**GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** 

# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022



#### A Message from Sheriff Peter J. Kusminsky



I continue to be honored and humbled to serve, representing the people of Greene County as your Sheriff. The Office of the Sheriff of Greene County is mandated by the New York State Constitution. As the county's only elected law enforcement officer, the Sheriff of Greene County answers directly to the people. The primary goal of the Sheriff is to assure public safety to the citizens and visitors of Greene County. I am proud to provide professional courteous services to the public.

This past year continued to challenge the resolve of my staff. I am extremely proud of the way they continue to do their jobs, no matter what's going on externally. They are dedicated public servants. As a result of the many mass shootings around the Country, we expanded our services to the community by developing a County Wide Threat Assessment Team. The Team brings together all of the stakeholders in Greene County to identify and attempt to mitigate potential threats. The team has also opened new lines of communication between the Sheriff's Office and people in parts of our community that we had no previous interaction with. All of which is strengthening our relationships and commitment to our residents.

In addition to our County wide Senior Citizen's Call In Program and Impacted Citizen Programs, I added a Community Wellness Program and a Law enforcement Assisted Diversion Program to enhance our ability further assist those in need and those suffering from addictions. I also intend to dedicate more resources to identifying and charging the drug dealers who prey upon our citizens.

I remain committed to continuing to move the Sheriff's Office forward to adapt to the ever-changing demands on law enforcement. We will continue to work together with all of the other agencies within the county, including the District Attorney's Office, Greene County Emergency Services, Probation, Fire Departments, EMS agencies, State and Local Police. It is imperative that we continue to develop and strengthen relationships throughout the county.

In closing, I would like to thank my Deputies, Corrections Officers, Support Staff, the Greene County Legislature and the people of Greene County for their continued support. Sincerely,

Sheriff Peter J. Kusminsky

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### **CIVIL DIVISION**

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Civil Division is responsible for the enforcement of all civil processes in Greene County including, but not limited to, Summons, Orders to Show Cause, Temporary Orders of Protection, Evictions, Subpoenas, Income Executions, Property Executions, Petitions, and Sheriffs' Sales.

The Civil Office undertakes a large majority of the business functions including financial transactions such as cash receipts, cash disbursements and accounts payable including Records funds, and all Civil Account funds. The Civil Division consists of two Civil Coordinators, one Civil Office Manager and a Civil Deputy. A total of 1,242 papers were served in 2022. The Civil Deputy served a total of 864 papers with immediate need paperwork being served by the road patrol. Temporary Orders of Protection are served 7 days a week and 24 hours a day and require firearms removal.

The Civil Division processed 1,242 papers in 2022 and 806 in 2021. Approximately 200 of these papers were attempted with a result of unable to locate, not in Greene County or canceled by an attorney or court.

The Courts in Greene County and the surrounding counties depend on our Deputies to handle matters received from various courts including Supreme, Surrogate, County, Family, Town and Village Courts as well as attorneys.

Papers such as Family Court papers typically consist of a notice to appear, summons and/or order to show cause, petition, verification, order appointed attorney for a child, custody, support or visitation petitions or orders, and temporary orders of protection. Each court paper can consist of 15, 20 or even 30 pages. A large number of papers including temporary orders of protection arrive in the office between the hours of 4:00 and 5:00pm requiring overtime and immediate dissemination for service.

We also serve a substantial number of papers related to orders to show cause pursuant to mental hygiene law 9.60, affirmations, petitions, medical worksheets, substance abuse.

Income Executions, Bank Levies, Property Executions and Sheriffs' Sales are a multi-step procedure and service. Some executions are monitored for years and require frequent contact until all collections are as satisfied.

Warrant of Evictions take numerous steps by the landlord and Civil Office with service by a deputy to complete. The Eviction Lockout is the final step before papers are sent back to the court satisfied.

All papers must be monitored, mailings completed and returned to the courts or attorneys in a prompt manner and within the timeframes designated by law.

In 2022, a total of \$535,832.75 compared to a total of \$445,557.74 in 2021 was collected by the Civil Division. Poundage fees for executions were \$34,276.12, mileage fees of \$11,755.93, processing fees for executions totaled \$22,171.74 while all stages of evictions came to \$17,980.00 collected for fees. All fees and poundage are turned over to the Greene County Treasurer.

#### **Definitions of Papers for Service**

<u>Family Court</u> – Can include Summons, Petitions, Verifications, Notices of Hearing, Orders to Show Cause, Financial Disclosure Affidavits, Orders Appointing Attorneys for Children and Temporary Orders of Protection.

<u>Executions</u> – Types of executions for service are Bank Levies, Income Executions –  $1^{st}$  stage and  $2^{nd}$  stage, Property Executions, and Sheriffs' Sale.

