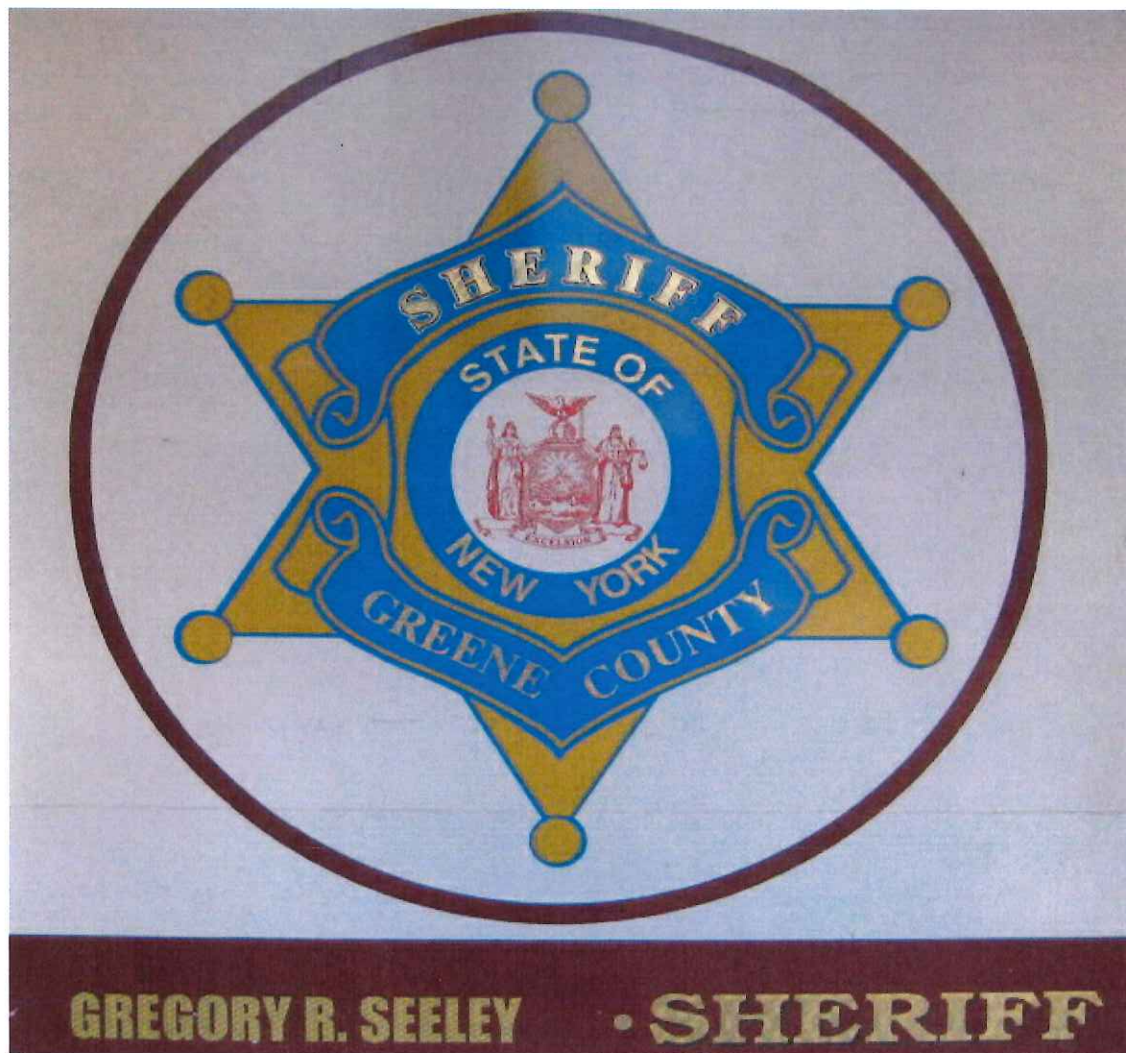


# ANNUAL REPORT 2017

RECEIVED  
MAR 30 2018  
Greene Co Legislature



GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Gregory R. Seeley  
Undersheriff George Tortorelis

# Office of the Sheriff.

*A Message from Sheriff Gregory R. Seeley*



As I continue through my third term in office, representing the people of Greene County as **YOUR** Sheriff, I am proud of my accomplishments and the faith you have placed in me.

The Office of the Sheriff of Greene County is mandated by the New York State Constitution. As the county's only elected law enforcement chief executive officer, the Sheriff of Greene County is answerable directly to the people. The Sheriff of Greene County works for the citizens of Greene County through its primary divisions and support units administered by the Sheriff. The Office of the Sheriff of Greene County provides services to the public with integrity, professionalism and sensitivity.

Of all the things that have occurred throughout my career here at the Sheriff's Office, I am sad to say we experienced one of the toughest situations I can imagine this past year. On February 28, 2017 we lost one of our own – Deputy Kevin M. Haverly. It is with profound sadness that we endured through this together as a department, as a community, and as a family. Kevin was a 4 year veteran of my office who was hardworking, committed, loved his job and gave his all to provide for his family and the safety of this county. He is missed dearly every day.

During my first two terms, as you are aware, we were able to develop a K-9 Unit. We have (2) K-9's trained in drug detection and search and rescue. The K-9's are basically sustained by community donations and funding from drug seizures. Currently out on patrol are K-9 Haas, with handler Deputy Joe Kralovich, and K-9 Havoc, with handler Deputy Kris Danko. K-9 Haas is named in memory of Deputy Haverly.

During my third term, I will continue to work for the citizens of Greene County. I will seek further grant funding and strive to make the Greene County Sheriff's Office a more professional, amenable, broad spectrum law enforcement agency. My team and I will put forth the continued effort to make Greene County a safe place to live, work, and prosper.

The Sheriff's Office will continue to work hand in hand with other local agencies within the county, including the District Attorney's Office, Greene County 911 Center, Probation, State and Local Police.

