

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Civil Division

The Civil Division is accredited by the NYS Sheriff's Association. In 2021, the Civil Division completed its first full use of the Softcode program. This program is used in over 50 Counties in NY. In 2021, we saw the re-opening of the Civil Division window to the public after being closed for roughly a year. The Civil Division is staff by a Sergeant and two Account Clerk Typists.

Total Monies Received:	\$1,651,753.11
Monies Paid to Creditors:	\$1,518,040.13
Fees Paid to County Finance:	\$133,712.98

Civil Papers Served: 2,240 (Summons, Evictions, Family Court, Income and Property Executions)

The Sex Offender Registry in 2021 was administered by two Steuben County Sheriff Office Members. On average, 260 sex offenders are currently registered and monitored by the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office utilizes the program "Offender Watch" to digitally update the SORA records and gain more home visits per year, increasing public safety. A total of three warrants were issued for Megan's Law violations and another four are pending investigation.

Under the Child Safety Seat grant through the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, the Sheriff's Office has four trained car seat technicians. Two new technicians were trained in 2021, and one technician did not renew their certification. The Sheriff's Office is also paired with Steuben County Public Health and Healthy Families Steuben. During 2021, the Play-It-Safe Car Seat grant allowed the Steuben County Sheriff's Office to hand out 59 car seats to qualifying individuals. There were 30 car seat checks performed to ensure proper installation and car seat safety.

Recognition

The Sheriff's Office received the **Department of the Year** Award given by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), STOP DWI New York along with the NYS Governors Traffic Safety Committee.

Deputy Joshua VanSquirer received two awards given by MADD, STOP DWI New York along with the NYS Governors Traffic Safety Committee. These were given in *Recognition of Excellence* for Deputy VanSquirer's outstanding dedication and support for his efforts in deterring impaired driving on New York's roads and highways during 2019 and 2020.

Road Patrol

The Road Patrol Division consists of one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, two Corporals and 22 deputies. Two deputies are assigned full time to the County Office Building for security services. One deputy is assigned full time to animal cruelty investigations, two are assigned full time to STOP DWI patrol and one is assigned full time School Resource Deputy at the Hornell and Arkport schools. The remaining 16 deputies patrol the 1,400 square miles of Steuben County, assigned among three shifts. Each deputy patrols a zone of approximately 500 square miles, consisting of approximately 10 townships.

In 2021, Deputies responded to 20,609 calls for service. Deputies and Investigators completed 724 criminal case investigations resulting in 624 custodial arrests.

There were 435 pistol permit applications investigated by the Sheriff's Office; 398 of them were investigated and forwarded to the County Court with recommendations. Approximately 3,582 hours were spent by Sheriff's Office personnel on pistol permit investigations.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SCSO personnel could only conduct four Pistol Permit Safety Classes, certifying 71 Steuben County residents. There were 59 retired police/peace officers that were qualified. We hope to continue classes in 2022.

In 2021, we investigated 190 total reports of domestic animal cruelty or neglect, occurring throughout the County. These investigations resulted in 10 misdemeanor counts of overdriving of the Agriculture and Markets Law and one misdemeanor count of tampering with evidence of the Penal Law.

The Sheriff's Office maintains two Drug Drop Boxes, located at the County Office Building and the Public Safety Building, for disposal of unwanted prescription medications. Medications are also collected at various Prescription Drug Drop events and unattended death investigations throughout the County, which resulted in 833.5lbs. All collected medications are turned over to the DEA in Rochester for destruction at Covanta Energy in Niagara Falls.

We currently have 212 active warrants. The Sheriff's Office Warrant Squad, made up of nine members, is scheduled monthly to execute and maintain active warrants. We continue to air three active Arrest Warrants on WETM's "Most Wanted" segments twice a month.

The Steuben County Mountain Bike Patrol currently consist of nine members. The mountain bikes were provided through the Wine Glass Marathon. During the 2021 year, the Mountain Bike Patrol was deployed to six events throughout the county. The events included the Dairy Festival, Hammondsport Boat Race, Steuben County Fair, Smoke in the Valley BBQ event, Cohocton Fall Foliage Festival and the Wine Glass Marathon.

