

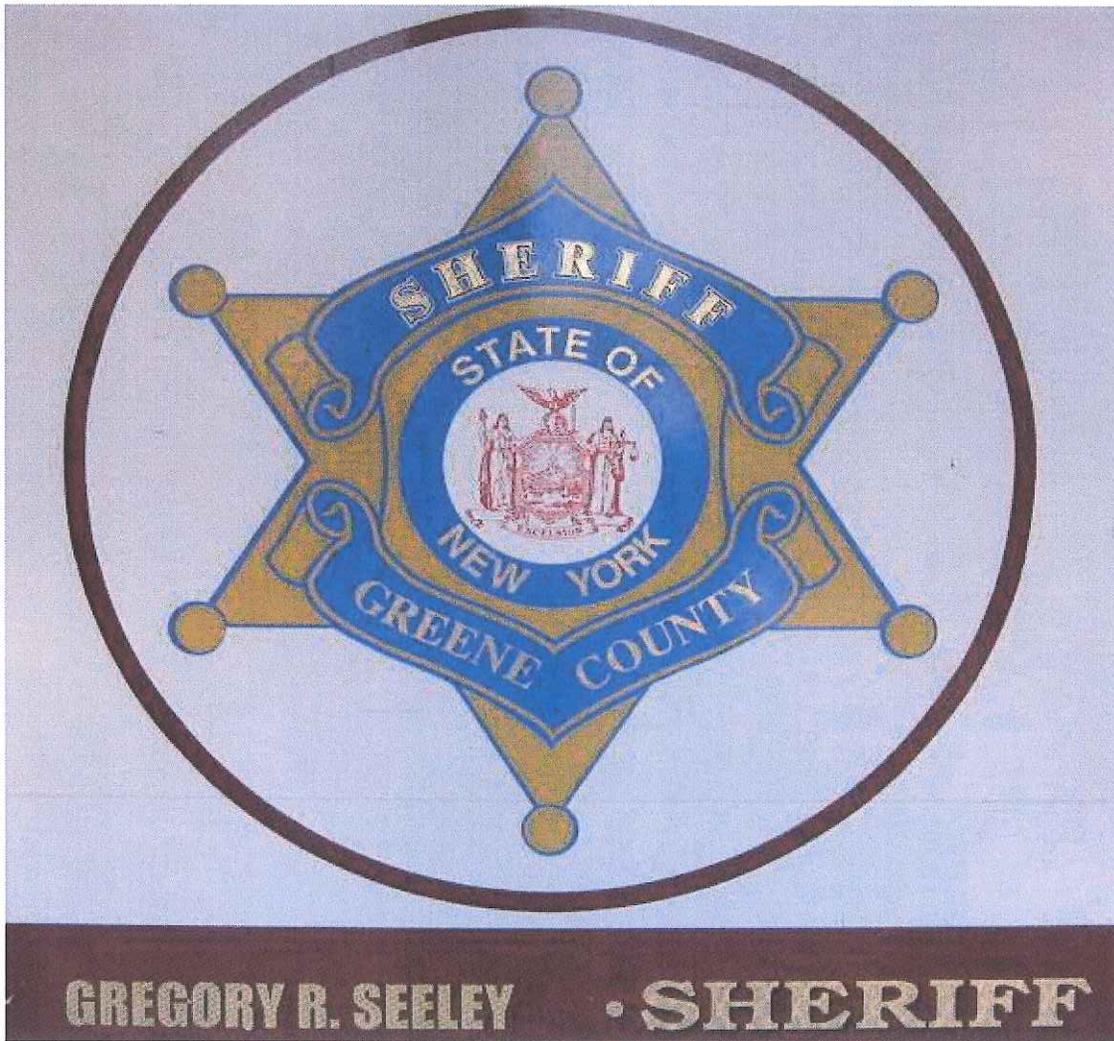
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GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# Office of the Sheriff

## *A Message from Sheriff, Gregory R. Seeley*

As I begin my second term in office, representing the people of Greene County as YOUR Sheriff, I am proud of my accomplishments in my first term but still have goals for my second term of office.

In my first four years, I was able to provide (24) hour patrol coverage to the county without an increased burden to the taxpayers with the implementation of (12) hour shifts by our road patrol.

I modernized the pistol permit division with the transition from hand written paperwork and paper permits to a computerized database that issues a more durable, plastic pistol permit card.

I pursued a countless number of grants which allowed our agency to replace outdated safety and communication equipment without any cost to taxpayers. Grant funding also allowed our agency to fully outfit and train a Special Response Team (SRT) which can be utilized in the event of a serious emergency in our county. Our agency also obtained a Port Security Grant which allowed us to form a SCUBA team. Although the team is in its early stages, they train with the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Dive Team and are available as a first responder to assist in water search and rescue.

During my first term, as you are aware, we also were able to develop a K-9 Unit. We have (2) K-9's trained in drug detection and search. The K-9's are basically sustained by community donations and funding from drug seizures.

