DeWitt Police Department



2016

Annual Report

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The Town of DeWitt, New York Government Leadership



Supervisor Edward Michalenko

Town Board Members:

Joseph Chiarenza
Karen Docter
Jamie Frank
Kerry Mannion
Kerin Rigney
Sam Young

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.

2016 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

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 am pleased to present you with our annual report. We are a New York State and CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) Accredited Agency, continually striving to meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery.

The members of DeWitt Police Department take great pride in providing you, our residents, with the highest level of police services possible. We are dedicated to making your community a safe place to live, work, and visit !

James C. Hildmann
Chief of Police



Overview and History of the Department

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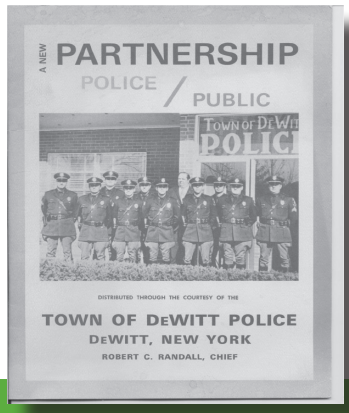
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The DeWitt Police Department is a New York State accredited, full-service police agency serving the Town of DeWitt, New York.

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.



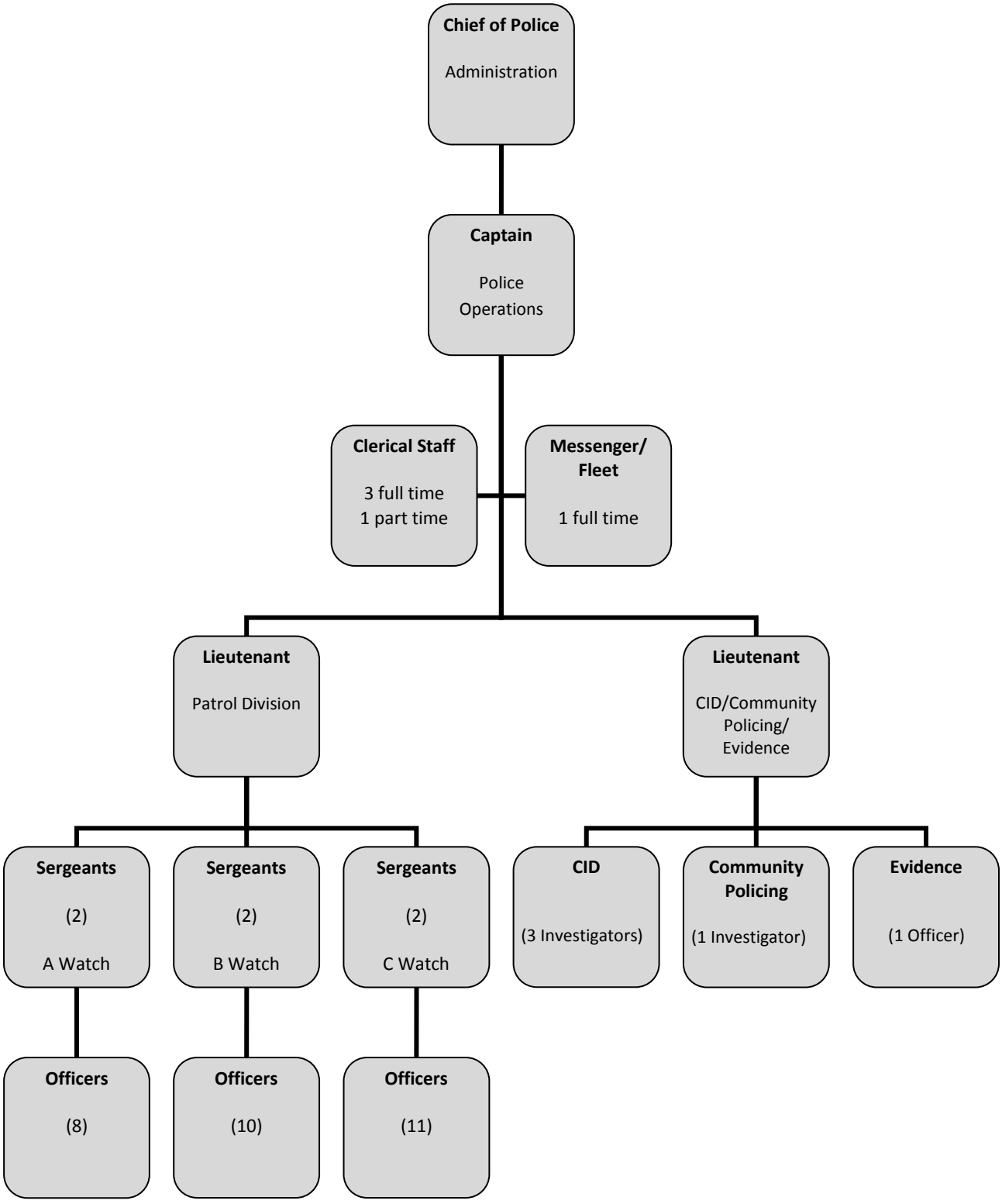
The DeWitt Police Department was founded in April of 1959 as the "Volunteer DeWitt Police Unit" which consisted of four, all volunteer special police officers. It wasn't until 1963 that the first full time paid employee was hired and the name was changed to the Town of DeWitt Police Department.





