

GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE
GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**



A Message from Sheriff Peter J. Kusminsky

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

This past year continued to bring significant challenges to my staff. I am extremely proud of the way they professionally handle their jobs. They truly are dedicated public servants. Our Threat assessment Team has been very active and has been used as an example to assist other Counties as they develop their own teams. We have set up mechanisms to communicate with our surrounding Counties' Teams to assure that no one falls through the cracks in the event they move into or out of this County. These lines of communication continue to strengthen our relationships and commitment to the safety of our residents.

This past year we added an additional License Plate Reader to our fleet to assist in identifying and prosecuting vehicle and traffic violators. We fully implemented our body worn camera program thereby increasing our transparency to the public we serve. Our County wide Senior Citizen's Call In Program, Impacted Citizen Program, Community Wellness Program and a Law enforcement Assisted Diversion Program continue to be utilized to assist those in need and those suffering from addictions. We are actively involved in the DEA Task Force and the U.S. Marshals Task Force regularly pursuing and charging the drug dealers and criminals who prey upon our citizens.

I remain committed to continuing to adapt to the ever-changing demands on law enforcement. We will continue to work together with all of the other agencies within the county, including the District Attorney's Office, Greene County Emergency Services, Probation, Fire Departments, EMS agencies, State and Local Police. These partnerships have enabled all of us to more efficiently serve our county.

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

Sincerely,
Sheriff Peter J. Kusminsky



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CIVIL DIVISION

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Civil Division is responsible for the enforcement of all civil processes in Greene County which include Summons, Order to Show Cause, Temporary Order of Protection, Evictions, Subpoenas, Income Executions, Property Executions, Sheriff Sales, to name a few.

The Civil Office undertakes a large majority of our business functions including financial transactions such as cash receipts, cash disbursements and accounts payable. This includes Records funds, and all Civil Account funds. The Civil Division consists of two Civil Coordinators, one Civil Office Manager and a Civil Deputy. Temporary Orders of Protection can be served 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, with firearm surrender possibly at that time as well. The Road Patrol Deputies serve papers that are required to be served as soon as possible, and those with a quick turnaround time for the courts or County Attorney.

The Civil Division processed 1,419 papers in 2023 in contrast to 1,242 in 2022. The Civil Deputy served 1,063 of those papers, and the remainder by the Road Patrol assisting with Order of Protections, immediate service for Family Court or other services including for the County Attorney. Over 300 papers were attempted with the outcome of being unable to locate, not in Greene County, or canceled by the attorney or court.

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

Papers for Family Court can consist of a notice to appear, summons and/or order to show cause, petition, verification, order appointing attorney for the child, custody, support or visitation petitions or orders, and may include temporary orders of protection. Sometimes this paperwork can total upwards of 30 pages. It is not unusual for many papers, including temporary orders of protection, to arrive in our office after 4:00 and just before 5:00. Immediate attention is required for service that evening.

Papers received from the county attorney for a quick turn-around time can have an order to show cause pursuant to mental hygiene law 9.60, affirmations, petitions, medication worksheet, and substance abuse worksheet to name a few. These papers must be reviewed before being processed and given to a deputy for service.

Income Executions, Bank Levies, Property Executions and Sheriff Sales are a multi-step procedure and service. Some executions are monitored for years and require numerous calls to follow up with collections until they are satisfied.

Warrant of Evictions are a multi-step process for both the landlord and Civil Office, with service being made by the deputy to complete. The Eviction Lockout is the final step before papers are sent back to the court as complete.

All papers must be monitored, mailings done, and returned to the courts or attorneys in a legal and prompt time frame.

The Civil Division collected a total of \$679,039.12 in 2023 compared to a total of \$535,832.75 in 2022. Poundage fees collected for executions were \$29,786.05, processing fees for executions totaled \$19,839.73, while all stages of evictions totaled \$18,427.41, and all mileage fees totaled \$13,930.86. All fees and poundage are turned over to the Greene County Treasurer.

