

SAUGERTIES POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022-YEAR END REPORT

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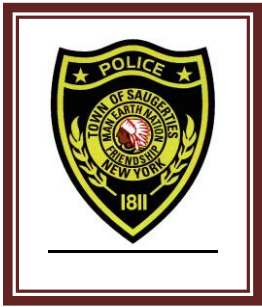


Missing: 4-year-old Paislee Shultis, may be with non-custodial parents
by WRGB STAFF | Wednesday, June 17th 2020

LAST SEEN WITH	
	KIMBERLY A COOPER DOB: 10/11/1988 Sex: Female HGT: 5'03" WGT: 150 lbs. Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Race: White
	KIRK D SHULTIS DOB: 06/30/1989 Sex: Male HGT: 5'11" WGT: 180 lbs. Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue Race: White

The Saugerties Town Police department is asking to the public to help find 4 year old Paislee Joann Shultis. She is believed to be with her non-custodial parents, Kimberly Cooper and Kirk Shultis. She was last seen on June 17th, 2020.





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SIR ROBERT PEEL’S NINE PRINCIPLES OF POLICING

PRINCIPLE 1 “The basic mission for which the police exist is to prevent crime and disorder.”

PRINCIPLE 2 “The ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police actions.”

PRINCIPLE 3 “Police must secure the willing cooperation of the public in voluntary observance of the law to be able to secure and maintain the respect of the public.”

PRINCIPLE 4 “The degree of cooperation of the public that can be secured diminishes proportionately to the necessity of the use of physical force.”

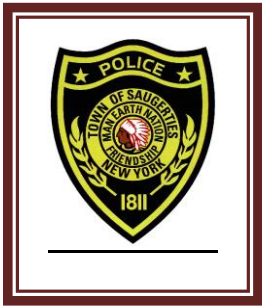
PRINCIPLE 5 “Police seek and preserve public favor not by catering to the public opinion but by constantly demonstrating absolute impartial service to the law.”

PRINCIPLE 6 “Police use physical force to the extent necessary to secure observance of the law or to restore order only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient.”

PRINCIPLE 7 “Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.”

PRINCIPLE 8 “Police should always direct their action strictly towards their functions and never appear to usurp the powers of the judiciary.”

PRINCIPLE 9 “The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it.”



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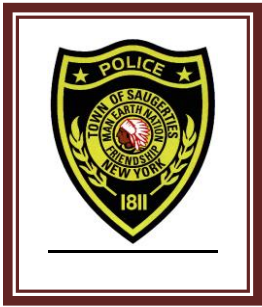
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I am pleased to submit to our community the 2022, Year-End Report. I want to thank all the men & women of the Saugerties Police Department and their families for their daily sacrifices. Working together toward making our community in the Town and Village of Saugerties a safer place to live, visit and, work always remains our number one priority. I thank Mayor William Murphy, and Town Supervisor Fred Costello, our Village Trustees and Town Board members for their continued support and confidence in the Saugerties Police Department. We are blessed by your continued support and leadership. The officers and dispatchers of the Saugerties Police Department endeavors daily to improve the quality of Police Services we provide to our community. Training and technology are essential in our pursuit for continued success. That is why our designation of being a New York State Accredited police agency is so important, ensuring that we are providing the highest quality of professional policing to those we serve. Maintaining these high quality of standards underscores the commitment of the women and men of the Saugerties Police Department.



I am extending an invitation to all our residents to call upon me or any member of our staff with any comments or concerns and suggestions on how we can make our community a safer place to live, visit and work. You are also encouraged to visit the police department and participate in our ride-along program, providing you the opportunity to experience firsthand what the men and women of your police department encounter daily. As you will see in this report, for the Tenth year in a row, we have ended our fiscal year with a positive fund balance. To date we continue to provide enhanced police services without breaking the piggy bank. This publication will hopefully enlighten the reader with facts pertinent toward understanding the many services we offer every day toward making our community second to none. If you have any questions relative to the information provided in this publication, please do not hesitate in contacting me - **Chief Joseph A. Sinagra**
jsinagra@saugertiesny.gov



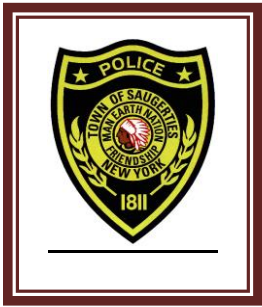
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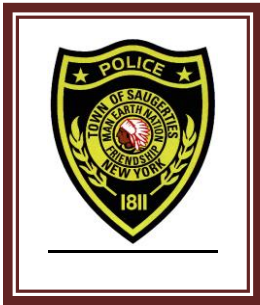
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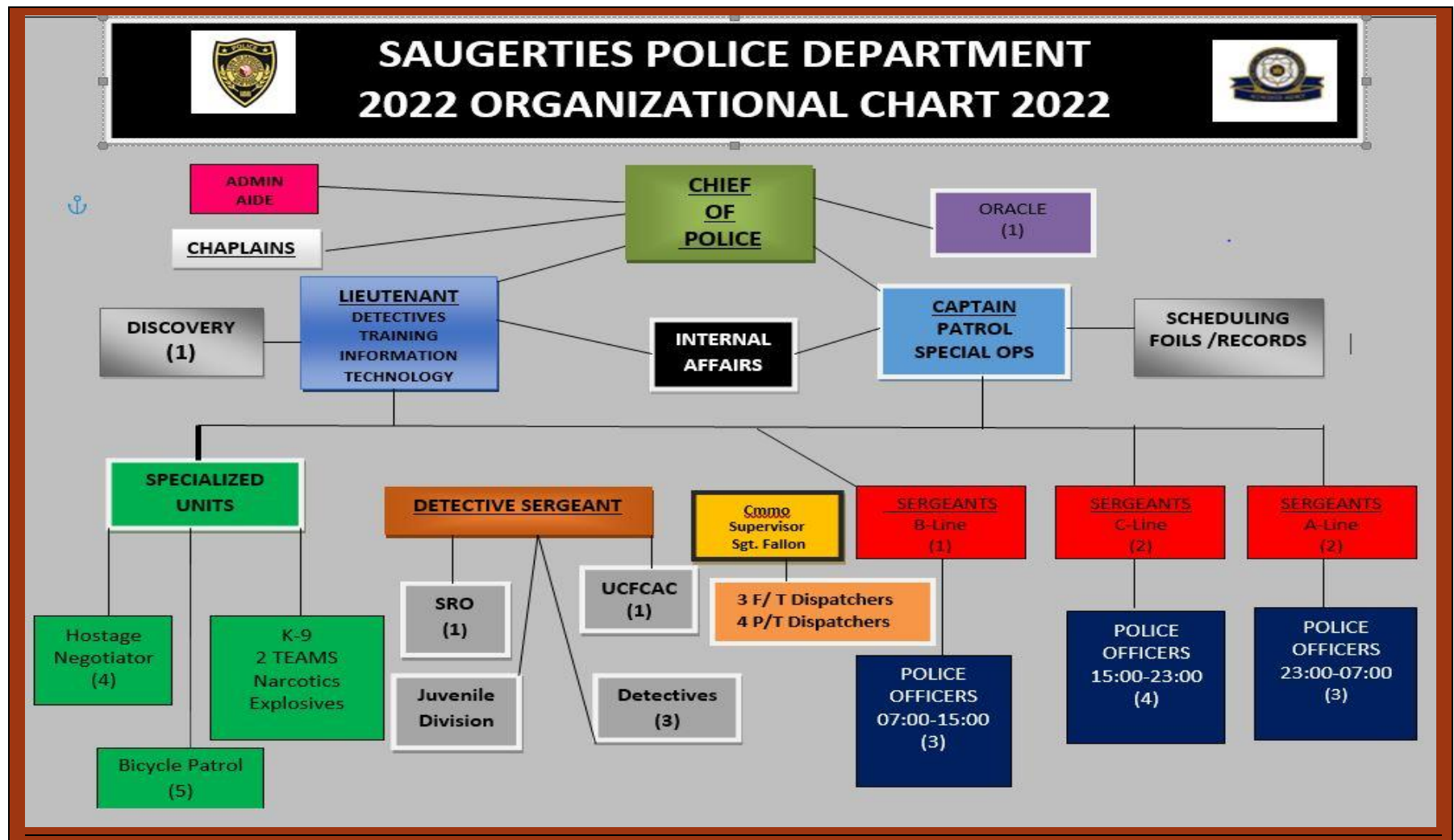
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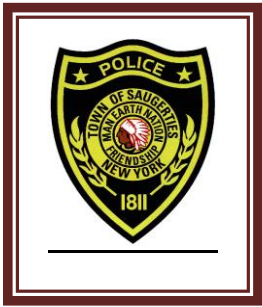
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DEPARTMENT SUMMARY



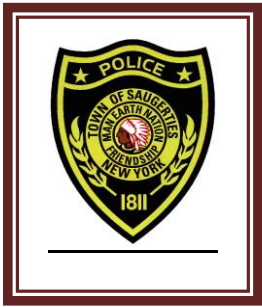
Chief of Police (1) - Joseph A. Sinagra

The Police Chief manages the day-to-day operations of the entire Department inclusive of all assigned divisions within the Police Department. The Chief of Police is responsible for the protection of lives and property in the Town and Village through the organization and direction of all police functions, including patrol, investigations, and enforcement. The Chief oversees the Internal Affairs Division and is the Liaison to the District Attorney. The Chief is also the Press Information Officer, Public Relations Officer, and Community Events Planner. The Chief is responsible for the engineering, implementation, and fiscal austerity of the department’s operational budget. The Chief is responsible for the security and disposition of all evidence secured / released by the department. The Chief directly oversees the department’s body worn camera program, ensuring that the integrity of this program is never compromised.

The Chief has an open-door policy and encourages anyone from the public to meet personally with him to discuss community concerns or ideas in furtherance of the department’s dedication to community-oriented policing. In 2022 the Chief continued to reach out to all members of the community, attending when permitted, both village and town board meetings , a radio show on the first Wednesday of each month,(AM/FM Radio WGHQ) at 07:00am, “From The Chief’s Desk” airing each month on Lighthouse TV 23.



The Police Chief believes transparency is the best practice of keeping the community informed and up to date on department issues and policing methodologies. As the Chief is always saying, “come on up for a cup of coffee and we can work together toward making your police department the best it can be at meeting our community’s expectations.”



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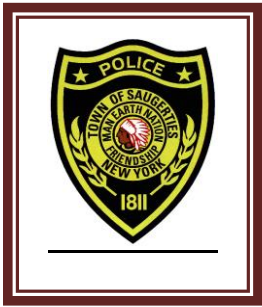


Police Captain (1) Stephen W. Filak Sr.

The Captain’s position is an important administrative position involving responsibility for coordinating the logistics of several special operations and activities and supervising the daily routine of the police department. The work is carried out in accordance with modern law enforcement practices and the general instructions of the Police Chief. Primarily responsible for the oversight of the Patrol Division.

Work is performed under the general supervision of the Police Chief with wide latitude permitted for the exercise of independent judgement. Captain exercises supervision over the Police Lieutenant, Police Sergeants and Police Officers. Issues general, and specific working orders to members of the department, plans police staffing patterns and equipment needs for known or anticipated future operations; Conducts internal investigations of police misconduct in response to citizen complaints, or on the basis of personal observations; Issues standby alert orders and call back of off duty personnel when an emergency situation arises; Assigns personnel to platoons; Acts as liaison with local, state and federal police agencies in cooperative crime control activities; Investigates complaints of police misconduct; Plans and at times Conducts training sessions for recruits and regular members of the force; Assists in planning and policy functions and preparing annual budget; Assist the Lieutenant with coordinating activities involving local, state, federal and other police agency’s joint investigations; Acts for and on behalf of the Police Chief in his absence; Reviews uniform division police reports; Handles the scheduling of all uniform officers; Is responsible as the department records officer, ensuring all FOIL requests and subpoena’s for records are properly answered and provided. Captain is also the Fleet supervisor, ensuring that all police vehicles are properly maintained, evaluating, and scheduling all repairs and routine maintenance. The captain is further responsible for drafting the annual fleet maintenance budget in addition to ensuring all expenses and repairs throughout the year are justified.