In closing, I would like to thank my team, the Greene County Legislature and the people of Greene County for their continued support.

Sincerely,  
*Gregory R. Seeley*

## **INDEX**

<b>CIVIL DIVISION</b>	<b>PAGE 4-5</b>
<b>ROAD PATROL</b>	<b>PAGE 6-12</b>
<b>COLOR GUARD</b>	<b>PAGE 12-13</b>
<b>INVESTIGATION DIVISION</b>	<b>PAGE 13-14</b>
<b>SHERIFF'S K-9 UNIT</b>	<b>PAGE 15-16</b>
<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b>	<b>PAGE 16</b>
<b>PISTOL PERMITS</b>	<b>PAGE 17</b>
<b>GRANTS</b>	<b>PAGE 17</b>
<b>MARINE PATROL</b>	<b>PAGE 18</b>
<b>COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING/DSS</b>	<b>PAGE 19</b>
<b>SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM</b>	<b>PAGE 20</b>
<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>PAGE 21</b>
<b>DIVE TEAM</b>	<b>PAGE 22</b>
<b>SUMMER CAMP</b>	<b>PAGE 23</b>
<b>CORRECTIONS DIVISION</b>	<b>PAGE 23-27</b>

# CIVIL DIVISION 2017

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Civil Enforcement Division is responsible for the enforcement of all civil processes in Greene County which includes Summonses, Property Executions, Evictions, Income Executions and Subpoenas just to name a few.

The Civil Office also undertakes a large majority of our business functions including financial functions such as cash receipts, cash disbursements and accounts payable. The accounts involved are Bail & Fine funds, Records funds, and all Civil Account funds.

Your Civil Division consists of one Civil Administrator, assisted administratively by the Secretary to the Sheriff, and the Civil Papers are served by the deputies on patrol.

The Courts in Greene County and the surrounding counties depend on our Deputies to handle matters received from various Towns, Villages, Supreme, Surrogates and Family Courts. Your division often receives Orders of Protection, Summons, Petitions and other orders from all counties in New York as well as other states requesting us to affect service for them within our county.

In the year 2016, the Civil Division brought in **(1519)** cases resulting in the service of **(1519)** Civil Papers. The Civil Division processed **(102)** Summonses, **(169)** Family Court Papers, **(62)** orders of protection, **(645)** Landlord/Tenant Papers and **(541)** other Civil Processes. A more detailed breakdown of these services is included in this report

In the year 2017 the Civil Division brought in **(1384)** cases resulting in the service of **(1384)** Civil Papers. The Civil Division processed **(64)** Summonses, **(134)** Family Court Papers, **(108)** orders of protection, **(606)** Landlord/Tenant Papers and **(472)** other Civil Processes. A more detailed breakdown of these services is included in this report

The Civil Division is also responsible for the service and enforcement of several different types of Property executions. During 2016, the Civil Division served at total of **(407)** Property and/or Income executions and **(394)** in 2017. Through the service of the aforementioned executions, the Civil Division was able to collect **\$964,716.95** in 2016 and **\$1,047,379.12** in 2017 in revenue for Creditors and Attorneys.

The Civil Enforcement Division handled **(256)** Warrants of Eviction in Greene County in 2016 and **(242)** in 2017. The process for enforcing an eviction would include the Deputy overseeing the actual removal of a tenant's personal property. The Deputy would then ensure that the rights of both landlord and tenant are being observed and seeing that proper procedures and laws are being followed. A Deputy could spend several hours on each eviction depending on the amount of personal property to be removed.

Revenue for the county brought in for services in 2016 was **\$107,069.43** and **\$88,063.64** in 2017 . The Civil Division collected **\$62,151.19** for Fees and **\$44,916.06** for Poundage collected on management of Executions in 2016 and **\$57,176.46** and **\$30,887.18** in 2017 respectively. This money is all turned over to the Greene County Treasurer.

## CIVIL DIVISION – ANNUAL FIGURES

### CIVIL PAPERS SERVED

2014: 1,314

2015: 1,465

2016: 1,519

2017: 1384

## CIVIL DIVISION YEARLY SERVICES REPORT 2016

Summons:  
 Property/Income Executions  
 Family Court Papers  
 Notice of Petition & Petition  
 Notice to Tenant  
 Eviction Warrant  
 Family Court Order of Protection  
 Subpoena  
 Order to Show Cause  
 Action for Divorce  
 Criminal Court Order of Protection  
 Citation  
 Information Subpoena  
 Warrant of Arrest/Civil Warrant  
 Other Papers  
 Notice of Entry  
**TOTAL**

2016	2017
102	64
407	394
169	134
207	192
182	172
256	242
73	93
17	28
4	6
29	18
18	15
14	2
3	0
0	0
22	6
16	18
<b>1519</b>	<b>1384</b>



# ROAD PATROL 2017

The Road Patrol Division serves the residents of Greene County. The Deputies patrol within the local municipalities as the citizens attend school, work and shop in the county. In an effort to further serve the residents of Greene County, your Deputies supplement police service to the Villages and Towns that provide a local police force and answer calls for service in those jurisdictions whenever the need arises. The Patrol Division is responsible for enforcing the laws of the State of New York while patrolling 192 miles of state highways, 262 miles of county roads and 719 of local municipality roads on a twenty four hour, seven days a week basis. They are also responsible for patrolling the Hudson River and other waterways throughout the county as well.



The Road patrol consists of the following staff and works out of six different locations.

