



DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

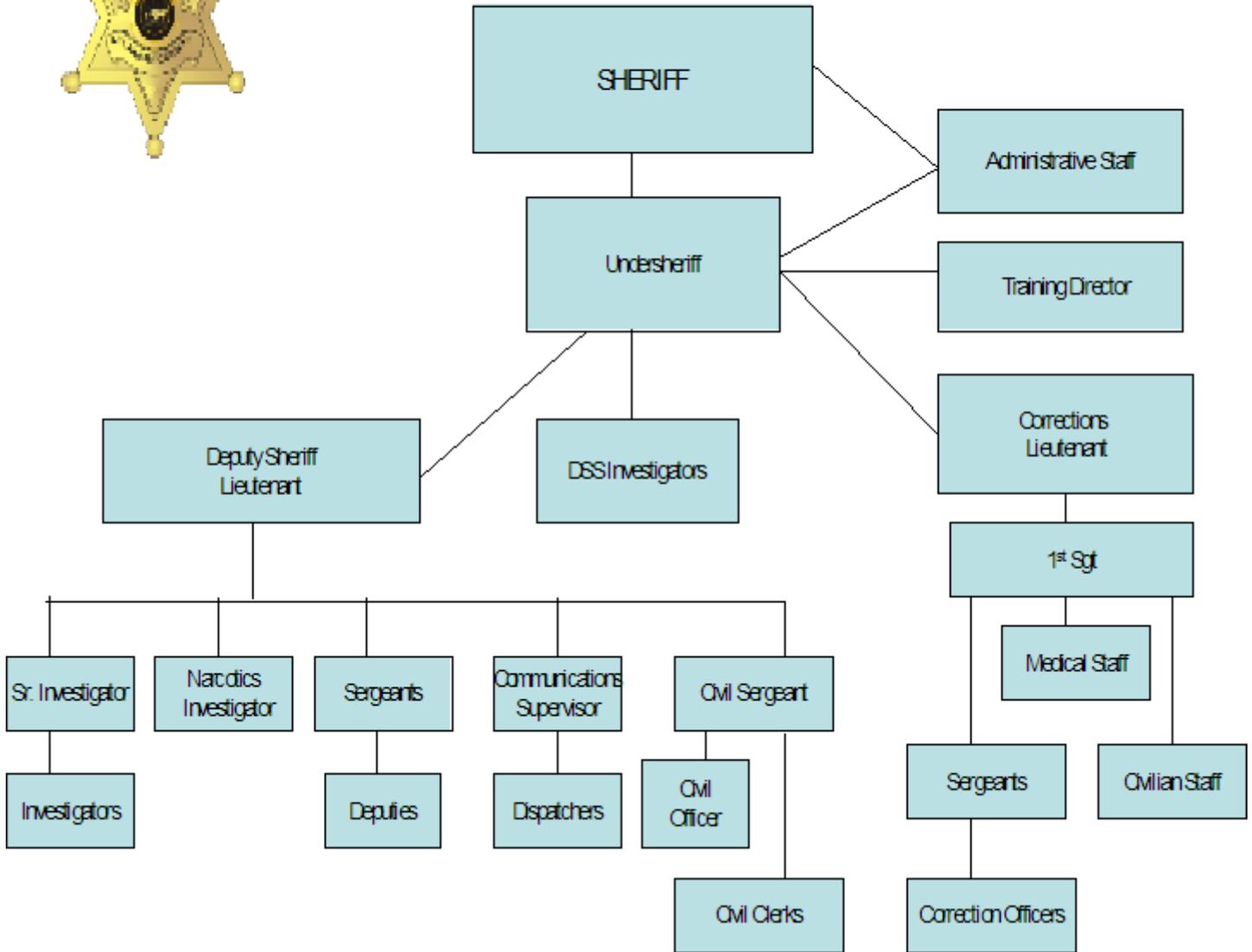


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Organizational Chart



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Thomas E. Mills
Sheriff

Douglas O. Vredenburg
Undersheriff

To: The Delaware County Board of Supervisors:

The year 2008 gave our Office a refreshing respite from the national attention that had visited us during recent years concerning devastating floods, the bloody rampage of the fugitive "Bucky" Philips and the shoot-out in Margaretville that resulted in the death of State Police Trooper Brinkerhoff.

Our focus this year was the acquisition of state-of-the-art equipment in the form of: video cameras for our patrol cars, tasers, electronic fingerprint apparatus, and the implementation of Project Lifesaver to improve the welfare of the portion of our citizenry needing a back-up plan and some relief for the caregivers who watch over them. For the first time we were able to acquire radios that provided scrambling devices so that our officers in the field could communicate with each other in a secure fashion without placing cell telephone calls to each other.

It was a productive year and I extend my appreciation to all of those who participated in making it so.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Thomas E. Mills'.



Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Douglas O. Vredenburg'.
Douglas O. Vredenburg
Undersheriff

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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to provide professional, high-quality and effective police, correctional, civil and court security services in partnership with the county residents.

The sworn and civilian employees of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office believe that their work has vital impact on the quality of life in Delaware County, N.Y.

By our commitment to professionalism, both on and off duty, we subscribe to the following values:

- * Pride
- * Integrity
- * Professionalism
- * Fairness.

CODE OF ETHICS

As a Deputy Sheriff, Correction Officer or Civilian Employee of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, my fundamental obligation is to protect the constitutional rights and freedoms of the people whom I have been sworn to serve and protect.

