

**Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: August 5, 2021 – 5:15 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairwoman Eve Walter
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Parete (arrived at 5:25 PM)
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Detective Tagliaferro – UC Sheriff's Office, Deputy County Executives Milgrim & Rider, Director Schmidt – UC Probation, Director Erichsen – UC Emergency Communications/Management, Deputy Commissioner Quesnell – UC DPW

Chairwoman Walter called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the July 7, 2021 Meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the August 17, 2021 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 350: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Lease Amendment With O&W Station, LLC For The Family & Child Advocacy Center- Department Of Public Works – Buildings And Grounds

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair to enter a lease agreement with O&W Station, LLC for an additional 1,349 square feet of office space at 51 Hurley Avenue, Kingston until the end of the lease term March 31, 2025 for a total square footage of 4,677 at an adjusted aggregate lease cost of \$381,339.90.

Motion No. 2: **Moved Resolution No. 350 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 363: Amending Capital Project No. 519 - Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Energy Upgrades – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 519 to increase the funding available for design services for boiler replacement in the amount of \$39,800.00 for a total design cost of \$93,800.00.

Motion No. 3: **Moved Resolution No. 363 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion:

Chairwoman Walter advised the members that the vendor who was originally awarded the contract failed to meet all of the conditions of the contract requiring the work to be re-bid with the new bid coming in higher. Legislator Haynes asked if all of the bids were rejected. Deputy Executive Rider responded that the awarded vendor could not meet the insurance requirements, adding that the requirements were included as part of the bid document and speculated that may have contributed to their lower bid. He stated that all bids were rejected, and the project was re-bid.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 367: Authorizing The Chair Of Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The 2020-21 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair to execute n agreement with the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services for the 2020-2021 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Operations Grant from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, in the amount of \$125,412.00.

Motion No. 4: **Moved Resolution No. 367 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Haynes
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 368: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – Project GIVE – District Attorney

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for a Gun Involved Violence Intervention (GIVE) grant in the amount of \$80,525.00, for the period commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Motion No. 5: **Moved Resolution No. 368 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion:

Chairwoman Walter mentioned that Resolutions for GIVE funding were traditionally received from the DA, Probation and the Sheriff during the same month and asked Director Schmidt if she could shed any light on why the DA's was the only one before them. Director Schmidt responded that her office as well as the Sheriff's also received a notice of the award, but procedurally they wait until the grant is completely entered in to the grants management system before submitting a Resolution.

Chairwoman Walter asked Deputy Executive Milgrim if he would follow up with the Sheriff to ensure that he is also moving forward with the Resolution process.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 369: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For Participation In The Crimes Against Revenue Program – District Attorney

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for participation in Crimes Against Revenue Program (CARP) for the term January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$143,600.00.

Motion No. 6: **Moved Resolution No. 369 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Haynes

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 370: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services For The Aid To Prosecution Program – District Attorney

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for \$39,690 in additional funding to renew the Aid to Prosecution Program through March 31, 2022.

Motion No. 7: **Moved Resolution No. 370 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Haynes

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 371: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$92,730.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract entered into with NYCOMCO in the amount of \$92,730 for the lease of two-way radio equipment for the Department of Probation from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026.

Motion No. 8: **Moved Resolution No. 371 FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Haynes

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

Discussion:

Chairwoman Walter advised the members that a question was raised during the Committee Chairs' meeting regarding the benefits of leasing compared to purchasing radios. Director Schmidt responded that the pricing is similar between purchasing and leasing, however the service, maintenance, repair and replacement is free of charge. She added that moving of radio equipment between cars is done free of charge, radio frequencies and intercommunication upgrades are also completed automatically and is included in the lease. Director Schmidt added that should the county decide to purchase radios, there would still need to be a service contract to upgrade software and frequencies. She advised the members that NYCOMCO upgrades radios each time a police or emergency response agency changes their frequency, adding that if the county purchased their own radios they would not be as quickly upgraded.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 372: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2021, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 of 2014, A Local Law Respecting the Outdoor Restraint of Companion Animals

Resolution Summary: This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2021.

Motion No. 9: **Moved Resolution No. 372 FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Fabiano
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion:

Legislator Haynes stated that she would vote to move the Resolution to the floor but asked whether there were any exceptions in the law for accommodations for hunting dogs. There was no indication that further amendments had been discussed.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner, Parete & Walter
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Chairwoman Walter advised the members that a copy of the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force's final report was provided with the meeting materials. She encouraged they members to review the report and the accompanying proposed draft Resolutions and informed the members that a presentation on the Task Force's work would be made at Legislative Session on August 17. She added that it was her intention to introduce the package of Resolutions for consideration in September and recognized that many of them, especially those creating new positions, may be postponed and considered as part of the 2022 Budget process. She added that many of the Resolutions would be tweaked to add dollar amounts and clear legal review. She advised the members that the Resolutions relating to a Centralized Arraignment Program are place holders as work and conversations with the magistrates associating are ongoing.

Legislator Fabiano complemented Chairwoman Walter of the report and the amount of work that went into it.

Legislator Parete apologized for arriving to the meeting late and stated for the record that he would like to cast his vote in support of each Resolution on the agenda. The prior vote counts were updated by the Deputy Clerk to reflect Legislator Parete's support.

Chairwoman Walter advised the members that they should have received an email from the Deputy Clerk on behalf of Legislator Parete with suggestions for special meeting(s)/hearing questions and recommended invitees. She turned the floor over to Legislator Parete.

Legislator Parete commented that he believes there is a real public safety issue in the county and provided the information to the Chair and committee to proceed with a hearing. Chairwoman Walter stated that the scheduling of the meeting(s) and inviting of speakers was entirely up to Legislator Parete and should be coordinated through the Deputy Clerk. Legislator Parete thanked Chairwoman Walter for the go ahead to move forward and stated that he would coordinate with her to select meeting date(s).

Chairwoman Walter advised the members that Resolution No. 353 (Amending the 2021 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From New York State Office Of Children And Family Services – Youth Bureau,) was discussed in the Legislative Programs meeting. The Resolution approved \$25,000 through OCFS for a Safe Summer Youth Program “to support positive youth development activities that attract youth ages 14-21 at risk of being perpetrators and victims of gun violence in high-gun violence neighborhoods and census tracts.” Deputy Executive Rider added that the funding is specifically for use in the City of Kingston and is planned to be used to continue a basketball program at the YMCA.

Chairwoman also informed them that they were provided a copy of the Sheriff's 2020 Annual Report and encouraged them to reach out to the Sheriff with any questions

She asked the members if there was any other new or old business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Heppner
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:37 PM

Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk Mahler
Approved: September 1, 2021

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM TASKFORCE (CJRTF)

2021 FINAL REPORT



**The Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force was established October 2019
(and extended August 2020)**

Our Mission

To evaluate all the impact of the New York State bail and discovery reforms and the county criminal justice delivery programs for efficacy, efficiency, and compliance with state requirements, to ensure the best and most cost-effective delivery of services, and to explore opportunities for program expansion to help the greatest number of county residents who may be in need of services but do not meet the extremely narrow qualifying criteria.

Appointed Members

Legislator Eve Walter, Chair
District Attorney Dave Clegg, Ulster County District Attorney's Office
Josh Gran, People Inc.
Acting Public Defender Cliff Owens, Ulster County Public Defender's Office
Legislator Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr., Minority Leader
Nancy Schmidt, Ulster County Probation Department
Lieutenant Joseph Sciutto, Ulster County Sheriff's Office
Assistant Public Defender Raymond Sprowls, Public Defender's Office
Commissioner Tyrone Wilson, Human Rights Commission
Alderswoman Rita Worthington, City of Kingston Common Council, Fourth Ward

Ex Officio Members

Chief Public Defender Ruth Boyer, Ulster County Public Defender's Office
Nina Dawson, Director, Ulster County Youth Board
Chairman David Donaldson, Ulster County Legislature
Sheriff Juan Figueroa, Ulster County Sheriff's Office
Dana Katz, Director, Program Director, One80, Family of Woodstock
Andrew Kossover, Member, Executive Committee of the NYS Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section,
and Past-President of the NYS Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
Chief Robert Lucchesi, New Paltz Police Department
Kim Mapes, Youth & Family Engagement Coordinator, Ulster County Restorative Justice
& Empowerment Center
Hon. Robert Vosper, former Town Justice, Town of Rosendale

Community Members

Carl Brown, Community Action
Jacki Brownstein, New Paltz Resident
Renee Hack, New Paltz Resident
Elizabeth Lee, New Paltz Resident
Adriana Magaña, Wawarsing Resident
Tanya Marquette, Gardiner Resident
David McNamara, Samadhi
Dr. Edgar Rodriguez, New Paltz Resident
Jennifer Vallance, Shokan Resident
Dr. Maggie Veve, Town of New Paltz Resident

Other Participants

Claudia Battaglia, New Paltz Resident
Mary Trish Cina, Supervisor, Probation Department
Legislator Peter Criswell, Ulster County Legislature
Shelley Eshkar, Town of Rochester Resident
Fanon Frazier, Citizen Action NY
Maria Elena Ferrer-Harrington, Humanamente
Dr. Anita Igbokwe, Institute for Family Health
Callie Jayne, Rise Up Kingston
Thomas Kadgen, League of Women's Voters
Cynthia Kim, Institute for Family Health
Robert Lesnow, Accord Resident
P. Chana Lunior, Woodstock Resident
Valarie Naccarato, Ulster County Probation Department
Carol Nolan, New Paltz Resident
Legislator Laura Petit, Ulster County Legislature
Lisa Royer, Kingston Resident
Jane Schanberg, New Paltz Resident

Special Guests

Hon. James Bacon, Ulster County Magistrates Association & New Paltz Town Justice
Hon. Charlie Dechon, Town of Wawarsing Town Justice
Public Defender Michael Baker, Broome County Public Defender's Office
Sheriff David Harder, Broome County Sheriff's Office
District Attorney Michael Korchak, Broome County District Attorney's Office
Dr. Edward Lawson, Jr., Family and Community Engagement Services, Inc.
Assistant District Attorney Garrett Lyons, Broome County District Attorney's Office
Major Mark Smolinsky, Broome County Sheriff's Office
Hon. Rhett Weires, New Paltz Town Justice

This report is a collaboration of UC-CJTF regularly attending members for the Ulster County Legislature.

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Introduction

While the initial focus of the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force (UC-CJRTF) centered on bail and discovery reform, two significant events occurred in the duration of the UC-CJRTF: 1) The COVID-19 pandemic, and 2) The publicized death of George Floyd and the subsequent New York Governor's mandate that all municipalities identify police reform initiatives. As a result, bail and discovery reform was expanded to include diversion; alternatives to incarceration; police reform; and equity in criminal justice. These fell under five priority areas:

PRIORITY AREAS

Restorative Justice

Balancing the Rights of Accused with Rights of Victims

Crisis Response

Supporting Law Enforcement's Capacity to Work with People in Crisis

Ethics and Integrity in Law Enforcement

Responding to Discrimination

Identifying and Preventing Discrimination in the Criminal Justice System

Reintegration of Incarcerated Individuals

Reduce the Revolving Door of Criminality

Centralized Arraignment

Restorative Justice: Balancing the Rights of Accused with the Rights of Victims

BACKGROUND

In 2013, with funding from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the Ulster County Department of Probation, in partnership with Family of Woodstock, Inc., implemented and evaluated an innovative program called One80 which serves youth aged 7–17 through referrals from police and schools of youth at-risk of arrest. Since the program started, nearly 300 Restorative Justice Circles have been completed, resulting in a recidivism rate of only 6%.

In the duration of the UC-CJRTF, several changes have already been implemented: 1) the provision of monthly Restorative Justice trainings for any Ulster County resident interested in understanding the process and/or ultimately leading a Restorative Justice Circle as a facilitator; 2) the expanded engagement of the Office of the District Attorney which supported an expansion of the program to include adults aged 18–26 with misdemeanors and non-violent felonies. In addition, the UC-CJRTF supported an expanded definition of restorative justice to include community building among neighbors.

OUTSTANDING NEEDS

The UC-CJTF felt a strong desire to see Restorative Justice practices in Ulster County further expand where ultimately, they can be used for a larger number of cases to divert individuals from the jail and toward greater community cohesion. While the expansion of Restorative Justice overall, and over the next several years, will continue to be addressed by the District Attorney’s Restorative Justice Working Group, at this stage, it was felt that an understanding of how Restorative Justice works would be highly beneficial to improve the responses to crime and victimization in our county by those hired to provide these services.

ALIGNMENT WITH EXECUTIVE’S JUSTICE REFORM REPORT

The UC-CJRTF outstanding needs align with the Executive’s Report’s justice reform goal; “Create a culture in Ulster County of healing and repairing instead of punitive.”

PROPOSED INITIATIVES

Legislative Resolution: Implementing a Restorative Justice Training Program for the employees who are active in the administration of criminal justice services in the County Departments of Probation, Public Defender, and Conflict Administrator, and in the Elected Offices of the District Attorney, and Sheriff (see Appendix, pages 12–15).

Crisis Response: Supporting Law Enforcement’s Capacity to Work with People in Crisis

BACKGROUND

People living with mental illness in New York are more likely to encounter the criminal justice system, resulting in a large number of arrests and incarcerations (National Survey of Drug Use and Health). For 2021, our county invested money to expand the Mobile Mental Health services to a broader geographic area, and also added a social worker position to the 911 dispatch system particularly to assist when law enforcement is engaged with an individual experiencing a mental health crisis.

Ulster County sees an average of 30 opioid overdoses each month, a rate driven mostly by consistently higher rates since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. From May 2020 through May 2021, there were 526 confirmed opioid-related overdoses resulting in 71 fatalities in our County (Ulster County HEAL). In terms of mental health, according to the NYS Health Foundation, 37% of adult New Yorkers reported poor mental health in fall 2020. This rate is higher for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), younger adults, and low-income individuals.

In 2020, our county lost its only inpatient mental health and substance abuse recovery beds early in the pandemic when Westchester Medical Center moved their beds to Dutchess County and provided no timeline to return inpatient beds to Ulster County. While law enforcement utilizes the psychiatric emergency room when the need arises, an estimated 65% of those seen in our regional psychiatric emergency room are directly discharged, supporting the need for non-hospital level services for these individuals.

OUTSTANDING NEEDS

Our county residents who experience mental or substance abuse crisis deserve a 24-hour/7-day a week response stabilization center to immediately connect them with an integrated team of clinical counselors, peer specialists, and behavioral health professionals, as well as to our local community’s health and human service providers, to address any mental health, addiction, or social determinant of health needs.

Further, they deserve access to longer-term respite beds that continue these services as the individual needs. For the crisis hub/stabilization center, individuals may seek care voluntarily or maybe brought in by law enforcement on a crisis intervention call. For respite beds, individuals may be able to enter and leave as they feel they need. For each, service users should have access to health assessments, motivational interviewing and de-escalation, peer support and engagement, crisis counseling, guest-centered care planning, recovery and wellness education, direct connections to outside services, advocacy, and follow-up to ensure quality outcomes. At both the crisis stabilization center and respite beds, all users must feel safe and welcome. For many, this may be their first experience asking for help and support.

ALIGNMENT WITH EXECUTIVE’S JUSTICE REFORM REPORT

The UC-CJRTF outstanding needs align with the Executive’s justice reform goal: “We will create an Ulster County culture of treatment and healing instead of incarceration and punishment for people experiencing mental health crises.”

PROPOSED INITIATIVES

Legislative Proposal: Create and fund a Crisis Stabilization Center and two 4-bed, 7–10 day recovery homes for individuals experiencing mental health or substance abuse crises (see Appendix, pages 16–21).

Ethics and Integrity in Law Enforcement

BACKGROUND

Law enforcement is entrusted by the public to demonstrate high ethical standards which are consistent with the laws they have sworn to uphold. To be worthy of this trust, and to ensure that the professional conduct of law enforcement is lifted and held at the highest level, internal regulation and robust training must be prioritized and fully integrated into any law enforcement body.

Professionalism in law enforcement requires establishing minimum standards of ethical codes conduct, vigorous investigations into breeches of these codes, and defined rules for internal discipline to ensure compliance. Further, professionalism in law enforcement requires the implementation of comprehensive and continuous education of its members specifically around the type of events that have historically resulted in breeches of these codes of conduct among law enforcement.

Crisis Intervention Training (40-hours) can equip responding officers with the skills, knowledge, and community connections they need to: a) engage safely and effectively with people in crisis; b) link people in need to the best local services, supports, and resources; divert people from the criminal justice system whenever appropriate; c) improve the overall safety of such interactions—for all parties involved; and reduce repeat crisis calls.

OUTSTANDING NEEDS

Currently, complaints against officers presented both internally and externally, are handled as a collateral duty by a member of the Sheriff's team. As a collateral duty, the response to complaints is limited due to the limited amount of person-time available to investigate and respond to complaints, and also, a lack of independence from those for whom the complaint is about.

The Sheriff's Office requires a full-time Professional Standards Supervisor to oversee audits, quality assurance, and policy. This individual will conduct team inspections and will report to the Sheriff and Undersheriff and must not be affiliated with any police or corrections unions. The Professional Standards Supervisor will further provide administrative oversight of Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). While the volunteer Ulster County Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Diversion Committee currently organizes and delivers CIT trainings for Ulster County-based law enforcement, the local program is lacking in several ways: 1) there is no dedicated Ulster County CIT leadership; 2) the program is de-centralized amongst multiple police departments and potential teams; 3) there is too much diversity in each municipal police department's crisis response procedures.

The CIT Coordinator, centralized in Ulster County Sheriff's Office, would be able to: a) develop and grow the local CIT infrastructure, including representation from each police department, the local crisis response system of care, and peers/consumers/users of services; b) review and revise local law enforcement policies & procedures related to crisis response (achieving greater standardization whenever possible); c) improve integration (coordination & collaboration) between law enforcement and the behavioral health system of care; d) ensure program quality and fidelity to CIT standards; e) organize and help deliver all future CIT trainings; and f) provide community outreach and education about CIT's mission, vision, core values, activities, goals, and outcomes.