Road Patrol Statistics:

Custodial Arrests:	624	Calls for Service:	20,609
Juvenile Detainments:	12	Criminal Investigations:	724
Felony Arrests:	209	Traffic Summons issued:	895
Misdemeanor Arrests:	330	Motor Vehicle Crash:	710
DWI Arrest:	95	Area Patrols:	1,287
Drug Arrest:	70	Assaults:	36
Warrant Arrest:	189	Burglaries:	20
Arrest Warrants:	10	Missing Persons:	32
Bench Warrants:	64	Check the welfare:	558
Fugitive from Justice:	14	Criminal Mischief:	70
Violation of Probation:	101	Domestic Incidents:	320
		Fire Investigations:	56
		Larcenies:	132
		CAP Transports:	311
		Medical Service Calls:	270
		*EMT Response:	80
		*NARCAN Deployed:	15
		*AED Deployed:	11
		MHL Calls:	104
		MHL P/U Orders:	30

Arrest Demographics

Male:	470 (77%)
Female:	143 (23%)
African American	33 (5.3%)
*Male	28
*Female	5
Hispanic:	5 (<1%)
Asian:	0
American Indian:	0

Emergency Medical Technician

The Steuben County Sheriff's Office continues to maintain a total of 26 EMTs through its EMT Program. EMTs are deployed within the Patrol Division (19), Corrections Division (4), Court Security (1), and the SRO Program (1).

This year the SCSO EMT Program was recognized as the 2021 First Responder Unit of the Year at the Tri-County First Responders Honor Park at a Memorial Service on September 11, 2021. Sheriff Allard accepted the award in recognition of the dedication to duty and public service that the program provides to the citizens of Steuben County.

EMTs responded to a wide variety of emergent medical calls, primarily motor vehicle accidents, cardiac arrests, drug overdoses, and diabetic emergencies.

The importance of the EMT Program was highlighted by three particular calls in which Deputy EMTs provided lifesaving medical care, sometimes under difficult conditions:

On February 27, 2021, Deputies responded to a report of a cardiac arrest in the Town of Cameron and provided lifesaving care until the arrival of paramedics. This care included deployment of an AED, CPR, and assisted breathing. The patient was flown to Strong Memorial Hospital, and was provided critical care that facilitated his recovery. The patient requested an opportunity to meet with Deputies, and was able to attend a Commendation Ceremony at the Sheriff's Office in April of 2021, recognizing the Deputies and first responders who saved his life.

On August 17, 2021, Deputy EMTs and Deputies responded to a call for an unconscious/unresponsive male with no vital signs, in the Town of Avoca. They provided CPR and breathing assistance, while administering epinephrine. The patient was stung by a bee, and was unable to administer his epi-pen before losing consciousness. He was flown to Strong Memorial Hospital where he completed a full recovery.

On December 1, 2021, Deputies and Deputy EMTs responded to a report of a serious ATV accident in the Town of Urbana. An ATV had flipped and rolled down an approximately 80 foot embankment, ejecting its operator and a passenger. The Deputies, including two Deputy EMTs, descended the embankment by rope, with their medical equipment. Unfortunately, the passenger was obviously deceased, but they were able to provide emergent medical care to the operator, stabilizing him for extrication, and hoisted him to an awaiting ambulance, with assistance from the Hammondsport Volunteer Fire Company. The patient was flown to Strong Memorial Hospital, and subsequently recovered from his injuries.

These cases, and dozens of others, highlight how vitally important this program is to the citizens of Steuben County. The Sheriff's Office looks forward to continuing to sponsor this program, and would like to acknowledge the support of partners from EMSTAR, STREMS, and Dr. Werner Brammer.

The Steuben County Sheriff's Office responded to 270 medical calls in Steuben County in 2021, administering 11 AED and 15 NARCAN deployments.

Forensic Evidence Recovery Unit

The Sheriff's Office Forensic Evidence Recovery Unit utilizes seven trained and certified Evidence Technicians to assess, document and collect evidence at crime scenes. The team utilizes drones, a total work station, 3D photography system, video and still photography, and DNA/fingerprint collection materials. The team has processed crime scenes for both the Sheriff's Office and other agencies in Steuben County. The Unit has processed scenes ranging from burglaries to homicides.

Evidence is currently maintained by three Evidence Room Custodians. Most evidence is disposed of through the Bath Landfill or destruction at the Sheriff's Office Impound Yard. Dangerous drugs are destroyed at the Sheriff's Office in the incinerator.

SWAT

There are currently 13 operators, one commander and one assistant commander assigned to the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT). The team also consists of two snipers and three K9 handlers. The SWAT team was scheduled to train 25 days throughout the 2021 year. Training objectives focused on a variety of topics, as we moved forward to become DCJS certified. The team focused on firearms shooting/moving; arrest procedures; less lethal and chemical munitions; high risk warrants, barricaded subjects and vehicle and bus assaults. The team also started dedicating a significant amount of time, to search and rescue along with woodland tactics.

The SWAT team recognized the need for not only high risk training but low risk training, such as search and rescue. The team spent a good amount of training days with Flight paramedics and becoming proficient at Tactical medical operations and evacuations. The team trained several times with Forest Rangers and Conservation Officers working on grid searches and tactics.

