Town of DeWitt Police Department

Annual Report

2023

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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
Sarah Klee Hood
Max Ruckdeschel

The 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.

2023 Police Commission

Karen Docter/Chair & Board member
Jack Dooling/Board member
Sarah Klee Hood/Board member
John Duncan
Paul Gottfried
David Newman
Bernard Alex
Rohin Mehta
Laura Fiorenza
Ernestine Cooper
Lorene Dadey
Susan DeMari
Daniel Malay

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 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) 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.

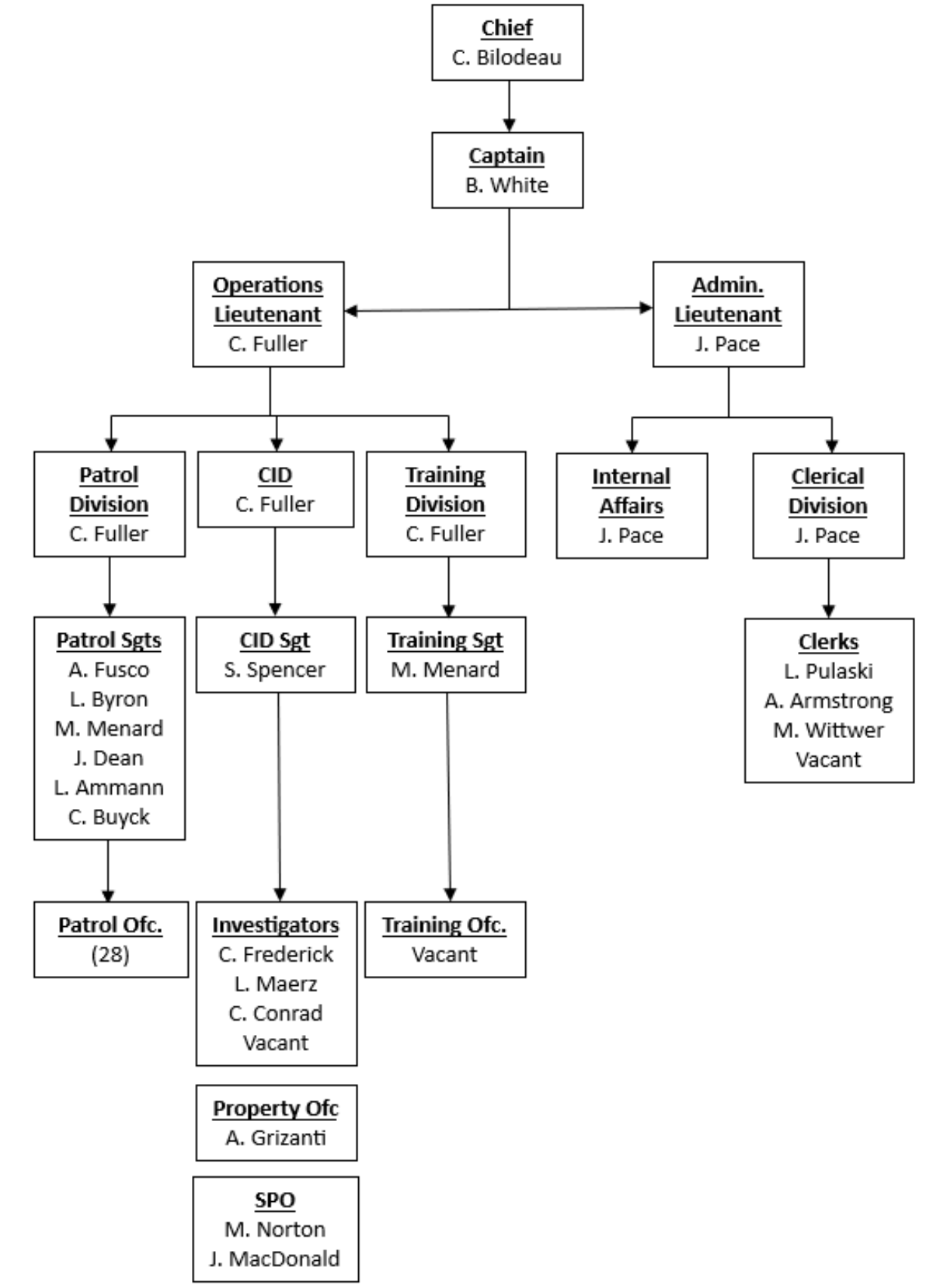
The DeWitt Police Department was founded in April of 1959 as the Volunteer DeWitt Police Unit which consisted of four, all volunteer special police officers. It wasn't until 1963 that the first full time paid employee was hired and the name was changed to the Town of DeWitt Police Department.

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 53 employees today to include 47 sworn, 4 civilian staff, and 2 consultants. The Department is comprised of a Chief of Police, 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 8 Sergeants, 4 Investigators, 2 School Resource Officers, 1 Evidence Officer, and 28 Patrol Officers on three shifts.



In 2023, The Town of DeWitt Police Department responded to **23,797** calls for service.