<u>Warrant of Eviction</u> - Can start with a Notice, followed by a Notice of Petition and Petition. The Warrant of Eviction is a two-step process of serving the warrant then finishing with the Eviction Lockout to secure the property.

<u>Divorce</u> – Papers have numerous combinations of needs by the attorneys. We request the papers just as they want them served to make sure all is listed for service.

<u>Notice of Entry/Notice to Show Cause from the County Attorney</u> – This paperwork has several stages with numerous pages that all need to be logged in and noted on the affidavit after service.

Other services processed with the Civil Division are Subpoenas, Citations and other miscellaneous papers from out of state that have their own requirements that are reviewed and documented in the Civil program.

| CIVIL DIVISION YEARLY SERVICES<br>REPORT | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Summons                                  | 24          | 47          |
| Property/Income Executions               | 311         | 256         |
| Family Court Papers                      | 306         | 161         |
| Notice of Petition & Petition            | 59          | 45          |
| Notice to Tenant                         | 83          | 67          |
| Eviction Warrant                         | 106         | 50          |
| Eviction Lockout                         | 96          | 0           |
| Family Court Order Of Protection         | 116         | 106         |
| Subpoena                                 | 11          | 5           |
| Order to Show Cause                      | 8           | 22          |
| Action For Divorce                       | 11          | 11          |
| Criminal Court Order Of Protection       | 13          | 6           |
| Citation                                 | 1           | 1           |
| Information Subpoena                     | 0           | 0           |
| Warrant of Arrest/Civil Warrant          | 0           | 0           |
| Other Papers                             | 51          | 11          |
| Notice Of Entry                          | 17          | 18          |
| Total                                    | 1,242       | 806         |

### **ROAD PATROL**



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, the Deputies supplement police service to the Villages and Towns that provide a local police force and answer calls for service in those jurisdictions in addition to providing police services to localities that have no local law enforcement agency, 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 miles of local municipality roads on a twenty-four hour, seven day 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 that work out of six different locations.

1 Captain

1 Lieutenant

- 2 Part-Time Lieutenants
- 7 Sergeants
- 3 Investigators

2 Part -Time Investigators

22 Full time Deputy Sheriffs

17 Per Diem Deputy Sheriffs

**The Coxsackie Main Office** houses our Administration along with Pistol Permits. There are (4) deputies assigned to the Town of Coxsackie 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 residents in Ashland, we opened a new satellite located at the 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 by appointment to serve the pistol permit needs of mountain top residents without requiring them to travel to Coxsackie.

**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 utilize the Satellite in the same manner as our Prattsville station 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.

**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 report out of this Satellite to be more centrally located to the public in both the valley and mountain top areas.

**The Civil Department** is located within the County Clerk's office at 411 Main St. Suite 202 in Catskill.

The patrol division handled **6,800** calls for service in 2022 and **6,226** in 2021. The Sheriff's Office responded to approximately **44%** of the **15,355** police related calls received in the county through Greene County Emergency Operations Center in 2022 and 46% of the 13,531 county calls in 2021. The remaining **56%** of calls in 2022 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:                  | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Assault/Assault in Progress                                 | 37          | 55          |
| Drowning  | 2           | 1           |
| Harassment  | 156         | 127         |
| Domestic Disputes   | 320         | 298         |
| Disorderly Conduct/General Disturbance/Fight                | 99          | 109         |
| Rape  | 2           | 1           |
| Sex Abuse/Assault   | 26          | 6           |
| Burglary  | 34          | 31          |
| Robbery (including home invasions)                          | 0           | 6           |
| Criminal Mischief   | 52          | 38          |
| Kidnap/Abduction complaint                                  | 1           | 3           |
| Larceny (including vehicle)                                 | 81          | 54          |
| Trespass  | 61          | 79          |
| Alcohol Related/Drug Related                                | 34          | 80          |
| Lost/Missing Person   | 63          | 23          |
| Suicide/Suicide Attempt/threat                              | 171         | 130         |
| Overdose/Poisoning  | 65          | -           |
| Shooting Complaint  | 21          | 26          |
| Mental Health Call  | 75          | 48          |
| Noise Complaint   | 38          | 38          |
| General Complaint   | 1,272       | 1,106       |
| Vehicle Traffic Stops                                       | 2,385       | 1,187       |
| Disabled vehicle  | 81          | 101         |
| Assist to Motorist (including lockouts)                     | 274         | 187         |
| Parking Complaint   | 25          | 20          |
| Erratic Driver Complaint                                    | 144         | 165         |
| Hit and Run Accident  | 30          | 25          |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents (no injuries)                       | 410         | 348         |
| Boat Accident/Fire/Sunk/Water Rescue                        | 13          | 10          |
| Road/Traffic Hazard   | 202         | 215         |
| Suspicious person, vehicle and/or object                    | 122         | 159         |
| Vehicle Pursuit   | 3           | 4           |
| EID (alarm activations)                                     | 678         | 758         |
| Civil Matter  | 679         | 460         |
| Criminal Warrants   | 44          | 23          |
| Welfare/Attempt to Locate                                   | 446         | 499         |
| Animal complaints   | 146         | 130         |
| Misc. non emergency calls (including 911 Hang up/Abandoned) | 455         | 207         |
| EMS & Fire Dept Assists                                     | 472         | 539         |
| Child Abuse   | 2           | 4           |
| Home Invasion   | 7           | 3           |
| Total   | 9,228       | 7,303       |

