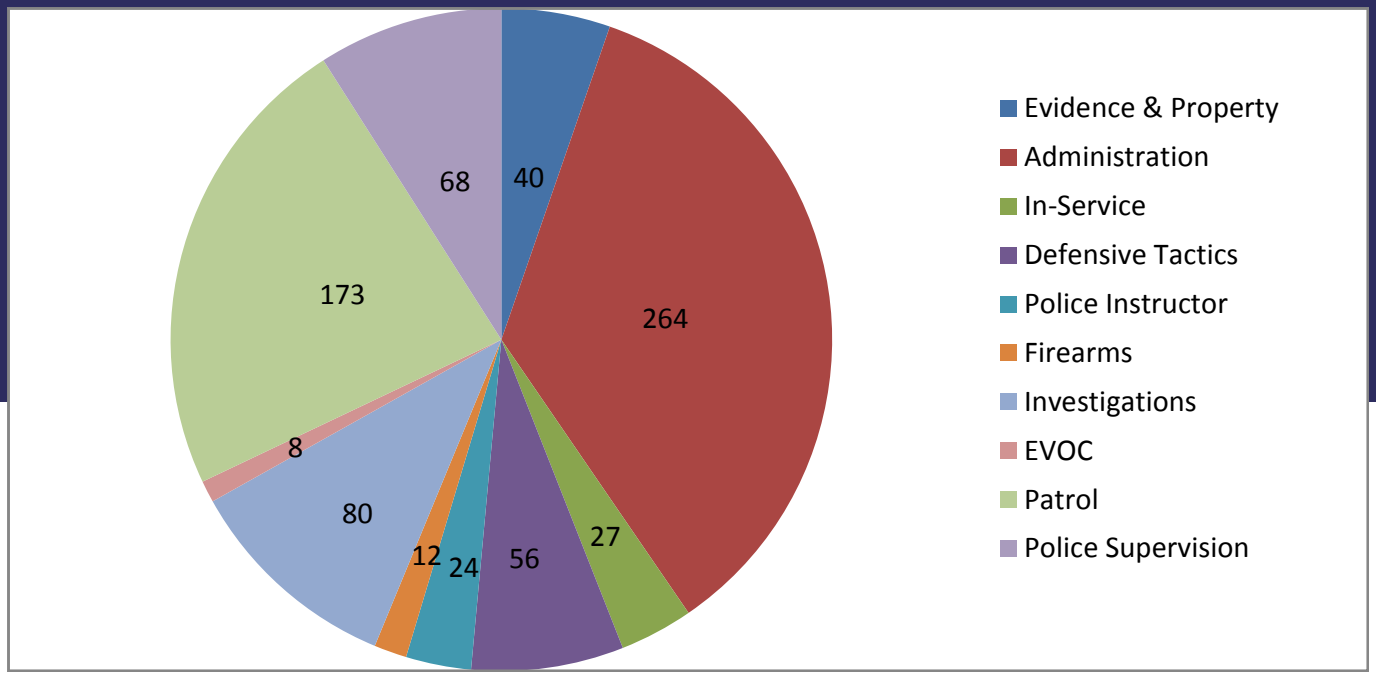
Grant Funding

Grant Funding requires the preparing, budgeting, accounting and fiscal reporting related to grant awards. These awards are received from Local, State and Federal sources. Programs funded by grant monies include Stop DWI, Buckle Up New York, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, Youth Grant, State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention. Grant managers are also responsible for acquiring new technology for use by all department members. In 2014, the DeWitt Police Department received $8,876 from Stop DWI, $6,580 from Police Traffic Services, $9,500 for a police gate operator, and $2,000 from the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation Youth Grant.

2014 Training:

The DeWitt Police Department conducted the following training for its Officers in 2014. Most of this training is hours per Officer; an example is Firearms. Each of our 38 Officers received 12 hours of Firearms training.

2014 Officer Training by Hour



2014 Awards Ceremony

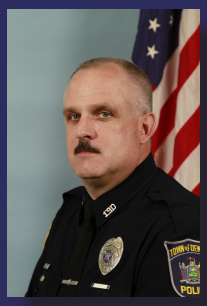
On the afternoon of June 5, 2014, the DeWitt Police Department hosted our Annual Awards Ceremony where Department members joined with families, friends, and community members at Town Hall to recognize the accomplishments of our Officers and Citizens over the past year.

