2015 Annual Report



DeWitt Police Department

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The Town of DeWitt, New York
Government Leadership



Supervisor Edward Michalenko

Town Board Members:
Joseph Chiarenza
Karen Docter
Jack Dooling
Jamie Frank
Kerry Mannion
Kerin 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.

2015 Police Commission

Jamie Frank/Chair/Board member
Kerin Rigney/Board member
Karen Docter/Board member
Tony Albanese
Bernard Alex
Shawnteica Carter
Susan Case DeMari
John Duncan
Laura Fiorenza
Charles Gabriel
Paul Gottfried
David Herkala
Harry Kiddney
Joseph Mehlek
David Newman
Armond Scipione
Parker Stone
Robert Tackman
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 residents, 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.

James C. Hildmann
Chief of Police

Police Command Staff



Captain John J. Anton
Police Operations



Lieutenant Scott C. Hare
CID Commander



Lieutenant Thomas A. Norton
Road Patrol Commander

Contact The Department

CHIEF OF POLICE

Department Head, Research & Planning, Budget, Risk Management
Chief James C. Hildmann
jhildmann@townofdewitt.com
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CAPTAIN

Police Operations, Human Resources, Training Coordinator, Accreditation
Captain John J. Anton
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LIEUTENANT

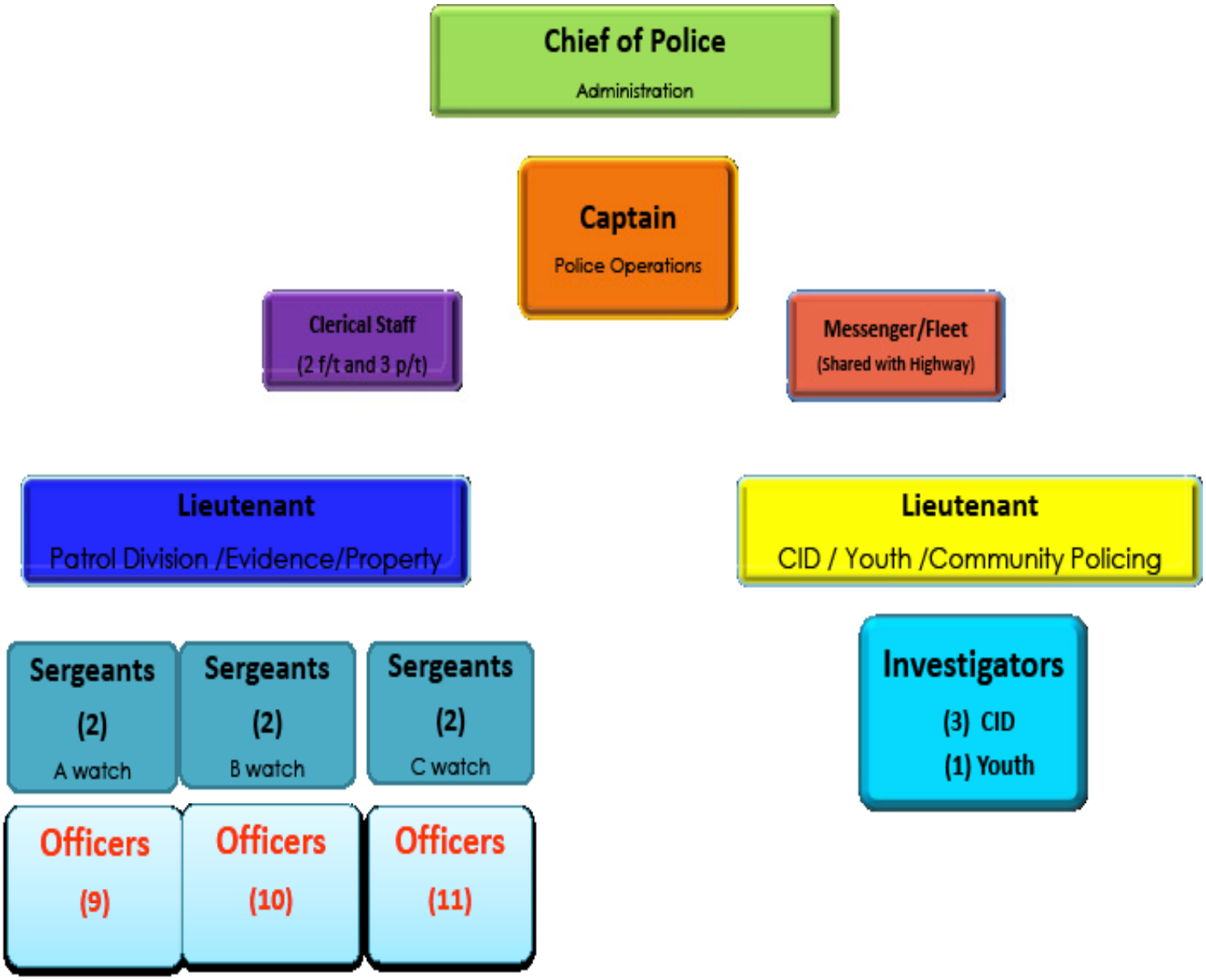
CID Commander, Youth Services, Community Policing
Lieutenant Scott C. Hare
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LIEUTENANT