### PENAL LAW ARRESTS 2022

The patrol division made a total of **466** arrests in 2022 resulting in **163** Felony counts, **435** Misdemeanor counts and **37** Violation counts. In 2021 there were 308 arrests resulting in 47 Felonies, 173 Misdemeanors, and 18 Violations.

Mental Health Arrests: 117

Warrant Arrests: 31

| <u>Township</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ashland         | 5           | 10          |
| Athens          | 16          | 15          |
| Cairo           | 64          | 40          |
| Catskill        | 120         | 96          |
| Coxsackie       | 136         | 75          |
| Durham          | 9           | 15          |
| Greenville      | 19          | 10          |
| Halcott         | 0           | 0           |
| Hunter          | 23          | 4           |
| Jewett          | 10          | 3           |
| Lexington       | 5           | 1           |
| New Baltimore   | 24          | 15          |
| Prattsville     | 12          | 11          |
| Windham         | 16          | 10          |

# **Criminal Investigations Unit**

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) currently has (3) Full time Investigators and (2) part time Investigators. The assigned investigators adopt cases that often require additional investigative steps and 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, warrant execution and employee background investigations for all county employees. The Criminal Investigations Unit regularly tracks Sex Offenders in Greene County ensuring that they are properly registered with 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.

#### Notable Cases from 2022

The Criminal Investigation Unit investigated a reported home invasion that occurred in the Town of Greenville in the early morning hours of November 19. It was reported to the Sheriff's Office through 911 that six individuals broke into a residence and assaulted the male home owner with a handgun. Responding patrols passed the suspect vehicle as they were fleeing from the residence but later lost the vehicle on the back roads of New Baltimore. Within hours the Sheriff's Office was able to locate the suspect vehicle at a residence in the Town of Ravena, Albany County. At that residence four of the six suspects were located and arrested without incident. All four of the suspects were later charged and remanded to the Greene County Jail. On January 4, 2023 the Criminal Investigation Unit was able to arrest one additional suspect at which time they were charged and remanded to the Greene County Jail. At the time of this report the Criminal Investigation Unit is working with the United States Marshal Service to locate and apprehend the sixth suspect.

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a report of child abuse on December 25. The report came in to the Sheriff's Office through the child abuse hotline as well as through Greene County 911. Investigators were able to interview the female juvenile as well as the child's grandfather. Following the interviews, investigators were able to charge the grandfather with a Class A felony as well as multiple lower-class felonies. The suspect was then arraigned in local court and remanded to the Greene County Jail.

The Criminal Investigations Unit is in charge of maintaining confidential informants and is actively investigating and combating the drugs in Greene County. Investigators have several drug cases that are active and several that have been successfully indicted this year which are now awaiting trial. The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit also handled 22 Unattended Death Investigations, 4 Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident Investigation, 14 Sex-Offense Cases, 15 child abuse cases, assisted with and investigated 18 burglaries, and 143 background investigations during 2022.

### **DRONES**

In 2022 we had three drone call outs, as well as participated in "Ice Ops" for the US Coast Guard. The "Ice Ops" entailed flying three choke points on the Hudson River, and report ice formation and types, back to Coast Guard Sector NY to aid them in keeping the channel clear and open for commercial vessel traffic.



