DeWitt Police Department



2019

Annual Report

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The Town of DeWitt, New York
Government Leadership



Supervisor Edward Michalenko

Town Board Members:

Joseph Chiarenza
Karen Docter
Jack Dooling
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.

2019 Police Commission

Kerin Rigney/Chair & Board member
Karen Docter/Board member
Sam Young/Board member
Tony Albanese
Bernard Alex
Shawnteica Carter
Susan Case DeMari
John Duncan
Paul Gottfried
David Herkala
Harry Kiddney
Rohin Mehta
David Newman
Armond Scipione
Robert Tackman
Leeland Whitted



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!

John J. Anton
Chief of Police



Mission Statement

OUR MISSION

To effectively respond to the safety needs of citizens, always seeking the best resolutions to the situations we encounter, whether big or small and to actively seek out ways to fight crime, while holding ourselves to the highest ethical standards and finding ways to positively reach the members of our community.

OUR VISION

To strive to be viewed by the citizens we serve as the most professional police organization, continuously improving in order to meet the ever changing public safety needs and expectations of society.

OUR VALUES

We, the members of the DeWitt Police Department, are committed to providing quality service to the community of DeWitt. We believe that each one of us makes the difference between a good organization and an excellent one. These are our organizational values.

- **Integrity - Quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Always attempting to make the right decisions, admitting and learning from our mistakes, not attempting to hide or downplay them.**

- **Accountability - Being accountable at both the individual and organizational levels, holding ourselves responsible along with those around us. The key to growth is being honest with ourselves identifying weakness and mistakes in order to strengthen and correct them.**

- **Determination - Not giving up when faced with adversity or difficult challenges, doing what it takes and making personal sacrifices to get the job done.**

- **Dedication - Giving constant and consistent effort, a commitment to police work, those we serve and the greater good of society, above ourselves.**

- **Teamwork - Working together to be more effective and efficient to better serve the community and to ease the burden of any one member, bearing equal weight to those working alongside us.**

Overview and History of the Department

DeWitt Police Department
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East Syracuse, New York 13057

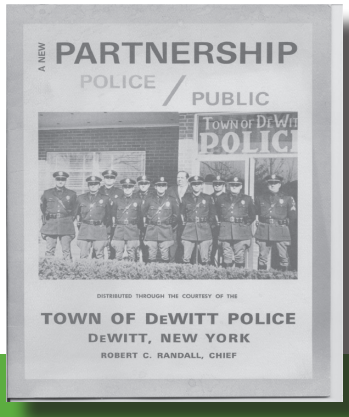
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The DeWitt Police Department is a CALEA and New York State accredited, full-service police agency serving the Town of DeWitt, New York.

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.