ALIGNMENT WITH EXECUTIVE'S JUSTICE REFORM REPORT

The UC-CJRTF outstanding needs align with the Executive's reports justice 5-year priority: "Expand Crisis Intervention Trainings to 50% percent of the Sheriff's Office personnel and 25% of all local Police Departments in Ulster County."

PROPOSED INITIATIVES

Legislative Resolution: Create and fund (including training costs) a Professional Standards unit including a Supervisor and CIT Manager to serve under the Ulster County Sheriff (see Appendix, pages 22–27).

Responding to Discrimination: Identify and Prevent Discrimination in the County Criminal Justice System

BACKGROUND

Based on the 2019 arrest and conviction data collected by the New York Department of Criminal Justice, in Ulster County, the rate of arrest of Black individuals is 39% higher than that of Whites; this jumps to 101% higher for felonies and 238% higher for drug felonies. Further, while 51% of arrests for Whites resulted in a sentence conviction, the rate is 72% for Blacks. As socio-demographics, such as disability, income, sexuality etc. are not collected in arrest data, potential discrimination based on these factors these cannot be enumerated but likely exist.

Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 203, stipulated that: "each local government entity which has a police agency operating with police officers as defined under 1.20 of the criminal procedure law must perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color;" The attention to the need to engage community members into conversations about the nature of and responses to discrimination in criminal justice was highlighted in the Governor's Executive Order.

OUTSTANDING NEEDS

While there are complaint processes in place for each area of the criminal justice system, most individuals are unaware of how to issue their complaints should any arise. The CJRTF identified the need for the county to provide assistance to any individual who feels they have been discriminated against by any employee of the criminal justice system including law enforcement, attorneys, judges, and corrections officers, and seek to properly report the incident.

The goal is to create a resource that assists individuals to appropriate and existing reporting systems. While most individuals will be supported in directing their complaints to the appropriate oversight bodies and human rights complaint will be considered for investigation by the Human Rights Commission.

Further, there is a need to continue the community engagement in successes and barriers identified at the municipal and county-levels to assure implementation of efforts that were carefully imagined. Therefore, it is proposed that a county-wide law enforcement community advisory board be formed from the membership of each municipal police reform taskforce and the mission to support the implementation of police reform measures across the county. This group shall meet quarterly to discuss advances and barriers to implementing the recommendations of each municipal task force as well as that of the county.

ALIGNMENT WITH EXECUTIVE'S JUSTICE REFORM REPORT

Although the Executive's commission recommended the creation of a Sheriff Police Review Board, members of the UC-CJRTF felt strongly at this time that an advisory board to support reform plans across the county was germane at this time.

PROPOSED INITIATIVES

Legislative Resolutions: Implementation and staffing of a Discrimination in Ulster County Criminal Justice System Complaint Hotline for Referrals through the Human Rights Commission (see Appendix, pages 28–32).

Legislative Resolution: Create a County Law Enforcement Community Board comprised of leaders from each municipal police reform task force (see Appendix, pages 33–35).

Re-Integration: Reduce Revolving Door of Criminality

BACKGROUND

According to the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, approximately 43% of corrections inmates are returned to custody after release (DOCCS Fact Sheet, May, 2021). The New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) encouraged counties to develop a Re-Entry Taskforce. These taskforces are tasked with coordinating services to individuals who are returning to their communities after serving a state prison sentence and determined to be at moderate or high risk of reoffending.

Currently, Family of Woodstock implements these services to assist these individuals to return to our community from the prison system through supports including housing, counseling, and treatments to help them to succeed and not reoffend. Based on 2018 data, as a result of this program, only 8% of released state inmates reoffended and these re-offenses typically occurred within two months of release.

In Dutchess County, a recent study demonstrated that around 37.5% of jail inmates with behavioral health issues could have been safely diverted in the pre-arrest stage if linked to treatment alternatives to incarceration—this accounts for almost 25% of the total jail population

OUTSTANDING NEEDS

Our county Sheriff has been looking to establish partnerships with local businesses to provide occupational training to individuals held in our jail with the hope of transitioning these individuals to jobs upon release.

However, we have no formalized re-entry program to support those who are released from our jail to support their re-entry and provide the skills and care they need to not reoffend. Such a program would reflect programs in the state prison system which access during incarceration: employment, housing, education/training, substance abuse and mental health needs, provide training and support for individuals while incarcerated, and provide continued training and support upon release.

The UC-CJRTF feel it is paramount to implement a reentry program in our county by calling out, through a request for proposal, to the agencies with experience providing comprehensive re-entry services to incarcerated individuals.

ALIGNMENT WITH EXECUTIVE'S JUSTICE REFORM REPORT

The Executive's Commission for Justice Reform suggests the immediate action of: 1) [creating] discharge plans that connect incarcerated people to housing, mental health treatment, and jobs prior to release; and 2) [increase] job training programs to upskill incarcerated people and connect them to jobs upon release." These goals and addressed and expanded upon in this proposal.

PROPOSED INITIATIVE

Legislative Resolution: Implementation of a Request for Proposal to Provide Re-entry Services to Ulster County Jail Inmates (see Appendix, pages 36–37).

Centralized Arraignment

BACKGROUND

In the Governor's 2017–2018 budget, New York State passed Chapter 492 amending section 212(w) of the Judiciary Law to allow the Chief Administrative Judge to establish a plan for off-hours arraignment parts in the local courts. This legislation was intended to improve access to public defenders or assigned counsel for indigent defendants. This statute allows law enforcement to bring a person accused to Centralized Arraignment Part (CAP) when all courts are closed (off-hours) and then send the case back to the court that has trial jurisdiction. The Uniform Justice Court Act was modified to allow a rotation of elected magistrates at the CAP location.

The 2019 New York Bail Reform and the 2020 revisions resulted in what may be perceived as a reduction in need for off-hour arraignments as magistrates are instead directing law enforcement to issue appearance tickets where appearances would occur during that court's scheduled time. Measuring the need for a CAP system has been further impeded by the COVID pandemic with many courts closed and a move toward virtual hearings.

To date, 17 New York counties (37%) have implemented centralized arraignment. Others, such as Dutchess County are still in exploration.

OUTSTANDING NEEDS

It anecdotally appears that the bail reforms have not achieved their full impact in regard to initial appearance before a magistrate. The reform, particularly the 2020 revision, directs magistrates to consider non-monetary condition of release, including mandated treatment or hospitalization—actions particularly important if the arrested individual is acutely experiencing a substance abuse or mental health crisis at the time of arrest. What appears to be occurring is several magistrates, when contacted off-hours, are more often directing law enforcement to issue appearance tickets without reviewing if non-monetary conditions of release are needed.

As success with implementing a CAP program in our county necessitates full cooperation from the local magistrates, at this time, efforts are being made to encourage magistrates to consider the potential positive implications while also addressing other municipal impacts (e.g. transport). To date, no consensus has been reached in our county as to whether we should move toward becoming a CAP county.

PROPOSED INITIATIVE

Should the decision be made to move forward to make Ulster a CAP county we would need to be pass:

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Establishing A Policy Requiring The Ulster County Personnel Director To Identify County Positions That Work Directly With Crime Victims And Persons Accused Of Crimes

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner and Parete) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

WHEREAS, In 2013, with funding from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) the Ulster County Department of Probation, in partnership with Family, Inc., implemented and evaluated an innovative program called One80 serving youth at-risk of arrest aged 7-17 through referrals from police and school districts; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, several changes have been implemented to the Ulster County Restorative Justice program including: 1) the provision of monthly Restorative Justice (RJ) trainings for any Ulster County resident interested in understanding the process and/or ultimately leading a RJ Circle as a facilitator; 2) the expanded engagement of the Office of the District Attorney; 3) an expansion of the program to include adults aged 18-26 with misdemeanors and non-violent felonies.; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 410 of October 15, 2019 established the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force (UC-CJRTF) which has set forth to evaluate existing and potential criminal justice programs, to ensure the best and most cost-effective delivery of services, and to explore opportunities for program expansion to help the greatest number of county residents who may be in need of services; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is in receipt of, and has reviewed the report of the UC-CJRTF; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Taskforce expressed a strong desire to see restorative justice practices in Ulster County further expand where ultimately it can be used for a larger number of cases diverting individuals from the jail and toward greater community cohesion.; and

WHEREAS, the one of the County Executive's Justice and Reform goals is to, "create a culture in Ulster County of healing and repairing instead of punitive;" and

DRAFT Resolution No. 1 Month X, 2021

Establishing A Policy Requiring The Ulster County Personnel Director To Identify County Positions That Work Directly With Crime Victims And Persons Accused Of Crimes

WHEREAS, while the expansion of Restorative Justice overall and over the next several years will continue to be addressed by the District Attorney's Restorative Justice working group, the UC-CJRTF believes that an understanding how restorative justice works would be highly beneficial for improving county responses to crime and victimization by certain county positions; and

WHEREAS, Article X, §A-10-1 of the Administrative Code provides that, "The Personnel Director shall make such other reports at such times as may be required by the County Legislature..."; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature establishes a policy requiring the Ulster County Personnel Director to prepare a report for the Legislature of all job titles, including vacant positions, in the county with responsibilities relating to the administration of criminal justice services, including positions that work directly with crime victims and persons accused of crimes, in the County Departments of Probation, Public Defender and Conflict Administrator, and in the Elected Offices of the District Attorney, and Sheriff, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this report shall be provided to the Clerk of the Legislature on October 1st of each year, with changes from the previous year's report clearly indicated,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

Requesting The County Executive Require Restorative Justice Training For County Personnel Working Directly With Crime Victims And Persons Accused Of Crimes

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner and Parete) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

WHEREAS, In 2013, with funding from the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) the Ulster County Department of Probation, in partnership with Family, Inc., implemented and evaluated an innovative program called One80 serving youth at-risk of arrest aged 7-17 through referrals from police and school districts; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, several changes have been implemented to the Ulster County Restorative Justice program including: 1) the provision of monthly Restorative Justice (RJ) trainings for any Ulster County resident interested in understanding the process and/or ultimately leading a RJ Circle as a facilitator; 2) the expanded engagement of the Office of the District Attorney; 3) an expansion of the program to include adults aged 18-26 with misdemeanors and non-violent felonies.; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 410 of October 15, 2019 established the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force (UC-CJRTF) which has set forth to evaluate existing and potential criminal justice programs, to ensure the best and most cost-effective delivery of services, and to explore opportunities for program expansion to help the greatest number of county residents who may be in need of services; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is in receipt of, and has reviewed the report of the UC-CJRTF; and

WHEREAS, The Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Taskforce expressed a strong desire to see restorative justice practices in Ulster County further expand where ultimately it can be used for a larger number of cases diverting individuals from the jail and toward greater community cohesion.; and

WHEREAS, the one of the County Executive's Justice and Reform goals is to, "create a culture in Ulster County of healing and repairing instead of punitive;" and

DRAFT Resolution No. 2 Month X, 2021

Requesting The County Executive Require Restorative Justice Training For County Personnel Working Directly With Crime Victims And Persons Accused Of Crimes

WHEREAS, while the expansion of Restorative Justice overall and over the next several years will continue to be addressed by the District Attorney’s Restorative Justice working group, the UC-CJRTF believes that an understanding how restorative justice works would be highly beneficial for improving county responses to crime and victimization by certain county positions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. XXX of 2021, the Ulster County Legislature adopted a policy requiring the Ulster County Personnel Director to “prepare a report for the Legislature of all job titles, including vacant positions, in the county with responsibilities relating to the administration of criminal justice services, including positions that work directly with crime victims and persons accused of crimes, in the County Departments of Probation, Public Defender and Conflict Administrator, and in the Elected Offices of the District Attorney, and Sheriff”; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature urges the Ulster County Executive to require and implement a Restorative Justice Training Program for the employees identified in the Personnel report, leveraging current RJ programming offered through the Restorative Justice and Empowerment Center, and tailoring the program as needed to each Department and/or Office,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

TBD

Calling For The Creation Of An Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center And Requesting The Initiation Of Request For Proposal Processes For The Provision Of Services For Individuals Experiencing Mental Health And/Or Substance Use Crisis

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner and Parete), The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Bruno, Criswell, Petit and Uchitelle) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 410 of October 15, 2019 established the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force (UC-CJRTF) which has set forth to evaluate existing and potential criminal justice programs, to ensure the best and most cost-effective delivery of services, and to explore opportunities for program expansion to help the greatest number of county residents who may be in need of services; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is in receipt of, and has reviewed, the report of the UC-CJRTF; and

WHEREAS, the report finds that according to the National Survey of Drug Use and Health, people living with mental illness in New York are more likely to encounter the criminal justice system, resulting in a large number of arrests and incarcerations; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County sees an average of 30 opioid overdoses each month, a rate driven consistently higher since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, with Ulster County HEAL reporting 526 confirmed opioid-related overdoses and 71 fatalities in our County from May 2020 through May 2021, and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Ulster County lost its only inpatient emergency mental health and substance abuse recovery beds when Westchester Medical Center/Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley moved their beds to Dutchess County to make room for a potential surge in COVID-19 patients; and

WHEREAS, while law enforcement utilizes the psychiatric emergency room when the need arises, many are faced extreme delays in access to intervention services, or a lack of available mental health and/or detox beds, resulting in an estimated 65% of those seen in our regional psychiatric emergency room being directly discharged, supporting the need for non-hospital level services for these individuals; and

DRAFT Resolution No. 3 MONTH X, 2021

Calling For The Creation Of An Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center And Requesting The Initiation Of Request For Proposal Processes For The Provision Of Services For Individuals Experiencing Mental Health And/Or Substance Use Crisis

WHEREAS, the UC-CJRTF finds that Ulster County residents who experience mental or substance abuse crisis deserve a 24-hour/7-day a week Crisis Stabilization Center to immediately connect individuals experiencing mental health and/or substance use crisis with an integrated team of clinical counselors, peer specialists, and behavioral health professionals, as well as access to our local community's health and human service providers, to address any mental health, addiction, or social determinant of health needs; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that approximately 200 individuals will be served monthly when the center is at full capacity; and

WHEREAS, the parameters for a County Crisis Stabilization Center are outlined through approved amendments to the New York State Mental Hygiene law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature calls for the creation of a Crisis Stabilization Center which operates 24 hours/day, 7 days per week, with sufficient staffing including: administrative staff, credentialed alcohol and substance abuse counselors (CASAC), social workers and/or otherwise licensed counselor, case managers, and certified recovery peer advocates (CPRA); priority should be given to individualized with personal lived recovery experience for mental health illness or substance abuse; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature requests the County Executive, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Mental Health, develop and initiate a Request for Proposals process to contract for the implementation and provision of services for individuals experiencing mental health and/or substance use crisis, and required to administer the Center; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be advised of all such Requests for Proposals and of the subsequent award of any such contract,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

DRAFT Resolution No. 3 MONTH X, 2021

Calling For The Creation Of An Ulster County Crisis Stabilization Center And Requesting The Initiation Of Request for Proposal Processes For The Provision Of Services For Individuals Experiencing Mental Health And/Or Substance Use Crisis

Passed Committee: Public Health and Social Services on

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on

FINANCIAL IMPACT: TBD

DRAFT

Calling For The Creation Of Respite Houses In Ulster County And Requesting The Initiation Of Request for Proposal Processes For The Provision Of Services For Individuals Seeking Mental Health And/Or Substance Use Recovery Assistance

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner and Parete), The Public Health and Social Services Committee (Chairman Lopez and Legislators Bruno, Criswell, Petit, and Uchitelle), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 410 of October 15, 2019 established the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force (UC-CJRTF) which has set forth to evaluate existing and potential criminal justice programs, to ensure the best and most cost-effective delivery of services, and to explore opportunities for program expansion to help the greatest number of county residents who may be in need of services; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is in receipt of, and has reviewed, the report of the CJRTF; and

WHEREAS, the report finds that according to the National Survey of Drug Use and Health, people living with mental illness in New York are more likely to encounter the criminal justice system, resulting in a large number of arrests and incarcerations; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County sees an average of 30 opioid overdoses each month, a rate driven consistently higher since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, with Ulster County HEAL reporting 526 confirmed opioid-related overdoses and 71 fatalities in our County from May 2020 through May 2021, and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Ulster County lost its only inpatient emergency mental health and substance abuse recovery beds when Westchester Medical Center/Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley moved their beds to Dutchess County to make room for a potential surge in COVID-19 patients; and

WHEREAS, while law enforcement utilizes the psychiatric emergency room when the need arises, many are faced extreme delays in access to intervention services, or a lack of available mental health and/or detox beds, resulting in an estimated 65% of those seen in our regional psychiatric emergency room being directly discharged, supporting the need for non-hospital level services for these individuals; and

DRAFT Resolution No. 4 MONTH X, 2021

Calling For The Creation Of Respite Houses In Ulster County And Requesting The Initiation Of Request for Proposal Processes For The Provision Of Services For Individuals Seeking Mental Health And/Or Substance Use Recovery Assistance

WHEREAS, the UC-CJRTF finds that Ulster County is in need of a system of support services and continued care for individuals upon discharge from a hospital, Crisis Stabilization Center, or other mental health and/or substance use facility, or ideally, to prevent this type of emergency use; and

WHEREAS, Respite Houses are 4-8 bed short-term crisis respite homes open and accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year which provide trauma informed, safe communities that allow individuals to work on their personal recovery from mental illness or substance use; and

WHEREAS, a Respite House is a self-referral service, ideally operated by individuals who themselves have had personal success with mental health and/or substance use recovery, designed to prevent hospital emergency use for psychiatric reasons and prevent potential future crises; and

