



2018 Annual Report



Colonie Police Department

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On The Cover:

Two new K-9 teams were selected in 2018 due to the upcoming retirement of the department's only K-9 team in service. Pictured are: Officer Michael Clough with K-9 Eddie, Officer Gerald Shaw and K-9 Vader who have served since 2012 and Officer Jason Orkwis with K-9 Lock. K-9 Eddie was named in memory of Investigator Ed Frank who passed away from cancer in 2005. Lock was named in memory of Lieutenant Bill Lockart who passed away from non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2004.

Executive Summary

- Chief Jonathan Teale

The Colonie Police Department had another successful year with a reduction in crime overall despite an increase of over 3,000 calls for service. This year we were able to increase the Department to 114 officers and are on track to have 115 for 2019. This represents the highest staffing level the Department has ever had. The support we received from Supervisor Mahan and the Town Board has enabled us to continue to provide excellent service to our community.

We have continued to utilize our new units and comprehensive training to increase our overall efficiency and keep our community safe. Throughout the year our Computer Crimes Unit (CCU) conducted training at schools, businesses and various organizations regarding risks associated with computers and internet use. They also conducted investigations with our state and federal partners to keep our children safe from predators. The Drone (UAS) Unit has conducted over 80 missions including several successful suspect apprehensions utilizing thermal imaging and night vision cameras. Two new K-9's were added to the department this year and have already proven to be a great asset. One canine was completely funded by a grant we received and the other canine was funded by donations and arrest forfeiture monies. A second School Resource Officer position was added and will greatly enhance our ability to assist our schools and help keep them safer.

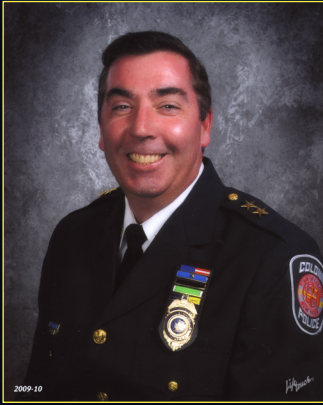
The Colonie Police Department's other units also continued to excel and provide a variety of services to our community. In 2018 our Special Services Team came in first place in a tactical team competition in Oriskany, N.Y. The three day competition included eight teams from police departments throughout the state. Due to the hard work of our patrol officers we were able to make over a dozen arrests for illegal handguns this past year. Their commitment to excellence and professionalism illustrates an incredible effort to keep our citizens safe while risking their own safety. Our Communications staff handled over 93,000 police, fire and EMS calls this past year and they continue to demonstrate their dedication to public safety.

To help build our relationship with the community our Department's Community Services Unit held two community night events in Town this past year. Many officers volunteered to help out and both events were well attended by hundreds of people. Officers provided several demonstrations, organized games and competitions, and served food for everyone. Many Town businesses graciously donated food and prizes for the events. Officers also worked 358 community service events in 2018.

The continued support of Supervisor Mahan and the entire Town Board has enabled us to successfully meet the challenges we face and be proactive in meeting our community's needs. I would like to thank all of our officers, dispatchers and staff for the work they do all year long and look forward to working with everyone to keep our community safe in the coming year.



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Overview and History of the Department

The Colonie Police Department is a New York State accredited, full-service police agency serving the Town of Colonie, New York.

The Colonie Police Department was formed by a Town Board resolution on January 2, 1934. This resolution authorized the Police Department to hire a Chief and two Patrolmen – total budget \$2,500.00.



In 2018, the budget was approximately \$15 million. There were 114 sworn officers, 50 civilian support personnel and over 60 vehicles in the police fleet. Starting Officer's salary has risen from \$400.00 to approximately \$55,000.00. Although the population and related growth of the Town and the Police Department have both grown substantially, the Police Department maintains contact with citizens by promoting a Community Policing policy throughout the agency.

The Police Department is structured into two main divisions. The Field Operations Division includes Patrol, Investigations and Traffic Safety. The Administrative Services Division provides support functions such as Communications, Records, Training, Personnel and Community Services. Administrative Services is also responsible for Fiscal Management, Grant Management, Statistical Analysis, Accreditation, Emergency Management and Animal Control.