Over my next four years, I will continue to work for the citizens of Greene County. I plan on placing continued pressure on those who choose to sell illegal drugs in our county. I will continue to seek grant funding to make the Greene County sheriff's Office a more professional, full service, law enforcement agency and I will continue to put forth the continued effort to make Greene County a safe place to live, work and attend school.

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

It is with great pride that I lead the Greene County Sheriff's Office. I am proud of my staff and the service we provide for the people living in, or visiting, Greene County. In closing I would like to thank the Greene County Legislature and the people of Greene County for their help and continued support.



Sincerely,  
*Gregory R. Seeley*

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# CIVIL DIVISION 2012

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 2012, the Civil Division brought in **(1374)** cases resulting in the service of **(1374)** Civil Papers. The Civil Division processed **(94)** Summonses, **(225)** Family Court Papers, **(80)** orders of protection, **(382)** Landlord/Tenant Papers and **(136)** 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 2012, the Civil Division served at total of **(457)** Property and/or Income executions. Through the service of the aforementioned executions, the Civil Division was able to collect **\$953,457** in revenue for Creditors and Attorneys.

The Civil Enforcement Division handled **(105)** Warrants of Eviction in Greene County in 2012. Thankfully, this statistic is lower than from the **(121)** warrants of Eviction executed in 2011. 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 law are being followed. A Deputy could spend several hours on each eviction depending on the amount of personal property to be removed in each eviction.

Revenue for the county brought in for services in 2012 was **\$82,358**. The Civil Division collected **\$50,964** for Fees, **\$31,394** for Poundage collected on management of Executions. This money is all turned over to the Greene County Treasurer.

## CIVIL DIVISION – ANNUAL FIGURES CIVIL PAPERS SERVED

2008: 1,995  
2009: 1,496  
2010: 1,572  
2011: 1,496  
2012: 1,374

## CIVIL DIVISION YEARLY SERVICES REPORT 2012

	2011	2012
Summons:	95	94
Property/Income Executions	537	457
Family Court Papers	197	225
Notice of Petition & Petition	174	164
Notice to Tenant	143	113
Eviction Warrant	121	105
Family Court Order of Protection	98	80
Subpoena	13	26
Order to Show Cause	19	15
Action for Divorce	22	16
Criminal Court Order of Protection	20	27
Citation	4	6
Information Subpoena	6	2
Warrant of Arrest/Civil Warrant	0	0
Other Papers	47	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1496</b>	<b>1374</b>



Bonnie (l) & Chris (r) our Civil Office Team

# ROAD PATROL 2012

The Road Patrol Division serves the residents of Greene County, being the primary law enforcement agency for 59% of the county's residents. Your Deputies serve the county's residents within the local municipalities as they 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 a need arises. The Division is responsible for enforcing the laws of the State of New York while patrolling 192 miles of state highways, 262 miles of county highways 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.



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

- 2 Lieutenants
- 5 Sergeants
- 3 Investigators
- 16 Full time Deputy Sheriffs
- 8 Part-Time Deputy Sheriffs

The Main Catskill Office houses our Administration along with the Pistol Permit and Civil divisions. As in the previous year, there continues to be four deputies assigned to the Town of Catskill Post. These deputies continue to answer the complaints of our Greene county citizens by working rotating shifts, twenty four hours a day, and seven days a week.

The Prattsville Satellite Office was devastated by Hurricane Irene. As you are aware, the Town Hall, where the Satellite was located, was in the direct path of the flood waters and was flooded with several feet of water and mud. We have now opened an office at the new Ashland town building to continue our service to the mountain top residents. It remains staffed by four deputies working a rotating shift, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

The New Baltimore Satellite was opened in early 2009 and has made an immediate 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 continue to earn the respect and trust of the citizens of New Baltimore and continues to be a valuable asset to the county providing law enforcement to the communities 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, right at the New Baltimore Satellite.

The Greenville Satellite continues to be manned seven days a week from 11am thru 11pm. The two deputies assigned to this satellite continue to primarily service the Towns of Greenville and Durham. They also continue to supplement the Town of Cairo Police Department, as needed.

The Greenville Satellite also has a Child Safety Seat Technician who is available, by appointment, to install and check child safety seats.

The patrol division handled **9,257** calls for service in 2012. That statistic reflects a slight decrease in calls for service from 2011. It should be noted that the total number of calls for service by any police agency in Greene County dropped proportionally from **23732** in 2011 to **21757** in 2012. The Sheriff's Office responded to **43%** of the **21757** calls received in the county. The remaining **57%** were answered by Local Police Agencies, EnCon Police the State Police and 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:

	2011	2012
Assault/Assault in Progress	36	37
Dead Body	14	4
Drowning	0	0
Harassment	165	159
Domestic Disputes	344	381
Disorderly Conduct/General Disturbance/Fight	68	93
Rape	6	1
Sex Abuse/Assault	3	6
Burglary	109	117
Robbery (including home invasions)	3	2
Criminal Mischief	73	57
Kidnap/Abduction complaint	0	1
Larceny (including vehicle)	125	129
Trespass	82	86
Alcohol Related/Drug Related	39	41
Lost/Missing Person	35	20
Suicide/Suicide Attempt/threat	64	63
Menacing	1	5
Shooting Complaint	52	64
Mental Health Call	85	72
Noise Complaint	51	83
General Complaint	884	799
Vehicle Traffic Stops	3597	2705
Assist to Motorist (including lockouts)	558	468
Parking Complaint	41	41
Erratic Driver Complaint	156	212
Hit and Run Accident	12	10
Motor Vehicle Accidents (no injuries)	504	493
Motor Vehicle Accidents (with injuries)	140	128
ATV Accident	1	1
Boat Accident/Fire/Sunk/Water Rescue	4	4
Road/Traffic Hazard	168	136
Suspicious Person, vehicle and/or object	249	257
Vehicle Pursuit	7	7
EID (alarm activations)	58	595
Civil Matter	147	153
Criminal Warrants	105	136
Check the Welfare/Attempt to Locate	202	183
Animal complaints	265	241
Misc. non-emergency calls (including 911 Hang up/Abandoned)	1014	916
EMS & Fire Dept Assists	338	346
Child Abuse	9	5
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>10,345</b>	<b>9257</b>

# PENAL LAW ARRESTS 2011

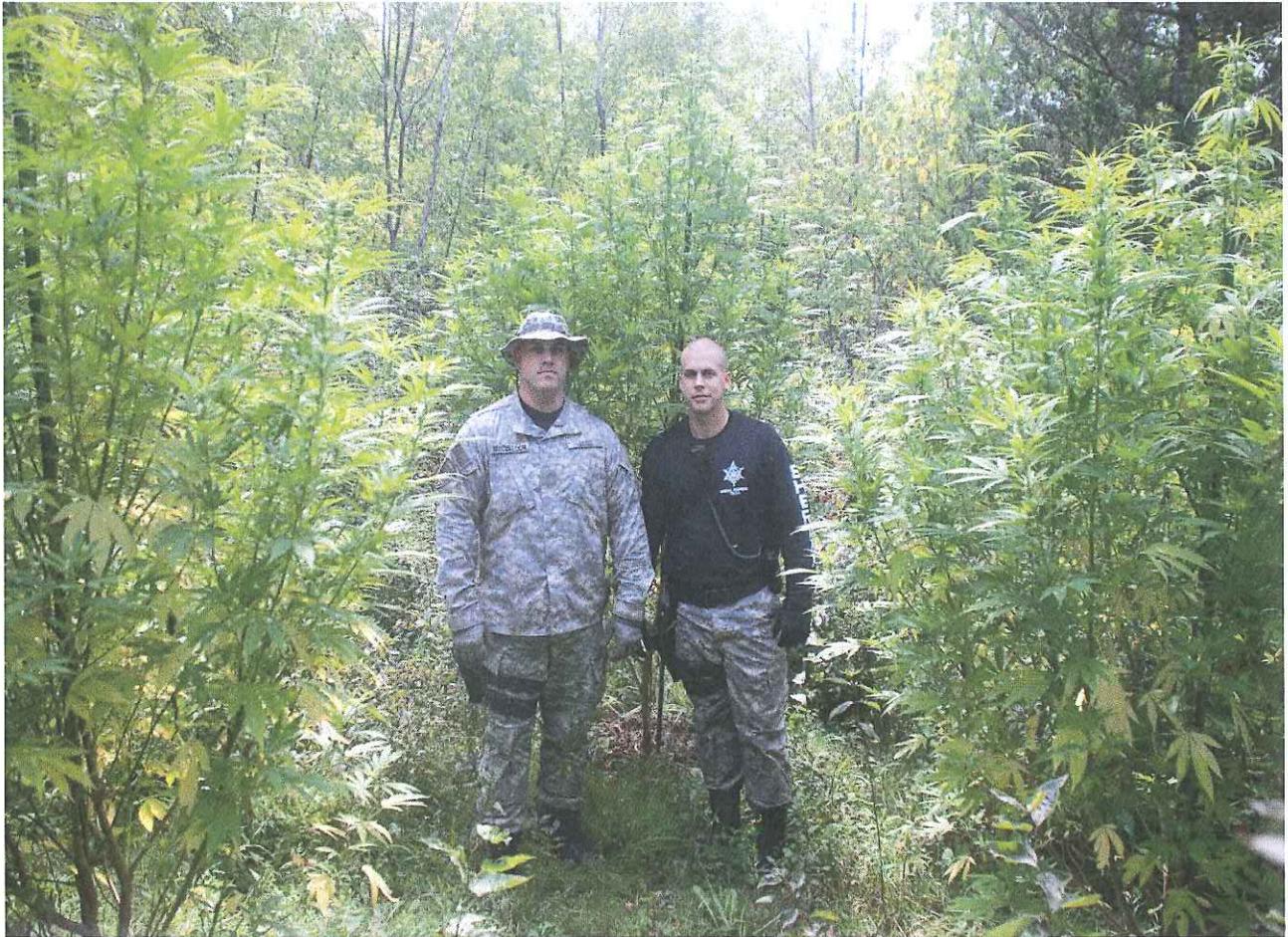
The patrol division made a total of **563** arrests in 2012 resulting in **98** Felony counts, **363** Misdemeanor counts and **205** Violation counts. This number is a decrease from the **668** arrests made in 2011.

