



## 2017 Annual Report

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Preserving our past and Preparing for our future.



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## Delaware County Sheriff's Office Mission Statement and Code of Ethics

### Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office to provide professional, high quality and effective police, correctional and civil 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 and Fairness**

### Code of Ethics

As a Deputy Sheriff, Correction Officer or Civilian Employee of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, my fundamental obligation is to protect the constitutional rights and freedoms of the people whom I have been sworn to serve and protect. I also understand it is my obligation to uphold the institution of the Office of Sheriff and not allow my conduct to diminish the integrity of that Office as well as the character of the Sheriff.

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 also 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 Office of Sheriff.

I vow to perform all of my duties in a professional and competent manner. I will be courageous in the face of danger; yet exercise restraint in the use of my power and authority to this, the ultimate public trust. I accept the challenge to consistently strive to achieve excellence and in so doing, to obtain the necessary knowledge and skills associated with my duties. I will keep myself physically fit and mentally alert; and thus capable of performing my duties at the caliber expected of one in my position.

I vow to be truthful and honest in my dealings with others. I deplore lies and half-truths that mislead or fail to fully inform those who are dependent 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.

I vow to treat others with courtesy at all times. I 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.

I understand that my personal character and conduct must be beyond reproach, both on and off duty. I will not befriend or associate with known criminals, inmates or former inmates of any institution, or other people of unsavory moral character. This is to include personal relationships, social acquaintances, various mediums of social media, etc. I will only allow myself to be surrounded by individuals of strong moral character so as to not jeopardize the honor of the Office of Sheriff, which I am sworn to uphold and protect.

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 Office of Sheriff.

January 30, 2018



### From the Sheriff's Desk

I am very excited to deliver my first “From the Sheriff’s Desk” article since becoming your Delaware County Sheriff. I have been very overwhelmed by the level of support for me and the Sheriff’s Office. When I took my oath on January 1<sup>st</sup>, the ceremony was surreal in many ways. I am honored and humbled to serve you as your Sheriff and feel very blessed to have the privilege to represent the fine members of the Delaware County Sheriff’s Office.

For my first article, I want to talk about the history of the Office of Sheriff and its role in our democracy. The Office of Sheriff is the oldest and most historic law enforcement agency in the history of the world. The Sheriff’s Office can be traced back over 1,000 years to early England. It was here under King Alfred the Great in the year 871 that you can find the early development of the Sheriff’s Office.

During the reign of Alfred the Great a new unit of government was created known as the “shire”. The shire was the forerunner of the modern day “county”. Each “shire” was led by a “reeve” (chief). It was the responsibility of the “shire-reeve” to maintain law and order within his own “shire” (county). In those early days there were no police, no judges, no magistrates, etc....the “shire-reeve” (Sheriff) did everything. He had the power to arrest, raise armies, collect taxes, preside over courts, deal with traitors, and do everything on the King’s behalf.

In the battle of Hastings in 1066 the Saxon King Harold was defeated by the Normans. The Normans centralized power under the King and it was the Sheriff who became the enforcer of the law throughout the Kingdom. Even after the despotic King John was forced to sign the Magna Carta restoring basic rights and freedoms in England, the Office of Sheriff maintained its critical importance as keeper of the peace. It should be noted that the role of Sheriff is mentioned nine times in the Magna Carta.

As English settlers came to the New World the Office of Sheriff traveled with them. When the first colonies were established in Virginia in 1634 one of their first actions was to **elect** a Sheriff. Thomas Jefferson in his work called “The Value of the Constitutions” stated that “*the Office of Sheriff is the most important of all executive offices in the county*”. It was at this time the Office of Sheriff was the very first County Office created in the United States.

During the 1700's and 1800's American Sheriffs were given a broad range of responsibilities by colonial and state legislatures. Among the duties included maintaining jails and workhouses. The enforcement of law, maintenance of the peace, and the handling of criminals throughout the judicial process were the responsibilities of the Sheriff. As westward expansion evolved it was the Sheriff who was needed to establish order in the lawless territories where the fastest gun often ruled. It was during this time that many categorized the Sheriffs into two categories; the quick, and the dead. The icons of western lore such as Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp immortalized the Sheriff's Office in history and legend.

