



2011 ANNUAL REPORT

DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Sheriff

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To: Delaware County Board of Supervisors

Re: 2011 Annual Report

As you well know, 2011 was a year wrought with significant storms. During such traumatic acts of nature, the Sheriff's Office focuses on providing safety and security assistance. A flood on May 20th affected most notably Sidney, Masonville and Tompkins and caused an estimated one million dollars worth of damage to public infrastructure. The hamlet of Sidney Center was hardest hit.

On May 24th, Undersheriff Vredenburgh took a serious tumble from his horse, which resulted in him being airlifted to the hospital. Through the remainder of the year, he struggled with medical issues resulting from the fall.

On August 28, a flood, resulting from Hurricane Irene's heavy rainfall, damaged 334 Middletown structures located throughout the towns of Middletown, Fleischmanns and Margaretville. The Sheriff's Office devoted a lot of time in energy in helping our Middletown neighbors overcome the damage wrought by Hurricane Irene, and subsequently tropical storm Lee, who followed close behind wrought havoc to Sidney where a State of Emergency was declared and residents living in flood-prone areas were evacuated.

Our Annual Reports does not contain accounts of murder and mayhem or the use of departmental boats, planes, K-9 units and such. It is just the account of a small rural Sheriff's Office meeting the mundane responsibilities it faces (notwithstanding acts of nature; sometimes huge.) Still, I want to acknowledge the diligence and perseverance of our workforce and express my appreciation of their willingness and ability to meet all of our challenges and stay the course.

Very truly yours,

DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

Thomas E. Mills
Sheriff

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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.



...Office Highlights in 2011



(From left to right: Deputy Todd VanKeuren, Sgt. Ted Tiska, Sheriff Thomas Mills)

The Sheriff's Office receives 4 new AED's

April 28, 2011

Recently Sgt. Ted Tiska and Deputy Sheriff Todd VanKeuren presented Sheriff Thomas Mills with four (4) Zoll AEDPLUS defibrillators. Routinely, members of the Delaware County Deputy Sheriffs Police Benevolent Association solicit donations from our citizenry for worthwhile endeavors. The response is gratifying and the circle is completed when the benefits are returned to the community at large.

Sheriff Mills noted, "We haven't purchased new defibrillators since we conducted the last fund drive, in January, 2000. Later, many were replaced by a donation from the Public Health Department. This donation comes at an opportune time – when they are needed most to replace some of our most outdated models." It should be noted that AED's can also be used to benefit children because AED manufacturers provide a pediatric cable for them which is capable of reducing the amount of energy the AED delivers to a child under eight years of age.

AWARDS:

Delaware County Employee of the Month August 2011



Michelle Murray
Communications Supervisor

Michelle Murray began working for Delaware County as a per diem Corrections Officer in June 2005. On January 1, 2006, Michelle was appointed to the position of full-time Dispatcher. From August 1, 2005 until October 30, 2007, she also continued to work for the County as a per-diem Clerk for various departments such as the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Services, Public Health and Personnel. On July 29, 2007, Michele was promoted to the position Dispatch/Communications Supervisor.

As the Communications Supervisor, Michelle is responsible for overseeing the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Communications Center, supervising the County's Dispatchers and ensuring the communications equipment is functioning properly. The Communications Center is also responsible for monitoring routine traffic stops and the whereabouts and welfare of emergency and law enforcement personnel. The Communications Center also operates the R-U-Okay program for home-bound citizens whose welfare needs to be checked each day. This service is particularly important to senior and disabled individuals who may not have friends or family who can check in with them on a regular basis. The manner in which a Dispatcher handles these situations can make the difference between life and death. If at any time the primary 911 Dispatching Center at the Sidney State Police Headquarters fails, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Communications Center is ready to step in and commence uninterrupted services. Michelle has a strong commitment to ensuring that all Communications duties are handled appropriately and, even in the most difficult situations, she manages to remain poised and in control.

What Michelle finds most interesting about her job is the diversity of each day's situations and knowing that you are part of a well-run team whose primary concern is to help others.

Michelle's husband, Tim Murray, is a Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Department of Social Services's Investigative Unit. Michelle has a seven year old son, Jacob, and she and Tim are awaiting the birth of their child in November.

Congratulations, Michelle, for this well deserved recognition.



DELAWARE COUNTY SCOOPS IAAI AWARDS

November 2011 - IAAI New York Chapter 23 Fire Investigation Team Award recognizes:
Delaware County Fire Investigation Team and District Attorney Northrup

