Town of DeWitt Police Department

Annual Report

2020

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The Town of DeWitt, New York
Government Leadership



Supervisor Edward Michalenko

Town Board Members:

Joseph Chiarenza
Karen Doctor
Jack Dooling
Kerry Mannion
Kerin Rigney
Sam Young

Town of DeWitt, New York
Government Leadership Continued

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 Chairperson. The remaining Commissioners hold the status of non-voting 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.

2020 Police Commission

Kerin Rigney/Chair & Board member
Karen Docter/Board member
Sam Young/Board member
Tony Albanese
Bernard Alex
Shawn Carter
John Duncan
Laura Fiorenza
Paul Gottfried
Harry Kiddney
Rohin Mehta
David Newman
Armond Scipione
Robert Tackman

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!

Chase L. Bilodeau

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

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, industries, and a wide range of residential areas spread throughout the Town.

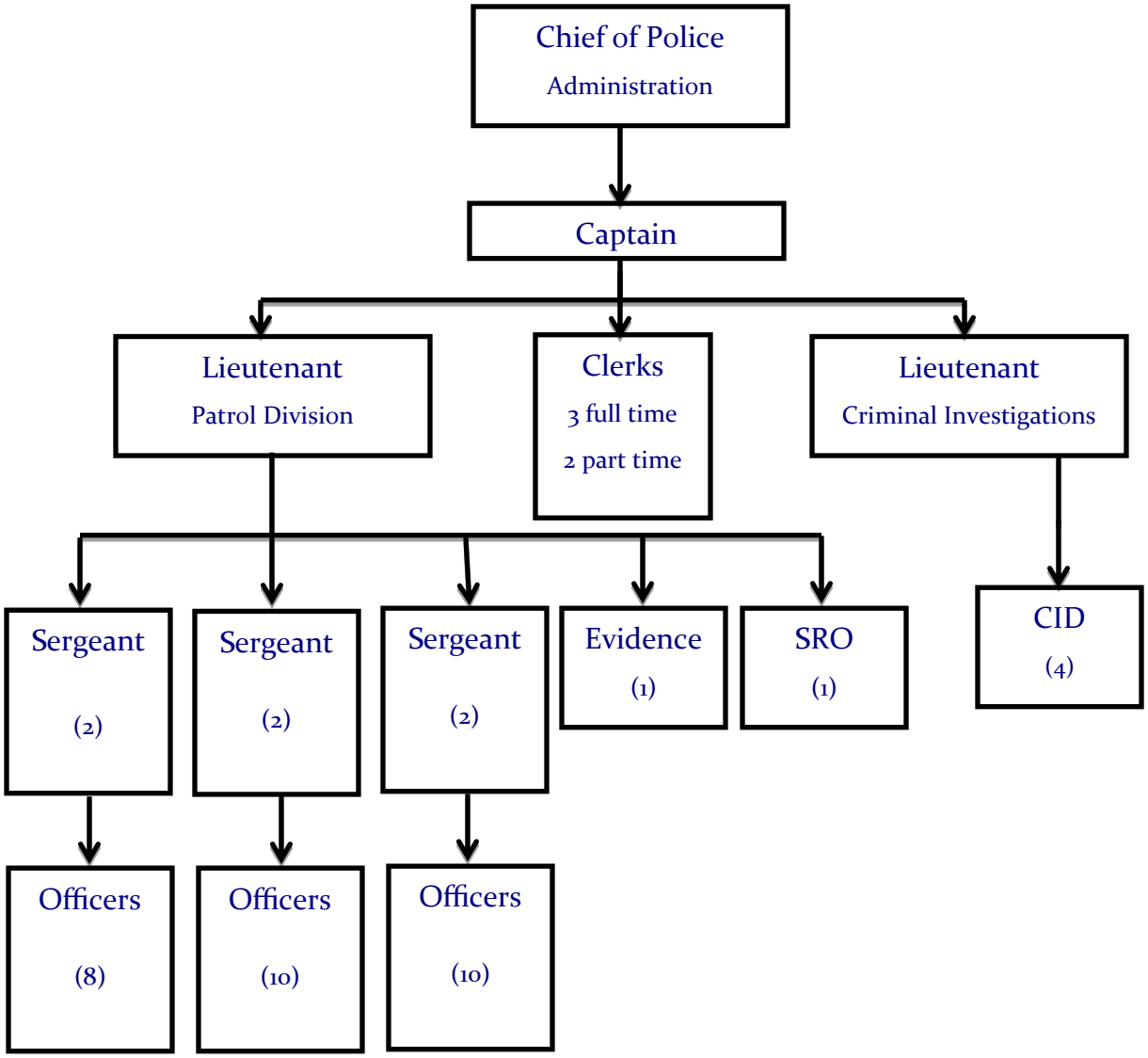
The DeWitt Police Department was founded in April of 1959 as the Volunteer DeWitt Police Unit which consisted of four, all volunteer special police officers. It wasn't until 1963 that the first full time paid employee was hired and the name was changed to the Town of DeWitt Police Department.