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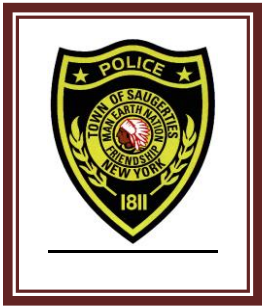
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Police Lieutenant (1) - KJ Swart

Police Lieutenant supervises all personnel engaged in patrol and detective activities. Primary oversight of the Detective Division and Special Operations, makes assignments and communicates orders, policies, procedures and other administrative directives to subordinate personnel; inspects field operations; As training Officer, advises first line supervisors in training methods and procedures; Develops improved methods and procedures relative to assigned functions; evaluates department training needs yearly, developing curriculum for needed classes, schedules all requested DCJS classes; assists the Captain and the Chief of Police in the formulation of policies, plans and programs; coordinates activities with other departmental units and other local, regional and state agencies. Assists in preparation of annual department budget proposal; is responsible for recommending all purchases, equipment replacement, and review of overtime associated with shift or unit operations. The Lieutenant also confers with the Captain and Chief of Police to improve the Department's efficiency. Lieutenant oversees all major investigations conducted by the Detective Division (In the absence of the Captain, the Lieutenant is second in command assuming all the responsibilities of the Captain's position) The Lieutenant is also responsible for maintaining department training records; oversees the agency records management system, directly involved in the creation of new modules and forms, working directly with the RMS vendor. The Lieutenant is also responsible for ensuring the integrity of the department's evidence. This requires constant audits and inspections of all evidence on a quarterly and yearly basis. The Lieutenant is also a certified NYS Arson Investigator and is assigned to the Ulster County Arson Task Force. Lieutenant Swart responds to and investigates all fires in the Town and Village of Saugerties that are suspicious in nature.





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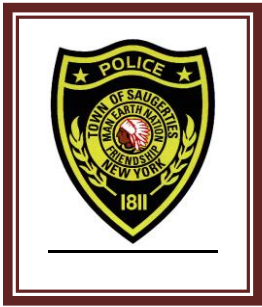
Police Sergeant (6)* / Detective Sergeant (1)

Observes, supervises, and instructs subordinate officers; responds to in-progress and major incidents and directs or assists subordinates in difficult and unusual situations. Supervises and participates in general patrol, scheduling, traffic operations, and investigations or special duties. Recommends training programs and develops subordinate personnel; conducts periodic inspections of subordinates, and police vehicles and equipment; maintains disciplinary control of

subordinates. Participate in presenting before citizen and community groups to explain and demonstrate Police Department policies, procedures, and methods in order to cultivate favorable public relations. Each sergeant is also assigned a multitude of supervisor responsibilities related to the day-to-day operations of the department, to include everything from vehicle maintenance, building and grounds maintenance, through ensuring radar units and breathalyzer equipment are calibrated and in working condition at all times.

The Detective sergeant is directly responsible for the daily operations of the detective division, overseeing three case detectives, the school resource officer, and all cases involving juveniles. The Detective Sergeant is directly responsible for overseeing the department's Sex Offender Registry, which includes constant monitoring of those individuals who have been arrested, charged (with a sex crime), prosecuted and ultimately released back into our community. This program involves employment and residential spot checks; community notification anytime an offender moves into Saugerties, or throughout the municipality. The Detective Sergeant delegates assignments, which includes case investigation, background checks, assignment of staff members to other agencies or task force when assistance is requested. The Detective Sergeant reviews all case reports generated by the detectives and provides guidance throughout investigations, ensuring that evidence is properly collected, secured and all reports generated are consistent with successful prosecution of the offenders. Detective Sergeant assists in the quarterly and annual audits of the main evidence vault, impound facility and outside storage container.

*Currently One uniform Sergeant's position remains Unfilled



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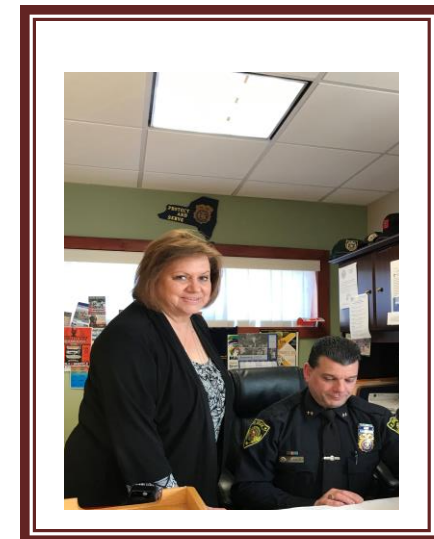
Police Officers Full Time (9) Part Time (9)

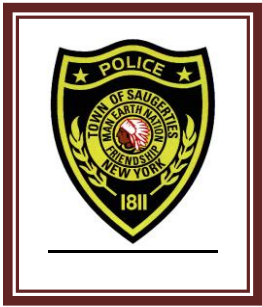
Patrols a designated area in a radio-equipped patrol car, or assigned to walk a post (Village) to preserve law and order, prevent and discover the commission of crime, enforce motor vehicle operation, parking and traffic regulations,

State statutes, County, Village and Town ordinances; answers calls and complaints involving automobile accidents, fires, nuisances, assaults, robberies and other felonies and misdemeanors; administers first aid; makes arrests and transports prisoners to jail; testifies as a witness in court; completes written reports on assigned calls for service, establishes traffic control and police protection at fires and other incidents which may attract crowds; performs police duties at parades, demonstrations and sporting events; check and reports on deficient streetlights, signs, road services, or other facilities which serve the public, demonstrates good judgment during routine and non-routine situations, acts in accordance with department policies and procedures, and utilizes techniques in a safe manner in accordance with training. All officers are considered community engagement officers, developing report with the public.

Administrative Aide (1) Mary Mirabella

Provides administrative and secretarial support to the Chief of Police, is responsible for the administrative work which includes billing for services rendered and contract services, works closely with Chief of Police in vetting the department's budget and expenditures, is responsible for ensuring all orders are concluded and purchase orders are complete, responsible for general ledger balancing for Capital Projects; balances subsidiary ledgers including accounts receivable, assessment reports and reconciles ledgers by making adjusting entries as necessary, maintains disbursement accounts, including encumbering of purchases, auditing of invoices, posting, reconciling and preparing trial balances and other necessary reports, including control accounts and informs Chief of Police of budget balances, examines invoices and audit reports to determine their accuracy, and completeness, composes and types correspondences, reports, statements, manuscripts, letters, resolutions, proposals, forms and other department materials at the direction of the Chief of Police, prepares employee timesheets for appropriate supervisor's verification and checks verification for final entry into payroll system; updates personnel changes in payroll/personnel system, receives and





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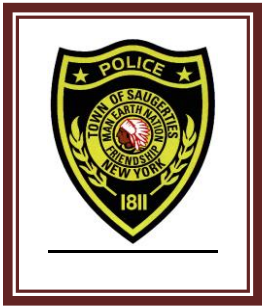
records employee requests for vacation, compensatory and sick leave, reviews computer for accrual records; enters all payroll information and additionally must keep some independent manual records, processes employee attendance and leave records to compute payroll, sending to Budget & Finance Department, maintains and prints records of earnings and leave time. The Administrative Aide is also the liaison to the County Civil Service Department, responsible for maintaining all personnel files in the department.

VIP (Volunteer in Policing) Reserve Officers (4)

A non-compensated person, who has met all NYS certification requirements as prescribed under NYS DCJS Municipal Police Officer Training Council possessing the same law enforcement power of arrest as any other police officer, as prescribed under the pertinent sections of 1.20 of the NYS CPL and has successfully completed the department's Field Training Officer Program; and has been appointed by the Chief of Police and the Town Board to perform law enforcement duties. Reserve officers will be responsible for performing the same uniform patrol duties as all other police officers in the department. Reserve officers work in the company of a full-time compensated police officer. This program was first rolled out in July 2013 and has proven to be a very successful endeavor and a tremendous asset to the police department.

Chaplains Program (2) (Volunteer in Policing)

The purpose of the Police Chaplain program is to provide confidential counseling or spiritual guidance to the members of the Saugerties Police Department, both sworn and civilian, as well as their families during their times of need. The Police Chaplain will be entrusted to provide guidance, counseling, and comfort during a variety of situations and be able to enlist the availability of appropriate services if such a need is realized, assisting in notifications and grieving counseling.



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Detectives (3)

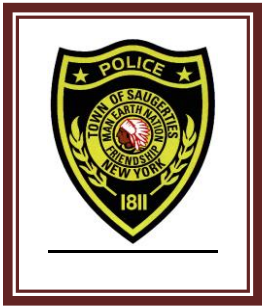
Detectives are responsible for handling a multitude of criminal investigations, including: Homicide, Sexual Assault, Robbery, Burglary, Economic Crimes, Unattended Deaths, and Thefts among others. The Detective Division has the sole responsibility for identifying and tracking Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders. Crimes related to sensitive

investigations and Narcotics also fall under their purview. Detectives work in conjunction with Federal, State and Local task forces to foster a combined effort in the fight against drugs. Detectives must also photograph and video tape major

crime scenes using video cameras, and digital camera imagery; develops and prepares photographic enlargements for latent prints, shoe impressions, etc. Collects, packages, transports and submits evidence within prescribed standard operating procedures; transports evidence to appropriate crime labs – New York State Police Crime Lab, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for scientific laboratory analysis; ensures that the necessary forms are prepared and processed. Attends and documents autopsies via photography/videotape; collects and packages evidence such as hairs, fibers, clothing, finger and palm prints, fingernails, and body fluids from decedent at autopsy to be placed into evidence. Produces crime scene drawings and sketches manually to record location of all evidence; utilizes computer software program for final drawing of crime scene. Prepares exhibits for case prosecution including photographs, crime scene diagrams, casts of impressions, etc.

Dispatchers Full Time (3) Part Time (4)

The ability to operate several computer systems consisting of police records, give information to the officer responding to a complaint, keep complete logs on various arrests, teletype entries and cancellations, the ability to operate a computer terminal connected to the NYS Department of Motor Vehicle, FBI, and the National Crime Information Center;



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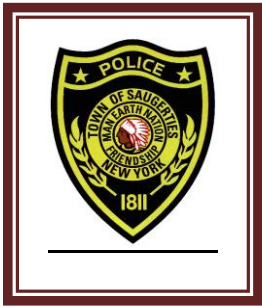
process requests from officers regarding driver’s license checks, vehicle registration checks, criminal histories, various stolen and recovered items, warrant checks and broadcasts. The ability to operate a radio system to receive and transmit messages, dispatches emergency requests received through telephones, handle requests for service by telephone.

School Crossing Guards (4)

The police department is tasked with the responsibility of providing school crossing guards for the purpose of providing a safe environment for children to cross roadways and intersections at particular locations within the Village and Town of Saugerties. General Municipal Law § 208-a authorizes cities, villages, towns, and county and district police departments to provide for school crossing guards to control vehicular traffic in order to protect children going to and from school. Because schools do not have any power to designate, authorize or appoint school crossing guards, the New York State Office of the State Comptroller has opined that "[a] school district may neither employ school crossing guards nor contribute to the expense borne by a [municipality] which employs them." See Opens St Comp, 1981 No. 81-31; see also 1959 N.Y. Op. Atty. Gen. No. 228. We currently employ three civilian crossing guards assigned to schools in the Town and two part time police officers assigned to the Village.