- 2 Lieutenants
- 6 Sergeants
- 1 Senior Investigator
- 2 Investigators
- 1 Part-Time Investigator
- 14 Full time Deputy Sheriffs
- 11 Part-Time Deputy Sheriffs



**The Catskill Main Office** houses our Administration along with the Pistol Permit and Civil divisions. As in the previous year, there are (4) deputies assigned to the Town of Catskill Post. The deputies of the road patrol handle the incidents/complaints of Greene county citizens by working rotating 12 hour shifts, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

**The Ashland Satellite** was opened in 2012. As you are aware, the original Prattsville Satellite was in the direct path of the flood waters of Hurricane Irene and was flooded with several feet of water and mud. Through the support of the residence in Ashland, we opened a new satellite located at the new Ashland town building to continue our service to the mountain top residents. It remains staffed by (4) deputies working a rotating 12 hour shift, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

**The Prattsville Satellite** has been re-opened in it's original location at the Prattsville Town Hall. This location serves as a processing area for patrols as well as a base location for our investigator assigned to the mountain top.

**The Jewett Satellite** is now in working order as a remote location for the Pistol Permit Division. This office is open on Wednesdays from 10am – 2pm to serve the pistol permit needs of mountain top residents without requiring them to travel to Catskill.

**The New Baltimore Satellite** was opened in early 2009 and made an immediate positive impact on the communities it provides service for. This Satellite is located in the New Baltimore Town Hall on C/R 51 in Hannacroix. We currently staff the Satellite in the same manner as our other Stations on a twenty four hour basis.

The members assigned to this Satellite have earned the respect and trust of the citizens of the New Baltimore and Coxsackie area and continue to be a valuable asset to the community by providing law enforcement response to the residents on the northern end of the county.

This Satellite is also manned by a Deputy who is certified in the proper installation of child safety seats and is available to install and check child safety seats, on an appointment basis, at the New Baltimore Satellite.

**The Greenville Satellite** continues to primarily service the Towns of Greenville and Durham and is located in the Greenville Town Hall. Our K-9 handlers generally work out of this satellite to be more centrally located to the public in both the valley and mountain top areas.

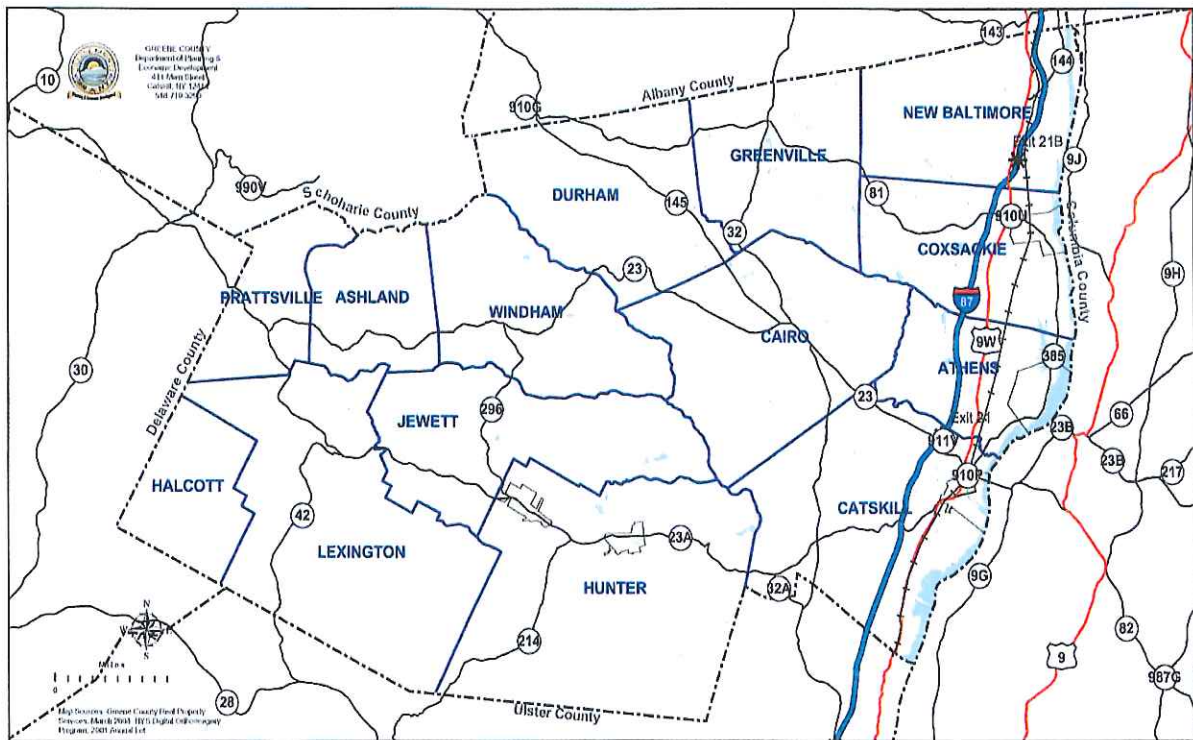
The patrol division handled **7,757** calls for service in 2016 and **7,482** in 2017. The Sheriff's Office responded to approximately **39.8%** of the **19466** calls received in the county through Greene County Emergency Operations Center in 2016 and **39.3%** of the **19,040** county call in 2017. The remaining **60.7%** were answered by Local Police Agencies, Environmental Conservation Police the State Police. A small percentage were cellular 911 calls received for incidents occurring in adjoining counties. A call for service includes any activity a deputy does while on patrol, including assists to other agencies.