Although I realize the way I choose to conduct my private affairs is a personal freedom, I realize that I must accept responsibility for my actions, as well as my inactions, both on duty and off. I realize that my behavior is closely scrutinized by the public at large and that the consequences of my actions have the capability of bringing either respect or disrespect on my employer, my fellow employees and the law enforcement profession.

I vow to be truthful and honest in my dealings with others. I deplore lies and consider it to be a professional weakness to allow another's behavior to dictate my response. I will not allow others' actions or failings to excuse me from performing my duties in a responsible and professional manner.

Although I will endeavor to empathize with the people with whom I come into daily contact, I will not allow my personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence the discretionary authority with which I have been entrusted. I will consciously seek ways to avoid any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest that have the capability of compromising either my official authority or the public's image.

In my position, I hold the inherent expectation that the public's trust is well placed in my capability and good judgment. I do not take this trust lightly. As long as I remain in my position, I will dedicate myself to preserving this trust and in so doing uphold and promote the lofty ideals established by the law enforcement profession.

I deplore half-truths that mislead or fail to fully inform those who are dependant upon my honesty. I will obey those very laws that I have sworn to uphold. I will seek affirmative ways to comply with the standards of my department and the lawful directions of my supervisors.

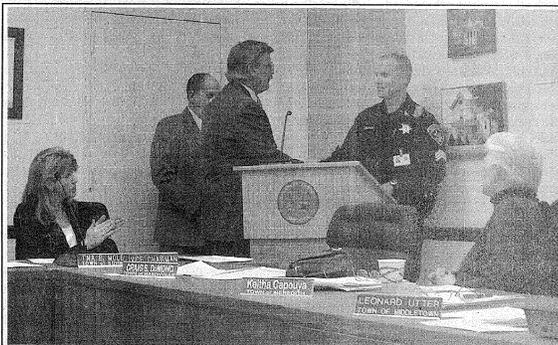
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EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Delaware County Employee of the Month April 2008

John Lehmann began working for Delaware County in 1998 as a Corrections Officer at the old County Jail, at a time when iron bars separated the officer from the inmates. In 2003 when the Jail moved to the new Public Safety Facility, he easily transitioned to the new environment of direct supervision where the officer is locked in with the inmates.



Chairman Jim Eisel and County Sheriff Mills congratulate Sergeant Lehmann for his being awarded the Delaware County Employee of the Month. Sgt. Lehmann continues to contribute his energy and professional to the Corrections Department.

In 2003, Corrections Officer Lehmann was promoted to Sergeant. As Sergeant, John supervises Corrections Officers, makes post assignments, advises and instructs Officers on specific activities and evaluates their performance. He is also responsible for resolving conflicts between facility employees and inmates, enforces facility rules and regulations and discusses personal problems with inmates.



Delaware County Employee of the Month August 2008

Sgt. Tiska began working for the Delaware County Sheriff's Office in March, 1984 assigned to the Correctional Facility. In 1988, he graduated from the Police Academy and was reassigned to the Road Patrol as a Deputy Sheriff. As Sergeant, he supervises the road patrol Deputies, participates in high profile cases and prepares and administers the Highway Safety grants for the Sheriff's Office.

**ANNIVERSARIES:
Ten Year Milestone:**

- Correction Officer Bryan Bartow
- Sgt. Michael Calhoun, Corrections Division
- Sgt. John Lehmann, Corrections Division

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION



The Criminal Investigation Division of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office is staffed by Senior Investigator Karl H. Vagts., Jr. , who is responsible for the in-depth investigation of serious crimes reported to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, detection and arrest of criminal offenders, stolen property recovery, and the administration of records pertaining to each investigation

Narcotics Investigation Division

The Narcotics Investigation Division is staffed by Investigator Joseph Mauro, who is also our agency's Armorer. Inv. Mauro also hosts the monthly Drug Enforcement Unit meeting at the Sheriff's Office and participates in inter-agency investigations and arrests.



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FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK...



NOTEWORTHY EVENTS IN 2008

A Tradition Ends - Since court security began in Delaware County, Court Attendants (bailiffs) have been under the employ of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. At a formal induction service, held on Monday, July 28, 2008, this tradition ebbed away as five of our Correction Officers, heretofore sworn to perform those duties, were transferred to the employ of New York State. It was one of those solemn occasions when giving up a tradition is done reluctantly in the guise of "progress."

Cat Hollow sustains severe damage from flood - second year in a row. According to Supervisor Homovich, this year's flood – when compared to that of last year, "...was everything we had last year and more." Fortunately, this year there were no casualties. However, it was estimated that the cost to put all the affected areas of Colchester and Andes back together again could reach as much as \$20 million dollars.

Serial Killer Shawcross dies in prison: Every now and then a brutal murderer emerges, and his deeds are so heinous, that mention of his name alone can cause revulsion. Such was the case of Arthur Shawcross, a sex offender, who also admitted to committing war-time atrocities and cannibalism in Vietnam. In June 1987, Shawcross briefly lived in Delaware County (Delhi and Fleischmanns) while serving parole for killing 2 children in Watertown in 1972. Concerned citizens in Delaware County exerted pressure, leading to his relocation to Rochester where Shawcross would later strangle 11 women between 1988 and 1990. At the time of his death, Shawcross was an inmate at a Sullivan County correctional facility in the Hudson Valley. Let us all hope that Delaware County is never again visited by a villain of his stature.

