

2010 ANNUAL REPORT

DELAWARE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
280 PHOBE LANE, DELHI, NEW YORK 13753



This report is dedicated



IN MEMORIAM

to
Correction Officer Andrew Brown

In Service: Jan. 5, 2007

Out of Service: Jun 8, 2010



On the morning of June 1, 2010, C. O. Brown ingested a lethal pill concoction. Coincidentally, a fellow employee happened upon the fatalistic message Andrew had recently posted on the web, became alarmed and alerted authorities. An urgent effort was launched—to locate Andrew and do so quickly.

Among those called to the scene was a capable canine officer who reported to Andrew's home and was given his scent. The dog and his human partner were quick and surefooted. They tracked Andrew into the woods near his home, and located him seated on the ground, barely alive. Starting there and starting then, many caring individuals, representing many specialities associated with the medical profession, tried valiantly to stabilize Andrew during the next few days. And they reported glimpses of hope that Andrew just might pull through.

Ultimately, the pills were blamed for creating irreparable damage to Andrew's vital organs; too extensive to repair. Still, we hoped for a miracle. None came. Andrew's breath stilled on June 8, 2010. Cause of death: hopelessness or drugs? One can never discount the power of another's resolve when he decides to take responsibility for his own mortality. He may dodge mortar a thousand times and ultimately be done in by his own hand at the instant dark depression engulfs him. Officers are ever-wary of suicide attempts by inmates – to have it claim a fellow officer is intensely chilling.

In reflection, it was recalled that during the last several years, Andrew was in a constant state of transition – dividing his time between his home and family and a rocky desert thousands of miles away in the treacherous environs of Afghanistan. His lifestyle was brutal; his latest tour lasted 10 months. He had two careers to manage; two masters to serve, too much responsibility and too much tension. And too, had death lost its fright --to one who had witnessed it too often and so much? One can only speculate; and pity the potential that was prematurely squandered.

Here Andrew will be remembered as being a gentle and a quiet man. He persevered and was not one to complain. He was well liked by both staff and supervision. Those who knew him best, speak of his courage, strength and kindness. He showed the world a gentle smile and spoke no ill of anyone. None suspected the gravity of the burdens he bore secretly; and he never suspected how much he was appreciated by so many – or the extent of sadness caused by his hasty departure. Andrew will not easily be forgotten and he has instilled in us the necessity of being our brother's keeper –lest we fail to notice the symptoms that indicate another's sorrows are threatening to overwhelm him.

2010 Annual Report

To: Delaware County Board of Supervisors

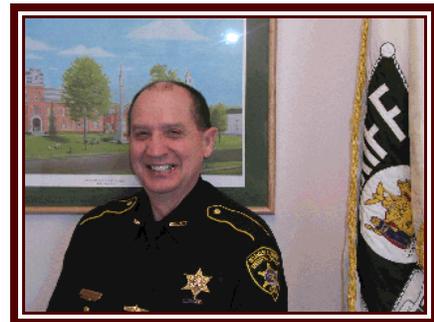
During 2010, we experienced a relatively “quiet” year at the Sheriff’s Office. There were no heinous crimes or catastrophic weather events. This year we were particularly pleased to achieve the status associated with being an accredited Sheriff’s Office. The accreditation process is a long, drawn-out process, but once achieved, it is an honor for our Office to be recognized as being a well-run, efficient and professional organization.

The state of the Nation’s (and New York State’s) economy has necessitated that we, like all other county agencies, tighten our spending, without jeopardizing the degree of services we are expected to perform. We have scrutinized our department’s budget accordingly and endeavor to do our part to spend Delaware County Taxpayers’ money wisely.

This year I was successful in my bid for re-election for my fourth term in office. I and Undersheriff Vredenburgh are very appreciative of the trust visited upon us and we look forward to serving the residents of Delaware County for another four years.



Douglas O. Vredenburgh,
Undersheriff



Thomas E. Mills, Sheriff

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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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.



Taylor Calhoun (L) and David Barnes (C) being sworn in by Sheriff Mills (R).



Deputy Timothy Murray

Significant Events:

On February 4, 2010, Taylor Calhoun (left) and David Barnes (middle) were sworn in by Sheriff Thomas E. Mills (right). Investigators Calhoun and Barnes are both employed by the Investigative Unit of the Department of Social Services and also serve as Part-Time Deputy Sheriffs for the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office.

Dispatcher Timothy Murray commenced his studies in the Police Academy on Mary 4, 2010, in preparation for becoming a Full-Time Deputy Sheriff. Deputy Murray is assigned to the Department of Social Services.

D S S ACTIVITY

During 2010, DSS Investigators (Part-time Deputy Sheriffs) served 800 documents, which included: J. D. Petitions, Child Support Papers, Subpoenas, Paternity Petitions and various other miscellaneous other legal documents.

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Significant Anniversaries:

<i>Name</i>	<i>5 Years</i>	<i>10 Years</i>	<i>15 Years</i>	<i>20 Years</i>	<i>25 Years</i>
<i>C. O. John Behrer</i>			5/15/95		
<i>Lt. Bruce Gaffney</i>					03/04/85
<i>Inv. Joe Mauro</i>		07/31/00			
<i>Dep. Bruce Palmer</i>				12/05/90	
<i>C.O. Shawn Sulger</i>	09/11/05				
<i>Sr. Inv. Karl Vagts, Jr.</i>					04/26/85



C.O. Evelyn Gaffney

AWARDS:

Delaware County Employee of the Month April 2010

Evelyn Gaffney began employment with Delaware County on March 24, 1987, as a part-time Cook/Matron at the “old jail”. She later completed the Academy process and her position evolved from a part-time to full-time Corrections Officer on January 11, 1992.

Evelyn has distinguished herself as an ambitious and dependable employee. She maintains and updates all inmate records including booking, court appearances, classification, medical billing and mental health. She assumes additional assignments whenever needed. In order to evaluate her skills, she has taken the Sergeant’s tests and has routinely passed each test. On behalf of her family, she has not pursued this career enhancement because of the scheduling changes that come with it.