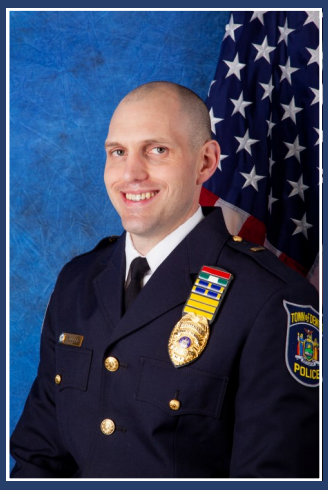
DeWitt Police Department Organizational Chart



Police Command Staff



Captain
Brenton White
Police Operations



Lieutenant
Christopher Fuller
Operations Lieutenant
Employee Development



Lieutenant
Jerry Pace
Administrative Lieutenant

2023 Department Personnel

Chief of Police:
Chase Bilodeau

Captain:
Brenton White

Lieutenants:
Christopher Fuller
Jerry Pace

Sergeants:
Andrew Fusco
Shane Spencer
Paul Pelton
Lucas Byron
Matthew Menard
James Dean
Ludmilla Ammann
Corey Buyck

Investigators:
Chad Frederick
Loriann Maerz
Jeffrey Conrad

School Resource Officer:
Michael Norton
Jeffrey MacDonald

Evidence Officer:
Anthony Grizanti

Clerical Staff:
Laura Pulaski
Alyssa Armstrong
James Emm
Michel Wittwer

Patrol Officers:

Donald Baumann
Denis Mower
Michael Ellis
Stacey Wickes
Kevin Skibinski
Alexander Fratini
Jonathan Christian
Rebecca Bishop
Katherine Goode
Rory Spain
Tyler Smith
Susan Schoff
Damian Parker
Enes Hujdur
Andrew Miller
Joseph Dillabough
Jade Shimer
Christopher Armstrong
Robert Lyons
David Slattery
Connor Smith
Francis Wiggin
Dre Everson
Christian Maloney
Brendan Fesinger
Jacob Heinrich

Patrol Division

The DeWitt Police Patrol Division consists of one lieutenant, six sergeants and 29 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

Nineteen 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 2023, members of the Patrol Division stopped 5554 vehicles, and issued 2133 tickets.

In 2023 Town of DeWitt police officers secured 55 firearms; 28 handguns and 27 long guns, related to criminal cases and safe-keeping purposes.

A few notable incidents:

February 16, 2023 – Robbery – James St/Kinne St

On Thursday February 16, 2023, officers were dispatched to 101 Avon St T/DeWitt for a reported assault/robbery complaint, that occurred near the intersection of James St and Kinne St. Upon arrival they met with the victim who was 15 years old. The victim reported that he was jumped, and his property was stolen while walking with his friends. It was reported that the victim was beat up by a group of juveniles and one juvenile stated he had a gun. The victim was sitting in the front seat of his father's truck and seemed dazed and confused. The victim had a fat lip, a bruised/swollen cheek, a black right eye, glassy eyes and a head injury/concussion. The victim could not remember the incident, prior to the incident or after the incident. Officers interviewed several witnesses and were able to determine the suspect in the incident who had punched the victim from behind and stolen his property. After obtaining several statements they arranged for the suspect who was also 15 to be brought to the department by his mother and he was arrested for Robbery in the 2nd degree.

May 11, 2023 – Vehicle Fire

On May 11, Officer Buyck responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries, that involved a trapped operator of a vehicle that had caught on fire. Upon arrival Officer Buyck began assisting with removing the driver of a white cargo van, which had sustained heavy front-end damage from a front-end collision after rear ending a large box truck. The operator of the vehicle was trapped in the vehicle due to the compression of the front end, the doors to the van could not be opened and his foot and leg were also stuck underneath the collapsed dashboard. The engine compartment had also caught fire and was beginning to spread into the floorboard at the feet of the entrapped driver. Officer Buyck initially attempted to pull the driver's door open but was unable, he then retrieved a fire extinguisher and began spraying it inside the driver's window to help buy more time to get the driver out of the van, as personnel from EAVES ambulance sprayed the engine compartment with their own extinguishers. Officer Buyck then took control of a Halligan pry bar and began hammering and prying at the door in an attempt to gain access to pull the driver out, eventually folding the door in half, where he would have a better angle to pull the driver from the van. The driver attempted to climb out of the doorway opened by Officer Buyck but was unable to due to his foot being stuck. Officer Buyck had the driver lay his back against him and worked to dislodge his foot, while other first responders on scene sprayed another round of fire extinguishers into the van as the driver began to scream out because the flames were at his feet. Officer Buyck continued to try to pull him out and eventually the driver's foot came free, and Officer Buyck then pulled him out of the van before the driver sustained any serious injury from the flames.

August 5, 2023—Traffic Stop resulting in a Stolen Gun being recovered—Roberts St.

August 5, 2023, Officer Thompson conducted a vehicle and traffic stop on Roberts St. at Kirkville Rd. The motor vehicle in question was operated by a male with whom she was familiar with from past dealings. He was nervous, sweating and not acting in his usual manner. Officer Thompson believed that she was being deceitful with her and after detaining him for AUO 2nd she searched the vehicle incident to arrest. Prior to the vehicle being towed, her and Officer Smith found a red satchel with a stolen handgun located in the engine compartment. They both observed aftermarket wires from the floorboard to the engine compartment which prompted the engine compartment to be searched. Located with the handgun they also found a loaded magazine with spare rounds. The handgun, a Hi Point 380, was reported stolen in 2019 to the Virginia Beach Police Department.