In 2021 the team held tryouts two times resulting in the addition of a new member from the Sheriff's Office. Two members attended SWAT school and both successfully completed the school in Livingston County. The team trained with Erie County SWAT, Chemung County SWAT and Livingston County SWAT teams on separate occasions throughout the year. The SWAT team conducted joint training with Hostage negotiators from Steuben County. The team began utilizing K9's and regularly training with them inside the team structure

In 2021 we were able to send five members of the SWAT team to the NYTOA tactical conference in Verona, NY. The members became certified in team leadership, chemical agent instructor courses and less lethal. The team ended the 2021 year focusing on defensive tactics and arrest procedures. The SWAT team will continue to train regularly on de-escalation techniques and use of force.

SWAT was activated 11 times in 2021 by Sheriff Allard. This consisted of four high risk search warrants, two barricaded subjects, two searches for missing persons, a warrant sweep with Hornell Police Department and two high risk searches for suspects.

Criminal Investigation Unit

The Sheriff's Office CIU currently has one Lieutenant, four Investigators, one full-time DSS Fraud Investigator, one part-time DSS Fraud Investigators and one full-time Narcotics Investigator and one part-time Narcotics Investigator. The Investigators handle all felony, serious misdemeanors, death cases, motor vehicle fatalities and serious physical injury investigations. The CIU assists other law enforcement agencies in related crimes and incidents of illegal drug trafficking and possession throughout the County. The narcotics investigations include the manufacture, sale and possession of all types of illegal substances.

In 2021, CIU continued to work with the Steuben County District Attorney's Office Drug Initiative, NY State Police and local law enforcement agencies conducting a total of 62 narcotics investigations; 32 fire investigations with the Office of Emergency Management; Probation Initiatives with Steuben County Probation and NYSP were cancelled again due to COVID-19. CIU conducted 17

Firearms Dealer License Renewal Investigations for the Steuben County Clerk's Office. The CIU conducted a total of 294 investigations in 2021.

CIU Statistics:

Crimes against property:	31	Arson Responses	32
Death Investigations:	51	Crimes against Persons:	10
Sex Crimes:	45	Drug Investigations:	62
Monetary Crimes:	15	Other Investigations:	99
Forensic Recovery (cell phones)	12	Drone Deployments	07

Court and Building Security

The Office of the Sheriff administers security services to the buildings within the County which house various courts under the jurisdiction of the Office of Court Administration. Correction Officers and Special Patrol Officers provide these services. One Special Services Lieutenant and one Sergeant oversee the team, consisting of 6 full time and 16 part-time officers. The buildings which are currently served include the County Office Building, Surrogate Court/County Clerk Building, the Old County Court House and the Balcolm House all in the Village of Bath; Corning City Court, Hornell City Court and Erwin Town Court.

Weapons/Contraband Seized: 1,072 (scissors, guns, knives, spray, razors, drug paraphernalia) Partial list: 822 knives, 1 gun, 24 razors and 33 other weapons. Examples of other contraband are ammo, nails, glass bottles, handcuff keys, bayonets, imitation guns, pointed nail files, multi-tools, drugs and cameras.

Court Security Statistics

Bank Escorts	251	Perimeter Checks:	2,558
Panic/Door Alarms	8	Juror No Show letters:	0
Personal Safety Escorts	33	Assist Corrections	133
Court Remand to Jail	60	Subpoenas received	370
Pistol Permit Applications	596	Warrants Received	39
DSS Incident Reports	25	Officer Standby DSS	19
Securitas Incident Reports Received	30	Wanted Persons Check	34
Fingerprinting	32	Lost Plate Reports	33
Criminal Complaints	3	Motor Vehicle Accidents	3
Penal Law Arrests	2	Other Arrests	17
BILT Screens	57	Sex Offender Registers	2
CAP Paperwork Delivered	10	Misc. Services Rendered	76

Jail

The Steuben County Jail has a maximum capacity of 260 inmates. The jail is designed as a Direct Supervision Facility. All inmate housing is designed around a central day area, with easy access to inmate program areas. The Jail was originally accredited by the NY State Sheriff's Association in 2004 and was reaccredited in 2019. The Jail has been authorized by the NYS Commission of Correction to house inmates from outside agencies such as the US Marshall's, ICE and other county facilities.

Facility Stats

Inmate Admissions:	1,464
Inmate Discharges:	1,458

Revenues

US Marshalls:	\$509,770
Federal Transports:	\$20,063.06

Inmate Visitations:	0	Phone Commission:	\$95,813.58
Meals Served:	209,007	Other Counties:	\$0
Average Meal Cost:	\$1.90	Hearing Sanctions:	\$4,358.58

In 2021, there were 1,182 inmates transported on 590 transports throughout the County and State. These transports took 1,270 hours to perform. The average daily population was 150.