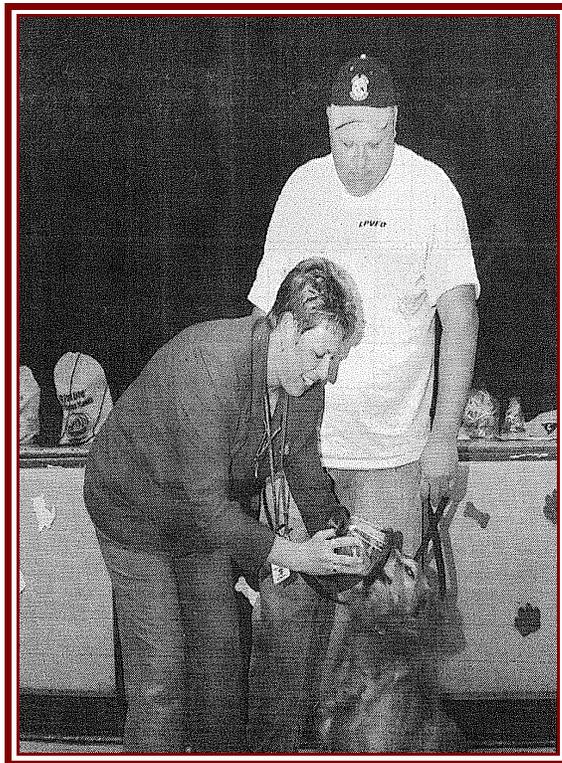
The Sidney Center Church blaze was one of several area fires of suspicious origin that troubled our citizenry. A task force was formed to address this wanton destruction. What our task force members lacked in impressive credentials was more than made up for in their zeal to stop cowardly incidents of arson. It should be noted that the majority of our fire investigators are volunteers who have trained for many hours for many years in order to attain either a Level I or Level II Investigator status. They had little difficulty in determining the cause and origin of each fire. They persevered and followed up on all leads and considered all plausible possibilities. They quickly identified logical suspects. They presented their case, based upon solid evidence, to the district attorney, and as expected, were rewarded by the successful prosecution(s) that followed. They are deserving of this recognition; they make us proud, time and time again.

Sheriff's Office - 2011 "UP TO SOMETHING GOOD AWARD"

If you are "up to something good" and we find out about it, chances are we're going to be very proud of you and will include an account of your achievement in our Annual Report. This year we are focusing on a worthwhile project in which the Sgt. of our Civil Division, Dwayne Finkle participated. Sgt. Dwayne Finkle is known throughout our Office as the "Big Guy", so it only goes to reason that he possesses a big heart too.

In 2011, Dwayne's wife, Jennifer, coordinated a campaign to purchase oxygen mask kits for pets along with the students from Andes School (where she teaches first grade) in a service learning project (the CROP program) wherein they used grant funding and Yankee ingenuity (door to door sales) to collect funds in excess of \$2,000.00 with which to purchase pet oxygen pet mask kits for all 30 fire departments in Delaware County as well as two additional kits for the Delaware County emergency response trailer. Andes is a very small school, but the student and administration there are not afraid to accept a big challenge and follow it through to a successful conclusion. Go Mountaineers!

Needless to say, this was a family project and husband, Dwayne, and their golden retriever companion "Red" were more than willing to lend their assistance in this worthy endeavor. Our hats off to everyone involved in making this program a success.



TOP GUN AWARD



During our routine training exercises, members of the Sheriff's Office Division and Corrections Division engage in a little good natured competitive shooting.

In the Sheriff's Office two Lieutenants tie for highest scores, having attained scores of 100. They are current Road Patrol Lt. Tim Buckley and former Road Patrol Lt. John Tahany (now retired.) In 2011 Jody Proffitt scored 99.

The Jail Division is still waiting for their first perfect score. But they have recorded some fine scores and Sgt. Dwayne Finkle consistently scores well. He scored "99" in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2011. In 2010 CO Dennis Klimowski scored a 99 as well.

We are proud of all of our officers and look forward to seeing whose name will appear next time on our Top Gun Award plaque.

NO SICK DAYS WERE USED IN 2011

By:

Lt. Timothy Buckley
Deputy Sheriff Timothy Murray

Significant Anniversaries:

	<u>10 Years</u>	<u>15 Years</u>
CO Chris Leinen	X	
Deputy Sheriff Kim Smith	X	
Admin. Assistant Evie Tripp		X



**The following Press Releases from the Sheriff's Desk were issued during 2011.
From the Sheriff's Desk.....**



03/21/11

**NYS Sheriffs' Association Institute Inc.'s
Membership Drive**



05/18/11

Slow Moving Vehicles



06/27/11

**14 Area Children left for Summer Camp on
Sunday 6/26/11**



08/15/11

Operation SAFE Child Identification Cards



09/02/11

Flood Scams



10/06/11

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness
Month**

March 21, 2011

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK....



The Delaware County Sheriff's Office Announces
New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute Inc.'s Membership Drive

The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute will begin its annual Honorary Membership drive in Delaware County within the next ten days according to Sheriff Thomas E. 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 35th year of operation, is located on Keuka Lake and 840 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 wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity for vacation travel or a summer camp experience.

The Sheriffs' Camp program combines summer recreation with activities 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 with an emphasis on the development of self esteem.

In these difficult economic times we cannot forget our youth who will not have the opportunity for a summer camp experience or a summer vacation, "Sheriff Thomas E. 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 Programs. This program is designed to help attract the best and the brightest to the criminal justice vocation.

For more information about the Sheriffs' Summer Camp and other Sheriffs' Institute Programs, visit their website, www.sheriffsinstitute.org or simply Google "Sheriffs' Institute kids" and it will be your first option.

