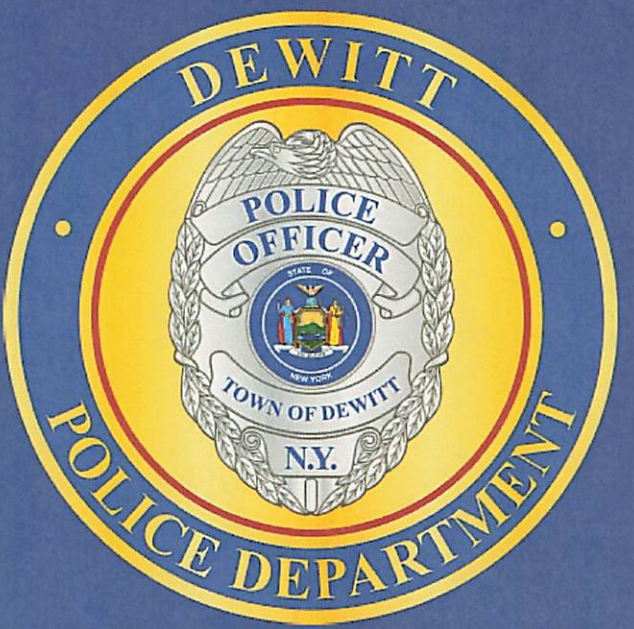
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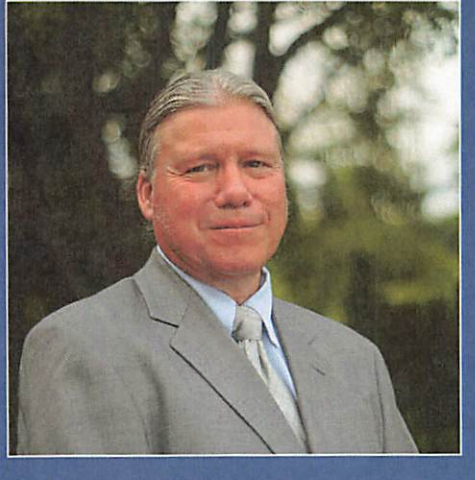
Annual Report

2025

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The Town of DeWitt, New York
Government Leadership



Supervisor Edward Michalenko

Town Board Members:

Joseph Chiarenza
Jack Dooling
Kerry Mannion
Bernard Alex
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.

2025 Police Commission

Jack Dooling/Chair & Board member
Sarah Klee Hood/ Board member
Bernard Alex/Board member
John Duncan
Paul Gottfried
David Newman
Laura Fiorenza
Lorene Dadey
Susan DeMari
Daniel Malay
Patrick Hillery
Jerome Pristash

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!

Shane E Spencer

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

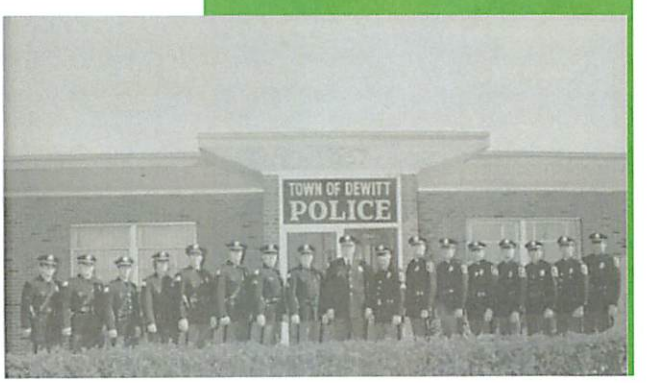
The DeWitt Police Department is a CALEA and New York State accredited, full-service police agency serving the Town of DeWitt, New York.



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.