Definitions of Papers for Service

Family Court – Can include Summons, Petitions, Verification, Notice of Hearing, Order to Show Cause, Financial Disclosure Affidavit, Order Appointed Attorney for the Child and possibly a Temporary Order of Protection.

Executions – Types of executions for service are Bank Levy, Income Execution – 1st stage and 2nd stage, Property Execution, and Sheriff Sale.

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

Divorce – There are numerous combinations of papers depending on what is needed by the attorney or individual. The Civil Division requests that the papers are in order just as they want them served to make sure all are listed for service.

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

Other papers processed with the Civil Division are Subpoenas, Citations, and other miscellaneous papers from in or out of Greene County or New York state that have their own configuration, and that need to be reviewed and documented in the Civil program.

2023 Paper Count Entered per User

Andrea: 1 Chris: 398 Gina: 253 Amanda: 612

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Summons including Notice or Complaint	24	36
Property/Income Executions, Bank Levy, Sheriff Sales	311	246
Family Court Without Order of Protections	306	281
Family Court with Order of Protection	116	182
Court Served Order of Protection to GDrive	—	69 (Not included in service count)
Criminal Court Order of Protection	13	25
Notice to Tenant	83	88
Notice of Petitions	59	80
Warrant of Evictions	106	123
Eviction Lockouts	96	93
Order to Show Cause	8	3
Action For Divorce	11	21
Subpoena	11	16
Citation	1	1
Information Subpoena	0	0
Warrant of Arrest/ Civil Warrant	0	0
Other Papers	20	98
Papers served for Greene County	29	143 (Declarations & Tax Foreclosure)
Notice Of Entry and Order to Show Cause from County Attorney	17	18
Papers Attempted Not Served	31	97
Total	1,242	1,419

ROAD PATROL



The Road Patrol Division serves the residents of Greene County. The Deputies patrol within the local municipalities as the citizens attend school, work and shop in the county. In an effort to further serve the residents of Greene County, the Deputies supplement police service to the Villages and Towns that provide a local police force and answer calls for service in those jurisdictions in addition to providing police services to localities that have no local law enforcement agency, whenever the need arises. The Patrol Division is responsible for enforcing the laws of the State of New York while patrolling 192 miles of state highways, 262 miles of county roads and 719 miles of local municipality roads on a twenty-four hour, seven day a week basis. They are also responsible for patrolling the Hudson River and other waterways throughout the county as well.

The Road patrol consists of the following staff that work out of six different locations.

1 Captain

1 Lieutenant

2 Part-Time Lieutenants

7 Sergeants

4 Investigators

2 Part -Time Investigators

22 Full time Deputy Sheriffs

17 Per Diem Deputy Sheriffs

The Coxsackie Main Office houses our Administration along with Pistol Permits. There are (4) deputies assigned to the Town of Coxsackie Post. The deputies of the road patrol handle the incidents/complaints of Greene county citizens by working rotating 12 hour shifts, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

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

The Prattsville Satellite has been re-opened in it's original location at the Prattsville Town Hall. This location serves as a processing area for patrols as well as a base location for our Investigator assigned to the mountain top.

The Jewett Satellite is now in working order as a remote location for the Pistol Permit Division. This office is open by appointment to serve the pistol permit needs of mountain top residents without requiring them to travel to Coxsackie.

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

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

The patrol division handled **10,524** calls for service in 2023 and **6,800** in 2022. The Sheriff's Office responded to approximately 51% of the **14,393** police 911 related calls received in the county through Greene County Emergency Operations Center in 2023 and 44% of the 15,355 county calls in 2022. The remaining 49% of calls in 2023 were answered by Local Police Agencies, Environmental Conservation Police the State Police. A small percentage were cellular 911 calls received for incidents occurring in adjoining counties. A call for service includes any activity a deputy does while on patrol, including assists to other agencies.