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 51 employees today; to include 44 sworn, 5 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 2016, DeWitt Police Department responded to 30,611 calls for service which is the most in history.

DeWitt Police Department Organizational Chart



Police Command Staff



Captain John J. Anton
Police Operations



Lieutenant Scott C. Hare
CID Commander



Lieutenant Thomas A. Norton
Road Patrol Commander

2016 Department Personnel

Chief of Police
James Hildmann

Captain
John Anton

Lieutenants:
Scott Hare
Thomas Norton

Sergeants:
Denis Mower
Chase Bilodeau
Michael Kurgan
Christopher Fuller
Andrew Fusco
Brenton White

Investigators:
Thomas Regan
Timothy Farley
Leroy Andrews
Lucas Byron

Evidence Officers:
Jeffrey Conrad

Clerical Staff:
Laura Pulaski
Alyssa Armstrong
James Emm
Nadine Zesky
Robin Crayton

Patrol Officers:
Edward Mason
Jason Law
Donald Baumann
Jeffrey MacDonald
Joseph Senus
Glen Wintermute
Michael Ellis
Stacey Wickes
Lindsey Pienkowski
Brittany Mangano
Jeffrey Conrad
Irving Reynolds
Shane Spencer
Mark Stanard
Ludmila Ammann
Kevin Skibinski
Chad Frederick
Jerry Pace
Jarod Petrie
Dana Vinch
Dale Barhite
Peter Hooser
Salvatore Stassi
Patrick Tousley
Zachary Morgan
Shawn Chapa
Matthew Menard
Loriann Maerz
James Dean
Corby Reynolds
Corey Buyck

Patrol Division

The DeWitt Police Patrol Division consists of one Lieutenant, six Sergeants and 30 patrol Officers. These officers are deployed throughout four patrol zones (North, Central, South, and Village of East Syracuse), 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

Twenty 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 2016, members of the Patrol Division issued 2,368 tickets.



Patrol Units drove a total of 343,306 miles in 2016.



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.
sponsored events at Canal Days in 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 2016, the Criminal Investigation Division received 338 cases.

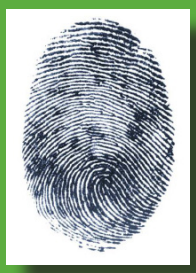
Investigations Division

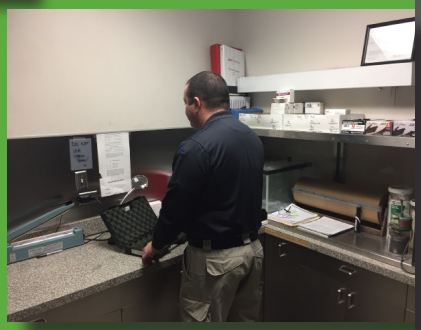
The Investigations Division is responsible for cases involving crimes against persons and property. This unit includes but is not limited to, assault, robbery, burglary, homicide, and other penal law statutes. The CID Unit is a specially trained group of individuals who conduct investigations into complex 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

2016 Items of Evidence Received
1,415

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.