College Intern Program

The Saugerties Police Department enjoys a unique relationship with several colleges and universities through a college intern program that was established in 2012. Through this program college students concentrating in the area of criminal justice is provided the opportunity to spend a semester at the police department working as an intern. This program provides the student with an overview of all aspects of modern-day law enforcement methodologies. Students work alongside police officers and detectives, attend autopsies, firearms training, K9 patrol, RMP and records management data entry and retrieval. Some students may spend an entire semester working on just one particular project. These students earn three credits for the semester and have proven themselves to be true assets to the mission of the Saugerties Police Department and our community. To date, students from Albany University, Ulster County Community College, Mount St. Mary’s College, Marist College, Keuka College, SUNY Canton, and the University of Bridgeport have completed Internships through this unique program



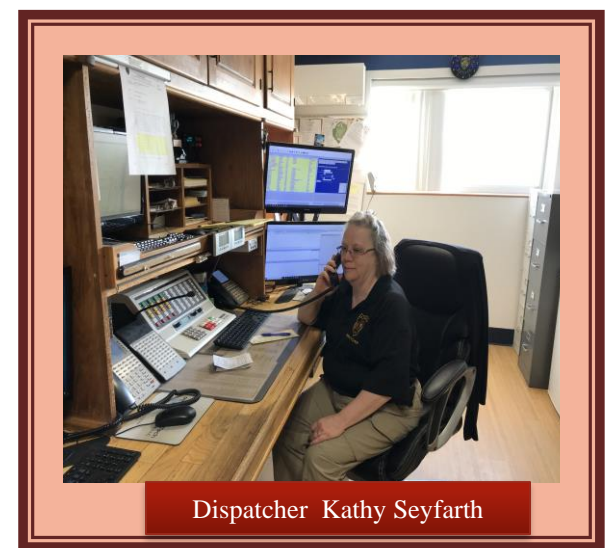
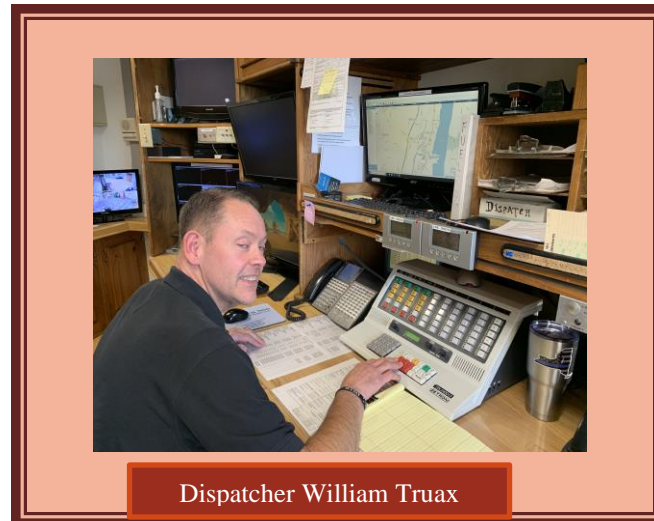
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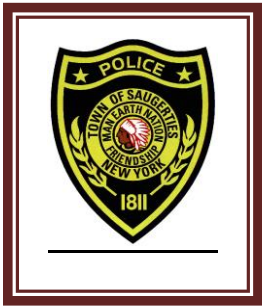
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Police Communications Center

The Police Communication Center is staffed by three full-time and four part-time communication specialists. In addition to dispatching calls for service, the communication specialists are the initial point of contact at our 24-hour service window. The Dispatchers are also responsible for the majority of calls for service data entry, receiving and directing calls to officers and administration. Saugerties Police communication center is also the primary after hours answering point for all other departments in the Town and Village of Saugerties. In 2022, the communication center received 21,763 in-coming phone calls, of which 13,367 were Emergency calls requiring police response. In addition, officers responded to an additional 3,026 emergency calls received through the Ulster County 911 center; Total emergency calls responded to in 2022, = 16,393. In 2022, Saugerties Police responded to a total of 5,807 calls for service in the Village of Saugerties and 10,586 calls for service in the Town of Saugerties. Police officers also responded to 177 Residential burglar alarm activations and 277 Business Burglar Alarm Activations.





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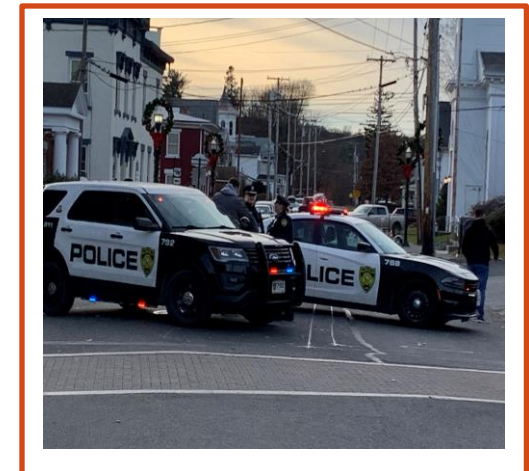
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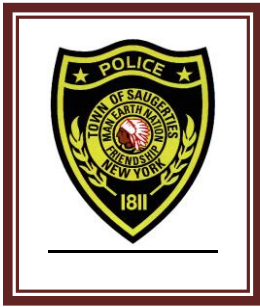
PATROL DIVISION



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BLOTTER ENTRIES	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Percentage Change 2021 to 2022
Blotter Entries	24,597	20,678	18,991	18,349	18,414	Increase 0.035%
Units Dispatched	18,149	16,378	16,491	15,499	16,393	Increase 5.77%
ARREST						
Total Dept. Arrest	515	477	429	385	354	Decrease 8.05%
Felony	80	48	64	50	76	Increase 52%
Misdemeanor	189	214	158	170	152	Decrease 10.59%
Violation	255	215	207	165	126	Decrease 23.64%
V&TS						
Traffic Tickets	1,984	1,786	957	922	1372	Increase 48.81%
Parking Tickets	1,594	1,724	1228	1,092	1,293	Increase 18.41%
Warning Tickets	1,310	891	958	1,003	1,335	Increase 33.10%
CRASHES						
Total Crashes	634	606	556	538	639	Increase 18.77%
Reportable to MV	468	426	397	374	499	Increase 33.42%
Persona Injury	78	121	95	74	74	No Change
Property Damage	555	477	455	458	561	Increase 22.49%
Fatal Crashes	0	1	4	1	0	Decrease 100%
Pedestrians Struck	1	7	3	5	1	Decrease 80%





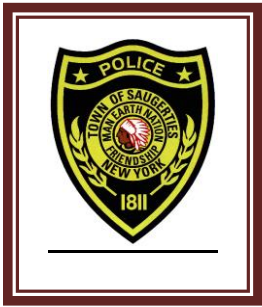
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CALL TYPE	TOWN	VILLAGE	OTHER AGENCY	CALL TYPE	TOWN	VILLAGE	OTHER AGENCY
7 Digit Call	102	52	6	Missing Person	4	4	
911 Abandoned	37	13		Menacing	1		1
911 Misdial	32	12		9.41 MHL		1	
911 No Voice Call	38	11	2	Miscellaneous Fire	3		
911 Test Call		1		Psychiatric Emergency	26	21	
Accident Injury	94	12	2	Public Safety	3	1	
Accident Property	209	46	2	Railroad Crash or Fire		1	
Alarm - Burglary	4	1		Road Hazard	54	10	4
Animal Bite	1			Serve Subpeona	2		
Animal Complaint	49	7	1	Shots Fired	11	2	1
Assault	3	3		Stable	1	1	
Assist EMS	745	354	5	Structure Fire	1		
Assist Fire	51	21	1	Suicide Call	5	1	1
Assist Other Agency	7	1	5	Suspicious Activity	66	16	1
Be On The Lookout	4	2	4	Traffic Stop	1	1	1
Brush Fire	1			Trespass	5	2	
Burglary	6	6	1	Unknown Emergency	10	6	
Critical	8	3		Unwanted Subject(s)	16	10	
Disabled Vehicle	21	4	2	Warrant Arrest		1	
Disorderly Conduct	15	9		Water Emergency	1		
Dispute	84	37	1	Welfare Check	142	93	5
Domestic Dispute	84	35	1	Wire-Related/Outdoor	1		
Erratic Vehicle	91	15	6	TOTALS	2117	854	55
Error	2	2					
Eviction		1					
Fight	9	8					
Fire Alarm	1						
Harassment	14	1					
Hazardous Materials		1					
Information Only	6	3	1				
Larceny All Types	14	6	1				
Lock Out of	30	16					

Saugerties Police receives emergency calls through both our 24 hour a day communications center and also through the Ulster County 911 Center. In 2022, Saugerties Police responded to 16,393 calls for service. 3,026 Calls were received directly through the UC911 Center. The other 13,367 calls came in seven-digit, to the SPD communications center. Saugerties Police handled 98% of all emergency calls generated in the Town and Village. The remaining 55 calls (2%) were handled by either the NYSP, UCSO and or ENCON Police.



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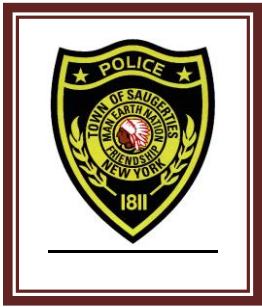
DETECTIVE DISVION

Investigations – is comprised of the Detective Division which is responsible for handling a multitude of criminal investigations, including: Homicides, Sexual Assaults, Robberies, Burglaries, Economic Crimes, Identity Theft, Computer Crimes, Unattended Deaths, and Felony Level Larcenies, all considered major crimes. The Detective Division has the sole responsibility for identifying and tracking Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders. Crimes related to sensitive investigations and Narcotics also fall under their purview. Detectives work in conjunction with Federal, State and Local task forces to foster a combined effort in the fight against drugs and other societal criminal acts. The Detective Division consisting of a Detective Sergeant and three case Detectives was responsible for handling 327 cases in 2022 an increase of 21% from 2021. In all, the division successfully investigated and closed 275 cases in 2022, with an 84% closure rate. The remaining 52 cases (16%) are still under investigation.

In 2022, the Detective Division, in addition to conducting employee background checks, conducted the following investigations, [41] burglary investigations 86% increase from 2021; [43] Grand larceny investigations, 59% increase from 2021; [38] death investigations, 9% decrease from 2021, [12] sex crime investigations, decrease of 12% from 2021; [3] arson/suspicious fire investigations, 200% increase; [0] felony assault investigations; [1] robbery investigations, a 75% decrease from 2021, [1] homicide investigation.

In February 2022, Detective Henry (Hank) Mirabella retired after 41 years of service. With the retirement of Det. Mirabella, Officer Ryan Hampel was promoted to Detective.



