

# ANNUAL REPORT 2013



## 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I pursued a countless number of grants which allowed our agency to replace outdated safety and communication equipment without any cost to taxpayers.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 (Dive) Team. Although the team is in its early stages, our dive team trains with the Ulster and Columbia County Sheriff's Office Dive Teams 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 the next two years as I finish up my second four year term, 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 2013

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 2013, the Civil Division brought in **(1396)** cases resulting in the service of **(1396)** Civil Papers. The Civil Division processed **(103)** Summonses, **(173)** Family Court Papers, **(64)** orders of protection, **(279)** Landlord/Tenant Papers and **(324)** 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 2013, the Civil Division served at total of **(467)** 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 **(113)** Warrants of Eviction in Greene County in 2013. 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 2013 was **\$107,930**. The Civil Division collected **\$68,655** for Fees, **\$49,280** 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

2010: 1,572  
2011: 1,496  
2012: 1,374  
2013: 1,396

# CIVIL DIVISION YEARLY SERVICES REPORT 2013

	2012	2013
Summons:	94	103
Property/Income Executions	457	467
Family Court Papers	225	173
Notice of Petition & Petition	164	184
Notice to Tenant	113	166
Eviction Warrant	105	113
Family Court Order of Protection	80	50
Subpoena	26	20
Order to Show Cause	15	24
Action for Divorce	16	26
Criminal Court Order of Protection	27	14
Citation	6	9
Information Subpoena	2	1
Warrant of Arrest/Civil Warrant	0	0
Other Papers	44	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1374</b>	<b>1396</b>





# ROAD PATROL 2013

The Road Patrol Division serves the residents of Greene County. 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
- 6** 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 are four deputies assigned to the Town of Catskill Post. The deputies of the road patrol 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 Town of Ashland has been very supportive of the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

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 have earned the respect and trust of the citizens of New Baltimore and continue 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.

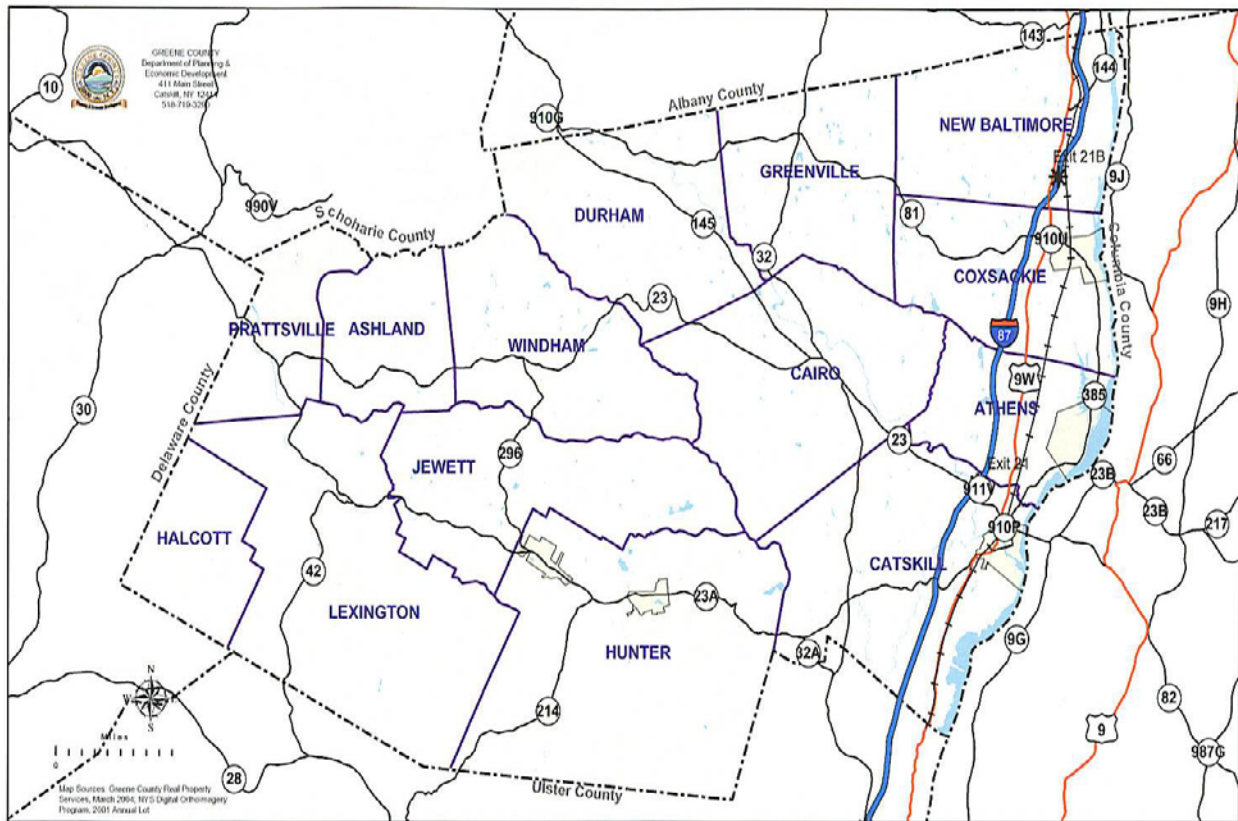
The Greenville Satellite is manned seven days a week from 11am thru 11pm. The two deputies assigned to this satellite continue to primarily service the Towns of Greenville and Durham. They also continue to supplement the Town of Cairo Police Department, as needed.