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Colonie Police Department Mission Statement:

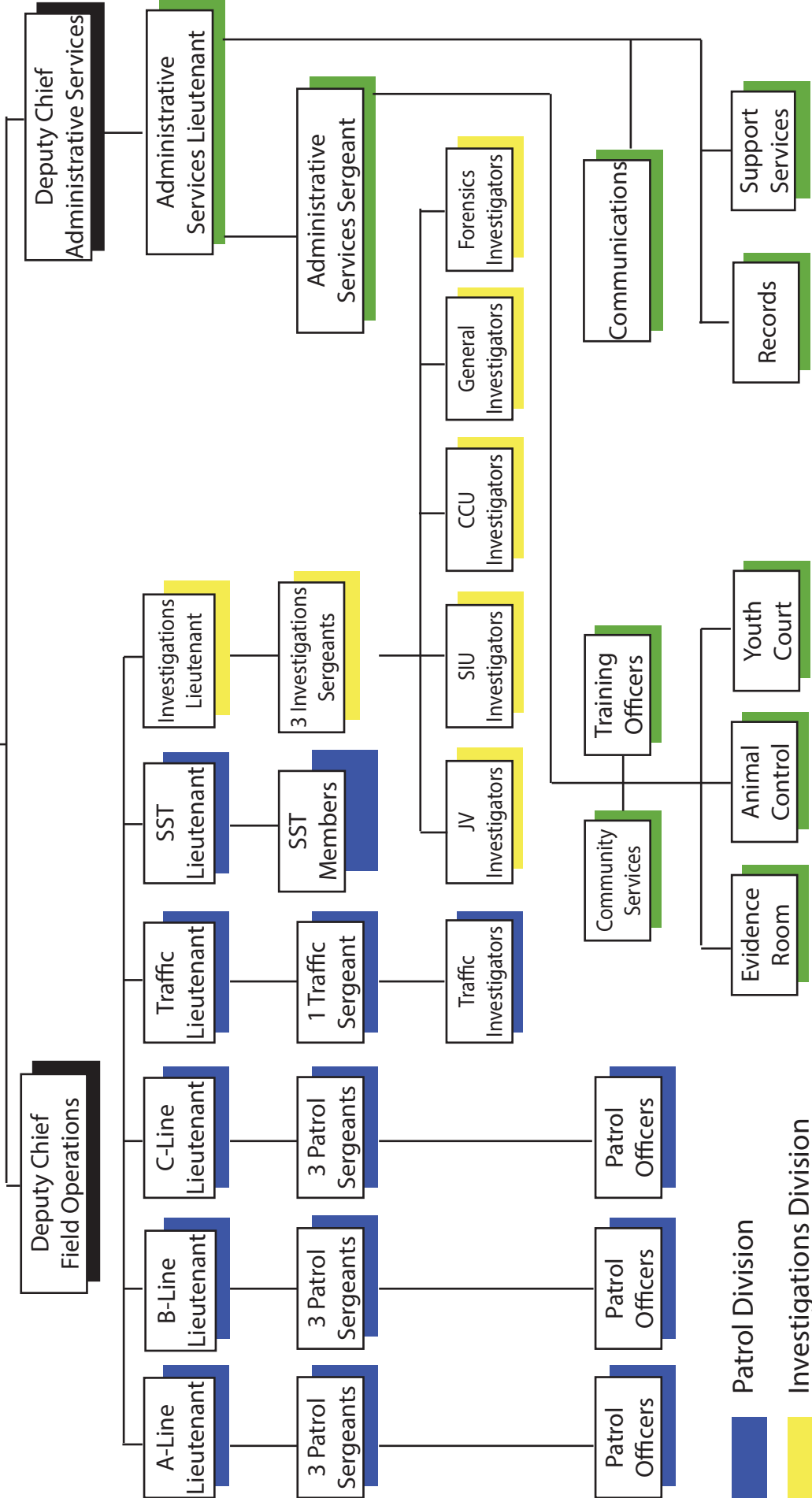
The mission of the Colonie Police Department is to interact with all citizens with dignity, honor and respect; to preserve life; to protect and maintain human and constitutional rights; to protect property; and to promote individual responsibility and community commitment to high quality standards of living.