Today there are over 3,000 counties in the United States. The Office of Sheriff remains as the only law enforcement officer in the land who is elected by the people and not appointed by a governmental body. For this special distinction, the Sheriff is often referred to as the "people's lawman". It is the Sheriff who answers directly to the people who elect him/her into office rather than the "government". This distinction is just as important today as it was in 1634. This is a responsibility and an honor that I do not take lightly. I am proud to be your elected Sheriff and can assure you that I and the members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office will always strive to perform their duties with integrity and honor and always maintain their service to you as our #1 priority.

I wish you a happy and safe 2018. Never hesitate to call on me if you need assistance...I am always here for you!

Standing in Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig S. DuMond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Craig" being the most prominent.

Sheriff Craig S. DuMond  
DELAWARE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Meet Sheriff Craig DuMond

Sheriff Craig DuMond is a life-long resident of the Delaware County Town of Masonville. Upon graduating from Sidney High School in 1985, he initiated his law enforcement career as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army being stationed in Germany as well as the States of Alabama and Maryland. Upon being honorably discharged from service, Sheriff DuMond returned home and became employed as a Correctional Officer by the NYS Division for Youth as well as a Police Officer for the Village of Walton. Over the next 22 years he ascended through the ranks with NYS DFY, and ultimately served as a Juvenile Correctional Facility Director all while continuing to serve as a Police Officer in Walton. Additionally, Sheriff DuMond served as the Town Supervisor for the Town of Masonville and Legislator on the Delaware County Board of Supervisors where he served as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. In 2012 he was appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Tom Mills and was responsible for the executive oversight and supervision of the Sheriff's Office to include the Law Enforcement, Criminal investigations, Civil Enforcement and Jail Operation Divisions accordingly. In 2017, he became acting Sheriff and was subsequently elected Sheriff of Delaware County in 2018. During his time at the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff DuMond has been responsible for the creation of the K9 Division, Mounted Equine Division and School Resource Officer Program. He is the Chairman of the Delaware County Drug Task Force and active member of the NYS Sheriff's Association. Entering his 31<sup>st</sup> year in law enforcement, Sheriff DuMond has furthered his education at SUNY Empire State College as well as completed numerous law enforcement and executive-level training programs; to include the NYS Governor's Office of Employee Relations Executive Management Development Program. Sheriff DuMond and his wife, Karleen, have (4) sons; two serving in the United States Armed Forces and (2) currently attending Franklin Central School.

## Administration



Sheriff Craig DuMond



Undersheriff Timothy Buckley

The Administrative Division is made up of:

Sheriff  
Undersheriff  
Administrative Assistant II  
Personnel Clerk

The Administrative Division is responsible for the overall management of the Sheriff's Office, which includes:

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

The Administration also deals with processing and receiving grants. We are very appreciative to the opportunities that grant funding allows our office to be equipped with state-of-the-art equipment.



Sergeant  
John DeMeo



Senior Investigator  
Karl Vagts



Investigator  
Joe Mauro

### **Road Patrol Division**

Deputy Sheriff's assigned to the Road Patrol Division respond to calls for service from the general public. They have a diversified caseload, covering everything from animal nuisance complaints to homicides. Each deputy works four (4) ten (10) hour shifts. Since our County is remote and has no major cities, each deputy takes his/her car home so that he/she can respond readily to incidents near his residence --- even when not on duty. The deputies interview victims, witnesses, and alleged suspects; write crime incident reports; and, when necessary, take people into custody and transport them to jail. As appropriate, the deputies refer cases to one of our Office's investigators for further action. The Deputies also testify in later court trials concerning their cases



### **Criminal Investigations Division**

Criminal investigations are performed when essential. These cases get investigated in-depth. The investigations division is in charge of administrating the records pertaining to each investigation. There are many different reasons a case would have to go be investigated in-depth.

## **2017 Highlights**

Our road patrol deputies respond to a wide variety of accidents in 2017, some small, some large:



Some accidents are not life threatening.