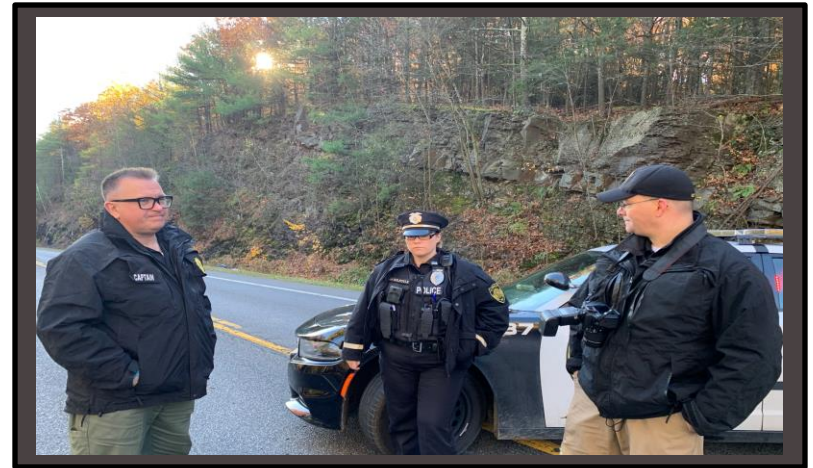
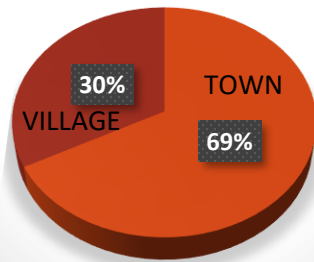


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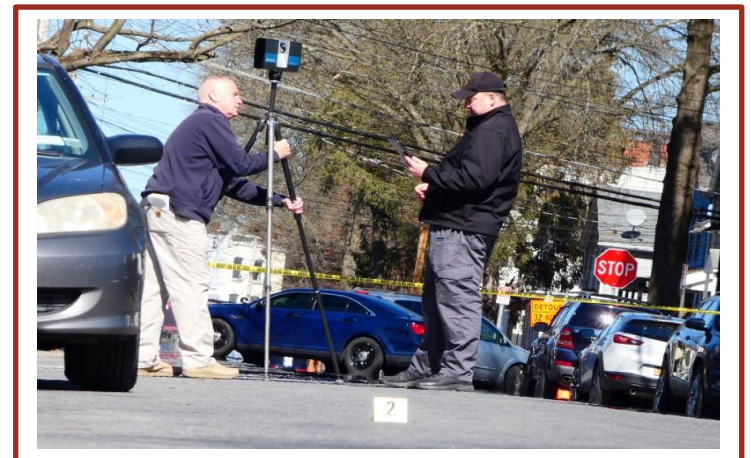
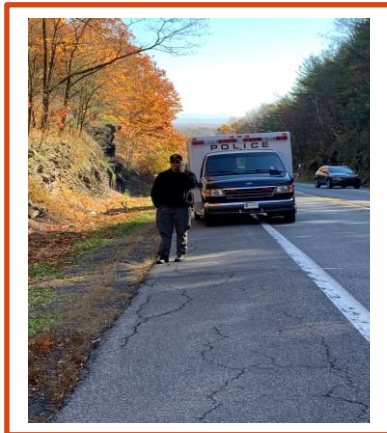
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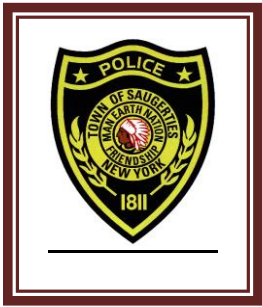


Detective Cases Town and Village Totals 2020



In 2022 Detectives opened 227 investigations in the Town, a 5% increase from 2021, and 100 investigations in the Village, a 12% increase from 2021.





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Notable Detective Cases In 2022

Custodial Interference/ Endangering welfare of Minor (CA-00681-20)

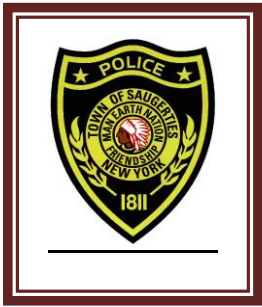
Lead Investigators: Detective Erik Thiele

In 2019, four-year-old Paislee Shultis was reported missing from Spencer New York, by her legal guardian and Maternal Grandmother. At the time, the child was believed to have been abducted by her non-custodial parents, Kimberly Cooper, and Kirk Shultis.

On February 14, 2022, incidental to receiving information that the child was being held within a hidden location at a residence located at 35 Fawn Road in the Town of Saugerties, Saugerties Police applied for and obtained a search warrant from the Town of Saugerties Justice Court Authorizing the search of the residence in an effort to locate the child.

At 8:06 PM Saugerties Police Detectives, SPD uniform police officers with assistance from the NYSP BCI and uniform troopers, executed the search at the residence. At the time of the search warrant was executed, the owner/occupants of the residence denied having any knowledge of the child's whereabouts telling officers that they had not seen the child since she was reported missing in 2019.

A little over an hour into the search of the residence, Detective Erik Thiele noticed something about the staircase leading from the back of the residence into the basement of the house that caught his attention. Detective Thiele thought the construction of the steps were odd, something was out of place, Using a flashlight, Detective Thiele shined the light through a crack between the wooden steps and observed what he believed to be a blanket. Upon inspecting the staircase, the structure appeared to be solid. However, Detective Thiele and Det/Sgt Gambino used a halogen tool to dismantle several of the wooden steps, and that is when Detective Thiele saw a pair of tiny feet. After removing several more steps, the child, now 6-year-old Paislee Shultis and her abductor, Kimberly Cooper-Shultis were discovered secreted within. The space was small, cold, and wet. The child was transported to SPD Headquarters, (but not before a quick stop at



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McDonalds for a Happy Meal) where she was met by paramedics from DIAZ ambulance, examined and released in good health.

As a result of the investigation Saugerties Police arrested the following individuals:

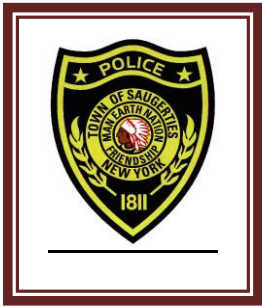
33-year-old Kimberly Cooper on the Charge of Custodial Interference in the 2nd Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Cooper was also wanted on an active warrant of arrest that had been issued through Ulster County Family Court. Cooper was arraigned in the Town of Saugerties Justice Court and remanded to the Ulster County Jail on the warrant.

32-year-old Kirk Shultis Jr. was charged with the Felony of Custodial Interference in the 1st Degree and Misdemeanor Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

Residential Burglaries. (CA-00820-22, CA-00826-22, CA-00882-22, CA-00915-22)

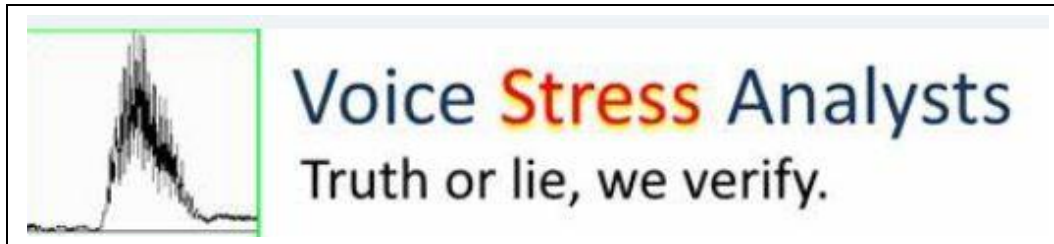
Lead Investigator: Detective Sergeant Paul Gambino, Detective Erik Thiele, Detective Patrick Hastings, Detective Ryan Hampel.

Beginning in September 2022, multiple residential burglary complaints were received by members of the Saugerties Police Department. These investigations were adopted by members of the Detective Division. The investigation led to the arrests of Kirk Shultis Jr age 33, and Matthew Doyle age 40. Both defendants were charged with multiple counts of burglary.



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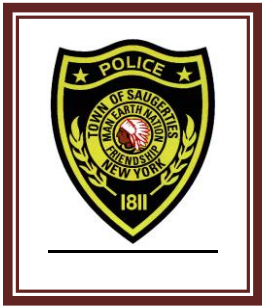
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Personnel & Training

In 2022, Detective Erik Thiele became certified in the use of the **Computer Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA)**.

In 2022, Saugerties Police Detective Division added a new tool (Computer Voice Stress Analyzer) (CVSA) to its arsenal of tools for use in pre-employment screening and to assist in criminal investigations. The department purchased the CVSA in early spring, sending three members to Niagara Falls for training. All three officers are now certified CVSA analyst and we have begun using the instrument for pre-employment backgrounds and criminal investigations. Saugerties Police is now part of the National Association of Computer Voice Stress Analysts (NACVSA), an professional organization that represents over 2,000 US law enforcement agencies and thousands of CVSA criminal justice professionals across the United States



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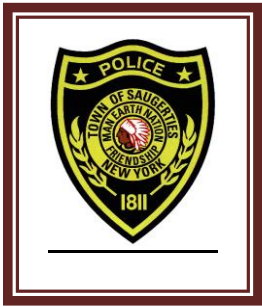
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9.41 Mental Hygiene Law & 22.09

Providing assistance to individuals experiencing mental health and substance abuse related issues within our community continues to be a main focus of our patrol division. Mental health and substance abuse related issues are not unique to Saugerties but is a growing area of concern throughout our Nation. **Mental Hygiene Law** (MHL §941) *Peace or Police officers may take custody and transport to a §9.39 hospital or C.P.E.P. “any person who appears to be mentally ill and is conducting himself or herself in a manner which is likely to result in serious harm to the person or others. (MHL 22.09). A person who appears to be incapacitated by alcohol and/or substances to the degree that there is a likelihood to result in harm to the person or to others may be taken into custody by a peace office, or a police officer to a treatment facility for purposes of receiving emergency services.* Since 2013, it has been and continues to be the policy of the Saugerties Police Department to transport all individuals being detained under 9.41 or 22.09 of the NYSMHL, that present with no acute medical emergency that would otherwise require EMT/Paramedic intervention. This policy is twofold in nature (1) ensuring that paramedic ambulances (DIAZ) is available to handle genuine medical emergencies, preventing ambulance from being unnecessarily tied up and out of service (2) prevent the attack and assault on paramedics/EMS workers by those individuals who are suffering from mental illness or under the influence and are prone to violence when experiencing a manic episode. In 2022, there were a total of 161 calls for individuals who were either a danger to themselves, or others, as defined in the pertinent section of the NYS Mental Hygiene Law (MHL 9.41) or were considered incapacitated and taken into custody for transport to the hospital under (MHL 22.09 A4C). Out of the 161 calls, 71 required medical intervention and thus were transported by ambulance, the remaining 90 were transported by p Saugerties Police.

YEAR	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
INDIVIDUALS EXPERIEINCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISES	81	95	102	117	148	153	161	180	184	161
INDIVIDUALS TRANSPORTED BY POLICE	48	71	85	92	100	118	122	137	136	90



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Volunteers In Policing – Volunteers are an important part of any organization and are proven to be a valuable asset to law enforcement agencies. Volunteers help to increase police presence and response, and service delivery. Volunteers can bring new skills and expertise to the job and promote invigorated enthusiasm. It is the policy of the Saugerties Police Department to use qualified volunteers for specified tasks and duties that can create efficiencies for the department and improve services to the community. Volunteers are intended to supplement and support, rather than supplant, sworn officers and civilian personnel.

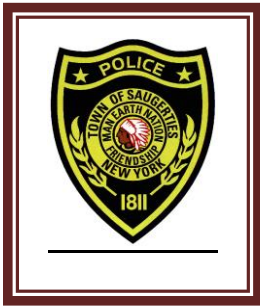
The Saugerties Police Reserve Police Officer Program is an essential part of the Volunteers in Police Service Program we have embraced here in Saugerties. Our program began in April 2013 and since has grown greater than we had anticipated. Reserve police officers, sworn police academy graduates who work alongside full-time police officers. Since the conception of this program 34 civilian have become sworn police officers through SPD . Upon completion of their 320 hours of field training many of the reserve officers have been hired as part time officers and several have been hired as full time Police Officers continuing to serve the residents of our community.

Today our program consists of four volunteer police officers and three police chaplains. The officer in the picture, Richard Walls joined the SPD in 2022. Officer Walls served as a police officer in the State of Texas and retired after a 20-year career as a police officer in NYS.



Reserve Officer Richard Walls

**VIPs - Volunteered a Total of 989 hours to the police department in 2022.
Salary cost savings = \$24,725**



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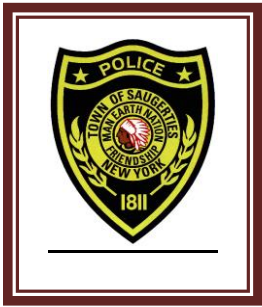
SRO TRAVIS WINCHELL

School Resource Officer – the School Resource Officer provides security, safety and academic curriculum to the faculty and students of the Saugerties School District. The SRO also provides drug awareness education on an annual basis to the elementary, middle and high school students throughout the district.

The Saugerties Police Department is fortunate to have three certified School Resource Officers. We are even more fortunate to have SRO Travis Winchell who is assigned to the Junior/ Senior High School on a full-time basis. The other two SROs fill in at the school when Officer Winchell is out. SRO Winchell is more than just a resource for the School and students. SRO Winchell has become a true champion of the SRO program, being a mentor, teacher, friend, advocate and so much more to the students and faculty in the Saugerties School District.