WHEREAS, parameters of a Respite House (also known as a Crisis Residence) are outlined in Part 589 of 14 NYCRR; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature calls for the creation of multiple, 7-10 day Respite Houses in Ulster County, geographically spread out across the county, providing a minimum of eight beds overall, available to any resident of Ulster County ages 18 years old and over, with staffing for each home to include: administrative staff, crisis specialists, case managers, and administrative support; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature requests the County Executive, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and Mental Health, develop and initiate a Request for Proposals process to contract for the administration and provision of services at two Respite Houses; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be advised of all such Requests for Proposals and of the subsequent award of any such contract, and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

DRAFT Resolution No. 4 MONTH X, 2021

Calling For The Creation Of Respite Houses In Ulster County And Requesting The Initiation Of Request for Proposal Processes For The Provision Of Services For Individuals Seeking Mental Health And/Or Substance Use Recovery Assistance

Passed Committee: Public Health and Social Services on

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on

FINANCIAL IMPACT: TBD

DRAFT

Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Professional Standards Supervisor Position – Sheriff’s Office

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner and Parete) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 410 of October 15, 2019 established the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force (UC-CJRTF) to evaluate Restorative Justice Services in the county and explore opportunities for improvement and expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is in receipt of, and has reviewed the report of the UC-CJRTF; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Reform Taskforce identified that law enforcement are entrusted by the public to demonstrate high ethical standards which are consistent with the law they have sworn to uphold; and

WHEREAS, the UC-CJRTF further found that to be worthy of this trust and to ensure that the professional conduct of law enforcement is lifted and held at the highest level, internal regulation and robust training must be prioritized and fully integrated into any law enforcement body; and

WHEREAS, professionalism in law enforcement requires establishing minimum standards of ethical codes of conduct, vigorous investigations into breeches of these codes, and defined rules for internal discipline to ensure compliance; and

WHEREAS, in the Ulster County Sheriff’s Office currently complaints against officers presented both internally and externally are handled as a collateral duty by a member of the Sherriff’s team; and

WHEREAS, this structure substantially limits response to these complaints due to a finite amount of person-time available to investigate and respond in conjunction with regular duties, and, creates a troubling lack of independence from those for whom the complaint is about; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a full time Professional Standards Supervisor position is added to the office of the Sheriff to: oversee audits, quality assurance, and policy for that office and its members, conduct team inspections, uphold the Sheriff’s Office Code of Conduct and investigate and claims of violation; and, be it further

DRAFT Resolution No. 5 MONTH X, 2021

Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Professional Standards Supervisor Position – Sheriff’s Office

RESVOLVED, that this supervisor will provide administrative oversight of matters related to Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) programing and training, including de-escalation and peer-to-peer mental health support instruction; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this supervisor will create, implement, and regularly evaluate a triage diversion plan for individuals presenting with a mental health crisis to law enforcement, and will be responsible for the evaluation of current law enforcement policy the recommendation of potential revisions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, and that this position will report to the Sheriff and Undersheriff and must not affiliated with any unions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA-3110-1810-1400-1400 (App.#)	Regular Pay	\$ 28,942.00
AA-3110-1810-4300-4345 (App.#)	Professional Services Education/Training	\$ 10,000.00
AA-3110-1810-8000-8000 (App.#)	Retirement	\$ 4,828.00
AA-3110-1810-8010-8010 (App.#)	Social Security	\$ 2,215.00
AA-3110-1810-8020 (App.#)	Health Insurance	\$ 7,922.00
AA-9900-9900-3700 (Rev.#)	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$43,905.00

and moves its adoption.

DRAFT Resolution No. 5 MONTH X, 2021

Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Professional Standards Supervisor Investigate and Uphold the Sheriff's Office Code of Conduct and Oversee EEOC and EAP/CIT – Sheriff's Office

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$53,905.00 – ADDITIONAL 2021 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$85,838.00 – ESTIMATED 2022 ANNUAL REGULAR PAY

DRAFT

Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Reflect Additional Funding for a Crisis Intervention Team Manager Position – Sheriff’s Office

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner and Parete) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 410 of October 15, 2019 established the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force (UC-CJRTF) which has set forth to evaluate existing and potential criminal justice programs, to ensure the best and most cost-effective delivery of services, and to explore opportunities for program expansion to help the greatest number of county residents who may be in need of services; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is in receipt of, and has reviewed the report of the UC-CJRTF; and

WHEREAS, people living with mental illness in New York are more likely to encounter the criminal justice system, resulting in a large number of arrests and incarcerations (National Survey of Drug Use and Health); and

WHEREAS, failures to develop a robust Crisis Intervention Team and to assure appropriate crisis intervention and de-escalation training for officers has been found to result in poorer outcomes for both law enforcement and individuals who interact with them in a potential arrest; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Reform Taskforce identified that a key way to prevent potential abuse of law enforcement toward a civilian is through the expansion of the Sheriff’s Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and de-escalation trainings for officers; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 Ulster County invested money to expand the Mobile Mental Health services to reach a broader geographic area and added a social worker position to the 911 dispatch system particularly to assist in incidents where law enforcement is engaged with an individual experiencing a mental health crisis; and

WHEREAS, these efforts are better realized with increased and improved training for members of the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, the current 40 hour de-escalation training implemented to some of the county law enforcers have been well received and has anecdotally shown an impact on preventing poorer outcomes for law enforcement and civilians but are costly and therefore not available to a broader group of police officers; and

DRAFT Resolution No. 6 MONTH X, 2021

Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Reflect Additional Funding for a Crisis Intervention Team Manager Position – Sheriff’s Office

WHEREAS, the UC-CJRTF finds that these trainings should be formalized, required for new hires, available to our County’s municipal police and repeated in regular intervals; and

WHEREAS, the UC-CJRTF further finds that law enforcement peer support training centered on the mental health of law enforcement personnel is needed as well; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive’s Justice and Reform Plan includes a priority to, “expand crisis intervention trainings to 50% percent of the Sheriff’s Office personnel and 25% of all local Police Departments in Ulster County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a full-time Crisis Intervention Team manager position is created to: oversee crisis intervention trainings, including de-escalation and peer-to-peer mental health support trainings, evaluate and recommend potential revisions in law enforcement policy, create, implement, and regularly evaluate a triage diversion plan for individuals presenting with a mental health crisis to law enforcement, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA-3110-1810-1400-1400 (App.#)	Regular Pay	\$ 17,150.00
AA-3110-1810-8000-8000 (App.#)	Retirement	\$ 2,861.00
AA-3110-1810-8010-8010 (App.#)	Social Security	\$ 1,312.00
AA-3110-1810-8020 (App.#)	Health Insurance	\$ 4,694.00
AA-9900-9900-3700 (Rev.#)	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$26,017.00

DRAFT Resolution No. 6 MONTH X, 2021

Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Crisis Intervention Team Manager To Coordinate And Expand De-Escalation Trainings – Sheriff’s Office

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$26,017.00 - ADDITIONAL 2021 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$50,865.67 – ESTIMATED 2022 ANNUAL REGULAR PAY

DRAFT

Establishing A Hotline To Provide Support And Referral Information For Individuals Who Believe They Have Been Discriminated Against In The Ulster County Criminal Justice System

Referred to: Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner and Parete) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 410 of October 15, 2019 established the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force (UC-CJRTF) which has set forth to evaluate existing and potential criminal justice programs, to ensure the best and most cost-effective delivery of services, and to explore opportunities for program expansion to help the greatest number of county residents who may be in need of services; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is in receipt of, and has reviewed the report of the UC-CJRTF; and

WHEREAS, the report finds that based on the 2019 arrest and conviction data collected by the New York Department of Criminal Justice, the rate of arrest of Black individuals in Ulster County is 39% higher than that of Whites; this jumps to 101% higher for felonies and 238% higher for drug felonies; further, while 51% of arrests for Whites resulted in a sentence conviction, the rate is 72% for Blacks.; and

WHEREAS, as socio-demographics such as disability, income, sexuality etc. are not collected in arrest data potential discrimination based on these factors cannot be enumerated but likely exist; and

WHEREAS, measuring the true extent of discrimination experienced by individuals from police, attorneys, judges, probation and corrections officers is not possible; and

WHEREAS, while there are complaint processes in place for each area of the criminal justice system, most individuals are unaware of how to issue their complaints, should any arise; and

DRAFT Resolution No. 7 MONTH X, 2021

Establishing A Hotline To Provide Support And Referral Information For Individuals Who Believe They Have Been Discriminated Against In The Ulster County Criminal Justice System

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force identified the need for the county to provide assistance to individuals who believe they have been discriminated against by an employee of the criminal justice system including law enforcement, attorneys, judges, and corrections officers and seek to properly report the incident; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that it is the policy of Ulster County to provide a hotline for community members who believe they have been discriminated against in our criminal justice system to call to receive support and referral information as to the appropriate place and method to report the discriminatory treatment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature calls upon the Ulster County Human Rights Commission to administer and promote the hotline, and that it be dedicated solely for this purpose,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
TBD

Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Criminal Justice Discrimination Support Referral Specialist – Human Rights Commission

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairwoman Bartels and Legislators Gavaris, Heppner, Roberts and Ronk) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

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WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is in receipt of, and has reviewed the report of the UC-CJRTF; and

WHEREAS, the report finds that based on the 2019 arrest and conviction data collected by the New York Department of Criminal Justice, the rate of arrest of Black individuals in Ulster County is 39% higher than that of Whites; this jumps to 101% higher for felonies and 238% higher for drug felonies; further, while 51% of arrests for Whites resulted in a sentence conviction, the rate is 72% for Blacks.; and

WHEREAS, as socio-demographics such as disability, income, sexuality etc. are not collected in arrest data potential discrimination based on these factors cannot be enumerated but likely exist; and

WHEREAS, measuring the true extent of discrimination experienced by individuals from police, attorneys, judges, probation and corrections officers is not possible; and

WHEREAS, while there are complaint processes in place for each area of the criminal justice system, most individuals are unaware of how to issue their complaints should any arise; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Reform Task Force identified the need for the county to provide assistance to any individual who feels they have been discriminated against by any employee of the criminal justice system including law enforcement, attorneys, judges, and corrections officers and who seek to properly report the incident; and

DRAFT Resolution No. 8 MONTH X, 2021

Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Criminal Justice Discrimination Support Referral Specialist – Human Rights Commission

WHEREAS, the UC-CJRTF has learned that the Office of the Commissioner of Human Rights receives numerous calls seeking precisely this information on a regular basis; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, a part-time Criminal Justice Discrimination Support Initiative Referral Specialist position will be created in the Human Rights Commission Budget to provide a support and referral system for community members who feel they have been discriminated against in our criminal justice system, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2021 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA-8040-3500-1400-1400 (App.#)	Part-Time Pay	\$ 8,057.00
AA-8040-3500-8000-8000 (App.#)	Retirement	\$ 1,344.00
AA-8040-3500-8010-8010 (App.#)	Social Security	\$ 617.00
AA-8040-3500-8020 (App.#)	Health Insurance	\$ 2,206.00
AA-9900-9900-3700 (Rev.#)	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$12,222.00

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

DRAFT Resolution No. 8 MONTH X, 2021

Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Criminal Justice Discrimination Support Referral Specialist – Human Rights Commission

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$12,222.00 - ADDITIONAL 2021 APPROPRIATION DOLLARS

\$23,894.42 – ESTIMATED 2022 ANNUAL REGULAR PAY

DRAFT

Establishing The Ulster County Law Enforcement Community Advisory Board

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner and Parete)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 410 of October 15, 2019 established the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force (UC-CJRTF) to evaluate Restorative Justice Services in the county and explore opportunities for improvement and expansion; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is in receipt of, and has reviewed the report of the UC-CJRTF; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Reform Taskforce identified with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 203 (EO203) titled, New York State Police Reform And Reinvention Collaborative, stipulating that: "each local government entity which has a police agency operating with police officers as defined under 1.20 of the criminal procedure law must perform a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and develop a plan to improve such deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, for the purposes of addressing the particular needs of the communities served by such police agency and promote community engagement to foster trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color," and

WHEREAS, EO203 stipulated the importance to engage community members in these discussions and as a result many community members committed extensive time and care into developing plans for each police force in the county including the office of the Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to continue community engagement in successes and barriers to success identified at the municipal and county-levels to assure implementation of these carefully imagined efforts; and

WHEREAS, *pursuant to Ulster County Charter Section C-16 and the Administrative Code Section A2-11: "Advisory committees, commissions and boards. Members of all citizens' committees, commissions and boards appointed pursuant to Section C-11K of the Charter shall serve at the pleasure of the County Legislature. They shall serve without compensation other than for actual and necessary expenses within appropriations made therefor, unless otherwise provided by resolution of the County Legislature. The Chairman of the County Legislature shall be a member ex-officio of all such committees, commissions and boards;"* now, therefore, be it

DRAFT Resolution No. 9 MONTH X, 2021

Establishing The Ulster County Law Enforcement Community Advisory Board

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Law Enforcement Community Advisory Board is hereby created as a centralized community advisory group tasked with supporting and evaluating the implementation of the reform plans approved for Ulster County as a result of EO203 for efficacy, efficiency, and compliance, to ensure the best and most cost-effective delivery of services as well as to discuss implementation, and barriers to implementation, of plans within individual municipalities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Advisory Group shall consist of:

- One (1) community member representative from each of the Ulster County EO203 task forces,
- One (1) Legislator chosen by the Majority Leader,
- One (1) Legislator chosen by the Minority Leader, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Law Enforcement Community Advisory Group shall meet no later than 30 days after the appointments to said Advisory Group are made, and shall continue to meet no less than quarterly; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive's Office shall provide the assistance of such departments that he or she deems appropriate; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the first meeting of the Advisory Group shall be convened by the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature and at said meeting, the members of the Advisory Group shall choose one of its members to be the Chair of the Advisory Group; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Advisory Group shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the County Legislature for consideration, review, and appropriate action, if necessary, no later than one year after its first meeting; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Law Enforcement Community Advisory Group shall be dissolved upon filing its findings and recommendations with the Clerk of the Legislature,

and move its adoption.

DRAFT Resolution No. 9 MONTH X, 2021

**Establishing The Ulster County Law Enforcement Community
Advisory Board**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

DRAFT

Requesting The Initiation Of A Request for Proposal Process For The Provision Of Re-Entry Services For Individuals Serving Time In The Ulster County Jail

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner and Parete) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gavaris and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Haynes, Maio, Parete, Ronk, and Walter)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 410 of October 15, 2019 established the Ulster County Criminal Justice Reform Task Force (UC-CJRTF) which has set forth to evaluate existing and potential criminal justice programs, to ensure the best and most cost-effective delivery of services, and to explore opportunities for program expansion to help the greatest number of county residents who may be in need of services; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is in receipt of, and has reviewed, the report of the UC-CJRTF; and

WHEREAS, the report finds that according to the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision approximately 43% of corrections inmates are returned to custody after release (DOCCS Fact Sheet, May, 2021) and the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) encouraged counties to develop a Re-Entry Taskforce to coordinating services to individuals who are returning to their communities after serving a state prison sentence and determined to be at moderate or high risk of reoffending; and

WHEREAS, in Ulster County Family of Woodstock, Inc. implements services to assist these individuals to return to our community from the prison system through supports including housing, counseling, and treatments to help them to succeed and not reoffend; and

WHEREAS, as a result, based on 2018 data, only 8% of released state inmates reoffended and these re-offenses typically occurred within two months of release; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Sheriff has been actively pursuing partnerships with local businesses to provide occupational training to individuals held in our jail with the hopes of transitioning these individuals to jobs upon release; and

DRAFT Resolution No. 10 MONTH X, 2021

Requesting The Initiation Of A Request for Proposal Process For The Provision Of Re-Entry Services For Individuals Serving Time In The Ulster County Jail

WHEREAS, we have no formalized reentry program to support those who are released from our jail to support their reentry and provide the skills and care they need to not reoffend; and

WHEREAS, the UC-CJRTF believes that a program reflective of that which is provided in the state prison system, including: assessing during incarceration an individual’s employment, housing, education/training, substance abuse and mental health needs, providing training and support for individuals while incarcerated, and providing continued training and support upon release, will substantially benefit individuals incarcerated in Ulster County as well as the communities to which they return; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive’s Justice and Reform Plan suggests the immediate action of 1) [creating] discharge plans that connect incarcerated people to housing, mental health treatment, and jobs prior to release; and 2) [increase] job training programs to upskill incarcerated people and connect them to jobs upon release.”; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature requests the County Executive, in consultation with the Ulster County Sheriff, develop and initiate a Request for Proposals process to contract for the implementation and provision of re-entry services to Ulster County jail inmates reflective of the services outlined above, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature be advised of all such Requests for Proposals and of the subsequent award of any such contract, and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on

FINANCIAL IMPACT: TBD

Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce, And The Governor Sign, An Amendment To Section § 500-C Of The New York State Corrections Law To Authorize The Ulster County Correctional Facility To Hold Persons Under Arrest For Arraignment In Any Court Located In The County Of Ulster (Phase I CAP)

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner and Parete)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York Corrections Law § 500-C, the Ulster County Sherriff may not house persons arrested and detained prior to arraignment; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Sherriff has the adequate facilities and procedures to house said persons prior to arraignment; and

WHEREAS, detention of said persons prior to arraignment is in the best interest of promoting public safety and efficient use of law enforcement resources; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution of the State of New York, it is necessary for this Legislature to enact a Home Rule Request for the purposes of said legislation; now, therefor be it

RESOLVED, the New York State Legislature and Governor are requested to pass legislation amending Section § 500-C of the New York State Corrections Law To Authorize The Ulster County Correctional Facility To Hold Persons Under Arrest For Arraignment In Any Court Located In The County Of Ulster (Phase I CAP) as follows:

Section 1. Section 500-a of the Correction Law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-S to read as follows:

2-s. THE ULSTER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MAY ALSO BE USED FOR THE DETENTION OF PERSONS UNDER ARREST BEING HELD FOR ARRAIGNMENT IN ANY COURT LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF ULSTER.