The following is a breakdown of the calls:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assault/Assault in Progress	35	37
Harassment	160	156
Domestic Disputes	268	320
Disorderly Conduct/General Disturbance/Fight	85	99
Sex Abuse/Assault/Rape	30	28
Burglary	35	34
Robbery (including home invasions)	-	-
Criminal Mischief	31	52
Kidnap/Abduction complaint	-	1
Larceny	79	81
Trespass	102	61
Lost/Missing Person	50	63
Overdose/Poisoning; Alcohol or Drug Related	110	99
Mental Health Call incl Suicide/Suicide Attempt or Threat	174	246
General Complaint	2,739	1,331
Vehicle Traffic Stops	2,593	2,385
Disabled vehicle	63	81
Assist to Motorist (including lockouts)	192	274
Parking Complaint	27	25
Erratic Driver Complaint	151	144
Motor Vehicle Accidents	300	440
Boat Accident/Fire/Sunk/Water Rescue; Drowning/Near/Dive/Scuba	2	15
Road/Traffic Hazard	127	202
Suspicious person, vehicle and/or object	81	122
Vehicle Pursuit	3	3
EID (alarm activations)	648	678
Civil Matters	2,120	679
Criminal Warrants	40	44
Welfare/Attempt to Locate	343	446
Animal complaints	132	146
Misc. non emergency calls (including 911 Hang up/Abandoned)	90	455
EMS & Fire Dept Assists	208	472
Child Abuse	4	2
OP Violations	37	-
Citizen Assist	219	-
Home Invasion	2	7
Follow Up	403	-
Total	10,524	9,228

PENAL LAW ARRESTS 2023

The patrol division made a total of **442** arrests in 2023 resulting in **78** Felony counts, **337** Misdemeanor counts and **16** Violation counts. In 2022 there were 466 arrests resulting in 163 Felonies, 435 Misdemeanors, and 37 Violations.

Mental Health Arrests: **175**

<u>Township</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Ashland	6	5
Athens	26	16
Cairo	89	64
Catskill	83	120
Coxsackie	63	136
Durham	19	9
Greenville	16	19
Halcott	-	0
Hunter	18	23
Jewett	5	10
Lexington	4	5
New Baltimore	16	24
Prattsville	16	12
Windham	17	16

Criminal Investigations Unit

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) currently has (3) Full time Investigators and (2) part time Investigators. The assigned investigators adopt cases that often require additional investigative steps and more attention to close. The unit is primarily responsible to assist patrol and investigate all major crimes, Class D- Felony and higher offenses, Sex Offender Management, warrant execution and conduct employee background investigations for all county employees. The Criminal Investigations Unit regularly tracks Sex Offenders in Greene County ensuring that they are properly registered with the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services. CIU enforces the mandatory annual verification process by actively tracking and monitoring offenders, which gives Law Enforcement the most up to date information on each Sex Offenders location within Greene County. CIU actively investigates all misdemeanor and felony warrants for the Greene County Sheriff's Office.

Notable Cases from 2023

The Criminal Investigation Unit received information on May 11, 2023 that there was a subject who had an active warrant for Murder out of the State of Pennsylvania hiding out at a residence in the Town of Catskill. Through investigation and working with the United States Marshal Regional Fugitive Task Force-Albany Division, investigators were able to develop leads and track the individual to a residence on LaCorte Rd. in the Town of Catskill. The investigation unit was able to secure a search warrant for the residence on May 12, 2023 where the male individual was located inside the residence. A search of the residence also recovered; approximately 260 glassine envelopes containing a white powdery substance (later confirmed by the lab to be Fentanyl), two handguns, as well as ammunition. Subject was extradited to Pennsylvania on the Murder Warrant.