Inmate workers perform tasks within the facility ranging from cleaning to repairing inmate uniforms to serving meals, and many other duties. They performed 29,000 hours of work in the facility this past year. This is equivalent to 14 full-time employees. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the facility did not provide inmate labor through the community work program.

The Jail is required to provide medical and mental health care for the inmate population. The facility retained the services of PrimeCare Medical Inc. in 2019. PrimeCare Medical provides all services for medical to include a Doctor, Dentist, Physician Assistant, Registered Nurses and LPN's 16 hours per day, 7 days per week. Mental Health services are provided by Steuben County Mental Health and they provide coverage 5 days a week. Steuben County Public Health provides coverage twice a month, or more if needed, to perform STD testing and communicable disease testing and treatment.

The inmate garden provides food that is utilized by the kitchen for the entire population. The garden yielded a total of 1,708.5 pounds of produce in 2021, of which 347 pounds of produce was donated to the Foodbank of the Southern Tier and the remainder was used in the kitchen.

The education program was utilized by 30 students. In addition to educational programs, the Jail also provided drug and alcohol counseling.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Jail could not participate in the SPIRIT K9 Program. We hope to restart as soon as possible in 2022.

The Centralized Arraignment Part (CAP) was instituted to provide a centralized arraignment area for all arraignments in Steuben County twice a day. The Jail conducted 1,470 arraignments during 2021. To institute CAP, the Jail was designated as a Pre-Arraignment Holding Facility per Correction Law 500-a.

Centralized Arraignment Part

CAP transports occur when either the Hornell Police Department or Corning Police Department have arrested a subject who requires an off-hour arraignment in the Centralized Arraignment Court at the Steuben County Public Safety Building. Deputies respond, typically within the hour, to transport the defendant to the Steuben County Jail for pre-arraignment detention. In 2021, the Sheriff's Office conducted 311 CAP transports, at an average of 1.5 hours per transport totaling approximately 466 hours.

CAP returns occur when a CAP court arraignment occurs and original documentation from that court proceeding requires hand delivery to the court of jurisdiction; or Orders of Protection require service to the victim(s) or witness(es). In 2021, the Steuben County Sheriff's Office conducted 1,180 CAP returns to courts and victims all across Steuben County totaling approximately 590 hours.

CAP court occurs in the Steuben County Jail. CAP occurs twice daily averaging from 2 – 3 hours per session. The Steuben County Sheriff's Office provides security for these court sessions. Three Correction Officers are assigned to each court session, one for courtroom security, one for visitor

screening and lobby security and one to transport detainees to the court. These security assignments cost the county an additional 12 – 18 hours per day of correctional time, conservatively equating to approximately \$250 per day, or approximately \$100,000 per year in un-reimbursed court security.

Navigation Unit

The Navigational Unit utilizes Seasonal Deputy Sheriff’s to patrol the lakes and waterways. These deputies are overseen by a Special Services Lieutenant and one of the Seasonal Deputies is assigned as the Officer in Charge of the Unit. Deputies while on patrol conduct vessel inspections, assist boaters and enforce all New York State laws including but not limited to New York State Navigation Laws. The Navigation Division works hand in hand with the NYS DEC Police and the Yates County Sheriff’s Office both in enforcement and public education regarding safety concerns. The Navigation Unit conducted two COVID-19 compliant NYS Boater Safety Courses. We hope to resume the classes in the spring of 2022. The Navigation Unit currently has two patrol boats, two personal watercraft and a four-wheel drive marked patrol pickup.

Vessel Hours:	294	Vessel reported stolen:	0
Hours of Patrol:	654	Water Inspections:	70
Launch Site Inspections:	2	Accidents Investigated:	2
Arrests:	2	Search and Rescues:	1
Warnings Issued:	67	Vessel/Person Assists:	19

School Resource Officers

All School Resource Officer’s salary, equipment, and benefits are reimbursed by the district in which they are serving. We currently have Agreements with Arkport, Avoca, Bath-Haverling, Campbell-Savona, Corning-Painted Post, Hammondspport, Hornell, Jasper Troupsburg and Prattsburgh. The SRO’s provide education, training and counseling to students and staff.

Criminal Calls:	37	Classroom Presentations:	117
Non-Criminal Calls:	435	Home Visits:	209
Student Counseling:	511	Special Events Attended:	161
Staff Counseling:	196	Arrests/Investigations:	32
Parent/Adult Counseling:	207		

Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is the premier search and rescue program operated internationally by public safety agencies and is strategically designed for “at risk” individuals who are prone to the life threatening behavior of wandering. The primary mission of Project Lifesaver is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children with the propensity to wander due to a cognitive condition. The program is overseen by the Special Services Lieutenant and has two Sergeants and three Deputies that are involved in the search and rescue part when it’s activated. Currently, there are 8 clients (5 children and 3 adults) in the program throughout Steuben County.

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Sheriff