Patrol Commander, Evidence & Property, Special Events
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DeWitt Police Department Organizational Chart



2015 Department Personnel

Chief of Police
James Hildmann

Captain
John Anton

Lieutenants:
Scott Hare
Thomas Norton

Sergeants:
Denis Mower
Chase Bilodeau
Edward Mason
Michael Kurgan
Christopher Fuller
Andrew Fusco

Investigators:
Thomas Regan
Timothy Farley
Leroy Andrews
Lucas Byron

Evidence Officer:
Lucas Byron

Clerical Staff:
Laura Pulaski
Sheila Togias
Charlene Andrianos
Alyssa Armstrong
Robin Crayton

Patrol Officers:
Wayne Grecco
John McNeil
Jason Law
Donald Baumann
Jeffrey MacDonald
Joseph Senus
Glen Wintermute
Michael Ellis
Stacey Wickes
Brenton White
Lindsey Pienkowski
Brittany Maloff
Jeffrey Conrad
Irving Reynolds
Shane Spencer
Mark Stanard
Ludmila Ammann
Robert Wolfe
Kevin Skibinski
Chad Frederick
Jerry Pace
Jarod Petrie
Dana Vinch
Peter Hooser
Salvatore Stassi
Patrick Tousley
Zachary Morgan
Shawn Chapa
Matthew Menard
Loriann Maerz

Employee News

Promotions



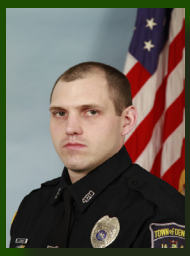
Chief James Hildmann



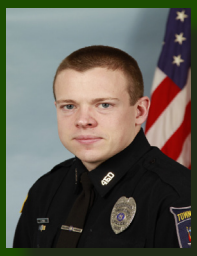
Captain John Anton



Lieutenant Thomas Norton



Sergeant Christopher Fuller



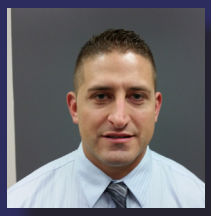
Sergeant Andrew Fusco

On January 1, 2015 the Village of East Syracuse Police Department was dissolved and absorbed into the Town of DeWitt Police Department. As a result, the remaining full time East Syracuse Officers were transferred to the DeWitt Police Department. After a year of planning the merger, all police services were successfully transitioned to the Town of DeWitt.



Officer Peter Hooser, Officer Salvatore Stassi, Officer Dale Barhite, Officer Patrick Tousley, Officer Dana Vinch

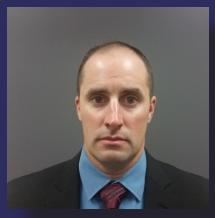
New Officers



Officer Shawn Chappa



Officer Zachary Morgan



Officer Matthew Menard



Officer Loriann Maerz

Retirements



Sergeant Scott Kapral



Officer Wayne Grecco

Overview and History of the Department

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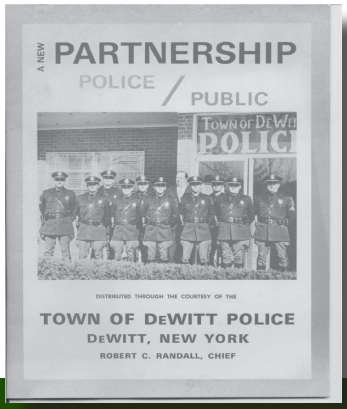
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The DeWitt Police Department is a New York State accredited, full-service police agency serving the Town of DeWitt, New York.