No lives were lost in the accident depicted here (picture to the left).



February 25, 2017

Deputies responded to a fatal, two car head on collision on Bear Spring Mountain. The investigation was down by Sheriff's Deputies and members of the New York State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

The investigation revealed that one driver had crossed over the double yellow center line of the roadway and collided head on with the other vehicle.

One person was pronounced dead at the scene, and the rest transported to Delaware Valley Hospital.

Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/DelawareCountySheriff/photos/a.616717295167153.1073741829.610972212408328/714738935364988/?type=3&theater>

**December 2017 - total SJS Incidents by Incident Type: 366**

**2017 YEAR TO DATE TOTAL = 5,507 = *2.82% decrease from 2016***  
**2016 – YEAR TO DATE TOTAL = 5,664**

Abandoned Vehicle	9
Accident – ATV	2
Accident – ATV Fatal	1
Accident – Fatal	2
Accident – Fatal Motorcycle	1
Accident – Property damage	179
Accident – Personal Injury	49
Accident – Motorcycle/Bear	1
Accident – Car/Deer	94
Accident – Car/Bear	4
Accident – Hit & Run	16
Accidental Gunshot injury	2
Administrative Matter	9
Alarm activation	201
Ambulance request	2
Assist Colchester PD	10
Assist Delhi PD	35
Assist Dog Control Officer	4
Assist D.S.S. Caseworker	13
Assist E.M.S.	36
Assist Fire Department	4
Assist Hancock P.D.	12
Assist NYSP	161
Assist NYC DEP Police	2
Assist NYS ECON Police	4
Assist OTHER DEPUTY	326
Assist other police agency	19
Assist Probation	5
Assist Roxbury Town Constable	10
Assist Sidney P.D.	10
Assist Walton PD	47
K-9 Training	22
K-9 Assist Other Agency – Search	2
K-9 School search	3
K-9 search	1
AUO	33
Aggravated Harassment	34

Animal Bite	2
Animal complaint	100
Animal struck by vehicle	27
Assault	8
Attempt to locate/Check Welfare	60
Bad Check	3
Burglary	47
Child Pornography	4
Civil matter	45
Attempted to serve Civil process	26
Civil process & Orders of Protection served	183
Computer crime	1
Confidential Informant	12
Attempted controlled buy	4
Crim. Poss. Controlled Substance	14
Crim. Sale of a Controlled Substance	31
Poss. Hypodermic Instrument	5
Criminal Contempt	37
Criminal Impersonation	2
Criminal Mischief	51
Criminal Nuisance	1
Crim. Poss. Weapon	1
Custodial Interference	3
Custody Dispute	8
Death notification	1
Destroyed firearm	1
Disabled vehicle / Assist Motorist	96
Disorderly Conduct	22
DNA collection	22
Dog Complaint	43
Domestic disputes	127
DRE Evaluation – other agency	1
DWI / DWAI Drugs	38
Snowmobiling While Intoxicated	1
Drug complaint	26
Election Law violation	1
Emotionally disturbed/Mental Health 9.41	74
Endangering welfare of a child	7
Endangering welfare of incompetent person	1
Environmental Conservation complaint	1
Escape	2
Explosion	1
Explosive Device	1

False Report	1
Fire	2
Fire – Vehicle	3
Firearms investigation	2
Firearms received	21
Firearms Seized – 9.46MHL	4
Fireworks	9
Forgery – Forged Instrument	13
Fraud	38
Fugitive from Justice	5
Harassment	138
Health/Safety Hazard	10
Identity theft	8
Information Received	5
Larceny	112
Landlord/Tenant dispute	19
Liquor Law violation	5
Littering	2
Lockout	1
Lost/Stolen license plate	1
Menacing	3
Missing person	6
Neighbor dispute	9
Noise complaint	41
Obstruct Governmental Administration	4
Open door	4
Operation Safeguard outreach	4
Overdose (non-fatal)	6
PISTOL PERMIT INVESTIGATIONS	383
Firearms investigation – deceased licensee	17
Pistol Permit Suspension/Revocation	54
Poss. Stolen Property	2
Prison Contraband	11
Prisoner Extradition	1
Prisoner relay	22
Property dispute	31
Property lost / found	22
Property retrieval	6
Property check – Private sector	307
Property check – Andes School	79
Property check – Charlotte Valley School	45
Property check – Delaware Academy	43
Property check – Deposit School	30