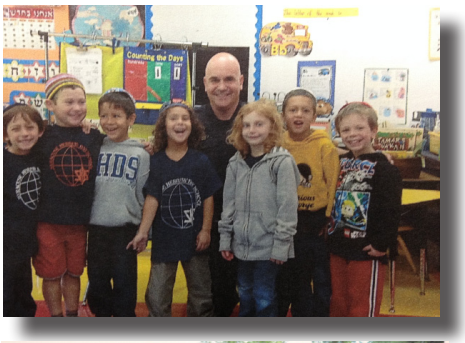




Youth Services

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.





Community Policing

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 4,379 kids at 155 different youth events in the Town of DeWitt.

Drive to Arrive

In June of 2016, the DeWitt Police Department introduced our Drive to Arrive program. The Virtual Driver simulator was fully funded by the STOP DWI program through fines paid by convicted drunk drivers that were arrested by DeWitt Police Department.

The system can be used throughout the year in school based lessons, demonstrations, or at safety events. The scenarios can be done individually so you can have a young driver use the system anywhere from 5 minutes for a single distracted drive, to 25 minutes for the entire experience including reality checks (learning points) and impaired driving scenarios.

Our initiative is to educate young drivers with a simulation-based program that provides first hand experience to demonstrate the dangers and negative consequences of distracted and impaired driving.

The simulator will be provided to schools in the Town of DeWitt free of cost:

Jamesville-DeWitt High School
Christian Brothers Academy
Manlius Pebble Hill
Bishop Grimes





STOP DWI New York
ONONDAGA COUNTY

Accreditation

New York State Accreditation

The Administration of the Police Department is 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 by New York State in 1998 and reaccredited in 2003, 2008 and 2013. Our next reaccreditation for New York State will be in 2018.

CALEA Accreditation

The purpose of CALEA's Accreditation Programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence.

CALEA's goals are:

1. Strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities
2. Formalize essential management procedures
3. Establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices
4. Improve service delivery
5. Solidify interagency cooperation and coordination
6. Increase community and staff confidence in the agency

On April 2, 2016 DeWitt Police Department was awarded the highest level of law enforcement accreditation, both nationally/internationally, through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). We are among only 7 law enforcement agencies out of 514 in New York State to achieve this status of excellence. The CALEA process consists of several years of self assessment, remote and on-site audits, as well as a final assessment/recommendation from the Executive Board.

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 2016, the DeWitt Police Department utilized $52,000 from Stop DWI, $9,840 from Police Traffic Services, $7,425 from the State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, $10,000 DCJS Livescan Equipment Program, and $2,000 from the Jim and Juli Boeheim Foundation Youth Grant.

