

# CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## ANNUAL REPORT 2022





**SHERIFF WILLIAM A. SCHROM  
& UNDERSHERIFF DOUGLAS W. HOUPER**



**Sheriff William A. Schrom**



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**SUPPORT STAFF**



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Clerk**



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## MISSION STATEMENT

The principal mission of the Chemung County Sheriff's Office is to preserve the rights of citizens and reduce fear in the community through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property and maintenance of order in public places and anticipate and respond to events that threaten public order and the protection of life and property.

It is essential all personnel remember that in the execution of their duties they act not for themselves but for the good of the public. They shall respect and protect the rights of individuals and perform their services with honesty, zeal, courage, discretion, fidelity and sound judgment.

Deputies must seek and preserve public confidence by demonstrating impartial service to law and by offering service and trust to all members of the public.

It is the expressed policy of this Agency that Deputies will use force only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient to obtain public cooperation to an extent necessary to secure observance of law or to restore order and to use only the minimum degree of physical force which is necessary upon any particular occasion for achieving a police objective.

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office is a New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services accredited agency. The Sheriff's Office has held this status since 2010. As of 2021, there are nearly 150 agencies located all over the state that are currently accredited, ranging in size from a small handful of full-time officers to more than 4,000 sworn personnel. Insurance benefits, enhanced community support, and a greater overall standard of professionalism are just a few of the many tangible benefits that accredited agencies enjoy.

The positive impact of the Accreditation Program stems from the profound commitment that New York's law enforcement executives have made to excellence and professionalism in the field of law enforcement, and from their desire to provide the best possible services to the communities that they serve. The Accreditation Program continues to provide a comprehensive blueprint for effective, professional law enforcement, (New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services).



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WILLIAM A. SCHROM  
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### From the Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is known as the "Peoples Law Enforcement". This is, in part, because the Sheriff is elected by the people. Sheriff's Offices are responsible for conducting law enforcement duties in the rural parts of the county, as well as running and maintaining a full-time correctional facility. Sheriff's Deputies have jurisdiction in the entire county which consists of 412 square miles. There are certain areas within the county that a Deputy may find themselves working which their back-up could be 20-25 minutes away. For this reason, Deputies have to rely heavily on their training, equipment, and most importantly their ability to verbally interact with any individual they encounter in a manner that can hopefully deescalate a volatile situation before it escalates. While Sheriff's Deputies frequently and routinely provide back-up to other agencies within the county, their main duties and responsibilities fall to the citizens who live in the rural parts of the county who oftentimes don't regularly see a police presence. These create many unique challenges to the Road Patrol Deputy that they must adapt to on a daily basis. These challenges include, but aren't limited to, dealing with armed suspects, vehicle pursuits, mental health persons, individuals under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, domestic cases, executing warrants, conducting vehicle stops, and etc.

Equally challenging, is the correctional facility which houses a maximum of 262 inmates (both male and female). These inmates are incarcerated for a variety of charges, ranging from minor Misdemeanors to violent Felonies. Some inmates are housed for brief periods of time up to, and in some cases, exceeding one-year. Our inmate population provides a variety of challenges ranging from violent behavior, disciplinary problems, medical issues, pregnant females, escape attempts, assaults on staff, suicides, to mental health and detoxing individuals.

Each year presents new innovations or ideas and certainly new challenges. As your Sheriff, I look forward to these many challenges that we face as an agency and a community. I am proud to be the Sheriff of this county and especially proud to be a member of an agency that has such deep roots within the history of our county. In 2022, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office, and all men and women of law enforcement, were faced with challenging times.

### **2021 Accomplishments:**

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office had a busy 2022. Many goals and objectives had been put in place for the 2022 year which we were able to achieve. These goals and objectives included;

1. We were able to complete the much-needed upgrades to the men's locker room.
2. We have successfully trained and equipped certain members with the newly acquired drone equipment received, which has already proven valuable in crime scene processing, as well as locating suspects.
3. We have had some success in strengthening our staffing levels, but continue to work closely with Chemung County Civil Service to assist us in reaching these goals.
4. We were able to replace all of our aged-out body cameras with new updated models for both the Road and Jail.
5. We were able to adequately equip all School Resource Officers with a variety of equipment in the schools needed to handle any threat that may occur.

### **Moving forward:**

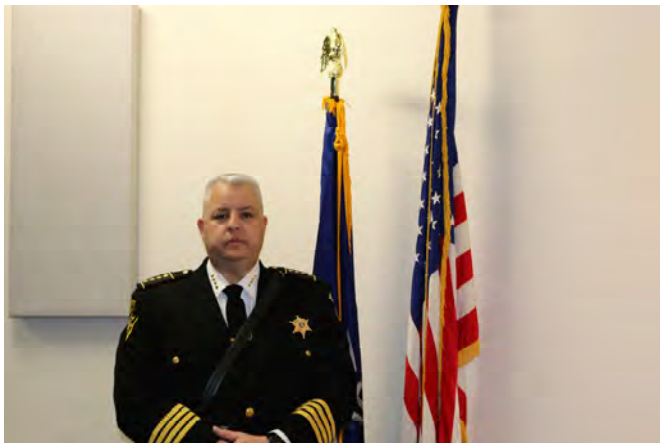
The Chemung County Sheriff's Office is committed to maintaining our achieved accomplishments and agency professionalism throughout the year. We will work hard to achieve this with goals and objectives set in place for 2023. These include, but aren't limited to, the following:

1. Completing the implantation of the I-pad tablets within the Chemung County Jail, which will be utilized by the incarcerated individuals.
2. Considering the implementation, the Central Arraignment Program (CAP) in the Chemung County Jail to centralize all court arraignments to take place in the Chemung County Jail, with the exception of arraignments out of the City of Elmira.

3. Threat Assessment Management (TAM) Team to evaluate and monitor any potential local threats related to Domestic Terrorism and work collaboratively with a variety of partners on that team to address any threat that may arise. These teams were created after the tragic Buffalo, NY shooting.
4. Newly implemented Amnesty Box at the Chemung County Jail, which will remain in place as it is already proven extremely valuable by giving arrested individuals an opportunity to dispose of any illegal items they have on their person when they arrive at jail, without fear of prosecution.
5. We have also started a mentoring program at the Chemung County Jail with Program for Peace.
6. We will continue to work hard for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment friends to navigate through the ever-changing rules and law that apply to gun ownership.

In closing, I wish to thank the men and women of the Chemung County Sheriff's Office for their continued hard-work, dedication, and professionalism to the community in which they serve. I would also like to thank the community for their support of our efforts to achieve our goals at the Sheriff's Office to better serve them

If you have any questions in reference to the Annual report or any other concerns you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 607-737-2987 or by e-mail at [sherff@chemungcountyny.gov](mailto:sherff@chemungcountyny.gov).



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Schrom'.

William A. Schrom  
Chemung County Sheriff

# Patrol Services Division



**Captain Matthew Stevens**  
**Patrol Commander**

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office Patrol Services Division consists of three 8 hour shifts, which provides 24 hour/365 days a year of law enforcement coverage to the citizens of Chemung County. The Road Patrol is an Accredited Agency through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The Patrol Services Division is the most visible division of the Sheriff's Office and it is overseen by the Road Patrol Captain. The Road Patrol handles calls for service throughout the county and they enforce all laws anywhere within Chemung County. The Patrol Services Division embraces the Mission Statement of the Sheriff's Office; "To preserve the rights of citizens and reduce fear in the community through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property and maintenance of order in public places and anticipate and respond to events that threaten public order and the protection of life and property."





# Patrol Services Division



## Patrol Staff

The Patrol Services Division consists of three Lieutenants, who run the day to day operation of their respective shifts, and three Sergeants who assist the shift Lieutenant with supervising Deputy Sheriffs assigned to the shift. The Patrol Services Division is supervised by the Patrol Services Captain, who is responsible for the day to day operations of the Patrol Division, to include scheduling, monitoring of overtime, adherence to the Policy and Procedure, and investigating complaints against Deputy Sheriffs.