## ARRESTS BY MUNICIPALITY

	2011	2012
Town of Ashland	12	2
Town of Athens	27	21
Town of Cairo	77	78
Town of Catskill	268	241
Town of Coxsackie	35	30
Town of Durham	18	34
Town of Greenville	24	31
Town of Hunter	62	38
Town of Jewett	15	4
Town of Lexington	3	6
Town of New Baltimore	29	44
Town of Prattsville	10	6
Town of Windham	<u>18</u>	<u>28</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>563</b>

## DRUG & MARIHUANA ARRESTS 2012

Your Sheriff's Office continues to actively investigate and pursue drug offenses in Greene County. In 2012 we made a total of 67 Drug and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana arrests. This is a decrease from the 94 arrests made in 2011. However we did execute (3) search warrants pertaining to indoor marihuana grow operations. We again conducted outdoor marihuana eradication operations with the New York State Police utilizing the NY Power Authority and the NY National Guard Counter Drug Unit helicopters. This detail resulted in the seizure of over 500 marihuana plants that were growing in various locations in Greene County. 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 eradicating this increasing problem in our county. We at the Sheriff's Office continue to encourage citizens to come forward with information to help us with this issue.



Inv. McCulloch & Inv. Brainard stand amongst several "mature" marihuana plants seized in Lexington

## VEHICLE & TRAFFIC OFFENSES 2012

The road division, patrolled **483650** miles in 2012 an increase from **450357** miles providing service to the residents of Greene County. In December of 2012, we ordered (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. 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 needs in the County for them to utilize. We continue to have our vehicles serviced and repaired at the County Highway Garage in Athens as a cost savings to the taxpayer. This program has been successful and our agency has developed a great relationship with the employees at that garage. Finally, we were able to obtain a 2007 Chevy Van from Greene County Mental health that was no longer needed by that agency, to put into service as a second Corrections Transport vehicle. This vehicle was in great shape with very low mileage, and it cost very little to transform this van into a suitable corrections vehicle saving thousands of dollars.

. A breakdown of our Vehicles and their mileage as of December 31, 2012 is as follows:

<u>CAR NUMBER</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
1 2009 Dodge Durango	93721
2 2005 Chevy Trailblazer	46937
3 2012 Ford Expedition	8850
4 2008 Chevy Impala	154500
5 2007 Ford Crown Vic	84000
6 2004 Chevy Impala	21700
9 2000 Chevy Impala	145260
25 2006 Chevy Impala	148358
24 1999 Ford Taurus	142120 (disabled)

#### DAILY PATROL VEHICLES

10 2010 Chevy Impala	71606	(K-9 Vehicle)
11 2008 Chevy Impala	143017	
12 2009 Chevy Impala	156048	
13 2011 Ford crown Vic	49470	
14 2006 Chevy Impala	193965	
15 2010 Chevy Impala	100500	
16 2008 Chevy Impala	166672	
17 2011 Ford Crown Vic	47000	
18 2011 Chevy Impala	89915	
21 2011 Ford Crown Vic	35000	

#### FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES

7 2006 Nissan Pathfinder	54500
8 2008 Ford F250 P/U	17443
20 2008 Dodge Durango	102040
23 2010 Ford Expedition (K-9 vehicle)	52015

#### CORRECTIONS VAN

CV-1 2008 Chevy Van	86520
CV-2 2007 Chevy Van	36879

In 2011 our road patrol conducted **2705** traffic stops resulting in the issuance of **1730** traffic summonses.

In addition, these traffic stops resulted in **25** DWI/DWAI Drug arrests. This statistic is lower than last year which will hopefully continue to be the trend.

# 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 2012:

- Hero's Sendoff- Leeds for National Guard Members deploying to Kuwait
- St. Patrick's Day parade – Greenville
- Opening ceremony for CAYSA convention Region II, Albany
- Memorial Day Parade in Cairo
- Memorial Day Parade - Villages of Tannersville & Catskill
- Fourth of July parade – East Durham
- Greene County Volunteer Fireman's Dress Parade in the Village of Coxsackie
- Funeral Services for past Undersheriff Doug Lane
- Dedication for the new Greene County Memorial Wall
- Ceremony Honoring "Everyday Heroes" New Baltimore



# Investigations Division

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Investigative Unit is responsible for a variety of Felony investigations including Robberies, Burglaries, Sex Crimes, Child Abuse, Larcenies and Drug Investigations. The Greene County Sheriff's Office currently has (3) Full time Investigators and (2) Part time Investigators. The Greene County Sheriff's Office Investigative Unit is also responsible for tracking Sex Offenders in Greene County to ensuring that they are properly registered with New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services and are up to date with the mandatory annual verification process which gives law enforcement the most up to date information on each Sex Offenders whereabouts and activities in Greene County.