October 20, 2023 – Stabbing—Caton Drive

On October 20th, officer's were dispatched to 9 Caton Drive for a Domestic with a weapon. Upon arrival units were met by a witness who advised they found the male half in the common area of the apartment bleeding from the abdomen. Officers stayed with the male and rendered aid until the arrival of EMS. The male half had parts of his intestine hanging out of his body and also a large laceration to his arm. The male reported that his girlfriend had stabbed him multiple times. Units responded to the apartment and ordered the female half to the ground and took her into custody without further incident after she complied. The male required emergency surgery but is expected to survive. The female was interviewed by Ofc. Fratini and made admissions to committing the attack. It appeared the female was emotionally disturbed and gave illogical reasons for the attack.

In 2023 Town of DeWitt Police Officers made 1,044 arrest which consisted of 245 Felonies, 752 Misdemeanors, and 36 Violations.

In Addition, the Officers made 307 warrant arrests.

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



Sgt. C. Buyck



Ofc. A. Fratini



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 14 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. A. Grizanti
Evidence and Property Officer
T/DeWitt: Jan 2018 - Present

Assigned in April 2023 to the Evidence and Property Officer position.

Property and Evidence Room Manager

2023 items of evidence received:
1,627



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.

Accidents 2023

Total Crashes:	1,254
Crashes w/ Pedestrians:	21
Crashes w/ Injuries	181
Crashes w/ Leaving the Scene	197
Total Crashes Reconstructed	4



Ofc. K. Skibinski

Drug Recognition Expert
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Since August 2022, Officer Skibinski has been working toward becoming certified in Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. Ofc. Skibinski has been working with the NYS Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier Division to provide periodic safety inspections on commercial vehicles that travel within the Town of DeWitt.

These safety inspections are designed to ensure that commercial vehicles that travel on our roads are in compliance with all safety standards and possess the necessary safety equipment. These safety inspections ensure that the commercial vehicles are safe to travel on the roadways; the same roadways that are shared with pedestrians and passenger vehicles in our community.

Accident Investigation Technician (AIT)

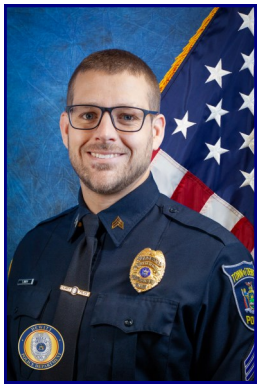
The AIT Unit provides the Department with specially trained individuals who can thoroughly document and investigate fatal and serious physical injury accidents within the Town of DeWitt. The officers assigned to this unit must complete four weeks of training which consists of the basic, intermediate, 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.

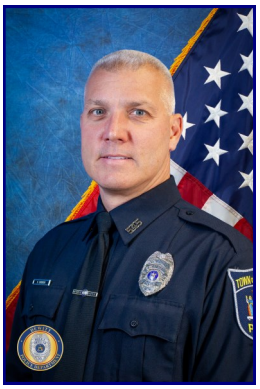
The AIT Unit members also receive specialized training on the FARO Scanner, which is an instrument that accurately scans accident scenes. The FARO scanner was purchased with the assistance of STOP DWI money.



Sgt. P. Pelton

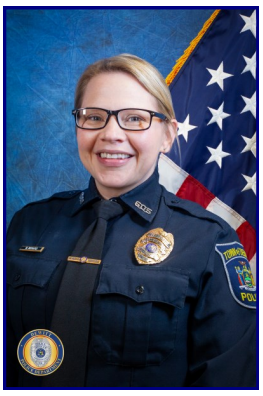


Sgt. C. Buyck



Ofc. K. Skibinski

Reconstructionist



Inv. L. Maerz

Flock Camera System

In our continuous commitment to fostering a safer community, we are delighted to unveil the Flock Camera System—an innovative tool designed to elevate our department's capabilities in delivering optimal service to our community.

The Flock Camera System seamlessly integrates cutting-edge technology with a community-centric approach, providing our officers with invaluable insights to enhance their ability to serve and protect. Strategically positioned throughout the Town and Village, these high-resolution cameras play a pivotal role in bolstering safety, enabling swift responses to incidents, and contributing to the successful resolution of cases.

More than just a deterrent, the Flock Camera System instills a sense of security by swiftly addressing and resolving issues. It exemplifies our unwavering commitment to harnessing technology for the greater good, contributing to the creation of a harmonious and secure environment for all residents.

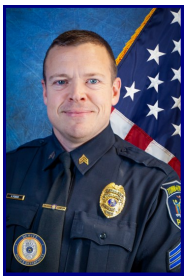
This initiative has been made possible through the collaborative efforts of our local government, including the Town of DeWitt and the Village of East Syracuse, as well as key local partnerships with organizations like the Jewish Federation of Central New York and Lotte Biologics.

We are thrilled to share that the department has acquired 23 cameras, which will be strategically placed throughout the Town and Village. These cameras not only enhance our local capabilities but also facilitate information sharing with neighboring jurisdictions, both within Onondaga County and across the state and nation.

We look forward to the positive impact the Flock Camera System will have on our community and appreciate the ongoing support of our partners in making this project a reality.

flock safety

Honor Guard



Sgt. A. Fusco



Sgt. M. Menard



Ofc. A. Fratini



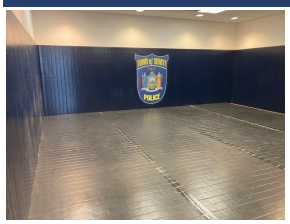
Ofc. E. Hujdur



Ofc. J. Dillabough

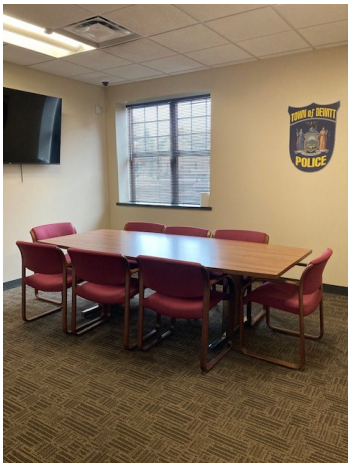
The DeWitt Police Department Honor Guard is a trained unit that professionally represents the Department at official functions such as funerals, parades and other special events. The DeWitt Police Honor Guard is comprised of five department members led by Sgt. Fusco.