## Patrol Activities

The Patrol Services Division responds to calls for service, investigates crimes against persons and property, and aides other government agencies with their duties. During the year 2022, the Patrol Services Division recorded 22,560 primary complaints. The Patrol Services Division issued 1,528 traffic tickets to motorists over the year and investigated 705 reportable motor vehicle collisions.





## Statistics:

### Complaints:

Criminal	3,128
Non-Criminal	20,974

### **Events handled between hours:**

2200 hrs - 0600 hrs	6,178
0601 hrs - 1400 hrs	8,298
1401 hrs - 2200 hrs	8,084

	Adults	Juvenile
Felony charge	142	17
Misdemeanor charge	312	19
Offenses charge	145	5

Male Arrests	417	35
Female Arrests	182	6

**Total Adult Arrests 599**

**Total Juvenile Arrests 41**

### **Major Investigations**

Homicide/Manslaughter	0
Rape	0
Robbery	1
Assault	5
Burglary - Residential	13
Burglary - Business	8
Grand Larceny	11
Vehicle Larceny	7

### **Motor Vehicle Accident**

Property Damage	635
Personal Injury	69
Fatality	1
Persons Killed	1
Alcohol involved	15
Animal involved	225

### **Records Division**

FOIL Requests	1,134
Warrants Received	130
Background Checks	828
Background Fee receipts	\$810.00
Bad Check Fee receipts	\$0.00
Copy fees	\$884.50
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$1,694.50</b>

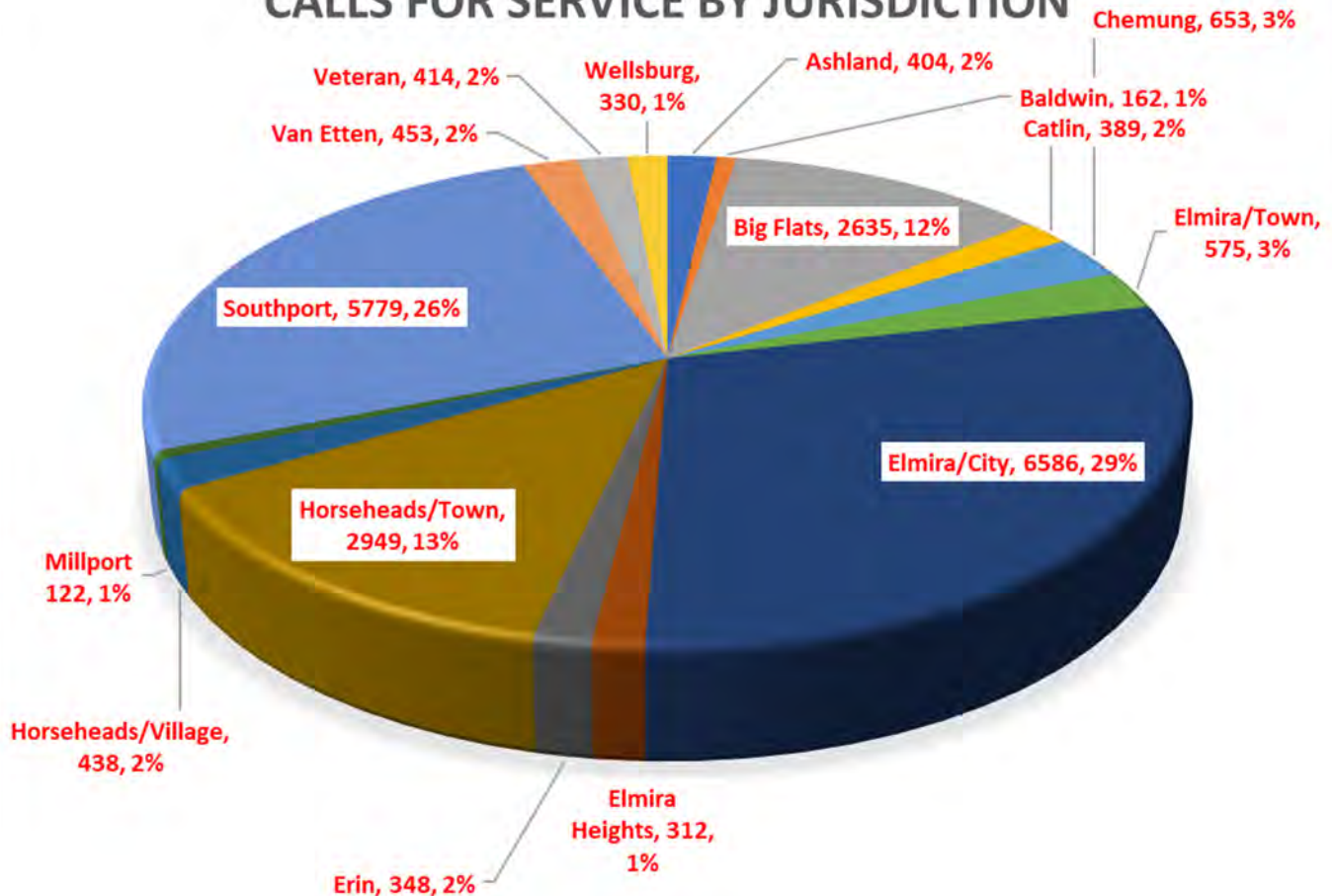
### **Transports**

Courts	40
Mental Health	0
Raise The Age	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>

# Patrol Services Division



## CALLS FOR SERVICE BY JURISDICTION



## Enhanced Patrol Activities

The Patrol Services Division participates in several New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Grants; Police Traffic Services Grant and Buckle Up New York, and DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant. The traffic safety grants run through the state's fiscal year of October 1st through September 30th.

This year the Traffic Safety Grant provided funding for 110 hours of dedicated traffic enforcement, issuing 131 Traffic Tickets. These dedicated enforcement efforts are targeted at aggressive driving with the goal of reducing traffic collisions.



## Patrol Services Division



## Environmental Conservation

In 2022, members of the Chemung County Sheriff's Office partnered with local New York State Conservation Officers to Educate and Regulate New York States Environmental Conservation Laws during Opening Day of Fishing Season and Opening Week of Deer Rifle Season.



Investigator Couse



# Patrol Services Division



## Highway Safety

The Sheriff's Office performs an active role with traffic enforcement on Interstate 86, the major Interstate that runs through Chemung County. The Sheriff's Office participates in the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Police Traffic Services Grant, for dedicated traffic enforcement details. This allowed the Sheriff's Office to maintain an enforcement presence on Interstate 86 in addition to maintaining a police presence in the community.



## Naloxone



In July of 2014, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office was trained and began carrying Naloxone (NARCAN). Naloxone is a pure opiate antagonist and prevents or reverses the effects of opioids including respiratory depression, sedation and hypotension and reverses the effects of other narcotic medicines, such as the illegal use of an opioid substance, like heroin. Since the implementation of Naloxone, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office successfully administered it on over 99 citizens that had overdosed on heroin or opioid derivative which resulted in their lives being saved. In 2022, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office has successfully administered Narcan in the following jurisdictions:

- 1– Town of Big Flats
- 7– Town of Southport
- 1– City of Elmira
- 1– Town of Horseheads

# Criminal Investigation Division



## Mission



**Lt. Nicolas Demuth**  
**Investigation Commander**

- Initiate and pursue investigations
- Apprehend offenders
- Develop intelligence on criminal behavior
- Cultivate informants
- Establish and maintain mutually cooperative relationships with other criminal justice entities
- Act as conduit for crime prevention and victim assistance
- Assist other agencies on major cases

## In 2022 the CID Handled

- 330 cases
- Ranging from assisting other agencies to crimes against persons

## Typical Cases

- Burglary
- Robbery
- Grand Larceny
- Sex offenses
- Internal / Backgrounds
- Narcotics
- Death Investigations / Suicide / Overdose



**Ambir Robinson**  
**Clerk**

# Criminal Investigation Division



## CID Members

- Receive specialized training in investigative techniques, evidence collection, and victim services
- Trained in and assigned specialized equipment to assist in solving cases
- Assigned a schedule which makes them available day or night to respond to incidents
- Responsible for the dissemination of Intel to agency members and other LE



## Sex Offender Management

CID Responsibility

109 Sex Offenders in Chemung County

- 19 Level III
- 48 Level II
- 41 Level I
- 1 no designation assigned



# Criminal Investigation Division



## CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

### **CAC Purpose**

In 2022 Investigators assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division investigated 48 cases involving crimes against children. These cases were investigated by Sheriff's Investigators who worked jointly with other members of the Child Advocacy Centers Multi-Disciplinary Task Force.