**The following is a breakdown of the calls:**

	2016	2017
<b>Assault/Assault in Progress</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Dead Body</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Drowning</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Harassment</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Domestic Disputes</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>277</b>
<b>Disorderly Conduct/General Disturbance/Fight</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Rape</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sex Abuse/Assault</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Robbery (including home invasions)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Criminal Mischief</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Kidnap/Abduction complaint</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Larceny (including vehicle)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Trespass</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Alcohol Related/Drug Related</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Lost/Missing Person</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Suicide/Suicide Attempt/threat</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Menacing</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Shooting Complaint</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Mental Health Call</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Noise Complaint</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>General Complaint</b>	<b>1441</b>	<b>1150</b>
<b>Vehicle Traffic Stops</b>	<b>2619</b>	<b>2171</b>
<b>Assist to Motorist (including lockouts)</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>334</b>
<b>Parking Complaint</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Erratic Driver Complaint</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Hit and Run Accident</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Accidents (no injuries)</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Accidents (with injuries)</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>ATV Accident</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Boat Accident/Fire/Sunk/Water Rescue</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Road/Traffic Hazard</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>141</b>
<b>Suspicious Person, vehicle and/or object</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Vehicle Pursuit</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>EID (alarm activations)</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>722</b>



Civil Matter	95	116
Criminal Warrants	61	102
Check the Welfare/Attempt to Locate	150	163
Animal complaints	203	208
Misc. non-emergency calls (including 911 Hang up/Abandoned)	194	187
EMS & Fire Dept Assists	239	344
Child Abuse	4	1
Bomb Threat	1	0
Home Invasion	3	2
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>7,757</b>	<b>7,482</b>



## PENAL LAW ARRESTS 2017

The patrol division made a total of 417 arrests in 2016 resulting in 51 Felony counts, 214 Misdemeanor counts and 72 Violation counts. In 2017 there were 506 arrests resulting in 57 Felonies, 310 Misdemeanors, and 74 Violations. This number is a slight increase from 2016.

## ARRESTS BY MUNICIPALITY

Town of Ashland  
 Town of Athens  
 Town of Cairo  
 Town of Catskill  
 Town of Coxsackie  
 Town of Durham  
 Town of Greenville  
 Town of Halcott  
 Town of Hunter  
 Town of Jewett  
 Town of Lexington  
 Town of New Baltimore  
 Town of Prattsville  
 Town of Windham  
**TOTAL**

	2016	2017
	7	16
	12	26
	80	87
	167	200
	25	30
	24	24
	29	20
	0	0
	21	26
	4	3
	4	10
	18	31
	7	14
	19	19
	<b>417</b>	<b>506</b>

## DRUG & MARIJUANA ARRESTS 2017

Your Sheriff's Office is actively investigating and pursuing drug offenses in Greene County. We again conducted outdoor marijuana eradication operations with the New York State Police utilizing and the NYS Army National Guard Counter Drug Unit helicopters. We continue to work well with other law enforcement agencies within and outside of Greene County and also pursue "anonymous tips" from Greene County Citizens to establish leads assisting us with battling this increasing problem in our county. Heroin use has also increased throughout New York State. Heroin is no longer concentrated in urban areas. It has spread to our rural communities. The Greene County Sheriff's Office is actively working cases through our Criminal Investigations Unit as well as partnering with the District Attorney's Office, NYSP Troop F NARCO, and the Drug Enforcement Administration- Albany Field Office. We at the Sheriff's Office continue to encourage citizens to come forward with information to help us combat this growing issue.



# VEHICLE & TRAFFIC OFFENSES 2017

The road division, patrolled **515,530** miles in 2016 and **505,188** in 2017. In 2016 the Sheriff's Office acquired (2) Ford Police Interceptor SUV's along with (1) Ford Police Interceptor Sedan to replace aging road patrol vehicles, surrendering (3) older vehicles from our fleet, keeping our fleet numbers the same. In 2017, We acquired 1 new K-9 SUV patrol vehicle and 1 new sedan for investigations. It continues to be the goal of the Sheriff's Office to work with the County Legislature in utilizing a County Wide Fleet Maintenance Program where as our higher mileage vehicles, that are otherwise mechanically sound, are transferred to other departments in the County for their use. We continue to have our vehicles serviced and repaired at the County Highway Garage in Athens as a cost savings to the taxpayers. This program has been successful and our agency has developed a great relationship with the employees at the county garage.

In 2016 our road patrol conducted **2,619** traffic stops resulting in the issuance of **2,033** traffic summonses. In 2017 there were **2,171** traffic stops with **1,547** UTT's being issued.

In addition, these traffic stops resulted in **22** DWI/DWAI Drug arrests in 2016 and **24** in 2017. This statistic is higher than last year showing effective patrol tactics.

## FLEET MANAGEMENT

A breakdown of our Vehicles and their mileage as of December 31,2017 is as follows:

CAR	YEAR	MAKE & MODEL	V.I.N. CODE	BEGINNING	ENDING	TOTAL
1	17	DODGE DUR	5397	0	40466	40,466
2	13	FORD EXPL	8728	105586	119700	14,114
3	12	FORD EXPO	6004	60318	73054	12,736
4	09	CHEV IMPL	9770	107588	128500	20,912
5	02	CHEV TRBL	0404	86105	95857	9,752
6	06	NISS PTHF	0925	108500	121720	13,220
7	13	FORD TAUR	3504	137268	157585	20,317
8	08	FORD F250	6085	37042	45524	8,482
9	08	CHEV IMPL	1174	172000	177855	5,855
10	14	FORD TAUR	2968	56663	114467	57,804
11	13	FORD TAUR	4978	112516	135000	22,484
12	16	FORD EXPL	5313	0	42025	42,025
13	16	FORD EXPL	8386	18534	37270	18,736
14	14	FORD EXPL	1216	73423	105181	31,758
15	16	FORD TAUR	4536	3834	50622	46,788
16	16	FORD EXPL	7735	0	40466	40,466
17	14	FORD TAUR	2969	75592	110000	34,406
18	11	CHEV IMPL	6356	141062	153040	11,978
20	13	FORD EXPL	8726	124844	148400	23,556
21	11	FORD CRVC	9864	120412	132700	12,288
25	10	CHEV IMPL	1037	110266	119000	8,734
26	13	FORD TAUR	1730	151861	161600	9,739

## CORRECTIONS VEHICLES

CV1	08	CHEV VAN	6246	120190	124400	4,210
CV2	07	CHEV VAN	8816	77623	82903	5,280
CV3	11	FORD EXPO	3073	89046	109400	20,354
CV3	11	FORD CRVC	5628	115785	123576	7,791
CV4	10	CHEV IMPL	1797	141717	149415	7,698