Teaching Corrections Officers the many facets of the Intake position and instilling in them good work ethics are two of the responsibilities that C.O. Gaffney likes most about her job. Evelyn’s annual reviews reflect her dependability, punctuality, and doing what is expected of her, plus more. Her records are accurate and well written. She is a self-starter and often serves as Officer-in-Charge on her shift because of her thorough knowledge of the job, her ability to make good decisions and the courage of her convictions.

The tasks of a Corrections Officer can range from tedious and monotonous to hazardous. The tasks must be accomplished with strict attention to detail and according to established policies and procedures. The safety and security of the housing units in the jail must be maintained. Inmates can be volatile and their moods must be assessed constantly. The Corrections Officer must know what each inmate under his or her supervision is doing at all times, and must maintain authority, while garnering cooperation.

Evelyn has been married for 36 years to Corrections Lieutenant Bruce Gaffney. They have three children and four grandchildren, ranging in age from three to thirteen years. Evelyn cares for the three grandchildren who live locally, three days a week and goes over to play with them as often as possible. The Gaffneys travel to Arizona twice a year to visit their family and grandchild living there. Evelyn’s hobby is flower gardening.

Evelyn serves her employer with distinction. She performs her tasks to the best of her ability and significantly contributes to the smooth functioning of the Corrections Facility. It is a testament to her abilities that she has been recognized as a Delaware County Employee of the Month.

Congratulations, Evelyn.

PROMOTIONS

On December 20, 2010, Deputy Sheriff Jody Proffitt was sworn in as a Road Patrol Sergeant, which promotion shall become effective on January 1, 2011.



Sgt. Jody Proffitt (L) and Sheriff Thomas Mills (R)

In his presentation, Sheriff Mills told Deputy Proffitt that the rank of Sergeant is an honor bestowed upon those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership capabilities. However, it carries with it an increased workload, and increasingly difficult decisions. It is the Sergeant who assumes responsibility for both his own actions as well as the actions of the officers he supervises. He must strive to be fair to his subordinates, respectful to his superiors and loyal to the agency he serves. It is a difficult balancing act and not a position to be approached timidly.



Sgt. Proffitt (L) Pinned by wife, Sandy, as Sheriff Mills (R) looks on

Once sworn in, Sgt. Proffitt's wife, Sandy, pinned the Sergeant's badge on Proffitt's chest, while members of his immediate family, fellow officers and friends looked on. During a brief speech that followed, Sgt. Proffitt acknowledged the sacrifices his family has made in excusing him from countless family functions throughout the years while he pursued his career. In a small Office, such as ours, promotions are not common— which makes them all the more memorable. All agreed, it is indeed a pleasure to see an officer rise through the ranks.

Sheriff Mills elaborated on Proffitt's capabilities and said that through the years Deputy Proffitt has exemplified the high standards expected of all of the deputies. He has worn the Office's uniform with pride and conducted his personal and private life in a manner that is enviable. Proffitt's personnel file reflects the occasions during which he has gone the extra mile to be of service to our citizens. In closing Sheriff Mills congratulated Sgt. Proffitt for his dedicated service and fortitude, as well as recognizing the significance of his recent promotion.

ELECTION AND REAPPOINTMENT



Sheriff Mills, Judge Becker, County Clerk Sharon O'Dell



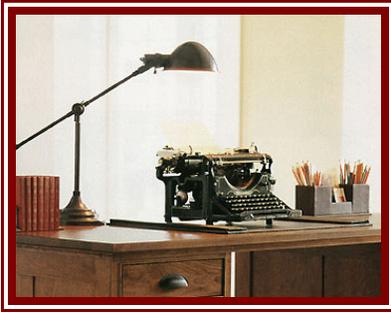
Undersheriff Vredenburg, Sheriff Mills
and Judge Becker

Sheriff Thomas E. Mills was successful in his bid for reelection for his 4th term of Office. On December 20, 2010, Judge Carl F. Becker swore in Sheriff Mills and County Clerk Sharon O'Dell. Undersheriff Douglas Vredenburg is also pictured taking his Oath of Office during that ceremony.



SHERIFF'S OFFICE COLOR GUARD

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office Color Guard continues to participate and support various civic functions throughout the County.



From the Sheriff's Desk.....

The following Press Releases from the Sheriff's Desk were issued during 2010.



Membership Drive underway supports Sheriff's Summer Camp



Delaware County Sheriff's Office Announces new Appointments



National Crime Victims' Rights Week



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Date March 12, 2010

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK...



Membership Drive underway supports Sheriffs' Summer Camp

The first warm days of pre-spring have arrived in Delaware County. Accordingly, it is time for the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute to begin its annual Honorary Membership Drive. 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. 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, one should just hang up.

The flagship program of the Sheriffs' Institute is the Sheriffs' Summer Camp for economically challenged children. The Sheriffs' Camp, in its 34th year of operation, combines summer recreation with activities designed to teach an understanding of, and respect for, our laws and the men and women who enforce them. It 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 transportation. Most children attending would not otherwise have an opportunity for vacation travel or a summer camp experience.

Any persons interested in supporting the efforts of the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute by becoming an Honorary Member should contact me if they do not receive an invitation in the mail, or visit the web site at <http://www.sheriffsinstitute.org> to download an application and learn more about the many aspects of this worthwhile organization.

All donations made to the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute are tax deductible. In addition, this organization is registered with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau. The only contact people will receive from the New York State Sheriff's Association Institute is a letter of invitation to become an honorary member. In these difficult economic times we cannot afford to forget our youth. Your participation is encouraged and will be greatly appreciated.

Date April 5, 2010

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK...



Delaware County Sheriff's Office Announces new Appointments

It is always a source of great pride to announce the achievements and accomplishments of our employees. At this time I would like to share the details of two recent appointments with you.

First, Sgt. H. Fred Stanton has accepted the position of Director for the Delaware County Sheriff's Office's Training Academy. Sgt. Stanton, who joined our Office on May 28, 1989, is well respected in the law enforcement community. During his tenure, he has undergone extensive training and earned several promotions. He is now the second in command of our correctional facility, reporting to our Chief Jail Administrator, Lt. Bruce Gaffney. Sgt. Stanton is well prepared to accept this additional responsibility since he has demonstrated expertise in his administrative capabilities, leadership and performance as a certified training instructor of both General Subjects and Firearms. Although once dormant, the Academy was reinstated approximately three years ago. Since that time it has achieved recognized success in the law enforcement community for the caliber of its programs. The Training Academy has also been partially self-supporting and has been a source for garnering revenue from outside agencies who have sent students here to receive training. Conducting our correction academy on site has also drastically minimized our training expenses.