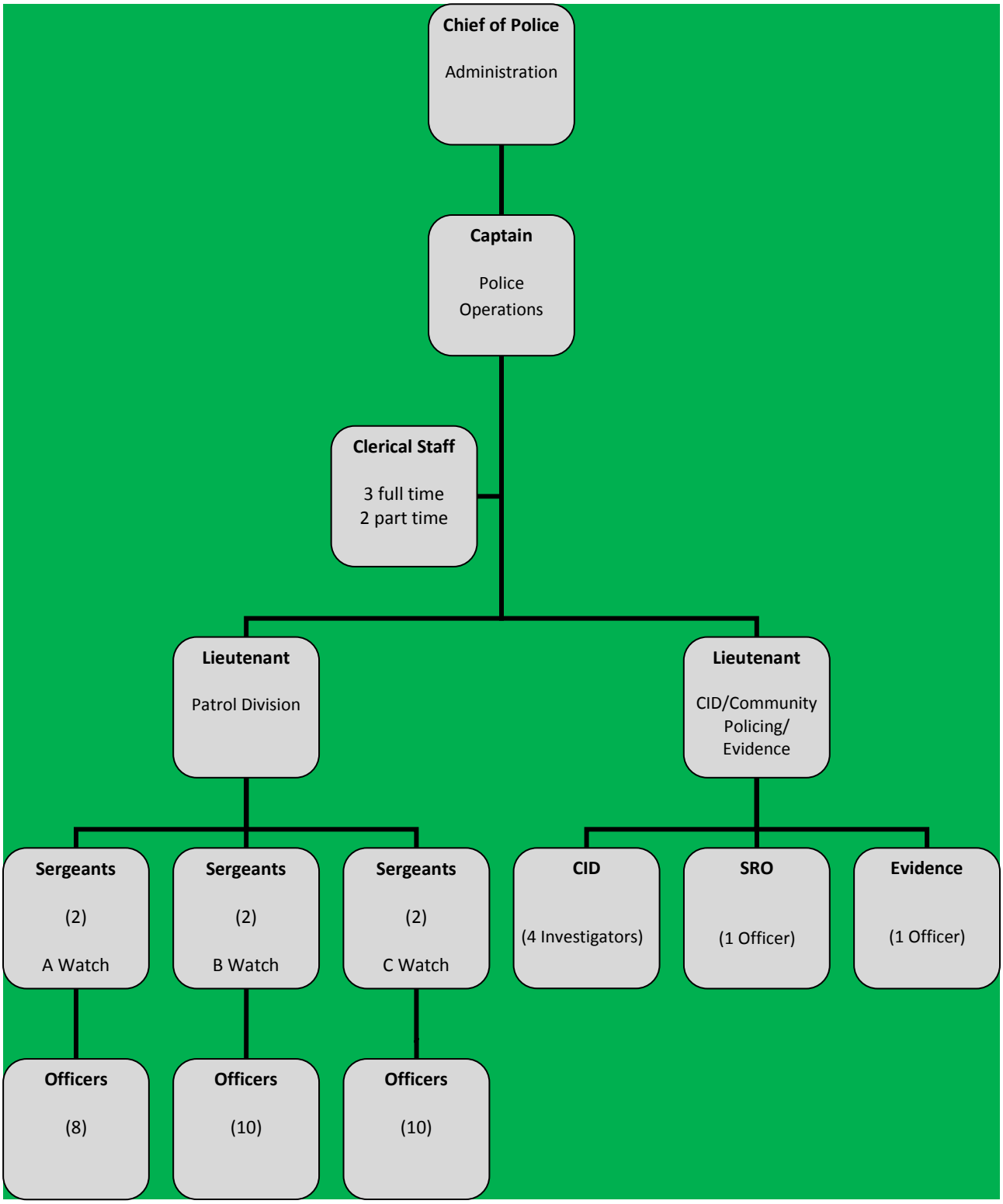






The Town of DeWitt Police Department provides full-time, professional law enforcement services to its residents and visitors. From a staffing of 4 volunteers in 1959, to an authorized staffing of 51 employees today; to include 44 sworn, 5 civilian staff, and 2 consultants. The Department is comprised of a Chief of Police, 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 6 Sergeants, 4 Investigators, 1 School Resource Officer, 1 Evidence Officer, and Patrol Officers on three shifts.
In 2019, DeWitt Police Department responded to 27,867 calls for service.

DeWitt Police Department Organizational Chart



Police Command Staff



Captain Chase Bilodeau
Police Operations



Lieutenant Christopher Fuller
CID Commander



Lieutenant Brenton White
Road Patrol Commander

2019 Department Personnel

Chief of Police
John Anton

Captain
Chase Bilodeau

Lieutenants:
Chris Fuller
Brenton White

Sergeants:
Michael Kurgan
Andrew Fusco
Jerry Pace
Jarod Petrie
Zachary Morgan
Shane Spencer

Investigators:
Lucas Byron
Chad Frederick
Matthew Menard
Loriann Maerz

School Resource Officer:
Lindsey Pienkowski

Evidence Officer:
Jeffrey Conrad

Clerical Staff:
Laura Pulaski
Alyssa Armstrong
James Emm
Nadine Zesky
John McNeil