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 persons 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, or visit their web site at www.sheriffsinstitute.org to download an application.

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

May 18, 2011

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK....



Slow Moving Vehicles

Now that the weather has turned warmer, we will begin to see more “slow moving vehicles” on our roadways. Some will be used by construction firms repairing our roads or farmers tending their crops.

According to New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 375, subdivision 36, paragraph (b): “Farm machinery and implements of husbandry designed to operate at 25 mph or less, traveling on a public highway during day or night, whether self-propelled or used in combination, shall each separately display a slow-moving-vehicle emblem as specified by law. The previous law required a Slow Moving Vehicle (“SMV”) emblem on either the tractor or the vehicle being towed, but not both.” A Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem is pictured to the right



Slow Moving Vehicle

Road construction and maintenance machinery designed to operate at 25 mph or less while traveling on a public highway must also display this emblem.

Our “nice” (rainless) days are few and far between or so it seems. When we have “a nice day” most take advantage of an opportunity to perform those chores that are unpleasant to accomplish in the rain; like tarring the roads or working in the fields. Still others will take advantage of the good weather for outings or shopping trips.

When many are on our roadways at the same time, there is congestion, which is unexpected and almost unheard of in our rural communities. Good humor and patience will go a long way in avoiding accidents.

If you can avoid participating in a gridlock situation, please try. Sometimes a simple thing, such as avoiding “rush hour” traffic or taking an alternative route makes a big impact. Many people driving slow moving vehicles pull over when they see there is a line forming behind them. That is always appreciated. I always give them a wave and a smile as payment for adjusting their busy schedule to accommodate mine.

June 27, 2011

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK....



*The Delaware County Sheriff's Office Announces
14 area Children Left for Summer Camp on Sunday 06/26/11*

Delaware County Sheriff Thomas Mills announced today that 14 children from the county are attending the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute's 2011 Summer Camp. The Sheriffs' Summer Camp is designed to provide a solid recreational program combined with the development of a sense of citizenship. This will mark the 35th year of the camp's operation.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp, which is located near Penn Yan in Yates County, is supported by the Sheriffs' Association's Honorary Members through their contributions and annual dues. This year the camp will accommodate over 900 deserving boys and girls from across New York State.

Sheriff Mills, in discussing the objectives and goals of the camp said, "The Sheriffs' Summer Camp Program is designed to provide a child who ordinarily would not have the chance, an opportunity to go away during the summer." Sheriff Mills pointed out that, "The primary objective is to create a positive interaction between the kids attending camp and the Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs who participate in the camp programs. We have found from experience during the first 34 summer camps that the kids develop a renewed respect and understanding for the men and women who enforce our laws. The deputies become their friends and in some cases substitute parents for a week," said a proud Sheriff Mills.

Throughout the week-long stay, the children observe special exhibits and demonstrations presented by Sheriffs' Offices from across the State. Included in these presentations are D.A.R.E. presentations, boat and bike safety programs, law enforcement equipment and technical demonstrations, archery competitions for accuracy and even a talent show just for fun.

Upon completion of the kids' stay, all children will be awarded a diploma for their participation in a program of "Good Citizenship and Law Enforcement Studies."

Pictured below are some of the children who went to camp this year from Delaware County.



August 15, 2011

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK....



**Operation SAFE CHILD
Identification Cards will be
Offered Free of Charge at the New York State Fair in Syracuse**

SAFE Child identification cards will be made available to families free of charge again this year at the SAFE CHILD booth located in the Center of the Progress Building at the New York State Fair in Syracuse from August 25th through Labor Day, September 5, 2011.

Sheriff Mills emphasized that when a child is reported missing, time can be the greatest adversary. Possessing up-to-date photographs and detailed information about a child assists law enforcement in quickly responding to a child's disappearance and dramatically increases the possibility of safely returning a missing child.

It takes less than two minutes to prepare a plastic-coated child's identification card which includes the child's photograph, index fingerprint, physical description (height, weight, hair and eye color, date of birth), and any medical conditions. This valuable service is administered by the New York State Sheriffs' Association. By the closing date of this year's New York State Fair, the number of records retained for children since the program commenced will exceed 400,000.

With the authorization of a parent, this data may be digitally stored on a secure server at the New York State Missing and Exploited Children Clearinghouse at the Division of Criminal Justice Services and made readily available to law enforcement personnel in the event a child becomes missing or is abducted. When used in conjunction with the AMBER Alert or a NYS Missing Child Alert, the SAFE CHILD data is used to quickly provide important details to police agencies investigating child disappearances.

Working in conjunction with the New York State Sheriffs' Association, Sheriffs from across the State and their deputies have volunteered their time (at no cost) to help families prepare or update these important cards. They look forward to meeting you at this popular event.

For further information please contact:

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September 2, 2011

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK....



*The Delaware County Sheriff's Office advises
Delaware County Residents to be wary of "Flood Scams"*

In the wake of Irene's initial wrath, be prepared to encounter "fraudsters", who will use one's frustration or sympathy from storm damage to inflict consumer abuse. Some storm chasers are scam artists and fly-by-night contractors who specialize in following the trail of natural disasters to practice their trade. They blow into a ravaged community, supposedly help people in conflict, collect money (and negotiable salvage) and then vanish to plunder another damaged community.