Death of Fellow Officer: Aldo Rossi, affiliated in the past as a part-time officer with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, and at the time of his death with the Deposit Police Department and Port Dickinson Police Departments became the 34th police officer in the New York State (Troop C, 6-county area) to die in the line of duty, since records started being kept in 1845. He was struck by a drunk driver while assisting a motorist in the performance of his duty.

Death on the Cell Block: It is every correction officer's gravest concern that no one die on his watch, but every now and then death takes precedence. David Platt, a quiet, 42-year old inmate who had less than a month left of a six-month jail sentence succumbed to a stroke as his foot touched the first stair on his way back to his cell on Sunday night, August 24th. Valiant efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Technology Triumphs: This year the Sheriff's Office was the recipient of numerous technological advancements. The laptop computers in our road patrol vehicles were updated to accommodate our new video cameras. New radios were procured which allow our officers in the field to "scramble" their communications. They are of tremendous benefit because heretofore officers had to rely on using their cell phones to talk with each other so that their calls could not be monitored on scanners, in cases where secrecy and/or confidentiality was crucial. The Lifesaver program, which uses a small radio transmitter to track missing or wandering persons, was also funded which is a tremendous benefit to Alzheimer victims and their families.

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FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK...



The following Press Releases From the Sheriff's Desk were issued during 2008



In-Car Digital Video Cameras to be Deployed in
the Delaware County Sheriff's Office
Patrol Fleet



Cold Case Playing Card Program



Live Scan Fingerprinting System



Project Lifesaver



TASER Devices



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FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK...



January 28, 2008

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK...

In-Car Digital Video Cameras to be deployed in the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Patrol Fleet

I am pleased to announce our acceptance of a grant for \$19,600.00, from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, under the guidelines of the State Homeland Security Program as well as a \$25,000 grant sanctioned by Senator John Bonacic in the State Budget which will provide the funding for the purchase of digital video cameras (equipped with audio capability) for our road patrol vehicles.

In an effort to strengthen officer safety, along with bolstering public trust, the in-car camera system offers many of the following advantages:

Officer Safety, studies show, is enhanced through the use of in-car cameras. The cameras are equipped with a GPS system which continuously displays our vehicles' coordinates and operating speed. Also, in the event that an officer is brutally attacked while he is out of the car, questioning a suspect, etc., the film taken will be used as compelling evidence when bringing the matter to justice, even if the officer is unable to testify.

An Unbiased Record: The in-car camera provides an unbiased accounting of the events in question, which can be viewed by concerned parties and law enforcement officials alike to obtain an accurate pictorial (and audio) depiction of the encounters which have been called into question. With this system in place, we are capable of recording an event on film, archiving that event for further reference and producing it as evidence if needed. The sequential recording of events can also be used for promoting the use of proper procedure or for their evidential value, such as justifying the reason for probable cause (erratic driving or committing a traffic violation) for commencing enforcement actions. Our cars will also be equipped with an in-car camera for recording back-seat conversations, and the discovery of relevant information. Should a spontaneous confession occur, its impact will not be lost and the proof of its utterance will be irrefutably substantiated.

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In-Car Digital Video Cameras to be deployed in the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Patrol Fleet (Continued)

A Valuable Learning Tool: Use of the camera provides an opportunity to critique a variety of dangerous situations, such as felony stops and vehicular pursuits—and verify that they were executed within the scope of our operating policy. Officers may also view their handling of a situation in retrospect, to encourage their self-development in those areas they feel need improvement. Experience is a good teacher; but an accurate recording of such an experience is an even better one.

Here's how they work: A small camera is mounted in the car's cockpit, beside the rearview mirror. Although the camera may be turned on manually by the officer, it activates automatically when the lights and siren are engaged. The officer is equipped with a microphone and a remote control unit which will engage the camera if he is out of the vehicle. The camera is capable of performing well in low light. A monitor inside the cruiser allows the officer to see what is being recorded and provides an option to zoom in or out to better focus on an object, such as a face or license plate. While in pursuit, the GPS system can also be directed to "mark" any area identified as the location at which a weapon or other contraband was tossed by a fleeing suspect.

It should be noted, that an officer cannot tamper with or download the footage from his assigned camera. It can only be downloaded by a Supervisor. This feature assures that the event filmed will be dealt with in a factual manner and addressed appropriately. Many court cases are either shortened or dispensed with entirely when a recording of the event is available for review – especially those depicting field sobriety tests. Interestingly, available statistical data indicates that officers are exonerated from allegations of rudeness, or abusive behavior complaints 96.2 percent of the time when there is evidence available to substantiate their account of what really transpired.

And not to be discounted, human behavior being what it is—many offenders behave better when they know they are being filmed. Everyone likes to look good "on camera." So if their use lessens the severity of the unpleasantness and risk of officer harm, the cameras are well worth the investment.

Our Office strives to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Delaware County. We also strive to improve the perception of our role in doing so. Providing an accurate accounting of the demeanor of our officers, the manner in which they dispense their duties and the professionalism they exhibit while dealing with the public is of enormous value.

We are appreciative of the technology that has been made available to our Office and since it has been proven that with images, conviction rates increase, we could not afford to let this opportunity escape our grasp. Cameras afford us an unprecedented opportunity to view secondhand, firsthand information. Furthermore, if that information is in your favor, "The truth shall set you free."