The Town of DeWitt is located in Central New York in eastern Onondaga County bordering the City of Syracuse. The Town consists of approximately 37 square miles of land and .05 square miles of water. DeWitt has a population of 28,000 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 50 employees today; to include 44 sworn, 6 civilian staff, and 2 consultants. The Department is comprised of a Chief of Police, 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 6 Sergeants, 4 Investigators, and Patrol Officers on three shifts.
In 2015, DeWitt Police Department responded to 30,453 calls for service which is the most in history.

Patrol Division

The DeWitt Police Patrol Division consists of one Lieutenant, six Sergeants and 30 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

Seventeen 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 2015, members of the Patrol Division issued 2,504 tickets.



Patrol Units drove a total of 322,164 miles in 2015.



Motorcycle Unit

The Motorcycle Unit consists of one sergeant, 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. The motorcycle is fully funded by our Stop DWI Program.

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 2015, the Criminal Investigation Division received 463 cases.

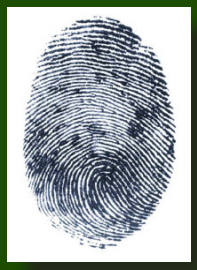
Investigations Division

The Investigations Division 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.

Evidence/Property Unit

2015 Items of Evidence Received
1,245

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. The Evidence/Property Unit is also responsible for long term and short term storage of evidence.

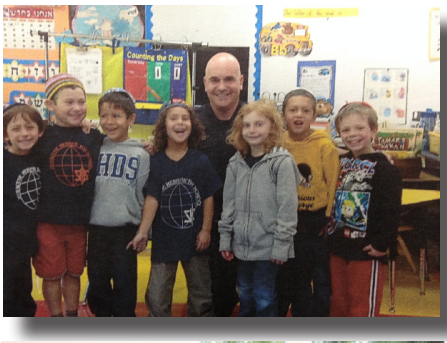




Youth Services

Youth Services 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.





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 4,176 kids at 149 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. In November 2015, the Department had its initial on-site for the CALEA Accreditation Program and will receive the award in the spring of 2016.

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.

In 2015, the DeWitt Police Department received over $60,000 from Stop DWI ($40,107 from the Village of East Syracuse merger), $9,840 from Police Traffic Services, $7,005 from the State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, and $2,000 from the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation Youth Grant.

Training Unit:

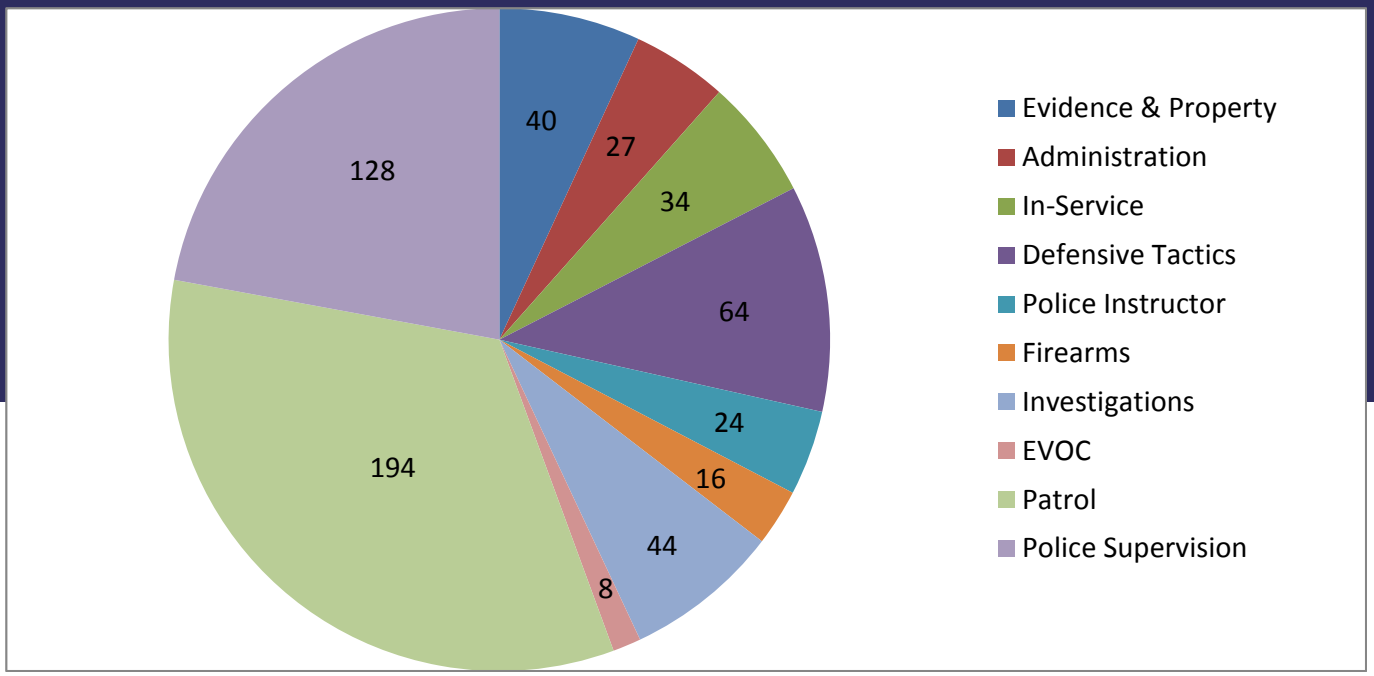
The Training Unit staff includes the Captain, two Lieutenants, six Sergeants, Investigator, and five Officers. This unit develops, implements and evaluates mandated in-service training as well as providing selective topical training. In 2015 this unit conducted over 34 hours of In-Service training, practical 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, Narcan, First Aid and CPR, 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 2015 these included: Leading by Legacy, Defensive Tactics "SPEAR" Instructor, Street Survival, Taser Instructor Recertification, Basic Crime Scene Photography, Racial and Ethnic Biased Policing, Evidence Technician, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, NYS Women in Law Enforcement, Advanced LE Training for Investigators, Active Shooter, Crisis Negotiations, Field Training Officer, Investigating Use of Force, and Police Supervision.

2015 Training:

The DeWitt Police Department conducted the following training for its Officers in 2015. Most of this training is hours per Officer; an example is Firearms. Each of our 44 Officers received 16 hours of Firearms training.

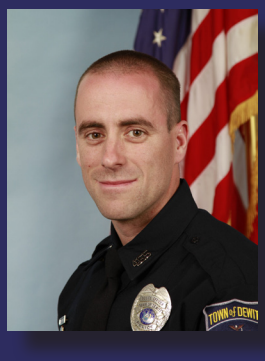
2015 Officer Training by Hour



2015 Awards Ceremony

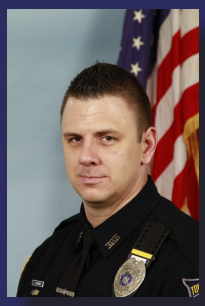
On the afternoon of June 4, 2015, the DeWitt Police Department hosted our Annual Awards Ceremony where Department members joined with families, friends, and community members at Town Hall to recognize the accomplishments of our Officers and Citizens over the past year.