Section 2. Section 500-c of the correction law is amended by adding a new subdivision 25 to read as follows:

25. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IN THE COUNTY OF ULSTER, ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL EQUALLY APPLY IN ANY CASE WHERE THE SHERIFF IS HOLDING A PERSON UNDER ARREST FOR ARRAIGNMENT PRIOR TO COMMITMENT, AS IF SUCH PERSON HAS BEEN JUDICIALLY COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE SHERIFF AND SUCH PERSON MAY BE HELD IN THE ULSTER COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

DRAFT Resolution No. 11 MONTH X, 2021

Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce, And The Governor Sign, An Amendment To Section § 500-C Of The New York State Corrections Law To Authorize The Ulster County Correctional Facility To Hold Persons Under Arrest For Arraignment In Any Court Located In The County Of Ulster (Phase I CAP)

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the amendments to section 500-c of the Correction Law, made by Section two of this act, shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to submit a Home Rule Request (Request by Local Government for Enactment of a Special Law), pursuant to Article IX of the New York State Constitution upon introduction of the above requested legislation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, this Home Rule Request shall be forwarded to the Governor, Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, Assembly Speaker, Assembly Majority Leader, Assembly Minority Leader, New York State Assemblymembers Kevin Cahill, Jonathan Jacobsen, Brian Miller, and Chris Tague, and New York State Senators Michele Hinchey, Mike Martucci, Peter Oberacker, and James Skoufis,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

TBD

Approving Phase II Of The Ulster County Central Arraignment Part

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Walter and Legislators Fabiano, Haynes, Heppner and Parete)

Legislator Eve Walter offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Sherriff has the adequate facilities and procedures to house said persons prior to arraignment;

WHEREAS, detention of said persons prior to arraignment is in the best interest of promoting public safety and efficient use of law enforcement resources; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. XX Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce, And The Governor Sign, An Amendment To Section § 500-C Of The New York State Corrections Law To Authorize The Ulster County Correctional Facility To Hold Persons Under Arrest For Arraignment In Any Court Located In The County Of Ulster (Phase I CAP) has been introduced for consideration by the Ulster County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of Resolution No. and subsequent enactment of the requested amendment to New York Corrections Law § 500-C, anticipated to be enacted into law on or before [MONTH DAY, 2021], allowing the Ulster County Sherriff to hold a person under arrest for arraignment, prior to commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Central Arraignment Part provides for the regular hours and administration of the Ulster County Central Arraignment Part to conduct local criminal court arraignments, and provides for the availability to conduct emergency arraignments, which are requested to occur at any time of the day or night; and

WHEREAS, arrestees brought to the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center will, where practicable, be arraigned at the first available arraignment time within the Centralized Arraignment Part; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature Approves Phase II of the Ulster County Central Arraignment Part; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that upon approval by the New York State Office of Court Administration of Phase II of the Ulster County Central Arraignment Part, operation shall commence as soon as practicable,

and move its adoption.

DRAFT Resolution No. 12 MONTH X, 2021

Approving Phase II Of The Ulster County Central Arraignment Part

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on

FINANCIAL IMPACT: TBD

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ULSTER COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

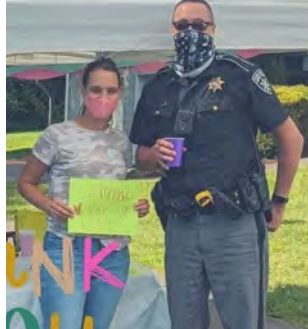
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UNDERSHERIFF ERIC V BENJAMIN



ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Chairman David Donaldson;

On behalf of the dedicated professionals of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, I respectfully present the 2020 Annual report to you and the members of the Ulster County Legislature.

The year 2020 brought many challenges: bail reform, new discovery law, an unprecedented human pandemic, economic upheaval, budget cuts, staffing level cuts, civil demonstrations, national anti-law enforcement sentiment, police reform, national political turmoil, and the continued opioid epidemic.

The pandemic caused multiple additional responsibilities: COVID-19 test site security 24/7, the distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE), COVID-19 vaccination site security, transportation of tests to Albany NY, assisting the Ulster County Department of Health with 'Pause' complaints, and cease and desist orders. The Criminal Division continued its mission of public safety, protecting property, keeping the peace and investigating crimes.

At the Ulster County Law Enforcement center, COVID-19 safety protocols were established. The Corrections Division set up virtual courts for county and local courts. Virtual meetings were held with defense counsel and the inmate population. The population was given free video calls, phone calls and commissary money to offset the closure of contact visitations.

For nine months the virus was kept at bay due to the safety protocols. During the second wave of the pandemic, the virus entered the facility but was isolated to one housing unit. Numerous members of all divisions of this office did get the virus and one member did pass away due to complications of COVID-19.

Through such a challenging year, members were still committed to providing the people of our county with premier law enforcement, corrections and civil office services. The Sheriff's Office Criminal Division recorded over 30,000 calls for service and continued vital support and training to our local law enforcement agencies. The Corrections Division processed 2,431 admissions to the Ulster County Jail. Over 218,375 meals were prepared for the population and the staff. The medical staff screened 669 inmates and documented 4,466 sick call visits. There were 2,889 doctor and dentist visits for the population. Approximately \$7k of a NY state grant for \$50k was used to offset the cost for the medical-assisted treatment program. The Corrections Division revenue for the year 2020 was \$841,191.97.

The Civil Division collected \$2,647,686.in transactions revenue. Evictions were at an all-time low due to the pandemic, and the Governor's executive order and moratorium on commercial and residential evictions. The Pistol Permit section adjusted the working hours to 'by appointment only' and assisted with virtual courts for pistol permits. Income executions continued uninterrupted.

In November, the Bureau of Justice Assistance awarded the Sheriff's Office O.R.A.C.L.E. (Opioid Response As County Law Enforcement) team and the UC DOH the comprehensive opioid, stimulant, and substance abuse site-based program (COSSAP) a \$900k grant to combat the opioid epidemic in Ulster County. For the first time in the history of this office, a social worker and peer advocates will be embedded with law enforcement to help get our residents with addiction to treatment. The grant funds crisis intervention training for the county and local law enforcement officers.

The year 2020 came with additional staffing adjustments to deal with the new criminal justice reform laws and police reform. A discovery coordinator was hired fulltime to gather all required records, reports and videos for the timeliness of prosecutorial and defense due process and required deadlines. A part-time Professional Standard Investigator was reclassified to handle complaints of discrimination. As an accredited agency, the additional training of implicit bias and citizen-officer interaction were added to our in-service training.

I extend my full gratitude for the support of our Ulster County Legislature during these unique times. I also want to recognize the dedication, hard work and professionalism of the members of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. The honor of serving is truly humbling. I look forward to the continued support of the legislature and the residents of Ulster County for a safe and healthy 2021.

Juan Figueroa
Sheriff



2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ⇒ Secured a \$900,000 COSSAP grant for the opioid epidemic.
- ⇒ Expanded the ORACLE, MAT and Discharge plan.
- ⇒ Finalized the \$485,000 Port Security grant to begin the building of our new boat.
- ⇒ Established and implemented an agency EEOC policy.
- ⇒ Continued to offer multiple training courses to outside agencies
- ⇒ Maintained all 110 accreditation standards
- ⇒ Secured temporary indoor storage facilities for department equipment.
- ⇒ Finalized several critical agency policies and procedures.
- ⇒ Obtained \$52,540 emergency services grant

GOALS FOR 2021

- ⇒ Work with emergency management to increase radio communications in the county
- ⇒ Train all members in Officer/Citizen Interaction Encounters/Implicit Bias
- ⇒ Upgrade a depreciated vehicle fleet
- ⇒ Begin an annual citizens academy
- ⇒ Work towards accreditation of the emergency response team.
- ⇒ Establish a Sheriff's APP for transparency
- ⇒ Develop a violent crimes strategy

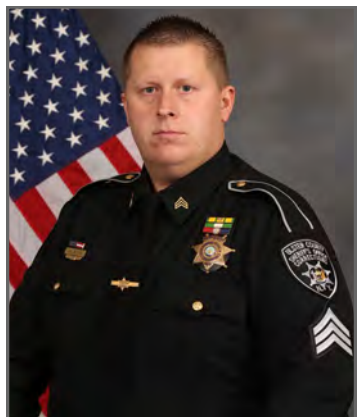
CORRECTIONS



**MAJOR
JOHN BECKER**



**LIEUTENANT
GENE STOUTENBURG**



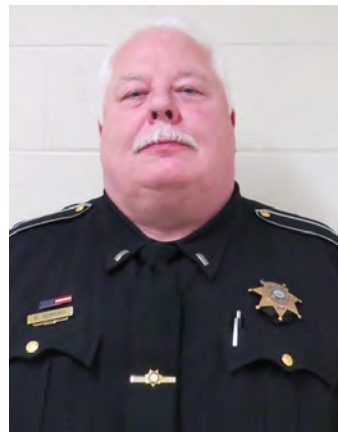
**LIEUTENANT
JASON BLEAU**



**SUPERINTENDENT
JEROME JOHN**

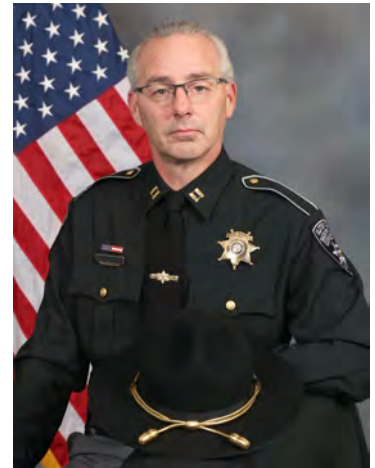


**LIEUTENANT
JOSEPH DECKER**



**LIEUTENANT
GEORGE GUNNING**

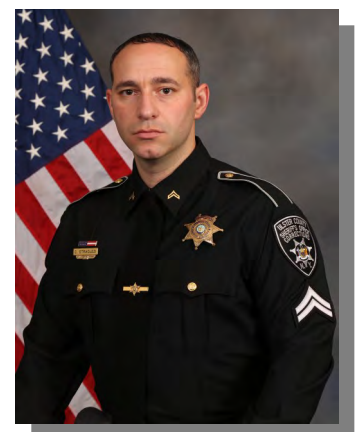
ADMINISTRATION



**CAPTAIN
MICHAEL MCGIRR**



**LIEUTENANT
EDWARD DECICCO**



**LIEUTENANT
CHARLES STRACUZZI**

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The Corrections Division is supervised by a mandated security staff of 158. Due to budget cuts, we are currently operating with a staff of 143.

The 2020 highest monthly inmate average of 194 occurred in October and the lowest monthly inmate average of 106 occurred in June. The overall daily population averaged 139 in 2020; this represents a significant decrease from

the 2019 average of 220 due to bail reform and the early release of chronically ill inmates due to Covid-19. The female population averaged 14.8 women per day. The average length of stay for an incarcerated person in 2020 was 19.1 days.

Maintaining safety, security and order are the primary duties of each corrections officer. To continuously provide these components and comply with New York State corrections guidelines, the facility utilized \$1,344,747.10 in overtime and part time money to provide manpower for post coverage, staff vacancies, training, one on one supervisions and transportation of population.

Covid-19 protocols in 2020 forced the facility to established a Virtual Court arraignment system that facilitated a reduction in transportation of inmates to court, allowed parole, probation and attorney's to communicate with inmates without the need for transportation to courts. This reduced our vehicle mileage from 109,677 to 68,795 in 2020. Precautions required the cessation of contact visits for much of 2020. We created a virtual visitation program for families to interact with their incarcerated family members. Emergency non-contact visits are granted on a case by case evaluation. These innovative programs prevented the infection of our inmate and staff population. In December of 2020, when our first covid positive inmate was identified, testing procedures began for the entire inmate population. All positive covid inmates were housed in one isolated unit and staff was required to wear PPE which included face shields, masks, gloves and splash gowns. New inmates were isolated for 14 days and monitored for any symptom prior to being assigned to general population. Sheriff Figueroa initiated a system where inmates would receive free phone calls and video visitation coupons saving \$12, 231.16 to inmates and their families.

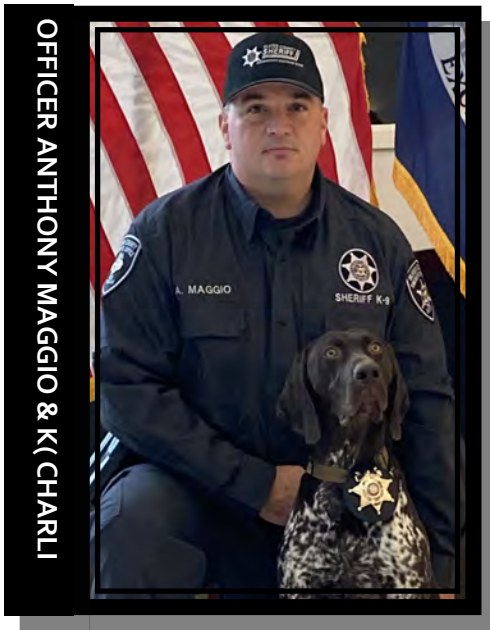


The Ulster County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (S.E.R.T.) S.E.R.T. was established in 1990. The original team started with 8 officers, and grew to 23 specialized trained staff. The team participates in numerous high risk, high security transports and trials. S.E.R.T. members are assigned to handle facility problems, escort inmates to and from housing units and are prepared at a moment's notice to quell problems before they escalate. They completed over 1,000 hours of training. This training consisted of physical training in the weight room, chemical agents, cell extraction, cell searches, jail shake-downs, Article 35/ Use of Force, hostage survival, and firefighting and firearms certification.



Sheriff's Emergency Response Team

CORRECTIONS K9



In December 2020, K9 Officer Anthony Maggio and K9 Charli graduated from an 8-week narcotics detection school and is certified as a NYS narcotics team. In 2020, K9 Officer Maggio and K9 Maverick conducted searches of over 48 housing units, 380 visitor lockers and 120 civilian lockers resulting in multiple drug finds. Notable finds in 2020:

In September 2020, while conducting a search of the visitor parking lot, K9 Maverick alerted on a vehicle which resulted in over 20 decks of heroin.

In December 2020, K9 Charli alerted upon an inmate while conducting routine search and located 14 strips of Suboxine.



Basic Corrections Graduation 2020

FOOD SERVICES—The Food Services Unit provides three nutritional meals each day for the inmate population. The kitchen is open seven days a week to meet the needs of staff and the inmate population. The Ulster County Jail maintains a full time county cook, while TRINITY FOOD SERVICES employs a Food Service Manager and four cooks. The facility cooks prepared and served 218,375 meals to inmates and Corrections staff in 2020 . In 2020, the facility tested a waste dehydrator for three weeks this December. The Ecovim Eco-250 is a unique waste management system that can process waste for medium size foodservice operations up to large institutions or facilities. The Ecovim system dehydrates compostable waste using energy efficient and automated control process. The Eco-250 is easy to maintain, requires no fresh water connection or venting. Agitators will stir the waste heated by the units decomposing chamber to kill any bacteria and reduce the waste matter up to 93%, producing a dry, light and odor free material that may be used as soil amendment.

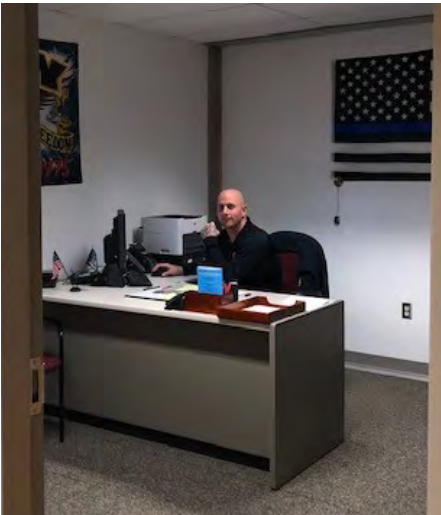
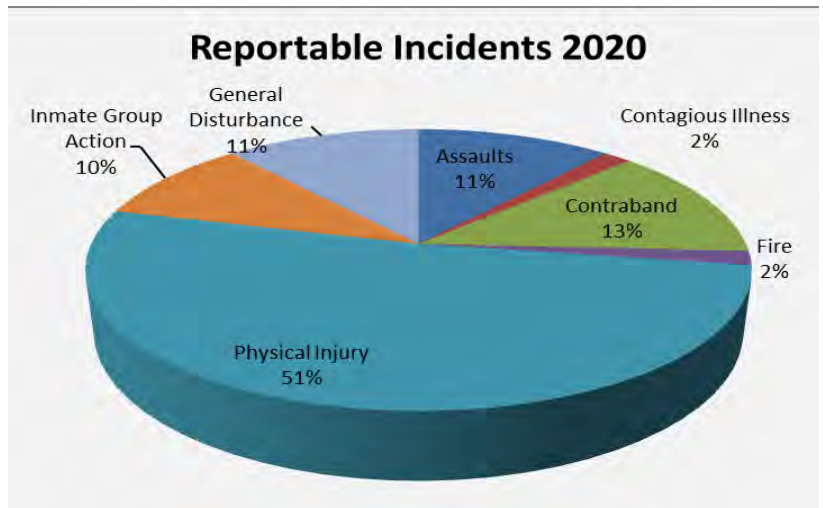


INMATE TABLETS/SERVICES In January 2020, the facility changed vendors from IC solutions to Securus as the inmate telephone system provider. The new system offers the population access to call cell phones; there are also several different ways for the inmates to make just collect calls. There are debit and prepaid accounts. Total revenue for telephone service in 2020 was \$250,000.00. In January 2020, Securus, provided tablets for the inmate population's tablet-based education platform for incarcerated inmates that is designed to help reduce recidivism by providing inmates with the chance to get an education.

****Revenues generated \$823,822 in revenue reimbursement from DOCCS, Greene and Dutchess Counties as well as the U.S. Marshall's Office for travel totaling \$355,101.38.