As you will see in these photos, SRO Winchell has immersed himself in every aspect of the student body, ensuring that the students attending school in our district have every opportunity available to succeed. In 2022, SRO Winchell spent countless hours preparing students who were academically in jeopardy of failing, tutoring them, ensuring that these students who otherwise would have failed the school year, successfully passed their finals enabling them to graduate with their classmates. SRO Winchell has spent his own time and money toward ensuring that the students he has contact with on a daily basis, have positive memories of the time they spent in high school, especially during these most unprecedented times in our history.





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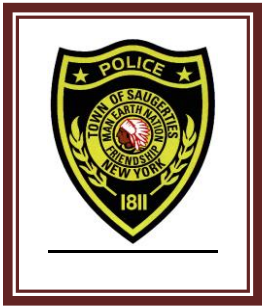
SRO NEWSLETTER

This year was a very interesting year. We started off expecting somewhat of a post-Covid year; however, Covid was still around and had a lingering effect on many people, especially the students. During this school year, field trips, sports, plays, dances and prom were some of the school activities that came back, though with a slow return. However, this gave us a sense of normalcy for the first time in a long time.

While we had to return back to school with masks, we were able to get rid of them quickly, at least for the people who chose to. This school year started off with the return of football games and the annual Mum bowl. We were not able to have an official MUM Ball (dance); however, parents worked together to hold a fall dance which took place at the Kiersted House. The students were really happy, as they got to dress in their formal wear and feel “normal.” I volunteered my time as a chaperone for the event.



As we moved along in the school year, we were able to start meetings up again in regular fashion. The school safety meetings took place in person. Since Covid began, there were a lot of different opinions on what safety and Security should look like. Our district-wide safety meetings, which were also held in person, got off to a good start. There were some members who retired from the committees and some new members as well. At these meetings, we were able to discuss plans to move forward in improving safety at the schools. Some of the new ideas I brought to the table were new radios for all the schools, outside signage, more monitors in the hallway to keep an eye on the doors and improved methods to keep the doors locked and safe. The school district is also having a consulting firm called Day Automation come to the schools in the future to help give ideas on what is working and what needs to be improved for ultimate safety in the schools.



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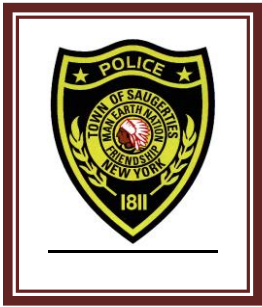


Social Media use really flared-up this year. We had an incident where a student posted a potentially threatening TikTok that had everyone alarmed. Many staff and students even missed a day of school because of the post. I, along with MAJOR help from patrol and detectives was able to figure out where the post came from and provide people some comfort. It just goes to show how much social media can impact not only schools but communities as a whole. There were many other incidents during school this year with Snapchat, especially bullying. We were able to launch our anti-bullying campaign which did help to alleviate bullying issues, and it is still continuing to be developed to reduce bullying in the future.



The senior trip to Disney took place successfully. The school play, *Little Shop of Horrors* was a great success and enjoyed a full-house audience. The Junior and Senior Proms were combined, and it was held at the Chateau in Kingston, with bowling to follow at Saugerties Bowlers Club. The dance was a great success and brought a smile to many of the students' faces. Spirit weeks and senior pranks even came back this year as well! We were able to host a full graduation, outside on the football field, and most of our seniors attended and participated. It was great to see the senior's graduate that I worked with so closely – actually walk across our stage and receive their diplomas!

We had many students attend summer school in various capacities. Since the beginning of Covid, there has been a lot of regression among the students. In summer school, under the advisement of the school administration, we were able to keep our programs going in both the social emotional aspect, the mentor program, and this year we added the enrichment program for junior high students, which included painting, gardening and several clubs and activities. I was able to help with garden maintenance and work closely with those students. The APEX program was also up and running during the summer; this is a computer program curriculum designed to help students earn back credits and work toward graduation. It was a busy summer!

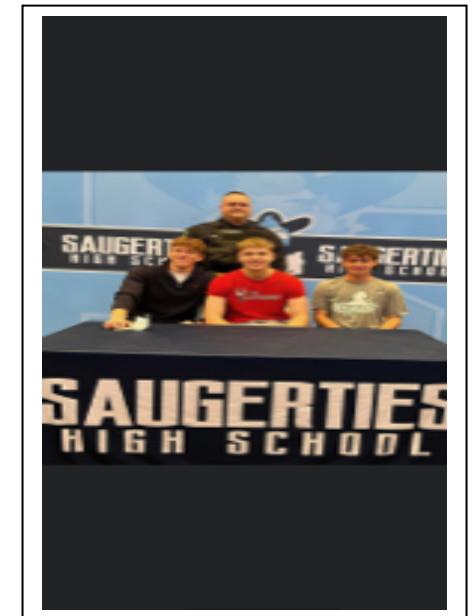


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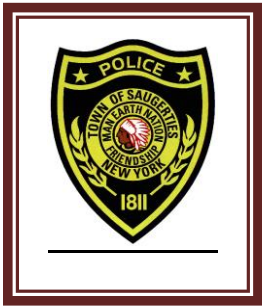


I worked very closely with our guidance counselors this year. We had our highest graduation rate EVER this year, over 90%, which is an incredible win and success for Saugerties High School. I continued to work hard with the students, especially through the mentor program which continues to be a big success. Additionally, I worked with younger classmen to get them on track for success and to help them continue to be successful as they move throughout the grades. There were more personal issues that came up for me as SRO. I found myself helping students navigate their way through a pregnancy by helping them get the help and resources they needed for guidance through the process. Of course, this was just one example of the endless social and emotional issues that came forth from students. I had the privilege to work with many of the students and teachers this year and develop solid relationships with them. Not everyone has a good story, but I do try to help them all. I am always happy to help any of my students with whatever they may need to achieve success in life, not just in school.



Travis Winchell

- Saugerties School Resource Officer



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SAUGERTIES POLICE K9 DIVISION

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Throughout the year the canine teams answer calls for service as a regular patrol officer does with the added benefit of being to use their K9 partner whenever possible. They use their partners as proactively as possible and perform both routine and random security checks at different possible criminal targets.

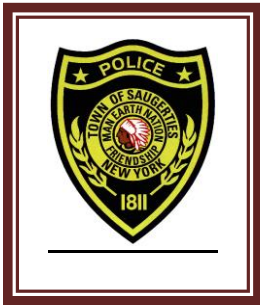
Within the Saugerties jurisdiction there are several possible targets for criminal activity including multiple places of worship, businesses, and other critical infrastructure like the Central Hudson Electric substation.

During 2022 the Canine Unit handled a total of 488 calls for service. This is a decrease of 4 calls over 2021 which is attributed to Officer Gambino and K9 Romulus having missed part of the year due to illness and injury.

During the 2022 year the K9 teams continued their support of the Saugerties Police Department patrol division as well as our regional partner agencies. In 2022 most the lingering effects of covid had subsided and normal training resumed.

Due to supply constraints, we were unable to purchase the all-electric K9 Patrol vehicle that we had slotted for. The \$10,000 electric grant was allocated to a different town department and the 15,000-dollar grant was applied to the purchase of a Dodge Durango.

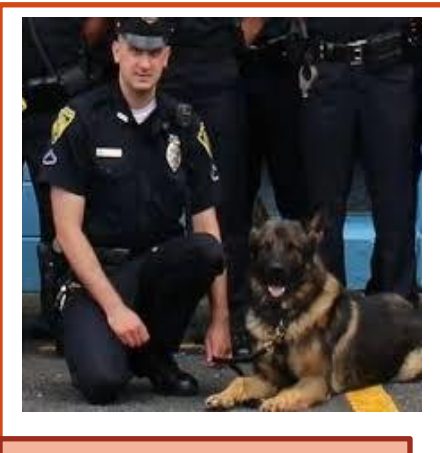
In September of 2022 we were awarded an addition 15,000-dollar grant through the Department of Homeland security to assist us with the cost of outfitting the new vehicle with the required K9 transport and heat alarm systems.



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Total K9 Calls for Service: 494

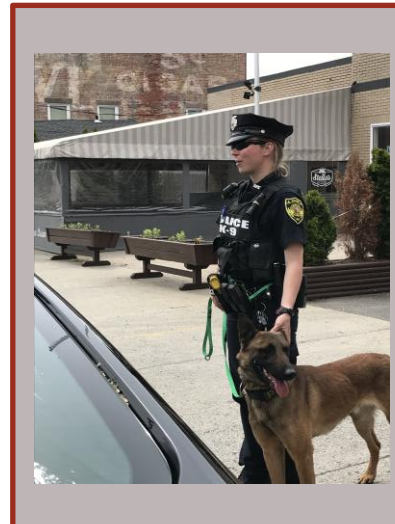


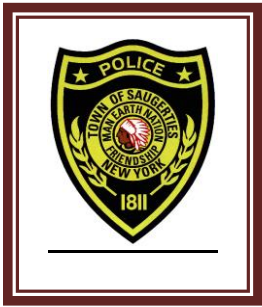
Sgt. J. Rushkoski K9 Supervisor

Type of Activity	MAX	ROMULUS
Tracking	4	3
Building Searches	265	164
Narcotic Searches	N/A	3
Explosive Searches	3	N/A
Site Security Details	4	2
Warrant Assist	1	0
Patrol Assist - Alarms	36	6
Area Searches	0	0
K9 Demonstrations	3	0



K9 Handler Jen Gambino





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NOTABLE CASES IN 2022

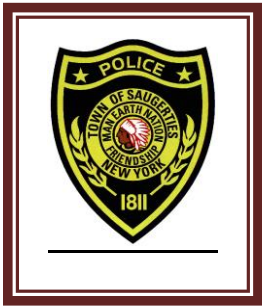


K9 MAX

On April 19, 2022, K9 Max was requested to assist the Town of Ulster Police and the Ulster County Sheriff's Office with a search for a gun. A vehicle was seized following a shooting and the gun used in the crime was reported to be hidden in a compartment within the car. K9 Max successfully located the hidden compartment, and the weapon was recovered.

On June 5, 2022, we received a report of an elderly male who was missing from his residence. His wife reported that the male walked down to the landlord and had been gone for hours. K9 Max completed a track from the landlord's house to an additional residence on the property where it was determined that the man had gone to spend some time with friends. He was located in good health.

On June 28, 2022, we completed a track of a home invasion burglary suspect. We completed a successful track which determined the suspect route of travel and he where he was later located on camera. He was identified and arrested.



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K9 Romulus

On September 28th 2022 K9 Romulus assisted the New York State Police in the Village of Saugerties with a warrant investigation. A narcotics search was conducted, and multiple quantities of drugs were located.

Due to illness and injury the patrol/narcotics team was out of service for a good portion of the year.

Sergeant Jeremy Rushkoski / K9 MAX

DJCS required maintenance training: 184
State Police required maintenance training: 88
State Police Recertification: 80

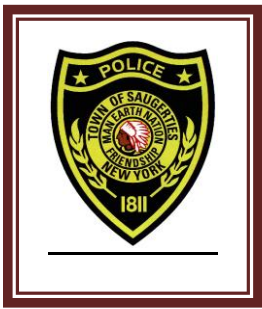
Canine Handler Jennifer Culver / K9 Romulus

Narcotics Recertification hours: 80
DCJS Required Maintenance Training: 96

2022 Total Training Hours: 528

Goals for 2023

During 2023 we will be writing another grant for \$50,000 for the replacement of our explosive K9 team. K9 Max will be 9 years old in July and will likely be retiring sometime in the next 2 years. The grant will request the funding for the purchase of a new K9 and it's training so that a new handler may embark on their journey.



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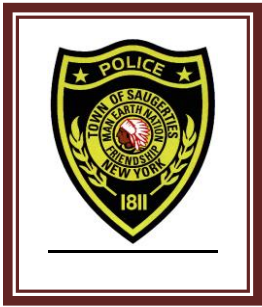
INTIMATE PARTNER
VIOLENCE
INTERVENTION PROGRAM

IPVI



Domestic violence (also called intimate partner violence) (IPV), domestic abuse or relationship abuse) is a pattern of behaviors used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner in an intimate relationship. Domestic violence does not discriminate. Anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, or gender can be a victim – or perpetrator – of domestic violence. It can happen to people who are married, living together or who are dating. It affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels.