Secondly, Correction Officer Steven Bivens has accepted an appointment as the Program Manager of our Correctional Facility Accreditation program. The accreditation process is a cumbersome, tedious and intense procedure. C. O. Bivens was chosen for this task because he has distinguished himself in the performance of other administrative tasks, such as administering the jail's college scholarship program as well as the experience he has gained during his tenure as President of the local union representing our correction officers. C. O. Bivens is also a certified training instructor.

On March 4, 2010, I traveled to Albany to accept a plaque commemorating the successful completion of our Law Enforcement Agency's (Road Patrol and Criminal Investigations) bid for accreditation. Representatives from Albany will travel to Delhi to make a formal presentation during the Delaware County Supervisors' board meeting on April 14, 2010. Delaware County is now among the twenty-eight Sheriff's Offices and one-hundred-six other state and local police agencies throughout New York State that have met or exceeded the rigorous standards required for accreditation under the State-operated program. This prestigious designation is highly sought after throughout the law enforcement community. Our officers will proudly wear a pin attesting that they are employed by an accredited organization and we will be honored to display the accreditation emblem on our cars, website and letterhead – since it symbolizes a significant milestone that is earned

only after demonstrating a sincere commitment to police professionalism. Our next milestone will be to gain accreditation for our Jail.

In this vein, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to the men and women representing the Delaware County Sheriff's Office whose day-to-day commitment to the professional performance of their duties has resulted in this accomplishment. I also extend my sincere congratulations to First Sgt. Stanton and Correction Officer Bivens for the stalwartness of purpose they have demonstrated in preparation for earning their appointments.



THEY HAVE A LIFE “OUTSIDE OF WORK”, too.

It is always a pleasure to acknowledge the accomplishments, achievements and interests our employees possess and practice while not on the job. Be fair warned: if we get an opportunity to “brag on” one of our work family members, we will do so with unbridled pride.

The November 10th issue of the *Catskill Mountain News* in Margaretville, published an insightful article and wonderful picture of our Correction Officer Terry Bergmann, who joined our Office in 2004, and is also a two-time grand champion in Tang Soo Do and a third-degree black belt. For over twenty years Terry has run (and instructed at) “The Way”, a successful martial arts studio in Margaretville.

“...Karate is not about kicking and fighting, it's about living a healthy and balanced life....If you perfect your body, you perfect your life.”



Terry Bergmann



C.O. Bergmann



Date April 12, 2010

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK...



During the week of April 18 to April 24, 2010, crime victims, survivors, and those who serve them will join together to commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week, a time to honor the individuals and the ideals that inspired the victims' rights movement. This year's theme is "Crime Victims' rights: Fairness, Dignity, Respect." This theme reflects the decades-long struggle to secure victims' rights in communities across the nation.

The Victim Information and Notification Service ("VINE") was created in 1995, following the murder of a young woman on her birthday at the hands of an ex-boyfriend released from jail without her knowledge. Mary Byron and her parents had dreaded the day he would be set free, and had asked in vain to be given advance warning. Mary's tragic death spurred the birth of a toll-free phone service and later a web site that advises a caller of the custody status of inmates and allows them to be given advance notice of their release from jail. During 2009, the VINE system performed a total of 769,424 searches for information about inmates incarcerated in New York Correctional Facilities.

Over the last three decades, a grassroots movement to combat unfair treatment of crime victims in the judicial system has resulted in a great deal of progress. Currently, every state has a victims' bill of rights and a victim compensation program. Thirty-two (32) states have victims' rights, constitutional amendments, and more than 10,000 victim assistance programs operate in communities across our nation.

If you or someone you know is a victim or survivor of crime, you have the right to information about your offender. The New York Sheriffs' Victim Hotline provides free, confidential access to offender custody information by phone and online. Registered users can be notified by phone and e-mail when an offender is released from jail or prison. Contact the New York Sheriffs' Victim Hotline at 1-888-VINE-4-NY or go to www.vinelink.com for information, because information and notification are essential to helping crime victims rebuild their lives.

Date September 15, 2010

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK....



October is “Domestic violence Awareness Month”

“.....A family’s home becomes a place of fear, hopelessness and desperation when a woman is battered by her partner, a child witnesses the abuse of a loved one, or a senior is victimized by family members.”

President Barack Obama

Domestic violence knows no boundaries; neither socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, religion, age, nor education. All women are at risk and should be aware of some clues that often precede abusive behavior, exhibited by a person who:

- Grew up in an abusive family; where violence was deemed “normal” behavior.
- Uses force to solve problems; a fighter/tough guy.
- Is quick-tempered; overreacts to life’s occasional problems and frustrations, punches walls and throws things when upset.
- Abuses alcohol and/or drugs. Violence is never caused by alcohol or drug use; these are 2 separate problems. But there is a strong link between violence and drug abuse and abusers try to use it as an excuse for their behavior.
- Is jealous of your other relationships and tries to isolate you; calls you frequently to check on your whereabouts.
- Talks of getting even with those who anger him; has access to guns and/or knives.
- Has extreme mood swings from being kind to being cruel; as though he was 2 different people.
- Embarrasses or makes fun of you in front of your friends or family.
- Puts down your accomplishments or goals.
- Treats you roughly; grabs, pushes, pinches, shoves or hits you.

Hoping will not make this problem go away. Abusers do not “grow out” of this behavior, if left unchecked. In fact, episodes of battering events escalate with the passing of time as does the severity. Abusers control their victims by using emotional, economical, physical and physiological approaches. Often fear and hopelessness force the victim into submission and/or depression; which in no way ends the abuse. This problem requires professional help.

It is tempting to accuse a battered woman of being a fool or coward for not leaving her abusive partner. Unfortunately, that is an unkind assessment and very wrong. Women don’t leave because they are frightened and often lack the wherewithal to find a safe haven in which to support themselves and/or their children. And more importantly, facts suggest that more women are killed by their partners AFTER they leave the relationship than at any other time.