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 2020, The Town of DeWitt Police Department responded to 21,323 calls for service.

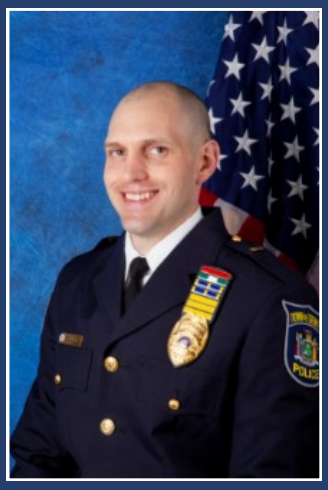
DeWitt Police Department Organizational Chart



Police Command Staff



Captain
Brenton White
Police Operations



Lieutenant
Christopher Fuller
CID Commander



Lieutenant
Jerry Pace
Patrol Commander

2020 Department Personnel

Chief of Police:
Chase Bilodeau

Captain:
Brenton White

Lieutenants:
Christopher Fuller
Jerry Pace

Sergeants:
Michael Kurgan
Andrew Fusco
Jarod Petrie
Zachary Morgan
Shane Spencer
Paul Pelton

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:
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
Jonathan Christian
Rebecca Bishop
Katherine Davies
Rory Spain
Katrina Kilmer
Tyler Smith
Susan Schoff
Damian Parker

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, and bicycle 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 2020, members of the Patrol Division issued 1,010 tickets.

Bicycle Patrol

The 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.



Sgt. A. Fusco



Ofc. C. Buyck



Ofc. A. Fratini



Ofc. J. Toomey



Ofc. R. Spain

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 one of 13 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.



Ofc. J. Conrad
Evidence and Property Officer
V/E. Syracuse: Dec. 2007 - May 2011
T/DeWitt: May 2011 - Present

Assigned in Nov. 2016 to the Evidence and Property Officer position.

Property and Evidence Room Manager

2020 items of evidence received:
1,539



Traffic Unit

The Town of DeWitt Police Traffic Unit consists of officers that are dedicated and passionate about enforcing traffic laws to ensure the safety of motorists on the road, with the intent of preventing motor vehicle collisions from occurring.

In 2020, the Town of DeWitt Police Department's Traffic Unit conducted multiple speed enforcement details, stemming from the complaints of various community members regarding speeding vehicles.

The Town of DeWitt Police Traffic Unit also deployed numerous directed details to combat the nuisance racing cars on Erie Boulevard, Thompson Rd., Route 298 and other areas throughout the town.

Additionally, the Town of DeWitt Police Traffic Unit conducted various traffic surveys regarding areas of concern raised by community members and deployed visible "Your Speed is..." signs throughout the town.

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)



Ofc. K. Skibinski

Ofc. Skibinski is the Town of DeWitt Police Department's only Drug Recognition Expert at this time. In order to become a DRE, Ofc. Skibinski had to first show proficiency at DWI investigations, complete the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) course, which is an advanced DWI training course. Ofc. Skibinski then had to complete an intensive application process to include a testing phase just to be accepted into the DRE course. This demanding course entails an academic portion and a field portion. Ofc. Skibinksi is an integral part to our Traffic Unit, and due to his DRE certification, is used to assist other agencies throughout the county

Accident Investigation Technician (AIT)

The AIT Unit provides the Department with specially trained individuals who can thoroughly document and investigate fatal and serious physical injury accidents within the Town of DeWitt. The officers assigned to this unit must complete four (4) weeks of training which consists of the basic, intermediate, advanced and technician levels. In addition to this, the unit members can receive additional training to become a reconstructionist and various alternative areas related to motor vehicle accidents.

The officers assigned to this unit also assist the Manlius Police Department when requested.

The AIT Unit members also receive specialized training on the FARO Scanner, which is an instrument that accurately scans accident scenes. The FARO scanner was purchased with the assistance of STOP DWI money.



Sgt. P. Pelton



Ofc. K. Skibinski

Reconstructionist



Inv. L. Maerz

Warrant Entry Unit



Sgt. Z. Morgan

The Warrant Entry Unit is comprised of officers that have further training in the areas of room entry and clearing and is supervised by Sgt. Z. Morgan. The Warrant Entry Unit receives additional training quarterly and conducts this training throughout the Town of DeWitt and at the Town of DeWitt Range.

The Warrant Entry Unit is mainly used to assist the Criminal Investigation Division to execute their warrants. Furthermore, this unit is capable of assisting the Road Patrol during higher than normal risk situations such as barricaded individuals.