#### **FLEET MANAGEMENT**

The following is the beginning, ending, and total mileage for all Sheriff's patrol, Investigator, Jail and staff vehicles. The Vehicles are listed in order of their assigned number, year, make, model and last four of the V.I.N code. The beginning, ending, and total mileage for each vehicle is broken down with a total mileage for all vehicles shown at the end of the report.

| <u>CAR</u> | <u>YEAR</u> | MAKE & MODEL  | V.I.N. CODE | BEGINNING | ENDING  | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|---------|--------------|
| 1          | 20          | DODGE DURANGO | 3246        | 22,000    | 39,000  | 17,000       |
| 2          | 20          | DODGE DURANGO | 3245        | 14,000    | 32,855  | 18,855       |
| 3          | 17          | DODGE DURANGO | 5397        | 166,000   | 189,500 | 23,500       |
| 4          | 22          | DODGE CHARGER | 8,396       | 0         | 1,200   | 1,200        |
| 5          | 18          | FORD FUSION   | 0508        | 5,400     | 62,965  | 57,565       |
| 6          | 18          | CHEVY MALIBU  | 0194        | 67,800    | 84,100  | 16,300       |
| 7          | 19          | NISSAN ALTIMA | 7402        | 66,210    | 82,480  | 16,270       |
| 8          | 08          | FORD F250 P/U | 6085        | 60,607    | 63,016  | 2,409        |
| 8          | 22          | DODGE RAM P/U | 2461        | 0         | 1,400   | 1,400        |
| 9          | 14          | FORD EXPLORER | 1216        | 186,800   | 196,500 | 9,700        |
| 10         | 14          | FORD TAURUS   | 2968        | 122,664   | 141,333 | 18,669       |
| 10         | 18          | FORD EXPLORER | 5426        | 179,800   | 193,000 | 13,200       |
| 11         | 18          | FORD EXPLORER | 3103        | 135,200   | 172,800 | 37,600       |
| 12         | 19          | DODGE CHARGER | 2980        | 91,000    | 127,000 | 36,000       |
| 13         | 16          | FORD EXPLORER | 8386        | 152,675   | 155,300 | 2,625        |
| 13         | 21          | DODGE DURANGO | 3486        | 0         | 13,700  | 13,700       |
| 14         | 20          | DODGE DURANGO | 3248        | 19,900    | 58,350  | 38,450       |
| 15         | 19          | DODGE CHARGER | 6003        | 82,000    | 127,700 | 45,700       |
| 16         | 20          | DODGE DURANGO | 4648        | 38,000    | 79,200  | 41,200       |
| 17         | 20          | DODGE DURANGO | 4647        | 42,800    | 68,593  | 25,793       |
| 18         | 16          | FORD TAURUS   | 4536        | 144,000   | 172,800 | 28,800       |

| 19          | 20 | DODGE DURANGO | 3247              | 44,250         | 89,805  | 45,555  |
|-------------|----|---------------|-------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| 20          | 19 | DODGE CHARGER | 6002              | 74,000         | 123,500 | 49,500  |
| 21          | 16 | FORD EXPLORER | 5313              | 134,320        | 142,363 | 8,043   |
| 22          | 16 | FORD EXPLORER | 7735              | 178,300        | 189,900 | 11,600  |
| 23          | 13 | FORD TAURUS   | 3504              | 209,000        | 216,800 | 7,800   |
| 25          | 18 | FORD EXPLORER | 3104              | 117,700        | 125,761 | 8,061   |
| 26          | 18 | FORD EXPLORER | 3105              | 162,000        | 178,850 | 16,850  |
| 27          | 21 | DODGE DURANGO | 4775              | 0              | 36,100  | 36,100  |
| 28          | 17 | FORD EXPLORER | 0762              | 88,426         | 110,500 | 22,074  |
| 29          | 12 | FORD EXPO     | 6004              | 146,683        | 154,500 | 7,817   |
| 31          | 18 | FORD EXPO     | 5425              | 77,070         | 87,250  | 10,180  |
| 32          | 22 | DODGE DURANGO | 6944              | 0              | 500     | 500     |
| 33          | 22 | DODGE DURANGO | 6947              | 0              | 500     | 500     |
| 34          | 22 | DODGE DURANGO | 6946              | 0              | 2,970   | 2,970   |
| STOP<br>DWI | 19 | DODGE VAN     | 0230              | 9,860          | 15,400  | 5,540   |
|             |    | Patrol, In    | vestigator& Staff | vehicle total: |         | 699,026 |
|             |    |               |                   |                |         |         |
|             |    | cc            | RRECTIONS VEH     | ICLES          |         |         |
| CV1         | 20 | FORD VAN      | 6530              | 22,896         | 27,570  | 4,674   |
| CV2         | 20 | FORD EXPLORER | 3333              | 16,175         | 24,100  | 7,925   |
| CV3         | 17 | FORD VAN      | 5848              | 141,082        | 143,000 | 1,918   |
| CV4         | 12 | FORD EXPO     | 3073              | 131,477        | 139,672 | 8,195   |
|             |    |               |                   |                |         |         |

Corrections vehicles total: 27,112

4,400

4,400

Patrol, investigators & staff vehicles total: 699,026

0

#### Grand total mileage for all vehicles: 726,138

4776

CV5

21

DODGE DURANGO

#### **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 2022

March 19, 2022 - St. Patrick's Day Parade / Greenville.