Patrol Officers:
Peter Hooser
Edward Mason
Jason Law
Donald Baumann
Jeffrey MacDonald
Denis Mower
Michael Ellis
Stacey Wickes
Brittany Mangano
Mark Stanard
Ludmilla Ammann
Kevin Skibinski
Shawn Chapa
James Dean
Corey Buyck
Alexander Fratini
James Toomey
Justin Baum
Anthony Grizanti
Paul Pelton
Jonathan Christian
Rebecca Bishop
Katherine Davies
Rory Spain
Katrina Kilmer

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, Crime Alert 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 2019, members of the Patrol Division issued 2,763 tickets.



Patrol Units drove a total of 334,165 miles in 2019.



Motorcycle Unit

The Motorcycle Unit consists of one Captain, two officers and one Can Am Spyder 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 Ingles Performance of Phoenix, NY.

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



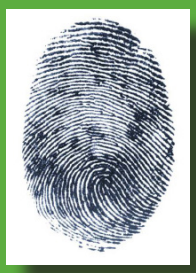
The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for investigating felony crimes committed within the Town of DeWitt. To meet the needs and demands of investigating various crime types, the DeWitt Police Department Criminal Investigations Division has sub-specialties.
In 2019, the Criminal Investigation Division received 232 cases and made 123 arrests.

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 and cause that will lead to the arrest

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 one of fourteen certified Evidence Technicians 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.





2019 Items of Evidence Received
1,426



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 Community Policing Promgram of the DeWitt Police Department offers twenty four programs geared to the education, prevention, and intervention of the youth in the Town of DeWitt.

Our goal 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, DeWitt Police Officers 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 our Police Department to facilitate, "Children learn what they live & they live what they learn".

Digital Child Fingerprinting

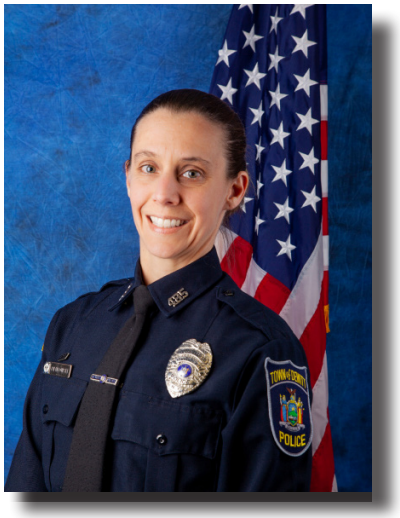


The DeWitt Police Department's Child ID Program records a digital image of a child's fingerprint, photograph, & personal information onto a plastic ID card. Since 2012, we ave printed 1,530 kids at 61 different youth events in the Town of DeWitt.

School Resource Officer

In 2018 the DeWitt Police Department partnered with the Jamesville DeWitt School District and introduced a new school resource officer position at Jamesville DeWitt High School. Our SRO establishes relationships with students and acts as a mentor. Their law enforcement function is a part of relationship-building with the student body and community and fosters educational programs and activities that increase the student knowledge of and respect for the law and the function of law enforcement agencies. They work cooperatively with teachers to assist in developing speciatly programs specific to areas of study including court procedures, citizenship and forensic science. The SRO conducts criminal investigations with the goals of promoting safety for the school community and establishing a deterrent to delinquent student behavior and promoting and ensuring the safety of the students, faculty and administration of the school district. The SRO also teaches classes that promote both student wellness and safety as well as healthy relationships between the students and police. Since inception SRO Pienkowski has taught over 42 classes at the school.