Tough laws have been passed to address Domestic Violence but the battle is far from being won. We must collectively unify our efforts to promote safe, respectful and equitable relationships, increase victims’ access to support systems and help the survivors of abuse in later life.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please call the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office at 607-746-2336 or Safe Against Violence at 1-866-457-7233 or 746-6278 (both 24 hour hot lines.) We will start the process of providing help.

If you are not a victim of domestic violence, please remain vigilant and compassionate.



*Courthouse Square
Delhi, NY*

“Celebrating our past; preparing for our future.”

Accreditation "provides formal recognition that an organization meets or exceeds general expectations of quality in the field."

Noteworthy Events of 2010



Pictured from left to right: Chief H. Lloyd Perkins (Skaneateles PD), Capt. James Small, Lt. Timothy Buckley, Sheriff Thomas E. Mills, John Billich (Dep. Comm. NYS DCJS) and Sean M. Byrne, Exec. Dep. Comm. NYS DCJS

On March 4, 2010, Sheriff Thomas Mills traveled to Albany with Lt. Timothy Buckley and Capt. James Small to accept a plaque to commemorate the accreditation of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office law enforcement division. Delaware County is among the 270 law enforcement agencies in New York State that has met or exceeded the 132 professional standards required for accreditation agency status by the New York State law enforcement accreditation program. Sheriff Mills is also in the process of seeking accreditation for Delaware County Jail and the Civil Division.



Sheriff Mills was officially presented with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Accreditation Award during the Delaware County Board Meeting on April 14, 2010, as members of the Sheriff's Office looked on.

Attempted Suicide in the Jail:

During the late morning of Thursday, September 2, 2010, many anticipated the approaching long Labor Day weekend as they awaited news of the route to be taken by approaching Hurricane Earl and tried to find a cool place to wait out the sweltering 90 degree temperatures that had plagued our area for the last few days.

Meanwhile an inmate locked in isolation cell 23 in the jail's mezzanine level of "C" pod asked for permission to leave his cell to use the telephone. Once given permission, the electronic door opened and he charged out of his cell, rushed to the nearby banister, quickly tied the sheet (he held fast behind his back) to the metal railing and jumped over in an attempt to hang himself. The knot, made in haste, slipped and instead of hanging, he plummeted to the concrete floor below, landing on his head. Officers rallied to the rescue, an ambulance was called and the inmate was rushed to nearby Fox Hospital and later air lifted to Albany Medical Center.

Despite one's best efforts, there will be times when we will be taken unawares by the unexpected. The inmate had not exhibited suicidal tendencies in the past. Perhaps the news that he had been given that morning alerting him that he was being readied to be transferred to a state penitentiary for a 15-month sentence as a result of violating his parole was the impetus that inspired his impulsive behavior. Needless to say, quick and valiant efforts to keep him alive were made by our Corrections Staff and paramedics from the neighboring Delaware County Emergency Services Department. In a small agency such as ours, news travels fast and news of this nature chills everyone and places a dreary pall upon staff and inmates alike. As the hours dragged by, interviews were held with eyewitnesses, the proper authorities were notified and everyone waited to learn what would happen next.

Ultimately, the inmate suffered a small bump on his head and was up and walking around, like his "old self" in the hospital in Albany in a couple of days. It seems the Commission of Correction reserves hospital rooms at the same hospital that admitted him. He was transferred while in the hospital into State custody as planned, but as a result of unexpected circumstances.

SUNY-Delhi Student dies from Drug-Overdose:

Our Office investigated the case of a 22-year old Delhi College student who was found unresponsive in his bed at his apartment on Scotch Mountain, on February 16, 2010, by three of his off-campus roommates. A quantity of Zanax, Methadone, Cocaine and Marihuana were found in the residence and seized. The college community was shocked that this popular student who had such a promising future awaiting him in the golf course management field had departed this earthly plane prematurely. The young man, who died as a result of a methadone overdose, was scheduled to graduate in 3 months with a bachelor's degree in hand and an awaiting opportunity to serve an internship working on the redesign of a golf course.

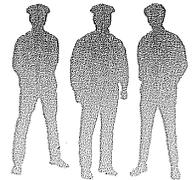
You Can't be Too Careful:



A fire of unknown origin erupted in a garage located at a Fox Farm Road residence in Sidney Center. During the suppression of the fire, fire fighters discovered an indoor marihuana growing operation and summoned deputies to report to the scene.

Subsequently the Town of Sidney Court issued a search warrant for that location which led to the seizure of fifty-one mature marihuana plants and related evidence. The occupant was charged with Criminal Possession of Marihuana in the fourth Degree and Cultivation of Marihuana by an Unlicenced Person.

On Thursday, July 1, Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies searched properties located in the towns of Delhi and Davenport and seized sixty- nine marihuana plants. Later, the Oneonta Star would report....



“The Delaware County Sheriff's Office is on a roll this week. According to a press release sent out today, Sheriff's deputies bagged 146 pot plants in Sidney yesterday, which will go nicely with the 69 they found last week in Delhi and Davenport.”



Acting on information provided by the Civil Air Patrol, Deputies searched a property located between the West Branch of the Delaware River and Arbor Hill Road in the Town of Delhi and seized thirty-five marihuana plants. That afternoon, Deputies searched along the Charlotte Creek in Davenport Center and seized thirty-four additional marihuana plants.

We appreciate the assistance of the Civil Air Patrol (a/k/a U. S. Air Force Auxiliary)-- a volunteer-run civilian organization that performs rescue missions. Since 1986 they have supported government agencies in counterdrug operations by performing “fly overs” throughout the Catskill and Hudson Valley regions in search of marihuana plants.



Deputies continue to investigate illegal drug activity and encourage anyone with information concerning the cultivation of marihuana to contact and report suspected marihuana growing locations to the Sheriff's Office.

May 10, 2010

Apparent murder-suicide in Walton

Sheriff’s Deputies, working with officers from the Walton PD, participated in an investigation of an apparent murder-suicide which took place at 10:00 PM on May 10, 2010, at 32 Union Street in the village of Walton. The 74-year old male assailant, whose home was in Norwich, purportedly shot the female 65 year old Walton resident before turning the gun on himself.



THEFTS:

The homeowners at Crawford Hill Road in the Town of Hamden reported the theft of a collection of antique powder horns, brass black powder flasks, soft leather ball and shot bags, antique Native American arrowheads and silver coins (such as the Morgan and Peace dollars.) Some of the stolen items are reported to date back to the late 1700's.