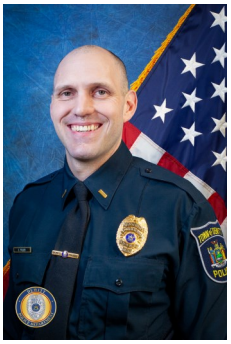
Professional Development and Training Unit



The Town of DeWitt Police Department created, and staffed a new Employee Development/Training Division dedicated to the review and analyzing of body worn camera footage and training. In addition to our regularly scheduled in-service trainings, which consist of Legal Updates, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, Firearms, Role Based Training/Scenarios, Defensive Tactics, First Aide, Biased Based Police, etc., members are brought in to review every use of force that they are involved in, critical incident, or complaint for training purposes. This provides the officers with significantly more training, continual improvement and significantly more repetitions in order to strengthen their foundation.

The Town of DeWitt Police Department is committed to providing our officers with the best, most up to date training possible so that the officers are better equipped to serve our community.

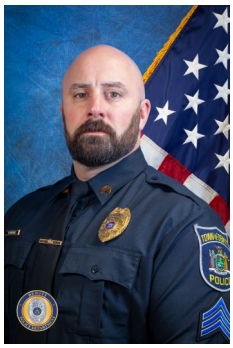




Lt. C. Fuller

Training Coordinator

DT Instructor



Sgt. M. Menard

Training Sergeant

DT Instructor

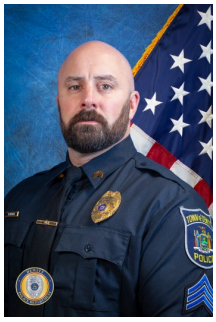
Firearms Instructor

RBT Instructor

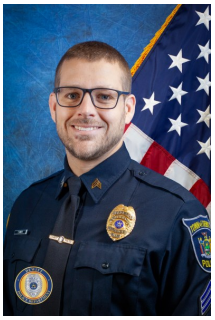
Firearms Trainers/Unit



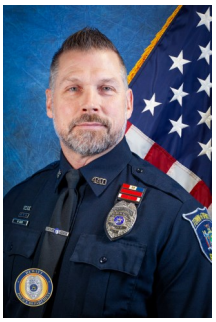
Sgt. L. Byron



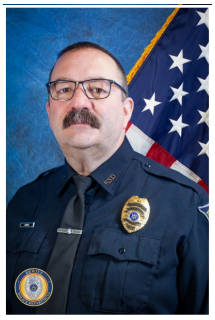
Sgt. M. Menard



Sgt. C. Buyck



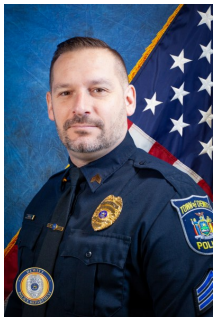
Ofc. M. Ellis



Ofc. J. Conrad

Defensive Tactics/Reality Based Training

EVOC Trainers



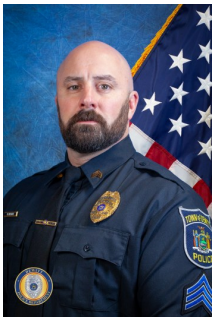
Sgt. S. Spencer

DT / RBT



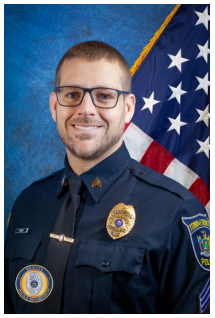
Sgt. L. Byron

RBT



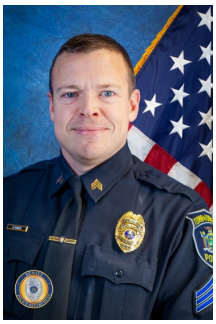
Sgt. M. Menard

DT/RBT

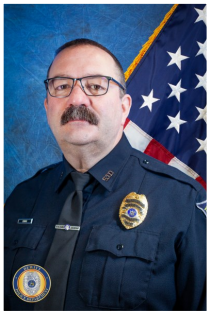


Sgt. C. Buyck

DT



Sgt. A. Fusco



Ofc. J. Conrad

2023 Town of DeWitt Trainings

Every Member of the Town of DeWitt Police Department completed the following training throughout the year 2023

Manual Order Updates

In-service Training which consisted of the following

- Defensive Tactics
- EVOC
- Firearms (Handgun) - Daylight
- Reality Based Training
- AED/CPR
- Mental Health/Crisis Communication
- SFST Refresher
- Legal Updates
- Firearms (Handgun, Rifle, Less Lethal Shotgun) - Night

In addition to the above listed in-house training, members of the Town of DeWitt Police Department completed the following training in 2023.