The office and staff of the Delaware County emergency Operations Center have begun receiving inquiries and reports of potential fraud and scams associated with the FEMA response to Hurricane Irene. One specific complaint involves those who have allowed others to tow away their disabled or flood-damaged vehicles. Unfortunately, the owners do not know where the automobiles were taken. They have vanished without a trace and the owners have not received any payment for them. This is especially problematic since the vehicles are not available for inspection as a prerequisite to the submittal of insurance claims.

Another complaint involves predators who offer to fill out a storm victim's FEMA applications and in so doing seek to extract a "filing fee". FEMA does not charge a filing fee.

Home repair scams abound. Fly-by-night con artists promise low prices and speedy repairs. They often are never seen again once they receive your deposit. If they do perform the work, it is often shoddy, unfinished or unsafe. In an effort to avoid being scammed, demand to be shown a copy of a contractor's liability insurance policy and contact the insurer to make sure that the policy is valid. A legitimate contractor will often ask for one-third of the project before commencement; another third midway through and the remainder at the completion of the project. Some people have overpaid because they were anxious to get the problem solved quickly. It is always a good idea to solicit quotes from more than one contractor.

The FBI and the National Center for Disaster Fraud has generated the following consumer protection alert:

"The FBI and the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) established a telephone hotline to report suspected fraud associated with relief efforts associated with Hurricane Irene. That number, (866)-720-5721, is staffed for the purpose of reporting suspected scams being perpetrated by criminals in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene and is staffed by a live operator 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Additionally, e-mail information can be directly sent to disaster@leo.gov.

The National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) was originally established by the Department of Justice to investigate, prosecute, and defer fraud in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, when billions of dollars in federal disaster relief poured into the Gulf Coast Region. Now, its mission has expanded to include suspected fraud from any natural or manmade disaster. More than 20 federal agencies, including the FBI, participate in the NCDF, allowing the center to act as a centralized clearinghouse of information related to Hurricane Irene relief fraud.

The FBI continues to remind the public to apply a critical eye and do their due diligence before giving contributions to anyone soliciting donations on behalf of Hurricane Irene victims. Solicitations can originate from e-mails, websites, door-to-door collections, mailings and telephone calls, and similar methods.

Therefore, before making a donation of any kind, consumers should adhere to certain guidelines, including the following:

- * Do not respond to any unsolicited (spam) incoming e-mails, including clicking links contained within those messages because they may contain computer viruses.
- * Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as surviving victims or officials asking for donations via e-mail or social networking sites.
- * Beware of organizations with copy-cat names similar to but not exactly the same as those of reputable charities.
- * Rather than following a purported link to a website, verify the legitimacy of non-profit organizations by utilizing various Internet-based resources that may assist in confirming the group's existence and its non-profit status.
- * Be cautious of e-mails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files, because the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.
- * To ensure contributions are received and used for intended purposes, make contributions directly to known organizations, rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf.
- * Do not be pressured into making contributions, as reputable charities do not use such tactics.
- * Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions. Providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

- * Avoid cash donations if possible. Pay by debit or credit card, or write a check directly to the charity. Do not make checks payable to individuals.
- * Legitimate charities do not normally solicit donations via money transfer services.
- * Most legitimate charities websites end in .org rather than .com.

In addition, the NCDF is the intake center for all disaster relief fraud. Therefore, if you are aware of anyone that has submitted a fraudulent claim for disaster relief, or any other suspected fraudulent activities pertaining to the receipt of government funds as part of disaster relief or clean up, please contact the NCDF

If you believe you have been a victim of fraud from a person or an organization soliciting relief funds on behalf of Hurricane Irene victims, or if you know of fraudulent disaster relief claims submitted by a person or organization, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud at (866) 720-5721. You can also fax information to (225)-334-4707 or e-mail to disaster@leo.gov.

You can also report suspicious e-mail solicitations or fraudulent websites to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.

October 6, 2011

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK....



**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
“Mourn.....Celebrate.....Connect.”**

This year marks the 25th commemoration of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month (NDVAM), a time for law enforcement agencies, victim assistance organizations and community leaders to work jointly in generating greater public awareness about domestic violence, prevention strategies and effective responses for victims.

The theme for NDVAM, “Mourn. Celebrate. Connect.” serves as a reminder that communities must speak out in a unified voice to combat domestic violence and to challenge every American to support the many programs that seek to create a world free from violence and coercive control.

In addition to assistance provided by our court and legal systems and victims’ service programs, domestic violence victims in Delaware County have access to potentially life-saving information through the New York Sheriffs’ Victim Hotline, VINE® (Victim Information and Notification Everyday).