Ofc. E. Mason



Ofc. D. Baumann



Ofc. D. Mower



Ofc. M. Ellis



Ofc. K. Skibinski



Inv. M. Menard



Ofc. C. Buyck



Ofc. A. Fratini



Ofc. A. Grizanti



Ofc. R. Spain

Honor Guard



Sgt. M. Kurgan



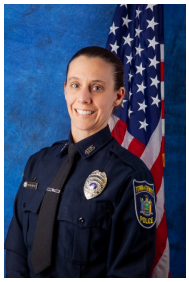
Sgt. A. Fusco



Sgt. J. Petrie



Ofc. E. Mason



Ofc. L. Pienkowski



Ofc. B. Mangano



Inv. M. Menard

The DeWitt Police Department Honor Guard is a trained unit that professionally represents the Department at official functions such as funerals, parades and other special events. The DeWitt Police Honor Guard is comprised of seven (7) department members led by Sgt. Kurgan.

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 specialized training.

In 2020 this unit conducted in-service training for each department officer and conducted additional In-Service training for officers with specialty duties such as Evidence Technician, Accident Reconstruction and our Warrant Entry Unit.

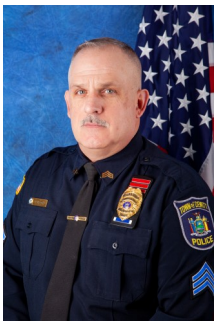
In-Service training this year included instruction on Legal Updates, Active Shooter, Critical Incident Response, Firearms, Warrant Service, Evidence Collection, Body Camera Policy and various Roll Call Trainings.

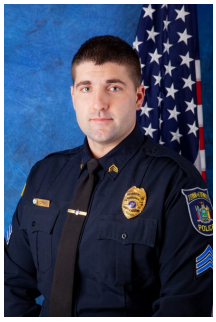
In addition to in-service training, officers are sent to a variety of specialized training schools throughout the year to enhance their value to the community and department. In 2020, these included: Various Leadership Trainings, Supervision Trainings, Firearms Instructor School, Bike School, Physical Fitness Instructor School, Reid Interview and Interrogation, Crisis Intervention Team Training, Active Shooter Training, Implicit Bias and Cultural Competence Workshop, Video Examination, Crisis Communication, Crisis Awareness, Suicide Prevention, and Assisting Individuals in Crisis, to name a few.

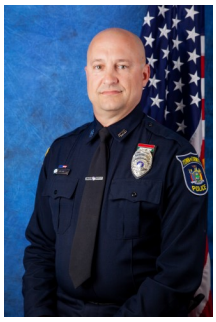
In total, the Town of DeWitt Police Department spent over 2,300 hours in training.

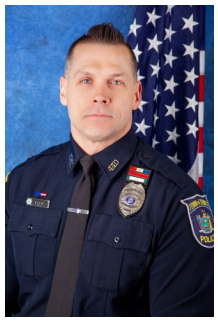
It should be noted that with the restrictions in regards to Covid-19 and a lot of facilities being closed down our training ability was greatly hampered. With that being said, we were able to accomplish a significant amount of training to better serve the community.

Firearms Trainers/Unit


Sgt. M. Kurgan


Sgt. Z. Morgan

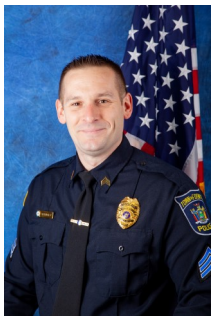

Ofc. D. Mower


Ofc. M. Ellis

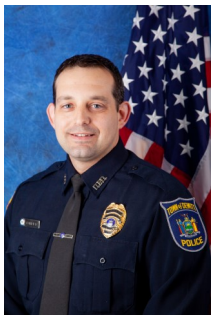

Inv. L. Byron


Ofc. J. Conrad

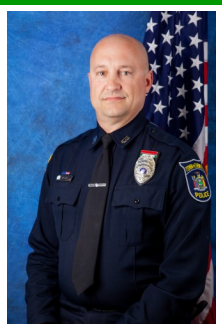
Defensive Tactics / Reality Based Trainers