Police Supervision (Requirement for newly promoted Sergeants)
Leadership Training
Assisting Individuals in Crisis (EAP)
Group Crisis Intervention Training
Field Training Officer (FTO) Course
Basic and Advanced School Resource Officer Course
Property and Evidence Room Management
NCTC Complete Traffic Stop Course
Instructor Development Course (IDC)
Wellness
Defensive Edge Armorer Course
Reid Interview Course
Taser Instructor Course
Reality Based Instructor Course
Trauma Informed Victim Response Training
Firearms Instructor Course
BAO Operator Course
EVOC Instructor Course
Active Shooter Incident Mgmt, with Complex Incidents
Crash Management Course (AIT)
Stop DWI Conference
Search Warrant Training
Onondaga County School Threat Assessment Training
Patrol Rifle Operators Course
NCT

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

In 2023, the Criminal Investigation Division received 175 cases and closed out 28 cases by arrests, while making a total of 63 arrests.



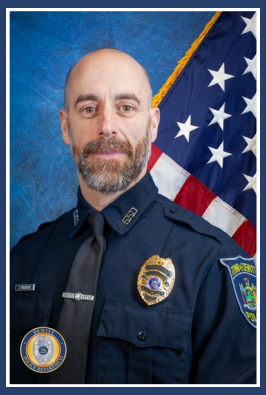
Sgt. Shane Spencer

City of Oswego PD:
2009 - 2012

DeWitt:
2012 - Present
Promoted to Sgt in 2018

Assigned to CID in 2022

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. Chad Frederick

DeWitt:
2009 - 2012

Watertown PD
2012 - 2014

DeWitt:
2014 - Present

Assigned to CID in 2018



Inv. Loriann Maerz

Cooperstown PD:
2006 - 2008

Norwich PD:
2008 - 2016
Promoted to Sgt: 2014

DeWitt:
2015 - Present

Assigned to CID in 2019



Inv. Jeffrey Conrad

East Syracuse PD
2008 - 2011

DeWitt:
2011 - Present

Assigned to CID in 2022

2023 Town of DeWitt Notable CID Cases

School Threat

On March 6th, 2023, Inv. Maerz assisted patrol with a SRST at Bishop Grimes School. Inv. Maerz interviewed a male juvenile who according to students at Bishop Grimes made various school shooting threats on social media sites such as Discord. Inv. Maerz was able to gain a good rapport with the student who admitted to having ideologies of committing a school shooting and would have already done it if she had access to firearms. The student also advised the main target was a fellow classmate she had a crush on. Inv. Maerz charged the juvenile with making a terroristic threat (D Felony) and the juvenile was remanded to Hillbrook. Inv. Maerz is working with the FBI to gather more information on the other online associates sympathetic to the juvenile's ideologies. Inv. Maerz currently has multiple search warrants out to social media companies and is applying for warrants for computers seized.

Stabbing Investigation

On July 26th, Inv. Frederick arrested a subject for a stabbing that had occurred early in the month at Cliffs located at 3100 Erie Blvd E. Through Inv. Frederick's investigation, he was able to identify the subject and through surveillance of a location at N. Crouse Ave and Lodi Street in the City of Syracuse he was able to locate the subject. Inv. Frederick and CID members were able to arrest the suspect as he walked to his vehicle (same vehicle used in stabbing) without incident. The suspect gave a full confession and was arrested for Assault 2nd (D Felony) and CPW 4th (A Misd). He was released after arraignment.

Homicide Investigation

On September 19th, members of CID along with the NYSP, Oneida County Sheriff's Office and Utica Police Department arrested Ebae Shambley for the murder of Paul Washington Jr which occurred on April 18th at the Best Western Plus on Old Collamer Road South. Inv. Maerz was the lead investigator and spent nearly 5 months working to develop a suspect and through numerous search warrants determined that Ebae Shambley was responsible for the death of Washington. On September 19th, CID worked with 40 plus members of other law enforcement agencies locating witnesses, conducting search warrants, and locating Shambley at his place of employment. Shambley is currently held at the Justice Center, charged with Murder 2nd and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd.

Suspicious Activity Investigation which lead to Burglary Arrests

On October 19th, 2023, Sgt. Spencer and Inv. Conrad observed suspicious activity in front of 203 Butternut Drive and requested assistance from Inv. Frederick and Inv. Maerz for conducting surveillance on a suspicious vehicle which was occupied. About an hour later the vehicle left the area and Sgt. Spencer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle that had switched plates, no registration in the window or inspection sticker. Contact was made with three subjects, one who was sweating profusely in the back seat while wearing an orange construction vest. All three subjects did not speak English and assistance of a Spanish speaking officer was requested. Further investigation determined that all subjects were from Columbia via NYC. Due to no subject having a valid NYS License and the switched plates, it was determined the vehicle would be towed from the scene. During an inventory search, a cell phone wrapped in green camouflage adhesive leaves was located with a power source. This was the article that drew the attention of Sgt. Spencer when he originally saw the driver searching the back of the guard rail in front of 203 Butternut Drive. A further search of the vehicle revealed approximately $14,500 in US Currency, $1,500 in Chinese currency and 30-35k in high end purses, bags, perfumes, etc. At this time, it was believed that the subjects had committed a burglary, targeting an Asian American business owner as this was the MO across the Northeast. Inv. Frederick responded to 203 Butternut Drive where he observed an open back door and confirmed a Burglary did occur with the proceeds being the vehicle. All three subjects were arrested for Burglary 2nd (C Felony), Grand Larceny 2nd (C Felony) and Possession of Burglar tools (A Misd). All three subjects were arraigned and held on bail. Two of the subjects have ICE detainers as they are illegal immigrants.