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May 14, 2008

Sheriff Mills announces the implementation of the Cold Case Playing Card Program

Missing Persons and Cold Cases are concerns which give both grieving families and law enforcement officers unabated anxiety and unease. Doug and Mary Lyall of Ballston Spa, NY have devised an ingenious idea which just might help us get some good leads. They suggested putting a photograph and information about a missing person case or unsolved homicide on each playing card. The decks of playing cards, which were funded by the New York State Sheriff's Association, are handed out to inmates at county jails throughout New York State. "Inmates have a lot of time on their hands, and they are in a unique position to know, see and hear things that may not reach the eyes and ears of law enforcement," Mr. Lyall said. Speaking of this program, New York State Senator Joseph Bruno said, "The intent of the program is to jog the memory, or stir the conscience, of jail inmates who may have personal knowledge or possibly heard a rumor about a missing person or unidentified homicide victim."



We put the playing cards out on the tables and let the inmates use the cards. We hope they will read them and remember the messages.

Inmates can call a tip line toll free, and whether some information helps to solve the Lyall case or some other case, the playing card program is a great attempt to get information to law enforcement agencies working on these missing person and unsolved homicide cases.

Inmates will be able to anonymously call a tip line and will be rewarded if the tip leads to a successful arrest and/or prosecution. Rewards are also funded by the New York Sheriff's Association.

This program is modeled after a similar one in Florida that has proved successful in solving several Homicides and providing new leads on "cold case" investigations.

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FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK...



October 10, 2008

Delaware County Sheriff's Office obtains Live Scan Fingerprinting System

For over a century fingerprinting has been the accepted method of personal identification verification. Recent technological advances in the area of forensic science have led to the modernization of the method used for capturing and identifying fingerprints. Inked fingerprint cards are becoming a thing of the past, as is the three to four month response waiting period. The variables which led to human error in their identification, such as too little or too much ink, are now no longer a factor. Since the fingerprints are analyzed electronically, results are provided within 3 hours (and normally within 15 minutes) after their submittal.

We are pleased to announce that the Delaware County Sheriff's Office has recently received an award of a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services which provided us with funding with which to purchase a Live Scan fingerprint system.

The advantages we have achieved are many.



Live Scan allows us to digitally capture fingerprints by rolling fingers over a glass platen on a Live Scan machine and transmitting them via a high speed computer line to the New York State Department of Justice and FBI. If we need to verify the identity of a suspect we have apprehended, we can do so quickly. In the past, we would have driven to the closest law Enforcement agency possessing Live Scan, in Broome County, in order to do so.

Additionally, our good fortune is also your good fortune. Our equipment will be made available for use by other law enforcement agencies throughout Delaware County. Since we are still in the process of installing the unit, we are sure that there are a few more protocols to be established. I will keep you advised of our progress.

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FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK...



November 13, 2008

Delaware County Sheriff's Office announces its Implementation of Project Lifesaver

On behalf of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office I am pleased to announce our participation in a joint venture with the Schoharie County Sheriff's Office, sponsored by Ann Thayer, Program Manager of the Leatherstocking Region Alzheimer's Association and with the support of the O'Connor Foundation, Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Delaware County Senior Council and the Delaware County Office for the Aging to bring Project Lifesaver, a rapid response program aimed at locating victims suffering from Alzheimer's disease (and related disorders such as Down syndrome and Autism) who have wandered and become lost, to Delaware County. I am also pleased to acknowledge the involvement of the New York City DEP Police who have generously agreed to support this project by making available the resources of their agency, including their helicopter. This program is already up and running in neighboring Otsego County and will be operational in ours effective December 15, 2008.

Civil Sgt. Dwayne Finkle and three other members from our department have been trained to participate in this search and rescue program – and coincidentally, consider their participation a privilege. They will become acquainted with each of the participants as they visit them monthly to replace the batteries in their Lifesaver equipment. Since people who wander are often suspicious and uncooperative, it is important that they be approached by someone who has been trained to gain their trust and with whom they are personally familiar and have built a bond.

Delaware County presently has approximately 1,500 people suffering from dementia. Over 5,000,000 people nationwide are plagued with this disease, which destroys brain cells, thus causing problems with memory, and it is ranked as the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States.

Here's how it works. Participants in Project Lifesaver wear a wristband, pin or necklace equipped with a small battery-operated radio transmitter which emits an individualized tracking signal every second, around the clock. When we are notified that a participant has gone missing, we assign a specially-trained Sheriff's Office employee to respond to the missing person's last known location with an antenna (mobile locator tracking system) to home in on their signal in order to locate the person who has wandered.

What does it cost? The wristbands routinely cost approximately \$280.00 and the batteries need to be changed each month at a cost of \$10.00. (Financial assistance is available, if needed.) **What is the alternative?** In contrast, normal search and rescue operations can involve up to 260 searchers and require close to 1,000 man hours over several days, according to Project Lifesaver. Missing person searches are estimated to cost the taxpayers approximately \$1,500.00 per hour.

What does it give? Peace of mind. **How well does it work?** 100% of the time **What is the average recovery time?** 20 minutes (This statistic lessens all the time. In 2006 it was 45 minutes.)

Where do I sign up? If you are interested in signing up, or wish to inquire about this program, please call the Delaware County Sheriff's Office at 746-2336 and ask to speak with Sgt. Dwayne Finkle on Extension 317 or Ann Thayer at the Alzheimer's Association at 607-547-1650. Project Lifesaver may also be accessed directly via the web.