Officer of the Year Award



Officer
Chad Frederick

Outstanding Service to the Community



Officer
Donald Baumann

Dedication to Service Award



Officer
Chad Frederick

Distinguished Service Award



Lieutenant
Scott Hare

Distinguished Service Award



Investigator
Thomas Regan

Awards Ceremony Continued

Outstanding Law Enforcement Accomplishment



Investigator Thomas Regan



Officer Brenton White



Officer Jeffrey Conrad

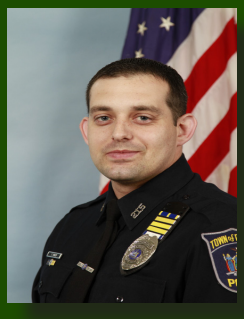


Officer Jerry Pace



Officer Jarod Petrie

Certificate of Merit



Investigator Timothy Farley

2015 Calls For Service as reported by the 911 Center

	2014	2015
Ambulance Calls	551	795
Alarms - Burglary	977	1061
Alarms - All Other	470	505
Animal Complaint	278	357
Assault	17	43
Auto Accident Injury	303	295
Auto Accident Property	1,423	1,798
Auto Accident Fatal	1	0
Bomb Threat	2	3
Burglary	231	210
Call for Police	630	685
Child Abuse	52	75
Criminal Mischief	153	195
Controlled Substance	100	111
Dispute	369	548
Disturbance	111	102
Dead Body	17	60
Domestic	352	508
DWI	32	43
Fight In Progress	82	115
Fire Call	195	217
Forgery/Fraud/Identity	144	240
Fireworks	29	34
Harassment	248	360
Police Information	317	551
Intoxicated Person	55	89
Disabled Vehicle	763	757
Juvenile Problem	86	156
Larceny	1,289	1,586

	2014	2015
Lewdness	12	19
Lock Out	54	74
Noise Complaint	124	190
Mental Person	142	197
Missing Person	107	124
Murder	0	0
Open Door	70	78
Overdose	27	52
Property Check	6,075	7,005
Property - Lost/Found	179	293
Rape	3	1
Robbery	35	47
Shots Fired	25	40
Stabbing	4	1
Status Check -Citizen	200	269
Suicide	98	107
Suspicious Incident	84	102
Susp Person w/ Weap	27	20
Sex Offense	16	12
Suspicious Persons	571	609
Suspicious Vehicle	629	629
Traffic Problem	523	587
Trespass	36	69
Veh Parking Violation	370	712
Vehicle Stolen	47	111
Vehicle Disabled	763	757
Veh & Traffic Stops	4,055	5,035
Wires Down	93	54
All Other Call Types	1,972	1,760
Totals:	**25,618**	**30,453**

Vehicle & Traffic Tickets

2014	2015
1,885	2,504

Custodial Arrests

2014	2015
Adults/Juveniles 807/22	Adult/Juveniles 1,135/27

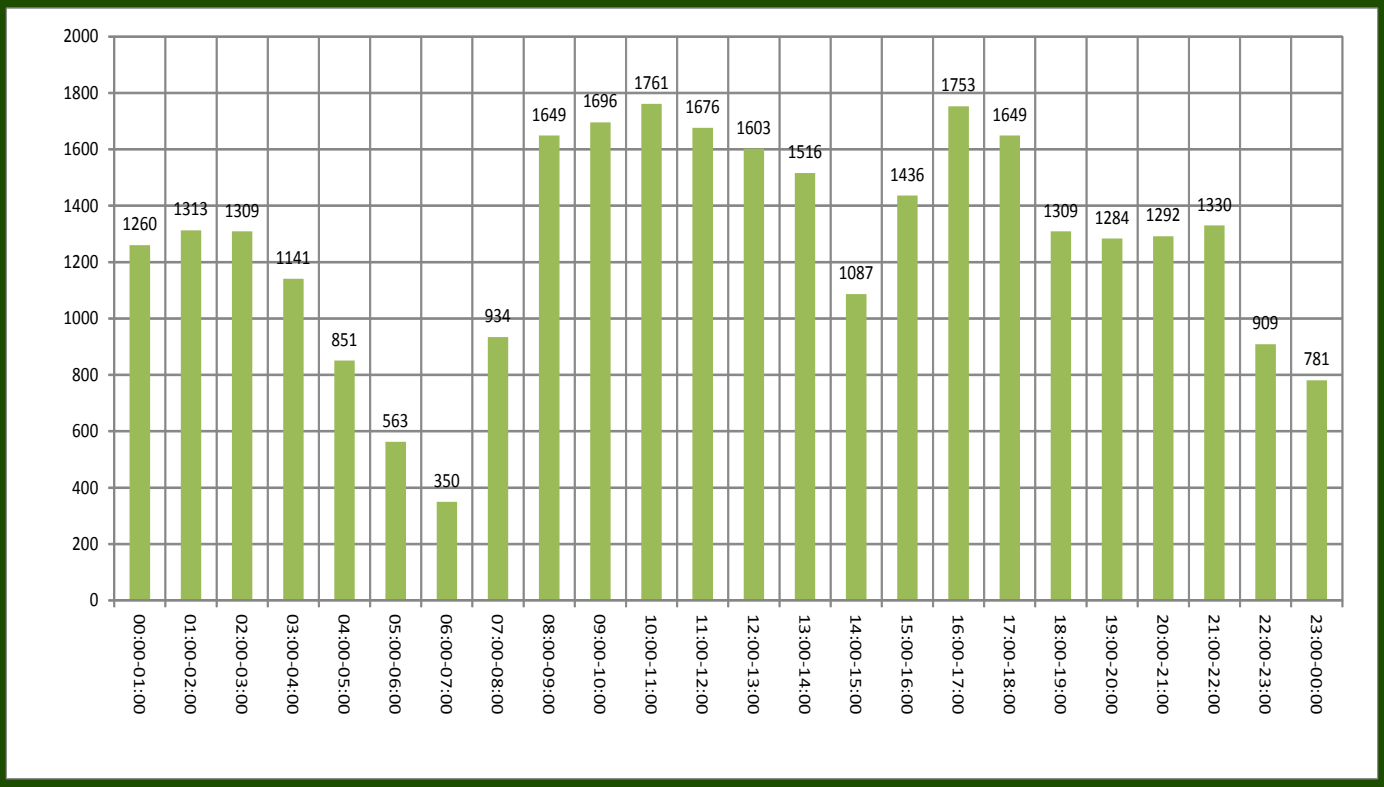
Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 1 Offenses