Training Unit

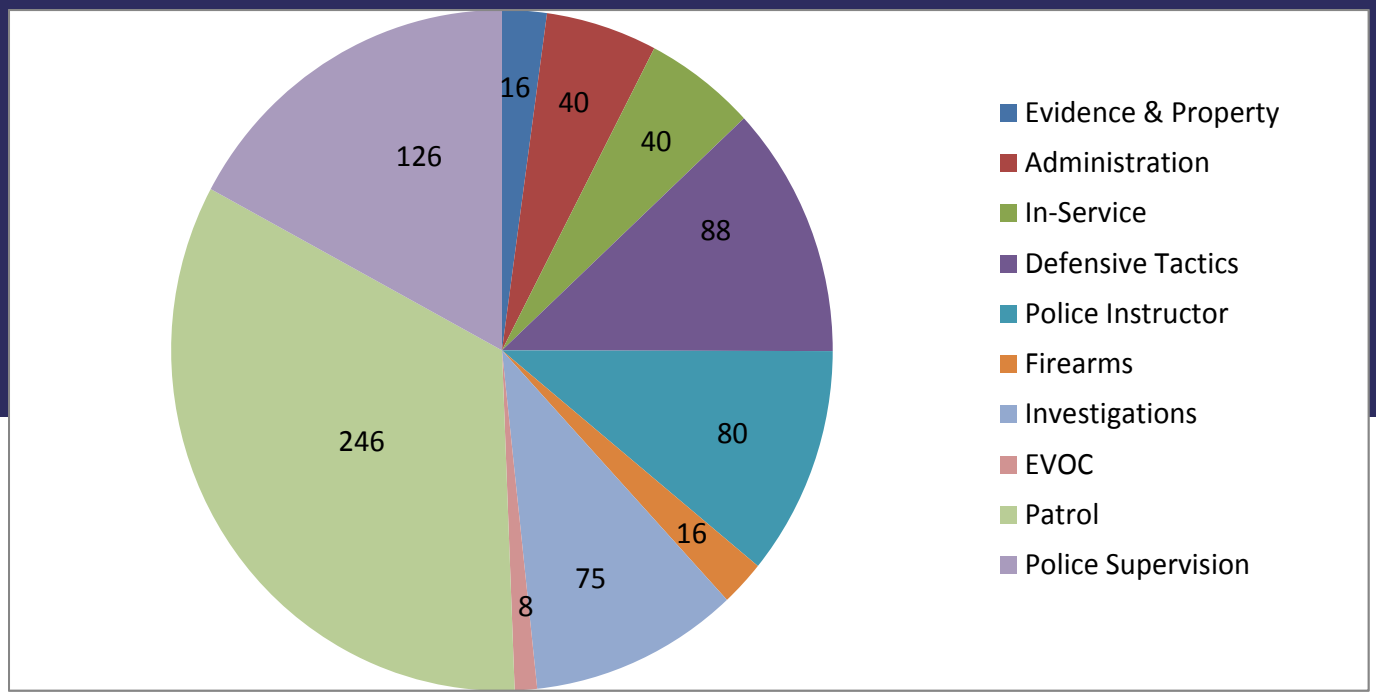
The Training Unit staff includes the Captain, two Lieutenants, six Sergeants, Investigator, and five Officers. This unit develops, implements and evaluates mandated in-service training as well as providing specialized training. In 2016 this unit conducted over 40 hours of in-service training, practical exercises and classroom instruction which all of our officers were required to attend. Officers also attended various training sessions held throughout the region.

Training this year included instruction on Legal Updates, Human Trafficking, Racial Bias, Heroin Trends, Emergency Management and Social Media / Community Policing, Defensive Tactics, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, Firearms, and 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 2016 these included: Instructor Development, Radar, Accident Investigation Team exercise, Emergency Management, Safe Schools, CALEA, Police Supervision, Pedestrian & Bicycle Training, DWI Detection Field Sobriety, Street Survival, Defensive Tactics Instructor, NYS Juvenile, Interview/Interrogation, Property Evidence Management, Homicide Investigation, Basic Crime Scene Photography, NYS Women in Law Enforcement, Hostage Negotiation, and Blue Courage EAP.

2016 Training:

The DeWitt Police Department conducted the following training for its Officers in 2016. Most of this training is hours per Officer; an example is Firearms. Each of our 44 Officers received 16 hours of Firearms training.

2016 Officer Training by Hour



Total number of training hours - 735

2015 Awards Ceremony

On the afternoon of May 19, 2016, 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.

Life Saving Award



Officer Jerry Pace

Distinguished Service Award

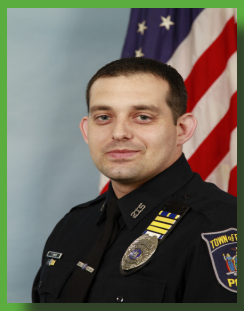


Chief James Hildmann

Outstanding Law Enforcement Accomplishment



Investigator Thomas Regan



Investigator Timothy Farley



Investigator Lucas Byron



Officer Glen Wintermute



Officer Kevin Skibinski



Officer Chad Frederick



Officer Jarod Petrie



Officer Dale Barhite



Officer Robert Wolfe

2016 Calls For Service as reported by the 911 Center

	2015	2016
Ambulance Calls	795	920
Alarms - Burglary	1061	909
Alarms - All Other	505	405
Animal Complaint	357	294
Assault	43	48
Auto Accident Injury	295	309
Auto Accident Property	1,798	1,791
Auto Accident Fatal	0	1
Bomb Threat	3	1
Burglary	210	213
Call for Police	685	553
Child Abuse	75	87
Criminal Mischief	195	166
Controlled Substance	111	70
Dispute	548	643
Disturbance	102	116
Dead Body	60	40
Domestic	508	521
DWI	43	60
Fight In Progress	115	88
Fire Call	217	233
Forgery/Fraud/Identity	240	211
Fireworks	34	37
Harassment	360	372
Police Information	551	490
Intoxicated Person	89	84
Disabled Vehicle	757	855
Juvenile Problem	156	129
Larceny	1,586	1,709

