

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016



GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# Office of the Sheriff.

*A Message from Sheriff Gregory R. Seeley*



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

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

As you know, in view of the rapidly changing public safety and law enforcement environment in the Hudson Valley/Catskills region, as well as current practical limitations on the size and scope of individual agency resources, the Greene County Sheriff's Office, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Hudson Police Department formed the Columbia Greene Shared Services Response Team (C.G.S.S.R.T). The C.G.S.S.R.T is utilized on high risk warrants, active shooter situations, hostage situations, search and rescue operations, etc. The C.G.S.S.R.T is the first Special Response Team in New York State where two adjoining counties combined their services in this manner. A total of \$350,000.00 in grant money was secured for training including rope rescue operations equipment for the team.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,  
*Gregory R. Seeley*

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# CIVIL DIVISION 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Revenue for the county brought in for services in 2015 was **\$107,069.43**. The Civil Division collected **\$62,151.19** for Fees and **\$44,916.06** for Poundage collected on management of Executions. This money is all turned over to the Greene County Treasurer.

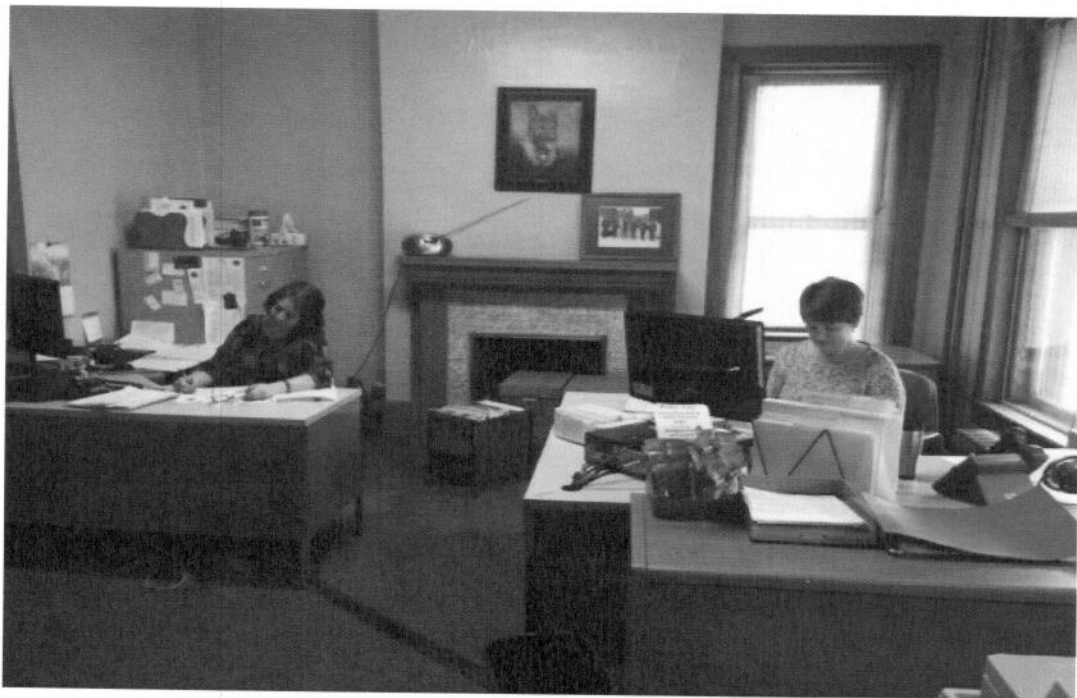
## CIVIL DIVISION – ANNUAL FIGURES CIVIL PAPERS SERVED

2013: 1,396  
2014: 1,314  
2015: 1,465  
2016: 1,519

# CIVIL DIVISION YEARLY SERVICES REPORT 2016

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

	2015	2016
	144	102
	384	407
	154	169
	246	207
	188	182
	190	256
	49	73
	24	17
	12	4
	9	29
	13	18
	9	14
	1	3
	0	0
	42	22
	0	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1465</b>	<b>1519</b>