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Delaware County Sheriff’s Deputies investigated the burglary and theft of several firearms, televisions and other items from a home located on Patent Line Road in the town of Sidney. The thefts were believed to have occurred between October 1 - December 19, 2010.

The stolen guns included a Franchi 12 gauge semi-automatic shotgun bearing Serial Number AH50256, a Rossi “Matched Pair” rifle/shotgun bearing Serial Number SP806788 having .22 caliber and .410 shotgun barrels, a Ruger 10/22.22 caliber semi-automatic rifle bearing Serial Number 350-71904 and a Savage model 110FXP .30-06 caliber bolt action rifle bearing Serial Number G562302.

The stolen televisions were identified as a 37" Olevia model 237-T12 flat screen TV bearing Serial Number VDRK7511141, an unknown brand 42" flat screen TV and an unknown brand 18" flat screen TV.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Accessing the Sheriff's Office web site is a convenient way of keeping informed of the ongoing activities and resources associated with the Sheriff's Office. Press Releases of public concern are downloaded to the site regularly and there you will find links to the New York Sex Offender Registry as well as other relevant links.

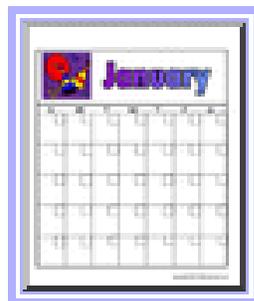
Visit the Sheriff's Office on the Delaware County Web Site via "Departments" category.



The calendar for the Multi-Purpose Room at the Public Safety Building can be viewed via our website. You may check availability there but reservations (and changes) are still coordinated by our office staff. We appreciate your cooperation in reserving the room no further in advance than three months. Call our Office at 746-2336 x 202 or 203 to make a reservation. The large room can be divided into two separate rooms (Side "A" and Side "B".) Each side has media equipment and a small food serving area. Side A has windows; Side B does not. Without tables the room will hold 190; with it will seat 75.



Use on-line calendar to plan your reservations and view availability.





Alice DeVita



Sgt. Dwayne Finkle



Dan McGowan



Amanda Nichols

The Sheriff is required to accept and serve civil process. The Sheriff maintains the Civil Division in order to discharge these required duties.

The Civil Division is responsible for receiving, docketing and serving civil process of both New York as well as out-of-state courts and thereafter returning the appropriate proofs of service. The Civil Division is also responsible for the execution of court orders and Mandates including warrants of eviction, writs of assistance, civil arrest warrants, orders of seizure, orders of attachment and orders directing the conveyance of real property.

The Civil Division enforces judgments through enforcement of income and property executions directing the garnishment of wages, the delivery of real property and the sale of real property at public Sheriff's sales. The proceeds of these enforcement procedures are collected and disbursed to the judgment creditors on a monthly basis. Sheriff's fees received for the service and enforcement of civil process and mandates are collected pursuant to law and remitted to the County Treasurer.

2010 Stats

Total Papers Served: 519
Total Income Executions 601

Total Property Executions: 14
Completed Pistol Permit Inv. 177

<u>Description</u>	2008	2009	2010
Total Fees	\$56,060.22	\$ 54,887.67	\$49,019.69
Total Poundage	29,156.42	29,290.55	33,441.90
Total Revenue	85,216.64	84,178.22	81,481.85*

* Numbers add up to \$82,461.59 - \$979.74 differential based upon necessary computer function.

2010 Communications Division Report



Michelle Murray

Michelle Murray supervises the civilian dispatchers employed in the Delaware County Communication Division. Using the latest technology and state-of-the-art equipment, our Communication Division provides a diverse array of responsibilities which include being able to quickly access addresses, phone numbers, aliases, mapping information, towing information and making CAD journal entries. They are always ready to assume primary 911 responsibilities should the Sidney facility need their assistance. They serve as the hub for all radio and telephonic communications within our agency.

911 Hang up call	100	Cyber Crime-Child Pornography	1
911 Open Line	8	Cyber Crime - Identity Theft	2
MHL Danger to Self or Others	56	Dispatch Deer	35
Mental Health Pickup	15	Deer Jacking Complaint	6
Administration Matter	8	Disturbance - Criminal Mischief	47
Aid-Attempt to Locate	20	Disturbance - Criminal Nuisance	1
Aid-Check Welfare	78	Disturbance - Neighborhood Trouble	45
Aid-Assist Citizen	25	Disturbance-Disorderly Conduct	30
Aid-EMS	37	Disturbance - School Violence	1
Alarm Activation	8	Death - Unattended Death	4
Animal - Animal bite	1	Domestic Report only	69
Animal - Cattle Complaint	30	Domestic - Child Abuse	1
Animal - Dog Complaint	47	Domestic - Endanger Welfare/child	3
Animal - Unusual Behavior Threat	3	Domestic-Custodial Interfere	1
Animal - Animal Complaint Other	57	Domestic in Progress	147
Animal - Acting Rabid	10	Domestic - Violence	1
Arrest	33	Drill, Training	12
Arson	1	Drug/Alcohol Complaint	15
Assist DSS Endanger Welfare	9	Drug/Alcohol Growing Cannabis	6
Assist DSS	129	Electronic Intrusion Device	105
Assist fire Department	2	Encon Violation(s)	7
Assist Motorist	3	Evidence Relay	17
Assist OT Police Agency	26	Failure to Comply	5
Assault - Simple Assault	11	Fairground Duty	3
Assault - Weapon Assault	4	Fight in Progress	31
Autopsy	2	Fire Involving Motor Vehicle	4
Bad Check	13	Follow-up	290
Bank Alarm/Robbery	1	Fraud Complaint	17
Bomb Threat/Explosion	2	Fraud Computer	4
Burglary Report Only	60	Fraud - Criminal Impersonation	1
Burglary in Process	9	Fraud - Other False Application	2
Burn Injury Report	10	Fire Works	6
Civil Matter	237	Funeral Detail	1
Civil Matter - Process Serving	402	Gas Drive Off	1
Court/Trial	36	Grass/Brush Fire	2
Custody Dispute	20	Gun Retrieval	1