	2015	2016
Lewdness	19	11
Lock Out	74	64
Noise Complaint	190	191
Mental Person	197	241
Missing Person	124	139
Murder	0	1
Open Door	78	69
Overdose	27	68
Property Check	7,005	7,585
Property - Lost/Found	293	238
Rape	1	3
Robbery	47	48
Shots Fired	40	43
Stabbing	1	13
Status Check -Citizen	269	292
Suicide	107	122
Suspicious Incident	102	86
Susp Person w/ Weap	20	25
Sex Offense	12	15
Suspicious Persons	609	561
Suspicious Vehicle	629	506
Traffic Problem	587	475
Trespass	69	103
Veh Parking Violation	712	396
Vehicle Stolen	111	120
Vehicle Disabled	757	855
Veh & Traffic Stops	5,035	5,285
Wires Down	54	63
All Other Call Types	1,760	1,639
Totals:	**30,453**	**30,611**

Vehicle & Traffic Tickets

2015	2016
2,504	2,368

Custodial Arrests

2015	2016
Adults/Juveniles 1,135/27	Adult/Juveniles 1,234/18

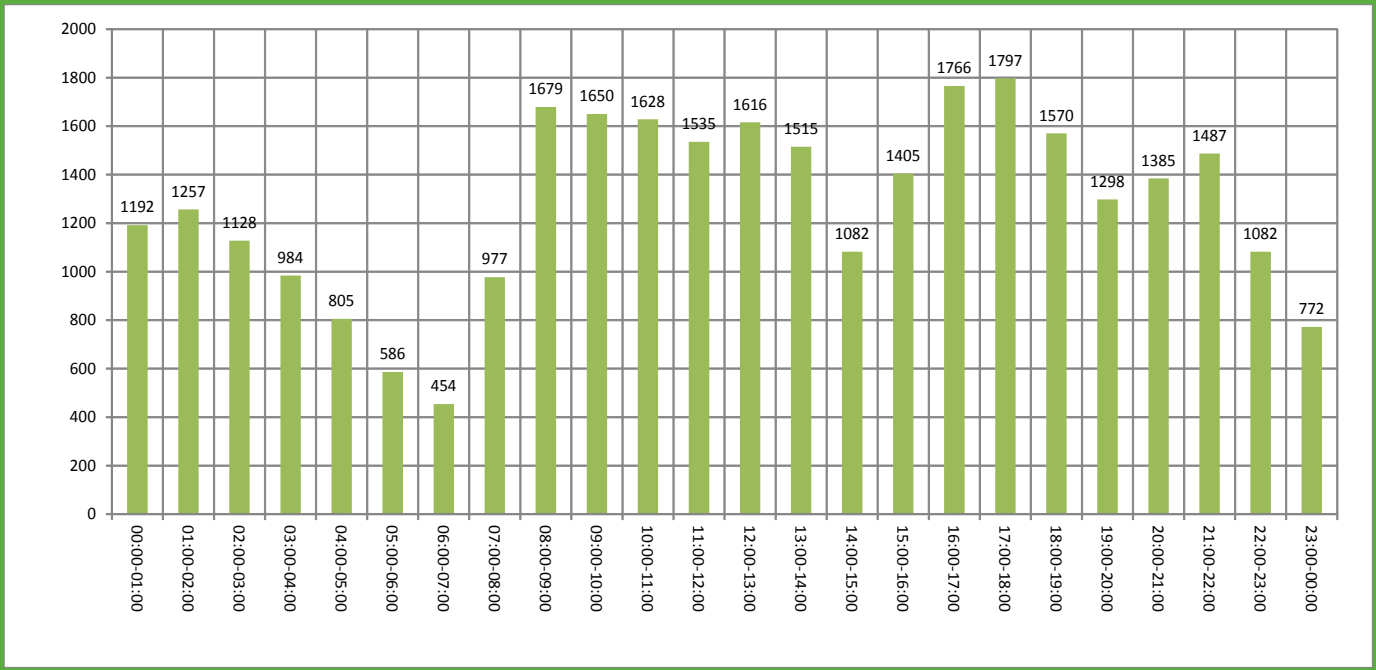
Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 1 Offenses