Community Policing

Special Patrol Officers

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.



SPO. Michael Norton

School Resource Officer

Onondaga County Sheriff's Department

Oct 1990 - Jan. 2021

Promoted to Sergeant in August 1991

Assigned to the SPO position on Aug. 2021



SPO. Jeffrey MacDonald

School Resource Officer

Town of DeWitt Police Department

Jan 2005 - Jan. 2022

Assigned to the SPO position on Aug. 2023

RED RAMS

ESM
East Syracuse Minoa
Central School District

Retirements



Ofc. E. Mason



Ofc. M. Stanard
Medical

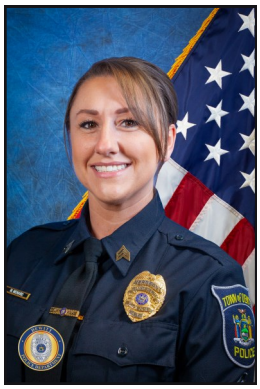


Ofc. S. Chapa
Medical

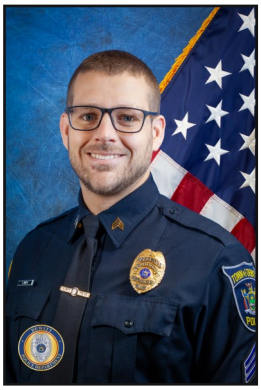


Ofc. B. Mangano
Disability

Promotions

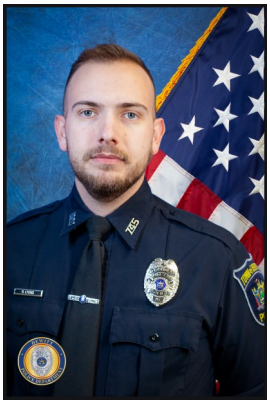


Sgt. L. Ammann

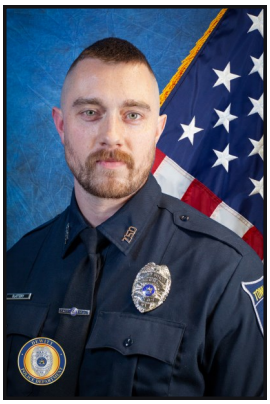


Sgt. C. Buyck

New Officers



Ofc. R. Lyons

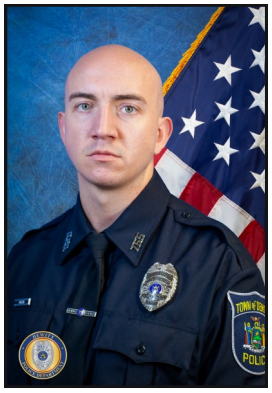


Ofc. D. Slattery

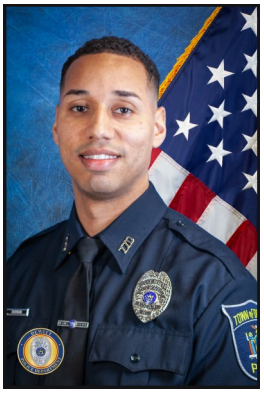
New Hires Continued



Ofc. C. Smith



Ofc. F. Wiggin



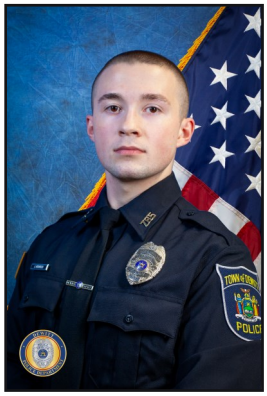
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Ofc. C. Maloney



Ofc. B. Fesinger

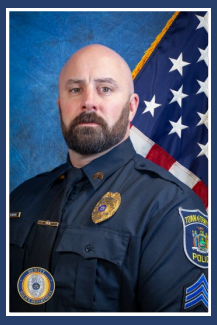


Ofc. J. Heinrich

Those Who Served In The Military



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



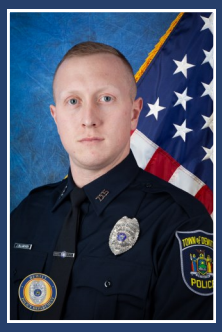
Sgt. M. Menard
USMC
1999 - 2008
Op. Iraqi Freedom
4 Deployments



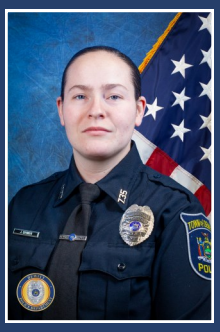
Ofc. D. Parker
Army National Guard
Specialist
2018 - Present



Ofc. A. Miller
US Army
Army National Guard
2007 - Present
Major
Op Enduring Freedom
Op Inherent Resolve



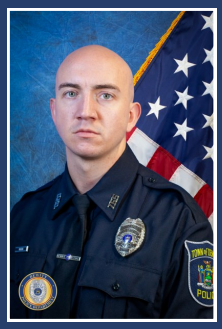
Ofc. J. Dillabough
Air National Guard
2017 - Present
Staff Sergeant
Op Raven Dew
Op Deep Freeze



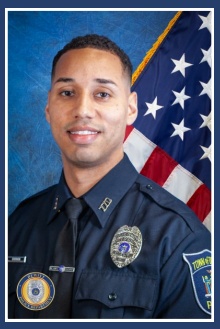
Ofc. J. Shimer
NY Army National Guard
2022—Present