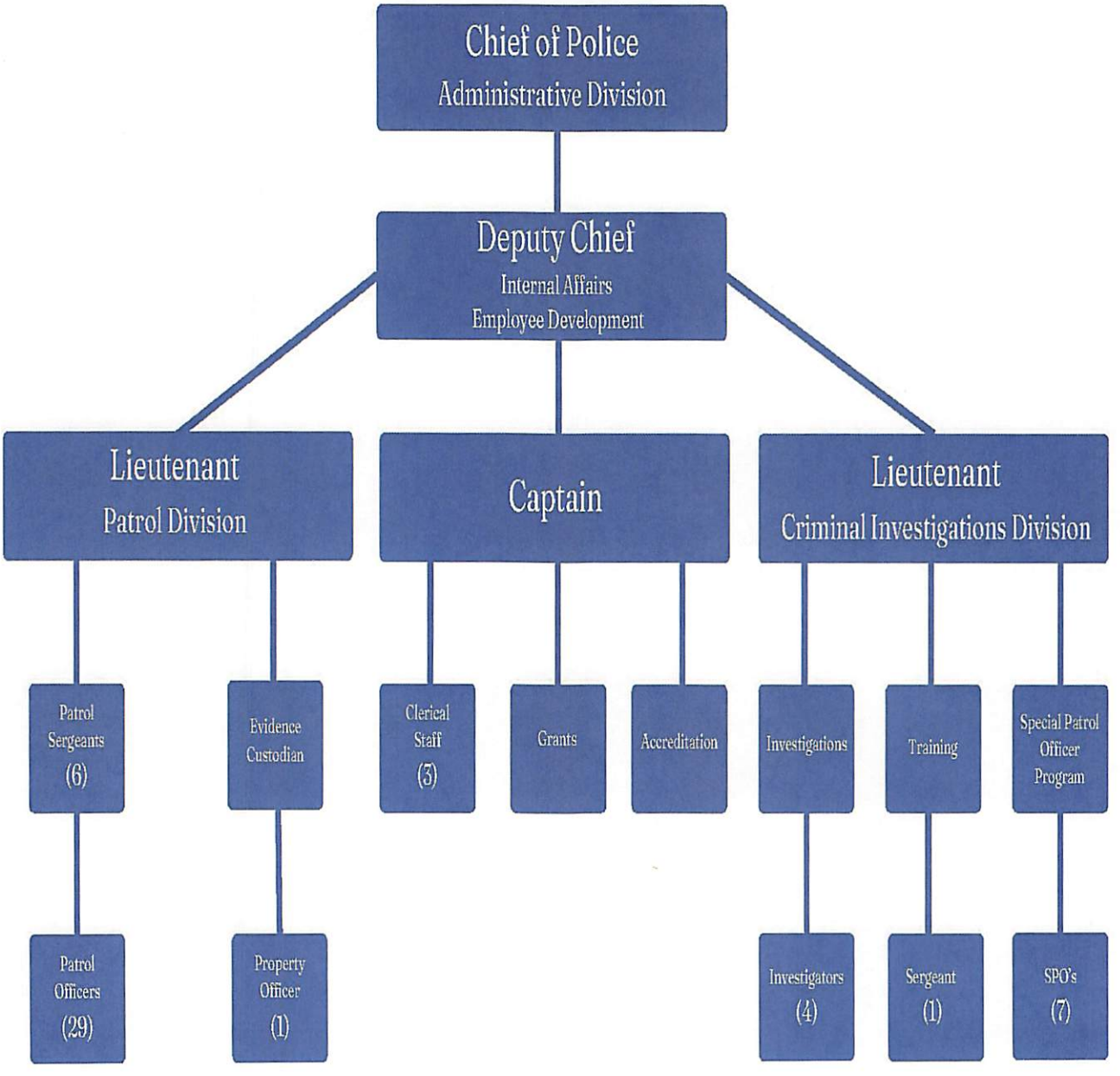
The Town of DeWitt Police Department provides full-time, professional law enforcement services to its residents and visitors. From a staffing of 4 volunteers in 1959, to an authorized staffing of 57 employees today to include 52 sworn, 3 civilian staff, and 2 consultants. The Department is comprised of a Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 6 Sergeants, 4 Investigators, 1 Evidence Officer, 6 Special Patrol Officers, 1 constable and 29 Patrol Officers on three shifts.



In 2025, The Town of DeWitt Police Department responded to **26,872** calls for service.

Town of DeWitt
Police Department

2025 Organizational Chart



Police Command Staff



Deputy Chief Andrew Fusco
Employee Development
Internal Affairs



Captain Brenton White
Accreditation Manager



Lt. Christopher Fuller
Criminal Investigation
Division



Lt. Jerry Pace
Patrol Division

2025 Department Personnel

Chief of Police:
Shane Spencer

Deputy Chief:
Andrew Fusco

Captain:
Brenton White

Lieutenants:
Christopher Fuller
Jerry Pace

Sergeants:
Lucas Byron
Matthew Menard
James Dean
Ludmilla Ammann
Corey Buyck
Rory Spain
Susan Thompson

Investigators:
Chad Frederick
Loriann Maerz
Jeffrey Conrad

School Resource Officer:
Michael Norton
Jeffrey MacDonald
Lindesy Pienkowski
Christopher Schmitt
Jason D'addio
Brain Dumas
Mark Shea

Clerical Staff:
Alyssa Armstrong
Michel Wittwer
Karyn Clark

Patrol Officers:
Stacey Wickes
Kevin Skibinski
Alexander Fratini
Rebecca Bishop
Katherine Goode
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
Emily Swartwout
Alexis Pitcher
Ioannis Raptis
Ty Howington
Nicholas Florcyzk
Colton McDevitt
Charles Reynolds

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

Sixteen 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. Building a strong, collaborative partnership between law enforcement and the community we serve only enhances public safety and improves quality of life by fostering, trust, transparency and open communication.