## Color Guard

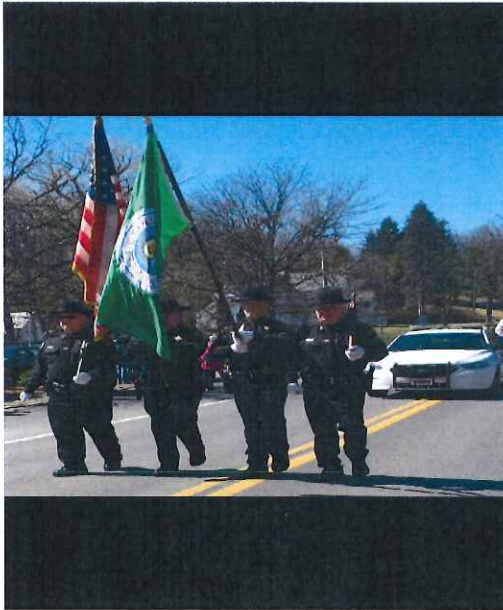
The Greene County Sheriff's Office Color Guard continues to participate and support various civic functions throughout the area. This past year, we continued along that same path. The Greene County Sheriff's Office Color Guard participated in the following events in 2016:

- 3/19 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Greenville
- 5/23, 5/24 Wake and Funeral for retired Deputy Ray Teator
- 5/29 Memorial Day Parade, Town of Hunter
- 5/59 Memorial Day Parade, Village of Catskill
- 5/30 Memorial Day Parade, Cairo
- 7/2 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, East Durham
- 9/10 Greene County Volunteer Fireman's Assoc., Kiskatom
- 9/11 Memorial Service for those who died in the line of duty, Cairo
- 11/6 Wake for Police Chief Floyd Hempstead, Cairo

### AND in 2017 :

1. March 6 – Wake and funeral for Deputy Kevin Haverly.
2. March 18 – St. Patrick's Day Parade / Greenville.

3. April 20 – Funeral detail Ulster County / Bruderhof.
4. May 28 – Memorial Day Parade / Tannersville.
5. May 29 – Memorial Day Parades / Cairo, Catskill.
6. July 1 – 4 of July Parade / Durham.
7. August 18 – Wake for Past Sheriff Charles Daucher.
8. August 19 – Funeral for Past Sheriff Charles Daucher.
9. September 9 – GCVFA Parade / Durham.
10. September 11 – 911 Memorial and LODD Service / GCECC Cairo.
11. September 12 – LODD / NYS Governors Flag Ceremony for Dep. Kevin Haverly / GCECC.
12. September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21, Honor Guard Training Ulster County.



## **Criminal Investigations Unit**

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) currently has (3) Full time Investigators and (1) part-time Investigator. The assigned investigators adopt cases that often require additional investigative steps and require more attention to close. The unit is primarily responsible to assist patrol and investigate all major crimes, Class D- Felony and higher offenses, Sex Offender Management and warrant execution. The Criminal Investigations Unit regularly tracks Sex Offenders in Greene County ensuring that they are properly registered with the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services. CIU enforces the mandatory annual verification process by actively tracking and monitoring offenders, which gives Law Enforcement the most up to date information on each Sex Offenders location within Greene County. CIU actively investigates all misdemeanor and felony warrants for the Greene County Sheriff's Office as well as conducting background investigations on potential county employees before they are hired.

### Notable Cases from 2017

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit executed a search warrant at 118 Castle Rd. in the Town of Catskill after a parole fugitive was located in the apartment. The search warrant recovered two hand guns, 170 Bags of Heroin (5 grams), and 21.4 grams of Cocaine. Three people in the residence were arrested for (2 Counts) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (With intent to sale), (2 Counts) Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and (2 Counts) Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. The Greene County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Greene County District Attorney's office, New York State Police, and Catskill Police Department.

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a report of child abuse that was reported to the road patrol. Following CAC interviews with two children enough was developed to have a warrant signed of the arrest of Jamell Richardson for (2 Counts) Endangering the welfare of a child, and (2 Counts) Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Jamell has been on the run ever since this case was reported to the Sheriff's Office.

The Criminal Investigations Unit assisted the Road Patrol with a 2 car serious personal injury accident. During investigation of the accident it was determined that the operator of one of the vehicles was impaired by marijuana. Due to the drivers impairment, 6 people were sent to the hospital, two with serious injuries. Following the investigation there was a Grand Jury Indictment handed down for Dakota McElroy for Endangering the welfare of a child, operating a motor vehicle impaired by drugs, (4 Counts) unsafe tires, speed not reasonable and prudent, and 2 counts of vehicular assault. McElroy plead guilty in County Court and has been sentenced.

The Criminal Investigations Unit assisted the road patrol after they responded to a serious personal injury auto accident involving a car into a tree. Three people were transported to the hospital, one with serious injuries. After conducting some interviews and investigation into this accident it was determined that the operator of the vehicle, David Mihalko was impaired by alcohol and drugs. The NYSP Lab confirmed with the blood test that David Mihalko was impaired by alcohol, cocaine and marijuana. David was charged with Driving while intoxicated, (4 Counts) unsafe tires, speed not reasonable and prudent, refusal to take a breath test road side, reckless driving, and vehicular assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. David has not plead guilty or been found guilty in a court as of this time.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol received multiple complaints in Palenville, Town of Catskill over the course of a couple of weeks regarding vehicles, sheds, houses and business that were broken into. All complaints reported the same time of items taken from their property or vehicles. The Criminal Investigations Unit was able to identify one party involved named Devon Lasher. Devon cooperated with the Criminal Investigations Unit and provided the names of the other two people involved, Angelo Paradiso and Michael Winters. One of the involved parties also provided information of two locations where some of the stolen property was being kept. The Criminal Investigations Unit executed two search warrants on both locations and was able to recover some stolen property and some property that has not been determined stolen at this time. Both Angelo and Michael were arrested and charged with one count trespass and one count petit larceny. More charges to be filed in Grand Jury.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit also handled 31 Unattended Death Investigations, 2 Suicide Investigations, 5 Jail Investigations, 1 Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident Investigation, 5 Sex-Offense Cases, 4 overdoses, assisted with and investigated 35 burglaries, and 90 background investigations during 2017.