Officer of the Year Award



Officer
Jeffrey MacDonald

Life Saving Award



Sergeant
Michael Kurgan

Dedication of Service Award



Officer
Brenton White

Meritorious Service Award



Officer
Jeffrey MacDonald

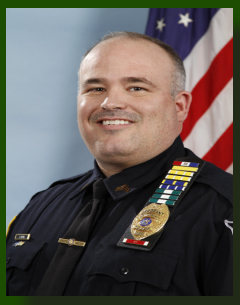
Outstanding Service to the Community



Officer
Stacey Wickes

Awards Ceremony Continued

Outstanding Law Enforcement Accomplishment



Sergeant Scott Kapral



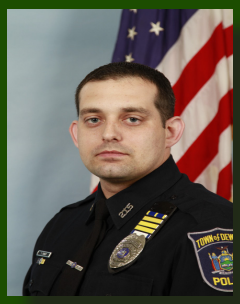
Sergeant Thomas Norton



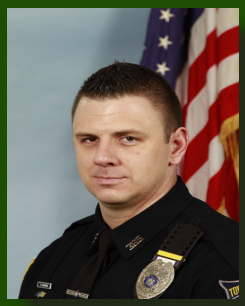
Investigator Tom Regan



Investigator Leroy Andrews Jr.



Investigator Timothy Farley



Officer Donald Baumann



Officer Andrew Fusco



Officer Luke Byron



Officer Ludmila Petrovets

2014 Calls For Service

	2013	2014
Ambulance Calls	560	551
Alarms - Burglary	1015	977
Alarms - All Other	555	470
Animal Complaint	217	278
Assault	48	17
Auto Accident Injury	315	303
Auto Accident Property	1,418	1,423
Auto Accident Fatal	2	1
Bomb Threat	6	2
Burglary	272	231
Call for Police	467	630
Child Abuse	39	52
Criminal Mischief	160	153
Controlled Substance	72	100
Dispute	357	369
Disturbance	90	111
Dead Body	49	17
Domestic	350	352
DWI	27	32
Fight In Progress	66	82
Fire Call	178	195
Forgery/Fraud/Identity	128	144
Fireworks	23	29
Harassment	279	248
Police Information	294	317
Intoxicated Person	57	55
Disabled Vehicle	674	763
Juvenile Problem	48	86
Larceny	1,476	1,289

	2013	2014
Lewdness	12	12
Lock Out	49	54
Noise Complaint	160	124
Mental Person	128	142
Missing Person	94	107
Murder	0	0
Open Door	59	70
Overdose	24	27
Property Check	5,332	6,075
Property - Lost/Found	188	179
Rape	0	3
Robbery	30	35
Shots Fired	24	25
Stabbing	1	4
Status Check -Citizen	191	200
Suicide	78	98
Suspicious Incident	61	84
Susp Person w/ Weap	11	27
Sex Offense	9	16
Suspicious Persons	456	571
Suspicious Vehicle	486	629
Traffic Problem	552	523
Trespass	71	36
Veh Parking Violation	542	370
Vehicle Stolen	45	47
Vehicle Disabled	674	763
Veh & Traffic Stops	2,841	4,055
Wires Down	54	93
All Other Call Types	1,763	1,972
Totals:	**23,177**	**25,618**