The Colonie Police Department will perform this mission in partnership with the community it serves. The police department will foster and promote mutual education, respect, and problem solving with the community. All members of the police department have been empowered to be an agent for this partnership and the positive interaction it will bring.

Colonie Police Department Organizational Chart

Chief of Police
Jonathan M. Teale

Internal Affairs



- Patrol Division
- Investigations Division
- Administrative Services Division

PATROL DIVISION



The Colonie Police Patrol Division consists of four lieutenants, ten sergeants and 61 patrol officers. Part of the Patrol Division is the Traffic Safety Unit which consists of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant and four Traffic Investigators. These officers are deployed throughout eight patrol zones, 24 hours per day.

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division work one of three shifts:

- A-Line - 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.
- B-Line - 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- C-Line - 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Thirty marked and unmarked vehicles are assigned for use by the Patrol Division.

Members of the Patrol Division duties include, but are not limited to:

- Proactive police patrol and crime prevention
- Enforcement of appropriate Federal, State & Local laws.
- Reporting and preliminary investigation of criminal complaints
- Crash investigation
- Response to non-criminal complaints
- Response to calls for service

Additionally, members of the Patrol Division are at the forefront of the community policing initiative. Patrol officers are assigned to the same patrol areas on a daily basis to become familiar with the individuals and businesses they serve.

Patrol officers participate in special enforcement programs such as “Operation Mainstreet,” where officers are deployed in plainclothes and unmarked cars to take a proactive approach against drugs and criminal activity on Colonie’s streets. These officers also actively participate in many highway safety programs including Buckle Up New York and Stop DWI. Both programs focus on reducing injuries and eliminating fatalities on our roadways through aggressive enforcement activities.

Motorcycle Unit

The Motorcycle Unit was formed in 1990 and is in service five to six months of the year. It consists of one sergeant, one Traffic Safety Investigator and two officers who work two shifts, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 11 p.m. All Motor Officers are certified and trained through Northwestern Traffic Institute at Northwestern University. Officers assigned to the Motorcycle Unit handle all patrol functions as well as special events such as parades, escorts and funeral details. They offer the additional benefit of being able to patrol the Town bike path, school properties and in heavy traffic conditions where traditional patrol vehicles cannot access. Additionally, the Motorcycle Unit serves as the upstate New York escorts for the Patriot Flight, a national effort to provide World War II veterans free transportation to the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.



Traffic Safety Unit

The Traffic Safety Unit, as a component of the Patrol Division, is comprised of four uniformed investigators, one sergeant and one lieutenant who are specially trained in several areas of traffic services including, but not limited to traffic enforcement, crash investigation and reconstruction, motor carrier safety regulations and hazardous materials incident management. This unit has the responsibility of investigating all collisions involving a fatality, life threatening physical injury or crashes involving Town owned vehicles. In addition,



they collect and analyze crash and enforcement data, then develop and implement countermeasure programs that address identified highway safety problems. These investigators respond to the community's concerns involving traffic issues that include complaints of traffic volume, signage and vehicle traffic violations. This unit supports and assists the efforts of the Town's Highway Safety Committee.

Members of this unit are responsible for the maintenance and calibration of all of the department's speed measuring devices and breath testing instruments. The Traffic Safety Unit utilizes the Electronic Total Work Station. This computerized mapping instrument is an invaluable tool in precisely documenting a crime or crash scene.

Traffic Investigator Jason DePaulo works with the New York State Governors Traffic Safety Council as a Lead Instructor of a Motorcycle Enforcement Course which is given to law enforcement officers all over the State of New York. Topics include motorcycle gangs/ clubs, motorcycle helmets, DWI detection and traffic violations specific to motorcycles, crash investigations and motorcycle safety. In 2018, Investigator DePaulo was the recipient of the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Chair Award which is presented to the individual whose programs are innovative, superior and highly successful in promoting traffic safety.

In 2018, the Traffic Safety Unit investigated 5 fatal crashes (*a 38% decrease*) and handled 360 case files (*a 5% increase*).