Gun/Weapon - Person w/Gun	6	Road Schedule Probation	1
Gun/Weapon - Shots Fired	13	Robbery/Hold up in Progress	1
Harassment - Agg. harassment	14	Sex Offense - Rape	4
Harassment Complaint	144	Sex Offense- Sexual Abuse	4
Harassment - Stalking	2	Sex Offense - Registered Info	3
Hazardous Conditions	7	Snowmobile MVA	1
Hold Up Alarm	4	Special Detail	50
Identification, False, Altered	5	Subpoena Grand Jury	1
Information Only	28	Structure Fire	13
Investigation	197	Subject Not Breathing	27
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	9	Suspicious Package	1
Larceny From Mailbox	2	Suspicious Person/Activity	67
Larceny Report Only	44	Suspicious Vehicle	25
Larceny - Other	34	Test of the System	1
Larceny - From Vehicle	5	Theft of Services	5
Littering	1	Traffic Detail	3
Lockout Vehicle	4	Traffic Stop	2,514
Lost Plate/Destroyed	23	Transport	35
Missing Child	14	Trash or Dumpster Fire	1
Missing Person	13	Trespass in Progress	22
Motor Vehicle Acc/Prop Damage	288	Trespassing	39
MVA - ATV	1	Under Age Party	5
MVA-Car/Deer	98	Unknown Type Fire	2
Motor Vehicle Accident Fatal	4	Vandalism	23
Noise Loud Party	20	Vehicle - Abandoned Vehicle	9
Open Door	11	Vehicle - All Terrain Vehicle	39
Order of Protection Service	137	Vehicle - Car Blocking	14
Order of Protection Violation	16	Vehicle - Car Disabled	110
Overdose/Poisoning	1	Vehicle - Erratic Operator	114
Parade Detail	1	Vehicle Repossession	4
Passed Stopped School Box	1	Vehicle Stolen	6
Personal Injury MVA	41	Vehicle - Unauthorized Use	4
Pistol Permit Investigation	30	Warrant - Civil	3
Prisoner Relay	32	Warrant - Criminal	88
Project Lifesaver	5	Warrant - Criminal Summons	23
Property Check	441	Warrant - Family Court Warrant	17
Property Dispute	11	Warrant - Fugitive from Justice	1
Property Found	5	Warrant - Probation Warrant	5
Property Lost	2	Warrant - Search Warrant	2
Property Retrieval	31	Total CAD Calls Taken:	7,742
Property Stolen	10	New Pistol Permits	177
Psychiatric Behavior/Suic. Attempt	1	New Warrants	139
Range	3		
Road Blocked	38		
Road Flooded	1		
Road - Icy or Snowy	1		

**911 CALLS HANDLED BY COMMUNICATIONS
DIVISION IN 2010**

911 Hang Up Call	99
911 Miss Dial-No Emergency	1
911 Open Line	7
Alarm Activation	10
Animal Unusual Behavior/Threat	21
Assault/Fight in Progress	24
Assault/Sexual Assault	1
Back Pain	2
Breathing Problems	3
Burglary in Progress	8
Burglary not in Progress	7
Burns/Explosion	1
Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest	10
Check the Welfare	13
Chest Pain	1
Convulsion/Seizures	3
Criminal Mischief in Progress	4
Diabetic Problems	1
Disabled Vehicle	27
Disorderly Conduct	6
Domestic in Progress	171
Electronic Intrusion Device	105
Erratic Operator	23
Falls	3
Fire Involving Motor Vehicle	5
Grass/Brush Fire	1
Hazardous Condition	16
Heart Problems/A.I.C.D.	1
Hemorrhage/Lacerations	1
Larceny in Progress	1
Medical Call	10
Medical Emergency	11
MHL Danger to self or others	30
Missing Person	8
Motor Vehicle Accident	145
Non-Priority Rec'd on 911	31
Overdose/Poisoning	3
Priority Other	90
Prop Damage Auto Accident	87
Psychiatric/Behave/Suc Attempt	3
Road Hazard	17
Robbery/Hold Up in Progress	1
Service Call	1
Sick Person	8

Stab/GSW/Penetrating Traum	2
Stolen Vehicle	1
Stroke/CVA	1
Structure Fire	14
Subject Not Breathing	6
Suspicious Person/Activity	29
Traffic/Trans Accident	35
Traumatic Injuries	1
Trespass in Progress	17
Unconscious/Fainting	4
Unknown Problem	2
911 Hang Up Call	99
911 Open Line	7
TOTAL EVENT RESPONSE	1,133



Following is a list of calls handled by our Dispatchers in 2010 for other Agencies:

Agency	Total Event Response
Colchester	506
Delaware Cty Probation	654
Delhi Village	1,412
Deposit Village	30
Hancock Village	446
Margaretville C.	1
NYS Encon	246
NYS Police	1,007
Roxbury Town	215
Sidney Village	37
SUNY Delhi	331
DEP Downsville	272
DCCF - Jail	877
Walton PD	2,791
Response Total	8,825

Other Statistics:

Total CAD calls taken	7,742
New Pistol Permits	177
New Warrants	139

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office participates in many programs aimed at keeping our citizens safe, Which include:



Project Lifesaver - a proactive response which helps to locate wandering patients before they fall victim to the elements, accidents, or predators is administered by Sgt. Dwayne Finkle.

VINE



The Delaware County Sheriff's Office supports VINE. It is administered by the Correctional Division of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. The Victim Information and Notification Service ("VINE") was created in 1994 following the murder of Mary Byron in Louisville, KY. She and her parents had asked to be notified when Mary's ex-boyfriend was released from jail. They were never told that he was released, and this man murdered Mary on her 21st birthday. Today, the New York Sheriffs' Victim Hotline delivers an average of 90,198 phone calls and 7,024 e-mail notifications to registered victims each year in the State of New York.

RUOK

(ARE YOU OKAY)

"RU OK" is an automated process which telephones participants who live alone. It is offered free of charge to the citizens of Delaware County.

Each morning (at a pre-arranged time) the Sheriff's Office checks in on the participants by placing an automated call.

If the phone call is not answered, another attempt is made to contact the participant by telephone.

If unsuccessful, an Officer is dispatched to the location.