The patrol division handled **8,787** calls for service in 2013. The Sheriff's Office responded to approximately **43%** of the **20510** calls received in the county through Greene County Emergency Operations Center. 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:

	2012	2013
Assault/Assault in Progress	37	30
Dead Body	4	3
Drowning	0	1
Harassment	159	112
Domestic Disputes	381	297
Disorderly Conduct/General Disturbance/Fight	93	82
Rape	1	0
Sex Abuse/Assault	6	0
Burglary	117	99
Robbery (including home invasions)	2	7
Criminal Mischief	57	60
Kidnap/Abduction complaint	1	1
Larceny (including vehicle)	129	100
Trespass	86	65
Alcohol Related/Drug Related	41	48
Lost/Missing Person	20	33
Suicide/Suicide Attempt/threat	64	80
Menacing	5	4
Shooting Complaint	64	44
Mental Health Call	72	85
Noise Complaint	83	53
General Complaint	799	942
Vehicle Traffic Stops	2705	2612
Assist to Motorist (including lockouts)	468	463
Parking Complaint	41	45
Erratic Driver Complaint	212	154
Hit and Run Accident	10	16
Motor Vehicle Accidents (no injuries)	493	516
Motor Vehicle Accidents (with injuries)	128	129
ATV Accident	1	5
Boat Accident/Fire/Sunk/Water Rescue	4	9
Road/Traffic Hazard	136	143
Suspicious Person, vehicle and/or object	257	206
Vehicle Pursuit	7	6
EID (alarm activations)	595	615
Civil Matter	153	146
Criminal Warrants	136	119
Check the Welfare/Attempt to Locate	283	159
Animal complaints	241	255
Misc. non-emergency calls (including 911 Hang up/Abandoned)	916	799
EMS & Fire Dept Assists	346	242
Child Abuse	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>9,257</b>	<b>8,787</b>





## PENAL LAW ARRESTS 2013

The patrol division made a total of **506** arrests in 2013 resulting in **76** Felony counts, **239** Misdemeanor counts and **206** Violation counts. This number is a slight decrease from 2012.

## ARRESTS BY MUNICIPALITY

	2012	2013
Town of Ashland	2	8
Town of Athens	21	23
Town of Cairo	78	61
Town of Catskill	241	256
Town of Coxsackie	30	18
Town of Durham	34	19
Town of Greenville	31	27
Town of Hunter	38	30
Town of Jewett	4	15
Town of Lexington	6	4
Town of New Baltimore	44	14
Town of Prattsville	6	16
Town of Windham	<u>28</u>	<u>15</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>506</b>