### **Partners**

- LE
- DA
- DSS / FS
- Medical
- Mental Health



## MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS:

- Assault – 5
- Burglary-Residential - 21
- Grand Larceny - 11
- Larceny of Vehicle – 7
- Motor vehicle / Death – 1
- Fatal Fire Investigation–1
- Kidnapping–1
- Gunshot/Shooting–1
- Unlawful Manufacturing of Meth – 2
- Robbery – 1
- Weapons –3



# Criminal Investigation Division



## CID Statistics- 2022

Category	Total	Closed by Arrest	Inactive	Other
Administrative Reports	5	0	0	5
Arson	3	1	0	2
Assault	5	2	0	3
Assist Agency	13	0	0	13
Assist Citizen	2	0	0	2
Background Check	1	0	0	1
Background Inv.	59	0	0	59
Bad Check	1	0	0	1
Burglary	21	7	3	11
Child Abuse/Neglect	6	1	0	5
Controlled Substances	4	1	0	3
Controlled Substances- Meth	2	1	0	1
Criminal Mischief	1	0	0	1
Death Investigations	45	0	0	45
DWI- Drugs	1	1	0	0
Fraud Investigation	9	0	0	9
Fugitive from Justice	23	22	0	1
Grand Larceny	11	2	0	9
Harassment	1	0	0	1
Internal Investigation	1	0	0	1
Jail Incidents	15	3	0	12
Larceny	3	0	0	3
Larceny- Motor Vehicle	4	0	0	4
MVA- Fatal	1	0	0	1
Police Tip	5	0	0	5
Police Tip- Meth	1	0	0	1
Prison Contraband- Meth	1	1	0	0
Property Found	1	0	0	1
Robbery	1	1	0	0
Sex offender Registry Violations	16	1	0	15
Sex Offenses	49	2	0	47
Suspicious Condition	12	2	0	10
Suspicious Vehicle	1	1	0	0
Trespass- Criminal Poss. of Stolen Prop.	3	3	0	0
Weapons	3	2	0	1
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>273</b>

# Civil/Community Services Division



**Lt. Joseph Dieterle**  
**Civil/Community Services Commander**

## Civil Division



**Sergeant Charles Kennedy**



**Civil Clerk Diane Brown**

The Civil Division is an accredited division through the NYS Sheriff's Association for meeting or exceeding more than 120 standards set forth to earn this Civil Division Accreditation. In 2022, the Civil Office processed \$1,492,199.43 in monies received. The majority of the revenue was the result of money received from wage garnishments in the form of income executions, which are received from attorneys and private individuals for the purpose of debt collection. This resulted in poundage of \$158,962.52 which was transferred to the Chemung County Treasures Office. The Civil Office consists of one full time clerk, one Sergeant and one Lieutenant.

# Civil/Community Services Division



## Pistol Permit Division



**Pistol Permit Clerk Amanda Lord**

In 2022 the Pistol Permit Office issued 415 new permits and processed 2,158 amendments, which included handgun purchases and transfers. There were 17 pistol permits that were suspended or revoked and 34 applicants who were denied. The total revenue generated by the Pistol Permit Office in 2022 was \$94,213.00, which includes new applications and amendments. The Pistol Permit Office consists of one full time clerk.

## Airport Security

The Sheriff continued to support the Elmira/Corning Regional Airport in 2022 by providing on-site law enforcement coverage of the Elmira/Corning Regional Airport. This assignment is a deterrent to terrorism while supporting the public interests of the passengers and guests.



# Civil/Community Services Division



## Records Division



**Records Clerk**  
**Simona Bermingham**

The Records Division is a central data collection and processing office responsible for compiling and processing of case files, arrests and accident reports. In addition to completing audits, reports and FOIL requests. The office is vital to the Deputy Sheriffs as it reduces the administrative workload and enables the Deputies to concentrate their efforts on patrol functions. The office received 1,134 FOIL requests, completed 828 background checks and processed 130 warrants. The office also provides statistical data to both State and Federal agencies. The Records Office is also responsible for arranging juvenile transports for the Chemung County Family Court and in 2022, 71 transports were completed. The Records Office consists of one full time clerk.

## The Human Resource Center



**Deputy Draxler and Deputy Wheeler**

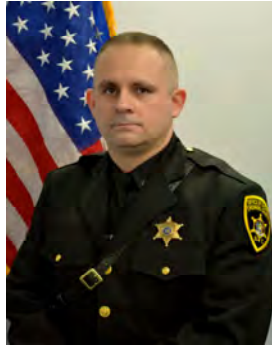
The Human Resource Center consists of two full time Deputy Sheriffs. Their duties include maintaining security, supporting staff and screening the civilians entering the building. These Deputies were also assigned to completing Sheriff's Office background checks and entering court dispositions into the records management system. In 2022 there were 94,405 persons scanned at the entry checkpoint. There were 461 restricted items identified during initial screening process and prohibited from entering the facility.



# Civil/Community Services Division



## Community Resource Officer / Special Patrol Officer



**Sgt. Jeremiah Ayers**

At the start of the 2021 -2022 school year there were four (4) Community Resource Officers and nine (9) Special Patrol Officers assigned to local schools, which represented the Elmira City School District, BOCES Campus and Finn Academy. The Sheriff's Office and Elmira City School District now have one Community Resource Officer assigned to the Elmira High School, Broadway Academy, and Ernie Davis Academy. There is now one Special Patrol Officer assigned to Pine City, Broadway, Parley-Colburn, Riverside, Diven, Hendy, Fassett, and Beecher Elementary Schools. There is also a Special Patrol Officer assigned to Finn Academy and one Community Resource Officer assigned to the BOCES Campus. These Community Resource Officers and Special Patrol Officers have been instrumental in providing the schools, staff and students with a law enforcement presence that assists in maintaining order and a safe learning environment. In this environment the Community Resource Officers/Special Patrol Officers were also required to enforce the New York State Penal Law and the New York State Family Court Act which resulted in 47 Youth Court referrals, 6 felony, 25 misdemeanor and 17 violation arrests.



# Civil/Community Services Division



## Southport Residential



**Deputy Todd Degarmo**

The Sheriff maintained his support to the Town of Southport in 2022 by providing one full-time Deputy Sheriff to the Town of Southport, for the purpose of additional law enforcement coverage. In this partnership with the town, the Sheriff has provided the town with an additional patrol at a reduced cost to the taxpayers. The Residential Deputy completed 847 calls for service, completed 13 arrests, and issued 187 traffic tickets on 200 traffic stops. Deputy Degarmo completed over 23,000 miles of patrol activities in the Town of Southport for 2022.

<u>Date: 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Category													
Blotters Assigned	61	68	87	42	75	89	52	73	111	39	89	61	847
Cases Generated	2	3	2	5	4	8	1	5	4	48	0	0	82
Uniform Traffic Tickets	18	12	17	2	15	7	5	22	44	29	7	9	187
Parking Tickets	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	1	1	0	9
Traffic Stops	16	13	16	4	17	9	7	24	49	18	12	15	200
Traffic Accidents handled	4	5	4	0	1	3	3	1	1	5	1	3	31
Code Enforcement Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony Arrests	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Misdemeanor Arrests	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	9
DWI Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Violation Arrests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assist Agency Calls	7	7	4	2	5	1	2	4	2	0	5	2	41
Special Events	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Mileage	2,017	2,084	2,889	1,302	2,003	1,703	1,949	2,213	1,544	2,156	1,897	1,523	23,280

# Special Services Unit



The Special Services Unit consists of 10 members of the Sheriff's Office. The SSU Team receives 192 hours of training each year to include training on firearms proficiency, physical fitness, search warrant executions, tubular vehicle assaults, methodical searching techniques and room clearing, as well as violent felony warrant arrests. The SSU Team constantly trains to be proficient.