Arrests	2016
Murder	0
Rape	3
Robbery	13
Assault	22
Burglary	77
Larceny	711
Vehicle Theft	36
Totals:	**862**

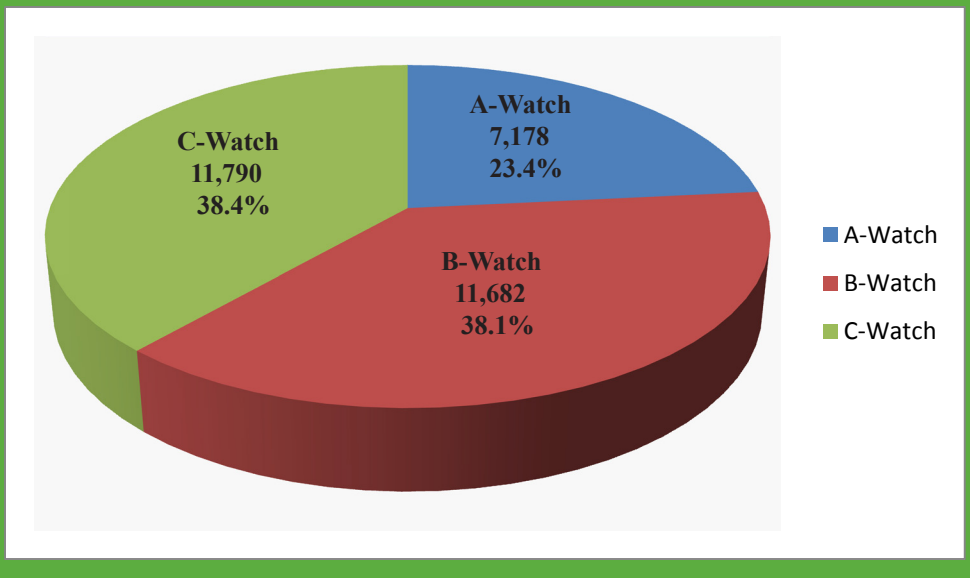
Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 2 Offenses

Arrests	2016
Arson	3
Kidnapping	5
Controlled Substances	78
Dangerous Weapons	9
Sex Offenses	3
Extortion	0
Forgery / Counterfeiting	32
Stolen Property	4
Prostitution & Vice	1
Coercion	0
Criminal Mischief	101
Fraud	28
Gambling	0
Offenses Against Public Order	0
Embezzlement	0
Simple Assault	146
Offenses Against Family	0
Driving Under Influence	79
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	1
Possession of Burglar Tools	0
Liquor Law Violations	0
Disorderly Conduct	10
Loitering	0
All Other Offenses	66
Totals:	**826**

Number of Calls By Hour of the Day

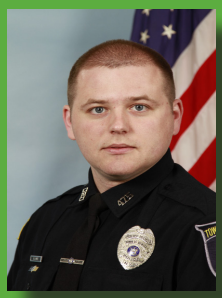


Percentage of Calls By Shift



Employee News

Promotions



Sergeant Brenton White

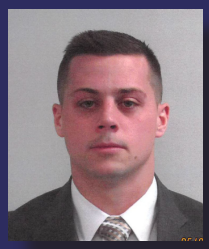


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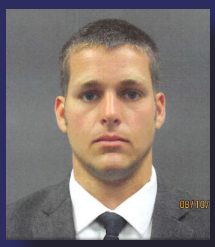
New Officers



Officer James Dean



Officer Corby Reynolds



Officer Corey Buyck

Retirements



Lieutenant Scott Hare



Officer John McNeil

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