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December 10, 2008

Delaware County Sheriff's Office employs TASER Devices

TASER technology has revolutionized the way in which we arm our officers. It is a formidable stand-off tool and among the safer use-of-force intervention methods available to incapacitate those who pose a threat to an officer, innocent victim or themselves. Recently our Office joined the more than 13,400 law enforcement/correctional and military agencies located throughout 44 countries who deploy over 375,000 TASER devices. Of that number, more than 7,000 agencies assign TASER devices to all of their patrol officers.

Before deciding to employ TASER's, we took a "wait and see" approach and scrutinized information concerning how other law enforcement agencies using them had fared. As you might expect, TASER technology has undergone more scrutiny, as well as scientific and medical testing, than any other law enforcement tool introduced thus far.

It should be noted that 98.5% of all arrests are accomplished without using force. In those instances in which force is required, it is estimated that 88% of the subjects are under the influence of drugs, alcohol or suffering from some degree of emotional illness. The TASER device has been used on over 624,000 subjects, 94% of whom were male. Of those subjected to TASER use, 99.7% received no injuries or only minor scrapes and bruises.

The TASER also has the highest degree of accountability of any weapon in our arsenal. It is equipped with an on-board computer that records the date, time and duration of every trigger pull. The system is activated when the safety is placed on the "off" position and stops when the safety is returned to the "on" position. The collected data objectively reflects upon the events as they occurred.

Here's how they work: When engaged, a TASER fires a fine electrified wire, at the end of which are attached two probes that intercept the target (similar to a fish line with a hook on the end.) When the probe makes contact with the body or clothing, it overrides the nervous system and the subject experiences an immediate loss of neuromuscular control and is unable to perform coordinated action for the duration of the impulse. The electrification for the TASER is provided by two lithium camera batteries which deliver 0.0021 amps of current. Recover is instantaneous once the cycle ceases.

It looks like TASERS are here to stay. They have also entered the private sector. In the 43 states in which they are permitted, it is interesting to note that 181,000 private citizens own TASERS, many of whom do not want guns in their home. New York does not permit their use in the private sector.

The bottom line is this: When law enforcement agencies use TASERS, there is a dramatic decrease in the number of injuries incurred by both officers and suspects. Workers Compensation cases decrease and some insurance agencies reimburse law enforcement agencies when TASER devices are purchased based upon the actuarial data of field results of TASER deployments. All of our officers to whom a TASER has been assigned have received extensive training and have taken a "hit" and survived it. They employ the philosophy expounded by the late President Teddy Roosevelt, "Speak softly, and carry a big stick." They will continue to endeavor to handle tough situations without having to resort to use of force. But if force is required, the TASER is now within their reach.

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CORRECTIONS DIVISION

Lt. Bruce Gaffney
Jail Administrator

First Sgt. Harold Stanton
Chief Jail Officer

This past year we had eight reportable incidents, only one more than last year. I feel this reflects very well on our staff and the professionalism they display on a daily basis in the discharge of their duties, which keeps this number to a minimum.

Also this past year we processed in 1721 inmates, 84 more than last year. Of those processed in, 605 were new bookings, a few less than last year. Among those inmates committed to this facility we had 734 jail-related transports of one kind or another. There were a few less transports to County Court and Family Court this year than last but the more time consuming transports such as Medical, Dental and other Courts went up approximately ten percent.

Each year the time we spend on transports is quite considerable. If each of the transports we do had averaged only two and a half hours, it would add up to more than 1800 hours per year. That would keep one transport officer quite busy if the transports could be done one at a time with one inmate and one officer, but unfortunately more often than not, we have multiple transports at the same time which has a large affect on our overtime budget.

In the year 2008 we billed out boarding fees in the amount of \$354,075, somewhat less than last year, to other Courts which include Dutchess, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster and from the U. S. Marshall's service. This lower total reflects to some degree our own population being up, but more to the fact that the need for other counties to board out is becoming less each year. Other counties have built or are in the process of building new jails and each time that occurs, it takes away that County's need to board inmates out and adds another county that can board inmates in.

Overall, since we opened for business five years ago, we have taken in over \$1.9 million dollars in boarding fees alone. Before the end of this year that figure will reach two million dollars. Considering that this facility was not designed to be income-producing, we can still produce revenue for Delaware County.

Other revenue generated this past year adds up to another \$117,949, bringing the total revenues generated in 2008 by the jail to \$472,024. This does not include monies received from the State for transporting State inmates.

A comparison of transport statistics over the last few years follows:

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TRANSPORTS									
Description	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Mental Health	7	3	8	8	---	6	1	4	3
Medical	50	65	52	96	69	198	160	140	178
Dental	26	29	38	47	62	56	83	92	88
Funeral	---	6	2	---	3	1	3	0	-
County/Supreme Court	120	104	127	196	165	139	145	158	136
Family Court	24	28	23	14	16	24	42	25	32
Other Courts	207	189	289	283	251	192	244	234	225
Other Corr. Facilities	366	230	536	757	11	34	29	42	43
Work Detail							5	0	-
Relay w/Other Agency							4	1	3
Transport by Other agency	8	5	36	2				9	4
Federal Transports								11	22
TOTALS	808	659	1,111	1,403	577	650	716	716	734

INCOME PRODUCED FROM JAIL FOR THE YEAR 2008 STATE REIMBURSEMENTS					
Period Ending	D&E	State Ready	Parole	CORAM	TOTAL
03/31/08	-	\$1,640.00	\$20,840.00	-	
06/30/08	-	-	14,120.00	-	
09/30/08	-	1,225	9,985.60	-	
12/31/08	-	-	21,808.00	-	
TOTAL	-	\$2,865	\$66,753.60	-	\$69,618.6

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Boarding in Totals							
2004	2005	2006	2007	2008			Total
125,475	367,275	567,450	452,100	354,075			1,866,375

Revenue from U. S. Marshall's Service for Transporting Inmates							
2004	2005	2006	2007	2008			Total
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The Medical Services Division of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office is responsible for health care in our county detention facility. Our on-staff healthcare provider is Michelle Mason, RN. Their mission is to operate a health care delivery system for all inmates who are in the Sheriff's Office's custody. Medical care in county jails is equivalent to services found in the private community, however, it is only given if it is necessary.