School Resource Officer
Lindsey Pienkowski

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, 2013 and 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

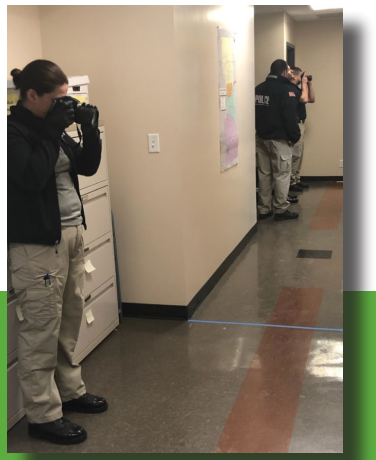
On April 2, 2016 DeWitt Police Department was awarded the highest level of law enforcement accreditation, both nationally/internationally, through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). We are among only 7 law enforcement agencies out of 514 in New York State to achieve this status of excellence. Since achieving accreditation in 2016, the DeWitt Police have participated in remote assessments yearly and an on-site assessment in November of 2019. Each of these assessments have found the agency in compliance with all standards and the department anticipates being re-accredited at the annual CALEA conference in Orlando, Florida in March of 2020.

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 2019, the DeWitt Police Department utilized $9,000 from Police Traffic Services grant, $15,266 from STOP DWI, $10,423 from the State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, and $2,706 from the Office of Children & Family Services Grant and $10,096 from the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant.





Training Unit

The Training Unit staff includes the Captain, two Lieutenants, six Sergeants, an Investigator, and many officers. This unit develops implements and evaluates mandated in-service training as well as providing spe cialized training. In 2019 this unit conducted over 48 hours of in-service training for each department officer and conducted over 80 hours of additional In-Service training for officers with specialty duties such as Evidence Technician, Accident Reconstruction and our Warrant Entry Unit.

In-Service training this year included instruction on Legal Updates, CPR/First Aide/Trauma Care, Mental Health, Defensive Tactics, Building Clearing, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, Firearms, Reality Based Scenarios, Warrant Service, Evidence Collection and Roll Call Trainings.

In addition to in-service training, officers are sent to a variety of specialized training schools throughout the year to enhance their value to the community and department. In 2019 these included: Mid-Level Lead ership, Police Supervision, Tactical Team Leader, Crisis Intervention, Hostage Negotiation, Patrol Tactics, Breath Test Operator, Standard Field Sobriety Test Instructor, Reality Based Instructor, Police Mental Health Instructor, Taser Instructor, Impact Weapon Instructor, Aerosol Weapon Instructor, , Instructor Development, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Field Training Officer, Public Information Officer, Law Enforcement Bicycle Officer, Social Networking Investigations, Cellebrite Cell Phone Extraction Certified Operator & Physical Analyst, Advanced School Resource Officer, Basic Force Science and Advanced Force Science Specialist, Reid Interview and Interrogation, Rescue Task Force, Critical Decision Making for Complex Coordinated Attacks, Complex Coordinated Attacks Exercise, Fentanyl Trends, and Abuse in Later Life.

2019 Awards Ceremony

On the afternoon of February 27, 2020 the DeWitt Police Department will host our Annual Awards Ceremony where Department members, families, friends, and community members will gather at Town Hall to recognize the accomplishments of our Officers and Citizens over the past year.

Outstanding Law Enforcement Service Award

Sergeant Andrew Fusco
Sergeant Jarod Petrie
Officer Timothy Farley
Investigator Loriann Maerz
Officer Justin Baum
Officer Anthony Grizanti
Officer Jonathan Christian

