

# Delaware County Sheriff's Office



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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Delaware County Sheriff's Office Announces Equine Mounted School Graduation**

On Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, The Delaware County Sheriff's Office graduated six new officers professionally trained in equine mounted patrol activities. The mounted patrol, which was re-established in 2012, is made up of a team of officers from various law enforcement agencies throughout Delaware County. Lead by Undersheriff Craig DuMond, the team consists of Sgt. Jody Proffitt and Special Deputy Liz Telian of the Sheriff's Office, Constable Steve Williamson of the Town of Roxbury, Chief Brian diLorenzo of the Hancock Police Department and Josh Williamson of the Deposit Police Department.



*Brian diLorenzo, Jody Proffitt, Craig DuMond, Liz Telian, Steve Williamson*



*Karleen DuMond, Richard Pelzer, Brian diLorenzo, Craig DuMond, Steve Williamson*

During the six-day academy, Officers were trained by NYS Certified Instructor, Richard Pelzer, of the Warren County Sheriff's Office. The officers and their equine mounts were subjected to drill and ceremony, crowd control techniques, and public relations. Additionally, officers were trained to acclimate their horses to sight, sound and smell desensitizing; such as smoke, flares, fireworks, gunfire, lights, sirens as well as various ground obstacles. Officers practiced search and rescue procedures and community policing and dignitary protection while mounted on horseback.

Undersheriff Craig DuMond remarked “the use of horses in police work is just as relevant today as it was in 1797 when the Sheriff’s Office was established. Working and searching in Delaware



*Craig DuMond, Brian diLorenzo*

County can be difficult and at times, especially in areas not accessible by conventional methods and the horse is the perfect alternative. Being 8-10 feet in the air gives the officer a perfect vantage point to operate in a wide variety of scenarios. Additionally, we plan to utilize this detail as a means of community relations and appear at various parades, festivals and fairs. The horse makes the officer more approachable to the public in general and helps build the bridge toward effective community relations”.

The Undersheriff thanked Richard Pelzer for his professional training, the participants for their involvement in the program and Karleen DuMond of Golden Gait Farm in Masonville for assisting Mr. Pelzer and donating her facility for the training. All horses involved in the program are either owned/leased by their riders and maintained at no expense to the participating agencies.



*Josh Williamson, Craig DuMond, Brian diLorenzo*