Sgt. S. Spencer

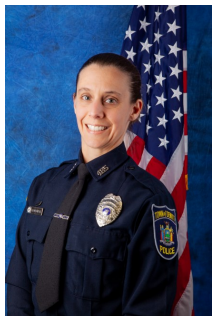
DT / RBT


Ofc. T. Farley

DT

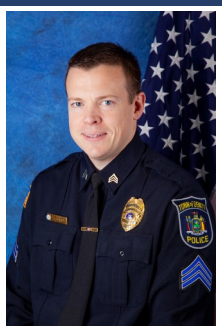

Ofc. D. Mower

RBT


Ofc. L. Pienkowski

DT

EVOC Trainers


Sgt. A. Fusco

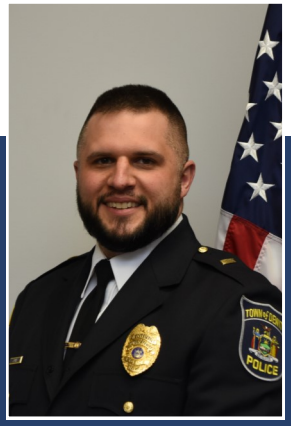

Ofc. J. Conrad

Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

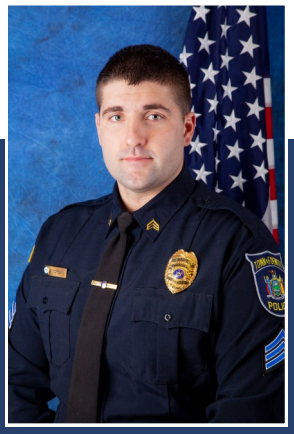
An Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a voluntary, work-based program that offers free and confidential assessments, short-term counseling, referrals, and follow-up services to employees who have personal and/or work-related problems. EAPs address a broad and complex body of issues affecting mental and emotional well-being, such as alcohol and other substance abuse, stress, grief, family problems, and psychological disorders. EAP counselors also work in a consultative role with managers and supervisors to address employee and organizational challenges and needs. Many EAPs are active in helping organizations prevent and cope with workplace violence, trauma and other emergency response situations.

In 2020, the DeWitt Police Department elected six department members to serve as Peer Support Leaders in conjunction with the Employee Assistance Program. These Peer Support Leaders are dedicated, compassionate and formally trained in providing support to co-workers who may be in crisis or in need of assistance.

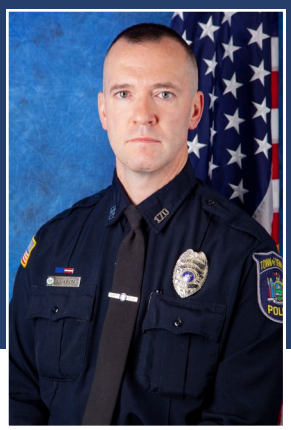
In September 2020, the six Peer Support Leaders attended the "Assisting Individuals in Crisis" Certification Training provided by the Western New York Law Enforcement Helpline. This training was held in Amherst, NY.



Lt. J. Pace



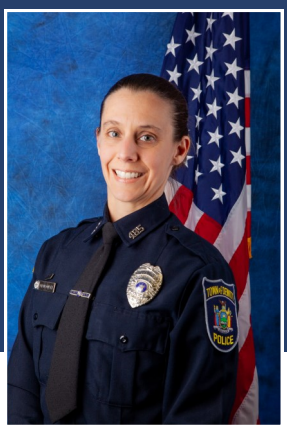
Sgt. Z. Morgan



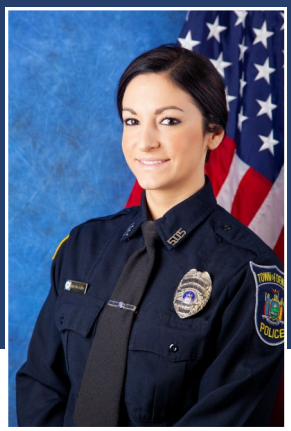
Ofc. E. Mason



Ofc. D. Baumann



Ofc. L. Pienkowski



Ofc. B. Mangano

Criminal Investigative 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 Town of DeWitt Police Department Investigators have many areas of specialties that they focus on.

In 2020, the Criminal Investigation Division received 282 cases and made 41 arrest.

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 an arrest.



Inv. Lucas Byron

Madison County Sheriff's Jail Deputy:
Aug. 2004 - Oct. 2005

Cazenovia PD:
Oct. 2005 - May 2009

DeWitt:
May 2009 - Present

Assigned to CID in 2015



Inv. Chad Frederick

DeWitt:
Jan. 2009 - April 2012

Watertown PD
April 2012 - March 2014

DeWitt:
March 2014 - Present

Assigned to CID in 2018



Inv. Matthew Menard

Military:
1999—2008

DeWitt:
Sept. 2015 - Present

Assigned to CID in 2019



Inv. Lorain Maerz

Cooperstown PD:
2006 - 2008

Norwich PD:
2008 - Nov. 2016
Promoted to Sgt: 2014

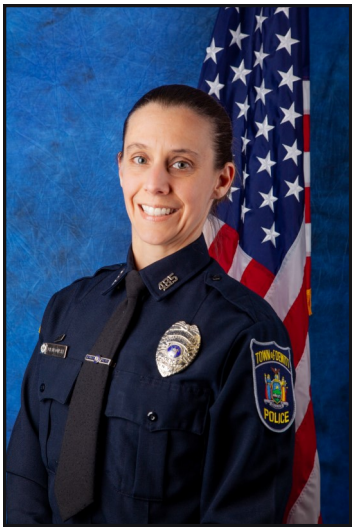
DeWitt:
Nov. 2015 - Present

Assigned to CID in 2019

Community Policing

School Resource Officer

In 2018, the Town of 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. The SRO's 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. The SRO works cooperatively with teachers to assist in developing specialty 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 64 classes at the school.