Dedication to Service Award

Investigator Chad Frederick

Life Saving Award

Sergeant Jarod Petire
Officer Kevin Skibinski
Officer James Dean

Outstanding Service to the Community

Officer Ludmila Ammann

Medal of Distinguished Service

Officer Jeffrey MacDonald

Police Officer of the Year

TBA

2019 Calls For Service as reported by the 911 Center

	2018	2019
Ambulance Calls	702	694
Alarms - Burglary	913	875
Alarms - All Other	46	29
Animal Complaint	276	265
Assault	27	34
Auto Accident Injury	353	246
Auto Accident Property	1,753	1,676
Auto Accident Fatal	2	0
Bomb Threat	3	8
Burglary	207	206
Call for Police	565	382
Child Abuse	75	84
Criminal Mischief	166	119
Controlled Substance	102	97
Dispute	607	546
Disturbance	162	128
Dead Body	37	36
Domestic	584	643
DWI	75	55
Fight In Progress	117	102
Fire Call	215	181
Forgery/Fraud/Identity	134	302
Fireworks	32	20
Harassment	360	316
Police Information	317	243
Intoxicated Person	91	96
Disabled Vehicle	843	717
Juvenile Problem	84	90
Larceny	1,366	1,269

	2018	2019
Lewdness	9	19
Lock Out	61	59
Noise Complaint	197	149
Mental Person	201	180
Missing Person	106	74
Murder	2	0
Open Door	28	32
Overdose	58	44
Property Check	7,644	8,232
Property - Lost/Found	234	235
Rape	2	3
Robbery	24	27
Shots Fired	51	31
Stabbing	2	6
Status Check -Citizen	259	298
Suicide	124	154
Suspicious Incident	69	47
Susp Person w/ Weap	13	34
Sex Offense	18	12
Suspicious Persons	492	481
Suspicious Vehicle	504	569
Traffic Problem	488	432
Trespass	87	71
Veh Parking Violation	346	622
Vehicle Stolen	81	109
Veh & Traffic Stops	4,844	4,833
Wires Down	94	84
All Other Call Types	1,634	1,571
Totals:	**27,886**	**27,867**

Vehicle & Traffic Tickets

2018	2019
2,794	2,763

Custodial Arrests

2018	2019
Adults/Juveniles 1,131/22	Adult/Juveniles 1,111/48

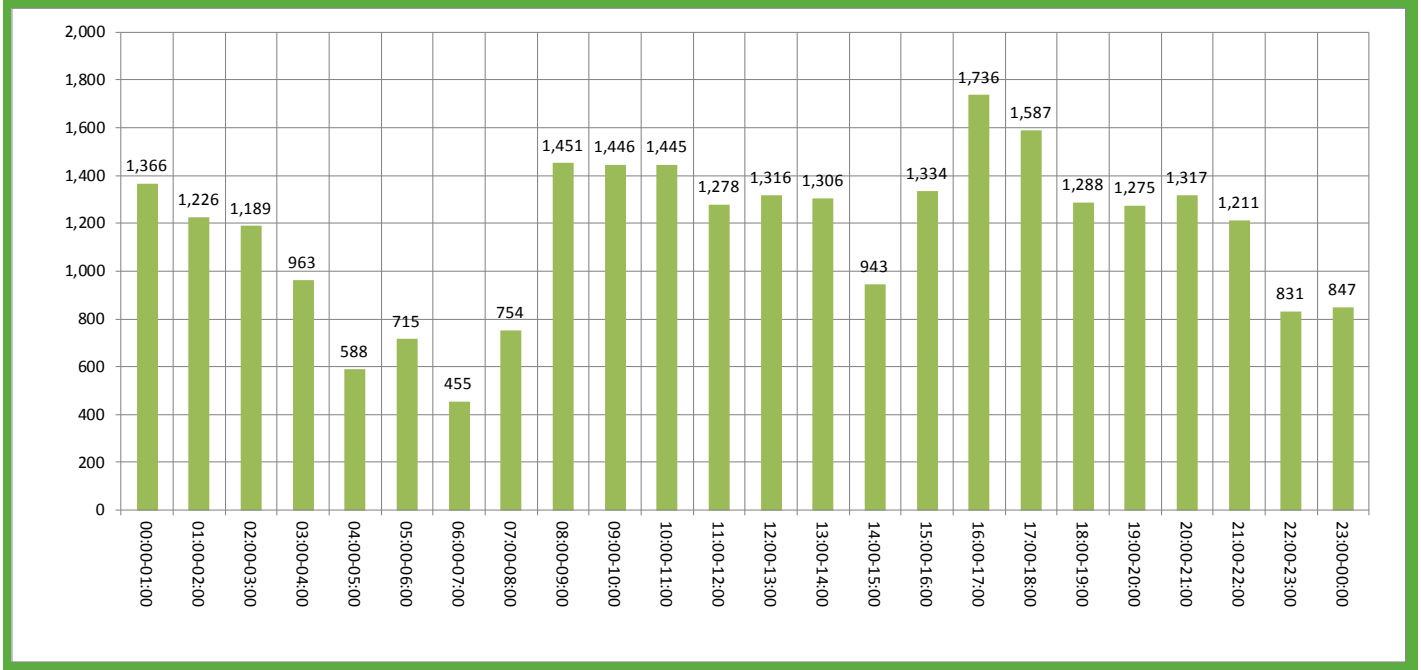
Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 1 Offenses