Those interested in participating in this program, may fill out the RU Okay Application Form and submit it to the Sheriff's Office. The form is available on our website or one may be obtained by calling the Sheriff's Office Communications Division at 746-2336 and asking for same.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Administration Division is responsible for the overall management of the Sheriff's Office.

Budget
Purchasing
Strategic Planning
Personnel and Payroll
Training
Policy and Procedures
Legislative Initiatives
Operations Management

Paying its employees and paying its bills are two important aspects of running any organization. Thankfully, we have two very competent business women (Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Papa) in charge of these tasks. Our Administrative Assistant performs a variety of other office duties.



Edie Mills
Payroll &
Personnel
Clerk



Evie Tripp
Admin. Assist. II



Lisa Papa
Principal Account
Clerk



SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY



Inv. Joe Mauro

Monitoring the current whereabouts of convicted sex offenders living in Delaware County is one of our top priorities. Another is promoting community awareness. The Sex Offender Registry is maintained by Investigator Joseph Mauro who has the responsibility of collecting and maintaining current contact and location information of all convicted Sex Offenders who reside in Delaware County.

Presently the Delaware County Sheriff's Office monitors 94 Sex Offenders living in Delaware County. That number fluctuates on a daily basis as individual offenders move from county to county, are sent to prison or return from prison.

Following is a table indicating where Level II and III sex offenders reside. A link to sex offender information may also be accessed on the Sheriff's website on the Delaware County server.

Sex Offenders By Town (*Note: totals do not include Level I offenders because we are prohibited from divulging the addresses where the 43 Level I offenders reside.)

LEVEL II AND I I I SEX OFFENDER HOME LOCATIONS

Town	Total *	III	II
Andes	2	1	1
Bloomville	2		2
Davenport	1	1	
DavenportCtr	1		1
Delhi	8	5	3
Deposit	2		2
E.Branch	2	1	1
E.Meredith	3	2	1
Fleischmanns	1		1
Gr.Gorge	3	1	2
Hancock	3	1	2
Harpersfield	1	1	
Hobart	1		1
Jefferson	1		1
Margaretville	2	1	1
Masonville	1		1
Meridale	1	1	
Sidney	5	3	2
S.Kortright	1		1
Unadilla	1		1
Walton	9	2	7
Totals	51	20	31





Jail Administrator
Lt. Bruce Gaffney



Chief Jail Officer First
Sgt. Fred Stanton

CORRECTIONS DIVISION - 2010 YEAR-END REPORT

This past year we had only four reportable incidents. I believe that the conduct of our staff and the professionalism they display on a daily basis in the discharge of their duties is the main factor in keeping this number to a minimum.

In 2010, we processed 1,746 inmates (23 less than last year.) Of those processed in, 589 represented new bookings, which was 22 more than last year. Among those inmates committed to this facility, we had 793 jail-related transports. This figure is above our average of 700 transports—established since we moved into our new facility.

The time we spend on transports is considerable. If a minimum time spent on each transport averaged only two and a half hours, it would add up to more than 2,000 hours per year. That would keep one transport officer involved in a transport every minute of his work day for the year, if the transports could be done one at a time, with one inmate and one officer. In reality, the majority of our transports are multiple, go in different directions, and require more than one officer – which has a large impact on our overtime budget.

In 2010, we billed out boarding fees amounting to \$174,420, which is slightly less than last year, to other counties, which include: Dutchess, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan as well as the U. S. Marshall's service. This lower total reflects the fact that the need for other counties to board out is becoming less each year. Many counties have built or are in the process of building, new jails. Each time that occurs, it alleviates that county's need to board inmates out-- and adds another county to compete with us for boarding inmates in.

Overall, since we opened our doors seven years ago, we have taken in over \$2 million dollars in boarding fees alone. Even though this facility is not considered an income-producing facility, we still produce revenue for Delaware County.

Other revenue generated this past year amounted to \$37,831.00, bringing the total of revenues generated in 2010, by the Jail to \$212,251.00. This figure does not include monies received from the State for transporting State inmates.

CORRECTIONS TRANSPORTS											
Description	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Mental Health	7	3	8	8		6	1	4	3	7	8
Medical	50	65	52	96	69	198	160	140	178	195	193
Dental	26	29	38	47	62	56	83	92	88	88	58
Funeral		6	2		3	1	3			2	1
County/ Supreme Court	120	104	127	196	165	139	145	158	136	144	191
Family Court	24	28	23	14	16	24	42	25	32	27	22
Other Courts	207	189	289	283	251	192	244	234	225	252	253
Other Corr. Facilities	366	230	536	757	11	34	29	42	43	42	53
Work Detail							5				
Relay w/ other Agency							4	1	3	2	3
Transport/O ther Agency	8	5	36	2				9	4	17	7
Federal Transports								11	22	31	4
TOTALS	808	659	1,111	1,403	577	650	716	716	734	807	793

INCOME PRODUCED FROM BOARDING-IN PRISONERS							
2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
\$125,475	367,275	567,450	452,100	354,075	187,985	174,420	\$2,228,780.00

REVENUE FROM U. S. MARSHAL'S SERVICE FOR TRANSPORTING INMATES							
2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Totals
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CHAPLAINS

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office Chaplaincy is made up of volunteer chaplains who have faithfully served us for many years. They include: Yetzchak S. Bernath, Joel Gold, John Grenier, Donald Grossman, Derek Johnson, Elliott Oakes, Jane Ramano and Kristine Warren.

The chaplains have made numerous hospital calls. They have also worked with families who have experienced tragic events in their lives. They help provide resources and conduct weddings when asked.



FOOD PREPARATION



Elizabeth Telian

Our Chief Cook, Elizabeth ("Liz") Telian supervises the kitchen staff. A great savings was realized when we decided to augment our meals by utilizing some partially-prepared courses prepared by the Dept. of Corrections in Albany.

Of course, our staff still prepares the bulk of meals and "special orders" required by medical conditions and religious beliefs.



Our Medical Division provides a necessary service to the health and welfare of our inmate population.

We have a doctor "on call" and a resident RN on premises along with part-time LPN assistance.



Homeland
Security

GRANTS

In an effort to provide cost-effective services for our taxpayers, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office routinely avails itself of State and Federal grant funding opportunities. Grant funding is used primarily for upgrading existing equipment, availing our officers of the latest technological advancements in an effort to aid them in the performance of their duties and supporting special enforcement initiatives which are dictated by regional and national developments.