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Total of Ulster			
County Admissions	1612	225	1837
Board-ins			
Other Counties	60	3	63
State	444	19	463
Federal	61	7	68
Other	0	0	0
TOTAL	2177	254	2431

REPORTABLE INCIDENTS- As mandated by the New York State Correction Law, the New York State Commission of Corrections provides an internal and commission review of all incidents of a serious or potentially problematic nature. The following is a list of incidents that are to be reported to the Commission. Actual reportable incidents declined significantly compared to 2019.



INMATE HEARINGS-The Ulster County Jail disciplinary hearing panel reviewed 610 hearings by Vincent Martelli. Several years ago the NYS Minimum Standard Section 7006 was amended to allow the county to place a surcharge on any inmate found guilty at a disciplinary hearing. A total of \$2,056.84 was collected in surcharges from 273 inmates involved in disciplinary matters and incidents in 2020. Hearings were ranked and placed in the following categories:

CATEGORY	2017	2018	2019	2020
Failure to comply	357	338	123	125
Assaults on other inmates	73	78	62	35
Assaults on staff	6	4	8	6
Contraband	61	55	76	38
Smoking	35	20	27	5
Destruction of property	29	27	11	12
Disorderly conduct	141	196	97	74
Abusive language or threats	170	206	112	76
Miscellaneous	189	171	86	73
Throwing of any Liquid or Substance	6	11	8	6
Failure to Attend School	4	2	0	0
Totals	1071	1108	610	450





OPIOID AWARENESS / PREVENTION **O.R.A.C.L.E.** OPIOID RESPONSE AS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT



The Ulster County Sheriff's Office Opioid Response as County Law Enforcement (ORACLE) Program is comprised of members from the Criminal, Corrections, and Security divisions. The Criminal Division is represented by Lieutenant Chad Storey (Director) and Deputy Sean Becker, while the Corrections Division is represented by Officers George Hill, John Gallo, and Wilbur Prutzman. The Security Division is represented by Officer Patrick Carroll.

Thanks to the efforts of Sheriff Juan Figueroa, Lieutenant Chad Storey, and Juanita Hotchkiss from the Department of Health, the ORACLE Program was the recipient of a renewable COSSAP Grant in the amount of \$900,000 over a three year period. This grant allows for additional Critical Incident Team (CIT) training, technology, and four positions for the High Risk Mitigation Team (HRMT) which will be comprised of a social worker, two peer advocates, and an administrative assistant. The ORACLE Team and the HRMT will collaborate for a higher quality of care to help those suffering from Substance Use Disorder (SUD), provide connection to services, as well as place individuals into appropriate detox, inpatient, and outpatient facilities. Follow-up care will include help with services, housing, and behavioral/mental health needs for a minimum of two years.

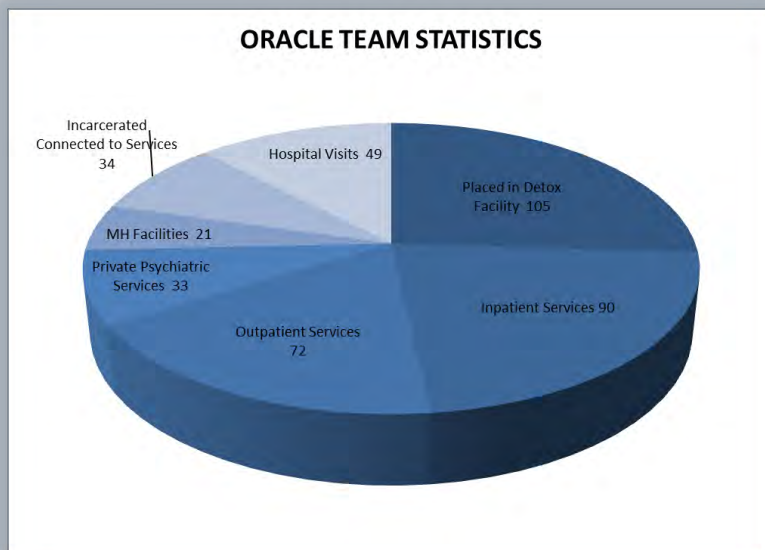
Educational Outreach/Training

In 2019, the ORACLE camper was purchased and used at 25 community events. The camper is designed as a mock set-up of a neuro-typical teenager's living area. The community is given information on typical adolescent behavior vs. behavior of an individual using opioids and other illicit drugs. Parents take part in a seek-and-find activity to locate hidden drugs and drug paraphernalia. Next, the parents are given a tour of the camper and shown all hidden drug spots and paraphernalia that were not found. At the conclusion, Naloxone training is given to all attendees.



OPIOID EPIDEMIC

Due to compliance with HIPPA, names and personal information cannot be included in this document. The ORACLE Team does not only respond to those suffering from SUD, but also to the family members and loved ones who suffer alongside them. Information for mental health providers in the county are given to all individuals the team encounters, along with the ORACLE Team's contact information. This ensures that several options are given to anyone in need of help. Whenever possible, the ORACLE Team coordinates treatment options, and immediately transports the individual to a treatment facility in order to provide a better quality of care. Should an individual suffering from SUD need help, they will not have to find a solution alone. The ORACLE Team is capable of providing in-person response 24 hours a day should the need arise.



In 2020, we provided Naloxone and First Aid/CPR/AED Training to over 300 community members of Ulster County including the correctional facility's inmate population, Corrections Division, Criminal Division, and Civilian staff. 292 Naloxone kits were provided to the community, professional services, and emergency service staff.

Goals for 2021:

- ◆ Create a ORACLE App for mobile devices
- ◆ Hire two peer advocates, case manager, social worker and administrative assistant to comprise the High Risk Management Team



CRIMINAL DIVISON

ADMINISTRATION



LIEUTENANT
WALLACE FULFORD



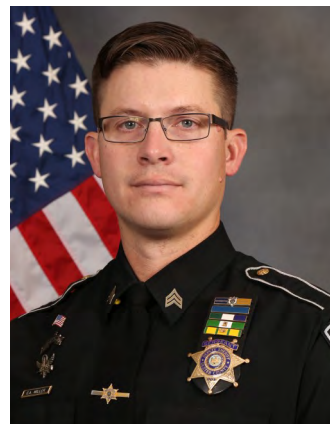
LIEUTENANT
CHAD STOREY



UNDERSHERIFF
ERIC BENJAMIN



FIRST SERGEANT
CHRISTOPHER LUTZ



TRAINING SERGEANT
CRAIG MILLER



CAPTAIN
VINCENT ALTIERI



LIEUTENANT
JOSEPH SCIUTTO

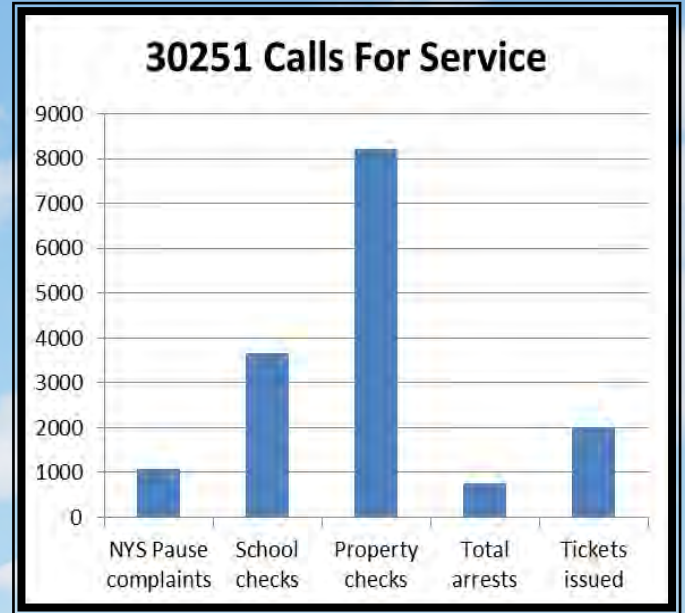
ROAD PATROL

3—LIEUTENANTS 7—SERGEANTS 48—DEPUTIES

When citizens and visitors of Ulster County find themselves in need of assistance for any reason, members of the sheriff's office road patrol respond without delay, providing professional and competent services. The role of the office is to all work together in order to provide these services.

The sheriff's office, which includes the Civil and Corrections Division, is an accredited agency. This prestigious designation certifies the policies and procedures of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office meet or exceed expectations of quality in the field. Such distinction lasts five years at which time the agency can apply for inspection of the facilities, training standards and regulations to see if re-accreditation is earned. The agency was first accredited in 1990.

In addition to patrol duties, many deputies and corrections officers are also members of specialized units. These include, underwater search and rescue (DIVE), navigation, emergency response team (UCERT), field training officers, K-9 handlers, honor guard, crime scene technicians, and our gang and drug task force (URGENT), ORACLE team members, to name a few.

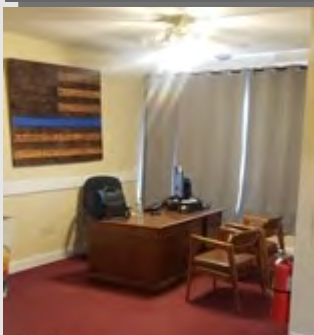


**DEPUTIES INITIATED
3760
TRAFFIC STOPS
AND ISSUED
2024 CITATIONS
TO INCLUDE 39
DRIVING WHILE
INTOXICATED OR
IMPAIRED BY DRUGS.**

Zone 1 substation (Wawarsing) was built in 2013. There are currently 6 full time members that report to this station daily. A sergeant oversees the daily operations at the substation. Members working out of this substation are responsible for the Towns of Rochester and Wawarsing and well as the Village of Ellenville.



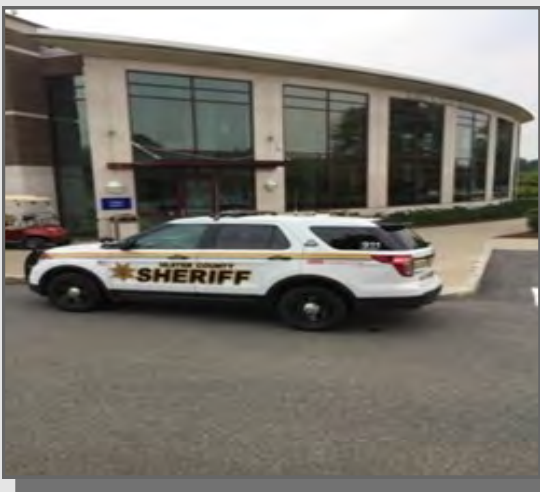
Zone 2 (Walkill) substation is located at Route 208 in Walkill. The substation was established in 2016 . There are currently 5 full -time members that report to this station daily. Over 145,000 miles were patrolled daily. A sergeant oversees the daily operations at the substation. Members assigned to this substation are responsible for the Towns of Shawangunk, Gardiner, Plattekill, New Paltz, Marlborough and Lloyd.



Zone 3 (Esopus) Substation has 11 full -time members assigned out of this substation. Members assigned to this station are responsible for the Towns of Esopus, Kingston, Ulster, Saugerties, Rosendale, and the City of Kingston. Over 200,000 miles were patrolled out of this station. Currently 11 members are assigned out of Esopus. The Esopus town board approved several cameras throughout the town which the Sheriff's Office now monitors 24 hours a day. These locations area Sleightsburg Park., Ross Park, Freer Park and the Esopus Town Hall.



Zone 4 substation was established in 2017. It is located in the northwest part of Ulster County in Mt. Tremper. There are currently 4 members assigned to this station. Members assigned to this station are responsible for the Towns of Shandaken, Hardenburgh, Denning, Olive, Woodstock and Hurley. More than 61,000 miles were patrolled.



Zone 7 is located at SUNY Ulster Campus on Cottekill Rd in Stone Ridge. There are currently 4 members assigned to this station. Members assigned to this station are responsible for the surrounding towns and provide support for the campus police. 47,000 miles were patrolled from this station.

Throwback



PATROL CANINE TEAMS

*On September 1, 2020 K9 Talon assisted Ulster Police with tracking a suspect involved in a felony assault. K9 Talon tracked the suspect from the scene to a wooded area where he was apprehended hiding in the bushes.

*On October 11, 2020 K9 Hydra was requested to assist with a building search in the City of Kingston at a reported burglary to a business. K9 Hydra was deployed inside the building and alerted to two suspects hiding inside the building. Both suspects were apprehended, arrested and charged with Burglary.

*On May 17, 2020 K-9 Jack assisted the NYSP with a traffic stop and as a result of a positive alert within the vehicle, 700 bags of heroin and 76 grams of crack cocaine were located.



SGT COLLIN REYNOLDS & K9 TALON



TALON

Breed:
German Shepherd
DOB: 11/04/15
Serving Since: 2017
Handler: Sergeant
Collin Reynolds

Talon was imported from the Netherlands and is trained in narcotics detection, tracking, apprehension and article searches.

DEPUTY KYLE FRANO & K9 HYDRA



HYDRA

Breed:
Dutch Shepherd
DOB: 03/10/19
Serving Since: 2020
Handler: Deputy
Kyle Frano

Hydra was imported from Holland in January 2020 and is trained in narcotics detection, tracking, apprehension and article searches. Deputy Frano and K9 Hydra will also train with the County Emergency Response Team.

SERGEANT JAMES MULLEN & K9 JACK



JACK

Breed:
Black Labrador
DOB: 12/30/16
Serving Since: 2017
Handler: Sergeant
James Mullen

Jack was purchased from Dark Horse K-9 and is trained in narcotics detection, tracking, and article searches.

Jack was named after firefighter Jack Rose who died in line of duty in 2016

DEPUTY JAMES SLINSKY & K9 FARRELL



FARRELL

Breed: German Shephard
DOB: 04/21/14
Serving Since: 2015
Handler: Deputy James Slinsky

Farrell was imported from Netherlands and is trained in narcotics detection, tracking, apprehension and article searches.

DEPUTY JOSH CALIENDO & K9 KWIN



KWIN

Breed: German Shephard
DOB: 01/01/01
Serving Since: 2017
Handler: Deputy Josh Caliendo

Kwin was imported from Holland and is trained in narcotics detection, tracking, apprehension and article searches.

Kwin was named after Corrections Sergeant Kerry Winters who tragically died in a diving accident in 2016.

*On February 8, 2020 K9 Kwin assisted members of URGENT with a traffic stop and as a result of a K9 alert, over 28 pounds of vacuum sealed marihuana was seized.

*On October 10, 2020 K9 Kwin assisted the NYSP with a vehicle search and as a result of an alert, 320 bags of heroin was located.

*Deputy James Slinsky held an 8 week narcotics detection DCJS certified canine school from October 26-December 18. Three corrections canines successfully graduated from both Ulster and Dutchess County.

2020 Canine Calls for Service

Total Calls for Service:

4036

Missing Person(s) Suspect Tracks:

12

Narcotics Searches:

26

Apprehensions/Finds:

8

Total Training Hours:

2352

Goals for 2021:

- ◆ Continue to maintain all current certifications for each team and train to New York State's requirement
- ◆ Secure grant funding or donation to purchase additional canine.



PROJECT LIFESAVER

Caring for a family member with a cognitive condition can be one of the most difficult times in the life of a caregiver. Project Lifesaver can be used as an assistant in the event a loved one accidentally wanders off. To know that if this occurs your loved one can be located will leave you with a sense of security. Trained first responders will be able to locate and assure the safety of your loved one. Fill out the application and get started. The Ulster County Sheriff's Office responded to 14 emergency calls in which an enrolled client had wandered from their residence. All of the incidents had a successful outcome.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The sheriff's office, in collaboration with Onteora school and BOCES have deputies serving as district School Resource Officers (SRO). The SRO works closely with administrators in an effort to create a safer environment for students, staff and property. Crime prevention and student relations are a major component of being an SRO. The workload varies for each SRO but recorded activities are all similar. Each SRO is required to record their activities that can be building checks, investigating complaints, mentoring students an monitoring activities. The NYS Sheriff's Association C-PASS or Committee on Policing and Safeguarding Schools is where members receive their training.



WANTED

In 2020, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office warrant unit processed a total of 270 arrest/bench warrants. Ulster County Family Court vacated over 124 active warrants as a result of the Covid-19 concerns. Many of the local criminal courts were virtual and limited in the ability to handle the warrants. The sheriff's office still maintains 197 open warrants.

FELONY WARRANTS	36
MISDEMEANOR WARRANTS	48
VIOLATION WARRANTS	4
VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC WARRANTS	19
FAMILY COURT WARRANTS	27
FAMILY COURT JUVENILE WARRANTS	2
PROBATION WARRANTS	3

PHARMEUCTICAL DROP OFF

We continue to provide drop off boxes at various new sites in the county, including senior communities. Old prescription drugs are collected on a regular basis from 6 medication drop box locations in the county, and during scheduled collection events. They are later taken by members of the sheriff's office to a designated disposal site.