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 2025, members of the Patrol Division stopped 6,035 vehicles, and issued 2,195 tickets.

Notable Incidents

A few notable incidents:

January 27, 2025 – Shots Fired– Longwood Drive

On January 27, 2025, at approximately 1:40 p.m., Sgt. Dean, Officer Goode, Officer Hujdur, Officer Slattery, and Officer Fesinger responded to Longwood Drive for a reported shots-fired complaint. Dispatch advised that the victim reported her son had fired multiple shots at her; however, his whereabouts were unknown at the time of the call. Upon arrival, officers confirmed that the victim was unharmed and immediately began canvassing the area, proceeding to the suspect's last known location. When the suspect noticed the officers, he fled on foot, running through backyards and jumping fences in an attempt to evade apprehension. Ofc. Goode and Ofc. Slattery initiated a foot pursuit, continuously communicating their location and direction of travel. During the pursuit, the suspect discarded both a backpack and a machete. The suspect was eventually taken into custody without further incident and a search of the discarded backpack led to the recovery of a .38 caliber handgun. A search warrant was conducted on the suspects residence and more illegal firearms were recovered.

August 20, 2025 - Stabbing- Days Inn

On On August 20, 2025, Officers Fratini, Parker, Hujdur, and Armstrong were dispatched to the Days Inn in reference to a stabbing that had just occurred. Dispatch advised that a 911 call had been received in which a voice could be heard screaming, "I've been stabbed."Officer Fratini arrived first on the scene and observed blood dripping from the door of the victim's hotel room. Upon entering, he located a female suffering from a stab wound to the chest, with a significant amount of blood present throughout the room. Two agitated dogs were also inside. Recognizing the immediate danger and the victim's rapidly declining condition, Ofc. Fratini dragged the victim, who was drifting in and out of consciousness, into the hallway away from the dogs and began rendering life-saving aid. Ofc. Parker advised responding units to bring trauma equipment and requested EMS to expedite due to the severity of the victim's injuries. Once Officers Hujdur and Armstrong arrived, a chest seal was applied to the victim's wound in an effort to control the bleeding. While officers administered aid, the victim was able to provide critical information regarding the suspect's identity and description. Officer Parker quickly relayed this information, including the suspect's clothing description, to units in the surrounding area. The victim also reported that one of the dogs inside the room had been stabbed. Officers re-entered the room and located a pit bull suffering from a stab wound to the chest. EMS applied a trauma dressing in an attempt to control the bleeding. Officer Armstrong then swiftly transported the injured dog in his patrol vehicle to a local veterinary clinic for emergency treatment. Using the information provided by the victim, officers located the suspect several miles away and took him into custody on multiple felony charges.

December 3, 2025 - Firearm Recovery - Walmart

On December 3, 2025, at approximately 6:40 p.m., Officer Parker was working an off-duty security detail at Walmart when he was notified that a male subject inside the store was failing to scan items at a self-checkout register. Ofc. Parker requested an additional unit and was assisted by Ofc. Shimer. Ofc. Parker and Ofc. Shimer made contact with the suspect and escorted him to the asset protection office for further investigation. During a pat-down search, Ofc. Parker felt a handgun concealed beneath the suspect's jacket. The suspect immediately became tense and refused to comply with verbal commands. Ofc. Parker quickly secured control of the suspect and took him to the ground. Utilizing trained defensive tactics, Ofc. Parker and Ofc. Shimer maintained control, safely removed the suspect's arms from beneath his body, and successfully placed him in handcuffs.A loaded firearm was recovered from the suspect's waistband. The weapon was later confirmed to have been reported stolen out of Georgia.

In 2025 Town of DeWitt Police Officers made 1,351 arrests including 333 warrant arrests. These arrests consisted of 339 Felonies, 966 Misdemeanors, and 46 Violations.