The New York Sheriffs’ Victim Hotline allows crime victims and other concerned citizens to track the custody status of their offenders and register to be notified by phone or email in the event of a release or transfer to a State Correctional Facility. This service is free and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through a toll-free number, 1-888-VINE-4-NY or online at 222.vinelink.com

Domestic Violence remains a grave concern. An estimated 1.3 million women in the United States are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year. It is believed that up to 60 percent of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household. This problem is so prevalent that some states have considered and/or passed legislation making the witnessing of an act of domestic violence by a child, a form of criminal child abuse.

Acts of domestic violence should not be tolerated, rationalized or excused. Almost one-third of female homicide victims that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner. Domestic violence is the cruelest of attacks because the victim was attacked by someone who had been honored with a position of trust. One should not stay in an abusive situation. If you are in such a situation, seek help. Millions of dollars are allocated each year to help victims secure a safe haven from their oppressors. Many victims who thought they had no chance at finding a way out of their dilemma have been proven wrong.

I can’t help but believe that much pain, family upheaval and taxpayer expense would be spared if we all knew how to recognize and cope with symptoms of abuse in its early stages. This epidemic must be squelched; it kills.

Noteworthy Events of 2011

FLOODING IN MARGARETVILLE took a high toll on eastern Delaware County. On August 28, 2011, Main Street, Margaretville was completely underwater as Hurricane Irene caused untethered fuel oil tanks and propane tanks to bob up and down in the water. Residents were evacuated via the fire station's ladder truck and rescue boats and taken to shelters. Major businesses, including the largest grocery store and drug store were inundated with foul storm water.



On August 28th Massive flooding swept through the village of Fleischmanns's New York, after a lake and streams converged to transform Main Street into a raging river. At approximately 8:00 AM, concerned for their safety, everyone at the Valkyrian Motel, ran for cover, except for an 82 year old Brooklyn woman vacationing there in one of it's small cottages. Although her husband effected a safe departure, Leah Stern (a/k/a Rozalia Gluck) fell victim to the fast moving waters. A wall of water, more than six feet in depth, engulfed the one-story cottage in which she stayed, as well as the motel, which was swept from its foundation and hurled more than 30 feet downstream. People on shore, helpless to save her, listened to Ms. Stern's pleas for help until they ceased at approximately 3:30 PM, as the cabin bobbed down the stream. Although rescue crews from fire departments as far away as Broome County were beckoned to aid in the search, by the time her body was discovered by rescue personnel, Ms. Stern had become our county's only storm-related fatality. As family and friends mourned Mrs. Gluck's passing, they recalled that she was born in Krasna, Romania and had spent time in a concentration camp during the Holocaust.



August 20, 2011 - 20-year old Walton resident fatally stabbed, allegedly by another 20-year old man wanted on a fugitive warrant from Florida --whom Florida state authorities had recently declined to extradite. Lejuan Wainwright was arrested for the stabbing death of Tyler R. Warner who quickly died after being involved in an altercation in which he received 3 stab wounds to his chest. Minutes later he breathed his last breath on the grassy lawn in front of an apartment building located at 48 Meade Street in the Village Walton, as a friend tried to stave his bleeding.





Civil



Sgt. Dwayne
Finkle



Dan McGowan



Amanda Nichols



Alice De Vita

2011 Stats

Total Papers Served:	546	Total Property Executions:	18
Total Income Executions:	472	Completed Pistol Permit Investigations	120

Description	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total Fees	\$ 56,060.22	\$ 54,887.67	\$ 49,019.69	\$ 41,538.33
Total Poundage	29,156.42	29,290.55	33,441.90	37,832.11
Total Revenue	85,216.64	84,178.22	81,481.85*	79,370.44
Revenue Comparison		-1.94%	-3%	-3%

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



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

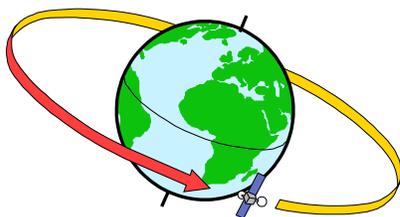
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If at any time the primary 911 Dispatching Center at the Sidney State Police Headquarters fails, the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Communications Center is ready to step in and commence uninterrupted services.

In May, 2011, the 90 foot radio tower at the Public Safety Building was extended to a height of 140 feet. The tower will now provide microwave connectivity between Delaware County's two dispatch centers; located in Sidney and Delhi, New York.



Delaware County and New York State joined forces to fund the new tower because it will boost inter-operable Police and emergency communications between Delaware and surrounding counties as well as the State of New York.