FOOD SERVICE



Head Cook Elizabeth "Liz" Telian supervises our kitchen staff, who serve wholesome meals at our facility. This year, for the first time, we have contracted with the NYS Department of Correction in Albany, who prepare meals and deliver them to our facility. Because of the mass production of food they prepare, this process has resulted in cutting food costs for our facility without jeopardizing quality.

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SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY: DELAWARE COUNTY



Monitoring the current whereabouts of convicted sex offenders living in Delaware County is one of our top priorities. Another is promoting community awareness and safety. Sgt. Thomas Avery is the primary point of contact between the sex offenders residing in Delaware County and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

Sex Offenders listed on the sex offender registry have been convicted of a sexual offense that requires them to meet a number of mandates, including annual registration with law enforcement. This registry is updated daily and is designed to increase community safety and awareness.

Periodic checks are done to verify the offender's address and place of employment. Additional checks are completed in order to make arrests for non-compliance of the law, moving without notification, or failure to register. In 2008, over 1,800 letters/postcards were prepared and distributed throughout Delaware County advising schools, churches, libraries and other public places notifying our citizens that a sex offender had recently moved into their area. In turn, many schools take our notices and copy and distribute them to individual households throughout their jurisdiction.

The Academy:

The Delaware County Law Enforcement Academy has worked hard to establish its reputation as a premier law enforcement training site for local agencies throughout Central New York State. The Academy continues to expand its course offerings, both for in-service training as well as NYS DCJS certified courses, hosting unique training opportunities that are found at only a few locations in New York State. The goal of the Academy is to meet the needs of local law enforcement agencies, providing professional training at a low cost.



In 2008, the Academy has hosted the following training programs:

- Commercial vehicle enforcement
- Animal cruelty investigation
- Basic Active Shooter
- Combat Shotgun
- Patrol rifle operator
- AED/CPR
- Off Duty encounters
- * The Basic course for Peace Officer with firearms



Capt. Small Addresses 2008 Corrections Academy as Sheriff Mills looks on.

- * ARIDE
- Effective Report Writing
- Basic TASER Certification

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- Annual Security Guard Training and
- Pre-Employment Security Guard Training



The Academy has also added a second certified master police instructor to its volunteer staff.

With the continued support of Sheriff Mills and Undersheriff Vredenburg, it is our goal to continue to expand and offer as many training programs as possible to keep all Delaware County Sheriff's personnel, as well as other local agencies aware of the current societal trends regarding training concerns for law enforcement officers.



Class
of

2008: Back Row: Michelle Ellis, Dennis Klimowski, Robert Pangburn, Cheryl Barr and Marie Tiska
Front Row: Joshua Weaver, Christina Conklin, Jaime Mills and John Adams

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TRAINING COMPLETED IN 2008

During the calendar year of 2008, members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office attended the training indicated below, outside of Delaware County. Training received outside the County is essential for the proper growth of the individual officer, as well as the Department as a whole. Traditionally, Officers attending training outside the County tend to share what they have learned with their peers—which is cost efficient.

Number Attending	Description
2	Glock Armorer's Course
1	Indoor Marijuana Growing
2	Illegal Gun Training
1	Sheriff's Winter Training Conference
1	Blackwater Bushmaster Carbine
2	Basic Civil School #1
2	Basic Civil School #2
1	Undercover Operations Training
1	Road Patrol Supv. & Inv. Training Conference
1	Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Investigations
1	Civil Div. Supervisor School
1	American Correction Chaplain
2	Legal Issues for NY Law Enforcement Training
3	Accreditation Workshop

Number Attending	Description
1	Handling & Processing Juveniles
1	Sheriff's Summer Conference
1	NYS Office of Fire Prevention & Control Fire Safety
1	Fire Behavior/Arson Awareness & Principles of Fire Investigation
5	Investigating Animal Cruelty
1	Shaken Baby/Abusive Head Trauma
1	Road Patrol Supv. & Investigations Training
1	NIMIR Risk Management Techniques for Law Enforcement Executives
2	Law Enf. Accreditation Program Workshop
1	NYMIR Risk Management Techniques for First Line Law Enforcement
3	Correction Supervisor Seminar
1	New York State Incident Trust Phase I and Phase II

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Top Gun Award: 2008



Dan Jaques 99



Dwayne Finkle 99

In 2008, during training exercises, those demonstrating significant shooting expertise were accorded the "Top Gun Award."



GRANTS:

Each year, the Sheriff's Office is the recipient of numerous grants that facilitate the purchase of equipment which might not otherwise be available to us due to county-budget restraints.