Property check – Downsville School	99
Property check – Franklin School	73
Property check – Hancock School	64
Property check – Margaretville School	73
Property check – Roxbury Central School	19
Property check – Sidney Central School	13
Property check – South Kortright School	43
Property check – Stamford Central School	56
Property check – Walton Central School	30
Property check – BOCES – Grand Gorge	5
Property check – BOCES – Masonville	6
Property check – 4-H Camp	3
Property check – White Birch Airport	17
Property check – County owned properties	
Property check – East Sidney Dam	1
Property check – Oquaga State Park	1
Reckless endangerment	1
Runaway juvenile	6
School Presentation	2
School Violence/Threat	1
S.R.O. – Masonville BOCES	69
S.R.O. – Sidney School	92
Search Warrant	4
Security Detail	3
Sex Offense	26
Sex Offender Registry	218
Sex Offender Registry violation	3
Shooting complaint	9
Snowmobile complaint	1
Snowmobile patrol	1
S.R.T. Deployment	3
S.R.T. Training	4
Stalking	1
Attempted Suicide	2
Suicide	1
Suspicious activity	9
Suspicious package	2
Suspicious person	38
Suspicious vehicle	30
Transport	1
Trespass	63
Unattended Death	12
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle	6

Unlawful cultivation of marihuana	4
Unlawful possession of marihuana	29
Unlawfully dealing with a minor	2
Vehicle Repossession notification	1
V&T complaints	129
Warrants received	
Arrest	7
Bench	32
Family Court	23
County Court	
Probation	4
Indictment Warrant	15
Parole Warrant	2
Civil Warrant	
911 hang-up calls	49





1<sup>st</sup>. Sergeant  
John Lehmann



Lieutenant  
Harold Stanton

## Corrections Division

### **2017 YEAR END REPORT**

This past year we had Fifty Five reportable incidents, this number is up from previous years due to the number of inmates we have had from an increase in boarders. 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 2017 we processed in 3353 inmates, 1580 more than last year. Of those processed in, 646 were new bookings, 15 more than last year. Among those inmates committed to this facility we had 440 jail related transports. This figure is below our average of 700 transports since we are in our new facility

The amount of transports was less than in the past largely due to numerous inmates going to the same court at the same time thus creating less transports but more people transported. If a minimum time spent on each transport averaged only two and a half hours, it would add up to close to 1100 hours per year.

In the year 2017 we billed out boarding fees in the amount of \$800,840.00 which amounts to \$435,702 more than last year, to other counties which include Broome, Otsego, Herkimer, Ulster, Jefferson, Otsego, Sullivan and from the U.S. Marshall's service. This is higher total reflects the fact that there is still a need for spaces for boarders. 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 borders fourteen years ago we have taken in \$4,799,427 in boarding fees alone. Even though this facility is not considered an income producing facility, we are producing large amounts revenue for the County.

Other revenues taken in, in 2017 are the reimbursement for transporting federal prisoners to and from Federal Courts and other correctional facilities. In 2017 the amount was \$21,897.00.

<b><u>Transports</u></b>	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mental Health		6	1	4	3	7	8	8	8	5	2	8	2	0
Medical	69	198	160	140	178	195	193	160	204	142	101	100	66	48
Dental	62	56	83	92	88	88	58	79	36	76	65	62	61	52
Funeral	3	1	3	0	-	2	1	3	---	2	1	1	---	1
County / Supreme Court	165	139	145	158	136	144	191	123	162	204	168	132	98	89
Family Court	16	24	42	25	32	27	22	28	80	47	53	60	70	36
Other Courts	251	192	244	234	225	252	253	229	235	231	324	228	175	160
Other Corr. Facilities	11	34	29	42	43	42	53	40	36	28	27	13	6	30
Work Detail			5	0	---	---	---	---	7	9	6	1	7	1
Relay w/other agency			4	1	3	2	3	---	2	---	---	---	---	---
Federal Transports				11	22	31	4	---	19	19	10	9	10	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>440</b>
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017