# DRUG & MARIJUANA ARRESTS 2013

Your Sheriff's Office is actively investigating and pursuing drug offenses in Greene County. In 2013 we made a total of 67 Drug and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana arrests. However we did execute (3) search warrants pertaining to indoor marijuana grow operations. We again conducted outdoor marijuana eradication operations with the New York State Police utilizing the NY Power Authority and the NYS Army National Guard Counter Drug Unit helicopters. This detail resulted in the seizure of over 500 marijuana 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. Heroin use has also increased throughout New York State. Heroin is no longer concentrated in urban areas. It has spread to our rural communities. The Greene County Sheriff's Office is actively working cases through our Criminal Investigations Unit as well as partnering with the District Attorney's Office, NYSP Criminal Narcotics Enforcement Team, and the Drug Enforcement Administration Albany Field Office. We at the Sheriff's Office continue to encourage citizens to come forward with information to help us with this issue.



# VEHICLE & TRAFFIC OFFENSES 2013

The road division, patrolled **502,607** miles in 2013. 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.

In 2013 our road patrol conducted **2,612** traffic stops resulting in the issuance of **1,284** traffic summonses.

In addition, these traffic stops resulted in **10** DWI/DWAI Drug arrests. This statistic is lower than last year which will hopefully continue to be the trend.

## FLEET MANAGEMENT

A breakdown of our Vehicles and their mileage as of December 31, 2013 is as follows:

<u>CAR NUMBER</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
1 2009 Dodge Durango	129,319
2 2005 Chevy Trailblazer	55,708
3 2012 Ford Expedition	22,686
4 2008 Chevy Impala	168,906
5 2007 Ford Crown Vic	95,700
6 2004 Chevy Impala	163,306
7 2006 Nissan Pathfinder	69,159
9 2000 Chevy Impala	147,587
25 2006 Chevy Impala	151,010

### DAILY PATROL VEHICLES

10 2010 Chevy Impala	
11 2013 Ford Taurus	11,342
12 2013 Ford Taurus	28,644
13 2011 Ford crown Vic	49470 (K-9)
14 2012 Ford Explorer	43,635
15 2012 Ford Taurus	25,856
16 2013 Ford Taurus	47,165
17 2011 Ford Crown Vic	81,123
18 2011 Chevy Impala	111,261
21 2011 Ford Crown Vic	82,176
23 2012 Ford Expedition	36,869 (K-9)
24 2012 Ford Explorer	21,210



## **SPECIAL DETAIL FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES**

8	2008 Ford F250 P/U	21,450
20	2008 Dodge Durango	128,965

## **CORRECTIONS VAN**

CV-1	2008 Chevy Van	101,343
CV-2	2007 Chevy Van	52,802

# **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 2013:

- St. Patrick's Day parade – Greenville
- Civil War Reenactment - Greenville
- Memorial Day Parade in Cairo
- Memorial Day Parade - Villages of Tannersville
- Fourth of July Parade – East Durham
- Town of Hunter Bicentennial Parade – Village of Tannersville
- Greene County Volunteer Fireman's Dress Parade in the Village of Catskill
- Dedication for those who died in the line of duty Greene County Memorial Wall - Cairo
- Funeral services for retired Deputy Sheriff Ray Cure



# Criminal Investigations Unit

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit currently has (3) Full-time Investigators and (1) Part-time Investigator. The Criminal Investigations Unit is responsible for a variety of Felony and Misdemeanor investigations including Robberies, Burglaries, Larcenies, Sex Crimes and Drug Investigations. The Criminal Investigations Unit is also responsible for the tracking of Sex Offenders in Greene County 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 within Greene County. The Criminal Investigations Unit is tasked with conducting background investigations on all potential county employees before they are hired.

## Notable Cases from 2013

### April, 2013

The Greene County Sheriff's Office was called to investigate a reported Burglary on State Route 32 in the Town of Greenville. While the Deputies were conducting their investigation they got a strong odor of marijuana coming from an old gas station in the vicinity of the reported Burglary. After some further investigation a search warrant was signed by a Town of Greenville Justice and it was executed on 10996 State Route 32 in the Town of Greenville. When the warrant was executed a suspect attempted to flee out of a back door, but was quickly taken into custody by Deputies manning the perimeter. Inside the building, a marijuana growing operation was discovered. Two suspects were arrested as a result of this investigation and charged with Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, a class C-Felony, Unlawful Growing of Cannabis, a class A-Misdemeanor, Criminal Facilitation in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, a class A-Misdemeanor and Criminal Nuisance in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a class B-Misdemeanor.