Year	2019
Murder	0
Rape	3
Robbery	12
Assault	21
Burglary	62
Larceny	514
Vehicle Theft	32
Totals:	**644**

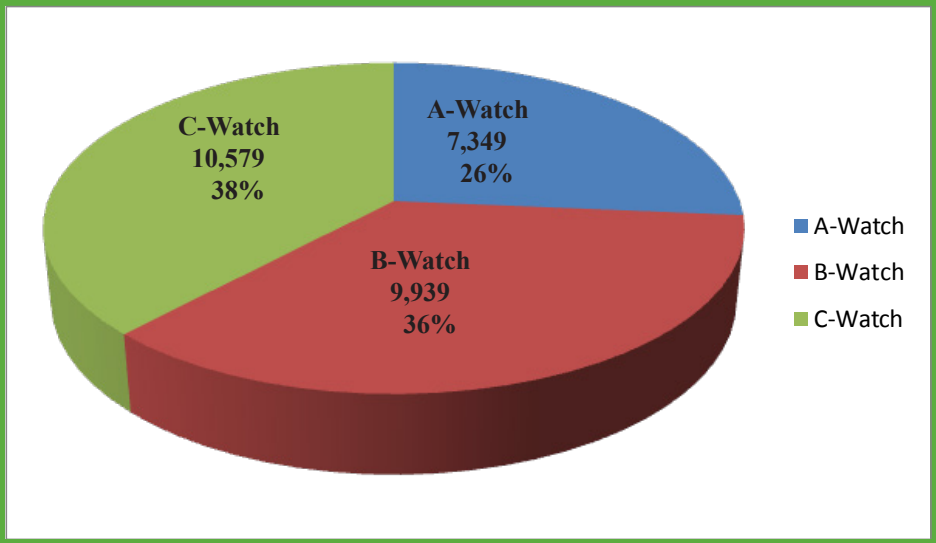
Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 2 Offenses

Year	2019
Arson	1
Kidnapping	3
Controlled Substances	62
Dangerous Weapons	9
Sex Offenses	4
Extortion	0
Forgery / Counterfeiting	16
Stolen Property	3
Prostitution & Vice	1
Coercion	0
Criminal Mischief	89
Fraud	18
Gambling	0
Offenses Against Public Order	0
Embezzlement	0
Simple Assault	128
Offenses Against Family	0
Driving Under Influence	48
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	1
Possession of Burglar Tools	0
Liquor Law Violations	0
Disorderly Conduct	9
Loitering	0
All Other Offenses	49
Totals:	**440**

Number of Calls By Hour of the Day



Percentage of Calls By Shift



Employee News

New Officer

Officer Katrina Kilmer



Retirements

Officer Salvatore Stassi

Officer Glen Wintermute

2019 Points of Contact

CHIEF OF POLICE

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CAPTAIN

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Captain Chase Bilodeau
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LIEUTENANT

CID Commander, Training Coordinator, Evidence and Property

LIEUTENANT

Patrol Commander, Community Policing

Department Photos














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