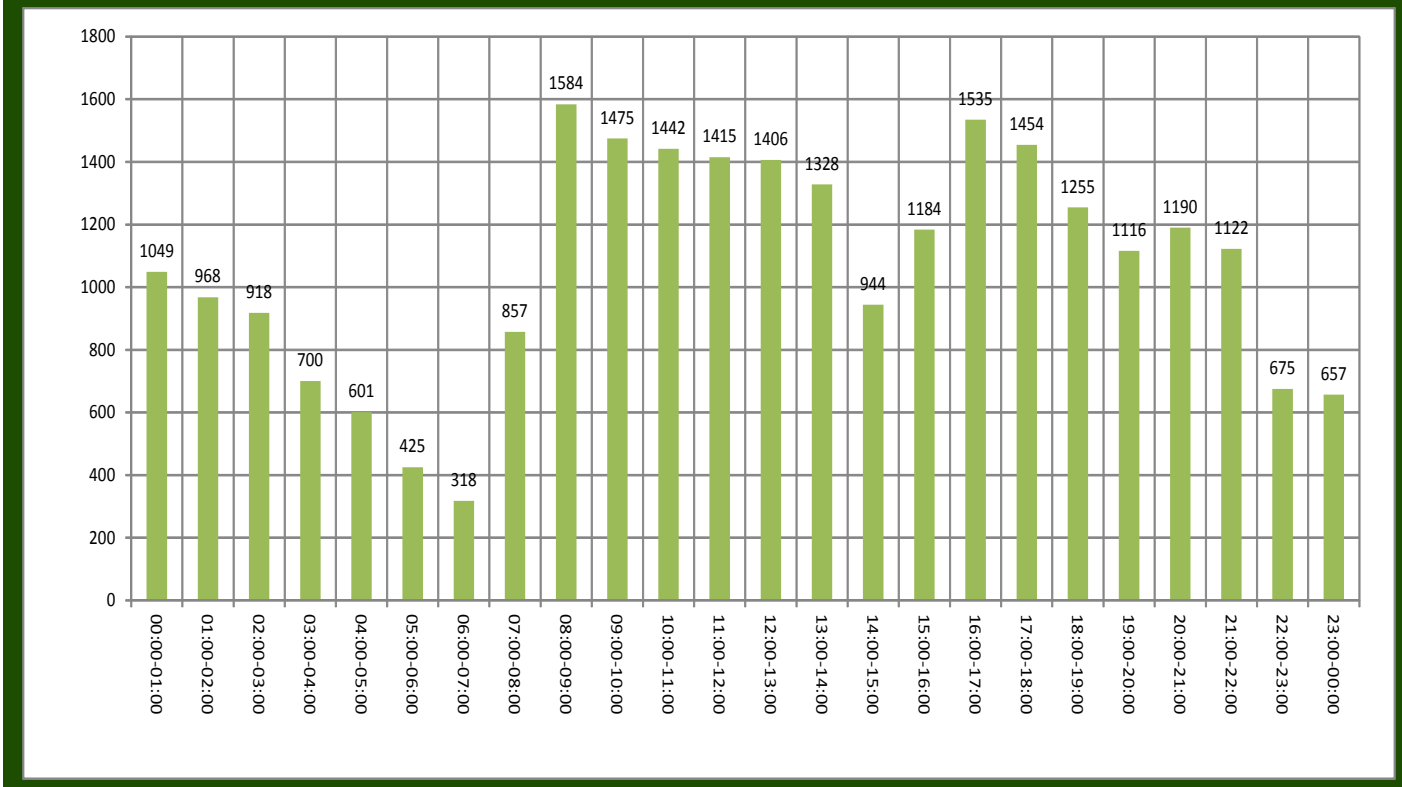
Vehicle & Traffic Tickets

2013	2014
1,248	1,885

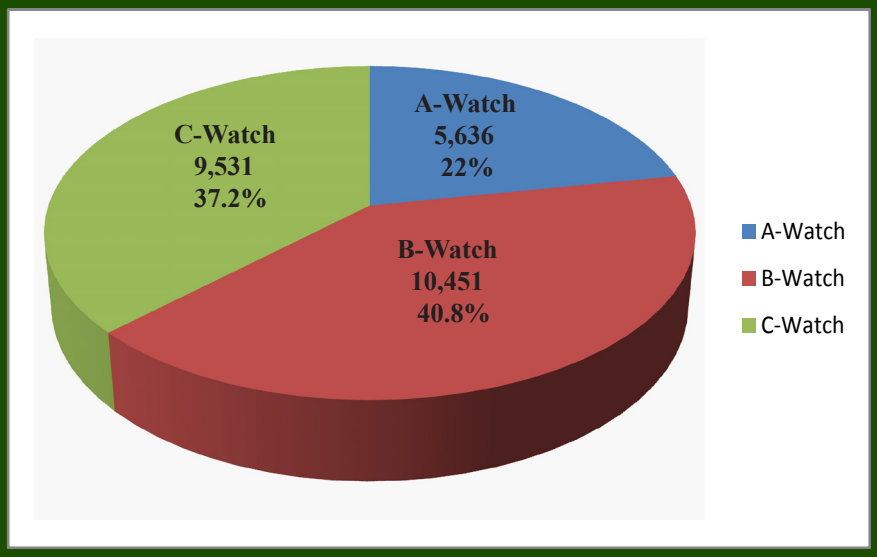
Custodial Arrests

2013	2014
Adults/Juveniles 729/24	Adult/Juveniles 807/22

Number of Calls By Hour of the Day



Percentage of Calls By Shift




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TORCH RUN
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS








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DEPARTMENT
TOWN of DEWIT
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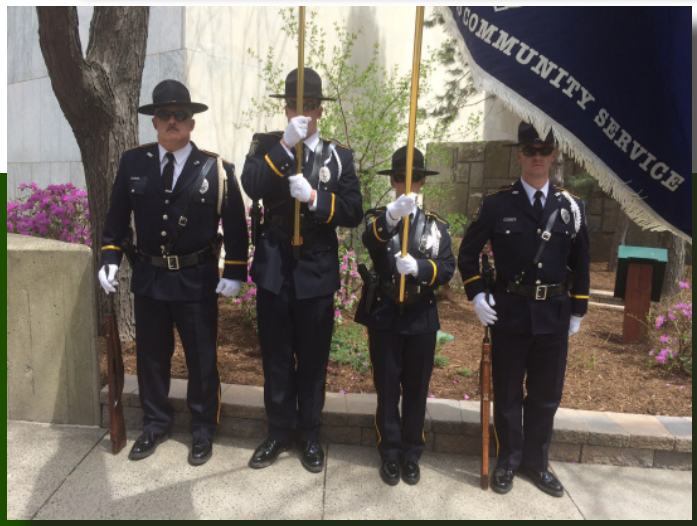



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