The Criminal Investigations Unit investigated a report of a 15-year-old juvenile child being raped on July 16, 2023. The report came into the Sheriff's Office of a juvenile at the hospital with their parent. The CIU was able to quickly identify and locate a 37-year-old suspect. The suspect was ultimately charged and remanded to the Greene County Jail. The suspect has already plead guilty and is currently serving his sentence.

The Criminal Investigations Unit is in charge of maintaining confidential informants and is actively investigating and combating the drug epidemic within Greene County. Investigators have several drug cases that are active and several that have been successfully indicted this year, which are now awaiting trial.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit also handled 37 Unattended Death Investigations, 2 Overdose Death Investigations, 3 Suicides, 22 Sex-Offense Cases, 19 child abuse cases, assisted SRO's with 12 School Incidents, assisted with and investigated 6 burglaries, 13 Sex Offender Failure to Register Investigations, and 138 background investigations during 2023.

FLEET MANAGEMENT

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

<u>CAR</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE & MODEL</u>	<u>V.I.N. CODE</u>	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>ENDING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1	20	DODGE DURANGO	3246	39,000	63,541	24,541
2	20	DODGE DURANGO	3245	32,855	47,504	14,649
3	17	DODGE DURANGO	5397	189,500	221,000	31,500
4	22	DODGE CHARGER	8,396	1,200	8,284	7,084
5	18	FORD FUSION	0508	62,965	73,057	10,092
6	18	CHEVY MALIBU	0194	84,100	97,616	13,516
7	19	NISSAN ALTIMA	7402	82,480	95,700	13,220
8	22	DODGE RAM P/U	2461	1,400	2,400	1,000
9	14	FORD EXPLORER	1216	186,800	196,500	9,700
10	18	FORD EXPLORER	5426	193,000	200,000	7,000
11	18	FORD EXPLORER	3103	172,800	201,801	29,001
12	23	DODGE DURANGO		0	4,884	4,884
13	21	DODGE DURANGO	3486	13,700	37,657	23,957
14	20	DODGE DURANGO	3248	58,350	80,950	22,600
15	19	DODGE CHARGER	6003	127,700	135,701	8,001
16	20	DODGE DURANGO	4648	79,200	105,510	26,310
17	20	DODGE DURANGO	4647	68,593	100,323	31,730
20	19	DODGE CHARGER	6002	123,500	150,103	26,603
21	16	FORD EXPLORER	5313	142,363	146,763	4,400
22	16	FORD EXPLORER	7735	189,900	204,900	15,000
23	13	FORD TAURUS	3504	216,800	225,307	8,507

25	18	FORD EXPLORER	3104	125,761	132,180	6,419
26	18	FORD EXPLORER	3105	178,850	193,000	14,150
27	21	DODGE DURANGO	4775	36,100	74,297	36,100
28	17	FORD EXPLORER	0762	110,500	134,500	24,000
29	12	FORD EXPO	6004	154,500	158,230	3,730
31	18	FORD EXPO	5425	87,250	102,000	14,750
32	22	DODGE DURANGO	6944	500	40,707	40,207
33	22	DODGE DURANGO	6947	500	50,500	50,000
34	22	DODGE DURANGO	6946	2,970	52,000	49,030
35	23	DODGE DURANGO	8614	0	2,000	2,000
36	23	DODGE DURANGO	8613	0	7,097	7,097
STOP DWI	19	DODGE VAN	0230	15,400	19,823	4,423

Patrol, Investigator& Staff vehicle total: 585,201

CORRECTIONS VEHICLES

CV1	20	FORD VAN	6530	27,305	32,305	5,000
CV2	20	FORD EXPLORER	3333	24,100	40,504	16,404
CV3	17	FORD VAN	5848	143,000	163,000	20,000
CV4	12	FORD EXPO	3073	139,672	142,461	2,789
CV5	21	DODGE DURANGO	4776	4,400	10,921	6,521

Corrections vehicles total: 50,714

Patrol, investigators & staff vehicles total: 585,201

Grand total mileage for all vehicles: 635,915

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 2023:

January 1, 2023 – Molinaro Swearing In/Diamond Mills, Saugerties

March 25, 2023 – St. Patrick's Day Parade/Greenville (Canceled due to weather)

April 13, 2023 – Republican/Lincoln Dinner/Blackthorn, East Durham

May 28, 2023 - Memorial Day Parade (car only)/Tannersville

May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day Parades/Cairo 11am; Catskill 2pm

July 1, 2023 – 4th of July Parade/East Durham

September 9, 2023 – 135th Green County Fireman's Convention/Coxsackie

September 11, 2023- 9/11 Memorial – GCECC Center/Cairo

SHERIFF'S K-9 UNIT

For 2023 there were 28 SJS reportable K9 incidents. We also participated in many educational K9 demonstrations throughout the County for the Community. Deputy Stutts completed his narcotics and patrol certifications in December, and is now fully certified to handle Bolt. We hosted our first K9 Seminar in April. This Seminar was attended by K9 teams and civilian sport handlers to train at the GCSO facility.

There were 22 SJS reportable incidents for reduction of escalation from the Cairo Elementary Therapy Dog K9 Mac, where he was used to successfully defuse out of control student situations, which allowed them to return to their education for the remainder of the day.

The Sheriff's Office hopes to explore the possibility of adding an additional K9 to our unit that specializes in bomb & explosives detection.



GREENE COUNTY DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH

For over the past 15 years, the Sheriff’s Office has been providing a Deputy to the County Office of Mental Health to provide security for their workers at the Cairo Office Building Annex. In 2013, the Sheriff’s Office began assigning (2) part-time Deputies/SPO’s during Mental Health business hours. Also, a magnetometer was installed to provide additional safety to the Office of Mental Health. The members’ primary duties are to ensure the safety of the mental health employees and patients. They also assist the road patrol with the detention of patients who are being ordered to be transported to mental health treatment facilities. They work varying daytime hours Monday through Friday, including some late-night hours.

Greene County Mental Health Annual Report of Hours for the 2023 Year:

Full-Time Members:	377.25 hours
Part-Time Members:	3,862.5 hours
Special Patrol Officer (S.P.O.)	442.5 hours

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

Mental Health Office Report:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Clinician Assists	9	9
EMS Assists	2	1
Fire Drills	2	3
Mental Health Pickup Orders	53	56
Property Damage-Auto Accident	2	0
Arrests	0	1
Other	1	4

Magnetometer Report:

Traffic Counter	13,793	9,770
Alarms	4,098	3,200
Dangerous Instruments	128	113

PISTOL PERMIT DIVISION

The Greene County Sheriff's Office Pistol Permit Office is responsible for issuing pistol permits and related documents to the residents of Greene County. The Pistol Permit division is also responsible for the issuance of I.D. cards for county employees and issues identification cards for local police agencies. **The following is an account of the Pistol Permit Division activity for 2023 and 2022:**

Pistol Permit Related Requests Processed:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Original Pistol Permit	162	401
Duplicate Pistol Permit	12	19
Amendments	1,338	1,732
Purchase Coupons	912	1,119
Transfer Fees	89	74
Applications	389	602
Upgrade/Misc	162	401
Dealer	7	5
Gunsmith	4	2
Total Transactions:	3,075	4,355

Total fees collected for pistol permit related transactions for **2023** was **\$9,900** and \$15,790 for 2022.