Ofc. D. Slattery
Air Force
2016—2019



Ofc. F. Wiggin
Army
2018—Present
1st Lieutenant
NYS Covid Humanitarian



Ofc. D. Everson
Navy
2022—Present

Clerical Staff



Administrative Clerk
L. Pulaski
21 years of service
2002—Present



Clerk A. Armstrong

8 years of service

2015—Present



Michel Wittwer

2 year of service

2021—Present

Our clerical staff plays a pivotal role within our organization, handling a myriad of tasks that are essential to the seamless functioning of our department. Often working behind the scenes, their contributions are invaluable and frequently go unnoticed. Acting as the bridge between our department and the court, they navigate the intricacies of legal procedures. Their involvement in the discovery process ensures that information flows efficiently, aiding in the pursuit of justice. Additionally, our clerical team diligently manages an array of state and federal documentation, ensuring compliance and upholding the highest standards of legal protocol. Their assistance in the Foil process further highlights their commitment to transparency and accountability. In essence, our clerical staff's dedication and expertise are integral to the overall success of our operations, and their efforts deserve recognition and appreciation.

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, 2018, and 2023.

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 twelve (12) 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, and 2023. Each of these assessments have found the agency in compliance with all standards and the department will be re-accredited at the annual CALEA conference in Mobile, Alabama in March of 2024.

2023 Calls For Service as reported by the 911 Center

Ambulance Calls—584	Juvenile Problem—65
Burglary Alarms—628	Larceny—1091
Other Alarms—138	Lewdness—14
Animal Complaint—183	Lock Out—58
Assault—28	Noise Complaint—163
Motor Vehicle Collision Injury—181	Person in Crisis—257
Motor Vehicle Collision Damage—938	Missing Person—47
Motor Vehicle Collision Fatal—2	Murder—2
Bomb Threat—2	Open Door—32
Burglary—111	Overdose—61
Call for Police—271	Property Check—5638
Child Abuse—65	Rape—4
Criminal Mischief—157	Sex Offense—23
Controlled Substance—43	Robbery—16
Dispute—668	Shots Fired—23
Disturbance—123	Stabbing—1
Death—25	Suicide—160
Domestic Disturbance—794	Citizen Status Check—313
Driving While Intoxicated—18	Suspicious Person with a Weapon—29
Fight in Progress—84	Suspicious Person—436
Fire—148	Suspicious Vehicle—361
Forgery / Identity Theft—75	Traffic Problem—699
Fireworks—26	Trespassing—98
Harassment— 445	Vehicle Parking Violation—177
Police Information—203	Stolen Vehicle—87
Intoxicated Person—49	Vehicle & Traffic Stops—5554
Disabled Vehicle—474	Wires Down—54

Vehicle & Traffic Tickets

2,133

Custodial Arrests

Adults/Juveniles

1,029 / 15

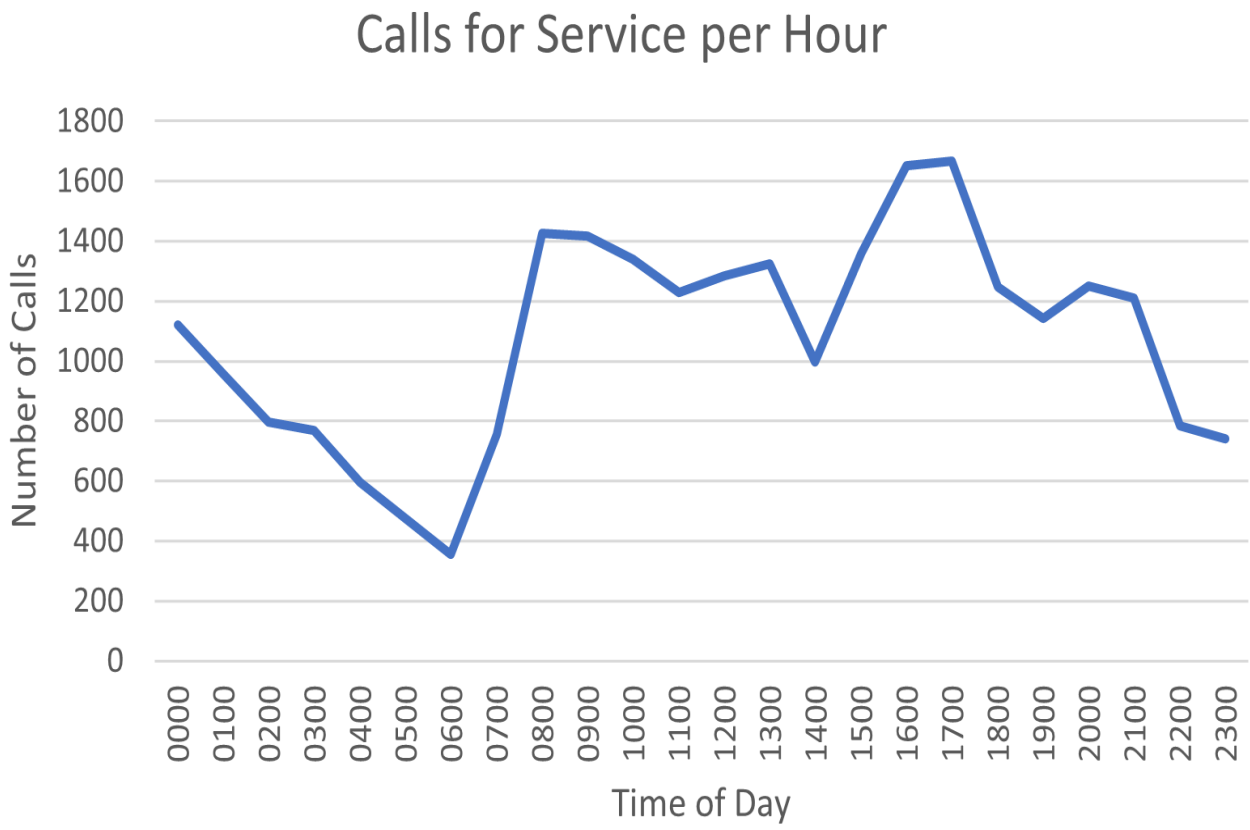
Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 1 Offenses