Bicycle Unit

In 2005, the Colonie Police Department debuted a Bicycle Patrol with the intention of giving the police department more latitude in patrolling the various parts of the Town and to provide more options in keeping with our Community Policing Initiatives. The objective of bicycle patrols is to reduce crime by enforcing laws through proactive policing and to better communicate with our residents by being more approachable than in a patrol car. Currently there are twelve officers as well as four sergeants assigned to the Bicycle Unit.



Bicycles are available for deployment on every shift for every day patrol from October to April.

Additionally they are utilized at several community services events during this time including bicycle safety events for children. The bicycles were a common sight at Town and Village sponsored events at The Crossings Park, Cook Park and the Pruyn House.

K-9 Unit

The Colonie Police Department currently has one Patrol K-9 team, consisting of a dog and its handler. The canine is assigned to a specific officer, and the animal goes home with the officer/handler, and becomes an integral part of the officer's family. This team is a normal patrol unit and responds to routine calls for service as well as perform their specialized duties as a K-9 team. When not working, they are on call for immediate response. The team is trained in the following: tracking, building search, evidence recovery, handler protection, criminal apprehension, and advanced narcotics detection (which include, marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, and hashish). The team is certified by The NYS Dept. of Criminal Justice Services.



*Pictured are left to right:
Officer Mike Clough and K-9 Eddie,
Officer Jerry Shaw and K-9 Vader
and Officer Jason Orkwis and K-9 Lock*

Working the streets in 2018 was Officer Jerry Shaw and his partner, K-9 Vader. Vader is an 70-lb, seven year old German Shepherd who was born in Slovakia. Prior to their retirement in January, 2019, Officer Shaw and Vader worked the midnight shift.

The team participated in at least 24 hours of specialized K-9 training a month to meet the New York State requirement for certification. This team also took part in local, state and national level training seminars to sharpen their skills. Also as part of their duties, this team participated in numerous public and private demonstrations to show why and how the canine is deployed as well as assists several other local police and government agencies.

2018 K-9 Unit Utilizations:

- 11 Tracks *(A decrease of 73%)*
- 7 Area/Building Searches *(A decrease of 22%)*
- 34 Narcotic Searches *(An increase of 10%)*

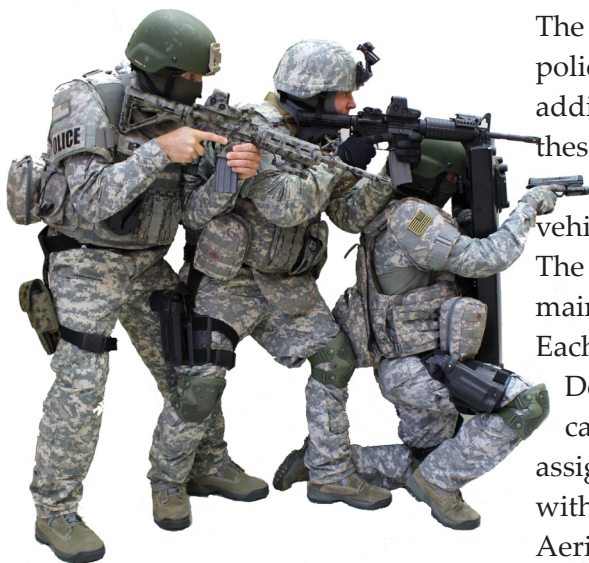
During 2018, Vader was called in from off duty 33 times. During his searches, he recovered three pounds of marijuana, seven pounds, five ounces of cocaine and \$86,630.00 in cash and money orders. In addition to the Colonie Police Department, K-9 Vader performed searches for the U.S. Postal Inspectors, U.S. Customs and the Albany County Sheriff's Department.

In late 2018, two new K-9 teams were added to the department: Officer Jason Orkwis and K-9 Lock and Officer Mike Clough and K-9 Eddie. Lock was named in honor of Colonie Police Lt. William Lockart who passed away in 2004 after a battle with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Eddie was named in honor of Colonie Police Investigator Ed Frank who passed away in 2005 after battling cancer. Both teams attended an extensive and physically demanding 12-week K-9 Academy which was hosted by the Berkshire County Sheriff's Department.