# ROAD PATROL 2016

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

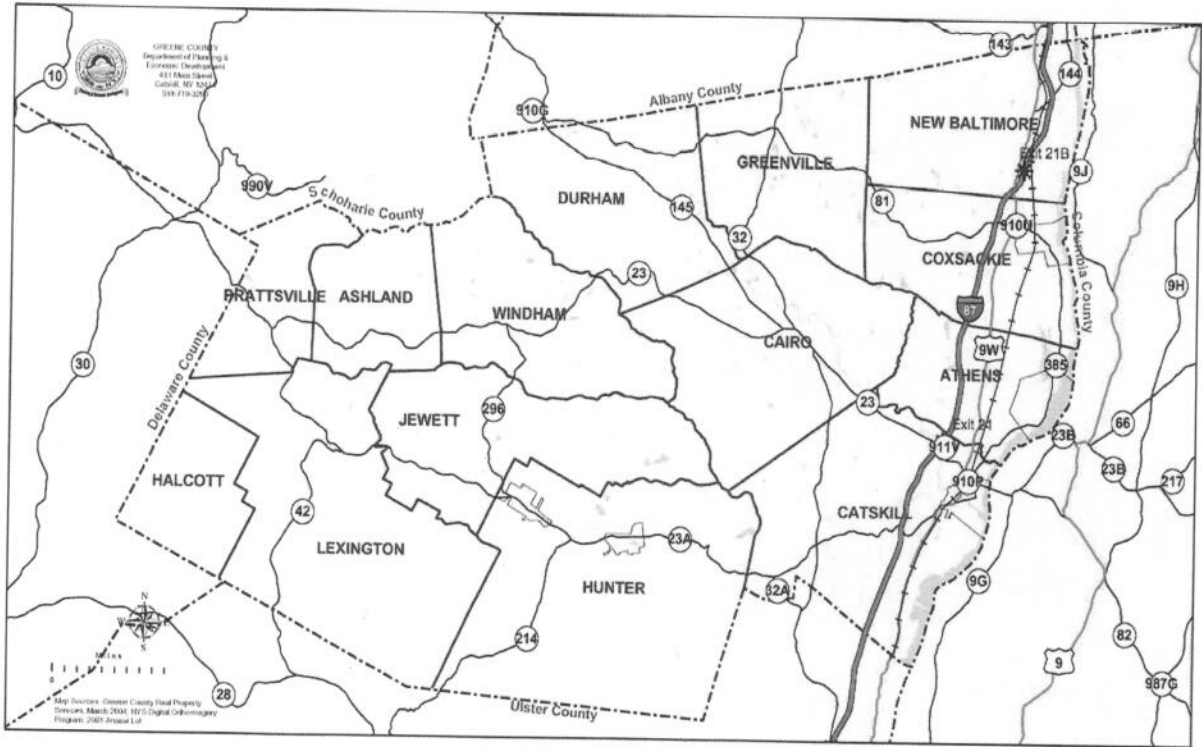
**The Greenville Satellite** continues to primarily service the Towns of Greenville and Durham and is located in the Greenville Town Hall. Our K-9 handlers generally work out of this satellite to be more centrally located to the public in both the valley and mountain top areas.

The patrol division handled **7,757** calls for service in 2016. The Sheriff's Office responded to approximately **39.8%** of the **19466** calls received in the county through Greene County Emergency Operations Center. The remaining **60.2%** 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:

	2015	2016
Assault/Assault in Progress	18	23
Dead Body	1	0
Drowning	0	0
Harassment	110	120
Domestic Disputes	223	240
Disorderly Conduct/General Disturbance/Fight	74	89
Rape	0	0
Sex Abuse/Assault	1	0
Burglary	60	58
Robbery (including home invasions)	2	2
Criminal Mischief	42	44
Kidnap/Abduction complaint	0	0
Larceny (including vehicle)	73	58
Trespass	50	45
Alcohol Related/Drug Related	28	30
Lost/Missing Person	36	36
Suicide/Suicide Attempt/threat	69	58
Menacing	1	1
Shooting Complaint	35	22
Mental Health Call	102	92
Noise Complaint	51	62
General Complaint	1384	1441
Vehicle Traffic Stops	2098	2619
Assist to Motorist (including lockouts)	251	230
Parking Complaint	34	21
Erratic Driver Complaint	129	138
Hit and Run Accident	7	14
Motor Vehicle Accidents (no injuries)	468	431
Motor Vehicle Accidents (with injuries)	107	88
ATV Accident	1	0
Boat Accident/Fire/Sunk/Water Rescue	10	10
Road/Traffic Hazard	119	141
Suspicious Person, vehicle and/or object	157	148
Vehicle Pursuit	4	3
EID (alarm activations)	719	737
Civil Matter	131	95
Criminal Warrants	101	61
Check the Welfare/Attempt to Locate	167	150
Animal complaints	198	203
Misc. non-emergency calls (including 911 Hang up/Abandoned)	194	194
EMS & Fire Dept Assists	299	239
Child Abuse	1	4
Bomb Threat	1	1
Home Invasion	3	3
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>7,558</b>	<b>7,757</b>





## PENAL LAW ARRESTS 2016

The patrol division made a total of **417** arrests in 2016 resulting in **51** Felony counts, **214** Misdemeanor counts and **72** Violation counts. This number is a slight decrease from 2015.

### ARRESTS BY MUNICIPALITY

	2015	2016
Town of Ashland	6	7
Town of Athens	23	12
Town of Cairo	79	80
Town of Catskill	175	167
Town of Coxsackie	37	25
Town of Durham	28	24
Town of Greenville	20	29
Town of Halcott	0	0
Town of Hunter	18	21
Town of Jewett	6	4
Town of Lexington	6	4
Town of New Baltimore	17	18
Town of Prattsville	4	7
Town of Windham	32	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>417</b>

## DRUG & MARIJUANA ARRESTS 2016

Your Sheriff's Office is actively investigating and pursuing drug offenses in Greene County. We again conducted outdoor marijuana eradication operations with the New York State Police utilizing and the NYS Army National Guard Counter Drug Unit helicopters. We continue to work well with other law enforcement agencies within and outside of Greene County and also pursue "anonymous tips" from Greene County Citizens to establish leads assisting us with battling this increasing problem in our county. Heroin use has also increased throughout New York State. Heroin is no longer concentrated in urban areas. It has spread to our rural communities. The Greene County Sheriff's Office is actively working cases through our Criminal Investigations Unit as well as partnering with the District Attorney's Office, NYSP 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 2016

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

In 2016 our road patrol conducted **2,619** traffic stops resulting in the issuance of **2,033** traffic summonses.

In addition, these traffic stops resulted in **22** 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 31,2016 is as follows:

<u>CAR NUMBER</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
1 2009 Dodge Durango	227,783
2 2012 Ford Explorer	105,586
3 2012 Ford Expedition	60,318
4 2009 Chevy Impala	107,588
5 Investigator	86,105
6 Investigator	135,798
7 Investigator	118,413
9 2008 Chevy Impala	191,161
25 2010 Chevy Impala	98,892
<u>DAILY PATROL VEHICLES</u>	
10 2014 Ford Taurus	56,663
11 2013 Ford Taurus	102,918
12 2013 Ford Taurus	112,516
13 2016 Ford crown Vic	18,534
14 2014 Ford Explorer	73,423
15 2015 Ford Taurus	3,834
16 2013 Ford Taurus	137,268
17 2014 Ford Taurus	75,592
18 2011 Chevy Impala	141,062
20 2013 Ford Explorer	124,844
21 2011 Ford Crown Vic	120,412
23 2011 Ford Expedition	89,046(K-9)
24 2015 Ford Explorer	52,206
25 2010 Chevy Impala	110,266
26 2013 Ford Taurus	151,861

## SPECIAL DETAIL FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES

8 2008 Ford F250 P/U 37,042

## CORRECTIONS VAN

CV-1 2008 Chevy Van	120,190
CV-2 2007 Chevy Van	77,623
CV-3 2011 Crown Vic	115,785
CV-4 2010 Chevy Impala	141,717