## Notable Case from 2012

April, 2012

The Greene County Sheriff's Office was contacted by the Hunter-Tannersville School administration and requested investigate an incident that occurred during a science class. Upon investigating the incident it was learned that two students were involved in a drug transaction during class. The teacher in class observed suspicious behavior and confronted both students. Both students admitted to taking part in a drug transaction. It was found that both students had been heroin users in the past. Investigation revealed one student sold suboxone to the other student during class. Suboxone is a drug used to counteract addiction to heroin and is also a controlled substance. Both students were charged with possession of a controlled substance. The student who sold the suboxone was also charge with the felonies of possession with intent to sell and sale of a controlled substance in a school zone.

June, 2012

The Greene County Sheriff's Office was called to a residence on County Route 40 in Maplecrest for a report of a possible burglary to a residence. Upon interviewing the complainant, who was a neighbor, a description was obtained of a suspicious person seen in the area. A suspect was located in a residence several houses down where he lived. Upon further investigation, property that had been reported taken from the burglarized residence was located in a bag on the front porch of the suspect's residence. Evidence technician work was conducted at the residence that was burglarized and the suspect's shoe prints were located inside. Further investigation at the burglarized residence revealed a marihuana growing operation in the basement. Approximately 250 marihuana plants were found in different developmental stages growing in the basement. The suspect who committed the burglary was charged with Burglary in the second degree, a class D- Felony. The homeowner was also charged with the felony of Criminal Possession of Marihuana and Unlawfully growing marihuana.

July, 2012

The Greene County Sheriff's Office was provided information by a confidential source that a tan colored Nissan Altima would be traveling from New Jersey to a residence on State Route 32A in Palenville with a large quantity of heroin. Surveillance was set up to locate the vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted by a Greene County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit for a traffic violation. Upon interviewing the three men in the vehicle, a hypodermic needle was found on the floor board in the car. A subsequent search with the K-9 revealed 24 bags of heroin concealed in the back seat cushion. All three men were arrested and charged with Felony possession of a controlled substance.

August, 2012

The Greene County Sheriff's Office had been investigating several reports of burglaries in the Green Lake Road and Valley Road areas of Leeds that had occurred over several weeks. Upon investigation and multiple interviews with residents in the area, a description of a person of interest was developed. A Greene County Deputy on patrol observed a man in the area of the Green Lake Beach matching the description and stopped to inquire his identity. The man gave Investigators a false name and was found to be wearing a watch that was stolen from a residence several days before. The man was arrested and tools used to commit the burglaries were located in a back pack he was wearing. A diary detailing his burglary spree was also located. Greene County Sheriff's Office evidence technicians took impressions of the pry marks found at the burglarized residences and matched the marks up with tools found in the suspects possession. The suspect's identity was confirmed and he was found to be wanted out of New Jersey for a probation violation related to a vehicular manslaughter charge. Pawn shop slips were located in the suspect's possession. He admitted to pawning some of the stolen property for money due to his addiction to heroin. The suspect was charged in connection with the burglaries and attempted burglaries of three different residences in the area.

August, 2012

The Greene County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a burglary at the Cozy Cup Restaurant on Main Street in Cairo. Money was stolen from the cash register along with other items from the location. No suspects could be identified by numerous interview conducted with area residents. Greene County Sheriff's Office evidence technicians lifted several fingerprints from a sink near the window that was broken into. There had been two previous burglaries to the location that were also being investigated. The fingerprints were sent to New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services for analysis. When the fingerprint report returned a suspect was identified as being previously arrested in New York. The suspect was tracked down and when further interviewed, admitted to breaking into the Cozy Cup on all three occasions. The suspect was charged with the Felony of Burglary in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

September, 2012

The Greene County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported burglary at a residence on West Main Street in Catskill. The homeowner arrived to find two females walking out of her residence. The two females took off but the homeowner was able to get a thorough description of both women. The homeowner checked inside to find that jewelry was missing. Upon speaking with other law enforcement agencies, possible suspects were developed from the descriptions. Suspects were located at their residence near where the burglary occurred. The one suspect was still wearing the same distinct clothing the homeowner observed her wearing while leaving the burglary scene. Both female suspects were arrested and charged with the burglary. Further interviews with both suspects revealed that both were addicted to heroin and had stolen the jewelry to pawn for money to buy heroin.

## Sheriff's K-9 Unit



Above: (l) Dep. Stern with K-9 Chase after graduation from the Police K-9 Academy in front of the Police K-9 memorial in Ulster County Dep. Stewart with K-9 Blaze is on the right

As you know, the K-9 program continues to be a valuable part of our Sheriff's office and with continued training of the road patrol, we will see a steady increase in use each year. The Sheriff's office K-9 unit continues to be available to any agency that requests it and even with the NYS Police adding two K-9's to their roster, we still see requests for assistance from other agencies within and outside the county, thus proving our program successful. The food, for both K-9 continues to be donated by Young's Country Store in Catskill and basic veterinary services continue to be donated by Curt Halsted/Maple Ridge Veterinary Office in Earlton. The K-9 unit works alternating 12 hour shift from 9 am -9pm daily, thus making a K-9 available 7 days a week. It should be noted that practically all of the funding needed for training and upkeep of the K-9 Unit is funded by the Sheriff's drug fund and generous donations by the businesses and citizens of Greene County thus costing the taxpayer virtually nothing for this added service.