Ofc. Lindsey Pienkowski

School Resource Officer

New York Police Department (NYPD)

July 2001 - Oct. 2007

North Syracuse PD

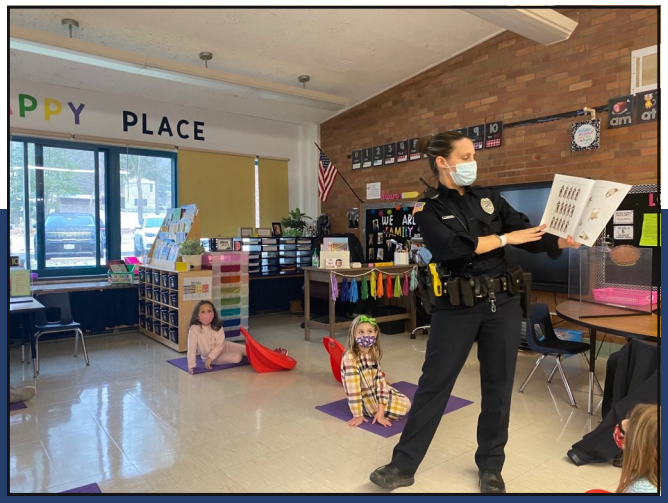
Oct. 2007 - June 2010

DeWitt Police Department

June 2010 - Present

Assigned to the SRO position on Sept. 2018

RED RAMS



Retirements



Chief J. Anton



Ofc. P. Hooser

Promotions



Chief C. Bilodeau



Capt. B. White



Lt. J. Pace



Sgt. P Pelton

New Officers



Ofc. T. Smith

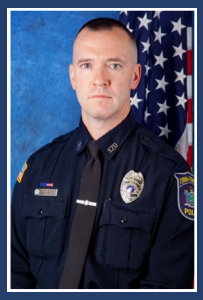


Ofc. S. Schoff



Ofc. D. Parker

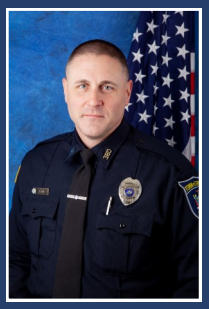
Those Who Served In The Military



Ofc. E. Mason
Army Reserve / Army National Guard
1992—2003
Sergeant
Op Noble Eagle



Ofc. T. Farley
USMC
1998 - 2004
Staff Sergeant
Op Iraqi Freedom 1



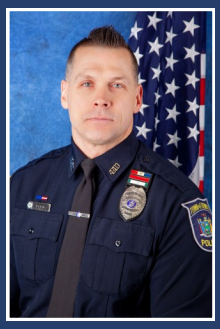
Ofc. J. Law
USMC



Ofc. J. MacDonald
US Army
1983 - 2003
1st Sergeant
Op Desert Shield
Op Desert Storm



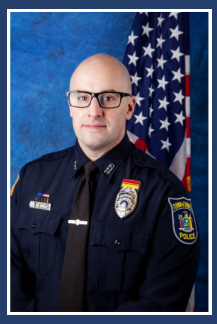
Ofc. D. Mower
USMC
1991 - 2000
Sergeant
Op Restore Hope
Op Provide Comfort
Army National Guard
1st Sergeant
WTC Search and Rescue Op
Op Noble Eagle
Op Enduring Freedom



Ofc. M. Ellis
US Army / Army National Guard
1993 - 2019
Sergeant 1st Class
Op Enduring Freedom
Guantanamo Bay



Ofc. M. Stanard
Army Reserve / US Army
2001 - 2009
Captain
Operation Enduring Freedom



Inv. M. Menard
USMC
1999 - 2008
Op. Iraqi Freedom
4 Deployments



Ofc. J. Baum
US Army
2009 - 2013
Captain
Op Enduring Freedom

Clerical Staff



Clerk A. Armstrong

5 years of service



Clerk J. McNeil

Retired DeWitt Officer
2 years of service



Clerk J. Emm

4 years of service



Clerk N. Zesky

Retired Manlius Officer
4 years of service



Administrative Clerk
L. Pulaski
18 years of service

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 Town of 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 Program 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 and internationally, through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). We are among only seven (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.