Early on in 2019, we began looking hard at our domestic violence numbers. Between 2011, and 2015, we experienced a steady increase from year to year in domestic violence calls. In fact, calls related to domestic violence increased 230%, (84 to 278). It was in 2015 that we realized for the first time, that there was a real problem in our community that we needed to address. In October of 2015, we introduced our first purple and white police cruiser, in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness. This was the beginning of our initiative in addressing this very serious issue of domestic violence. In addition to the purple and white police car, which is now a permanent fixture in our fleet, we also



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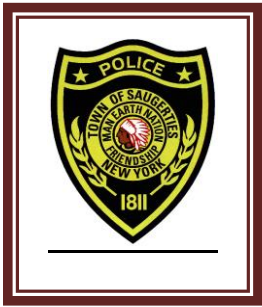
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embarked on several programs. One such program involved a teen dating and domestic violence awareness campaign in both the Saugerties Junior High and the High School. Students compete each year against one another and other schools in Ulster County, developing their own Public Service Announcements through their school’s media departments.

Even with all these efforts to educate our community, we continued to see a steady increase in domestic violence. Between 2015 and 2018 domestic violence calls increased by 93%. We contributed the increase in these numbers as a direct result of our public awareness programs. Individuals are now more informed than ever before that domestic violence is not simply hitting your partner or spouse. Domestic Violence also includes controlling one’s partner through intimidation, mental abuse and threats of loss of financial stability. Seeing the number of calls related to domestic violence increase, indicated we were doing a could job of informing our community what domestic violence really is and these patterns of behavior are not acceptable in a relationship.

In 2020, we once again looked at the Domestic Violence (DV) numbers and considered what we could possibly do better in reducing the number of DV incidents. Upon reviewing all of our Domestic Incident Reports (DIRs), for the year 2019, we found a high number of repeated calls for DV involving the same individuals. In an effort to reduce the recidivism in DV, we embarked on a new program called Intimate Partner Violence Intervention (IPVI). Now, in addition to completing a DIR and conducting lethality assessments with victims, we began addressing the offender using an approach that held the aggressor responsible for their actions. Lethality assessment is an evidence-based tool that requires a response from the victim to fourteen questions asked by the officer. The officer records the victim’s response to each question on the assessment tool. Each question requires Yes or No response from the victim. Based on the victim’s response to the questions, the tool quickly identifies victims who are considered at risk of continued incidents of DV and the threat of violence. If the victim is considered high danger, the officer makes immediate contact with the Ulster County Crime Victims Assistance Program, regardless of time of day. The victim is then placed on the call with the crime victim advocate. This provides the victim with an immediate resource and begins the process of establishing a support structure



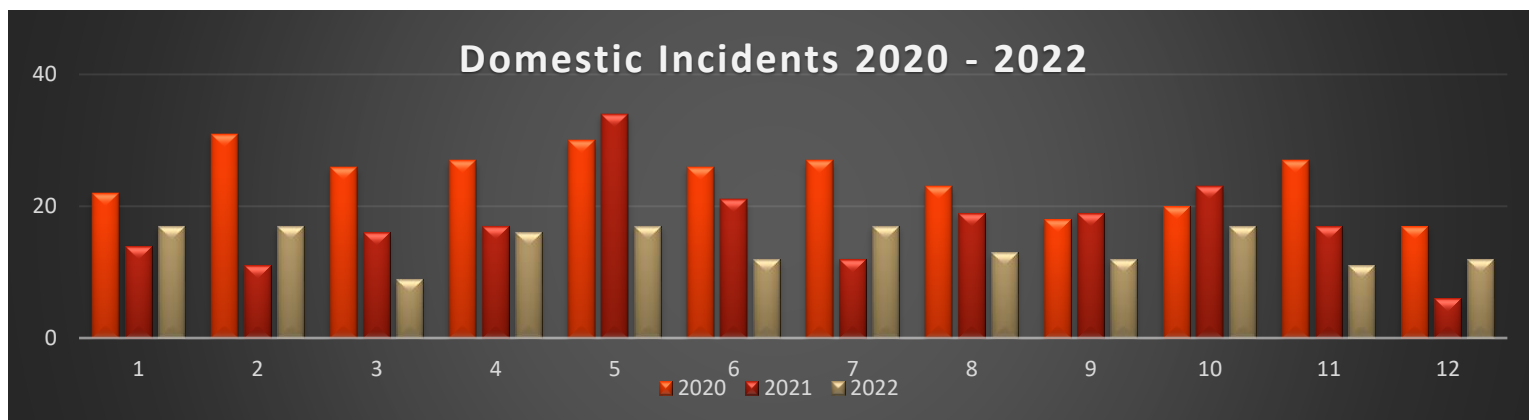
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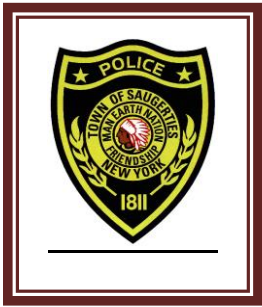
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towards enabling the victim to get out of the abusive relationship. Within twenty-four hours of the documented incident, a police officer meets with the victim, providing the victim with a victim support letter furnished by the police chief. The letter reinforces our commitment to helping the victim while also providing a plethora of resources the victim can gain access to. The letter is also a reminder to the victim that they don't have to believe they are stuck in an abusive relationship with no way out. Through the resources provided the victim can obtain financial support and services for both them and their children.

The Saugerties Police embarked upon the IPVI program in April of 2019. Since then, the results have continued to be astonishing with respect to reducing the frequency of domestic incidents, while at the same time holding those responsible more accountable. In 2021, SPD responded to 209 reported incidents of domestic violence, down 42% from the previous year with 294 reported incidents. In 2022 SPD responded to 170 domestic incidents, down 18% from the previous year. Out of the 170 incidents, 120 incidents, were intimate partner violence in nature. Based on the Lethality Assessment Tool, 44 victims were scored as being high risk, down -33.3% from the previous year. Any victims who score high risk, are immediately paired with a crime victim's advocate. As a result of this program, it appears from our year-end data and review, that for the fourth consecutive year, we have experienced a reduction in Domestic Violence calls. Based on these statistics, the IPVI programs has played a significant role in reducing incidents of Domestic Violence in the Town and Village of Saugerties.



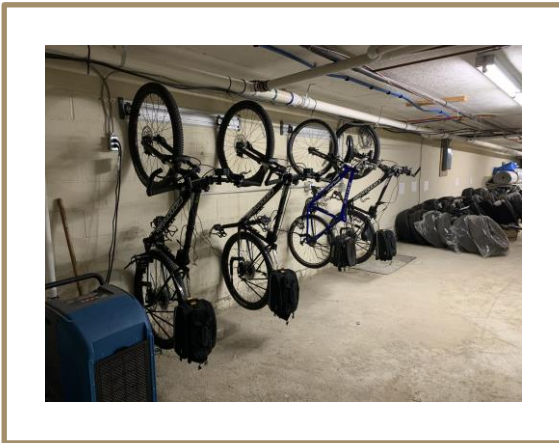


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SAUGERTIES POLICE BICYCLE PATROL



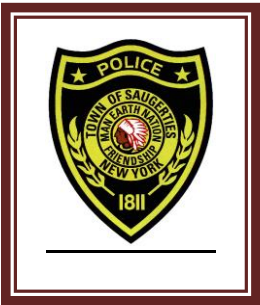
In 2019 the Saugerties Police Department reintroduced bicycle patrols in the Village of Saugerties. The bicycle patrols had been a part of the Village Police Department, however when the Village Police disbanded at the end of 2010, that was the end of the bicycle patrols. Fortunately, in 2016 the Saugerties Police Department had hired an officer who was also a DCJS certified Police Bicycle Patrol Instructor. In the Spring of 2019 SPD instructed a

Police Bicycle School in Saugerties. The school was attended by police officers from both SPD and the Woodstock Police Department. Having police officers on bicycles is another example of our commitment to community-oriented policing. Taking cops out of the patrol car and placing them in a more accessible capacity, furthers agency transparency and breaks down those barriers between police and community. The result is more face time with community business members, residents and visitors in our village.



Police Bicycle Instructor Erik Thiele teaching a class of new bicycle officers.

Just like our officers who walk a post, our bicycle cops are also responsible for handling calls for service within their patrol zone. We continued to expand our program in 2020 with the addition of a fourth bicycle which was purchased by a Saugerties resident and donated to the police bicycle program. These bicycles are not average street bikes, they are built specifically for law enforcement use. In 2022, Bicycle officers patrolled the village business district on weekends and provided traffic details for the July 4th parade, Swayer Motors Car Show and Cantine Field during sporting events.



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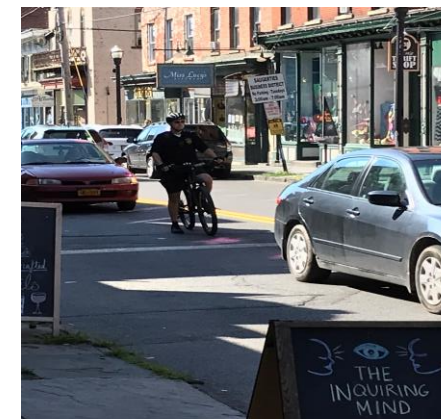
Lieutenant KJ Swart and Reserve Police Officer Phil Sinagra (Chief's twin brother) ready for bike patrol

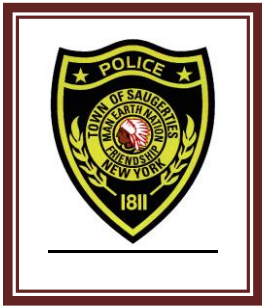


Rev. James Louis



Det Thiele and Lt Swart on Bike Patrol at the annual car show





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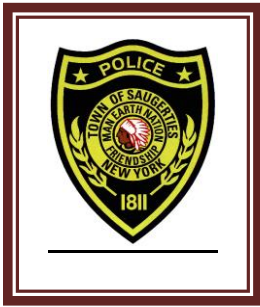


DEPARTMENT 2022 ARREST DEMOGRAPHICS

The Town and Village of Saugerties encompasses 64.5 square miles in land mass and 3.5 square miles of water (United States Census Bureau statistics). The Town borders Greene County to the north, the Hudson River to the east, Town of Ulster to the South and the Town of Woodstock to the west.

Population numbers indicate there are 19,038 residents in the town of Saugerties and another 3,756 residents in the village, total population 22,794. There are 9,214 taxable parcels within the Town and the Village of Saugerties (Saugerties Assessors Office). (Population numbers are estimates only based on US Census Data of July 1, 2021)

Saugerties Population By Race	PERCENT POPULATION	SPD 2022 ARREST	TOTAL NUMBER
BLACK AFRICAN AMERICAN	1.40%	13%	47
WHITE	93.43%	77%	282
NATIVE AMERICAN	0.23%	0%	0
ASIAN	0.41%	0%	0
WHITE HISPANIC	Unknown	9%	34
BLACK HISPANIC	Unknown	0%	1
TOTAL POPULATION	22,794		364
TOTAL MALES ARRESTED	239	65.66%	
TOTAL FEMALES ARRESTED	89	24.45%	



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2022 YEAR END BUDGET OVERVIEW

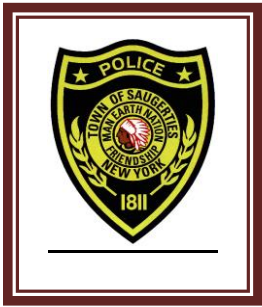


Revised 2/9/23

The Police Department’s FY2022, adopted police budget was **\$2,985,372** - Actual 2022, expenditures amounted to **\$3,432,606** Revenues captured in 2022 amounted to **\$535,112**. Revenues negated over expenditures and resulted in a year-end fund balance of **\$67,026**. This is the tenth year in a row, SPD ended the Fiscal Year with a fund balance! Our policy of charging for services outside the scope of normal policing and revenue streams has enabled us to generate these fund balances. In fact, In the past ten years, total revenues generated minus expenditures has amounted to a total of **\$596,376.65** returned to the Town’s coffers. This surplus each year goes directly back into the Town’s General Fund, which contributes toward increasing and maintaining a positive fund balance in the Town of Saugerties .