Year	2023
Murder	2
Rape	3
Robbery	17
Assault	34
Burglary	69
Larceny	772
Vehicle Thefts	73
Totals	**970**

Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 2 Offenses

Year	2023
Arson	0
Kidnapping	5
Controlled Substances	64
Dangerous Weapons	16
Sex Offenses	5
Extortion	2
Forgery/Counterfeiting	18
Stolen Property	12
Prostitution & Vice	0
Coercion	0
Criminal Mischief	152
Fraud	25
Gambling	0
Offenses against Public Order	0
Embezzlement	3
Simple Assault	157
Offenses Against Family	1
Driving Under Influence	67
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	3
Possession of Burglar Tools	0
Liquor Law Violations	0
Disorderly Conduct	3
Loitering	0
All Other Offenses	49
Totals	**91**

Number of Calls By Hour of the Day



Per-



Use of Force Review

The objective of this review was to examine our use of force for the year 2023 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 70 separate cases with a total of 117 subjects where force was utilized on.

A Watch	B Watch	C Watch	CID	Total
23	21	26	0	70

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 27 of the incidents,

Race, Age and Gender

White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Males	Females
30	33	1	6	51	18

Teens	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's +
13	13	28	10	2	1

Injury to Subjects and/or Officers

Only 17 subjects listed injuries resulting from the use of force, of these most were complaints of pain or minor cuts/abrasions. There were 4 injuries sustained to officers.

Needs for Policy Updates, Equipment, or Training

Overall force was used on 70 individuals. The Department had a total of 23,797 calls for service, When I subtract Property Checks 5,638 we end up with a total of 18,159 calls which likely had some community interaction. This equates to using force on about .38% of calls for service. A Law Enforcement Today article published in November 2022 reports Police using or threatening the use of force in 2% of all Police Interactions based on USDOJ statistics.

Vehicle Pursuit Review

In 2023, the Town of DeWitt Police Department engaged in 10 vehicle pursuits which consisted of the following:

1. **Jan 24th** - An attempted stop of a stolen vehicle. One suspect arrested.
2. **Feb 11th** - Individuals going through vehicles and in possession of a stolen vehicle. Pursuit was terminated, and the vehicle was later located in the C/Syracuse.
3. **March 9th** - Individual allegedly involved in the drug transaction. Pursuit was terminated.
4. **April 5th** - Pursuit of individual with a felony warrant by CID. Pursuit was terminated, and the individual was later located after he abandoned the vehicle.
5. **May 17th** - A pursuit of an individual involved in multiple grand larcenies during a detail. Pursuit was terminated
6. **Aug. 7th** - A pursuit of a burglary suspect. Suspect was able to elude the officers
7. **Aug 9th** - A pursuit of a bank robbery suspect. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.
8. **Aug. 10th** - A pursuit of an individual wanted for domestic violence. Pursuit was terminated.
9. **Aug. 29th** - A pursuit of a possible burglary suspect. Pursuit was terminated.
10. **Oct. 22th** - A pursuit of 3 stolen vehicles. 1 vehicle was stopped and the occupant arrested, 1 vehicle was later located in the C/Syracuse.

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 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.

DeWitt

Police Department

2023 Officer Salary Range

$62,017—$83,408

Generous Benefits Package:

Vacation Leave
10-25 Days depending on years of service

Sick Leave
12 days per year

Personal Leave
5 days per year

Comp Leave
Can hold, roll over, or cash out up to 240 hours/yr.

Holidays
13 paid holidays—Lump sum check at end of year

Health Insurance
Health, Dental, Eye, Flex Account and HRA Account
Health Insurance buyout available

Life Insurance
$10,000 at no cost to employee

Longevity Incentives
$885—$2,565 based on years of service.

Specialty Incentives
ET, AIT, Safe Driving and Fitness stipends



Career Advancement Opportunities

- Criminal Investigations Division
- Training & Employee Development
- Field Training Officers
- Evidence Technicians
- Property & Evidence Room Manager
- Community Oriented Policing
- Traffic Unit
- Bicycle Patrol
- Accident Investigation Unit
- Honor Guard

Demographics

- 45 Sworn Members
- 6 Civilian Staff

2022 Statistics

- 29,606 Calls
- 1,358 Arrests
- 6,445 Traffic Stops

Shifts

- 4 on 2 off schedule
- Shifts: (annual bid)
  - A (2300-0700)
  - B (0700-1500)
  - C (1500-2300)

Opportunities

- *Hired off Civil Service Test (New Hires)*
- *Lateral Transfers (Current LEO's)*
- *Ride-A-Longs*
- *Internships (unpaid)*

- Visit our website at www.townofdewittpolice.com
- Check us out on Facebook
- We can also be reached at 315-449-3640

2023 Points of Contact

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