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 C. Buyck



Sgt. R. Spain



Ofc. A. Fratini



Ofc. R.Hujdur



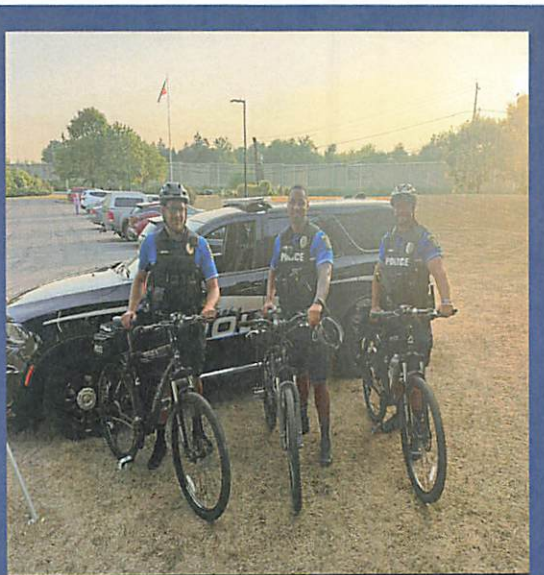
Ofc. C. Maloney



Ofc. D. Everson



Ofc. E. Swartwout





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 2025

Total Crashes	1,759
Crashes w/ Injuries	158
Crashes w/ Leaving the Scene	228
Total Crashes Reconstructed	2



Ofc. K. Skibinski

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

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.



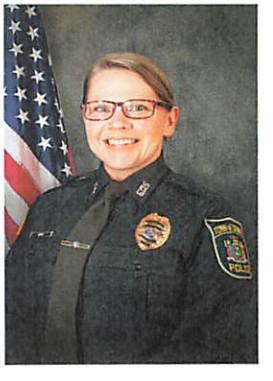
Sgt. C. Buyck

Reconstructionist



Ofc. K. Skibinski

Reconstructionist



Inv. L. Maerz

Honor Guard

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 nine department members led by Sgt. Menard



Sgt. M. Menard



Sgt. R. Spain



Ofc. A. Fratini



Ofc. E. Hujdur



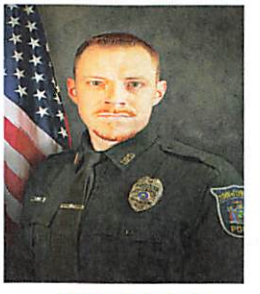
Ofc. D. Parker



Ofc. C. Armstrong



Ofc. R. Lyons



Ofc. C. Smith



Ofc. F. Wiggin



Unmanned Aircraft Operators

The Town of Dewitt Police Department Unmanned Aircraft System(UAS) or Drone Unit was established in 2025 using funds from the New York State Law Enforcement Technology Grant. The establishment of this unit was to enhance public safety, improve operational efficiency and provided officers with advanced technology to better serve our community. The Drone Unit assists with search and rescue operations, missing person cases, accident and crime scene documentation, disaster response, and situations where aerial observation can reduce risk to officers and the public. By providing real-time aerial perspectives, drones allow responding personnel to make informed decisions while minimizing unnecessary exposure to danger. All operators comply with FAA regulations, state laws, department polices and are FAA certified.



Deputy Chief
A. Fusco



Sgt. C. Buyck



Sgt. J. Dean



Ofc. R. Lyons



Ofc. D. Slattery



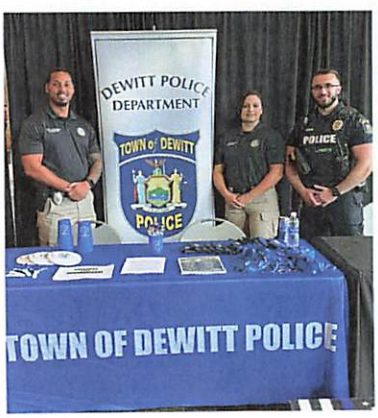
Ofc. B. Fesinger



Ofc. I. Raptis

Recruitment Unit

In 2025, the Police Department established a recruitment unit that works proactively to engage diverse and talented applicants through community outreach, career events, parternships with local colleges and organizations and ongoing public engagement efforts. The unit is committed to attracting and identifying highly qualified individuals that reflect the community we serve in an effort to build a strong workforce that demonstrates integrity, professionalism, accountability and a strong commitment to pubic service.





Sgt. M. Menard



Ofc. E. Hujdur



Ofc. D. Everson



Ofc. C. Maloney



Ofc. E. Swartwout

Employee Development and Training Unit



The Town of DeWitt Police Department 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, Reality Based Training/Scenarios, Defensive Tactics, First Aid, 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
DT Instructor
Firearms Instructor
RBT Instructor
Taser Instructor



Sgt. C. Buyck
DT Instructor
Firearms Instructor
RBT Instructor
Taser Instructor

Firearms Trainers/Unit



Sgt. L. Byron



Sgt. M. Menard



Sgt. C. Buyck



Inv. J. Conrad



Ofc. A. Grizanti

Defensive Tactics/Reality Based Training/EVOC/Taser Instructors



Ofc. Fratini
DT/ Taser



Sgt. L. Byron
RBT



Sgt. L. Ammann
EVOC



Ofc. J. Conrad
EVOC



Ofc. E. Hujdur
EVOC



Ofc. J. Dillabough
EVOC

2025 Town of DeWitt Trainings

Every Member of the Town of DeWitt Police Department completed the following training throughout the year 2025

Policy and procedure updates

In-service Training which consisted of the following

- Defensive Tactics
- EVOC
- Firearms (Handgun) - Daylight
- Reality Based Training
- AED/CPR
- Mental Health/Crisis Communication
- OC Spray, Taser, Baton training
- Legal Updates and Bias Based Policing
- 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 2025.