2020 Calls For Service as reported by the 911 Center

	2020
Ambulance Calls	501
Alarms - Burglary	671
Alarms - All Other	120
Animal Complaint	203
Assault	18
Auto Accident Injury	47
Auto Accident Property	870
Auto Accident Fatal	0
Bomb Threat	3
Burglary	105
Call for Police	360
Child Abuse	68
Criminal Mischief	132
Controlled Substance	79
Dispute	652
Disturbance	134
Dead Body	49
Domestic	665
DWI	28
Fight In Progress	75
Fire Call	166
Forgery/Fraud/Identity	85
Fireworks	98
Harassment	321
Police Information	208
Intoxicated Person	68
Disabled Vehicle	464
Juvenile Problem	69
Larceny	938

	2020
Lewdness	17
Lock Out	62
Noise Complaint	245
Mental Person	169
Missing Person	44
Murder	0
Open Door	34
Overdose	48
Property Check	5,893
Property - Lost/Found	181
Rape	4
Robbery	10
Shots Fired	47
Stabbing	3
Status Check - Citizen	238
Suicide	93
Suspicious Incident	64
Susp Person w/ Weapon	23
Sex offence	7
Suspicious Person	440
Suspicious Vehicle	402
Traffic Problem	239
Trespass	76
Veh Parking Violation	160
Vehicle Stolen	59
Veh & Traffic Stops	1,471
Wires Down	65

Vehicle & Traffic Tickets

2020

1,010

Custodial Arrests

Adults/Juveniles

2020

701/18

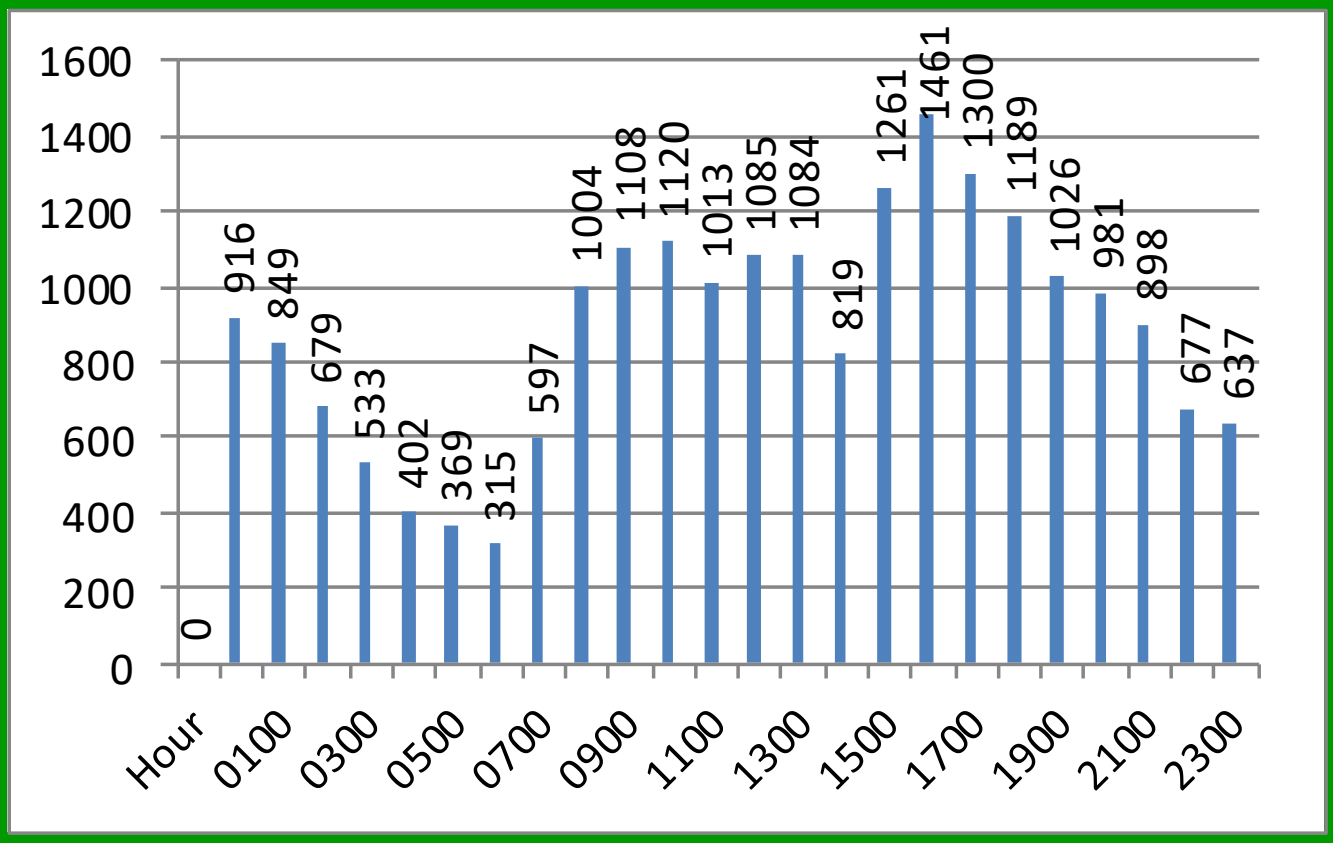
Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 1 Offenses