GRANTS

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

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

Domestic Terrorism Prevention Grant - \$172,413

State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Grant - \$34,356

Bulletproof Vest Program - \$4,800

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND

COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING SECURITY DETAIL

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

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

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

Between the Department of Social Services and the County office building, there were a total of 172 calls for service in 2023 and 165 in 2022. Among these calls for service were lost license plate reports for DMV, employee business related injuries, training, file checks, meetings, etc. These calls include but are not limited to:

	DSS 2023	DSS 2022	County Office 2022	County Office 2022
Calls For Service	68	30	104	135
Assist Other Agency	15	8		1
Arrests	12	6	4	10
Fire Drills	-	-	2	2
EMS Assist	3	3	-	-
Lost Property	-	-	50	72
Lockouts	-	-	5	-
Parking Complaints	-	-	12	17
Other	41	13	31	33

MARINE PATROL

The Marine Patrol logged 466 hours from April 1st to November 1st. We once again prided ourselves for being one of the only law enforcement agencies in the area to maintain a Marine Patrol during this year's boating season. We assisted in hosting an 8hr boater safety course in Hudson, to help license new and experienced boaters as Brianna's Law continues to go into effect. We assisted many stranded and disabled boaters, as well as provided educational stops to boaters to help ensure safe operation.



TRAINING

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

<p>In Service #1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Body Camera Policy (4 hours) Policy governing use of Body Worn Cameras was reviewed and Deputies were issued Body Cameras.
<p>In Service #2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-LEAD Program Training (4 hours) Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program. Deputies reviewed and implemented policies and practices pertaining to the LEAD program.
<p>In Service #3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Safeguarding Children of Arrested Parents/Guardians (1 hours) Policies were reviewed and implemented for protecting the welfare of children whose parents and or guardians are being arrested.-Discovery (2 hours) Reviewing state requirements and policy for timeline of discovery documentation and procedures.-Legal Law Updates (1 hour) Review current law updates.
<p>In Service #4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Firearms Training (8 hours) Handgun and Patrol Rifle qualifications. Standard NYS MPTC proficiency drills, moving and shooting, target acquisition and "shoot, no shoot" drills.
<p>In Service #5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Use of Force (2 hours) Review of Use of Force policy and case law.-Defensive Tactics (2 hours) Hands on practical application of handcuffing and suspect detention techniques. Usage of taser, baton and pepper spray in certain scenarios.

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

- Monthly in-service training for our Dive Team
- Bi-weekly training for our K-9 Division
- Course in Police Supervision for our new Sergeants and Investigators
- Supervisor training
- Law Enforcement continuing education courses
- New York State Sheriff's Association Supervisor Conference
- Law and Legal Updates
- Interview & Interrogation
- Marine EVOG and Marine Law Enforcement Training
- ESLETSC
- Field Training Officer School
- Active Shooter Scenarios
- Firearms Instructor School
- Car Seat Technician Updates
- Animal Abuse Investigations
- School Resource Officer Training

DIVE TEAM



This year the Greene County Dive team continued to train with the Ulster County Dive Team and various other agencies. The Team trains for underwater dive calls and also swift water rescue calls. This year we also put in a new swift water rescue sled.

In 2023 dive team was called out 8 times for various emergencies. Two of the Emergencies resulted in saving 8 people from shift water recuses.

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

SUMMER CAMP

The Sheriff Summer Camp, which is located near Penn Yan in Yates County, is supported by the NYS Sheriff's Association Honorary Members through their contributions and annual dues.

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

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

In 2023 the camp accommodated over 900 boys and girls from across New York State including 17 children from Greene County.

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

SENIOR CALL-IN PROGRAM

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

March 2023, marks the three-year anniversary of this program that now assists 11 senior residents. It is comforting to know that the Sheriff's office can provide this valuable service to our elderly population to ensure their safety and wellness as well as thank them for their contributions to Greene County over the years.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

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



IMPACTED CITIZENS PROGRAM (ICP)

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

With coordination and cooperation from the Columbia-Greene Addiction Coalition, Mobile Crisis Assessment Team (MCAT), Mental Health Association Columbia Greene Counties (MHACG) and all community providers, we are in our third year of the program called "Impacted Citizens Program" (ICP).