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Unit

The Unmanned Aerial Systems Unit (UAS) is comprised of one lieutenant, one sergeant and six pilots and is currently equipped with multiple unmanned aerial systems capable of recording and transmitting live high definition and thermal images back to a command post. The units are equipped with 4k cameras, 180x zoom cameras and a high resolution thermal camera. Currently, unmanned aerial vehicles are deployed on all three shifts on patrol for rapid deployment and can be airborne in 2 minutes or less once on scene. The UAS Unit has been activated for numerous incidents including assisting Colonie Fire Services with active structure fires and cause and origin investigations, suspicious package incidents, crash reconstruction, barricaded/armed subject calls, missing person/suspect searches, intelligence and reconnaissance for tactical team mission planning, and Emergency Management monitoring of the Mohawk river ice jams and mapping of flood prone areas in the Town. The UAS unit allows the Police Department and Colonie Fire Services to operate more efficiently and effectively while increasing safety for officers and firefighters. The technology allows the department to search a large area in the fraction of the time for missing or wanted persons, allows fire services to monitor active HAZMAT or fire scenes from a safe location and providing an aerial perspective for command staff during large incidents/events.

SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM



The Colonie Police Department has a team of 19 highly trained police officers known as the Special Services Team (S.S.T.). In addition to the training provided to all officers in the department, these officers receive specialized training in many areas including high risk traffic stops, barricaded subjects, hostage situations, vehicle assaults and the execution of high risk search warrants. The team members train a minimum of twice monthly in order to maintain the high level of proficiency that is expected of them. Each member of the team has a specified role within the Police Department's day to day operations. When needed, the team can be quickly assembled and mobilized for a high risk assignment. Members of the Special Services Team operate jointly with members of the Crisis Negotiation Unit and the Unmanned Aerial Systems Unit to enhance each unit's capabilities and provide the greatest likelihood of success for incidents in which they respond. Additionally, four Colonie EMS Paramedics train with the team and are prepared to be utilized in the event of a team deployment.

The team members also have access to a specially outfitted marked patrol SUV that is operated by team members and deployed for regular patrol duties. This SUV has tactical equipment to aid in the resolution of dynamic situations, such as high risk vehicle stops, building searches and suicidal suspects. The vehicle and on-duty members of the Special Services Team are utilized routinely by the Patrol and Investigations Division to maximize the department's tactical capability through both awareness and enhanced personal protective equipment. Since 2017, the Special Services Team has achieved and maintained the standards required to be recognized as a Department of Criminal Justice Services Certified SWAT Team. In May of 2018, the Colonie Police Department's Special Services Team participated in TAC Week, an annual training event sponsored by the New York State Department of Homeland Security, which provides cutting edge tactical training to tactical operators across the state. During the competitive elements of this year's event, the Colonie Police Department's Special Services Team placed first out of eight tactical teams participating in the event. The Special Services Team had eight team activations in 2018.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

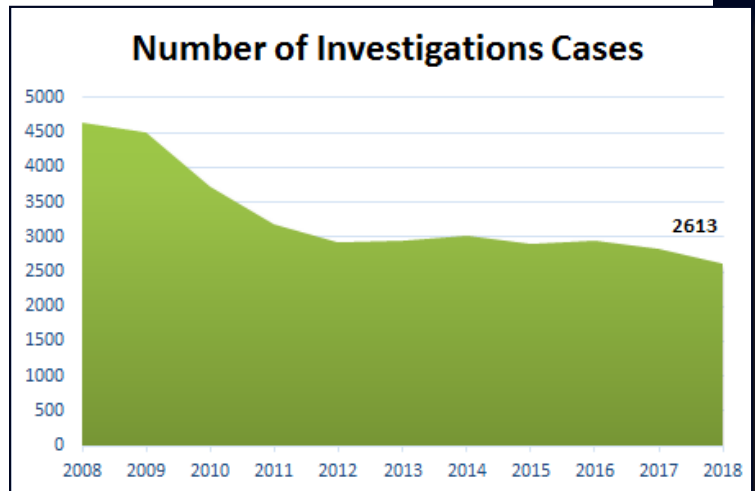
The Investigations Division is responsible for investigating crimes committed within the Town of Colonie. To meet the needs and demands of investigating various crime types, the Colonie Police Department Investigations Division has several units and sub-specialties.