Type of Grant	Used for:	Amount of Grant Awarded/Rec'd. in 2008
COPS	Radio Study to update Communication System (Ongoing Grant for \$168,895.00)	\$14,701.19
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	Bulletproof Vest Purchases	\$1,121.45
Bonacic Grant	Tasers and Other Equipment	\$20,000.00
Homeland Security	Radios, Cameras, Training Aids	\$54,804.22
	T o t a l	\$90,626.86

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2008 COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION REPORT

Michelle Sulas supervises the civilian dispatchers employed in the Delaware County Communication Division. There Technology and state-of-the-art equipment are used by the trained, skilled, and dedicated agency members to quickly access addresses, phone numbers, aliases, mapping information, tow information and CAD journal entries.



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COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION STATISTICS:

In 2008, Delaware County Dispatchers, utilizing Computer Aided Dispatching (“CAD”) answered 17,419 calls.

This number is deceiving however, because each incoming CAD call routinely necessitates the placement of multiple calls being made as a direct result.

ACTIVITIES & RESPONSES TO COMPLAINTS

911 Hang Up Call	110	Assist Fire Department	2
911 Open Line	4	Assist Motorist	4
Administration Matter	20	Assist OT Police Agency	14
Aid - Attempt to Locate	24	Assist Public Health	2
Aid - Assist Citizen	41	Bad Check	13
Aid - Check Welfare	73	Bomb Threat/Explosion	1
Aid-EMS	24	Burglary In Progress	7
Aircraft Accident/Incident	1	Burglary Report Only	71
Alarm Activation	30	Chempack Mobilization	1
Animal - Acting Rabid	10	Civil Matter	231
Animal - Animal Bites/Attacks	2	Civil Matter - Process Serving	535
Animal - Cattle Complaint	25	Convulsions/Seizures	1
Animal Complaint - Other	79	Court/Trial	80
Animal - Dog Complaint	35	Criminal Summons Served	21
Arrest	33	Custody Dispute	16
Assault/Simple Assault	13	Cyber Crime - Fraud/Scam	1
Assault/Weapon Assault	3	Death - Unattended Death	7
Assist DSS	52	Deer Jacking Complaint	1
Assist DSS Endanger Welfare	6	Dispatch Deer	23

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Disturbance - Criminal Mischief	52	Fraud - Computer	4
Disturbance - Criminal Nuisance	5	Fraud - Criminal Impersonation	12
Disturbance - Disorderly Conduct	21	Fraud - Officer False Application	5
Disturbance - Neighborhood Trouble	34	Funeral Detail	2
Disturbance - School Violence	1	Gas Drive Off	7
Domestic - Child Abuse	2	Grass/Brush Fire	3
Domestic-Custodial Interference	4	Gun Retrieval	6
Domestic - Endanger Welfare Child	4	Gun/Weapon - Accident Wound	6
Domestic In Progress	113	Gun/Weapon - Person with Gun	2
Domestic - Report Only	47	Gun/Weapon - Shots Fired	17
Domestic - Sexual Abuse	1	Harassment - Agg. Harassment	29
Domestic Violence	3	Harassment - Complaint	126
Drill, Training	48	Harassment - Stalking	1
Drug/Alcohol Complaint	9	Hazardous Conditions	2
Electronic Intrusion Device	83	Hold Up Alarm	5
Encon Violation(s)	1	Identification/False, Altered	1
Evidence Relay	18	Information Only	6
Fairground Duty	9	Investigation	377
Failure to Comply	5	Landlord/Tenant Dispute	13
Fairground Duty	9	Larceny - From Mailbox	4
Falls	1	Larceny - From Vehicle	3
Fight in Progress	33	Larceny-Larceny Coin Oper Ma	1
Fire Involving Motor Vehicle	3	Larceny - Other	30
Fireworks	1	Larceny Report Only	46
Followup	288	Littering	3
Forgery	3		

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Lockout Residential	1	Range	7
Lockout Vehicle	1	Road - Blocked	22
Mental Health Pickup	15	Road - Damaged	2
MHL Danger to Self or Others	78	Road - Flooded	5
Missing Child	12	Road Schedule Probation	7
Missing Person	13	Sex Offense - Rape	3
Motor Vehicle Acc Prop_Damage	246	Sex Offense - Registered Info	3
Motor Vehicle Accident Fatal	2	Special Detail	46
MVA - Car/Deer	33	Structure Fire	7
Noise - Loud Party	27	Subject Not Breathing	18
Non-Priority Rec'd on 911	1	Subpoena Grand Jury	3
Open Door	11	Suspicious Package	1
Order of Protection Service	182	Suspicious Person/Activity	48
Order of Protection Violation	33	Suspicious Vehicle	17
Overdose/Poisoning	4	Test of System	15
Parade Detail	3	Theft of Services	10
Personal Injury MVA	41	Traffic Detail	11
Pistol Permit Investigation	14	Traffic Stop	1,788
Prisoner Relay	16	Transport	65
Property Check	851	Trash or Dumpster Fire	1
Property Dispute	15	Trespass in Progress	26
Property Found	4	Trespassing	41
Property Lost	5	Unknown Type Fire	2
Property Retrieval	40	Underage Party	19
Property Stolen	7	Vandalism	35
Psychiatric/Behave/Suc Att	2	Vehicle-Abandoned Vehicle	9
		Vehicle - All Terrain Vehicle	37
		Vehicle - Car Blocking	17

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Vehicle - Car Disabled	87
Vehicle - Erratic Operator	70
Vehicle - Motorcycle Complaint	1
Vehicle - Repossession	2
Vehicle - Stolen	7
Vehicle - Unauthorized Use	7

Sheriff Mills accepts Stuffed Toys

To be handed out to children by Deputies during times of trouble



Sheriff Mills, Michael Cardillo and Chuck Cardillo sit with the stuffed animals donated by Michael to be given to other children.