Year	2020
Murder	0
Rape	2
Robbery	9
Assault	30
Burglary	61
Larceny	559
Vehicle Thefts	39
Totals	**700**

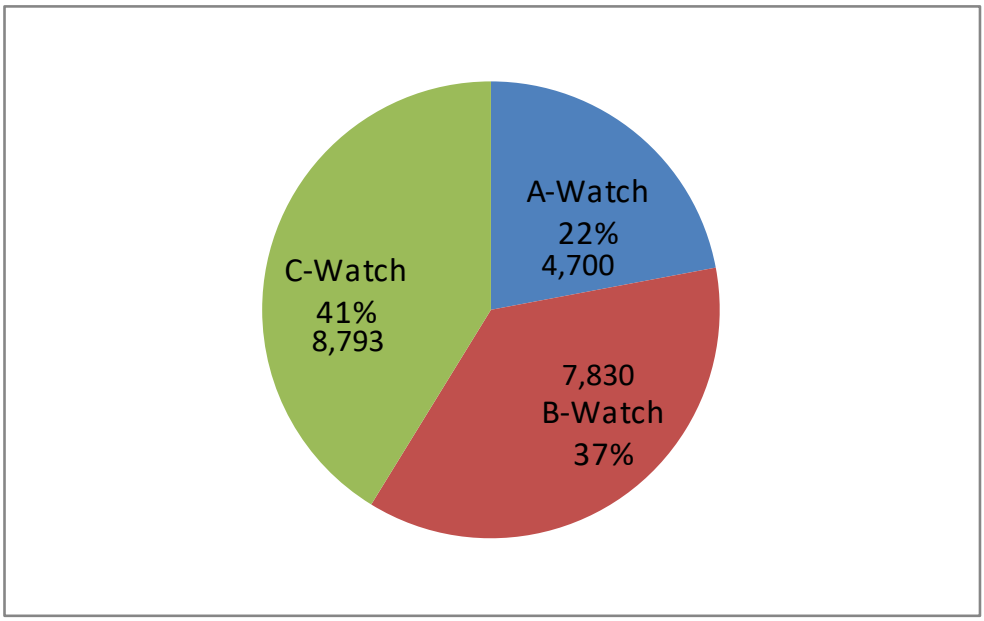
Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 2 Offenses

Year	2020
Arson	0
Kidnapping	7
Controlled Substances	27
Dangerous Weapons	9
Sex Offenses	4
Extortion	0
Forgery/Counterfeiting	19
Stolen Property	4
Prostitution & Vice	1
Coercion	0
Criminal Mischief	111
Fraud	23
Gambling	0
Offenses against Public Order	0
Embezzlement	1
Simple Assault	126
Offenses Against Family	1
Driving Under Influence	32
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	4
Possession of Burglar Tools	0
Liquor Law Violations	0
Disorderly Conduct	2
Loitering	0
All Other Offenses	57
Totals	**428**

Number of Calls By Hour of the Day



Percentage of Calls By Shift



Use of Force Review

The objective of this review was to examine our use of force for the year 2020 to identify patterns relating to:

- Date and time of incidents
- Types of encounters resulting in use of force
- Race, age and gender of subjects force was used on
- Injury to subjects or officers
- Needs for policy updates, equipment and training

Date and Time of Incident

In total, the Town of DeWitt Police Department had 51 separate cases with a total of 52 subjects where force was utilized on, with a total of 90 uses of force reports completed.

A Watch	B Watch	C Watch	CID	Total
15	19	15	2	51

Types of Encounters

The only type of encounter that appeared to have a number significant enough to categorize as a trend or pattern was domestic incidents which represented 13 of the incidents.

Race, Age and Gender

White	Black	Hispanic	Males	Females
32	17	3	36	16

Teens	20's	30's	40's	50's
6	14	19	19	3

Injury to Subjects and/or Officers

Only seven (7) subjects listed injuries resulting from the use of force. Of these, five (5) were minor abrasions or lacerations, and two (2) complained of pain. Only five (5) officers listed receiving injuries, all for minor abrasions or complaint of pain except one officer who had ligament damage to his shoulder.

Needs for Policy Updates, Equipment, or Training

During the past year the Town of DeWitt Police Department updated its Use of Force policy to maintain compliance with New York State and CALEA standards, adding definitions/prohibitions for chokeholds and neck restraints.