May 29, 2022 - Memorial Day Parade / Tannersville.

May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day Parades / Cairo.

July 2, 2022 - 4th of July Parade / Durham.

September 10, 2022 - GCVFA Parade / Cairo.

September 11, 2022 - 911 Memorial and LODD Service / GCECC Cairo.

September 17, 2022 – Greene County Veterans Monument / Greenville.

November 5, 2022 - Dave Darling veteran of the year / Catskill Point.

### **SHERIFF'S K-9 UNIT**





For 2022 there were 25 SJS reportable K9 incidents, one notable incident was a recovered handgun located by K9 Haas within a residence on 6/12/2022, after a track of a suspicious person that fled another Deputy on foot. We also welcomed Deputy Stutts as a new handler who will be working K9 Bolt. There were 26 SJS reportable incidents for de-escalation from the Cairo Elementary Therapy Dog K9 Mac.

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

For over the past 15 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/SPO's during Mental Health business hours. Also, a magnetometer was installed to provide additional safety to the Office of Mental Health. The members' 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.

Greene County Mental Health Annual Report of Hours for the 2022 Year:

| Full-Time Members:              | 427.5 hours   |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Part-Time Members:              | 3,065 hours   |
| Special Patrol Officer (S.P.O.) | 1,000.5 hours |

\*\* Please be advised that the statistics are lower than previous years due to the clinic operating on reduced hours/days and staff working remotely as a result of COVID-19.

#### Mental Health Office Report:

| Clinician Assists<br>EMS Assists<br>Fire Drills<br>Mental Health Pickup Orders<br>Property Damage-Auto Accident<br>Arrests<br>Other | 2022<br>9<br>1<br>3<br>56<br>0<br>1<br>4             | 2021<br>7<br>0<br>1<br>33<br>0<br>0<br>4 |
|---|--|--|
| Traffic Counter<br>Alarms<br>Dangerous Instruments  | <u>Magnetometer Report:</u><br>9,770<br>3,200<br>113 | 6,590<br>1,995<br>79                     |

### **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 issues identification cards for local police agencies. **The following is an account of the Pistol Permit Division activity for 2022 and 2021:** 

|                         | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Original Pistol Permit  | 401         | 436         |
| Duplicate Pistol Permit | 19          | 26          |
| Amendments              | 1,732       | 1,294       |
| Purchase Coupons        | 1,119       | 946         |
| Transfer Fees           | 74          | 88          |
| Applications            | 602         | 664         |
| Upgrade/Misc            | 401         | 436         |
| Dealer                  | 5           | 10          |
| Gunsmith                | 2           | 6           |
| Total Transactions:     | 4,355       | 3,906       |

Pistol Permit Related Requests Processed:

Total fees collected for pistol permit related transactions for **2022** was **\$15,790** and \$15,036 for 2021.

### **GRANTS**

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

Small, Rural, and Tribal Body-Worn Camera Grant - \$36,000

Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant - \$172,413

State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant - \$29,448

Bulletproof Vest Program - \$4,800

### **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND**

#### **COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING SECURITY DETAIL**

Since it's 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) Part-time deputies assigned to DSS and the County Office Building (COB) and continue the successful use of several 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 ensures our agency that the SPO's are knowledgeable with NYS Laws and have experience dealing with the public. We currently utilize (5) SPO's who work on a rotating schedule on a part – time basis.

The magnetometers have been very helpful in preventing potential weapons from being brought into the building, including firearms and edged weapons.

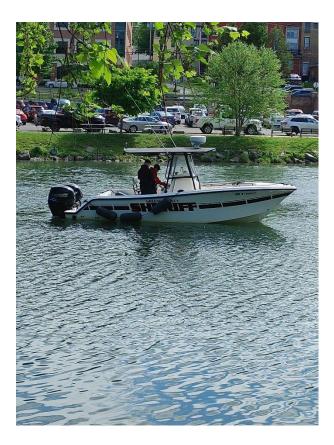
Between the Department of Social Services and the County office building, there were a total of 165 calls for service in 2022 and 269 in 2021. Among these calls for service were lost license plate reports for DMV, employee business related injuries, training, file checks, meetings, etc. These calls include but are not limited to:

|                     | DSS 2022 | DSS 2021 | County Office<br>2022 | County Office<br>2021 |
|---------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Calls For Service   | 30       | 20       | 135                   | 84                    |
| Assist Other Agency | 8        | 4        | 1                     | 2                     |
| Arrests             | 6        | 3        | 10                    | 13                    |
| Fire Drills         | -        | -        | 2                     | -                     |
| EMS Assist          | 3        | 5        | -                     | -                     |
| Lost Property       | -        | 1        | 72                    | 54                    |
| Warrants            | -        | 2        | -                     | 6                     |
| Alarm Activations   | -        | -        | -                     | -                     |
| Auto Accidents      | -        | -        | -                     | 3                     |
| Parking Complaints  | -        | -        | 17                    | 5                     |
| Other               | 13       | 5        | 33                    | 2                     |