## Sheriff's K-9 Unit

2017 was a year of change for the Greene County Sheriff Office K-9 Unit. K9 Ziva and K9 Deputy Stern moved on the work for the Albany County Sheriff's Office as the head K9 trainer. Deputy Stern is still very involved in the Greene County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, currently training K9 Haas and handler Deputy Joe Kralovich.

Deputy Kris Danko and K-9 Havoc are the senior members of the Unit.

The K9 teams, on top of their normal patrol work and training, are regularly in the county's schools teaching kids about safety and doing demonstrations. This form of community policing makes it very easy for the children of the county to approach a Deputy if they were ever in need of assistance.

Trainings:

January- Finished K9 Patrol and Narcotics School March 13,14,15- Attended an Ecolar and tactics seminar hosted by our agency and taught by Justin Rigney.

May- Attended a four day tracking seminar in New Hampshire, instructed by Nicholas Hodgen and Denise Alvord.

October 3-5th- Attended New England K9 Tactics Seminar hosted by our agency, and instructed by multiple nationally known K9 instructors.

November 4-5- Attended Decoy Seminar in Albany NY, instructed by Nicholas Hodgen and Christopher Jones.

Incidents:

32 K9 Use SJS's documented. Multiple finds for our agency and aided surrounding agencies including Columbia County and NYS Thruway with K9 Searches and use.

Notable SJS's- 47339 and 47447- Narcotics find at 18 Castle Road in Catskill NY. K9 Search of a residence resulted in a black bag being located under a couch containing 21.4g Cocaine, and 170 bags (17 bundles) Heroin. Also located with this K9 search was an illegal handgun.

SJS 48242- K9 track of a suicidal individual resulted in locating the suspect in the woods behind a residence on Old State Route 23 in Acra.

Demos and Assists:

Attended Fire prevention Day in Athens - asked to conduct a K9 demo for Athens elementary students.

Conducted K9 Demo's for Greenville and Athens Cub Scouts, and discussed everyday responsibilities of being a Police Officer and a K9 Handler.

Conducted K9 Demo's for Columbia-Greene Criminal Justice Club members.

Conducted K9 Demo for Windham Autumn Affair

Conducted K9 Demo or Coxsackie PAL, benefit for Clara Ray and Kevin Haverly.

Conducted K9 Demo for Ashland Tractor Show  
 Conducted a search of the Greene County Jail cells by request of Superintendent Spitz.  
 Attended Hunter Highschool planned lock down - asked to run K9 Havoc around lockers for narcotics detection (no narcotics found). Also was asked to do a bag check at Hunter High School, to check the seniors luggage before their senior trip (no narcotics found).  
 October 27th- Took delivery of K9 Haas to replace K9 Ziva.  
 For 2018, the K9 Unit's major goal is to come down strong on the drugs that are passing through and being sold in our county. By working closely with our Investigators, Deputies, and other agencies, the K9 teams will be out at all hours finding and arresting drug dealers and users, making Greene County a safer place to live and work.

## **GREENE COUNTY DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH**

For over the past 10 years the Sheriff's Office has been providing a Deputy to the County Office of Mental Health to provide security for their workers at the Cairo Office Building Annex. In 2013, the Sheriff's Office began assigning (2) part-time deputies during Mental Health business hours. Also, a magnetometer was installed to provide additional safety to the Office of Mental Health. The deputies primary duties are to ensure the safety of the mental health employees and patients. They also assist the road patrol with the detention of patients who are being ordered to be transported to mental health treatment facilities. They work varying daytime hours Monday through Friday, including some late night hours.

### **Mental Health Office Report**

	<b><u>2016:</u></b>	<b><u>2017:</u></b>
<b><u>CLINICIAN ASSISTS:</u></b>	17	9
<b><u>E.M.S. ASSISTS:</u></b>	6	7
<b><u>FIRE DRILLS:</u></b>	3	3
<b><u>FIRE ALARM ACTIVATIONS:</u></b>	1	0
<b><u>MENTAL HEALTH PICKUP ORDERS:</u></b>	62	60
<b><u>ASSIST OTHER AGENCY:</u></b>	1	0
<b><u>PROPERTY DAMAGE AUTO ACCIDENT:</u></b>	1	2
<b><u>CAR SEAT INSPECTION:</u></b>	1	0
<b><u>WELFARE CHECK:</u></b>	2	0
 <b><u>MAGNETOMETER STATISTICS:</u></b>		
<b><u>TRAFFIC COUNTER:</u></b>	<b>25,240</b>	<b>25,044</b>
<b><u>ALARMS:</u></b>	<b>8,266</b>	<b>7,812</b>
<b><u>DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS:</u></b>	<b>360</b>	<b>275</b>



# PISTOL PERMIT DIVISION

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Pistol Permit Office is responsible for issuing pistol permits and related documents to the residents of Greene County. The Pistol Permit division is also responsible for the issuance of I.D. cards for county employees and also issues identification cards for local police agencies.

**The following is an account of the Pistol Permit Division activity for 2016/2017:**

## **Pistol Permit Related Requests Processed:**

	2016	2017
Original Pistol Permit	334	299
Duplicate Pistol Permit	171	148
Amendments	1174	1183
Purchase Coupons	824	877
Transfer Fees	38	68
Applications	973	518
Upgrade	505	464
Dealer	6	2
Gunsmith	6	1
Total	\$15,914.00	\$14,102.00

## GRANTS

We continue to actively pursue all grants that would increase the productivity of our Office without the added burden to our county taxpayers.