The Investigations Division is comprised of 18 investigators, three sergeants and one lieutenant.

Investigations Unit

The Investigations Unit is responsible for cases involving crimes against persons and property. This includes, but is not limited to, assault, robbery, burglary, and other penal law statutes.

The Investigations Division handled 2,613 cases in 2018. This is a 7% decrease from 2017.



Computer Crime Unit



The Computer Crime Unit continues to adhere to its mandate to investigate online criminal activity, conduct undercover online investigations and provide forensic analysis of digital materials. The unit's role of proactively working in an undercover capacity has expanded with member affiliation in the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force and New York State Police Internet Crimes Against Children. Our Investigators works side by side with the FBI, NYSP and the other member agencies to proactively investigate any case involving the use of computers or other technology to victimize children. These cases range from cyber bullying to child pornography to luring a child. These affiliations have broadened our investigative ability and fostered successful prosecutions in our jurisdiction and nationwide.

There continues to be an increase in the need for forensic analysis of computer materials. The Colonie Police Department works with local, state and federal municipalities to provide forensic analysis in computer crime investigations. The unit has investigated cases ranging from simple harassment to forgery, embezzlement, identity theft, missing persons, child abuse and exploitation. In each case, the capabilities of the unit to examine computer media and recover evidence have proven extremely valuable to both investigators and prosecutors.

Members of the Computer Crime Unit continue to conduct community programs for parents, teachers and students on internet safety. The unit also provides training on computer investigations to recruits at the regional Police Academy.

Forensic Unit:

The Forensic Unit is made up of two investigators specially trained in evidence handling and photography. These investigators receive and process evidence gathered by officers of this department during the course of an investigation. Investigators examine physical evidence including fingerprints and DNA samples which may be submitted to the New York State Police or the Federal Bureau of Investigations laboratories for analysis and possible identification.

The Colonie Police Forensic Unit was one of the first specialty forensic units in the Capital District. The science of crime scene processing and evidence recovery plays a crucial role in the prosecution of criminal cases. Investigators in this unit receive detailed and ongoing training in the latest forensic trends.

2018 Figures

Items of Evidence Received
16,837 An increase of 17%

Total # of Items Processed
804 An increase of 2%

In 2018, 219 fingerprint submissions were made to the New York State lab. Of these 57 submissions were identified.

In 2018, 401 DNA submissions were made to the New York State lab. Of these 61 submissions were identified.

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigates all illegal drug and vice-related crimes in the Town. They also assist and support the Investigation Unit in investigating crimes against persons and property. The Special Investigation Unit continues to work closely with local, state and federal agencies as well as local task forces. Money seized was used to buy new equipment such as ruggedized computer tablets, etc. for use by officers.

2018 Figures: Seizure of Assets and/or Property - **\$125,218.94** A decrease of 7% from 2017.

Juvenile Unit

The Juvenile (JV) Unit is comprised of four Juvenile Investigators that investigate incidents involving crimes committed by or against youths (under 17 years of age). Incidents may range from minor offenses to all other crime classifications.

Public Information Officer

Throughout the year, the department issues scores of press releases that not only announce the commission of crimes or the arrest of offenders but also for the purpose of disseminating vital information to the public. In addition to the Chief's Office, responsibility for this falls to the Investigations Commander as well as to the appropriate division heads as necessitated.

In the year 2018, the Colonie Police Department issued 200 releases.

