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ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE

GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

FOR CALENDAR YEAR

2012

SUBMITTED BY

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COORDINATOR

This report is submitted as prescribed by the Greene County Legislature for all county departments. It is submitted so as to provide the legislators, and any others who read it, with an overview of the activities, expenses and revenues of the STOP-DWI Program during calendar year, 2012.

ENFORCEMENT:

The final reported numbers for 2012 have been received by the program as reported by New York State Department of Motor Vehicles TLED Program (Traffic Safety Law Enforcement and Disposition Program). The data received indicates a year as follows. Throughout Greene County, there were 371 DWI related arrested subjects. Resulting from these arrests there were 671 tickets issued for a DWI offense as well as 109 tickets issued for driving while their license was suspended due to an alcohol related suspension.

The amount of funding available for additional road patrols remained at the same limits as in the past. The number of arrests made during funded patrols appears to have been lower than in prior years. Naturally, the various departments have their own operational issues, well outside of our program's knowledge, so any reduction in gross numbers of arrests should not be construed negatively, nor as a sign of increasing program effectiveness. It should just be recognized as being a factor of influence.

Again, in 2012, as in all previous years, an annual conference affording educational and legal proficiency was sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Region Coordinators' Association. The program sponsored attendance by county enforcement personnel, as well as probation and prosecution individuals, as it has in the past. Additionally, we sponsored attendance by members of the program's advisory board. Overall, this component area was normal in its function during 2012.

COURT RELATED:

As in prior years, the Greene County District Attorney's Office received funding in the amount of \$48,000 from the program for the prosecution of vehicle crimes resulting from the impairment by alcohol and/or drugs. The District Attorney's Office maintains its' commitment to the citizens of Greene County to vigorously prosecute these crimes that effect so many, in so many ways.

The amount of fines levied and donations in our County's courts for our subject cases was \$175,196. From this total, \$29,030 was levied in Greene County, \$126,431 from the NY Justice Office and \$19,735 from donations to the Greene County STOP DWI Program.

PROBATION:

The program funded a portion of two probation officers salaries totaling \$44,000. This funding helped support the oversight of DWI probationers during 2012. Support of certain seminar attendances was provided, and the presence on the Program's Advisory Board by the Director of Probation remained.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION:

During 2012, the program continued to act as the educator, and public education arm of the program. Informational material and presentations were all performed by the program coordinator and Deputy Sheriff's to youth, clubs, and organizations. The Sheriff's Office continues its support with educational and informative reference materials at various public forums throughout the year.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:

Since 2011, the program has had some important structural changes. Due to retirements of the existing staff, the Greene County Sheriff's Office took over the responsibilities of the department, with Sheriff Greg Seeley as the coordinator. Internal efficiency remained very high, and the program maintained its abilities to serve the general public and interact with agencies and provide support to other county departments in an efficient and professional manner. The constant contact with enforcement depts., the media, and the various agencies that wish to interact with the program enables us to maintain the professionalism that the program has provided over the years. The accounting for all program expenditures was maintained without criticism.

The Sheriff's Office monitors the subjects that have been ordered for the interlock systems who are not on probation. The Sheriff's Office monitored approximately 30 subjects for violations and oversight of their responsibilities. All interlocks systems that are ordered as a condition of probation are monitored by The Greene County Probation Department.

These changes in the administration area of the program saved tens of thousands of dollars, thus enabling the program to achieve even a higher level of expectations.

SUMMARY:

The program spent its 32nd year of actual operation in much the same way as it has in the past, in a low in profile, with limited, but efficient use of funding. And while there has been an escalated level of public attention in DWI related topics, Greene County seems to have the enforcement, prosecution, probation and rehabilitation of these offenders square in the center of its radar. Furthermore, the activity in the information and education with the youth continues to harvest the benefits of those seeds sewn. It is most important to remember that our program's effectiveness, and the county's public safety image, must be evaluated over duration of a decade or more, and not duration of any one year to another. If this is done, the program continues to be a success for Greene County. The County's program is involved, as much as funding permits, and is communicative within its community of peer programs, and analyzes each regulation proposed as to its perceived intention and possible ramifications.

Respectfully Submitted,
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