## Color Guard

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

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



## Criminal Investigations Unit

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

### Notable Cases from 2016

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit arrested Keith Ingram after receiving a Grand Jury Indictment for Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>, defined as: being 18 years old or more and with intent to cause physical injury to a person less than seven years old the defendant causes such injury. The indictment was reached after presenting facts concluding a 6 week investigation spreading across multiple agencies including the Greene County District Attorney's office, New York State Police BCI Troop-F and the New York State Police crime lab. Ingram accepted a plea and was sentenced to state prison.

The Criminal Investigations Unit assisted patrol and adopted a case of identity theft and Grand Larceny in the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. The complainant contacted the Sheriff's Office road patrol division to report fraudulent charges on his debit card being used by an employee. The charges were confirmed to be unauthorized and reached a total of \$3,250.00. The defendant, Christopher Hamilton, was arrested and sentenced to state prison.

A joint investigation with the Greene County Sheriff's Office CIU and the Kingston Police Criminal Investigation Unit led to the execution of a search warrant granted upon information the Kingston Police obtained through an investigation. The Kingston Police contacted CIU with real time information of the attempted sale of illegally possessed firearms. Both agencies immediately combined resources and knowledge and successfully secured the weapons and arrested Richard N. Overbaugh II for criminal possession of a weapon in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> degree. Overbaugh is now serving a sentence in state prison. Due to the efforts of the Greene County DA's Office, Kingston Police, Columbia Greene Emergency Response Team, CIU, and Greene County Probation, 2 weapons were removed in efforts to combat criminal activity and violence in our Greene County communities.

The road patrol division responded to a reported burglary where there were 3 firearms stolen from a residence as well a variety of collectibles. Through the cooperative efforts of the road patrol division, CIU and the local community providing valuable tips, the Sheriff's Office successfully solved the crime. The investigation lasted for approximately 4 weeks and included over a dozen interviews and required support from local and adjacent county agencies. All suspects were eventually arrested, the firearms and most of the property was returned to the owner.

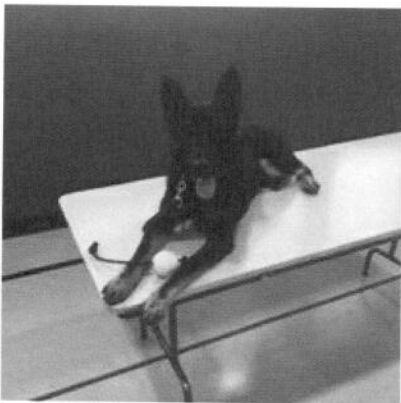
Road Patrol was dispatched to violent domestic in the Town of Catskill where it was discovered a male subject suffered deep lacerations to his head and face area. The suspect had fled the scene. The scene was immediately secured and patrol rendered aid to the victim until medical units arrived. The victim was transported for treatment. CIU assisted patrol and located the suspect hours later. The suspect was arrested and arraigned on the charges of assault, menacing and criminal possession of a weapon.

Patrol units were assigned to respond to the Extra Mart near the thruway entrance in Coxsackie for 2 victims who suffered gunshot wounds. Patrol units arrived, secured the scene, rendered aid to the victims and allowed medical units to proceed to the scene to transport the victims. Through patrols initial investigation it was learned that the shooting occurred at the 21B Red Roof Inn. CIU units responded and both scenes were secured until NYSP Major Crimes responded to process the secured scene and secure the evidence identified and preserved by the Sheriff's Office. NYSP Major Crimes adopted the case and is actively investigating the incident. The investigation has developed calling upon multiple agencies and has spanned throughout the state stretching across multiple jurisdictions.