An accounting of the calls taken during 2011 follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Responses</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Responses</u>
Delaware SO	Animal Bites/Attacks	1		Disturbance-Crim Nuisance	1
	Falls	1		Disturb-Neighborhood Trouble	38
	911 Hang Up Call	112		Disturb-Disorderly Conduct	33
	911 Open Line	6		Death-Notification of	1
	MHL Danger to Self or Others	86		Death-Unattended Death	4
	Mental Health Pickup	34		Domestic Report Only	46
	Administration Matter	7		Domestic-Custodial Interfere	3
	Aid - attempt to Locate	17		Domestic-Endanger WelChild	1
	Aid - Check Welfare	117		Domestic in Progress	154
	Aid - Assist Citizen	44		Drill, Training	4
	AID - EMS	40		Drug/Alchl Complaint	13
	Air Boat Patrol	1		Drug/Alch Growing Cannabis	1
	Hold Up Alarm	5		Subject Not Breathing	21
	Alarm Activation	7		Electronic Intrusion Device	122
	Animal - Animal Bite	4		Election Law Violations	1
	Animal - Cattle Complaint	12		Encon Violation(s)	8
	Animal - Dog Complaint	36		Evidence Relay	4
	Animal Unusual Behavior Threat	1		Failure to Comply	9
	Animal - Animal Noise	1		Missing Person	5
	Animal - Animal Comp Other	66		Grass/Brush Fire	1
	Animal - Acting Rabid	4		Fire Involving Motor Vehicle	5
	Arrest	31		Structure Fire	13
	Assist DSS Endanger Welfare	13		Unknown Type Fire	3
	Assist DSS	149		Followup	246
	Assist Fire Department	2		Forgery	2
	Assist Motorist	1		Fight in Progress	24
	Assist OT Police Agency	23		Fraud - Complaint	16
	Assist Public Health	1		Fraud - Computer	3
	Assault - Simple Assault	26		Fraud- Crim Impersonation	3
	Assault - Weapon Assault	3		Fire Works	4
	Bad Check	5		Gas Leak or Emergency	1
	Burglary Report Only	59		Gas Drive Off	3
	Burglary in Progress	9		Gun/Weapon - Accident Wound	2
	Burn Injury Report	7		Gun/Weapon - Person w/Gun	3
	Civil Matter	152		Gun Retrieval	7
	Civil Matter - Process Serving	382		Gun/Weapon - shots Fired	18
	Code Enforcement	1		Harassment - Agg Harassment	14
	Court /Trial	26		Harassment - Complaint	144
	Custody Dispute	8		Harassment - Stalking	2
	Cyber Crime-Fraud/Scam	1		Hazardous Conditions	8
	Cyber Crime-Identity Theft	1		Identification, False, Altered	2
	Dispatch Deer	26		Information Only	49
	Deer Jacking Complaint	2		Investigation	363
	Disturbance/Crim Mischief	40		Landlord/Tenant Dispute	21

<u>Department</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Responses</u>
	Larceny - Re	48
	Larceny - From Mailbox	2
	Larceny - Other	39
	Larceny - From Vehicle	5
	Littering	2
	Mutual Aid EMS	1
	PROQA Access	1
	Missing Child	10
	Missing Person	7
	Motor Vehicle ACC Prop Damage	254
	MVA - Car/Deer	96
	Motor Vehicle Accident Fatal	2
	Personal Injury MVA	33
	Noise - Loud Party	23
	Order of Protection Service	146
	Open Door	6
	Order Protection Violation	27
	Parade Detail	3
	Lost Plate/Destroyed	57
	Pistol Permit Investigation	10
	Property Dispute	15
	Property Found	18
	Property Lost	9
	Property Retrieval	23
	Property Stolen	8
	Property Check	429
	Road Schedule Probation	6
	Prisoner Relay	18
	Road - Blocked	48
	Road - Damaged	9
	Road - Flooded	9
	Road - Icy or Snowy	3
	Sex Ofns - Sexual Abuse	3
	Sex Ofns - Rape	5
	Sex Ofns - Registered Info	5
	Special Detail	21
	Subpoena Grand Jury	7
	Suspicious Person/Activity	79
	Suspicious Package	1
	Suspicious Vehicle	34
	Test of the System	1
	Theft of Services	2
	Transport	29
	Traffic Detail	3
	Trespass in Progress	22
	Trespassing	40

<u>Department</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Responses</u>
	Traffic Stop	1857
	Under Age Party	2
	Vandalism	14
	Vehicle - Stolen	8
	Vehicle - Abandoned Vehicle	11
	Vehicle-All Terrain Vehicle	15
	Vehicle - Car Blocking	15
	Vehicle - Car Disabled	94
	Vehicle Erratic Operator	56
	Vehicle Repossession	3
	Vehicle - Unauthorized Use	6
	Warrant - Civil	4
	Warrant - Criminal	80
	Warrant - Criminal Summons	20
	Warrant - Family Court Warrant	23
	Warr-Fug. from Justice	1
	Warrant - Probation Warrant	1
	Warr-Search Warrant	4

Sheriff's Office Total Event Response = 6,829

Following is a list of calls handled by our Dispatchers in 2011 for other Agencies:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Total Event Response</u>
Colchester Town	264
Deposit Village	5
Delhi Village	1,389
Hancock Village	405
Roxbury Town	203
Sidney Village	30
SUNY Delhi College	482
DEP Downsville	203
DCCF Jail	768
Walton PD	2,279
NY State Police	846
Delaware County Probation	673
NYS ENCON	94
Forest Ranger	18
TOTAL CAD INCENDENTS INCLUDED	13,405
RESPONSE TOTAL	14,488

Note: When selecting multiple departments, calls will be calculated once for all departments that responded.

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



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.

The Delaware County Sheriff’s Office supports VINE. It is administered by the Correctional Division of the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office.