# Corrections Division



**Major Raymond Hodge**  
Correctional Division Commander

## Chemung County Jail

The Chemung County Jail is fully accredited through  
the New York State Sheriff's Association

Maximum Facility Capacity = 262 inmates

Two Distinct Types of Housing Settings:

Direct Supervision – For General Housing

Linear – For Females and High Security Inmates

### FACILITY STAFFING

1 – Major

2 – Administrative Lieutenants

3 – Shift Lieutenants

3 – Shift Sergeants

62 – Full Time Correction Officers

14 – Part-Time Correction Officers

3 – Full Time Registered Nurses



# Corrections Division



## Inservice Training 2022

Chemical Agents and Use of Force  
Suicide Prevention  
Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct  
Legal Issues  
Defensive Driving  
Communicable Disease/ Blood Borne Pathogens  
Effective Communication  
Firearms Re-Qualification  
CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer



## Inmate Education Services

The facility must offer educational services to all inmates who are under the age of 21 and have yet to receive their High School Diploma or TASC Diploma. The facility also offers inmates who are over the age of 20 the opportunity to get their TASC diploma if they have yet to receive their High School Diploma or TASC Diploma. Due to the facility no longer housing 16 and 17-year-old inmates, the facility continues to offer school for those who qualify and are looking to receive a TASC diploma. Diploma testing can no longer be done in the facility due to NYS guidelines. We continue to offer Incarcerated individuals wishing to study and prepare for testing that opportunity.

The facility also offers ancillary classes, which cover several of the topics listed below. Due to being under COVID-19 restrictions for the majority of 2022, none of the listed programs were offered.

OSHA 10  
Resume Workshops  
TASC Math  
Resume Workshop / Career Exploration  
Flagger Training  
Blueprint Reading  
Introduction to CNC Machining  
Precision Measurements  
Introduction to Trade Careers  
Carpentry Math / Precision Measurements  
Carpentry Tools  
Blue Print Reading  
Building a House / Electricians Helper

# Corrections Division

## MEDICAL



Medical Director – Dr. Cliff Snellgrove

One Administrative Nurse

Two Full Time Registered Nurses

Services Provided Include

- Inmate Pregnancies
- X-Rays
- Emergency Room Visits
- Dental Services
- Inmate Physicals
- Inmate Education
- Diabetes, Heart Disease and Medications



## MEDICAL TRANSPORTS 2022

Hospital Evaluations = 75

Hospital Evaluations w/ Admission = 12

Dental Visits = 42

Dialysis = 0

## Consulting Physicians

Pregnancy – OB/GYN visits = 7

Child Births = 1

Urology Associates = 2

Plastic Surgeon = 0

Allergist = 0

Eye Care = 1

Gastroenterology = 2

General Surgeon = 3

Orthopedic Consult = 4

STD = 7

Hand Management Clinic = 0

ENT = 0

# Corrections Division



## DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

CT Scans / MRI = 11

Eye Exams = 6

Ultrasounds = 12

X-Rays = 24

Surgery = 0

Same Day Surgery = 2

Lab Work = 13

Breast biopsy = 0

Mammogram = 1

Stress Test = 3



## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Provided by Family Services

-One Psychiatrist

-Two Forensic Counselors

## NUMBER OF SERVICES PROVIDED

Approximately 601 Inmates seen by Psychiatrist and Forensic Counselors

Approximately 212 Inmates evaluated by Crisis Intervention for risk of suicide

CONSTANT WATCHES = 93

## JAIL STATISTICS – 2022

TOTAL ADMISSION 2022 = 877 INMATES

Felony Incarcerations = 590

Misdemeanor Incarcerations = 321

Other Offenses = 35

Housed in from other Counties = 17

Federal Inmates = 0

Parole Violators = 48

Average Daily Population 2022 = 120

# Corrections Division



## CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S INITIATIVE – PROJECT H.O.P.E. (Heroin Opioid Prevention Education)

Assessments and Consults for 2022 = 210

### REVENUE FROM BOARD-INS

The Chemung County Jail housed-in 17 inmates from Schuyler, Monroe and Broome Counties in 2022. The total revenue accrued for 2022 from the housed-in inmates was \$40,578.24

### INMATES TRANSFERRED TO NYSDOCS

Males = 113

Females = 10

TOTAL = 123

### PAROLE VIOLATORS RETURNED TO NYSDOCS

MALES = 28

FEMALE = 1

TOTAL = 21

### INMATE MEALS ORDERED AND COSTS

The Chemung County Jail must supply the inmate population with three meals per day. One of the meals must be a hot meal, and is always the dinner meal. The total costs and number of meals that were order for 2022 is as follows:

TOTAL ORDERED = 136,341

COST = \$424,020.51

COST PER MEAL = \$3.11





In late 2022, the Sheriff's Office took over the operations of the Chemung County Communication Center (E911), making the 911 Center the fifth division of the Sheriff's Office. The 911 Center is manned by 21 full-time employees and 1 Part-time employee. The Director of 911 is responsible for the day to day operations of the center and he reports directly to the Undersheriff and Sheriff.

#### **The 911 Center's Mission Statement:**

The Mission of the Chemung County Sheriff's Emergency Communications Center (E911) is to contribute to the safety and quality of life of our community by linking the citizens of our community and our public safety agencies with efficient, reliable, responsive and professional public safety communications services. We take pride in dedicating ourselves to professionalism and public service, understanding that we are often the first representatives of local government to interact with citizens in need. We are constantly seeking ways to improve the quality of services we provide to the community, and facilitate the development of highly trained, proficient and dedicated personnel.

# Total Blotters 2022



<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>#BLOTTERS</u>
CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	24,102
ELMIRA POLICE DEPARTMENT	40,220
ELMIRA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT	9,935
HORSEHEADS POLICE DEPARTMENT	9,020
WEST ELMIRA POLICE DEPARTMENT	4,244
NEW YORK STATE POLICE	10,858
TOTAL POLICE BLOTTERS	98,379
AIRPORT	11
BALDWIN FIRE DEPARTMENT	116
BIG FLATS FIRE DEPARTMENT	747
BREESPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	215
CHEMUNG FIRE DEPARTMENT	190
ELMIRA FIRE DEPARTMENT	4,934
ELMIRA HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT	707
ERIN FIRE DEPARTMENT	231
GOLDEN GLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT	83
HORSEHEADS FIRE DEPARTMENT	776
MILLPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	180
PINE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT	230
SOUTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	185
TOMPKINS CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT	76
TOWN & COUNTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT	629
WEBBS MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT	106
WELLSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT	233
EAST HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT	92
WEST ELMIRA FIRE DEPARTMENT	418
VAN ETTEN TOWN	219
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BLOTTERS	10,378
TOTAL LE and FD BLOTTERS – 2021	108,204