### August, 2013

The Greene County Sheriff's Office responded to the McDonalds in the Town of Cairo for a reported Robbery. When Deputies arrived on scene, the suspect had already fled. The scene was secured and witnesses were interviewed. The Criminal Investigations Unit and the New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations investigated numerous leads and conducted multiple interviews during a two week period following the Robbery. Subsequently three employees were arrested for the Robbery and charged with Robbery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, a class B-Felony, Grand Larceny in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a class D-Felony, Conspiracy in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, a class E-Felony, Providing a False Written Statement, a class A-Misdemeanor, Obstructing Governmental Administration in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a class A-Misdemeanor and Falsely Reporting of an Incident, a class A-Misdemeanor.

### September, 2013

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit received a phone call from a Detective with the Powhatan County Sheriff's Office in Virginia. The Detective was advised that he was investigating an incident involving a ten year old female in his jurisdiction and a 36 year old male in our jurisdiction. Members of the Criminal Investigations Unit began an investigation of their own and in December of 2013 they executed a search warrant on a residence located on Ross Ruland Road in the Town of Cairo. Several laptops and mass storage devices were seized and the 36 year old male was arrested for Disseminating Indecent Material to a minor, a class E-Felony, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A-Misdemeanor and Aggravated Harassment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a class A-Misdemeanor.