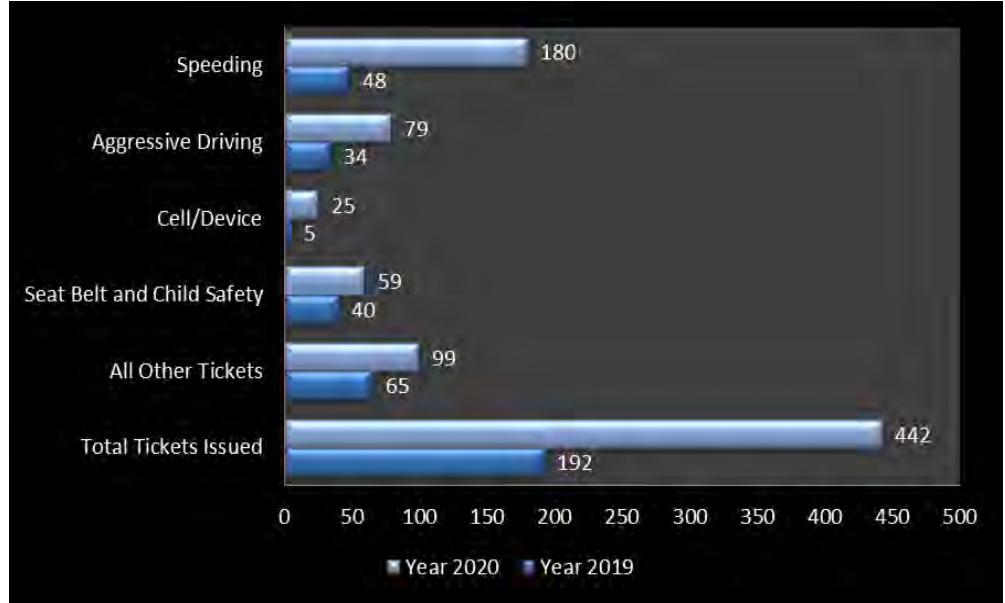
“MORE THAN 228 POUNDS OF DRUGS WERE DIVERTED FROM THE LANDFILLS IN 2020 “

POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICES

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office continued to receive grant money from the New York State PTS program for traffic enforcement in 2020. In 2020, \$10,175 of grant money was received for this purpose. We continued in its team enforcement approach, continuing to target related violations as the initial reason for the traffic stop. There was a 56.5% increase in the overall tickets issued as compared to 2019.

GOALS FOR 2021:

- ◆ Continue to apply and receive PTS grant money
- ◆ Show an effective use in addressing aggressive driving issues and locations within Ulster County.
- ◆ Train a member to become a D.R.E.



BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

In 2020, the background team consisting of 5 staff, continued to work closely with Ulster County Personnel to maintain a high degree of standard and consistency with hiring procedures.

2020 Background Highlights:

- ◆ 51 Backgrounds Completed
- ◆ 110 Fire Department Backgrounds

Goals for 2021:

- ◆ Implement a recruiting program

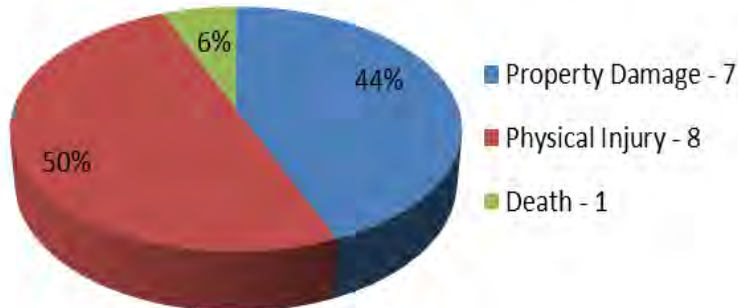




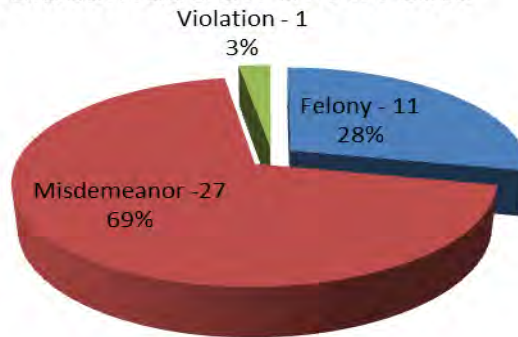
Ulster County has a population of roughly 182,000 residents and is approximately 1,161 square miles. It encompasses twenty (20) towns, three (3) villages and (1) city with approximately 2,303 miles of roadway. The Ulster County Sheriff's Office remains committed to protecting our communities by patrolling our highways every day in an effort to reduce impaired driving and drunk driving. Doing so helps prevent injuries, saves lives and makes our communities safer.

There were sixteen (16) accidents attributed to alcohol or drug use in 2020. One accident resulted in a fatality, eight (8) resulted in physical injuries and seven (7) resulted in property damage only. A total of ten (10) individuals were transported to local area hospitals.

Accidents



Classification of Arrests



2020 was an unprecedented year with the Covid-19 pandemic. Travel restrictions and curfews contributed to abnormal traffic patterns in the county throughout the year. The Ulster County Sheriff's Office was able to safely and effectively conduct a DWI sobriety checkpoint this year with the Town of Rosendale Police Department on September 5, 2020 – September 6, 2020.



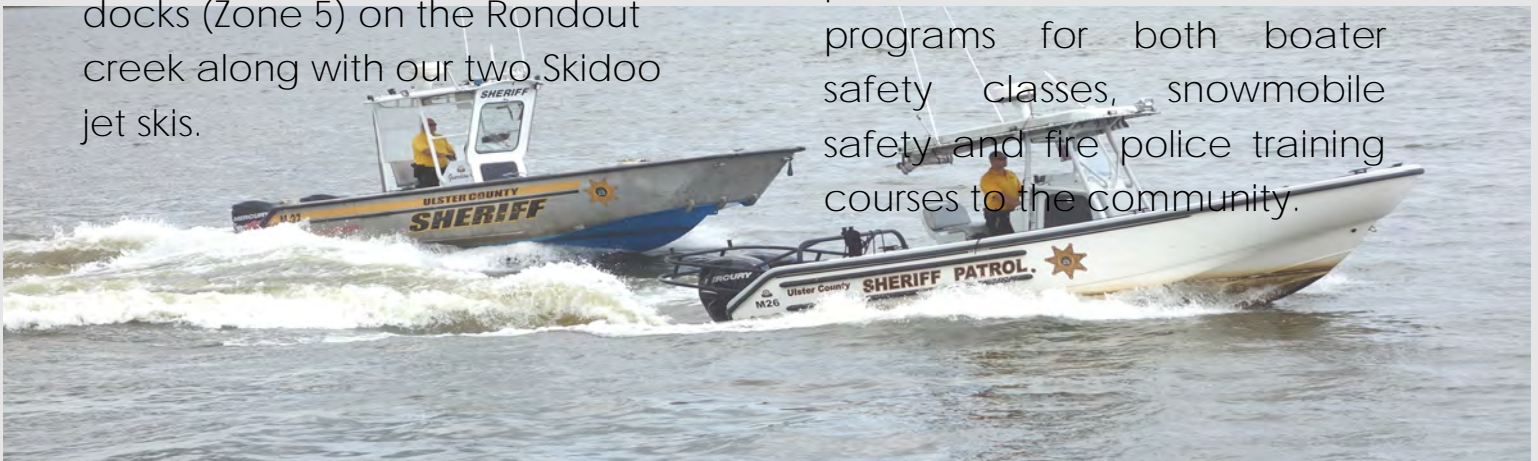
MARINE & RECREATIONAL VEHICLES



The Ulster County Sheriff's marine patrol offers both law enforcement and educational functions. The unit patrols and enforces laws along 72 nautical miles of the Hudson River in addition to offering boater safety courses. The navigation patrols provide support to our in-water rescue team when the need arises and plays a vital role in providing safety and security during the Fourth of July fireworks, triathlon, crew and boat races throughout the year. The Navigation Unit recorded over 1700 hours on the water in 2020. Our boats are currently docked at the United States Coast Guard station in Saugerties and the Kingston docks (Zone 5) on the Rondout creek along with our two Skidoo jet skis.

Our navigation unit patrols parks, beaches, launch sites, water treatment plants and fuel storage facilities. They answer calls for service on the waterway and aid disabled boaters as needed.

In addition to boats, the agency maintains a UTV and four all-terrain vehicles and assists with regular patrols when needed as well as special operations such as lost hikers, wildfires when the terrain is too difficult for any other type of vehicle. They assist with a variety of special events, such as the garlic festivals, Ulster County Fair and parades. Our staff also provides educational programs for both boater safety classes, snowmobile safety and fire police training courses to the community.



IN WATER RESCUE TEAM

The IWRT's mission is to rescue / recover victims from water emergencies (e.g. homicide, suicide or accidental drowning) rescue and aid victims of natural disasters, recovery of any contraband that may be in any body of water and support maritime activities in and around the County of Ulster. The IWRT was activated for two water emergencies in 2020. There were a total of 15 training days for 2020, totaling over 2000 hours and multiple dives during these operations. During the year skills were practiced (e.g. underwater communications, line searches, searching through difficult and obstructed water, ice diving exercises) Two additional divers and tenders were added to the team in 2020.



2020 Highlights:

On June 23, 2020 the IWRT was called out to rescue and recover a male who drowned at a local swimming hole in High Falls. The victim had jumped from area cliffs into the water and never resurfaced. The IWRT recovered the deceased victim.

On May 13, 2020 members of the IWRT conducted a search of a local pond in the Village of Ellenville in attempts to locate a discarded handgun that was used in a robbery several days prior. Members recovered the handgun which resulted in successful prosecution of the suspect.

Goals for 2021:

- *Train additional divers and tenders.
- *Continue training other agencies in swift water, ice and surface ice diving techniques.
- * Conduct training with US Coast Guard



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

The Child Passenger Safety Incentive Grant for 2020 comprised of four different initiatives. As Project Director, I applied for Child Passenger Safety Incentive Grant (CPS)# – 2020-00125-056 and received \$6,500 in approved funding. The program is intended to support local communities by providing funds to conduct child passenger safety awareness and education. Funding is also given for the purchase of a limited number of car seats to be used for the Fitting Stations, Car Seat Check events and the Free Distribution Program initiatives. The Sheriff's Office has 5 designated fitting stations throughout Ulster County.

380 Boulevard Kingston, NY 12401

- 155 Naponoch Road Ellenville, NY 12428
- 1500 Rt 208 Wallkill NY 12589
- 172 Broadway Port Ewen NY 12466
- SR 28 Mt Tremper NY 12457



Fitting Stations are available from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday thru Friday. Parents can call 24 hours a day to set up an appointment at the Fitting Station closest to their residence or business. The policy of the UCSO is if a car seat is deemed in need of replacement due to damage, outgrown or recalled a certified technician will inspect the child's car seat and provide proper education on the use, maintenance and correct installation of the child seat based on the manufacturer's instructions. If the parent/caregiver need to have the car seat replaced and they have no means to acquire a car seat, then a new replacement seat will be provided.

The Corona virus pandemic in 2020 unfortunately resulted in all scheduled events canceled. A total of 60 car seats were inspected and installed and over 40 car seats were given to parents and caregivers in need. This was accomplished through our fitting stations and free distribution programs.

DETAILS & SPECIAL EVENTS

2020 has clearly proven to be one of the most a challenging and historic years in modern history. The Covid virus pandemic, the loss of jobs throughout the country and the devastation to local businesses, civil unrest and budget cuts that everyone has had to maneuver through together, Our community managed to become even stronger and more resilient.

The majority of all special events and details were canceled due to covid restrictions, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office continued to provide a service to the community in positive ways throughout the year. Members from the Sheriff's Office participated in the first annual "Toy Express" at Cantine Field. This event was sponsored by the First Responders Children's Foundation. Toys were distributed to over 450 local Ulster County families in need.



Thinking outside the box, the Sheriff's Office along with several other local police agencies and fire departments participated in over twenty drive by celebrations and birthday parties for many young children who were unable to have a real birthday party.



UAS (Unmanned Aircraft System)

The Ulster County Sheriff's UAS Team consists of 4 certified pilots who are trained on both the DJI Inspire 1 Pro aircraft and the DJI Phantom 4 advanced aircraft platform. The pilots have completed training in several areas, including lost or missing people, search and rescue, vehicle and traffic applications, hazardous material spills, accident reconstruction, crime scene photos and video. The UAS have been utilized for special teams, dive and swift water rescue aerial surveillance, emergency response team barricaded subjects, festivals, parades, protests and marches, allowing aerial coverage for crowd control and traffic patterns.



2020 Highlights:

The agency UAS was deployed on several occasions in conjunction with the New York State Police UAS members to monitor many protests in the City of Kingston, Towns of Lloyd and Rosendale and the City of Poughkeepsie during the summer of 2020. The UAS missions provided real time live video coverage of the protests from the air which enabled command staff to make critical and necessary changes when necessary to avert any potential dangerous situations.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Ulster County Emergency Response Team (UCERT) is a lifesaving organization. It supports all municipalities in Ulster County with a rapid tactical response in order to resolve critical incidents involving a threat to public safety which would otherwise exceed the capabilities of traditional law enforcement and/or investigative units.

The Ulster County Emergency Response Team is comprised of highly trained police officers who have been selected, based upon their road patrol experience, physical ability and personal motivation to perform tasks that would be considered more dangerous than should be required for the average uniform officer. The Sheriff's UCERT team is a multi agency team with members from Town of New Paltz Police Department, Town of Woodstock Police Department and the State University of New York (New Paltz) Police Departments.



UCERT WAS CALLED OUT EIGHT TIMES IN 2020

Three of the times, UCERT members were utilized on high risk operations at various locations in Ulster County for both barricaded subjects and felony robbery suspects. On two occasions, UCERT members assisted the Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Team (U.R.G.E.N.T.) and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations with simultaneous federal narcotic search warrants and arrest warrants in the Town of Saugerties. The warrants stemmed from a multi-year federal narcotics investigation. The warrants were conducted on two (2) separate single family residences and resulted in the recovery of U.S. currency, weapons, narcotics, vehicles and the peaceful arrest of three (3) individuals. In several instances, in June 2020, the UCERT team was deployed to assist multiple agencies in Ulster and Dutchess Counties in response to violent protests and threats of violence.

Goals for 2021:

- ◆ Become a N.Y.S accredited emergency response team
- ◆ Acquire additional team members

CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM



The Ulster County Crisis Negotiation Team was formed in the early 2000's to augment the countywide emergency response (SWAT) team, which was also formed just prior. The mission of the negotiators is to use de-escalation, active listening skills and other communication strategies to help encourage a person in crisis to work through the crisis by talking with one of the highly trained negotiators, with the aim being a successful and peaceful resolution to the incident. A primary negotiator, coach and scribe form the primary element of the team at an incident, while other negotiators help gather and relay information between the primary element and incident command staff.

Since 2017, the team has been commanded by Detective Lieutenant Abram Markiewicz, with Lieutenant Chad Storey as the Assistant Team Commander. Several town police agencies in the county also provide additional negotiators for training and operations. In early 2018, private funding for the purchase of a dedicated negotiation command center (NOC) vehicle was obtained as a result of a generous donation from the Kaplan Family of Newburgh. A recreational vehicle was purchased and refitted with the help of several businesses to its current configuration.

NOTABLE CASE:

Members of the Ulster County Emergency Response Team and Ulster County Crisis Negotiation

Team along with deputies of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office responded to a barricaded subject incident in the Town of Wawarsing. On 03/20/20 just before 11:00 AM. A 911 call for shots fired in the area of Sholam Road near the intersection with Woodland Avenue in Napanoch. Initial reports stated a man, later identified as Lucas V. Robey, 56, of Napanoch, had exited his residence and fired two rounds from a shotgun in the general vicinity of nearby workers from a tree service. The man then re-entered his residence and refused to come out to speak with initial responders. After several hours he was ultimately taken into custody and transported to Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley An "Extreme Risk Protective Order" was also obtained to temporarily prohibit Mr. Robey from possessing any firearms.



U.R.G.E.N.T.

This task force is currently staffed by members from the following agencies: Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Ulster County District Attorney's Office, , Town of Shandaken Police, Ulster County Probation, Town of Plattekill Police, Village of Ellenville Police, Town of Lloyd Police and the United States Department of Homeland Security Investigations.



The task force performs the following activities: disrupt illicit drug traffic by immobilizing targeted violators and trafficking organizations gather and report intelligence data relating to trafficking in narcotics and dangerous drugs and conduct undercover operations where appropriate and engage in other traditional methods of investigations resulting in effective prosecution before the courts of the United States and the State of New York. The sheriff has and will continue to be committed to battling the opioid epidemic in Ulster County and will continue these efforts. Having an aggressive stance on narcotics enforcement is part of the plan.

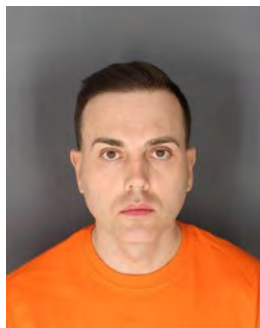
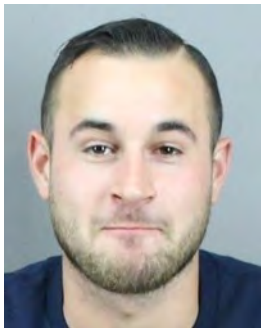


In 2020, URGENT task force members executed 19 search warrants, arrested 81 people and charged 126 felonies and 34 misdemeanors. URGENT handled over 109 cases in which 12 guns ,13 vehicles, 2300 grams of cocaine, 12,798 decks of fentanyl, 1800 decks of heroin (194 decks of which tested positive for fentanyl) and over 1000 dosing units of diverted pharmaceuticals were seized. URGENT also seized over \$126,000 in US currency



NOTEWORTHY U.R.G.E.N.T. CASES:

On March 2nd, 2020, URGENT, HSI and ATF executed multiple federal search warrants and arrested Russell Neglia and Roger Hummer in a larger scale cocaine sales investigation in the Town of Saugerties area. Two additional



defendants were later charged with NYS offenses. On March 9th, 2020, Michael Manor was arrested after delivering a kilogram brick of cocaine from New Jersey to Kingston, NY. The arrests were the result of a long-term investigation into trafficking of cocaine into Ulster County from the NY metro area. The investigation resulted in the seizure of several



kilograms of cocaine, approximately 100 pounds of marijuana and wax, US currency, vehicles, heavy equipment, real property and one firearm. The three top defendants have cases pending in federal court in the northern district of NY.



In August 2020, URGENT received several tips about an individual selling heroin/fentanyl in hotel establishments in the Town of Ulster. The unit began an investigation, and identified the dealer as Tim Schleede. On August 26th, 2020, Undercover Deputies observed Schleede conducting drug transactions and subsequently returning to his room.