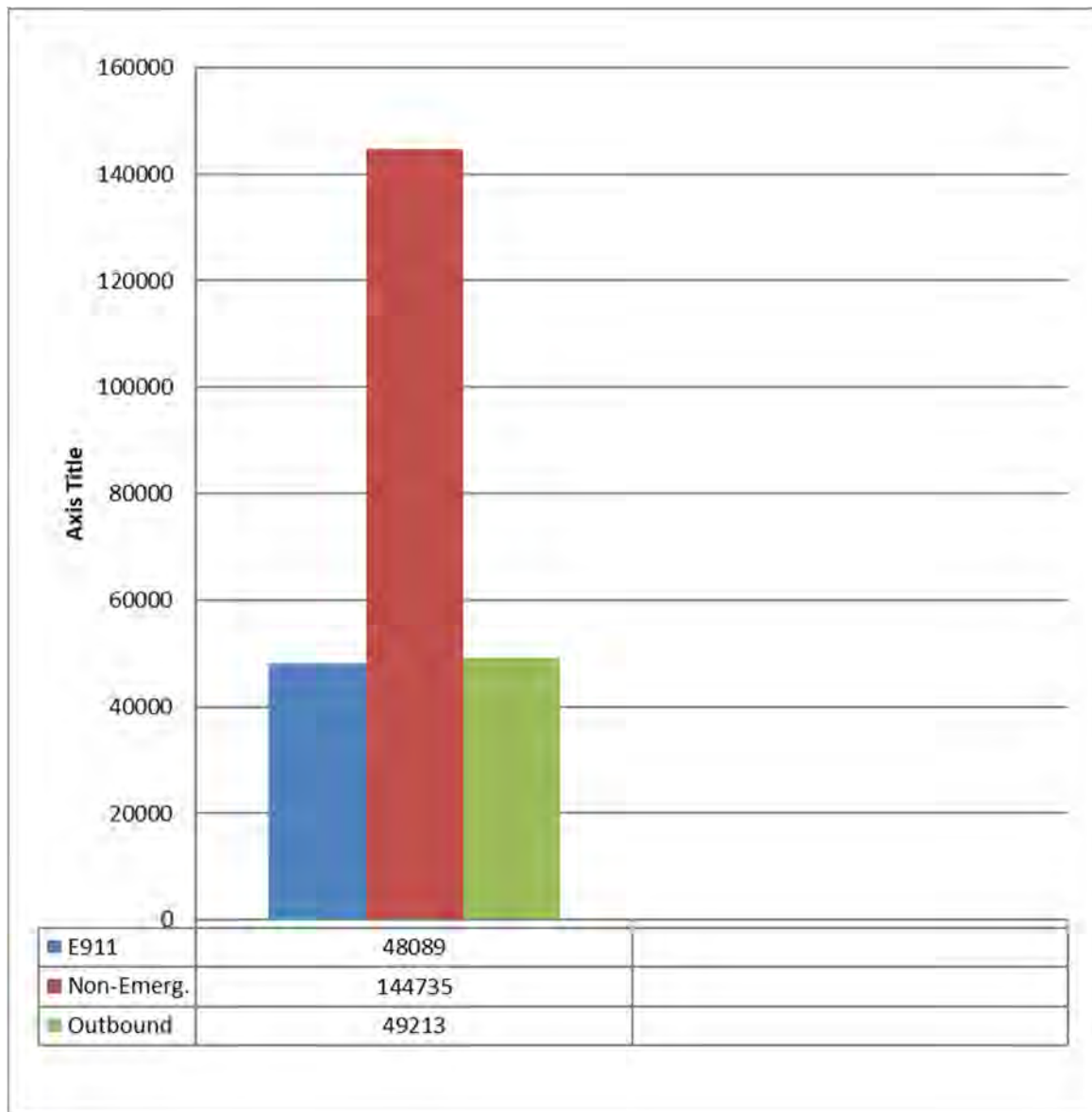


**BLOTTERS BY AGENCY**  
**2016-2022**

AGENCY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
CCSO	32084	29532	32495	30167	28069	23372	24102
ELMIRA PD	33739	32511	31858	34418	39518	36436	40220
ELMIRA HGTS PD	9451	10551	11931	11649	11440	10757	9935
HORSEHEADS PD	6584	6784	8116	11969	10503	10760	9020
W. ELMIRA PD	3310	4566	6495	6699	3865	3580	4244
NYSP	16052	13133	12798	13177	12007	12330	10858
<b>TOTAL LE BLOTTERS</b>	<b>94636</b>	<b>90293</b>	<b>95577</b>	<b>107779</b>	<b>105402</b>	<b>97235</b>	<b>98379</b>
AIRPORT	8	8	8	11	7	16	11
BALDWIN FD	88	78	73	71	90	109	116
BIG FLATS FD	646	658	739	761	634	741	747
BREESPORT FD	147	159	194	148	192	174	215
CHEMUNG FD	214	218	234	198	223	241	190
ELMIRA CITY FD	3809	3664	3719	4185	4181	4548	4934
ELMIRA HGTS FD	611	621	618	625	612	599	707
ERIN FD	144	171	199	153	200	182	231
GOLDEN GLOW FD	74	79	98	81	70	81	83
HORSEHEADS VILLAGE FD	578	557	655	684	646	628	776
MILLPORT FD	117	142	163	146	121	141	180
PINE CITY FD	202	156	200	206	224	207	230
SOUTHPORT FD	196	157	154	192	182	188	185
TOMPKINS COR. FD	62	62	83	76	81	76	76
TOWN & COUNTRY FD	523	484	503	531	498	575	629
WEBB MILLS FD	88	83	61	65	63	109	106
WELLSBURG FD	204	193	202	169	155	192	233
EAST HILL FD	84	83	68	63	79	81	92
WEST ELMIRA FD	332	301	387	330	392	394	418
COMMUNITY FIRE FD	65	120	167	154	139	160	219
<b>TOTAL FD BLOTTERS</b>	<b>8192</b>	<b>7994</b>	<b>8525</b>	<b>8849</b>	<b>8789</b>	<b>9442</b>	<b>10378</b>