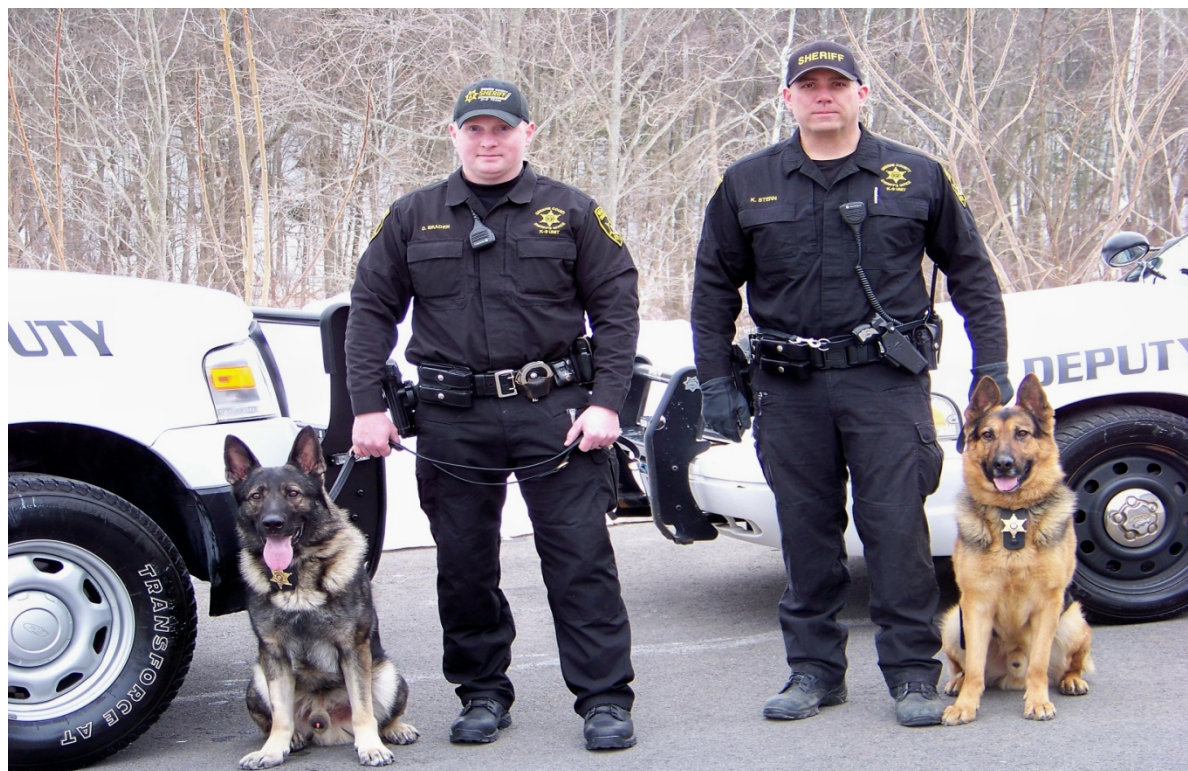


December, 2013

On three separate occasions the Greene County Sheriff's Office was called to the Circle W located on State Route 23A in Palenville for reported Burglaries. Each time the scene was processed and a member of the Criminal Investigation Unit responded. A tip was received from a family member of a suspected juvenile during the investigation. Members from the Criminal Investigations Unit interviewed the suspected juvenile and were able to get a full confession from the juvenile. The juvenile was responsible for all three of the reported Burglaries and was arrested on 3 counts of Burglary in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, a class D-Felony, 3 counts of Criminal Mischief – Damage to Property, a class A-Misdemeanor and 3 counts of Petit Larceny, a class A- Misdemeanor. The juvenile was issued appearance tickets returnable to Greene County Probation.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit has also handled 26 Death Investigations, 7 Fatal Accident Investigations and over 30 Drug Investigations during 2013.

## Sheriff's K-9 Unit



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. In 2013 K-9 Chase was nationally certified with Eastern Police Canine Association for street ready police dog and nationally certified with North American Police Working Dog Association for narcotics detection. These standards are much more difficult than the basic K-9 certification. In 2014 both K-9 teams will be going for national certifications and is something they will strive for each year. The Greene County K-9 teams are going above and beyond in their level of training to provide a better service to the people of Greene County. Both K-9 teams have been training with our SRT team making searches safer. Also our K-9 teams have been training with many different Police agency's. 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 New Baltimore Veterinary service. 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:    2012                      2013**

Vehicle narcotic searches:	36	42
Building Clearing:	2	4
Tracks:	8	10
Perimeter Control:	4	8
Building Narcotic Search:	2	10
K-9 Demonstrations:	6	9
Crowd Control:	2	3

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

Marihuana (various amounts):	16	23
Heroin:	2	5
Cocaine:	1	1
Ecstasy:	2	1
Prescription Pills:	1	3
Ketamine:	1	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. In 2013, the Sheriff's Office assigned (1) full-time deputy to the Office of Mental Health and (1) part-time deputy to ensure that (2) deputies were in the building during normal business hours. Also, a magnetometer was installed to provide additional safety to the Office of Mental Health. The deputies primary duties are to ensure the safety of the mental health employees and patients. They also assist the road patrol with the detention of patients who are being ordered to be transported to mental health treatment facilities. They work varying daytime hours Monday thru Friday.

## Mental Health Office 2013 Report

EMS Assists: 5

Other Assists:

Disorderly Conduct: 10

Check the welfare: 3

Accidents (falls, auto): 2

Pick up Orders: 42

Arrests: 2

Fire Drills: 2

Fire Alarm Activation: 1

## 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 2013:**

### Pistol Permit Related Requests Processed:

	2012	2013	Increase
Amendments to pistol permits:	670	928	38 %
Purchase Coupons:	570	760	33 %
Pistol Permit applications:	575	630	9 %
Pistol Permit transfers:	20	37	117 %
Original Pistol Permits:	164	337	101 %
Duplicate Pistol Permits:	109	252	131 %
Dealer in Firearms Licenses:	4	12	200 %
Conversions from paper style permit:	485	685	41 %
Received and processed:	\$12,374	\$16,341.00	32 %

# 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 2013 we again applied for Traffic grants from the NY Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. We applied for The Selective Traffic Enforcement (STEP) Grant for the 2013 federal fiscal year. We were awarded **\$7590** for STEP. 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 **\$25,000** in funding for FY 2013. We intend continue to use this funding to purchase equipment and to reimburse for training to continue to enhance our Special Response Team and our Dive Team. The remaining funds are going to be used to purchase surveillance and covert equipment for undercover operations.