### **MARINE PATROL**

2022 the Marine Patrol logged 615hrs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. We once again prided ourselves for being one of the only law enforcement agencies in the area to maintain a Marine Patrol during this years boating season. We assisted in hosting an 8hr boater safety course in Athens, to help license new and experienced boaters as Brianna's Law is now in effect. We assisted many stranded and disabled boaters, as well as rescued an exhausted swimmer who got swept away from his boat as he was spectating at the HorsePower on the Hudson event.





### **TRAINING**

The Sheriff and the administration continue to feel strongly regarding the need to stay current with training. We had members participate in over **1500+** hours of training. The annual required training is scheduled as shown below.

In Service #1: -Use of Force (4 hours) Updates regarding the use of force within the police reform act as well as the NYS Penal Law. Conducted review of pertinent use of force incidents which have occurred in the United States.

In Service #2:

-Law Enforcement Skills: Use of Force Simulation System. (4 hours)

Simulated use of force scenarios conducted at the "Use of Force Simulation System" at Columbia-Greene Community College. Staff were exposed to high stress use of force "shoot or no shoot" simulated incidents and other use of force scenarios.

In Service #3:

-Medical CPR/AED re-certifications (2 hours)

Updated training for CPR/AED usage, storage and deployment. GCSO updated policy regarding the same.

-NIK Testing. (1 hour)

New certification and re-certification in the NIK testing system for use in the field and evidence based testing for the identification of narcotic drugs.

-Emergency Management (1 hour)

NYS requirement under accreditation.

In Service #4:

-Firearms Training - Daylight (4 hours)

Handgun and Patrol Rifle qualifications. Standard NYS MPTC proficiency drills, moving and shooting, target acquisition and "shoot, no shoot" drills.

In Service #5:

-SFST/DWI Blood Kit Refresher (4 hours)

Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) updated and refresher training. DWI/DWAI blood testing kit update and refresher training.

In Service #6:

- Firearms Training – Low light (4 hours)

Handgun and Patrol Rifle qualifications. Standard NYS MPTC proficiency drills, moving and shooting, target acquisition and "shoot, no shoot" drills.

In Service #7:

-Interview vs. Interrogation (2 hours)

Updates and scenarios regarding the differences of a non-custodial interview and a custodial interrogation.

-Child Abuse Investigations (1 hour)

"Minimal Facts" training relating to suspected child abuse investigations.

-Community Interactions. (1 hour)

Child Advocacy Center/Reach Center program awareness and familiarization.

In Service #8:

-Force on Force Training (4 hours)

Use of force scenarios with the use of simulation (marking cartridge) firearms.

We also have several members attend additional training throughout the year for specific topics such as:

- 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
- Hostage Negotiation School
- Interview & Interrogation
- Marine EVOC and Marine Law Enforcement Training
- ESLETSC
- Field Training Officer School
- Active Shooter Scenarios
- Firearms Instructor School
- Car Seat Technician Updates
- Animal Abuse Investigations
- School Resource Officer Training

#### **DIVE TEAM**



This year the Greene County Dive team continued to train with the Ulster County Dive Team and various other agencies. The Team trains for underwater dive calls and also shift water rescue calls. We also put into service a new dive truck.

In 2022 dive team was called out 6 times for various emergencies.

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

### SUMMER CAMP

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.

Located on beautiful Keuka Lake in Yates County, the New York State Sheriffs' Summer Camp is for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12 who because of economic reasons would not have an opportunity to attend a summer camp. The Sheriffs' Summer Camp includes innovative programming that helps to build our campers' competence and confidence, while they make new friends and become more aware of their natural and social environments. All children are encouraged, and provided, the opportunity to try new things, such as fishing or sailing, and they thrive in many important ways in this supportive environment.

Campers develop lasting memories, work well in groups, and work toward achieving goals. At week's end, children are more prepared to take on the challenges they may face in the future.

In 2022 the camp accommodated over 900 boys and girls from across New York State including 20 children from Greene County.

Deputy Dustin Rogers & Deputy Cody Rogers both attended camp as counselors.