# TOTAL 911 PHONE VOLUME 2022

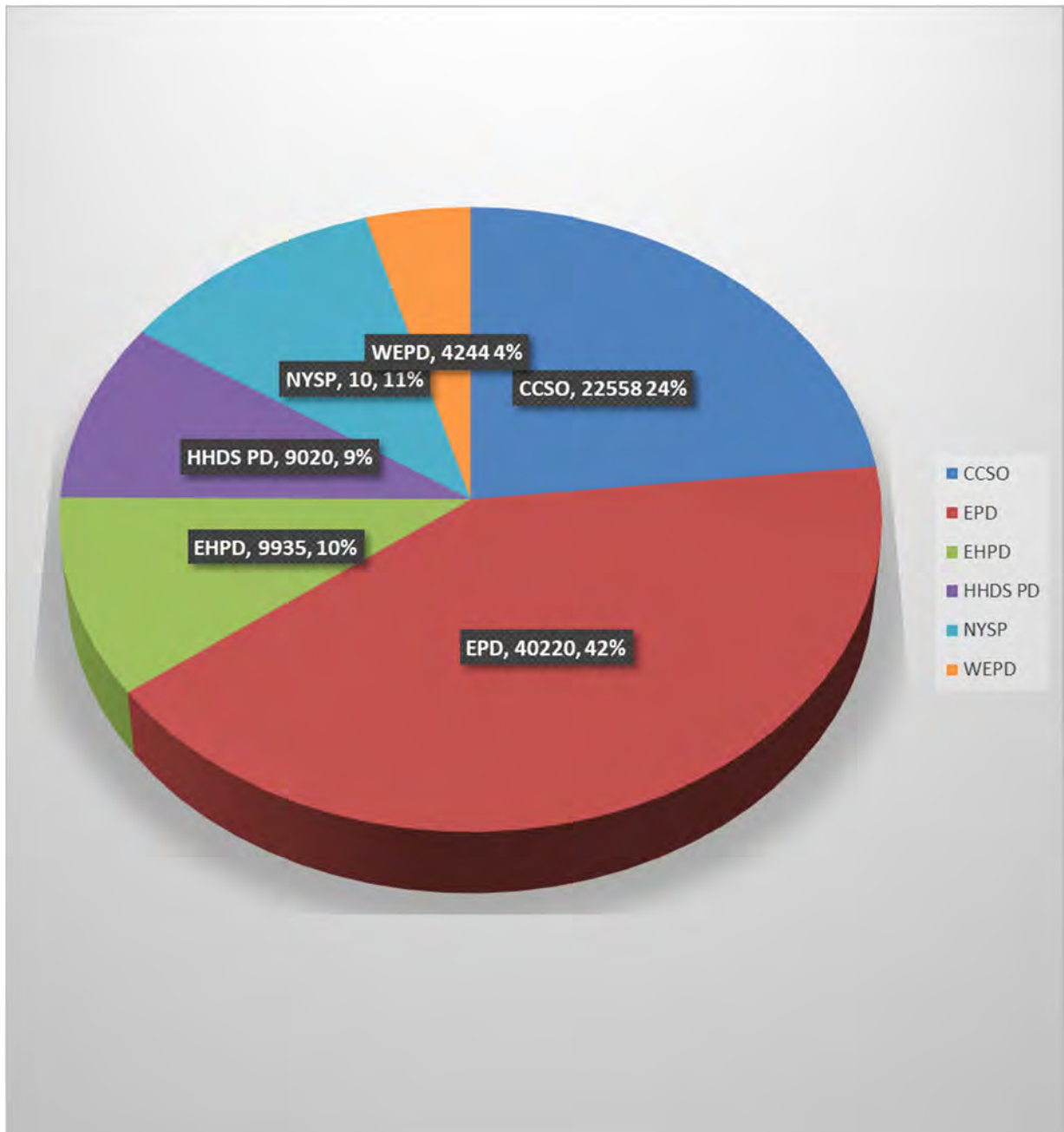
## 192,824 incoming calls received





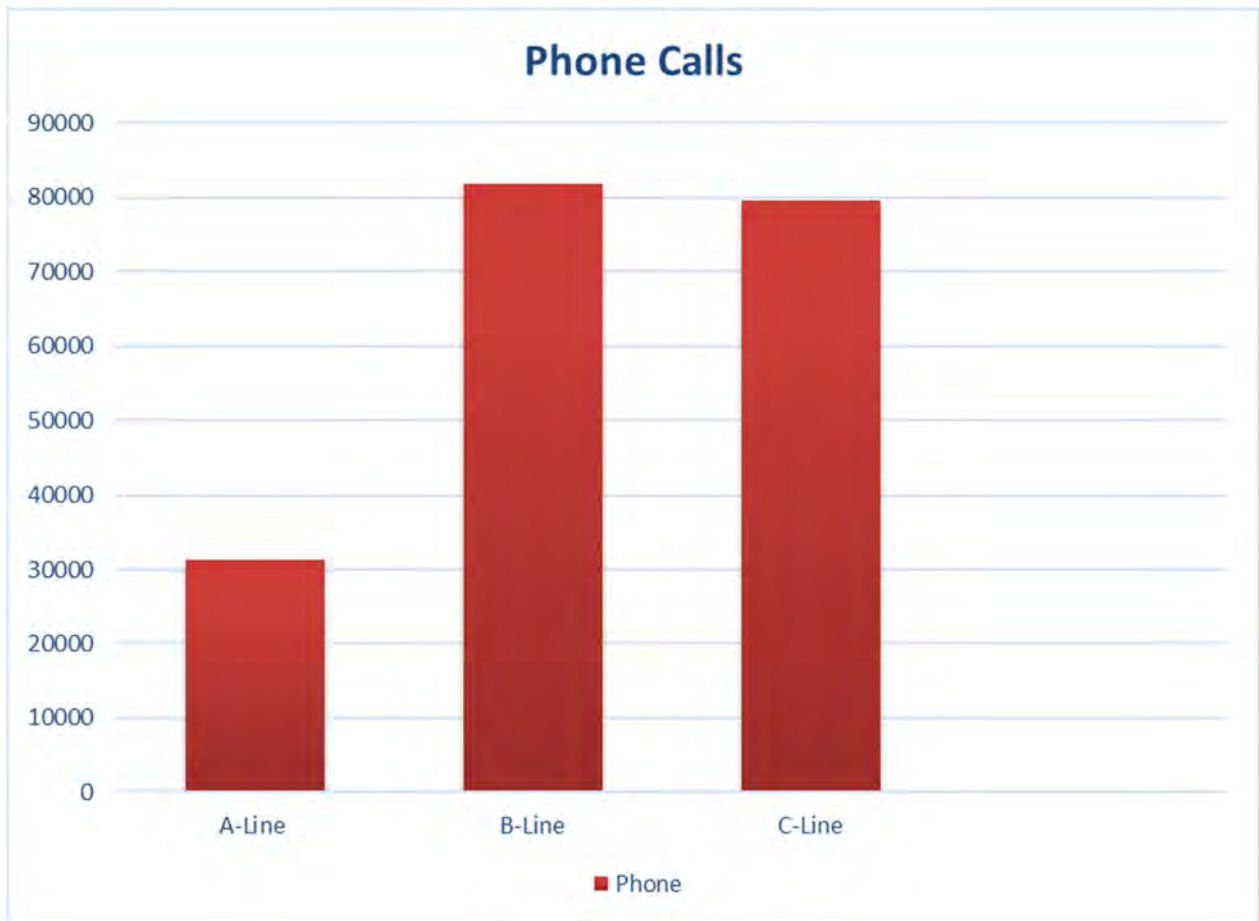


## Percentage of Law Enforcement calls for 2022





## 2022 E911 Center Total Call Volume By Shift:



	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Avg Daily calls</u>	<u>Peak day</u>
<u>A-Line</u>	31301	86	Thursday
<u>B-Line</u>	81853	224	Thursday
<u>C-Line</u>	79670	218	Thursday

## Photographs:



Scout Troop visits 911



9/11 Memorial by Twin Tiers Jeeps



Getting ready for housing unit search



Tag's Concert

# Special Events



## HR 218

HR 218, is known as the “Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act”, which was signed into law on July 22, 2004 by then President George W. Bush and exempts qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from local and state prohibitions on the carrying of concealed firearms. Both the “qualified active law enforcement officer” and “qualified retired law enforcement officer” must meet the definition of just that outlined in the bill.

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office holds HR 218 firearms qualification for qualified retired law enforcement officers twice annually. The qualification is held at the Sheriff Charles D.W. Houper training facility located in Breesport. The average class size per training is generally twenty retired law enforcement officers who are from the Chemung County Sheriff's Office, Elmira City Police Dept., Horseheads Police Dept., Elmira Heights Police Dept., New York State Police and New York State Corrections. In 2022, the Sheriff's Office certified 32 qualified retired law enforcement officers

## Marine Law Enforcement

In 2022 the Chemung County Sheriff's Office continued an initiative to ensure the public can safely enjoy our many waterways in Chemung County by educating the public in boating regulations, conducting vessel safety inspections, and enforcing laws. There is an ever increasing utilization of our waterways in Chemung County by canoeists, kayakers, and sportsmen. We partnered with the Friends of the River, as well as New York State Environmental Conservation Officers, to work together and the program was greatly appreciated by the public.



**Boaters Education and Enforcement on the Chemung River**





## **Community Outreach:**

The Sheriff's Office participated in various Community Outreach events to include Town Hall meetings and Community related events in an effort to engage the community. These events afforded the community the opportunity to voice their concerns relating to issues in their respective communities as well as allowing the Sheriff's Office to formulate plans to address these concerns. This has led to an increased focus on community policing, especially in rural areas.

## **Special Enforcement Details:**

Thirty (30) enforcement details were conducted to include drug and illegal weapons interdiction. Since the increased utilization of hotels by criminals in an effort to avoid detection, there has been a focus on enforcement at these locations. Hotel management struggles with this and the Sheriff's Office has offered assistance in an effort to reverse this trend. Several of these details involved the various police departments in the area working collaboratively. Examples of multi-Agency Details were a Gun Violence Detail in Elmira, Warrant Sweeps, a Meth Detail to identify dump sites and make the sites safe, and Prostitution Details. Thirty two (32) arrests were made resulting from the details conducted in 2022.

The Sheriff's Office hosted three (3) trainings for area Law Enforcement with the focus on pro-active enforcement and continues to host monthly intelligence sharing meeting with area law enforcement.