We also received a federal grant for the Bullet Proof Vest Replacement Program. We were awarded **\$6639** towards new bullet proof vests. All new deputy hires are covered **100%** through the federal grant and a state grant at no direct cost to Greene County tax payers.



# 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 2013 boating season the Greene County Sheriff's Marine Patrol worked a total of **(121.5)** hours. During this time period, **(12)** boats were stopped and **(7)** warnings were issued. While on patrol, they handled **(2)** assists to boaters, investigated **(5)** boat accident, inspected **(4)** and also covered numerous events. They also conducted and assisted various law enforcement agencies with **(3)** 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 **2013** 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 **(105)** 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:

- (23) Arrests
- (29) Assists to other agencies (which include assisting other Police, as well as Fire/EMS
- (2) Fire alarm activations
- (52) Lost license plate entries
- (13) Child safety seat inspections

## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM



The Special Response Team (S.R.T.) is trained in various tactical operations to include: building entry and clearing, vehicle assaults, narcotics raids, high-risk warrants, crisis negotiations, active shooter incidents, and jail assaults. The Special Response Team is becoming steadily more active in the apprehension of suspects relating to high-risk arrest/search warrants and narcotics raids. As the “War on Drugs” continues to become more demanding the need for specialized teams to conduct these high-risk warrants increases.

In 2013, the Special Response Team made a few additions to the team structure. One additional operator was added to the team increasing the team to a total of 10. In years past, the use of GCSO K-9's units has been critical to all S.R.T. operations. The use of Deputy Stern and his K-9 partner “Chase” has been an overall success in S.R.T. operations. In 2013, due to re-assignments within the department, a K-9 was assigned to a member of the Special Response Team. Deputy Braden and his new K-9 partner “Blaze” are the newest addition to the GCSO K-9 Unit. Deputy Braden and K-9 “Blaze” continue to train together everyday so that K-9 “Blaze” can be implemented as permanent member of the team.

Training is an essential part of the operations of the Special Response Team. Specialized training keeps the skills of the operators in tune with the tasks they are expected to perform. In 2013, the 10 members of the Special Response Team attended a combined total of over 1200 hours of training in an effort to maintain and improve these critical skills. With the continuance of funds issued by the Department of Homeland Security, the Special Response Team will continue to increase training and purchase the equipment that is needed to perform at the high standards that is expected of them.

In 2013, the Special Response Team conducted numerous successful operations including the execution of high risk arrest/search warrants and the apprehension of violent criminals. Listed below are a few of the notable cases in which S.R.T. was a critical part of the operation.

-June 2013: S.R.T. made entry into a garage structure where a marijuana grow operation was being conducted. A male suspect was barricaded within the structure and was taken into custody without incident. The case resulted in the arrest and prosecution of two suspects.

-April 2013: In a one day operation, S.R.T. executed three high-risk arrest warrants on suspected drug dealers in three separate locations. The operations resulted in the arrest of the three suspected drug dealers.

-October 2013: GCSO received a request for the Town of Gloversville Police Department to assist them with the apprehension of a fugitive that was taking refuge in Greene County. S.R.T. was called out and the suspect was successfully taken into custody and turned over to GPD.

-October 2013: S.R.T. executed a high-risk search/arrest warrant on a suspected drug dealer. The warrants were successfully executed resulting in the arrest of one person. During the execution of the warrants one illegal firearm and one stolen vehicle were also recovered.

-December 2013: S.R.T. was called out to assist with a barricaded suicidal female subject who was reportedly in possession of a firearm. The incident was resolved with a peaceful resolution and the female was taken into custody without incident.

# 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 (5) 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 and Dive 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



## Dive Team



The Greene County Sheriff's Dive Team is made up of (3) divers and (3) diver tenders. Three new divers and tenders have been trained for 2013. The Dive Team trains once a month. On occasion, our dive team partners up with the Ulster County Dive Team and Columbia County Dive Team, to conduct joint training operations. Our dive team's equipment and upgrades are purchased through a Homeland Security Grant thus adding no direct cost to the Greene County tax payers.