Police Supervision (Requirement for newly promoted Sergeants)
Leadership Training
Assisting Individuals in Crisis (EAP)
Group Crisis Intervention Training
Field Training Officer (FTO) Course
Instructor Development Course (IDC)
Breath Test Operator Course
Drone Operator Training
Reid Interview Course
Taser Instructor Course
CALEA Accreditation Manager Course
Firearms Instructor Course
Red Dot Instructor Course
BAO Operator Course
EVOC Instructor Course
Active Shooter Incident Mgmt, with Complex Incidents
Glock Armorer Course
Shotgun Armorer and Rifle Armorer Course
Stop DWI Conference
Search Warrant Training
Onondaga County School Threat Assessment Training
Patrol Rifle Operators Course

Peer Support Program

The Police Department Peer Support Program is committed the emotional, mental, and professional well being of our personnel. Recognizing the unique stresses associated with law enforcement service, this program provides confidential, voluntary support from trained peer members who understand the challenges of the profession. Our Peer Support Team offers a safe and trusted environment where employees can discuss personal or work-related concerns, including critical incidents, stress management, family challenges, career transitions, and overall wellness. The program is designed to foster resilience, reduce stigma associated with seeking help, and strengthen the overall health of our department. Peer support members receive specialized training to provide, active listening, guidance, and referral to professional resources when appropriate. While peer supporters do not replace licensed mental health professionals, they serve as an accessible first line of support and a bridge to additional services when needed.



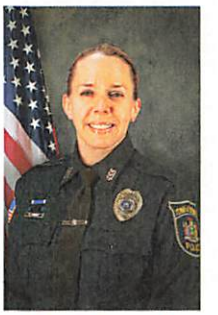
Lt. J. Pace



Sgt. M Menard



Sgt. R. Spain



Ofc. S. Ormsby



Inv. J. Conrad



Ofc. A. Fratini
Program
Coordinator



Ofc. E. Hujdur

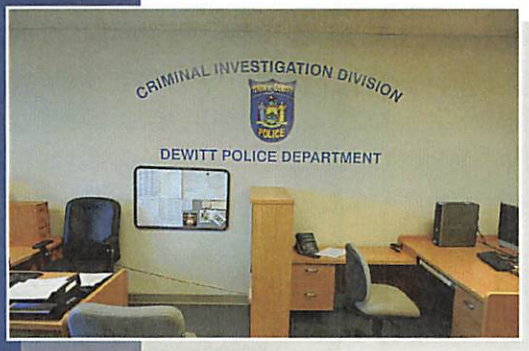
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NEW YORK LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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 2025, the Criminal Investigation Division received 106 cases and closed out 20 cases by arrests, while making a total of 31 arrests.



Lt. Chris Fuller

New York State Park Police: 2007 - 2009

DeWitt:
2009 - Present

Promoted to Sgt: 2015

Promoted to Lt: 2017

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

2025 Town of DeWitt Notable CID Cases

Burglary Investigation

On January 27, 2025, Inv. Frederick conducted a follow up investigation to a Burglary that had occurred at Heidelberg Materials, located at 1298 Old Stonehouse Road. It was reported that the suspects arrived on scene by utilizing a snowmobile and stole thousands of dollars worth of copper and power tools. Inv. Frederick meticulously followed the snowmobile tracks that led to the discovery of additional security cameras from nearby businesses. Upon reviewing the CCTV footage, Inv. Frederick observed suspects loading the snowmobile into a U-Haul box truck. . While reviewing the footage, Inv. Frederick recognized one of the individuals from prior similar incidents. Inv. Frederick then coordinated with outside agencies, successfully located and arrested multiple individuals involved, obtained a full verbal confession, and recovered property stolen from the scene.