## Community Outreach:



For over 100 years, The Arctic League has provided gifts for Christmas morning to needy children in Chemung County. In 2022, Arctic League volunteers delivered gifts to thousands of children in Chemung County on Christmas Eve!

Every year the Chemung County Sheriff's Office employees and family kick off the holiday season with the Arctic League Packing Night. In 2022, employees participated in the sorting and getting the gifts ready for packaging to be delivered to families in need. It's the Sheriff's Office employees way of giving back to the people they serve.



## Pharmaceutical Medication Drop-Off Program:

Since 2010 the Chemung County Sheriff's Office has participated in the National Take-Back initiative in conjunction with the DEA. Each year the events have netted significant results in collecting expired and unused medications that otherwise would be disposed of improperly or possibly stolen.

# Pharmaceutical Medication Drop-Off Program:



On Saturday April 30th, 2022 and Saturday, October 29, 2022 the Chemung County Sheriff's Office hosted two drop-off sites in Chemung County. The location and results are as follows:

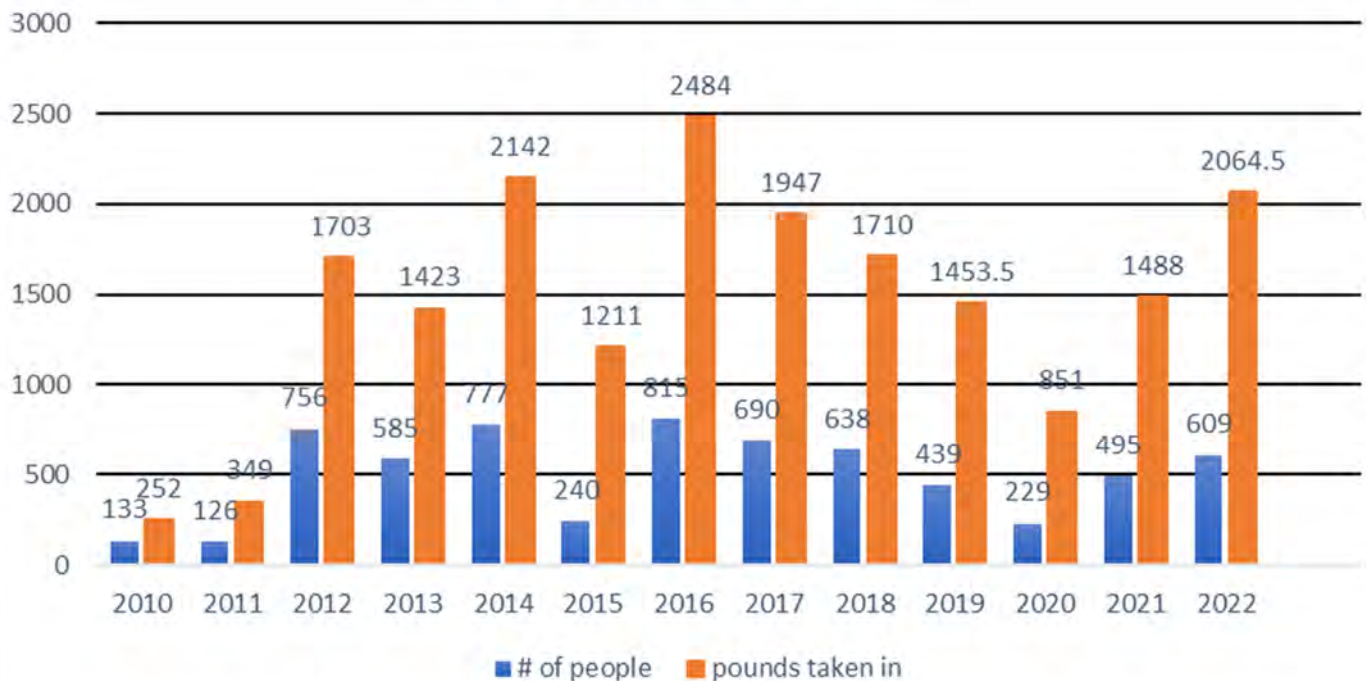
## West Elmira Volunteer Fire Department

1255 W. Water St.  
Elmira, N.Y. 14905

## Southport Volunteer Fire Department

1001 Carl Street  
Elmira, N.Y. 14904

### Drug Take Back Stats



# Community Outreach:

## Shop With A Cop



“Shop with a Cop” is a national community policing program that has been in existence for over two decades. It has long been noted that relationships between law enforcement and their respective communities have been very strained, especially in today’s society. The initial intent of the “Shop with a Cop” program was to be utilized as a community policing function to assist and address the issues of repairing these strained relationships. One methodology of community policing is to build positive relationships with the younger kids, ages 5 and up, within the communities. The effects of the program are multi-faceted and indispensable. “Shop with a Cop” hopes to break down the barriers between the communities, in which we as police serve, with the intent of developing a better and more trusting relationship, beginning with our youth.





## Sheriff's Summer Camp



The Chemung County Sheriff's Office participates in the New York State Sheriff's Association Institute Summer Camp located on Keuka Lake every summer. The camp is for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12 who would not have an opportunity to attend a summer camp or enjoy a summer vacation. Three weeks every summer, dozens of children from Chemung County attend the camp, free of charge, and enjoy all that the camp has to offer. The camp promotes healthy activities for the kids and at the end of the week the campers learn that some of the counselors, whom they become friends with, are really Deputy Sheriffs from around the state.



## Annual Awards

In 2022 the Sheriff's Office was able to hold it's annual Awards Banquet, after being unable to hold this event the two prior years due to COVID-19. This annual banquet is held to recognize the men and women of the Sheriff's Office for their dedication and professionalism to the agency and community as well as to acknowledge personnel for certain accomplishments achieved throughout the previous year.

In 2022, there were many individuals nominated for a variety of awards that range from perfect attendance, years of service, Life Saving, Meritorious Achievement, Honorable Service, Sheriff's Commendation, to name a few.

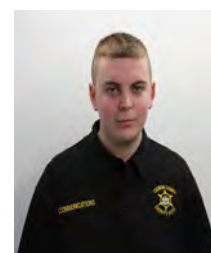
Every year, an individual from the Corrections Division and Road Patrol Division are selected for the Officer/Deputy of the year. For 2022, Deputy Gavin Rupp, a 3 year veteran of the Road Patrol Division, Officer David Mendez, a 15 year veteran of the Corrections Division, and Dispatcher Christopher Johnston, a veteran of the Comm Center were selected for these high honors. The Undersheriff and I wish to congratulate all of them on their awards as well as all the men and women of the Sheriff's Office who were also nominated and received recognition.



Deputy Sheriff Gavin Rupp



Corrections Officer David Mendez



Dispatcher Christopher Johnston

# Special Recognition



## Sheriff's Commendation:

K-9 Egon  
Records Clerk Simona Bermingham  
Officer Samantha Pfuntner  
Officer Geraldine Colunio  
Dispatcher Randy Baldwin  
Dispatcher Christopher Johnston

## Meritorious Achievement:

Deputy Michael Theetge  
Investigator Brandon Couse  
Deputy John Burczynski x 2  
Deputy Joseph Parisi  
Deputy Gavin T. Rupp  
Deputy Collin Holloway  
Deputy David Padgett  
Deputy Dalton Lawson  
Lt. Anthony Vitucci  
Officer Erik Nicholson  
Dispatcher Christopher Johnston x 2  
Dispatcher Justin Gross  
Dispatcher Ashley Ward  
Dispatcher Jason Mitchell  
Dispatcher John Quinn

## Life Saving Award:

Deputy David Padgett  
Deputy James Goodwin  
Deputy Andrew Hodge x 3  
Lt. Nicolas DeMuth  
Deputy David Buchholz  
Sgt. Jeremiah Ayers  
Sgt. Peter Ruhmel  
Deputy David Padgett  
Lt. Richard Mathews  
Deputy Gavin Rupp x 2  
Deputy Todd DeGarmo x 2  
Deputy Joseph Parisi  
Deputy John Burczynski  
Deputy John Allen  
Dispatcher Randy Baldwin