**BOARDING IN TOTALS**

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
125,475	367,275	567,450	452,100	354,075	187,985	174,420	134,960	237,366	563,937

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
223,117	245,289	365,138	800,840.						\$4,799,427



2017  
Delaware County Corrections Academy  
Cpl. Kim Smith, Director



Front: Frey, Shields, Moeller, Letosky, Pedulla

Back: Hanslemaier, Williams, Shelton, Doig, Seamon

Please note: Corrections Officers wearing gray uniforms are from Otsego County.

## Programs

The Delaware County Sheriff's Office participates in many programs designed to keep our citizens safe, which include:

**“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 832-5555 and asking for same.**

**Project Lifesaver - a proactive response which helps to locate wandering patients before they fall victim to the elements, accidents, or predators is administered by Officer Dan McGowan.**

**According to their web site, “Project Lifesaver has over 1,200 participating agencies across the U.S., Canada, and Australia, and has performed over 2,600 searches in the last 13 years with no serious injuries or fatalities ever reported.”**



*Promoting victim  
rights in the  
Empire State*

**VINE NY**

**1-888-VINE-4NY**

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.



### **YELLOW DOT PROGRAM**

**(This program is offered free of charge.)**

#### **Personal Medical Info Sheet & Decal**

**Every Decal in every automobile should be similarly placed on the lower left side of the left rear side window.**

**In your home, the decal should be placed near front entrance.**

**Every packet of medical information should be placed either in the glove compartment of an automobile or in the freezer compartment of your refrigerator.**

**Please contact us to request the authentic bright yellow decals and yellow information form/folders. These forms will also be available at the Fair and are handed out routinely by the Office of the Aging and various other civic groups.**

**You may want to order multiple kits; for use in your home(s) and automobile(s.)**

### **BICYCLE HELMETS**

The pricey helmets may provide an easier fit, more vents and stylish graphics. But the inexpensive models “get the job done.” The Sheriff’s Office routinely solicits funding to support giving away bicycle helmets.





## **Training Highlights**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**September 29, 2017**

As a part of his commitment to remove impaired drivers from our roadways and make Delaware County a safer place to live, work and travel, Acting Sheriff Craig S. DuMond is pleased to announce the certification of Deputy Christopher Erwin as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE).

Deputy Erwin officially graduated from the Drug Recognition Expert School on September 13, 2017, after successfully completing a two phase training that was held in Oneida County, N.Y., and Jacksonville, Florida, during July and August of this year.

The Drug Recognition Expert School, which has been approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, is an extremely demanding and intense school where officers are trained to observe the signs of drug and or alcohol impairment.

To be considered for DRE training, officers must apply for acceptance and have met certain criteria which includes: a minimum of two years of law enforcement service; at least two years of experience after successfully completing the NHTSA Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training; successful completion of Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training; a reasonable background and experience level of making DWI arrests. Officers that meet the requirements must then participate in an oral interview and successfully pass a Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Proficiency examination. The officer's performance during the oral interview and SFST Proficiency examination are determining factors in their selection and acceptance to the school.

The DRE academic training consists of two components. The first component consists of a two day pre-school that ensures that the student is prepared and capable of completing the seven-day DRE School. Students must then successfully pass a Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) proficiency exam as well as a written exam in order to progress to the DRE School. The second component of the academic training is conducted over seven days and includes instruction in physiology, vital signs, as well as

extensive material on each of the seven drug categories of the drugs of abuse and their general indicators. Students must achieve a minimum of 80% on the examinations in order to progress to the Field Certification phase of the training.

After successfully completing the academic portion of the training, students then attend Field Certification training in Jacksonville, Florida, where they must complete a minimum of twelve evaluations on drug impaired individuals under the supervision of Drug Recognition Instructors. Each student must correctly identify subjects under the influence of four of the seven drug categories. In addition, the student must maintain a progress log, rolling log and submit a comprehensive resume. At the conclusion of the Field Certification program the officer must successfully pass a Comprehensive Final Knowledge Examination to become certified. Deputy Erwin successfully passed the Comprehensive Final Knowledge Examination, which lasted more than seven hours, and earned his coveted DRE certification in August of this year.