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Lt. Timothy Buckley

Road Patrol Division



Sgt Thomas Avery



Sgt. Ted Tiska



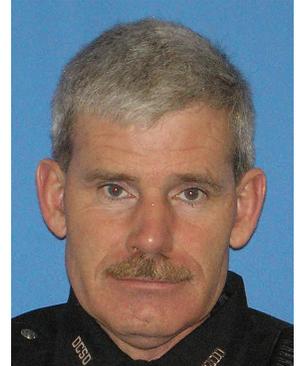
Dep. Earnest Cawley



Dep. Tahir Haqq



Dep. Bruce Palmer



Dep. Jody Proffitt



Dep. Richard Sass



Dep. Kim Smith



Dep. Todd VanKeuren

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Road Patrol/Criminal Division

Seven full-time Deputy Sheriff's and several part-time deputy sheriffs patrol the highways throughout Delaware County, respond to complaints and motor vehicle accidents, and perform many other duties – such as providing security at civic events and giving career-related presentations at schools.

Monthly Activity - Road Patrol/Criminal Division													
DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Total Calls for Service	777	612	768	607	621	552	581	648	508	593	568	581	7416
Total Criminal Complaints	37	43	29	35	34	44	26	52	36	37	27	28	428
Total Arrests	31	26	25	23	28	22	15	30	22	25	20	23	290
Total Invest & Follow ups	55	54	78	69	65	47	65	55	55	57	38	27	665
Total Traffic Stops	258	138	233	113	132	111	103	140	115	123	148	174	1788
Total Tickets Issued	136	94	118	76	135	80	73	107	57	91	91	89	1147
DWI's	0	1	1	0	2	3	2	4	1	1	1	1	17
Orders of Protection	18	18	18	12	8	12	17	19	20	17	12	11	182
Civil Papers Served	18	17	41	71	79	30	29	79	43	42	62	25	536
Property Checks	127	92	105	65	61	53	64	56	47	52	51	78	851
Details	4	2	5	5	5	4	13	9	7	5	8	3	70

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Civil Division	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total Papers Served	54	38	43	62	40	51	53	56	52	54	46	73	622
Total Income Executions	39	46	39	46	29	39	49	40	51	52	35	27	492
Total Property Executions	7	4	7	6	7	5	2	0	3	5	2	2	50
New Pistol Permits	12	12	10	11	20	13	17	13	25	11	5	5	154

Fees to Delaware County	\$ 56,060.22
Poundage	29,156.42
Total Revenue to Delaware County	\$ 85,216.64

New Pistol Permits												
Completed Pistol Permit Investigation												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
12	12	10	11	20	13	17	13	25	11	5	5	154
4	4	1	1	13	14	9	11	14	8	8	13	100

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Delaware County sends economically disadvantaged area youths to summer camp each year. In 2008 twenty-one (21) Delaware County youths took advantage of this worthwhile opportunity.



NEW YORK STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION INSTITUTE

SHERIFF THOMAS MILLS ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute will begin its annual Honorary Membership drive in Delaware County within the next week according to Sheriff Mills.

The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute was established in 1979. It is a not-for-profit corporation, tax exempt organization, and contributions to the Institute are tax deductible.

While the Sheriff's Office is a unit of county government, many of the concerns of Sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies are best addressed on a statewide level. The Sheriffs' Institute provides centralized training programs and services for all Sheriffs' Offices, where those programs and services would be unavailable or impractical on a single county basis.

The flagship program of the Sheriffs' Institute is the Sheriffs' Summer Camp for economically challenged children. The Sheriffs' Camp, in its 33rd year of operation, is located on Keuka Lake and 800 children from across New York State attend each summer. The Sheriffs' Institute pays the entire cost of the camp stay and the transportation. The children attending for the most part don't have an opportunity for a summer vacation or the opportunity for a summer camp experience.

The Sheriffs' Camp curriculum combines summer recreation with programs designed to teach an understanding of, and respect for, our laws and the men and women who enforce them. The strong camper to counselor ratio allows for individual attention and a real emphasis on the development of self esteem.

"In these difficult economic times, we cannot forget our state's kids who will not have the opportunity for a summer camp experience or a summer vacation," Sheriff Mills said. "By becoming an honorary member you are supporting the Sheriffs' Summer Camp for economically disadvantaged children."

In addition, the Sheriffs' Institute operates a scholarship program that provides one scholarship to each of New York State's Community College's Criminal Justice Program. This program is designed to help attract the best and the brightest to the criminal justice vocation.

Financial support for many of the Sheriffs' Institute programs comes from Honorary Membership dues. Invitations for Honorary Membership are extended on a non-partisan basis, and the invitees are selected at random. Any person interested in supporting the efforts of the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute by becoming an Honorary Member should contact the Sheriff if they do not receive an invitation in the mail.

All donations made to the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute are tax deductible. In addition, the Sheriffs' Institute is registered with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau.

EDITORS NOTE – The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute does not and will not ever use telemarketing to raise funds. If anyone in Delaware County receives a call from someone claiming they are representing the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute and are asking for a donation they should just hang up. The only contact people will receive from the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute is a letter of invitation to become an honorary member. They can read the letter and if they choose to support the fundraising campaign, great. If not, they can simply throw the letter out and they will not be contacted by New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute again.