In 2013, The Greene County Sheriff's Dive Team assisted with (3) body recoveries, recovered a handgun, and completed several property retrievals.

In April of 2013, the dive team dove in a pond in Palenville and recovered a lost fire hose nozzle for the Palenville Fire Department. The nozzle was valued at over \$1300.00

In April of 2013, the dive team assisted the NYSP when a private plane crashed in the Hudson River.

# 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 monitors, tracks, and manages sex offenders, and disseminates offender information to patrol and county residents. As of January 2014, Investigator LaBuff has reported 224 calls for service dealing strictly with offenders. These calls for service include random residency checks to verify reported addresses by offenders, updating offender information including photo's, changes of address, Level 3 90 day verifications and annual verification requirements of all offenders. Notable cases for 2013 include tracking a level 2 sex offender who fled New York State without properly notifying authorities. The Sheriff's Office was able to confirm the offender's location in North Carolina and informed the US Marshalls. The offender was apprehended under federal violation and is currently incarcerated in a North Carolina Prison. Another case also in conjunction with the US Marshalls, led to the arrest of a Level 1 sex offender who was located in Greeneville. The offender had entered Greene County without properly notifying the Sheriff's Office and was subsequently arrested.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office is currently monitoring 91 registered sex offenders which reside within the 22 Towns, Villages and Hamlets outside of the Village of Catskill. This is an increase of 14 registered sex offenders from 2012. There are no 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.

The following charts below reflect the Greene County Sex Offender Registries 91 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		2	
ASHLAND	1		
ATHENS		2	
CAIRO	6	11	3
CATSKILL	11	4	3
CEMENTON		1	
CORNWALLVILLE	3		
COXSACKIE	4	4	2
DURHAM	2	1	
EARLTON	2	2	1
FLEISCHMANN'S		1	

TOWN/VILLAGE	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
FREEHOLD	1	1	1
GREENVILLE	1	1	
HAINES FALLS		1	
JEWETT		1	1
LANESVILLE		1	
LEEDS	4		
NEW BALTIMORE	2	1	1
PURLING		1	
SHANDAKEN	1		
TANNERSVILLE	2	2	1
WINDHAM	1		

## Summer Camp 2013

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 2013, 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.

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

Greene County continues to operate the oldest Jail in the State of New York. The 106-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. However, in July of 2013 New York State Commission of Corrections closed down half of one of the units, questioning its structural integrity, which dropped the facility's maximum capacity to 50, and the state required us to keep the facility at a maximum of 80% capacity. This mandate meant that the facility's population could not be over 40 inmates housed at the Greene County Jail. This dramatically increased the number of inmates that had to be boarded at other county facilities.

## ***STAFFING LEVELS***

The County Jail is currently staffed with 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, 34 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 psychiatrist that reports to the facility 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.***

2013 was the fifth 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 2013 this service was used a total of 73 times, paying \$164,796 in bails. Since midway through 2008, this service has been utilized 469 times yielding \$826,695 in bail payments. Although the county does not receive any revenue from this program, the taxpayers do realize a tremendous savings in reducing the number of inmates that we would have been required to board out to other counties.

## ***BOARDING OF INMATES***

In 2013 the Greene County Jail averaged 38.75 inmates a day boarded out to other jails. This number is the highest it has ever been. In 2010 it was 26.5, 27.6 in 2011, and 18.99 in 2012. In 2013 the boarding of inmates cost the taxpayers \$1,096,170 up from \$549,855 in 2012. This number is strictly the amount of money paid to other counties and does not include the cost of staff and travel expenses.