The DRE training was funded by the Delaware County STOP-DWI Program. Funding for that program is generated from fine monies collected as a result of DWI and DWAI Drug convictions. Through our collaborations with the Delaware County STOP-DWI program, we remain committed to working together with our law enforcement partners to use those impaired driver fine monies to improve highway safety and to reduce accidents, deaths and serious physical injuries on our highways by removing drunk and drug impaired drivers from our roadways. To this end, upon request of area law enforcement agencies, Deputy Erwin will be available to conduct DRE evaluations for those agencies in an effort to further reduce the number of drug impair drivers on our roads.

Acting Sheriff DuMond remarked: "I am extremely proud of Deputy Erwin, his commitment and vigilance in identifying, arresting and removing the drunk and drug impaired drivers from our roadways, bringing them to justice and for making our roads safer. His tireless dedication is exemplified by the number of impaired driver arrests which he continuously makes. Since obtaining his DRE certification in mid-August, Deputy Erwin has capitalized on his training and made five arrests for Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs (DWAI-Drugs), one Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) arrest and one Driving While Impaired by Alcohol (DWAI) arrest. These arrests are in addition to five DWI and three DWAI-Drug arrests made earlier this year. Deputy Erwin was recognized by Delaware County STOP-DWI in 2016 for his outstanding performance.

I congratulate Deputy Erwin on his outstanding performance, accomplishment in obtaining his DRE Certification and recognize his steadfast dedication to the Sheriff's Office and residents of Delaware County."

## **Special Response Team (SRT)**

Delaware County and Otsego County Sheriff's Offices have come together to form a Special Response Team or SRT. The Special Response Team is geared towards protecting the community in extreme situations.

The SRT are combined with personnel from each agency. Each individual on this team had to go through a series of physical fitness to become a member. Once a member the individuals have to participate in extensive training to make sure properly prepared in case need to respond.

The Special Response Team has been very beneficial to both Sheriff's Offices. They have provided Deputies assistance when executing high risk warrants. They have assisted in executing and arresting drug dealers within the communities.



## Community Events/Delaware County Fair



Corporal Kim Smith is shown in the picture teaching children on how to properly wear a bicycle helmet. She taught the children how the helmet is supposed to fit and made sure that the helmets were appropriate for each child so that they would be safe.



Acting Sheriff DuMond attended the Senior Picnic in Delhi at Camp Shankitunk. Corporal Kim Smith also attended providing information to seniors.

Delaware County Fair



## K-9 Unit



Our K-9 Unit continues to take an active role in drug finds, raids and round-ups.

Our K-9, Osman Steele (“Ozzie”) was purchased using public donations. Many individual supporters, school groups, businesses, and clubs have banded together to support him. School children have baked cookies and held fund raisers to help meet his basic needs. The community support for Ozzie cannot be thanked enough.

Sergeant DeMeo and Ozzie continue to work hard at getting the drug dealers off the streets, and helping to make Delaware County communities safer. Ozzie trains hard and works hard and his performance is never less than his best as is the matching loyalty level of appreciative citizens.

Delaware County Sheriff’s Office and Ozzie can’t thank the contributions that have been made to help fund the basic needs of Ozzie.



## Retirement

After completing a career spanning twenty-one years with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Evelyn Tripp announced her retirement effective May 31, 2017. Evie had come to the office with a lot of knowledge.



Evie was in charge of monitoring and processing the grants that our office was awarded. She had to make sure that all the grants were compliant with the regulations the grant put in place. Evie was always very pleasant and ready to help anyone that asked.

We wish you all the best in your future and you will be missed.



Edith Mills announced her retirement effective November 25, 2017. Edie had a twenty year career with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. Edie was the Personnel Clerk. She dealt with the entire payroll for each employee within the Sheriff's Office, hiring process, and many other job duties.