CIU assisted federal and state agencies in Greene County conducting anti-terrorism training spanning over 5 days with the Joint Terrorism Task Force. A few months after the training, the efforts of all agencies participating in the training proved to impact the area. A local establishment immediately reported suspicious activity properly alerting authorities to potential terroristic activity. The activity was investigated and determined to be a non-terroristic threat. Due to the efforts of this task force and law enforcement agencies within Greene County working in stride with each other, this activity was reported properly and quickly investigated.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit also handled 20 Unattended Death Investigations, 4 Suicide Investigations, 3 Jail Investigations, 1 Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident Investigation, 7 Sex-Offense Cases, 3 overdoses, assisted with and investigated 40 burglaries, 35 Drug Investigations and 38 background investigations during 2016.

## Sheriff's K-9 Unit



2016 was an exciting year for the Greene County Sheriff Office K-9 Unit. K9 Chase and K9 Blaze both retired. Two new K9 teams were added. Deputy Stern was able to achieve master K9 trainer with DCJS and trained K9 Ziva for Greene County. Ziva was donated by Deputy Stern, she is a Belgian Malinoux, that was imported from Holland at 7 weeks old and trained to serve the county as a Police Patrol dog and a Narcotics Dog. Her first year in service she was able to win the United States

Police Canine Association trials, competing against some of the best dogs in the country. She achieved both State and Federal certifications with Patrol and Narcotics. One of K-9 Ziva's highlights from 2016 was finding a loaded handgun that was thrown from a vehicle during a Police pursuit. The handgun was tossed over an embankment. Ziva is trained to locate evidence and found the weapon in a wooded area. The suspect was found guilty at trial and sentenced to 14 years in jail..

Deputy Kris Danko and K-9 Havoc were added to the Unit, replacing Blaze. Havoc is a 16 month old German Shepherd that was imported from West Germany. Havoc was purchased with money donated by a private citizen. Havoc and Deputy Danko attended a DCJS Patrol and Narcotics School taught by Deputy Stern. There were also dogs from Albany County Sheriff's Office, Cobleskill PD and Colchester PD in the K9 School. All K9 teams passed in December of 2016. K9 Havoc and Deputy Danko are going to do great things for the community.

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

For 2017, the K9 Unit's major goal is to come down strong on the drugs that are passing through and being sold in our county. By working closely with our Investigators, Deputies, and other agencies, the K9 teams will be out at all hours finding and arresting drug dealers and users, making Greene County a safer place to live and work.

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

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

### **Mental Health Office 2016 Report**

<b><u>CLINICIAN ASSISTS:</u></b>	17
<b><u>E.M.S. ASSISTS:</u></b>	6
<b><u>FIRE DRILLS:</u></b>	3
<b><u>FIRE ALARM ACTIVATIONS:</u></b>	1
<b><u>MENTAL HEALTH PICKUP ORDERS:</u></b>	62
<b><u>ASSIST OTHER AGENCY:</u></b>	1
<b><u>PROPERTY DAMAGE AUTO ACCIDENT:</u></b>	1
<b><u>CAR SEAT INSPECTION:</u></b>	1
<b><u>WELFARE CHECK:</u></b>	2

### **MAGNETOMETER STATISTICS:**

<b>TRAFFIC COUNTER:</b>	<b>25,240</b>
<b>ALARMS:</b>	<b>8,266</b>
<b>DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS:</b>	<b>360</b>

# PISTOL PERMIT DIVISION

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

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

**Pistol Permit Related Requests Processed:**

	2015	2016
Original Pistol Permit	212	334
Duplicate Pistol Permit	119	171
Amendments	704	1174
Purchase Coupons	625	824
Transfer Fees	48	38
Applications	652	973
Upgrade	371	505
Dealer		6
Gunsmith		6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,908.00</b>	<b>\$15,914.00</b>

## GRANTS

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

We also continued applying for Department of Homeland Security Funding. Our agency was advised in early August that we were awarded **\$100,000** in funding for FY 2016. We intend continue to use this funding to purchase equipment and to reimburse for training to continue to enhance our Special Response Team and our Dive Team.

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

We were awarded **\$9,400.00** in Crackdown Grant Money to support the STOP DWI program.