### **SENIOR CALL-IN PROGRAM**

In early 2020, the GCSO saw a need a need for and implemented the Senior Call-In Program for Greene County's senior citizens to help ensure their safety and wellbeing. This program is administered by the Corrections division and assists seniors daily by making sure they are in good health. Members of the program are instructed to call in daily between the hours of 7:00 – 10:00 AM and advise the officer who receives the call they are OK. If a call is not received by the enrolled senior by 10:15AM, GCSO will call the senior; call friends/relatives of the senior; and lastly dispatch a patrol unit to the senior's home. Although not required, participants are also encouraged to provide major medical precautionary information which may assist GSCO staff in times of need. If participants will not be participating for vacation, hospitalization, etc., GSCO requests to be notified of the dates to not expect a call-in.

March 2023, marks the three-year anniversary of this program that now assists 12 senior residents. It is comforting to know that the Sheriff's office can provide this valuable service to our elderly population to ensure their safety and wellness as well as thank them for their contributions to Greene County over the years.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS**

We currently have (8) Deputies assigned to the SRO Program in (6) school districts. Deputy JoAnne Rivera is assigned to the Cairo-Durham Middle and High School, Deputy Steven Espel is assigned to the Cairo-Durham Elementary School, Deputy Dustin Rogers is assigned to the Greenville School District, Deputy Cody Rogers is assigned to the Windham-Ashland-Jewett School District and Deputy Dilann Bradley is assigned to the Hunter – Tannersville Central School District. Deputy Kaitlyn Raynor is assigned to Marilyn Noonan School at Durham. We have quarterly meetings with both the SRO's and the schools to assess the program and make changes when necessary. This program is funded primarily by the participating school districts. Overall, the program is a success and we are excited to see it grow and our county's children benefit from having a good relationship with our Deputies!





# **IMPACTED CITIZENS PROGRAM (ICP)**

In response to health concerns due to the use of drugs and the resulting overdoses within our country, state and particularly our own Greene County, the Greene County Sheriff's Office is taking an active role in providing help to members of our community.

With coordination and cooperation from the Columbia-Greene Addiction Coalition, Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (MCAT), Mental Health Association Columbia Greene Counties (MHACG) and all community providers, we are launched a new program called "Impacted Citizens Program" (ICP). The initial goal of the program is for members of the Sheriff's Office to respond to reported overdoses within 24 to 72 hours after being notified of a substance use concern, if deemed appropriate. Members of the team will assist the individual by providing information and the awareness of available resources for recovery and other services that would assist the individual with current or circumstantial difficulties. Should the individual not wish to receive any services at that time, they will be provided with the contact information of a team member if they desire such assistance. Team members will follow up in either case to assess future needs or progress.

Studies have shown that individuals who have one or more overdoses may not be the only one in need of support. Support services will also be available to family members and others associated to the individual. The ICP program offers short term case management to help support the client and the family.

To date, the ICP team has evaluated 166 cases for response. 114 were deemed to meet the requirement for the team to respond. 37 of those were individuals who were not able to be located due to transient status and other factors. Of those remaining, 34 signed up for services through our contacts, 11 were encouraged to go back to programs they were previously receiving help with and the remaining 14 stated they had a different type of medical emergency and did not require assistance, but were provided information should they require future assistance.

Other components to the program will include training to law enforcement personnel and other first responders on the complexity of this issue and the understanding of how we can best deal with the overdose epidemic. Additionally, we have established an officer wellness program that providers officers with the support of a social worker to utilize to provide support in coping with the stress of working in law enforcement. The sheriff's office is also in the process of rolling out the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program. LEAD uses police diversion and community-based, trauma-informed care systems, with the goals of improving public safety and public order, and reducing law violations by people who participate in the program.

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

### **CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT**



The construction of the new Sheriff's complex and jail has reached completion and began housing inmates in September 2021.

Currently Greene County's female inmates are being boarded out to Ulster county jail.

#### STAFFING LEVELS:

The Greene county correction division budgeted to staff 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant,

5 Sergeants and 32 correction officers. Currently 24 Correction Officer items are filled.

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

This was utilized 25 times in 2022 for \$84,150.00 in bail money received.

#### **BOARDING OF INMATES:**

The cost of boarding in 2022 was \$160,600. An average of 25 inmates were boarded out per day.

In 2021 Greene County Jail averaged 31 inmates boarded out per day. The cost of boarding was \$234,000.00 in 2021. These costs only reflect the monies paid to other counties and do not reflect travel expenses or staff costs.