Shooting with Injuries Investigation

On October 5, 2025, Officers were dispatched for a shooting with injuries at 225 Johnson Street. One individual was detained and transported to the police department for questioning. Upon responding to the PD and receiving a briefing, Inv. Frederick immediately assumed responsibility for interviewing the detained subject. Inv. Frederick then proceeded to the scene, where he conducted a thorough assessment of the area and carefully documented all vehicles present, including a Jeep Compass bearing a Florida registration. On October 6, 2025, Inv. Frederick returned to the location in response to a reported window break. After the initial scene had been secured and boarded up, it was discovered that someone had unlawfully re-entered the property. Recognizing the importance of this, Inv. Frederick began reviewing surveillance footage from nearby businesses. During his review, he observed the same Jeep Compass that had been present during the shooting. The footage showed two males exiting the vehicle, one of whom appeared to be wearing clothing consistent with that worn by the shooter. Through diligent investigative work, Inv. Frederick determined that the Jeep Compass was a rental vehicle from Enterprise. Inv. Frederick worked tirelessly to identify the renter and associated individuals, ultimately narrowing your focus to one suspect. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was on parole and equipped with a GPS-monitored ankle device. After coordinating with his parole officer, Inv. Frederick confirmed through GPS data that Gilbert was present at the scene during both the shooting and the subsequent burglary. Inv. Frederick extensive review of surveillance footage further established that the suspect was wearing the same distinctive tracksuit during each incident. Upon locating the suspect Inv. Frederick conducted an in-depth interview, during which he admitted to being in the Johnson Street area on the night of the shooting. You subsequently drafted and executed multiple search warrants, which resulted in the recovery of an additional illegal firearm and a significant quantity of narcotics. The suspect was charged with multiple felonies.

Stabbing Investigation

On December 8, 2025 officers were dispatched to a fight at Chiptole located on Erie Blvd East where one victim had been stabbed and the suspects fled the scene. Inv. Conrad was assigned the case, collected CCTV footage and was able to identify the suspects by disseminating still frame photographs to other area law enforcement personnel. Inv. Conrad then used police databases to locate vehicle information for the suspect and possible address to where the suspect was staying. Surveillance was conducted on a location on the east side of Syracuse and eventually a traffic stop was conducted on a black SUV that was driven by the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody without incident was charged with Assault 2nd (D Felony).

Special Patrol Officers

The SPO'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 SPO works cooperatively with teachers to assist in developing specialty programs specific to areas of study including court procedures, citizenship and forensic science. The SPO 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 SPO also teaches classes that promote both student wellness and safety as well as healthy relationships between the students and police. Our current SPO's are retirees from the DeWitt Police Department, Onondaga County Sheriff Office , Syracuse Police Department, Oswego City Police Department and Fulton Police Department.

DeWitt Police Department

KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE !

MEET OUR AMAZING SPECIAL PATROL OFFICERS AND CONSTABLE WHO ARE DEDICATED AND PASSIONATE ABOUT MAINTAINING SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST IMPORTANT ASSET...OUR CHILDREN !



SPO Norton
J.D. High School



SPO MacDonald
East Syracuse & Park Hill Elementaries



Constable Pienkowski
Holy Cross Elementary



SPO Schmitt
Moses DeWitt Elementary



SPO D'Addio
Jamesville Elementary



SPO Dumas
Tecumseh Elementary



SPO Shea
J.D. Middle School

Promotions



Deputy Chief
A. Fusco



Sgt. R. Spain



Sgt. S. Thompson

New Hires



Ofc. Florcyzk



Ofc. C. McDevitt



Ofc. C. Reynolds

Retiree



Sgt. L. Byron

Those Who Served In The Military



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



Ofc. D. Parker
Army
National
Guard
2018 - 2024



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



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



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



Ofc. D. Slattery
Air Force
2016—2019



Ofc. F. Wiggin
Army
2018—Present
NYS Covid
Humanitarian



Ofc. D. Everson
Navy
2022—Present



Ofc. I. Raptis
Army National
Guard
2023—Present



Ofc. C. Reynolds
Army National
Guard
2017—2023

Clerical Staff



Clerk A. Armstrong

10 years of service

2015—Present



Michel Wittwer

4 years of service

2021—Present



Karyn Clark

1 year of service

2024—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 thirteen (13) law enforcement agencies out of 528 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 was re-accredited at the annual CALEA conference in Mobile, Alabama in March of 2024.