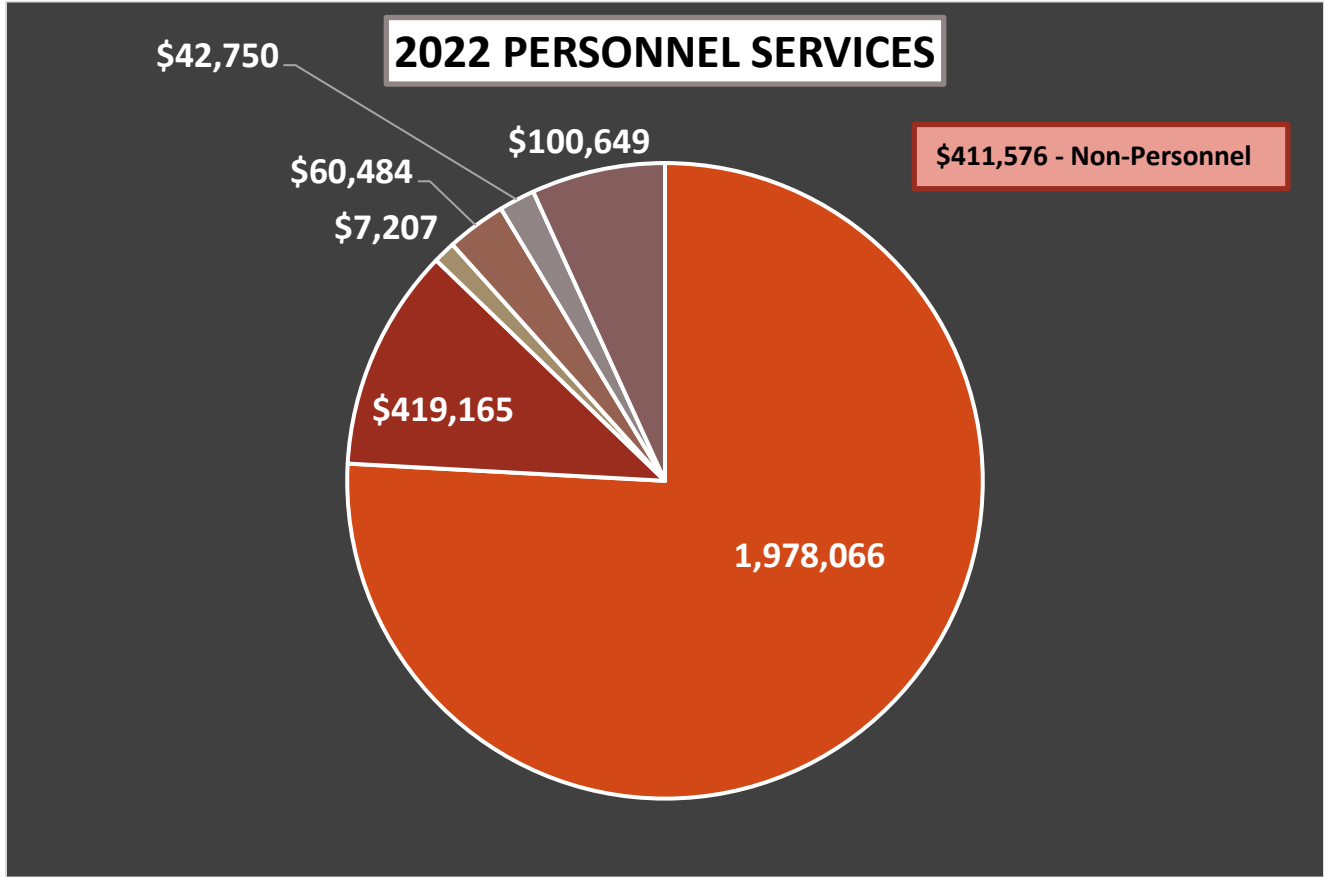
(In FY 2022, the total taxpayer cost for 24-hour police services was \$478.18 for each taxable parcel or a cost per day for police services of \$1.31. This included Health Benefits, Workmen’s Comp Ins., Retirement and Disability)

YEAR	ADOPTED	YEAR END TOTAL	TOTAL REVENUES	END BALANCE
2013	\$2,115,177.00	\$2,248,842.05	\$188,159.93	\$54,494.88
2014	\$2,225,094.00	\$2,279,840.18	\$173,738.26	\$118,992.08
2015	\$2,358,458.00	\$2,512,821.80	\$272,633.11	\$118,269.31
2016	\$2,356,163.00	\$2,472,835.11	\$126,933.53	\$10,261.42
2017	\$2,428,438.00	\$2,610,561.27	\$212,637.00	\$30,513.73
2018	\$2,568,939.00	\$2,708,630.28	\$ 171, 249.98	\$31,558.70
2019	\$2,608,632.00	\$2,797,333.00	\$213,783.00	\$25,082.00
2020	\$2,658,362.00	\$2,812,813.17	\$252,104.58	\$97,653.41
2021	\$2,774,261.00	\$3,021,722.73	\$269,134.85	\$21,673.12
2022	\$2,985,372.00	\$3,433,225.32	\$516,627.55	\$68,774.23
TOTAL				\$577,272.88



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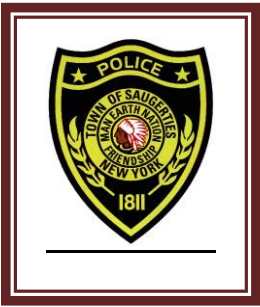


Regular Earnings	\$ 1,978,066
Overtime Earnings	\$ 602,390
Holiday	\$ 7,207
Longevity	\$ 60,484
Stipend	\$ 42,750
P/T Police Wages	\$ 100,649

Total Personnel Spending = \$2,888,162

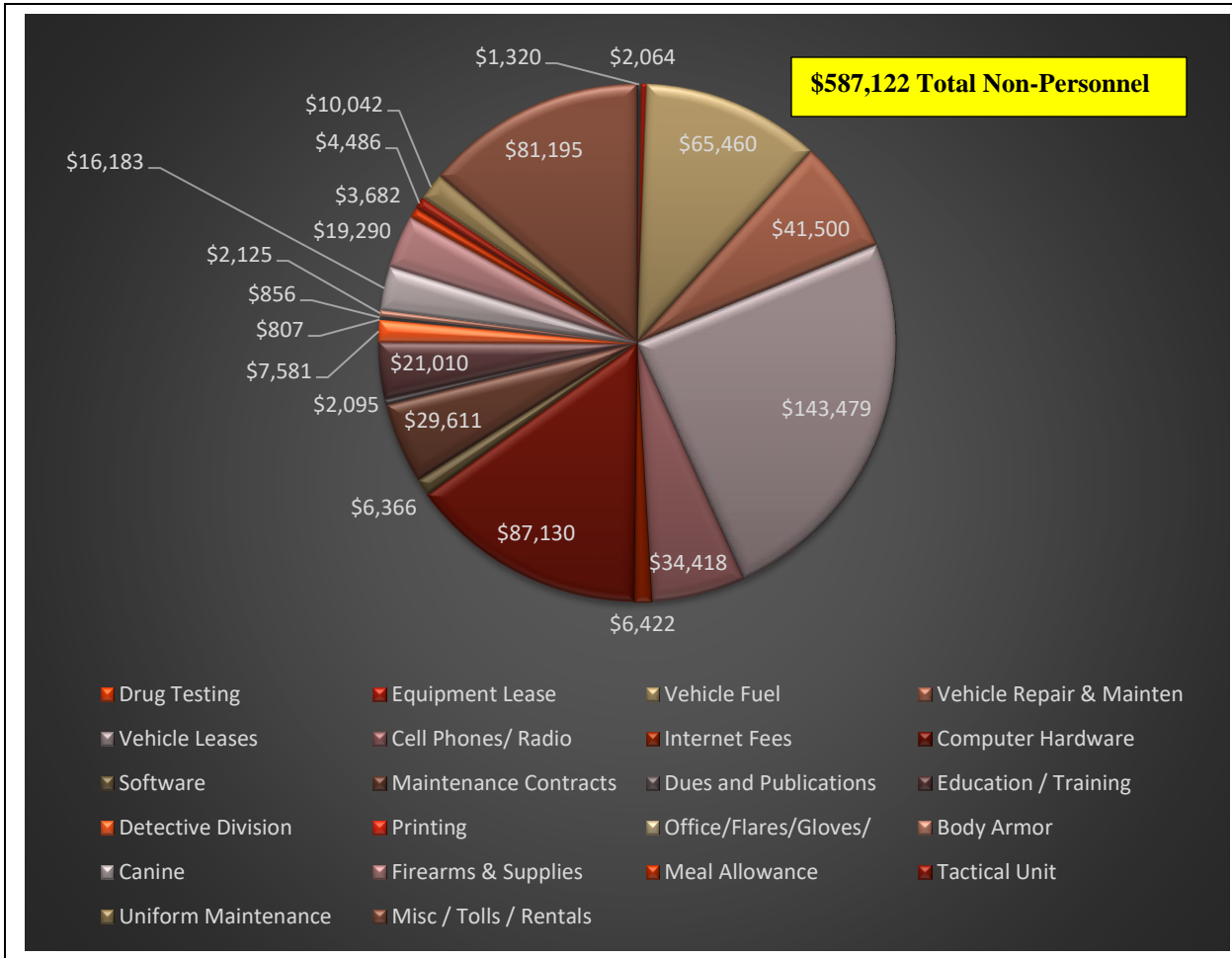
Total Personnel Revenues = \$170,410

Revenues are back charges for services rendered when police are hired for extra duty events or special assignments.

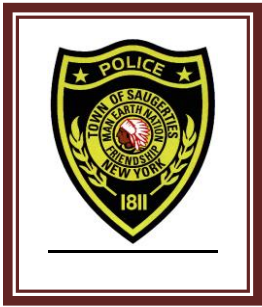


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Drug Testing	\$1,320	0.22%
Equipment Lease	\$2,064	0.35%
Vehicle Fuel	\$65,460	11.15%
Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	\$41,500	7.07%
Vehicle Leases	\$143,479	24.44%
Cell Phones/ Radio	\$34,418	5.86%
Internet Fees	\$6,422	1.09%
Computer Hardware	\$87,130	14.84%
Software	\$6,366	1.08%
Maintenance Contracts	\$29,611	5.04%
Dues and Publications	\$2,095	0.36%
Education / Training	\$21,010	3.58%
Detective Division	\$7,581	1.29%
Printing	\$807	0.14%
Office/Flares/Gloves/	\$856	0.15%
Body Armor	\$2,125	0.36%
Canine	\$16,183	2.76%
Firearms & Supplies	\$19,290	3.29%
Meal Allowance	\$3,682	0.63%
Tactical Unit	\$4,486	0.76%
Uniform Maintenance	\$10,042	1.71%
Misc / Tolls / Rentals	\$81,195	13.83%



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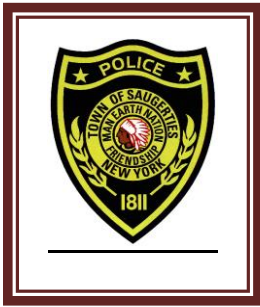


ORACLE – OPIOID RESPONSE AS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

ORACLE is a rapid response team, sponsored by the UC Sheriff’s Office. The Team consists of law enforcement officers, peer advocates, mental health professionals and rehabilitation specialists who work together to help those afflicted by substance abuse and to provide support to families, without judgment or legal consequences.