Edie knew each employee on a personal level, she was always asking about family and how things were going. She always had a smile on her face, which in turn made everyone else have a smile.

We wish you the best in the future, and you will be missed.

## Retirement



Sergeant Dwayne Finkle had a career spanning twenty eight years (28) with the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Finkle announced his official retirement date to be January 28, 2017.

Sergeant Finkle started off in the old jail, which was monitoring the inmates and manning the front desk with phone calls and complaints. Sergeant Finkle then moved to be in the Civil office, which dealt with serving papers, income executions, and warrants of evictions.

Sergeant Finkle had many achievements throughout his time with the Sheriff's Office. Sergeant Finkle received the top gun award in 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2010. Sergeant Finkle also received employee of the month May 2009. Sergeant Finkle was always loyal to his position and brought pride to his job.

We cannot thank you enough for your service, loyalty, and integrity to this office. We congratulate you on your retirement, and wish you the best in the future. You will be greatly missed.



## Retirement



After completing almost nineteen (19) years as the Delaware County Sheriff Thomas Mills announced his plans to retire. Sheriff Mills effective retirement date was August 28, 2017.

Sheriff Mills had nearly 50 years in law enforcement. Sheriff worked his ways up through the ladders and always was positive and uplifting. Sheriff Mills was the type of person you could always count on.

One big accomplishment Sheriff Mills experienced while in office is when the new Public Safety Building was built. The building includes a state of the art jail. The building opened in 2003. Sheriff Mills had many other accomplishments throughout his career that none of us will forget.



We cannot show enough appreciation to the dedicated service Sheriff Mills provided this office. The loyalty you have provided to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office and people of Delaware County is commendable.

We wish Sheriff Mills the best in his future endeavors and retirement. Sheriff Mills will be missed very much.





## Mounted Patrol

In 2017, Delaware County Sheriff's Office hosted a DCJS Certified Mounted Police Officer school. We had 8 personnel from the Delaware County Sheriff's Office participate. The 8 Sheriff's Office Personnel included two (2) Deputy Sheriff's and six (6) Correction Officers. Karleen DuMond is a certified DCJS Instructor for the Mounted Police Officer course. Karleen instructed the week long training. The training allowed for Sheriff's Office Personnel to be fully prepared to respond when needed.

The Officers had to complete a Competency Challenge before moving forward with the course. The course curriculum included:

- ❖ Basic Formation
- ❖ Tactical Formation
- ❖ Crowd Control
- ❖ Sensory and Obstacle Training
- ❖ Patrol Techniques and Department Procedures
  - ❖ Search and Rescue
- ❖ Press, Public, and Community Relations
- ❖ Horse Abuse Laws for New York State

Sheriff Craig DuMond supervises the Mounted Patrol at their appearances throughout Delaware County. The Sheriff's Mounted Patrol participates in civic events throughout the year.

The Sheriff's Mounted Patrol participates in the annual County Fair in Walton, NY.





Sergeant Shawn Sulger



Corrections Officer Fred Ford



Corrections Officer Collin Roche



Corporal Shane Biggar



Corrections Officers Cory Bene



Corrections Officer Ken Wilber



Deputy Sheriff Kyle Karcher



Deputy Sheriff Justin Mohr



## Mounted Police Officer School Graduation



Left to right: Cory Bene, Shawn Sulger, Collin Roche, Justin Mohr, Craig DuMond, Karleen DuMond, Kyle Karcher, Shane Biggar, Fred Ford, & Ken Wilber

# School Resource Officer



“A school resource officer, by federal definition, is a career law enforcement officer with sworn authority who is deployed by an employing police department or agency in a community-oriented policing assignment to work in collaboration with one or more schools.”

--- National Association of School  
Resource Officers

Deputy David Barnes spends the majority of his time as a school resource officer at 2 local schools. Deputy Barnes interacts with students within the school, and provides school personnel with valuable resources. A school resource officer is a law enforcement officer, mentor, and educator.

When the designated school resource officer is absent, we have several other deputies that can cover in his absence.

Our Road Patrol deputies stop at the schools within Delaware County. They walk around the school and check in with School Personnel to make sure everything is in order within the school.