**The following is a breakdown of the K-9 unit activity for 2012:**

Vehicle narcotic searches: 36

Building Clearing: 2

Tracks: 8

Perimeter Control: 4

Building Narco Search: 2

K-9 Demonstrations: 6

Crowd Control: 2

**The following is a breakdown of contraband that was located during K-9 Vehicle & Building Searches:**

Marihuana (various amounts): 16

Heroin: 2

Cocaine: 1

Ecstasy: 2

Prescription Pills: 1

Ketamine: 1

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

For over the past eight 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. Their 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 thru Friday.

# 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 2012:**

## Pistol Permit Related Requests Processed:

- (670) Amendments to pistol permits an **increase** from **556** in 2011
- (570) Purchase Coupons an **increase** from **483** in 2011
- (575) Pistol Permit applications an **increase** from **441** in 2011
- (17) Pistol Permit transfers from other counties a **decrease** from **24** in 2011
- (164) Original Pistol Permits an **increase** from **111** in 2011
- (109) Duplicate Pistol Permits a **decrease** from **220** in 2011
- (4) Dealer in Firearms Licenses an **increase** from **2** in 2011
- (485) Conversions from the old paper style permit to the new plastic card
- (328) Persons fingerprinted for various Civil related reasons

**\$12374 in monies received and processed by the Pistol Permit Office.**

## GRANTS

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

In 2012 we again applied for Traffic grants from the NY Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. We applied for The Selective Traffic Enforcement (STEP) Grant and The Buckle Up New York (BUNY) grant for the 2012 federal fiscal year. We were awarded **\$7590** for STEP and **\$1188** for BUNY. This money is strictly for overtime for the deputies to enforce the aggressive driving and seatbelt laws of New York State.

We also continued applying for Department of Homeland Security Funding. Our agency was advised in early August that we were awarded **\$21,250** in funding for FY 2012. 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 SCUBA team. The remaining funds are going to be used to purchase surveillance and covert equipment for undercover operations.

# MARINE PATROL

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol is comprised of one Patrol Sergeant, five full - time and four part-time deputies who are responsible for the enforcement of boating safety regulations, as well as conducting search, rescue and recovery operations. Their primary patrol zone is the Hudson River and the Catskill Creek, but they are available to respond to the lakes and reservoirs throughout our county, if needed.

The Marine Patrol Unit primarily patrolled the Hudson River with a 28ft McKee Craft patrol boat which this agency received from the New York State office of Parks and Recreation. The Unit is also equipped with a smaller aluminum patrol boat, a jet boat for shallow water operations, and two jet skis which again were obtained, free of charge, from the NYS Office of Parks and Recreation. The Marine Patrol also maintains and has access to a high speed Zodiac boat received from the Hudson River Estuary.

During the 2012 boating season the Greene County Sheriff's Marine Patrol worked a total of **(135.5)** hours. During this time period, **(12)** boats were stopped and **(7)** warnings were issued. While on patrol, they handled **(2)** assists to boaters, investigated **(1)** boat accident, inspected **(4)** and also covered numerous events. They also conducted and assisted various law enforcement agencies with **(4)** search and rescues.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol also has become involved with many civic organizations in Greene and Columbia Counties, teaming up to teach boater safety courses at various times throughout the year.



## 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 (4) SPO's who work on a part – time basis. In **2011** approximately **15 to 20** items were seized on a daily basis by SPO's manning the magnetometers. These items included such things as Knives, Scissors, Pepper Spray, Box Cutters, etc. and were returned to the client upon the conclusion of their business in the County Office Building.

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

Numerous 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 **(162)** calls for service. Among these calls for service were drug screenings of DSS clients, lost license plate reports for DMV, employee business related injuries, training, meetings, etc. These calls also include but are not limited to:

- (20) Arrests
- (13) Assists to other agencies (which include assisting other Police, as well as Fire/EMS)
- (3) Fire alarm activations
- (2) Civil paper served
- (50) Lost license plate entries
- (15) Child safety seat inspections

# SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM



Members front row l-r: Inv. Brainard, Inv. LaBuff, Dep. DelVecchio, Dep. Marriott. Back row: Dep. Braden, Dep. Schelling, Inv. McCulloch, Dep. Richards



The Special Response Team is trained in various tactical operations to include: building entry and clearing, car assaults, narcotics raids, high-risk warrants, crisis negotiations, active shooters and jail assaults. Shooting excellence is rigorously stressed and members receive weapons training to an extent greater than deputies performing routine assignments do.