A search warrant was obtained for his room and Schleede was taken into custody as he emerged for another transaction. A second search warrant was obtained for a secondary location based off information obtained during the investigation, which resulted in the seizure of over 10,000 bags of packaged heroin/fentanyl that was packaged and ready for immediate sale to Ulster County residents.



On January 10th, 2020, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Detective Unit responded to an overdose death of a 36-year-old male. The investigation revealed that the decedent had purchased narcotics in the state of New Jersey and that the cause of death was acute fentanyl intoxication. A few weeks after the death, an Investigator from URGENT took possession of the phone and began communicating with the source in NJ. The UC and the target picked up where they left off and a meet was set up in Paterson, NJ with the assistance of the DEA, Passaic County Sheriff and NJSP. Thompson was taken into custody and was found to be in possession of several bricks of fentanyl laced heroin. Thompson was indicted by an Ulster County grand jury in August of 2020 for Manslaughter 2nd; the first for Ulster County

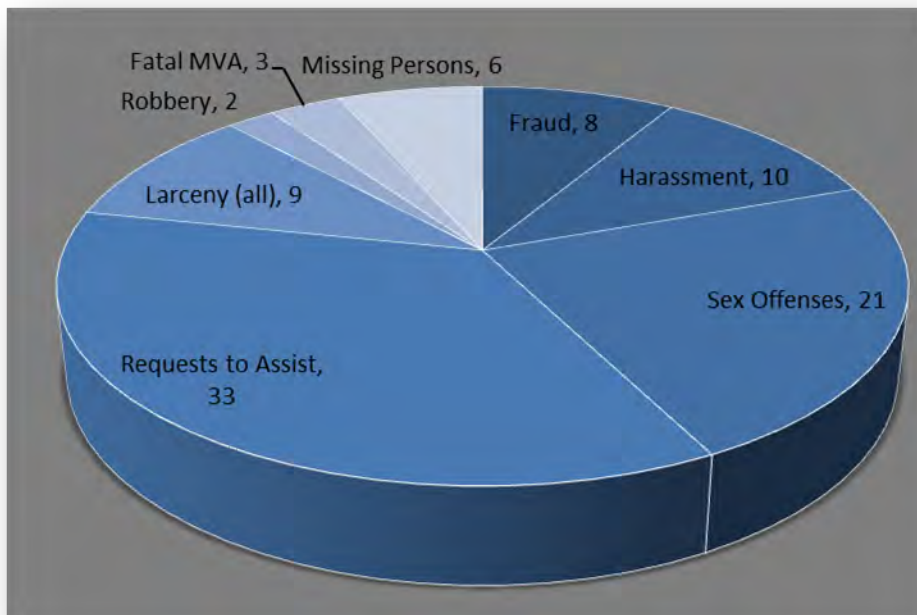
DETECTIVE UNIT

The Detective Unit of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office is supervised by a detective sergeant, who reports to the detective lieutenant. Five detectives handle most cases referred by patrol, while one detective is assigned to the Ulster County Family and Child Advocacy Center, a taskforce which specializes in domestic violence, child physical abuse and child sexual abuse investigations. The property and warrant custodian and applicant background investigators also come under the supervision of the Detective Unit detective sergeant.



The duties of the detective unit supplement those of the uniformed patrols. Detectives will often take over the investigation of more complex cases, such as deaths, sex offenses, violent felonies, burglary and stolen property offenses, and sometimes controlled substance offenses in conjunction with the URGENT taskforce, which is supervised by another detective sergeant, who also reports to the detective lieutenant.

285 Total Detective Cases



“When you have **ELIMINATED** the *impossible*, whatever remains, however *improbable*, must be the **TRUTH.**”

~ *Sherlock Holmes*

NOTEWORTHY CASES:

On January 15, 2020, Detectives responded to Main Street in the Town of Rosendale to investigate a death investigation. The decedent had suffered a fatal puncture to the neck during a physical domestic dispute with his girlfriend. The mortal wounds were originally thought to be self inflicted. Through witness statements and investigation it was then believed the decedent was stabbed in his neck by his girlfriend during the physical altercation. Following a polygraph, admissions were made by the suspect that she stabbed her boyfriend during a domestic. The case is pending a Grand Jury presentation.



On January 10, 2020, Detectives responded to Story Hill Road in the Town of Rochester for a suspected overdose death. Drug paraphernalia as well as the decedent's cellular telephone revealed information demonstrating a recent drug transaction that had taken place in Paterson NJ. Preliminary testing of the secured narcotics showed positive for Fentanyl/heroin and the markings on the packaging "Ouija" was able to be linked to numerous fatal and non-fatal overdose in the Tri-State area. Ulster County District Attorney David Clegg has issued its most severe charge for overdose-related homicide ever; Manslaughter, to Jamal Thompson of Patterson, NJ



On July 5, 2020, Detectives responded to a house fire at 550 Burnt Meadow Rd in the Town of Shawangunk. The house fire resulted in the death of a 50 year old male and his 7 year old son. During the fire, the male helped his 10 year old daughter to safety, giving her his cell phone to call 911, then went to find his son to save him. After investigating the death of the father and son, Detective Vedder took the time and initiative to secure a much coveted and hard to find American Girl Doll for the surviving daughter's 10th birthday, which was just days after the fire. Detective Vedder is currently arranging for Mr. Hull to receive a posthumous commendation from Sheriff Juan Figueroa.



SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

There are currently 293 registered sex offenders who reside within the 1,161 square mile jurisdiction of Ulster County, among a population of approximately 182,000 residents. One third of those offenders are under the jurisdictional responsibility of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office for sex offender management.

Law enforcement agencies experienced increased difficulty with regular compliance checks from offenders particularly due to the challenges encountered with Covid-19 and an increased call volume for emergency service. At the start of 2020, Ulster County collectively had 65 offenders who were listed as non-compliant by the State of New York Sex Offender Registry.

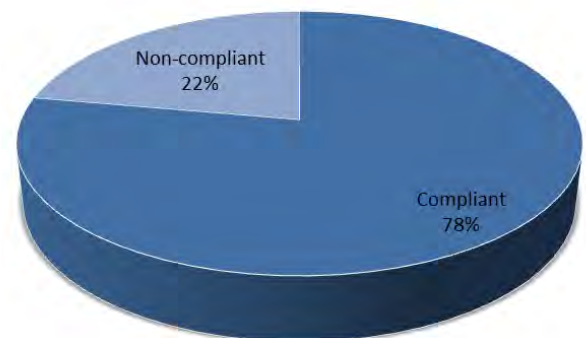
We sought assistance from the United States Marshals Service to assist with this endeavor. In a collaborated effort, the U.S. Marshals Service and Ulster County Sheriff's Office conducted "Operation Safeguard". This was a compliance and enforcement operation which began on June 15, 2020 and concluded on September 4, 2020. The compliance phase of the operation involved the verification of sex offender physical addresses and the identification of offenders who were delinquent in several areas.

The Ulster County Investigation efforts for this operation totaled 462 hours dedicated to sex offender violations.

"Operation Safeguard" was successful in obtaining compliance from 56 out of the 65 offenders who were previously identified as non-compliant, which accounted for an 86% compliance rate.

This operation helped identify approximately 19 offenders who were listed incorrectly in the State of New York Sex Offender Registry under the wrong jurisdiction and 2 offenders who had been granted a petition of relief and were subsequently removed from the registry. Lastly, two (2) sex offenders wanted by the State of New York Department of Corrections and Community Supervision were located and arrested as parole absconders and two (2) sex offenders from other states were identified living in Ulster County. The out of state offenders were subsequently arrested and charged as fugitives from justice with one offender meeting the criteria to be charged with the federal sex offense vi-

Sex Offenders as of June 2020



Sex Offenders as of December 2020





EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office Communications Center exists to serve the emergency needs of all the people residing in, working in or traveling through Ulster County. In addition, our communications works to serve needs of the towns of Shandaken, Olive, Plattekill, Shawangunk and Rosendale Police Departments. In 2020, the dispatching staff created 31,387 CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) records (including traffic stops). Over 1600 of the calls received by the dispatcher were actually handled directly by the dispatcher whether it is providing the caller vital information, creating an incident for documentation purposes only or assisting with cellphone pings or alarms. The dispatchers expertise allows for patrol to avoid actually responding to nonsense calls when they don't have to .

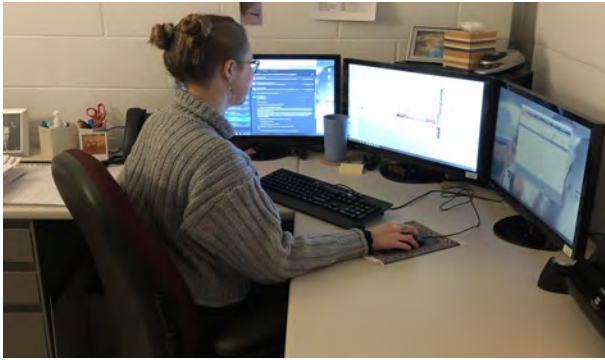
Another way to examine these statistics is to say that an average of 86 CAD entries per day were entered each day.

IN ADDITION TO THE CAD RECORDS CREATED, A TOTAL OF 47,310 PHONE CALLS FOR SERVICE WERE HANDLED IN 2020.

Goals for 2021:

- Partner with Ulster County Emergency Management to enhance the mobile and portable radio systems through the grant process.
- Hire three additional part timer dispatchers
- Provide a communications training officer course for dispatchers

DISCOVERY COORDINATOR



A Criminal Justice Discovery Clerk for the Ulster County Sheriff's Office is responsible for receiving Discovery Requests from the Ulster County District Attorney's Office and Law Enforcement Agencies in the County of Ulster as well as surrounding counties when required. Mackenzie Stauble, the Discovery Clerk uses those requests to ensure they collect all available documents, forms, reports, radio transmissions, phone calls, in car and body worn camera videos involved in a particular criminal prosecution and provide those items to the requesting agency or individual in a rigid time frame as required by law.

MOBILE COMMAND

The Mobile Command Post is comprised of Emergency 911 dispatchers and Ulster County Sheriff's Office members from both dispatch and corrections. MCP is utilized for both planned and unplanned events throughout Ulster County. MCP provides radio/communication interoperability between law enforcement, fire and ems . In 2020, MCP was outfitted with an upgrade to the radio computer interface..



The system is an ACU interoperability system that replaced the RIOS, which improved the radio systems and interoperability exponentially, allowing dispatchers to create talk groups effectively. The system now provides a remote radio over IP function which allows the ACU unit to be controlled and monitored from communications, the Ulster County 911 center or remotely via laptop. The installation of the ACU has strengthened communications with state level entities .

MCP 2020 Highlights:

- ◆ MCP provided vital communications and logistical support at the Covid testing site which was established in March and concluded at the end of June 2020.
- ◆ The year 2020 saw numerous protests and civil unrest throughout Ulster County and surrounding areas. MCP was deployed with team members over the course of several months to help facilitate necessary communications between law enforcement.

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

On March 16, 2020 we began to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to various agencies such as first responders and hospitals, who requested it. The county was being supplied PPE through NYS DHSES. The PPE was delivered to the Law Enforcement Center which was identified as the County Staging Site (CSS) in our emergency plans. Initially, PPE was distributed on a daily basis but eventually the focus turned to vaccine rollout. The following totals for PPE distribution is listed below.

N95— 37,900

Surgical Masks -447,767

Gloves—3,344 boxes (total of 334,400 masks)

Gowns—38,118

Face shields—12, 740

Hand sanitizer 2,332 gals



On March 23, 2020 Ulster County identified Tech City as a central location with easy access to provide covid testing to the general public. The testing site became operational 2 weeks after the first confirmed positive covid case

was identified. The testing site remained operational through the end of June 2020. Over 5,842 tests were administered during that time. The Sheriff's Office provided around the clock security for the site during this time.



United States Marshals Service

NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force

Across the country, the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS) enlists state and local law enforcement officials to assist with the apprehension of fugitives the USMS is tasked with bringing before the court. These state and local officers are cross designated as Special Deputy United States Marshals while assigned to their respective task force. The Ulster County Sheriff's Office currently has six members assigned on a part time basis. All overtime incurred for participating in this task force is reimbursed by the USMS.



The agency's participation in this task force is especially critical, in that Ulster County lies about halfway between Albany and New York City, which are the headquarters of the northern and southern districts of the federal court system in New York . Our agency's personnel assigned comprise a significant portion of the efforts to apprehend fugitives in our region. Most of these warrants are generated by our own agency's cases, NYS Parole, federal probation and other area police agencies.



Ulster County Sheriff's Office Fleet Commander

The Sheriff's Fleet Commander is responsible for organizing and initiating the service, preventative maintenance, and installation of specialized equipment for Sheriff Office vehicles to ensure optimal performance and minimal downtime. The fleet encompasses over 100 vehicles, to include patrol and corrections vehicles, unmarked cars/trucks, special use vehicles, mobile incident- command centers and all terrain vehicles which must be maintained and ready for use in a moments notice.

The fleet commander serves as a liaison between the Deputy Commissioner of Highway and the Sheriff's Office. The Fleet Commander reviews and inspects all Sheriff's Office vehicle and special equipment, schedule vehicles for maintenance, removal and salvage as well as manages fleet inventory. Extensive research and due diligence in selection of vendors, up fitters and exploring government bid options as a cost savings to Ulster County.

SECURITY UNIT

The Security Unit of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office is responsible for security at the County Office building, Resnick, Probation, Department of Social Services, Veterans Affairs and Restorative Justice building. The security staff includes 1 sergeant, 2 full time deputies, 3 full time security guards and several part time deputies. The Covid pandemic caused most of the buildings to close after April 2020. When some of the buildings reopened they were opened at limited capacity. Many of the staff at each of these locations worked remotely from home. The security staff handled 47 calls for assistance and 38 disorderly persons.



GOALS FOR 2021

- Fill 2 full-time vacant security guard positions as result of retirements.
- **Provide additional ongoing training to all security guard members.**



CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division's main responsibility is to receive civil process and provide the timely, legal service of them. The civil office also receives and disburses revenue from several sources, including fees, mileage and poundage (a percentage of income and property execution proceeds). This revenue is forwarded to the Treasurer's Office as Sheriff's Office revenue. In 2020, the Civil Division collected \$2,647,686.37, a 30% decrease from 2019. The Civil Division served 594 income executions in 2020 and processed 440 civil papers. In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, the NYS Unified Court System and most recently the NYS Legislature issued various moratoriums, orders and passed legislation impacting the enforcement of residential and commercial evictions. In following these directives since early March 2020, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office has paused the enforcement of all warrants of eviction. As a result of this directive from the Governor's Office, only a total of 118 eviction warrants were processed and served.

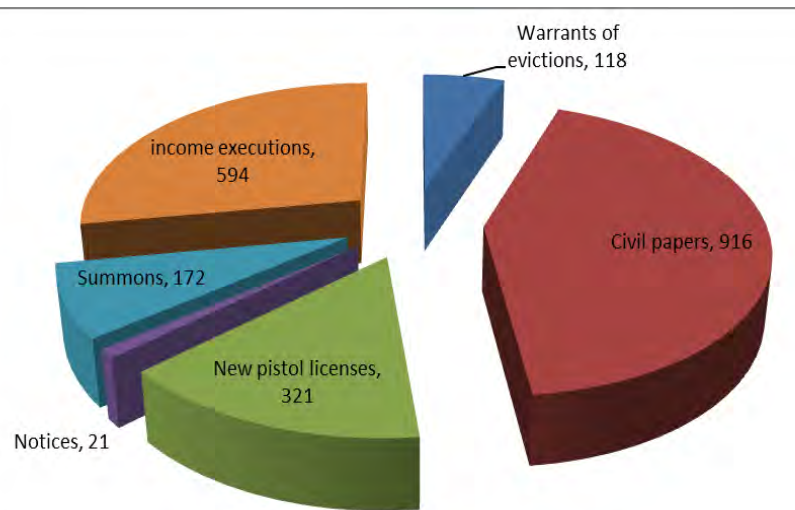


CIVIL ADMINISTRATOR
JARRID BLADES



CIVIL DIVISION STAFF

The pistol permit unit processed 321 new pistol applications in 2020, which is down 31% from 2019. This year additional hours were added to help meet the public needs which included one Saturday and one evening a month. Due to the Covid pandemic, the pistol permit division moved to service by appointment and online fill-able applications for download and printing.