# MARINE PATROL

The Greene County Sheriff's Office has several members, both full and part time that comprise the marine patrol. Our members attend a two week school to work on the marine patrol. This training is provided by New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation. The training takes place in Lake George. The first week of training is in basic marine law enforcement. The second week is marine patrol emergency vehicle operation, and teaches our operators how to operate patrol vessels in a variety of conditions and in a variety of situations.

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

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



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

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

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

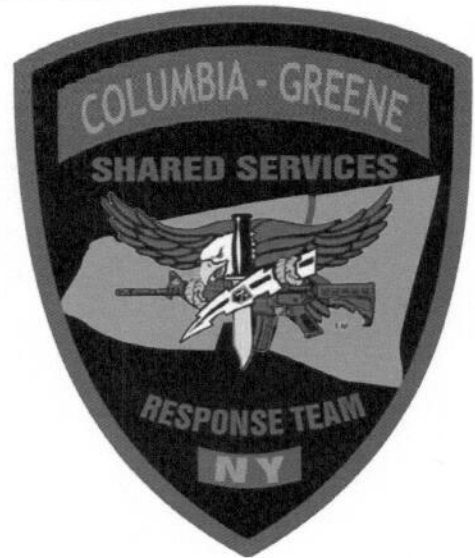
The magnetometer has also been helpful in producing various arrests throughout the year. These include a few for drugs or possession of drug paraphernalia.

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

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

	<u>DSS</u>	<u>COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING</u>
Calls For Service	94	43
Assist Other Agency	12	7
Arrests	7	5
Fire Drills	4	4
EMS Assist	5	3
Lost License Plate	-	19
Civil Papers	-	1
Alarm Activations DMV	-	1

## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM



The Special Response Team (S.R.T.) is trained in various tactical operations to include: building entry and clearing, vehicle assaults, search and rescue, drug/high risk warrants, crisis negotiations, active shooter incidents and correctional facility incidents.

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

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

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

# Training

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

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

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



## Dive Team



The Greene County Sheriff's Dive Team is made up of (6) diver tenders and (1) tender. 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 2016, the Dive Team had (1) Dive Emergency Call. The Dive Team scheduled their training days to assist other organizations and provide services that will build solid relationships for our team in the future.

In January, Officers from the Dive Team Joined up with Ulster County Dive Team to once again attend a training / educating event at Camp Tri-Mount on Boy Scout Rd. in Jewett. Officers from the department showed new skills to the Boy Scouts relating to ice emergencies. Also, Divers worked on under-ice rescue procedures.

In May, the Greene County Dive Team attended a training seminar certifying the team in level 1 swift water rescue. The thought behind this kind of certification was to prepare the team for any future major storms or natural disasters that could liken to Hurricane Irene. Throughout the year, the team has become familiar and efficient in setting up swift water rescues in different scenarios. This should be helpful in the effort to save lives if the need arises.

In June, the Dive Team responded to a call of a motor vehicle in the water of Green Lake. The operator had a mental health emergency and had tried to commit suicide. The team responded quickly and efficiently accomplished the task of recovering the operator and vehicle. The operator did not sustain and serious physical injury. Also responding was Leeds and West Athens fire companies, City of Hudson Dive Team, Catskill Ambulance, and State Police.

During the summer, several training's were conducted along side of Ulster County Dive Team. Included in these training's, the team located several traffic cones which were thrown from the Uncle Sam Bridge in Catskill. This helped the State Highway Department in recovering these items. Also,

the team acquired a new member; Deputy Joseph Femi.

In September, the Team trained in Shokan to hone underwater skills. During the training, Sgt. Kerry Winters of Ulster County Sheriffs Department experienced a medical emergency while underwater. The dive team responded to the rescue effort along with Ulster County and multiple other agencies. It is our deepest regret to have lost Sgt. Winters, a 30 year veteran and friend of many. He will be missed.

In the latter months of the year, the Dive Team continued to expand their knowledge in swift water rescue. The team also attended hull search training hosted by the Ulster County and State Police dive teams.

## Summer Camp 2016

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

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".