The SRT is structured so that it could be divided into two separate units should the need arise at a lengthy situation. If a situation was so severe, the SRT could join with operators from tactical teams in the surrounding region to make up a formidable force. The SRT is also available to the many small municipal departments in the county as well as to neighboring county's response teams.

In April of 2012 six members of the Greene County Sheriff's Office SRT attended the New York Tactical Officer's Association Conference in Verona, NY. During the conference, each member attended and successfully completed different areas of instruction pertaining to SRT operations. This training was in addition to the training that the team does together on a monthly basis in order to maintain the highest degree of skills possible.

The SRT assisted the Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Narcotics Team execute a narcotics warrant in the Town of Catskill in July of 2012. The warrant resulted in the arrest of the suspected dealer and several illegal drugs being seized.

In December of 2012 the SRT assisted the Town of Coeymans Police Department in the execution of an arrest warrant and search warrant in the Town of Coxsackie. The burglary suspect and the gun used during the burglary were taken into custody without incident.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office SRT was also utilized to conduct two successful search warrants on marijuana growing operations in different locations through-out Greene County.

# Training

The Sheriff and the administration continue to feel strongly regarding the need to stay current with training. We had members participate in over **2000** hours of training. We sponsored (3) Greene County residents to attend the Zone 14 Law Enforcement Academy at Columbia Greene Community College. This is a part time academy that the recruits pay all tuitions out of their own pocket but gives them the valuable training and certification they need in order to pursue a career in law enforcement in NYS.

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:

- (6) SRT members attended the NYTOA training conference
- Monthly in-service training for our Special Response Team
- Bi-weekly training for our K-9 Division
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Course (ARIDE)
- Basic Crime Scene Photography
- Domestic Terrorism Training
- Course in Police Supervision for our new Sergeants and Investigators
- Law Enforcement continuing education courses for supervisors
- New York Highway Safety Symposium
- Aquatic Death Investigation
- Protecting our children/child molester seminar
- Bomb and explosive response training
  - Bath Salts and Synthetic Drug Investigations



Above: Deputies train in defensive tactics

# Sex Offender Registry

In September of 2011 the Greene County Sheriff's Office appointed Investigator Robert LaBuff to monitor sex offenders living in Greene County. Investigator LaBuff monitor's, tracks and manages sex offenders, and disseminates offender information to patrol and county residents. As of January 2012 Investigator LaBuff has reported 227 calls for service dealing strictly with offenders. These calls for service include random residence checks to verify reported addresses by offenders, updating offender information including photo's, changes of address, Level 3 Offenders 90 day verifications and annual verification requirements of all offenders. He has made 10 felony arrests, (7) counts of failure to report change of address, (1) count of failure to annually verify, (2) counts of failure to verify at 90 days. Investigator LaBuff assist's the public as well as State and County agencies daily with general questions regarding offenders and also case specific requests.

As of March 1st 2012, the Greene County Sheriff's Office is currently monitoring 77 registered sex offenders which reside within the 22 Towns, Villages and Hamlets outside of the Village of Catskill. This is a increase of 2 registered sex offenders from 2012. There are 2 cases currently pending for level designation. Investigator LaBuff is the main contact for the agency and can be easily reached via cell phone or email. Investigator LaBuff also assists the investigation unit and is rotated through an on call schedule.

The following charts below reflect the Greene County Sex Offender Registries 77 registered sex offenders, registered as of March 1st 2013, categorized by the Town or Village in which they reside and their respective "risk level":

TOWN/VILLAGE	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
ACRA		3	
ASHLAND	1		
ATHENS		1	
CAIRO	2	7	2
CATSKILL	6	4	6
CEMENTON		1	
CORNWALLVILLE	2		
COXSACKIE	3	4	2
DURHAM	3	1	
EARLTON	2	1	1
FLEISCHMANN'S		1	
FREEHOLD	1	1	1

TOWN/VILLAGE	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
GREENVILLE	1	1	
HAINES FALLS		1	
JEWETT			1
LANESVILLE		1	
LEEDS	6		
NEW BALTIMORE	1	2	1
PURLING		1	
SHANDAKEN	1		
TANNERSVILLE	1	1	1
WINDHAM		1	