# **INMATE POPULATION COMPARISON:**

|                                   | <u>2022</u>  | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total inmates received:<br>Adults | 323          | 196         | 154         |
| Minors                            | 0            | 0           | 0           |
| Total                             | 232          | 196         | 154         |
| Total males:                      |              |             |             |
| Adults                            | 196          | 165         | 138         |
| Minors                            | 0            | 0           | 0           |
| Total                             | 196          | 165         | 138         |
| Total females:                    |              |             |             |
| Adults                            | 36           | 31          | 16          |
| Minors                            | 0            | 0           | 0           |
| Total                             | 36           | 31          | 16          |
|                                   |              |             |             |
| DAILY POI                         | PULATION     |             |             |
| Highest daily population          | 43           | 37          | 42          |
| Lowest daily population           | 36           | 33          | 20          |
| Average daily population          | 38           | 35          | 31          |
|                                   |              |             |             |
| SENTENCED TO                      | STATE PRISC  | <u>DN</u>   |             |
| Males                             | 35           | 35          | 40          |
| Females                           | 4            | 8           | 1           |
| Total                             | 39           | 43          | 41          |
| <u>INMATES BY E</u>               | THNIC ORIGII | N           |             |
| Llienania Mala                    | 20           | 20          | 10          |
| Hispanic Male<br>Hispanic Female  | 20<br>3      | 20<br>3     | 19<br>4     |
| Non-Hispanic Male                 | 3<br>176     | 3<br>145    | 4<br>119    |
| Non-Hispanic Female               | 33           | 31          | 12          |
| Total                             | 232          | 199         | 154         |
|                                   |              |             |             |

#### **INMATES ADMITTED BY RACE**

|                 | Male | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|------|---------------|--------------|
| Asian           | 0    | 0             | 0            |
| Black           | 56   | 4             | 60           |
| American Indian | 0    | 0             | 0            |
| White           | 137  | 32            | 169          |
| Other           | 3    | 0             | 3            |
| Total           | 196  | 36            | 232          |
|                 |      |               |              |

#### TRANSPORT MILEAGE

| 2022 | 16,442 |
|------|--------|
| 2021 | 35,573 |
| 2020 | 34,279 |

#### **INTAKES BY ADMITTING AGENCY**

| NYSP                  | 96 |
|-----------------------|----|
| GCSO                  | 77 |
| Coxsackie P.D.        | 4  |
| Durham P.D.           | 0  |
| Windham P.D.          | 0  |
| Catskill P.D.         | 32 |
| Cairo P.D.            | 2  |
| Hunter P.D.           | 0  |
| Parole                | 9  |
| Other (i.e Probation) | 9  |

# **CORRECTIONS TRAINING**

| MODULE/TOPIC  | # TRAINING HOURS PER MEMBER |
|---|-----------------------------|
| MODULE #1: TI TRAINING SIMULATOR EXERCISES  | 4 HRS                       |
| MODULE #2: CPR/AED RE-CERTIFICATION (AHA)<br>NIK POLYTESTING COURSE (SUPERVISOR'S ONLY)                         | 2 HRS<br>1 HR               |
| MODULE # 3: USE OF FORCE & DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE/DUTY TO<br>INTERVENE/OFF-DUTY ENCOUNTERS/DE-ESCALATION TACTICS | 3 HRS                       |
| MODULE #4: FIREARMS TRAINING #1-RANGE EXERCISES & SKILL<br>DEVELOPING LANES                                     | 4 HRS                       |
| MODULE #5: SUICIDE PREVENTION REVIEW & EXAM   | 1 HR                        |
| MODULE #6: FIREARMS #2 – MPTC QUALIFICATIONS & NEW DCJS<br>BASIC FIREARMS PROFICIENCY COURSE                    | 2 HRS                       |
| MODULE #7: LEGAL UPDATES/ESSENTIAL SERVICES/PRISON RAPE<br>ELIMINATION ACT ANNUAL                               | 3 HRS                       |
| MODULE #8: AEROSOL SUBJECT RESTRAINT/OC REFRESHER & EXAM  | 1 HR                        |
| TOTAL IN-SERVICE HOURS FOR 2022<br>SUPERVISORS:<br>OFFICERS:  | 21 HOURS<br>20 HOURS        |

# **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

#### Christmas Toy Giveaway-12/17/22





Deputy Espel creating Child IDs at The Greene County Youth Fair





Sheriff Kusminsky participating in the Read Across America Program at Catskill Elementary.



Sgt Bear, Sgt R. Feml, Sheriff Kusminsky, Captain Quinn, Undersheriff Brainard, Deputy D. Rogers, Inv. Danko, Deputy Shrader & Deputy Espel along with K9s Bolt, Havoc & Mac at the Greene County Youth Fair-August 2022