## Combat Cross:

Deputy Patrick Pirozzolo  
Deputy Dalton Lawson

## Civilian Award:

Brandon Moats

## Honorable Service:

Deputy David Padgett  
Deputy Patrick Pirozzolo  
Deputy Gavin Rupp

## Perfect Attendance

Deputy Todd DeGarmo  
Deputy Kevin Draxler  
Deputy Collin Holloway  
Deputy Crystal Kennison  
Officer Robert Weiskopf  
Dispatcher Raymond Edgar

## Anniversary

### 5 years:

Deputy Dalton Lawson  
Sgt. Douglas Stadelmaier  
Officer Victoria Washburn  
Dispatcher Ashley Ward

### 10 years:

Sgt. William Benjamin  
Officer Ashton Vitucci  
Dispatcher Justin Grose  
Dispatcher Richard Skebey

### 15 years:

Sgt. Patrick Parks  
Sgt. David Padgett  
Inv. James Ritter  
Deputy Thomas Kimble  
Officer David Mendez  
Dispatcher Leann Novakowski

### 20 years:

Deputy Todd DeGarmo  
Officer Matthew Field  
Officer William Washburn  
Officer Jamie Hoppins  
Officer Davey Akins

### 25 years:

Lt. Thomas C. Argetsinger  
Sgt. Charles Kennedy  
Officer Thomas Griffiths  
Officer Matthew Mason  
Dispatcher Terri Wheaton



# Photographs



Tags concert patrol



Sheriffs' Showdown at Watkins Glen Raceway



Dakota Rinker visits Sheriff



And the winner is...



Deputy Miller Graduating from Broome Co. Police Academy



Deputy Parisi stopping and engaging with citizens



## Photographs



**Inv. Couse patrolling in the UTV**



**Deputy Kimble showing off Special Services Humvee**



**Deputy Burczynski at the fair**



**K-9 search in the jail**



**Deputy Parisi getting a cold lemonade**



# Photographs



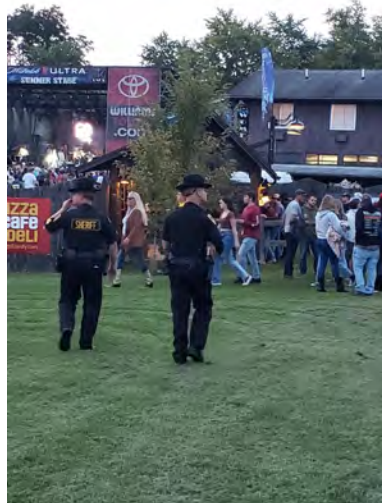
911 dispatcher R. Baldwin explaining the 911 Center



E911 Center receives NYS Accreditation



K9 Egon meeting some friends



Tag's Concert Patrol



Dep. Pirozzolo consoling scared child



Undersheriff Houper with some friends



Capt. Stevens had some visitors to the office



Looking for evidence at a scene





**Sheriff Schrom and Undersheriff Houper receives donation from Twin Tier Jeeps on behalf of the Deputy's Union**



**SPO Segur walking the halls of Riverside**



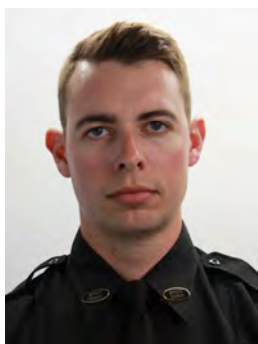
**Sheriff Schrom in the Elmira Downtown Holiday Parade with special guest from Ohio, Braedon Frabott**



**SPO Rice working hard at Beecher Elm.**

# New Hires 2022

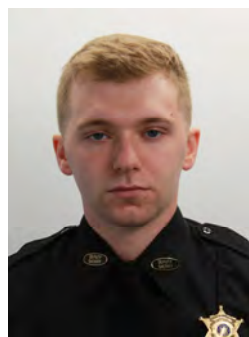
## Police Services



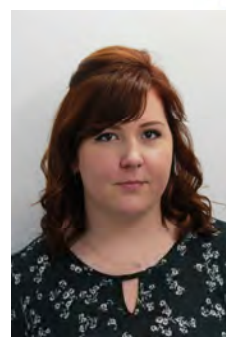
Deputy Landon Miller



Deputy Joseph Parisi



Deputy Joshua Arnold

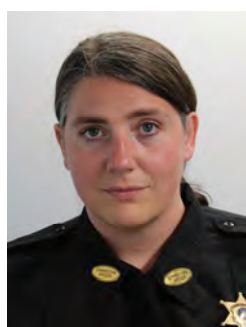


CID Clerk Emily Green

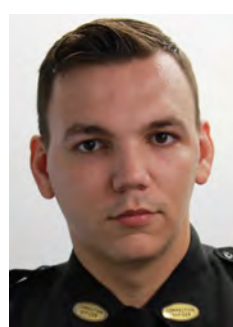
## Corrections Division



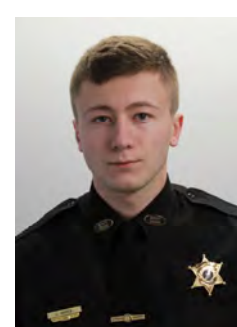
Officer Jesse Wintermute



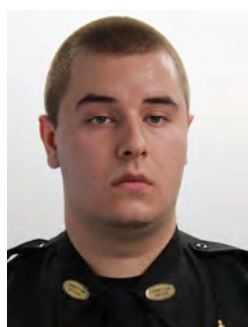
Officer Nicole McLaughlin



Officer Brandon Paul



Officer Calum Houper



Officer Zackary VanNess



Officer Emilee Stephanie



Officer Joshua Schimdt



Officer Jack Chapman



Officer Anne Denkenberger



Jail Nurse M. Johnson



Jail Nurse C. Smith



## 2022 Retirements



In 2022, the Sheriff's Office had five retirements with a combined 138 years of service and knowledge with the Sheriff's Office. Two in the Patrol Services Division and three in the Corrections Division . Their knowledge and professionalism will be missed, but we wish them all the best for a long, healthy, and well deserved retirement.



**Lieutenant Nicholas DeMuth**  
**Criminal Investigation Division**  
**24 Years of Service**



**Lieutenant R. Scott Wheeler**  
**Civil/Comm. Services Division**  
**21 Years of Service**



**Deputy R. Michael Wheeler**  
**Civil/Comm. Services Division**  
**25 Years of Service**



**Officer Jennifer Vaughn**  
**Corrections Division**  
**25 Years of Service**



**Officer Michael Ketter**  
**Corrections Division**  
**25 Years of Service**



**Officer Joel Traynham**  
**Corrections Division**  
**25 Years of Service**



## In Memory



E911 Dispatcher Susan Olthof  
40 years of service



Correction Officer Charles Knapp  
23 years of service

# NATIONAL CHILD SAFETY COUNCIL



In 2022, Sheriff William A. Schrom, in conjunction with the National Child Safety Council (NCSC), organized a child safety program for the children of Chemung County. All elementary students, Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, attending events in Chemung County to receive an Our Friendly Sheriff safety activity book. The material will offer information about topics of concern such as, general child safety, dangerous people, bicycle safety, internet safety, drug awareness, violence prevention, bullies and senior safety. Due to the generous donations of the following businesses, we were also able to purchase sticker badges, bracelets and coloring books for children attending events in the community.

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# NATIONAL CHILD SAFETY COUNCIL



## A Few Words from . . . Sheriff William A. Schrom

### To Parents and Teachers:

Children are our future. We, as parents and teachers, need to teach our children the guidelines for living safely every day. Emphasizing the importance of responsibility and respect for themselves and others will enable children to become safe, happy, and productive citizens.

Take the time to go over the material in this manual with your children. Practice good safety habits; a good example speaks louder than words.

### To The Young People:

**If safety isn't first, second won't count.™**

Learn the ways of safe living and how to help prevent accidents from happening. Complete each game and puzzle. Then, show others how easy it is to live safely by applying each rule to everyday life.