2025 Calls For Service as reported by the 911 Center

Ambulance Calls—516	Juvenile Problem—95
Burglary Alarms—722	Larceny—857
Other Alarms—158	Lewdness -20
Animal Complaint—233	Lock Out—67
Assault—30	Noise Complaint—207
Motor Vehicle Collision Injury—173	Person in Crisis—337
Motor Vehicle Collision Damage—1175	Missing Person—461
Motor Vehicle Collision Fatal—1	Murder—0
Bomb Threat—1	Open Door—30
Burglary—103	Overdose—38
Call for Police—322	Property Check—6496
Child Abuse—69	Rape—2
Criminal Mischief—123	Sex Offense—18
Controlled Substance—29	Robbery—13
Dispute—934	Shots Fired—17
Disturbance—160	Stabbing—3
Death—29	Suicide—168
Domestic Disturbance—837	Citizen Status Check—303
Driving While Intoxicated—43	Suspicious Person with a Weapon—29
Fight in Progress—101	Suspicious Person—810
Fire—117	Suspicious Vehicle—392
Forgery / Identity Theft—57	Traffic Problem—452
Fireworks—20	Trespassing—133
Harassment— 389	Vehicle Parking Violation—242
Police Information—124	Stolen Vehicle—96
Intoxicated Person—68	Vehicle & Traffic Stops—6035
Disabled Vehicle—706	Wires Down—59

Vehicle & Traffic Tickets 2,195

Custodial Arrests

Adults - 1,346/ Juveniles -5

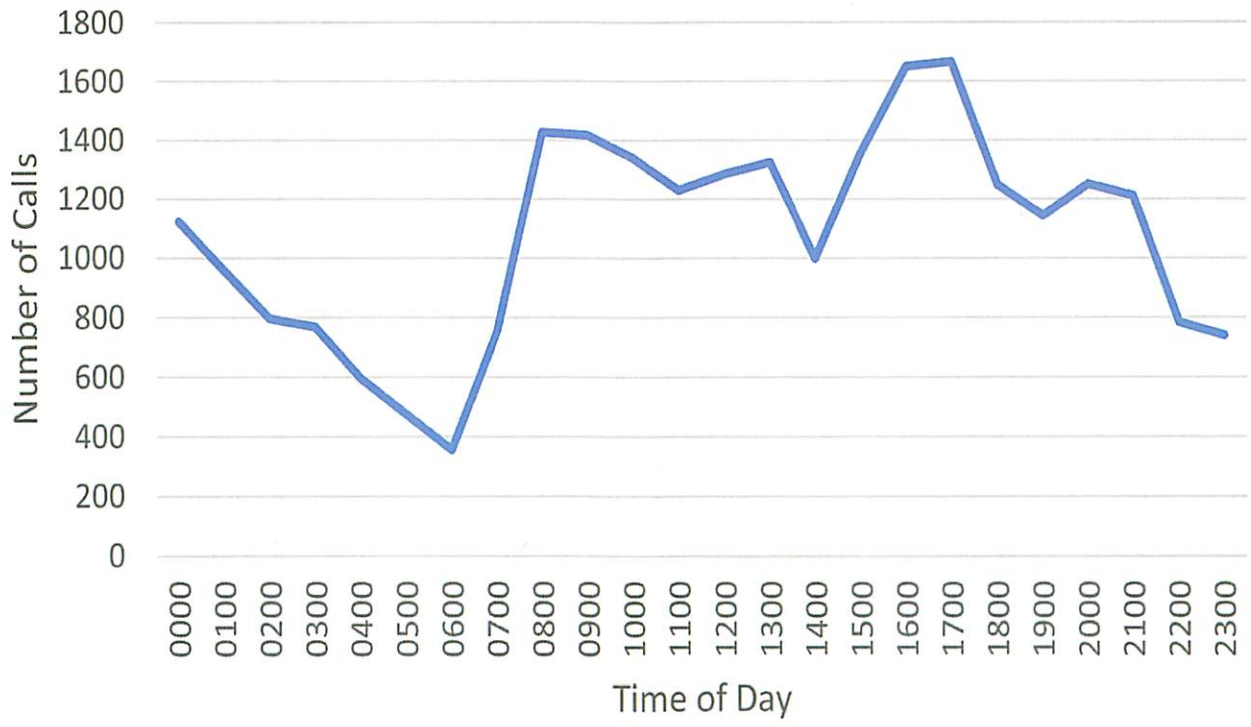
Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 1 Offenses

Year	2025
Murder	0
Rape	1
Robbery	8
Assault	29
Burglary	75
Larceny	487
Vehicle Thefts	55
Totals	**655**

Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 2 Offenses

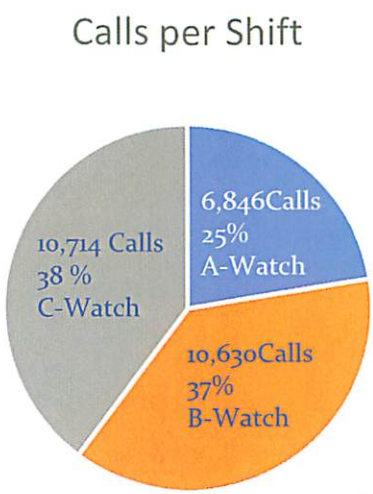
Year	2025
Arson	2
Kidnapping	6
Controlled Substances	73
Dangerous Weapons	8
Sex Offenses	6
Extortion	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting	7
Stolen Property	5
Prostitution & Vice	0
Coercion	0
Criminal Mischief	110
Fraud	15
Gambling	0
Offenses against Public Order	0
Embezzlement	0
Simple Assault	107
Offenses Against Family	1
Driving Under Influence	96
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	6
Possession of Burglar Tools	0
Liquor Law Violations	0
Disorderly Conduct	1
Loitering	0
All Other Offenses	85
Totals	**529**

Number of Calls By Hour of the Day



Calls by Shift







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 28 separate cases with a total of 28 subjects where force was utilized on.

A Watch	B Watch	C Watch	CID	Total
9	9	10	0	28

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
12	16	0	0	26	2

Teens	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's +
2	4	7	7	1	7

Injury to Subjects and/or Officers

Only 2 subjects listed injuries resulting from the use of force, of these most were complaints of pain or minor cuts/abrasions. There were no injuries sustained to officers.

Needs for Policy Updates, Equipment, or Training

Overall force was used on 28 individuals. The Department had a total of 26,872 calls for service, After subtracting Property Checks, 6,496, a total of 20,376 calls which likely had some community interaction. This equates to using force on about .13% 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 2025, the Town of DeWitt Police Department engaged in 7 vehicle pursuits which consisted of the following:

1. **March 23rd** - An attempted stop of a vehicle involved in larcenies, vehicle failed to comply, pursuit was terminated.
2. **June 15th** - Pursuit of stolen vehicle, occupants stopped and were arrested.
3. **August 20th** - An attempted stop of a vehicle for traffic violations. Pursuit was terminated.
4. **September 13th** - An attempted stop of a reckless driver, who failed to comply, suspect eluded officers.
5. **September 14th** - A pursuit of a stolen vehicle, vehicle crashed into a telephone pole, suspect arrested.
6. **November 17th** - A pursuit of a reckless driver, pursuit was terminated, driver later located and arrested for DWI.
7. **December 21st** - A pursuit of a stolen vehicle, suspects eluded police and pursuit was terminated.

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:
   Chief Shane Spencer
   Town of DeWitt Police Department
   5400 Butternut Drive
   East Syracuse, NY 13057
   sspencer@dewittny.gov

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 Chief Shane Spencer at ssepncer@dewittny.gov

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

(315) 449-3640 @DEWITTPOLICE WWW.TOWNOFDEWITTPOLICE.COM

We Are HIRING

OFFICER BASE SALARY RANGE

2026: $78,380 - $104,457

2027: $82,299- $109,680

*INCLUDES ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHECK

**DOES NOT INCLUDE LONGEVITY

2 YR SERGEANT BASE SALARY

2026 - $118,397

2027 - $ 124,317

*INCLUDES ANNUAL HOLIDAY CHECK

** DOES NOT INCLUDE LONGEVITY

LONGEVITY BONUS (PER YEAR)

2026: $1,438 - $4,063

2027: $1,726 - $4,876

*BEGINS AT YEAR 8

$15,000

LATERAL TRANSFER SIGN ON BONUS!

WORK SCHEDULE

4 ON 2 OFF - 8 HR SHIFTS

OTHER INCENTIVES

COMP BANK BONUS' FOR ET'S, AIT'S, FIREARMS PROFICIENCY, SAFE DRIVER, PHYSICAL FITNESS, IDC & FTO'S.

CASHOUT VALUE : $2,329 - $3,439+

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

DRONE UNIT

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT

FIELD TRAINING OFFICER

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

BIKE PATROL

TIME OFF

VACATION: 10-25 DAYS

PERSONAL LEAVE: 5 DAYS

SICK LEAVE: 12 DAYS

BANKED COMP UP TO 240 HOURS

30 PAID DRILL/TRAINING DAYS FOR MILITARY

DOUBLE TIME ON OVERTIME WORKED ON A-WATCH!!!!

LATERAL TRANSFER RESUMES CAN BE FORWARDED TO CHIEF SHANE SPENCER @ SSPENCER@DEWITTNY.GOV

2025 Points of Contact

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Accreditation, Grants, Clerical

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Lieutenant Christopher Fuller

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LIEUTENANT

Patrol Division

Public Information Officer

Lieutenan Jerry Pace

Jpace@dewittny.gov (315) 449-3640 ext. 219