# Corrections Division

Greene County continues to operate the oldest Jail in the State of New York. The 109-year-old facility's maximum capacity was 56 inmates in four (4) housing units. The original facility consisted of three (3) housing units, which housed 40 inmates. In 1978 the county started construction on D-block which was completed in 1981. This increased the facility's capacity to 56 inmates. However, due to structural issues at the facility, and several inspections by the New York State Commission of Corrections, the state has reduced the maximum capacity to 40 and has enforced the 80 % rule which requires linear style jails, such as the Greene County Jail, to operate with a minimum of 20% unoccupied cells to allow for the process of classification. This allows the facility to house 32 inmates before boarding to other counties.

## **STAFFING LEVELS**

The County Jail is budgeted to staff the jail with 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants, 32 Correction Officers, 1 Registered Nurse, 1 part time Physician, and 5 Correction Cooks (4 of these are part time). We currently have 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant, 4 Sergeants, and 26 Correction Officers. We are currently operating with 7 less people then we are budgeted for. We also have, in cooperation with Greene County Mental Health, a social worker that is at the facility 5 days a week and a Mental Health Psychiatrist that reports to the facility 1 day a week.

## **GOV. PAY NET.**

2016 was the eighth 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 2016 this service was used a total of 85 times, paying \$164,405 in bails. Since midway through 2008, this service has been utilized 623 times yielding \$1,155,861 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.

## **INMATE WORK CREWS**

In 2012 the State of New York changed its stance on allowing county inmates to participate in work crews. Since then inmates confined to the jail worked on several community projects. They have done work in New Baltimore Town Hall converting a basement into a Sheriff's Office Satellite; they have cleaned and stained the pavilion in Haines Falls, and scraped and repainted the fence along the cemetery in New Baltimore. The municipality is responsible for the costs of materials and the Jail provides the labor. However, due to the vacancies in the staffing levels, the jail has not been able to send work details out into the community as it has in the past. This year we were only able to assist the Athens Food Pantry with its monthly deliveries.

## BOARDING OF INMATES

In 2016 the Greene County Jail averaged 22.67 inmates a day boarded out to other jails. This number is down compared to 2015. In 2015 it was 29.79 and 28 in 2014. In 2016 the boarding of inmates cost the taxpayers \$623,585 down from \$827,890 in 2015 and down from \$788,670 in 2014. This number is strictly the amount of money paid to other counties and does not include the cost of staff and travel expenses.

### 2014/2015/2016 INMATE POPULATION COMPARISON:

Below is a 2014, 2015, and 2016 inmate population comparison:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total # Inmates Received:	680	651	536
Adults:	661	648	528
Minors:	19	3	8
Total # of Males			
Adults:	536	489	422
Minors	16	3	5
Total # of Females			
Adults:	125	159	106
Minors:	3	0	3
Avg. Daily Population:	72	76	60
Highest Daily Count:	92	96	78
Lowest Daily Count:	55	59	44
Sentenced to State Prison	72	81	65



**2013/2014/2015 INMATES ADMITTED BY ETHNIC ORIGIN:**

	<u>Hispanic (M)</u>	<u>Hispanic (F)</u>	<u>Non-Hispanic (M)</u>	<u>Non-Hispanic (F)</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	66	10	488	116	680
2015	69	13	423	146	651
2016	56	12	371	97	536

**2014/2015/2016 MALE INMATES ADMITTED BY RACE:**

	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Am. Indian</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	2	113	1	49	387	552
2015	1	105	0	33	353	492
2016	1	90	0	32	304	427

**2014/2015/2016 FEMALE INMATES ADMITTED BY RACE:**

	<u>Asian</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Am. Indian</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	0	14	0	8	106	128
2015	0	21	0	4	134	159
2016	0	15	0	5	89	109

**2014/2015/2016 TRANSPORT COMPARISONS:**

	<u>Prisons</u>	<u>County Jails</u>	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total#</u>
2014	31	328	180	321	860
2015	36	335	215	360	946
2016	32	259	106	275	672

## *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.*