The following is a list of revenue received in 2010 from existing grants processed in the Administration Division. (Sgt. Tiska also procures grant funding for the Road Patrol Division)

COPS Grant for Communication Study	\$21,123.59
Office of Homeland Security (two open Grant sources)	29,956.16
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	3,272.63
Total:	\$54,352.38

New Grants acquired in 2010 :

Homeland Security SLETPP Grant	\$66,147.00
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	7,609.21
Total	\$73,756.21

It should be noted, that since our participation in the Bulletproof Vest Program in 2001, we have received grant funding in the cumulative amount of \$49,582.26. This amount represents a 50% reimbursement on bulletproof vest purchases made for officers assigned to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, DSS and Probation.

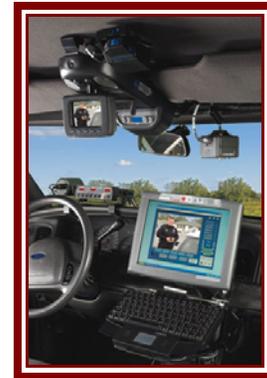
ROAD PATROL DIVISION



Lt. Timothy Buckley



Sgt. Ted Tiska



DS Derek Bowie



DS Earnest Cawley



DS Tahir Haqq



DS Bruce Palmer



DS Jody Proffitt



DS Richard Sass



DS Kim Smith



DS Todd
Van Keuren

Our Deputies:

Decisive - While at the same time:
Considerate, Flexible, Compassionate,
and Knowledgeable.

GRANTS:

Sgt. Ted Tiska monitors the Step Grant. In 2010, we were awarded a STEP grant in the amount of \$21,700.00.

STEP” is an acronym for “Selective Traffic Enforcement Program,” which refers to planned enforcement activities targeting identified crash-causing traffic violations and/or behaviors at their specific times and places of occurrence. Fatalities and personal injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes continue to be a serious societal problem. A large percentage of these traffic crashes can be directly attributed to speeding and other aggressive driving behaviors. While public information and education efforts help prevent some of these incidents, directed traffic law enforcement is the proven key to eliminating these behaviors and their resulting crashes.



ROAD PATROL/CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS YEAR-TO-DATE: 2010	
Civil Papers Served	402
DWI's	19
Orders of Protection	137
Property Checks	441
Special Details	28
Total Arrests	268
Total Calls for Service	7,742 (CAD = 1,240)
Total Criminal Complaints	410 (99 Felony - 171 Misdemeanor - 140 Other)
Total Investigations and Follow-up	487
Total Traffic Stops	2,514
Total Tickets Issued	1,841 (Tickets issued on 74% of all traffic stops.)



Motor Vehicle Accidents

Property Damage	386
Personal Injury	44
Fatal MVA	4 (1 fatal mva was an NYSP assist case.)
Snowmobile MVA	1
Other MVA	2 (1 of the ATV accidents was fatal.)





CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION



Sr. Inv. Karl Vagts, Jr.

Criminal Investigations are performed by Senior Investigator Karl H. Vagts., Jr. He 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



Investigator Mauro has an ambitious workload, consisting of:



Inv. Joe Mauro

- * Narcotics Investigation
- * Armorer/Weapons Training
- * Sex Offender Registry



EVIDENCE COLLECTION



DS Kim Smith

Deputy Sheriff Kim Smith oversees our Evidence Division, in addition to performing her road patrol duties. She is responsible for processing the data collected at crime scenes. With the aid of state-of-the-art computer equipment, she identifies, documents, and secures a wide variety of evidence. Her duties in this regard include:

- * Documenting evidence collected at a crime scene, using photo and video depiction;
- * Collecting evidence to include fingerprints and footprint development;
- * Preparing a well-organized set of field notes in preparation of a written report and subsequent trial testimony;
- * Submitting physical evidence for further forensic analysis, including DNA;
- * Assisting fellow law enforcement officers regarding crime scene evidence processing; and
- * Preserving evidence until such time as it is ready to be returned to the owner or destroyed.



Delaware County Law Enforcement Academy
First Sgt. Harold Stanton, Director

CORRECTION ACADEMY



CLASS OF 2010



Miscellaneous Training - 2010

April 27, 2010 - Domestic Violence Workshop

This four-hour workshop was presented by Mr. Robert Passonno from the NYS Office of Domestic Violence. It focused on changes in current laws regarding the handling of a domestic violence incident by law enforcement, new changes in reporting procedures and completion of the DIR.

May 11, 2010 - Drug Recognition Class 1-4PM

This class was attended by 53 enrollees (Police Officers, DSS, Teachers, school administrators and court security.) It was taught by part-time Deputy Sheriff Jan Gorshack, who is also a full-time Sidney PD Officer.



Summer Camp

Sponsored by the New York State
Sheriff's Association. Institute

Every summer Delaware County sends approximately 30 of its disadvantaged youth to an all-expense paid week at the New York State Sheriffs' Association's summer camp on Keuka Lake.

When we learned that the Summer Camp needed to rebuild one of the oldest cabins at their site, which is referred to as "the nurse's cabin," we were anxious to support this project (estimated to cost \$25,000.00)

When asked if they would be willing to endorse this project, the O'Connor Foundation awarded us a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00– since they knew it benefitted children in Delaware County.

We also applied for a \$10,000 grant from another local philanthropical organization to provide additional funding for this project and we are waiting to hear the results of this request.

In speaking of the camp experience, Sheriff Mills commented that, "I have witnessed first-hand the mental, physical and philosophical alternatives that are introduced to our youth while they are involved in this wholesome and pleasant experience – which introduces them to good sportsmanship, team spirit, arduous physical commitment and the consequences of their actions. Campers examine the advantage of alternative lifestyles and enjoy pleasant interactions with policeman as well."

For over twenty years, our Office has sent Officer Ladd Dawson to camp. Ladd feels that the camp's daily curriculum is the blue print that makes the staff and deputy sheriffs' contributions so effective and meaningful. He likes the fact that kids get some structure every day. He noted the kids are given simple rules to live by. He said, "These rules, such as be kind to each other, respect each other as individuals and give a little of yourself to the common good of all, make the camp experience work."