RU OK (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, which includes:

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



Each year we note with appreciation the grant funding extended to us, which gives us the opportunity to purchase state-of-the-art equipment for our Deputies and Office.



GRANT ACTIVITY

Existing Grant Funds Expended in 2011:

Federal Crime Control:	
Bulletproof Vest Reimbursement	\$3,161.80
Homeland Security:	
Pictometry Update	10,970.74
Prefabricated Communication Shelters	15,500.00
EOC Computer Hardware & Software	<u>9,889.00</u>
Total	\$ 39,521.54
 <u>New Grant Award:</u>	
Homeland Security FY11	\$ 69,966.00



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. The Sex Offender Registry, is monitored and maintained by Investigator Joseph Mauro who has the responsibility of collecting and maintaining current contact and location information for all convicted Sex Offenders who reside in Delaware County.

Following is a table indicating where #2 and #3 level sex offenders reside in Delaware County.

*Note: We are prohibited from divulging towns for the Level I offenders. (Total taken at end of year; stats change frequently as circumstances dictate.)

Town	Total *	Pending	III	II	Sexual Predator	Sexually Violent	Predicate Sex Offender	Sexually Violent Offender
Andes	3		1	2				
Bloomville	2		0	2				
Davenport	2		2	0		1		
Davenport Ctr	1			1				
Delhi	7		2	5		1		
Deposit (Del Cty)	2			2		1		
E. Branch	2		1	1			1	
E. Meredith	4		3	1		1		
Fleischmanns	2		1	1		1		
Franklin	1		1			1		
Gr. Gorge	4		1	3		1		
Halcottsville			0	0				
Hancock	5		3	2		1	1	
Harpersfield	1		1	0				
Hobart	1		0	1				
Jefferson	1			1				
Margaretville	2		1	1				
Masonville	1		0	1				
Oneonta	1		0	1				
Schenevus	1			1				
Sidney	5		2	3				
S. Kortright	2		1	1				
Unadilla	2			2				
Walton	11		5	6				
Totals	68		25	38		8	2	



Jail Administrator
Lt. Bruce Gaffney



Chief Jail Officer First
Sgt. Fred Stanton

CORRECTIONS DIVISION

This past year we had ten reportable incidents, five of which required the use of OC. This is a relatively small amount for the numbers we keep in this facility I still 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 2011, we processed in 1,603 inmates, 143 less than last year. Of those processed in, 575 were new bookings, 11 less than last year. Among those inmates committed to this facility, we had 670 jail-related transports. This figure is a little below our average of 700 transports since we are in our new facility. As with most counties, our population has been down which directly accounts for the fewer transports and naturally less income from boarding in inmates.

The time we spent on transports was still quite 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, in different directions and require more than one Officer. This still has a large affect on our overtime budget.

In the year 2011, we billed out boarding fees in the amount of \$134,960, a little less than last year, to other Counties which include: Dutchess, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan and from 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 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 eight years ago, we have taken in over 2.36 million dollars in boarding fees alone. Even though this facility is not considered an income-producing facility, we can still produce revenue for the County.

Other revenue generated this past year adds up to another \$30,232.00 – bringing the total revenues generated in 2011 by the Jail to \$165,192. This does not include monies received from the State for transporting State inmates.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Gaffney

Lt. Bruce Gaffney
Jail Administrator
Delaware County Sheriff's Office

CORRECTIONS TRANSPORTS											
Description	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Mental Health	3	8	8		6	1	4	3	7	8	8
Medical	65	52	96	69	198	160	140	178	195	193	160
Dental	29	38	47	62	56	83	92	88	88	58	79
Funeral	6	2		3	1	3			2	1	3
County/Supreme Court	104	127	196	165	139	145	158	136	144	191	123
Family Court	28	23	14	16	24	42	25	32	27	22	28
Other Courts	189	289	283	251	192	244	234	225	252	253	229
Other Corr. Facilities	230	536	757	11	34	29	42	43	42	53	40
Work Detail						5					
Relay w/other Agency						4	1	3	2	3	
Transport by Other Agency	5	36	2				9	4	17	7	
Federal Transports							11	22	31	4	
TOTALS	659	1,111	1,403	577	650	716	716	734	807	793	670
Y E A R	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011

INCOME PRODUCED FROM JAIL FOR THE YEAR 2011

REVENUE									
Description	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
Boarding - In	\$125,475	367,275	567,450	452,100	354,075	187,985	174,420	134,960	\$2,363,740
Transporting Prisoners for U.S. Marshall's Service				3,472	9,252	11,667	2,164		26,555

CORRECTIONS DIVISION - 2011 “ UP TO SOMETHING GOOD AWARDS”

“I shall pass through life but once. Any good therefore that I can do, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it. For I shall never pass this way again.” Stephen Grellet

In 2011, the 45 member-strong Correction Officers (“CO”) Union decided it was time to become pro-active in the community. The group formed a designated non-profit organization for the purpose of collecting money for local goodwill projects. The Officers’ fund also contributes funding for 15 scholarships awarded to students enrolled in either law enforcement or criminal justice curriculums.