Property Checks	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	June 2017
Andes School	6	5	7	5	6	5
Charlotte Valley School	2	4	7	6	1	3
Delaware Academy	6	3	5	5	5	2
Deposit School	3	4	4	3	4	2
Downsville School	8	6	12	10	4	9
Franklin School	4	6	9	8	5	4
Hancock School	3	3	6	3	4	2
Margaretville School	5	9	10	5	6	6
Roxbury Central School	1	2	3	4		2
Sidney Central School		1			1	1
South Kortright School	5	3	1	7	1	5
Stamford Central School	6	6	7	4	1	10
Walton Central School	3	3	2	4		5
Masonville BOCES						
Grand Gorge BOCES	1		1	1		2
White Birch Airport	2	1	1	1	2	1
County Owned Properties						
East Sidney Dam						1
Oquaga State Park						
Other Private Sector	27	30	30	26	28	27

Property Checks	July 2017	Aug 2017	Sept 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017
Andes School	10	7	5	7	7	9
Charlotte Valley School	4	2	1	5	4	6
Delaware Academy	3	3	1	3	3	4
Deposit School	2	3	3	1		3
Downsville School	6	6	7	15	9	7
Franklin School	6	2	7	7	8	5
Hancock School	5	6	10	12	3	7
Margaretville School	2	4	7	7	6	6
Roxbury Central School	2	1	1	3		
Sidney Central School	3	2	2	1	1	1
South Kortright School	4	4	3	5	3	2
Stamford Central School	3	7	2	3	4	3
Walton Central School		3	4	3	2	1
Masonville BOCES		2				
Grand Gorge BOCES	1	1	1	1		
White Birch Airport	2	2	1	1	2	1
County Owned Properties	3					
East Sidney Dam						
Oquaga State Park						
Other Private Sector	27	24	26	18	26	18

## Sheriff's Camp



The Sheriff's Summer Camp on Keuka Lake in Yates County can be a life-changing experience for some children. The camp is offered a couple of different weeks in the summer. Each County is assigned a certain week that they are able to send kids from their county to camp. This is a week-long camp, and it allows children to interact with Police and with other children. At the end of their stay, all children are awarded a diploma for their participation in a program of "Good Citizenship and Law Enforcement Studies." The camp has made a big difference in a lot of children, and each year a lot of the same kids are wanting to attend again.



The camp information is normally given to the Sheriff's Offices around February time. This allows them to provide the information and receive applications back in enough time. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Miller at [Jessica.miller@co.delaware.ny.us](mailto:Jessica.miller@co.delaware.ny.us) or 607-832-5594.

## Drug Enforcement Unit

**February 10, 2017**



Two individuals were arrested on this high risk search warrant. Members of the Delaware County Investigations team and Sheriff's Office Special Response team all assisted with the search warrant. The search resulted in the seizure of approximately eight grams of bulk heroin, scales, packaging materials, a shotgun, prescription narcotics, marihuana, a kung-fu throwing star and several hundred dollars in cash.

**June 22, 2018**



Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit along with Margaretville State Police, and Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team arrested an Ulster County parolee. Mr. VanLeuvan was trafficking drugs since released from prison May 2016. Our agencies are diligently collaborating in their efforts to remove the drug trafficking from our communities.

## **Drug Enforcement**

These two cases are just two of the several drug cases that were handled over 2017. Our team of Criminal Investigators and all other agencies are doing a great job to get these people off the streets.

I commend those who have stepped forward and provided information to law enforcement to help rid their community of drug dealers. I strongly encourage others to call our toll-free tip line, 1-888-914-9111, or to personally meet with a Deputy, or Investigator to report suspicious activity or to provide drug related information. No matter how insignificant you believe it may be, the information you provide may be the final piece we need to rid your community of one or more sources of these deadly drugs. You may just help save the life of a friend or family member.

The drug related arrests help illustrate that, as a part of our commitment to make our communities safer by ridding them of drug dealers, we will act swiftly, tirelessly and collaboratively with our law enforcement partners on all actionable tips and information received to bring the drug dealers to justice.