The initial goal of the program is for members of the Sheriff's Office to respond to reported overdoses within 24 to 72 hours after being notified of a substance use concern, if deemed appropriate. Members of the team will assist the individual by providing information and the awareness of available resources for recovery and other services that would assist the individual with current or circumstantial difficulties. Should the individual not wish to receive any services at that time, they will be provided with the contact information of a team member if they desire such assistance. Team members will follow up in either case to assess future needs or progress. The Team also offers leave behind Narcan.

Studies have shown that individuals who have one or more overdoses may not be the only one in need of support. Support services will also be available to family members and others associated to the individual.

The ICP program has evolved into more than just responding to reported overdoses. The team also assists with any need brought to our attention where our assistance would be appropriate. These needs may be things such as assisting individuals who have had housing difficulties, difficulties due to the loss of driving privileges, domestic violence, teens with problems in school, etc. The team helps to make connections with the proper resources to get the individual the assistance required to be able to lead productive lives.

The ICP program offers short term case management to help support the client and the family. To date, the ICP team has evaluated 233 cases for response. 154 were deemed to meet the requirement for the team to respond. 53 of those were individuals who were not able to be located due to transient status and other factors. Of those remaining, 51 signed up for services through our contacts, 22 were encouraged to go back to programs they were previously receiving help with and the remaining 28 stated they had a different type of medical emergency and did not require assistance, but were provided information should they require future assistance. Other components to the program will include training to law enforcement personnel and other first responders on the complexity of this issue and the understanding of how we can best deal with the overdose epidemic. Additionally, we have established an officer wellness program that provides officers with the support of a social worker to utilize to provide support in coping with the stress of working in law enforcement.

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)

The Sheriff's Office has also initiated the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program. LEAD, a national program, uses pre-arrest police diversion and community-based, trauma-informed care

systems, and harm reduction, with the goals of improving public safety and public order, and reducing law violations by people who participate in the program.

DRONES

In 2023 we had three drone call outs. One notable incident occurred on July 11, 2023, where we were called to aid in locating a missing elderly female who had wandered off from Green Meadows. The female was located by the drone and found sitting in the woods near the Catskill Creek off Snake Road. Patrols were directed to her location & helped guide her out to the road where she was evaluated by EMS.

GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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

Currently Greene County's female inmates are being boarded out to Columbia and Ulster county jails.

STAFFING LEVELS:

The Greene county correction division budgeted to staff 1 Superintendent, 1 Lieutenant, 5 Sergeants and 32 correction officers. Currently 21 Correction Officer items are filled.

GOV.PAY NET:

This was utilized 16 times in 2023 for \$24,502.00 in bail money received.

BOARDING OF INMATES:

The cost of boarding in 2023 was \$32,550 to Ulster county and \$118,500 to Columbia county.

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

INMATE POPULATION COMPARISON:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total inmates received:			
Adults	216	323	196
Minors	0	0	0
Total	216	232	196
 Total males:			
Adults	181	196	165
Minors	0	0	0
Total	181	196	165
 Total females:			
Adults	35	36	31
Minors	0	0	0
Total	35	36	31
 Highest daily population	45	43	37
Lowest daily population	27	36	33
Average daily population	36	38	35
 Males	43	35	35
Females	5	4	8
Total	48	39	43
 Hispanic Male	15	20	20
Hispanic Female	2	3	3
Non-Hispanic Male	166	176	145
Non-Hispanic Female	33	33	31
Total	216	232	199

INMATES ADMITTED BY RACE

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

TRANSPORT MILEAGE

2023	23,336
2022	16,442
2021	35,573

INTAKES BY ADMITTING AGENCY

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
NYSP	95	96
GCSO	69	77
Coxsackie P.D.	1	4
Durham P.D.	0	0
Windham P.D.	0	0
Catskill P.D.	18	32
Cairo P.D.	0	2
Hunter P.D.	1	0
Parole	12	9
Other (i.e Probation)	13	9

CORRECTIONS TRAINING

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE, EVENTS, ETC