We also continued applying for Department of Homeland Security Funding. Our agency was advised in early August that we were awarded **\$28,742** in funding for FY 2017. We intend continue to use this funding to purchase equipment and to reimburse for training to continue to enhance our Special Response Team and our Dive Team. We received approximately \$25,000 from the Department of Criminal Justice Services through Senator George Amedore's Office. We used those funds to purchase a new patrol vehicle.

We also received a federal grant for approximately \$2,500 for the Bullet Proof Vest Replacement Program. We were awarded grant money towards new bullet proof vests. All new deputy hires are covered **100%** through the federal grant and a state grant at no direct cost to Greene County tax payers.

We were awarded **\$10,000.00** in Crackdown Grant Money to support the STOP DWI program.



## MARINE PATROL

The Greene County Sheriff's Office has several members, both full and part time that comprise the marine patrol. Our members attend a two week school to work on the marine patrol. This training is provided by New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation (NYSPR & HP). The training takes place in Lake George. The first week of training is in basic marine law enforcement.

The second week is marine patrol emergency vehicle operation, and teaches our operators how to operate patrol vessels in a variety of conditions and in a variety of situations.

The marine patrol works very closely with the NYSPR & HP. They have provided our agency with our primary patrol vessel, a 24' McKee Craft Center Console patrol boat powered by twin 150hp Mercury 4 stroke engines. This vessel is kept in the Catskill Creek from May through November. It is kept ready to respond for daily patrol on busy weekends, and to assist with the many fireworks displays and festivals held along the Hudson River. When not responding to assist with complaints, or emergencies on the river, our foremost objective is providing education and answering questions about safe boating.

Our marine patrol also consists of a 16' aluminum boat that is kept on a trailer, ready to be deployed to any of our smaller bodies of water in Greene County if the need arises. NYSPR & HP has also provided this agency with a 19' center console boat, kept on a trailer, and two brand new SeaDoo personal watercraft. The watercraft are used for patrol, special events, and in case of emergency.

In 2017 our Marine patrol logged 204 hours on patrol. During that time, we investigated two boat accidents, assisted 10 vessels, conducted one search and rescue, inspected 8 vessels for safety compliance, made one arrest for operating under the influence of alcohol, and issued 13 warnings for navigation offenses/complaints.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING SECURITY DETAIL

Since its opening, the Sheriff's Office has been providing security and services to the employees and customers of the County Office Building and the Department of Social Services. We currently have (2) deputies assigned to DSS and the County Office Building (COB) and continue the successful use of Special Patrol Officers.

The Special Patrol Officers' primary duty is to oversee entry into the building and passage through the Magnetometers. In order to be considered for this position the applicant must be either a retired Police or Peace officer. This requirement ensured our agency that the SPO's were knowledgeable with NYS Laws and had experience dealing with the public. We currently utilize (5) SPO's who work on a part – time basis.

The magnetometer has also been helpful in producing various arrests throughout the year. These include a few for drugs or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Some clients were also found to be in possession of firearms, although the clients were licensed to carry the weapons, they were immediately advised that firearms were not allowed in the County Office Building and the clients left the premises without incident.

Between the Department of Social Services and the County office building, there were a total of (137) calls for service. Among these calls for service were lost license plate reports for DMV, employee business related injuries, training, meetings, etc. These calls also include but are not limited to:

	<u>DSS 2016</u>	<u>DSS 2017</u>	<u>County Office 2016</u>	<u>County Office 2017</u>
Calls For Service	94	126	43	64
Assist Other Agency	12	3	7	4
Arrests	7	12	5	16
Fire Drills	4	4	4	4
EMS Assist	5	6	3	2
Lost License Plate	-	-	19	24
Civil Papers	-	-	1	-
Alarm Activations	-	-	1	-
Auto Accidents	-	-	-	4

## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM



The Special Response Team (S.R.T.) is trained in various tactical operations to include: building entry and clearing, vehicle assaults, search and rescue, drug/high risk warrants, crisis negotiations, active shooter incidents and correctional facility incidents. It is comprised of (20) total members from the (3) participating agencies.

The Special Response Team is continuously active in the apprehension of suspects relating to drug/high risk arrest and search warrants. More importantly, the team is continually training and preparing for the impending risk of “active shooter” type incidents. With the heightened threat of active shooter incidents becoming more frequent it is imperative that the Special Response Team continue to train and coordinate efforts with other local emergency service personnel.

Since 2015, The Greene County Sheriff’s Office has been working closely in conjunction with the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office and the City of Hudson Police Department. The three agencies together formed the “Columbia Greene Shared Services Response Team” (C.G.S.S.R.T.) The team is an expanded version of the Greene County Special Response Team. To our knowledge, we have formed the first, and only, “multi-county” jurisdictional tactical response team in the State of New York. By combining our efforts we have almost tripled team personnel as well as reduced operational costs by the sharing of equipment and other assets. By joining the three teams into one we have made the three agencies more eligible for grant money and other municipal assets due to consolidation.

Since the GCSSRT was formed in 2015 they have conducted several successful operations in both Greene and Columbia counties.

# Training

The Sheriff and the administration continue to feel strongly regarding the need to stay current with training. We had members participate in over **1400+** hours of training.