### **2011/2012/2013 INMATE POPULATION COMPARISON:**

Below is a 2011, 2012, and 2013 inmate population comparison:

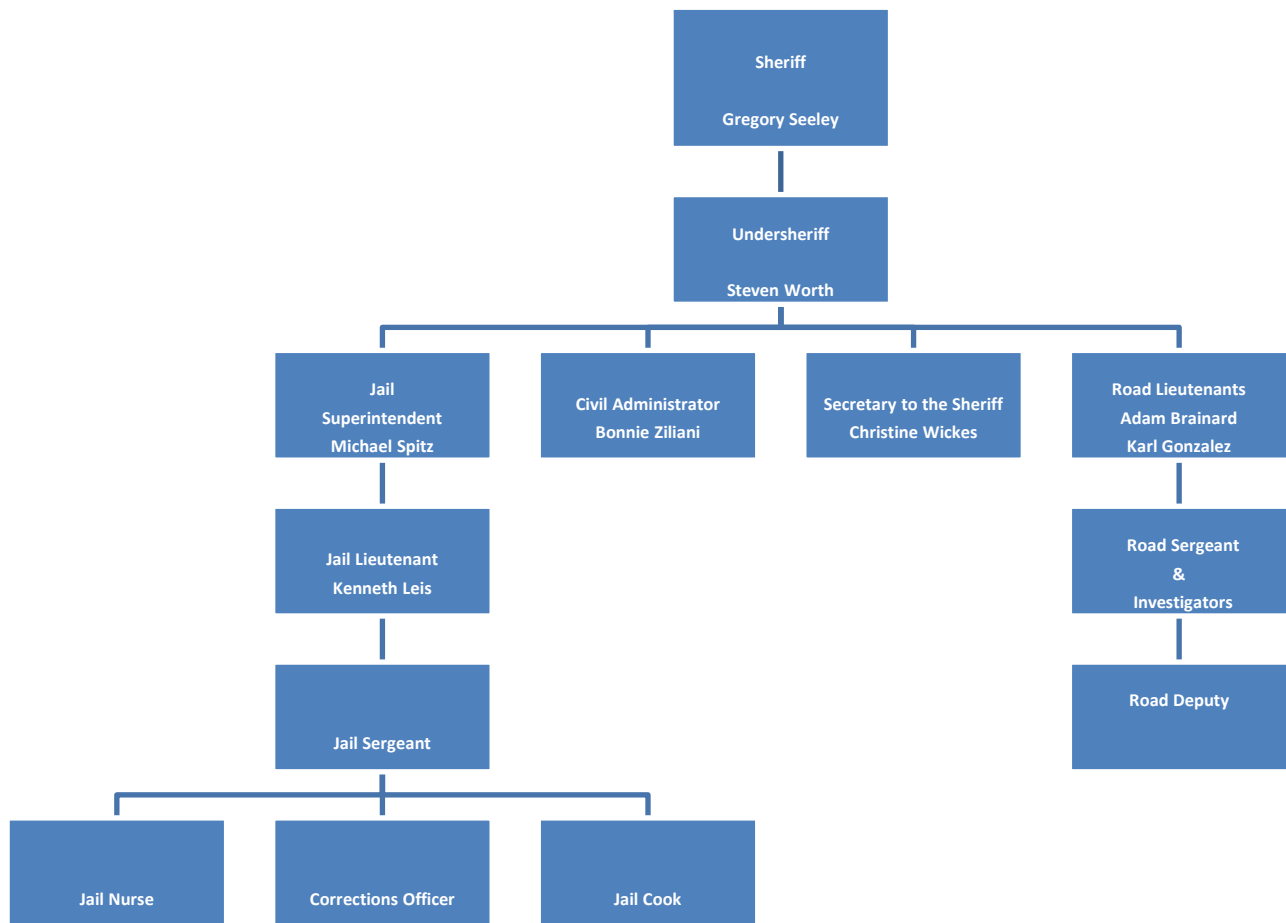
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Total # Inmates Received:	841	769	729
Adults:	771	733	695
Minors:	70	36	34
Total # of Males			
Adults:	625	591	539
Minors	57	32	30
Total # of Females			
Adults:	159	142	156
Minors:	13	4	4
Avg. Daily Population:	80	71	85
Highest Daily Count:	100	87	102
Lowest Daily Count:	57	51	69
Sentenced to State Prison	82	83	66

### **2011/2012/2013 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
2013	33	472	230	284	1019



# SHERIFF'S OFFICE CHAIN OF COMMAND



## *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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