Arrests	2015
Murder	0
Rape	1
Robbery	13
Assault	15
Burglary	74
Larceny	649
Vehicle Theft	19
Totals:	**771**

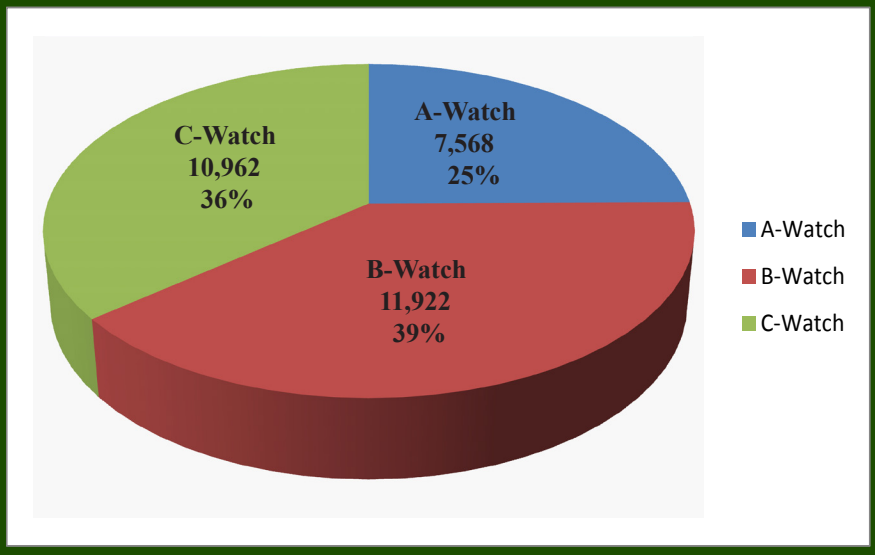
Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 2 Offenses

Arrests	2015
Arson	0
Kidnapping	0
Controlled Substances	98
Dangerous Weapons	7
Sex Offenses	8
Extortion	0
Forgery / Counterfeiting	37
Stolen Property	11
Prostitution & Vice	0
Coercion	0
Criminal Mischief	137
Fraud	44
Gambling	1
Offenses Against Public Order	0
Embezzlement	0
Simple Assault	122
Offenses Against Family	0
Driving Under Influence	63
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	1
Possession of Burglar Tools	0
Liquor Law Violations	0
Disorderly Conduct	3
Loitering	0
All Other Offenses	45
Totals:	**577**

Number of Calls By Hour of the Day



Percentage of Calls By Shift










UPSTATE
10-26-15
Pay to the order of
UPSTATE
Golisano Children's Hospital
$ 300.00
Thank You!
Town of DeWitt Police


POLICE




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own Hall


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TOWN OF DEWITT






Special
Olympics
LAW ENFORCEMENT
TORCH RUN
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
NEW YORK
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