In 2020, Sheriff Juan Figueroa requested assistance from the Saugerties Police Department in providing personnel assets to the ORACLE team. Sergeant Sydney Mills was assigned as the agency team leader for SPD ORACLE team members, Erik Lilland, Sophie Wolfe, and Officer Dan Farcher. All four officers participating in ORACLE, attending ORACLE sponsored trainings on a monthly basis in addition to their regular duties. Our ORACLE team members began active participation in callouts in November of 2020, responding to the needs of our community members who are suffering from addiction.

In 2022, the Saugerties Police Participated in a Federal Grant Application with the Ulster County Sheriff’s Office in hopes of obtaining additional funding that would provide a part-time SPD ORACLE member to be placed on the team on a full-time basis. In the Fall of 2022, we received word that the Grant, in the amount of \$3 Million Dollars had been awarded. Just as we do now, with the UCFCAC, the assigned ORACLE officer’s position will be fully re-imbursed through the grant. This will provide even greater opportunity to work on a full time bases to reach out to individuals suffering from addiction, providing them with concrete intervention and fulltime attention. As we have learned through this endeavor, not all individuals are receptive to the program at the time of the incident or their initial interview. The team approach provides peer support, detox options, rehabilitation programs as well as assistance in applying for health insurance. With this information it allows the individual to reach out more effectively when they are ready to accept assistance. This program has fostered positive relationships with those in need and has increased trust in the police by those most effected. There has also been a positive uptick from medical professionals who support and work closely with ORACLE team members. Concentrating on this effort on a fulltime bases within our community is crucial in our efforts to eradicate the senseless deaths that result from addiction.



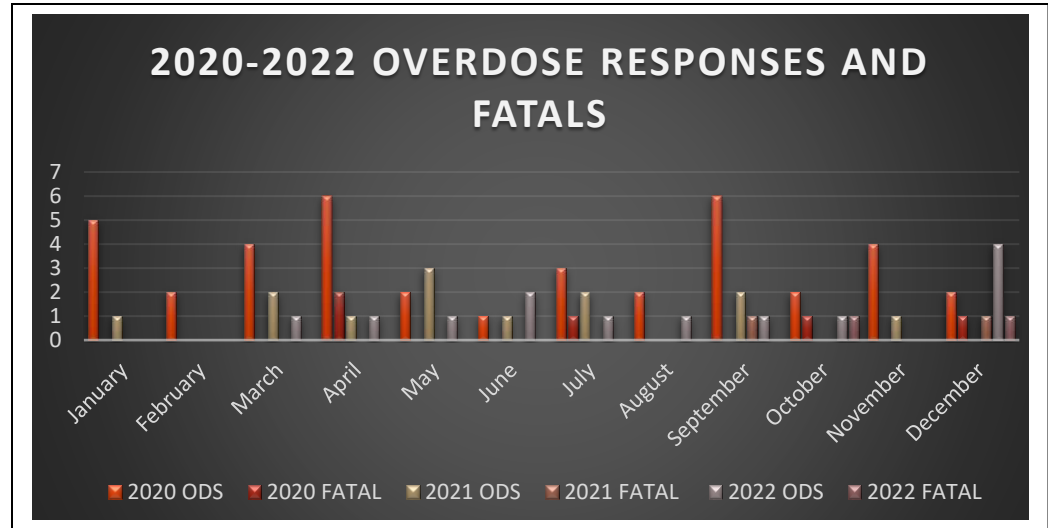
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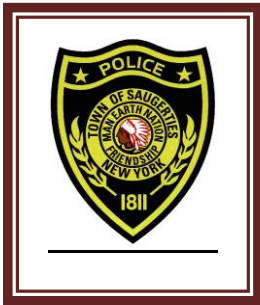
In January 2020, Saugerties Police obtained certification through the New York State Health Department as a designated Opioid Prevention Provider. We educate, train, and provide NARCAN to community members.

YEAR	2020	2020	2021	2021	2022	2022
MONTH	ODS	FATAL	ODS	FATAL	ODS	FATAL
January	5		1		0	0
February	2		0		0	0
March	4		2		1	0
April	6	2	1		1	0
May	2		3		1	0
June	1		1		2	0
July	3	1	2		1	0
August	2		0		1	0
September	6		2	1	1	0
October	2	1	0		1	1



55% Decrease in Overdoses and a 60 Decrease in Fatal Overdoses from 2020

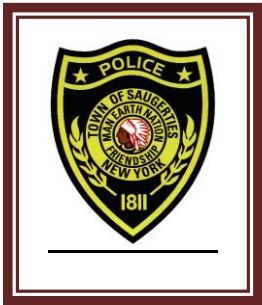
*In 2022, the Saugerties Police Department responded to 15 reported Overdoses. Saugerties Police Officers administered NARCAN four times, each time reversing the overdose. Unfortunately, two out of the fifteen overdoses we responded for; the individual was already deceased. Addiction is not a crime, nor should it be treated as such. We believe that intervention for those suffering from addiction is the only way to eradicate any further deaths from occurring in the future. Police Officers carrying NARCAN is only one answer to this complex problem. Providing those suffering from any type of addiction with a map to recovery is the most important thing we can do, in addition to providing support and hope to all of those suffering from addiction and to their families. This is why our agency’s participation in ORACLE is so important. Just look at the numbers from 2020 to 2022, a remarkable **55% decrease in Opioid Overdoses**.*



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Missing: 4-year-old Paislee Shultis, may be with non-custodial parents

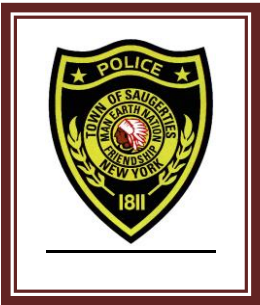
by WRGB STAFF | Wednesday, June 17th 2020



LAST SEEN WITH	
	KIMBERLY A COOPER DOB: 10/11/1988 Sex: Female HGT: 5'03" WGT: 150 lbs. Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Race: White
	KIRK D SHULTIS DOB: 06/30/1989 Sex: Male HGT: 5'11" WGT: 180 lbs. Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue Race: White

The Saugerties Town Police Department is asking to the public to help find a 4-year old Paislee Joann Shultis. She is believed to be with her non-custodial parents, Kimberly Cooper and Kirk Shultis. She last seen July 13, 2019.





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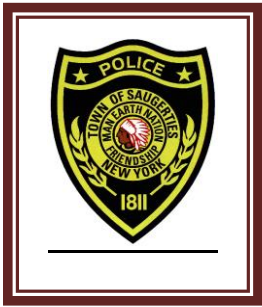




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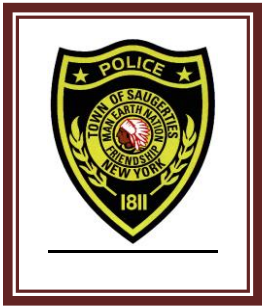


2022 USE OF FORCE REPORT

DATE	CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF FORCE USED	PURPOSE	COMPLAINT	Gender / Ethnicity
3/10/2022	CA-00195-22	Compliance Technique	Effect Arrest	MHL 9.41 Mental Health	Male / White
2/20/2022	BL-020309-22	Compliance Technique	Assist in Arrest	MHL 9.41 Mental Health	Female / White
3/20/2022	CA-00244-22	Compliance Technique	Effect Arrest	MHL 9.41 Mental Health	Male / Black
3/23/2022	BL-03812-22	Compliance Technique	Effect Arrest	Fleeing Motorist	Male / White
5/12/2022	CA-00359-22	Taser Deployment	Effect Arrest	Armed Person Threatening Others	Male / White
5/19/2022	CA-00447-22	Compliance Technique	Effect Arrest	MHL 9.41 Mental Health	Male / Black
5/23/2022	CA-00437-22	Compliance Technique	Effect Arrest	Order or Protection Violated	Male / White
7/4/2022		Compliance Technique	Control Situation	Disorderly Subject	Male / White
9/28/2022	CA-00910-22	Compliance Technique	Effect Arrest	Reckless Endangerment 2nd	Female / White

DATE	CASE NUMBER	TYPE OF FORCE USED	PURPOSE		
2/28/2022	BL-020603-22	Firearm	Dispatch Injured Animal		
5/12/2022	CA-00399-22	Firearm	Dispatch Injured Animal		
5/29/2022	CA-00545-22	Firearm	Dispatch Injured Animal		
9/17/2022	CA-00871-22	Firearm	Dispatch Injured Animal		

New York State Law requires that all police agencies report to the Department of Criminal Justice Service (DCJS) anytime a police officer displays or uses any non-lethal or lethal weapon for the purpose of subduing an individual.



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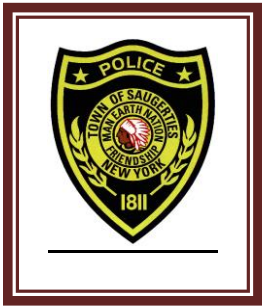


226 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS DIED IN 2022



Of the 226-law- enforcement line-of-duty deaths in 2022, firearms-related fatalities were second only to Covid-19 as the leading cause of death. The 64 officers killed by gunfire in 2022 mirrors the 64 such officers killed in 2021 and continues to reflect a 21% increase over the historical average of firearms-related deaths between 2010 and 2020. . Of the 64 firearms fatalities, 11 were ambushed, 10 were attempting to make an arrest, 9 were handling domestic disputes, 8 were investigating suspicious circumstances/persons, 6 were killed making traffic stops, and 5 were killed handling disturbance calls. Four were inadvertently or mistakenly shot by fellow officers and 3 each were shot while serving civil papers and responding to robbery calls. Two were shot while serving a felony warrant, 1 was shot handling an inmate, and the final 2 were not clearly defined.





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TODAY I WILL NOT ANSWER THE RADIO



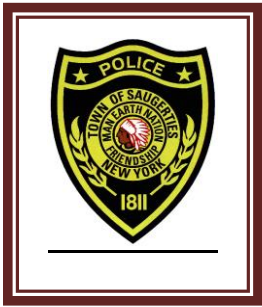
Today, I will not answer the radio call that your boyfriend has come home drunk and is beating you again.

Today, I will not answer the radio call that your 16- year- old daughter, who is very responsible, is four hours late coming home from school.

Today, I will not answer the radio call that your store has been robbed or your house has been burglarized.

Today, I will not stop a drunk driver from killing someone. I will not catch a rapist or a murderer or a car thief.

Today, I will not answer the radio call that a man has a gun or tried to abduct a child or that someone has been stabbed or has been in a terrible accident.



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Today, I will not save your child that you locked in a car or the child you were too busy to watch who went outside and fell into the swimming pool, but that I revived that child.

No, today I will not do that. Why?

Because ----

Today, I was killed by a drunk driver while I was helping push a disabled car off the highway.

Today, I was shot and killed during a routine traffic stop to simply tell someone that they had a taillight out.

Today, I was killed in a traffic accident rushing to help a citizen.

Today, I was shot and killed serving a warrant on a known drug dealer.

Today, I was killed by a man when I came by to do a welfare check because his family was too busy.

Today, I was killed trying to stop a bank robbery or a grocery store robbery.

Today I was killed doing my job.



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A chaplain and an officer will go to a house and tell a mom and dad or a wife or husband or a child that their son or daughter or husband or wife or father or mother won't be coming home today.

The flags at many police stations were flown at half-mast today but most people won't know why.

There will be a funeral and my fellow officers will come, a twenty-one-gun salute will be given and taps, and bagpipes will be played as I am laid to rest.

My name will be put on a plaque, on a wall, in a building, in a county, city, town, or village somewhere.

A folded flag will be placed on a mantel or a bookcase in a home somewhere and a family will mourn.

There will be no cries for justice.

There will be no riots in the streets.

There will be no officers marching, screaming 'no justice, no peace.'

No citizens will scream that something must be done.

No windows will be smashed, no cars burned, no stones thrown, no names called.

Only someone crying themselves to sleep tonight will be the only sign that I was cared about.

I was a police officer