Correction Officer Shelley Ellis, Treasurer of the Union is a driving force in this project. When explaining the rationale for this project, Shelley said, “Our occupation comes across as though we are the bad guys, and so we are making an effort to turn that reputation around.”

On June 4th, the CO’s sponsored the First Annual Delaware County Sheriff’s Department Softball Tournament Plus at the Delhi American Legion Field. It was a full day of baseball, food, kid’s games, and more for the benefit of the Delhi Pool Fund. Local businesses, professionals and a financial institution also donated funding for this successful event. We join with the community in applauding the efforts of everyone involved in this well-organized “joint effort.”



On Saturday, September 24, 2011, the Corrections Officers held the first annual Andrew Brown Memorial Golf Tournament at Hardwood Hills Golf Course, Rt. 8, Masonville, New York. Andrew served our Office as a Corrections Officer from 1/5/7 - 6/8/10, during which time he remained active with the National Guard. Before his death Andrew served his country, which service included a 10 month tour of duty during the war in Afghanistan.



Gone but not Forgotten

When CO Brown died, he left behind two children: a son 8 years of age and a daughter 6 years of age. Since Andrew will always be remembered for his generosity and the kindness he extended to others, it was only fitting that the proceeds from this tournament be used for the benefit of Andrew’s children.

The Captain & Crew Tournament was a big success. It offered 18 holes of golf, golf cart, Brooks BB-Q dinner and trophies. Again we thank everyone involved in this effort and extend Michelle Ellis our appreciation for her compassion in planning this event and her organizational skills in seeing it through to fruition.

You can't be too Careful.....

Correction Officers must always be on the alert for unexpected. No matter how impractical it sounds, someone will occasionally try to pass contraband to a prisoner during a visitation. This year a 39-year old Stamford man pled guilty to a charge of first-degree promoting prison contraband when he admitted that he passed contraband to a prisoner by placing hydrocodone powder in a balloon and handing it off to an inmate here, (a 38-year old Davenport resident) while he visited her at the Delaware County Correctional Facility.



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.



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, 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

Our Chief Cook 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.



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



2011 Corrections Academy Class

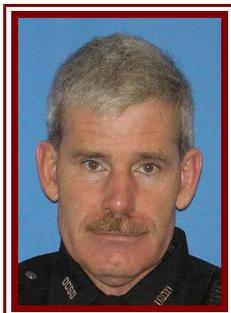
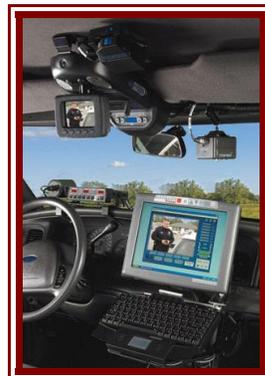
Pictured from Left to Right

Elisha Steigmeier
Eugene Scheck (Otsego County)
Mark Clark
Kenneth Wilber
Paul Hamilton
Michael Ferraro
Heidi Knox

ROAD PATROL DIVISION



Lt. Timothy Buckley



Sgt. Jody Proffitt



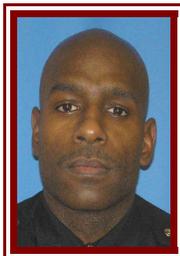
Sgt. Ted Tiska



DS Derek Bowie



DS Earnest Cawley



DS Tahir Haqq



DS Bruce Palmer



DS Richard Sass



DS Kim Smith



DS Todd Van Keuren



DS. Timothy Murray
on assignment to DSS



STEP GRANT AWARD: Sgt. Ted Tiska routinely administers the Step Grant. In 2011 we were awarded a STEP grant in the amount of \$12,078.00.

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.

<u>Monthly Activity - Road Patrol Criminal Division</u>										
DESCRIPTION	2011 CAD	2010. CAD	2011. (SJS)	2010 (SJS)	2011 Felony	2010 Felony	2011 Misd	2010 Misd	2011 Other	2010 Other
Total Calls for Service	6829	7742	1251	1062						
Total Criminal Complaints	324	410			66	79	139	147	119	112
Total Arrests	219	268	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
Total Invest & Follow-ups	659	487	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
Total Traffic Stops	1857	2514	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
Total Tickets Issued	1365 *	1851*	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
DWI's	9	19	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
Orders of Protection	186	137	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
Civil Papers Served	382	402	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
Property Checks	429	441	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----
Special Details	6	28	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	----

* *Tickets issued on 74% of all traffic stops.

<u>Motor Vehicle Accidents</u>			
Description	2011	2010	DETAILS
Property Damage	350	386	
Personal Injury	32	44	
Fatal MVA	4 **	4	** 1 car double fatality, 2 atv
Snowmobile MVA		1	
Other MVA		2***	*** ATV

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION



Sr. Inv. Karl H.
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:

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



Inv. Joe Mauro

EVIDENCE COLLECTION



DS Kim Smith

In addition to her road patrol duties, Deputy Sheriff Kim Smith oversees our Evidence Division. 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.
- * Preserving evidence until such time as it is ready to be returned to the owner or destroyed.

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