In addition to the mandated training which includes, firearms, workplace violence and harassment along with OSHA mandated training, we sent several members to specialized and advance training courses sponsored by various agencies throughout the state. Some of that training includes:

- FBI National Academy for Law Enforcement
- (4) SRT members attended the NYTOA training conference
- Monthly in-service training for our Special Response Team and Dive Team
- Bi-weekly training for our K-9 Division
- Course in Police Supervision for our new Sergeants and Investigators
- Law Enforcement continuing education courses
- New York State Sheriff's Association Supervisor Conference
- Law and Legal Updates
- STOP DWI Conference



## Dive Team



In January, Officers from the Dive Team assisted Ulster County Dive Team in a training / educational day at Camp Tri-Mount on Boy Scout Rd in Jewett. The Boy Scouts were taught lessons about ice surface rescue from team members. Also, team members worked on improving ice rescue procedures and ice dive efficiency

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Jeffery Dean, 48, was reported to have driven his car into the Hudson River to evade police. The Greene County Dive Team was called to the scene along with Athens Fire, Ulster County Sheriff, Hudson Fire, and NYSP. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, both the Car and Dean were recovered from the river by Greene County, Ulster County, and NYSP.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, two young men (ages 15 and 14) became trapped in current in the Catskill Creek, Leeds. The Greene County Sheriff team assisted multiple agencies at the scene. Both victims were rescued from the swift water by medics and agencies on the scene. (Also on scene, NYSP, Hudson Fire, Athens Fire, Greene County Medics)

In the summer, Hull Searches were done on Coast Guard Vessels in a collaborative training with Ulster County Dive Team. The team used underwater flood lights to record and inspect the vessel for integrity. Also, both teams used lift bags to recover a vehicle from the river bottom while using realistic training scenarios.

In the winter, the team worked on improving our response to ice rescues and readiness with different training scenarios including ice surface rescue, ice shelf searches, and ice diving.

## Summer Camp 2017

The Sheriff Summer Camp, which is located near Penn Yan in Yates County, is supported by the NYS Sheriff's Association Honorary Members through their contributions and annual dues. In 2016, the camp accommodated over 900 boys and girls from across New York State including (20) children from Greene County and (18) in 2017.

Throughout the week-long stay, the children observe special exhibits and demonstrations presented by deputies from Sheriff's Departments 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, pistol and archery competitions and even a talent show just for fun.

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

## **GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

### **CORRECTIONS**

Greene County continues to operate the oldest Jail in the State of New York. The 110-year-old facility's maximum capacity was 56 inmates in four (4) housing units. The original facility consisted of three (3) housing units, which housed 40 inmates. In 1978 the county started construction on D-block which was completed in 1981. This increased the facility's capacity to 56 inmates. However, due to structural issues at the facility, and several inspections by the New York State Commission of Corrections, the state has ordered D block closed and reduced the maximum capacity to 40 and has enforced the 80% rule which requires linear style jails, such as the Greene County Jail, to operate with a minimum of 20% unoccupied cells to allow for the process of classification. In the past year the administration had to close A block due to multiple maintenance issues that have rendered the 12 cells on that unit inhabitable. These issues have yet to be corrected. The closing of the two housing units and the 80% capacity regulation limits the facility to house 22 inmates before boarding to other counties.

## ***STAFFING LEVELS***

The County Jail is budgeted to staff the jail with 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, 32 Correction Officers, 1 Registered Nurse, 1 part time Physician, and 5 Correction Cooks (4 of these are part time). We currently have 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, and 23 Correction Officers. We are currently operating with 9 less people then we are budgeted for. We also have, in cooperation with Greene County Mental Health, a social worker that is at the facility 3 days a week and a Mental Health Psychiatrist that reports to the facility 1 day a week.

## ***GOV. PAY NET.***

2017 was the ninth full year of providing a pay bail by credit card service and it has continued to prove to be a cost savings, successful program. In 2017 this service was used a total of 66 times, paying \$81,850.00 in bails. Since midway through 2008, this service has been utilized 689 times yielding \$1,237,711 in bail payments. Although the county does not receive any revenue from this program, the taxpayers do realize a tremendous savings in reducing the number of inmates that we would have been required to board out to other counties.

## ***BOARDING OF INMATES***

In 2017 the Greene County Jail averaged 17.23 inmates a day boarded out to other jails. This number is down compared to 2016. In 2016 it was 22.67 and 29.79 in 2015. In 2017 the boarding of inmates cost the taxpayers \$523,080 down from \$623,585 in 2016 and down from \$827,890 in 2015. This number is strictly the amount of money paid to other counties and does not include the cost of staff and travel expenses.

## **2015/2016/2017 INMATE POPULATION COMPARISON:**

Below is a 2015, 2016, and 2017 inmate population comparison:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total # Inmates Received:	651	536	571
Adults:	648	528	562
Minors:	3	8	9



Total # of Males

Adults:	489	422	426
Minors	3	5	7

Total # of Females

Adults:	159	106	135
Minors:	0	3	3

Avg. Daily Population: 76 60 42

Highest Daily Count: 96 78 53

Lowest Daily Count: 59 44 31

Sentenced to State Prison 81 65 39

**2015/2016/2017 INMATES ADMITTED BY ETHNIC ORIGIN:**

	<u>Hispanic (M)</u>	<u>Hispanic (F)</u>	<u>Non-Hispanic (M)</u>	<u>Non-Hispanic (F)</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	69	13	423	146	651
2016	56	12	371	97	536
2017	52	16	380	123	571

**2015/2016/2017 MALE INMATES ADMITTED BY RACE:**

	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Am. Indian</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	1	105	0	33	353	492
2016	1	90	0	32	304	427
2017	2	96	0	33	302	433

**2015/2016/2017 FEMALE INMATES ADMITTED BY RACE:**

<u>Asian</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Am. Indian</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Total</u>
--------------	--------------	-------------------	--------------	--------------	--------------

2015	0	21	0	4	134	159
2016	0	15	0	5	89	109
2017	0	19	1	7	111	138

**2015/2016/2017 TRANSPORT COMPARISONS:**

	<u>Prisons</u>	<u>County Jails</u>	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total#</u>
2015	36	335	215	360	946
2016	32	259	106	275	672
2017	39	271	102	230	603

## *Deputy Sheriff's Prayer*

*When I start my tour of duty God,  
wherever crime may be,  
As I walk the darkened streets alone,  
let me be close to thee.*

*Please give me understanding  
with both the young and old.  
Let me listen with attention  
until their story's told.*

*Let me never make a judgment  
in a rash or callous way.  
But let me hold my patience,  
let each man have his say.*

*Lord if some dark and dreary night,  
I must give my life,  
Lord with your everlasting love  
protect those special in my life.*



All Rights Reserved © J. J. Thiel and