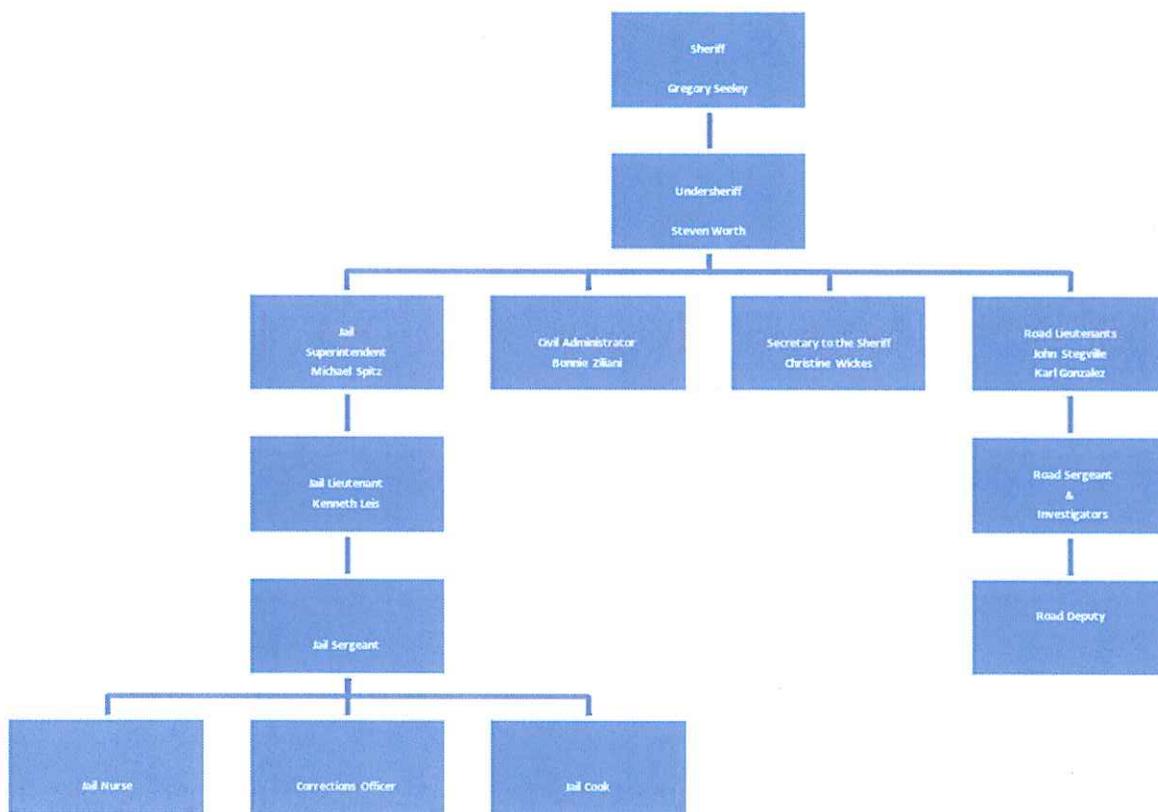
## Summer Camp 2012

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 2012, the camp accommodated over 900 boys and girls from across New York State including 16 children from Greene County.

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.

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE CHAIN OF COMMAND



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

Greene County continues to operate the oldest Jail in the State of New York. The 104-year-old facility houses 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 to increase the population by 16. This unit was opened in 1981.

## ***STAFFING LEVELS***

The County Jail is currently staffed with 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, 32 Correction Officers, (2 of which are part time), 1 Registered Nurse, 1 part time Physician, and 3 Correction Cooks (2 of these are part time). We also have, in cooperation with Greene County Mental Health, a social worker that is at the facility 5 days a week and a mental health nurse practitioner that reports 1 day a week. Questar provides us with a teacher for the inmate's G.E.D. program during the normal school calendar.

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

2012 was the fourth 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 2012 this service was used a total of 70 times, paying \$144,175 in bails. Since midway through 2008, this service has been utilized 396 times yielding \$657,379 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. In the upcoming years we anticipate the numbers increasing at a higher rate as the program has been enhanced to allow a person to bail an inmate out of jail, using a credit card, without having to be present at the jail.

## ***BOARDING OF INMATES***

In 2012 the Greene County Jail averaged 18.99 inmates a day boarded out to other jails. This number is the lowest it has been in the past 4 years. In 2009 it was 19.4, 26.5 in 2010, and 27.6 in 2011. In 2012 the boarding of inmates cost the taxpayers approximately \$549,855, down from \$805,00 in 2011. This amount does not include the cost of staff and travel expenses. Although our boarding numbers have decreased, our in house numbers have increased. According to the New York State Commission of Corrections we are not supposed to exceed 80% capacity. In the Greene County Jail that would mean we could not average above 45 inmates a day housed in the jail. That being said, in 2010 we averaged 51.5 inmates housed per day, in 2011 we averaged 51.66 per day and in 2012 we averaged 51.87. If we followed the state's guidelines we would have incurred approximately \$213,000 in additional taxpayer expense for boarding. We continue to negotiate with the counties we utilize to keep the cost as low as possible.

### **2010/2011/2012 INMATE POPULATION COMPARISON:**

Below is a 2010, 2011, and 2012 inmate population comparison:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total # Inmates Received:	914	841	769
Adults:	854	771	733
Minors:	60	70	36
 Total # of Males			
Adults:	699	625	591
Minors	57	57	32
 Total # of Females			
Adults:	155	159	142
Minors:	3	13	4

**2010/2011/2012 INMATE POPULATION COMPARISON (con't.):**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Avg. Daily Population:	78	80	71
Highest Daily Count:	94	100	87
Lowest Daily Count:	60	57	51
Sentenced to State Prison	63	82	83

**2011/2012 NUMBER of TRANSPORT COMPARISONS:**

	<u>Prisons</u>	<u>County Jails</u>	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total#</u>
2011	15	301	143	275	734
2012	24	297	154	270	745

## *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.*



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