Vehicle Pursuit Review

In 2020, the Town of DeWitt Police Department engaged in seven (7) vehicle pursuits which consisted of the following:

1. **July 4th** - Suspect vehicle involved in a shooting. The pursuit was subsequently terminated by the Sergeant due to aggressive driving.
2. **July 17th** - Suspect vehicle driving 120 MPH on Rt. 481. Driver was subsequently cited.
3. **Sept. 18th** - Stolen vehicle. The pursuit was terminated by the officer due to aggressive driving.
4. **Oct. 13th** - Known suspect involved in a burglary, the pursuit was subsequently terminated by the officer due to the vehicle speeds, and because the suspect was known.
5. **Oct. 22nd** - Assisted OCSO with a stolen vehicle. The suspects were subsequently arrested.
6. **Nov. 7th** - Stolen vehicle in which the suspects were subsequently arrested.
7. **Nov. 9th** - Assisted Oswego County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force who were in pursuit of a felony suspect. The suspect was subsequently arrested.

Town of DeWitt Police Benevolent Association

History

The DeWitt PBA was formed in 1967 as a result of DeWitt Police Officers being paid a salary as low as $5,200.00 a year and working in a dangerously understaffed department. At that time it was reported that a skilled worker was earning a salary ranging from $11,000.00 to $12,000.00 and a college educated individual was earning a salary of as much as $20,000.00 a year. The first contract was signed with the Town of DeWitt and the DeWitt PBA in 1969.

About

Throughout the years the DeWitt PBA has changed and conformed to meet the needs of its members, but the overall mission has remained the same: ***To promote the welfare of its members by fostering and encouraging it through fraternal cooperation and fellowship. To act as a charitable organization for the good and welfare of the community in which its members serve.*** Today, the DeWitt PBA is comprised of active uniformed members of the DeWitt Police Department from the rank of Police Officer through the rank of Sergeant.

The DeWitt PBA is a strong organization that relies heavily on the support of its members and is as active now as in the past as it is the primary bargaining unit of its officers and sergeants involving terms and conditions of employment.

The DeWitt PBA is affiliated with the New York State Union of Police Associations, Inc. (NYSUPA). NYSUPA is a not-for-profit organization that fights for the rights and welfare of public safety officers and they provide the DeWitt PBA with expertise in negotiating collective bargaining agreements, enforcing employee contractual rights, defending their members in disciplinary proceedings, and litigating terms and conditions of employment during interest arbitration proceedings before the Public Employment Relations Board. NYSUPA, Inc. advises the DeWitt PBA Executive Board and membership on how to best protect employee rights and improve the lives of the DeWitt PBA membership.

The DeWitt PBA is a very active within the community and maintains a deep involvement with various stakeholders and charitable groups.

The following are just a few of the programs that the DeWitt PBA volunteers with or has recently donated to:

Toy Express
Shop with a Cop
Make-A-Wish of CNY
Special Olympics
Police Officer Thomas M. Lindsey Foundation
Police Officer Kevin "BING" Crossley Foundation
Joseph's Experience, Inc.
Police Unity Tour, Chapter 37 NY
DeWitt Rotary Club
Vietnam Veterans Association of CNY
Vera House (Shelter and support for victims of domestic violence)
Emma's Hope (Helps parents of children diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses)
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation "Extreme Hike"
Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation
Jowonio School
Detective William "Bomber" Lashomb Fund
American Legion

Community Based Objectives:

To support activities which serve to enhance the quality of life of the citizens of the Town of DeWitt, and to support other institutions and organizations with similar goals.

To promote a high degree of professionalism and pride within the membership and the department, and promote and enhance the relationships between the membership and the citizens of the Town of DeWitt.

The DeWitt PBA Executive Board along with all of the members would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have and continue to support our organization!

Recruitment

Police Officer Benefits Package

All Town of DeWitt Police Department positions are civil service positions and are subject to the rules and regulations established through the New York State Civil Service Department and the Onondaga County Department of Personnel. The Town of DeWitt Police Department is an equal opportunity employer.

Employment may be pursued by the following methods

1. Civil Service Test:
   Onondaga County Dept of Personnel
   421 Montgomery St. 13th Floor
   Syracuse, NY 13214
2. Lateral Transfers; Resume may be forwarded to:
   Captain Brenton White
   Town of DeWitt Police Department
   5400 Butternut Drive
   East Syracuse, NY 13057
   bwhite@townofdewitt.com

The Town of DeWitt Police Department is currently seeking lateral transfers for the position of Police Officer. Candidates must have a New York State Police Officer's certification issued by D.C.J.S. Increased pay and benefits are commensurate with training and experience. Please forward resumes to Captain Brenton White at bwhite@townofdewitt.com

Police Officers employed within the State of New York or Onondaga County must be certified and must be employed (full time status) as a police officer and have passed a civil service exam to be considered for a transfer. Onondaga County will not allow direct transfers from out of state police agencies.

** Certified Police Officers from other agencies interested in employment with DeWitt Police Department will be considered for increased starting salary and vacation benefits depending on experience.

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