Goals for 2021:

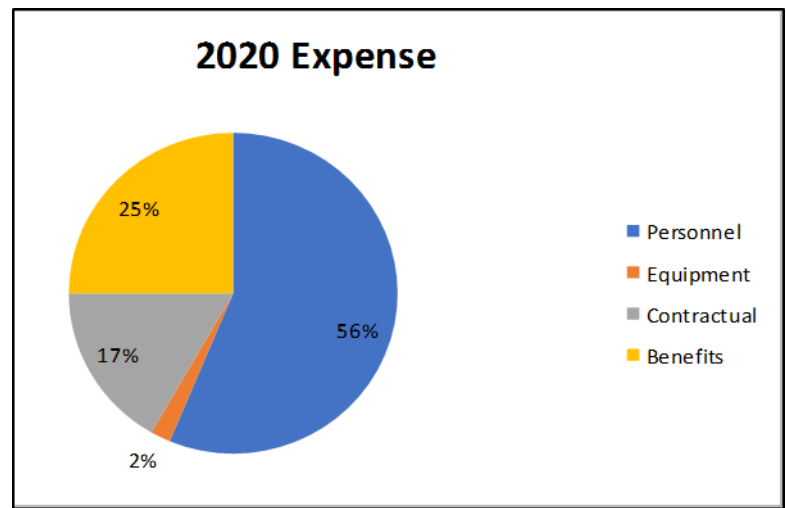
- Hire new part time clerk
- Continue cross training programs
- Maintain all accreditation standards

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

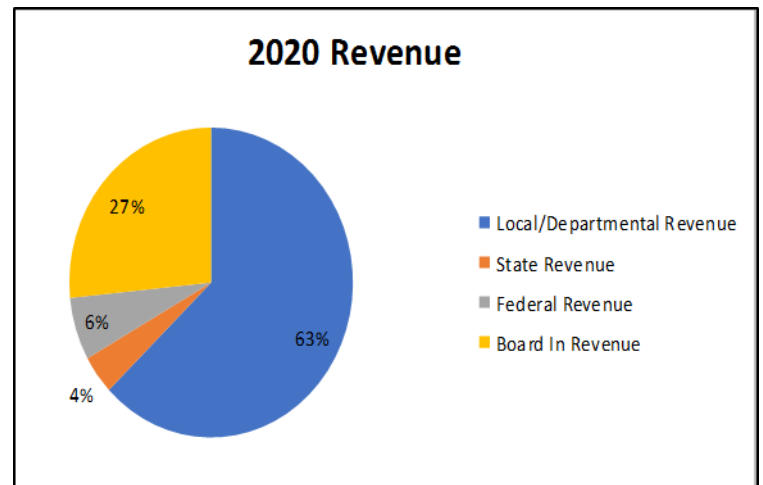
The fiscal analysis for the year ending December 31, 2020 encompasses the operational budgets of the Office of the Sheriff, which includes corrections. In 2020, the county overall percentage difference in expense decreased by revenue when compared to 2019 is 4.27% or \$1,438,836.95.

In total, 2020 expenses decreased by 2.34% to a level of \$34,728,825.28 from 2019's level of \$35,562,495.58. The largest increase in any category in 2020 was in contractual obligations, which increased \$52,516.24 but was significantly lower from \$429,051.21 in 2019. The equipment decreased 19.26% from 2019 due to covid-19 budget cuts.

In 2020, federal revenues showed a large increase of 436% or \$651,142.88 in 2020 from \$121,393.11 in 2019, mainly due to federal inmate board ins. The state revenue increased by nearly 68% or \$51,000.01 for the same reasons. The overall increase in revenue was 32.63%. This increase includes local revenue which was up 19% from 2019.



Total 2020 Expenses	\$34,728,825.28
Total 2019 Expenses	\$35,562,495.58
Decrease of	\$833,670.30
% Decrease	-2.34%



Total 2020 Revenues	\$ 2,459,517.34
Total 2019 Revenues	\$ 1,854,350.69
Increase of	\$ 605,166.65
% Increase of	32.63%

Total 2020 Federal /State Revenue	\$ 777,396.42
Total 2019 Federal/State Revenue	\$ 196,646.64
Increase of	\$580,749.78
% Increase of	25.29%

Total 2020 Board in Revenue	\$ 297,310.00
Total 2019 Board in Revenue	\$ 492,946.77
Decrease of	\$ 195,636.77
% Decrease of	-40%



**CHAPLAIN
CHRISTOPH ARNOLD**



**BAGPIPES
JOHN MCGOVERN**



**CHAPLAIN
HEINRICH ARNOLD**



BUILDING MAINTENANCE



**RABBI
JOEL GOLD**

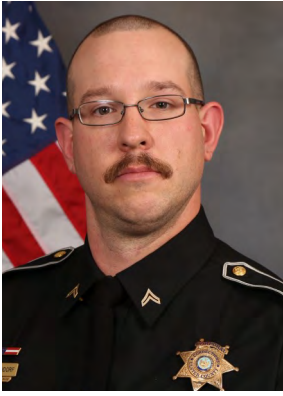


JANITOR ATTENDANTS



**RABBI
ABE FRIEDMAN**

RETIREMENTS



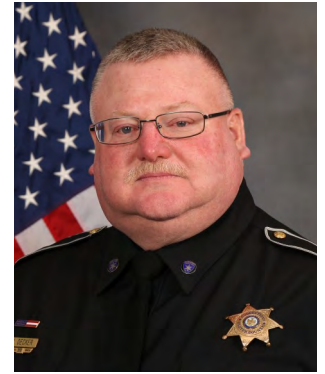
Timothy Elmendorf (10 yrs)



Ernest Taylor (34 yrs)



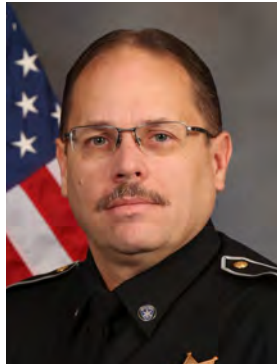
Paul Juliano (20 yrs)



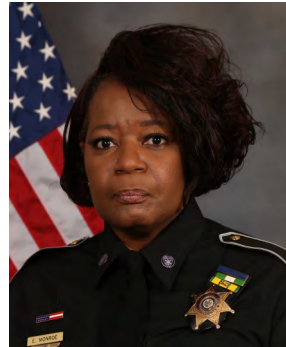
Vincent Decker (30 yrs)



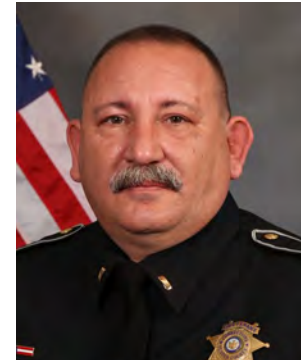
Edward Torres (40 yrs)



Donald Darrow (24yrs)



Ellen Monroe (22 yrs)



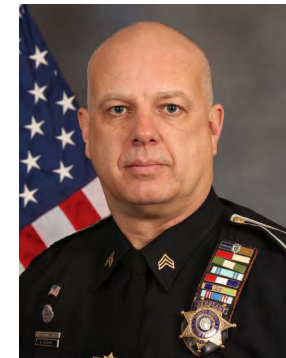
Nicholas Scott (31 yrs)



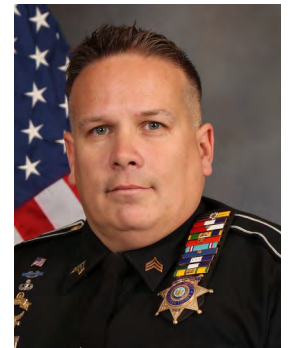
Brian Hines (27 yrs)



Eamon Cunningham (13 yrs)



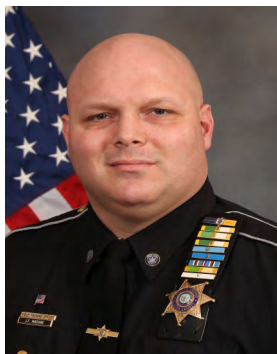
George Goodwin (27 yrs)



Glenn Buchinger (27 yrs)



Thomas Vasta



John Maguire



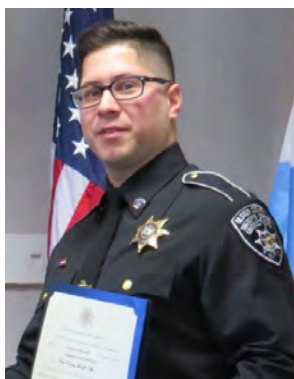
Perry Soule

(not pictured)

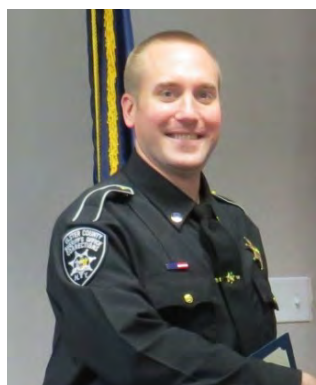
Matthew Bogert (18yrs)

Michael Harris (19 yrs)

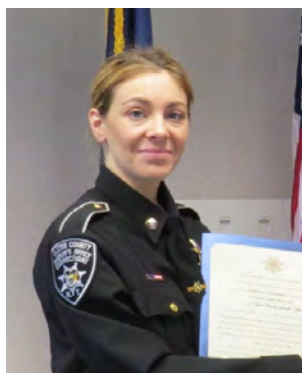
NEW HIRES



Andy Benitez
Correction Officer



Brian Pilholski
Correction Officer



Courtney Ingrassia
Correction Officer



Henry Leal
Correction Officer



Michael Hoyt
Part Time Deputy



Jussion Rivera
Deputy Sheriff



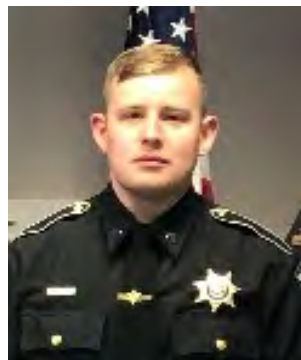
Brian Wachtel
Part Time Deputy



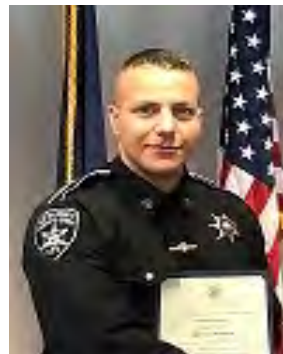
Jerimiah Childs
Part Time Deputy



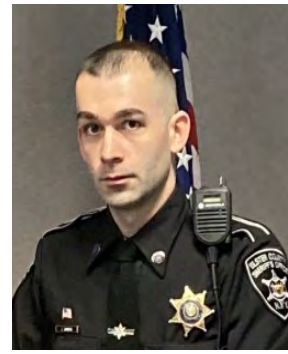
Anthony Faliciano
Deputy Sheriff



Tyler Swinden
Deputy Sheriff



Danylo Kobylecki
Deputy Sheriff



John Zambito
Deputy Sheriff

PROMOTIONS



Chad Storey

First Sergeant—Lieutenant



Collin Reynolds

Deputy—Sergeant



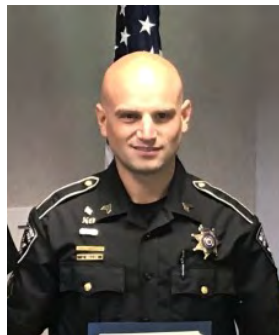
Christopher Lutz

Sergeant— First Sergeant



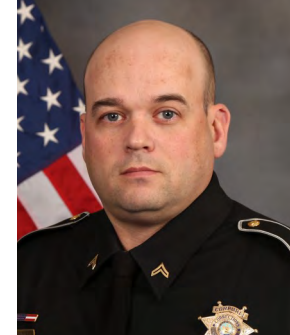
Patricia Meadors

Co Corporal— CO Sergeant



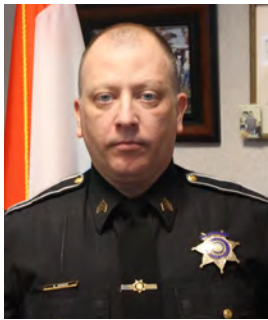
James Mullen

Deputy-Sergeant



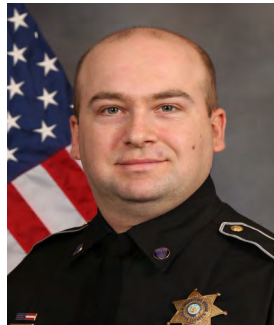
Justin Sedlak

CO Corporal— Co Sergeant



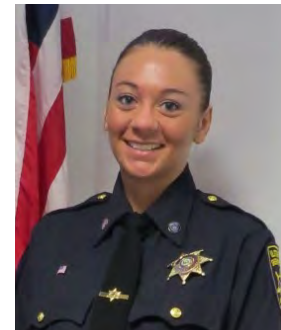
Robert Vedder

Deputy—Sergeant



Vincent Pearlman

Correction Officer—Co Corporal



Megan Ferri

Correction Officer— CO Corporal



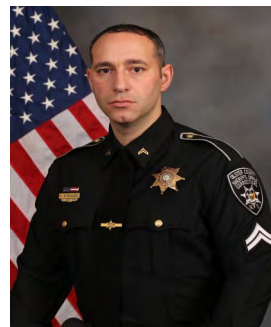
Christopher Arciero

CO Corporal—Co Sergeant



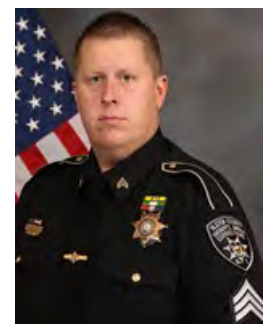
Gene Stoutenburg

CO Sergeant— CO Lieutenant



Charles Stracuzzi

CO Sergeant-CO Lieutenant



Jason Bleau

CO Sergeant-CO Lieutenant



Awards & Recognition



Deputy of the Year | Joseph Stock



Civilian Commendation | Denise Pendergast



Correction Officer of the Year | Anthony Maggio



Civilian Commendation | Erich Funccius

Civilian Commendation | Joseph Hill



Employee of the Year | Cindy Vaseleski



Life Saving Awards

Dep. Anthony Feliciano | Dep. Jordan Fein
Dep. Michael Geller | Dep. Robert Benjamin
Sgt. Stuart Mckenzie | C.O Richard Wright



Excellent Duty Awards

Dep. Brian Woltman | Dep Brett McGuire
Det. Albert Babcock | Det. Robert Labuff
Det. Mario Tagliaferro | Det. Emmitt Vedder
CO. Anthony Maggio | CO. Sherry Cannizzaro
Lt. Joseph Decker | Sgt. Charles Polacco III
Disp. Jerrold Brainard



Honorable Service Awards

Dep. Kyle Frano | Dep. Josh Caliendo

Letters of Recognition

Dep. Michael Geller | Dep. Brian Woltman
Dep. Anthony Feliciano | Dep. Josh Caliendo
Dep. Anthony Scarselli | C.O Adam Hendricks
C.O. Fred Holland | C.O. Thomas Rinaldi
C.O. Jarrett Speenburgh | C.O. Michael Warman
C.O. Richard King | R.N. Kaitlyn Sherwood
R.N. Phillip Latimer | L.P.N. Anita Ljawa
C.O. Kerry Boughton | C.O. Richard Wright



Ready Commendation Awards

Dep. John Zambito | C.O. Adam Hendricks
C.O. Nicole Whitaker | CO. Vincent Martelli
C.O. Anthony Maggio



Exceptional Duty Awards

Det. Mario Tagliaferro

2020



Exceptional Merit Awards

Dep. Kyle Frano | Dep. James Mullen
Inv. Joseph Stock | Sgt Robert Shamro
Senior Probation Officer Dennis Doyle
CO. Robert Leonardo



Meritorious Service Award

Dep. Robert Vedder



Years of Service

25 years

Lt. Wallace Fulford | Lt. Joseph Decker

30 years

Capt Michael Mcgirr | C.O. Michael Coughlin
C.O. William Graham

20 Years

Det. Sgt Margaret Waage | Dep. Scott Buchinger
Det. Lt Abram Markiewicz | Det. Sgt Jason Bruck

Dep. James Slinsky | Sgt Robert Toolan
C.O. Anthony Maggio | C.O. John Haight
C.O. Russell Timbrouck | C.O. George Hill
C.O. Mathew Blum | Cpl. Robert Johnson

C.O. Jarrett Speenburgh

10 Years

Sgt James Riley | Disp William Busch
C.O. Michael Warman | C.O. Megan Baker
C.O. Carol Soltys

IN MEMORIAM

SALLY LIFER

August 1935- September 2020

Sally was proudly employed as a corrections officer with the Ulster County Sheriff's Office for over 31 years, where she also trained incoming officers.



K9 TRITON

March 2010- August 2020

Triton was born on March 12, 2010 and served with his handler, Sergeant James Mullen, from 2011 until his retirement in 2017. He passed away after brief illness. He served the community from 2011 until his retirement in 2017.



JAMES GRABLE

July 1964 -December 2020

He began his career with the Ellenville Police Department in 1985 . He was appointed to the Kingston Police Department in 1987. He retired from Kingston Police after 26 years and became a member of The Ulster County Sheriff's Patrol in 2013 and served as a school resource officer at Ulster BOCES .



PAUL J. CUTRONE

November 1928-December 2020

Paul served as an Ulster County Sheriff Deputy for 20 years as well as a member of the Town of Shandaken Police Department. Paul proudly served in the US Navy in both the South Pacific and Guam. He continued his service with active memberships in the VFW, where he was Past Commander of Shandaken Post # 2837

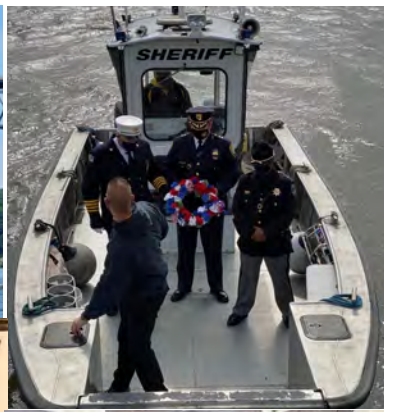


STEVEN ROSS

August 1945 - January 2020

Steve served as a deputy sheriff with the Ulster Co. Sheriff's Office prior to joining the Kingston City Police Dept. After his retirement he served as a security officer for over 15 years with the Sheriff's Office.





Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office to serve the public by enhancing our partnership with the community, and in so doing, protect life and property, prevent crime, and solve problems and foster good will through courtesy and professionalism.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office shall maintain a correctional facility with the highest degree of security to ensure the safety of the citizens, staff and inmates.

Value Statements

In our continuing pursuit of excellence, we, the members of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, are dedicated to, and proudly promote:

Dignity

With confidence and pride in ourselves, we strive to remain compassionate, and protect the rights of all citizens equally.

Integrity

We will be responsible for our conduct, both professionally and personally.

We will be fair, honest, and courteous and show strength of character at all times.

We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of ethical conduct and strive to be role models for all.

Professional Service

We recognize the trust the public places in us and we accept that responsibility.

We are devoted to providing quality service and strive to remain effective, efficient and responsive to the changing needs of our community while providing a safe environment.

Sworn or civilian, full-time or part-time, we are proud to belong to this agency and to promote these values