Beginning in the year 2011, the Colonie Police Department began working with CBS6 News anchor Liz Bishop on her weekly segment, Perp Patrol that features wanted persons of the Capital District. Since its inception, the Colonie Police Department has captured over 87% of its suspects featured in the segment as well as identify individuals from surveillance photos. The result is a significant reduction on the warrant arrests in the Town of Colonie in turn making our community safer. 468 wanted persons have been broadcast on Perp Patrol for the Colonie Police Dept. resulting in 404 arrests.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

The Administrative Services Division is comprised of both sworn and civilian personnel. Personnel assigned to this division are responsible for all department support services including:

- Communications
- Community Services
- Records
- Fiscal Management
- Statistical Analysis
- Training
- Fleet Management
- Grant Management
- Accreditation
- Animal Control
- Colonie Youth Court
- Web Site

Communications:

Communications is responsible for all public safety communications in the Town of Colonie. It is a 24-hour operation and is staffed by a Public Safety Communications Supervisor, five Senior Dispatchers, and 22 full-time Public Safety Dispatchers. Communications receives requests and information that must be processed and prioritized, then dispatch Police, Fire and Emergency Medical units via a computer aided dispatch system. Utilizing a Motorola Astro 25 Digital Radio System, the Town of Colonie has one of the most advanced two-way public safety and public service radio systems in the area.



In 2014, the Town of Colonie, the City of Albany and the Albany County Sheriff's Department embarked on a shared radio system, which allows the three agencies to communicate with one another as needed. Emergency Services in Saratoga County have the same system as Albany County, so now we are able to communicate with Saratoga County via radio as needed.

The Albany County system has a metro cell (serving the Town of Colonie and the City of Albany), and a county cell which serves all of Albany County. Both the Metro Cell and the County Cell were completed by the end of 2018. The yearly shared maintenance agreements for each agency will decrease substantially.

All Public Safety Dispatchers undergo extensive, hands on training which includes cardio pulmonary resuscitation (which is updated every two years), National Incident Management System (NIMS) certification and Emergency Medical Dispatch training, which allows dispatchers to give medical instructions to callers reporting EMS emergencies.

The Communications Division is one of six E-911 answering points in Albany County answering both land line and wireless 911 calls for service as well as several other administrative lines. The Town of Colonie Public Safety Dispatchers answer well over 100,000 phone calls per year which includes land line 911 calls to the front desk.

2018 Figures

Police Calls

77,863

An increase of 4%.

Fire/EMS Calls

15,263

An increase of 2.7%.

Community Services:

The Colonie Police Department Community Services Unit is comprised of four patrol officers. These officers work closely with citizens and businesses of the Town providing information about personal safety, security of property and methods to reduce criminal activities. In addition, one of our officers is a NYS Certified Crime Prevention Specialist.



Members of this unit assist neighborhood groups by facilitating neighborhood watch programs, conducting crime prevention security surveys, attending neighborhood gatherings or meetings and addressing any specific neighborhood crime prevention needs. These officers serve on many committees and boards of local civic and school programs such as: School Crisis Intervention Teams, Senior Citizen Committees, Safe Schools Committees, NYS Special Olympics, Special Education Committees and New York State Safe Kids.

The four Community Services Officers offer the citizens, schools, colleges, civic organizations and businesses of the Town of Colonie approximately sixty different programs and services. One officer is assigned to work closely with the Town of Colonie Senior Resources Department and the growing senior citizen population.

In a proactive approach to the growing threat of violence in the schools, the Community Services Unit continued its program in 2016 working with the local schools by assessing their security needs. In addition, Officer Pat Germaine serves as the School Resource Officer at Colonie Central High School providing a consistent police presence within the facility. Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, Officer Anthony Sidoti began to

serve as the School Resource Officer at Shaker High School.

As part of the department's SAFE Schools Initiative members of the Community Services Unit provide "tabletop" training for school Crisis Response Team members. This training involves the use of scenarios in which school personnel are placed under stressful conditions in an attempt to deal with a mock crisis. Members of the police department, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services are also present during this training and work with the school personnel while attempting to deal with the problem. In addition to the tabletop training, members of the Community Services Unit also provide classroom instruction on School Violence / Crisis Response to teachers.

Grant Management

Grant Management, requires the preparing, budgeting, accounting and fiscal reporting related to grant awards. These awards are received from Local, State and Federal sources. Grant managers are also responsible for acquiring new technology for use by all department members.



In 2018, the Colonie Police Department received:

- A \$25,000 grant from STOP DWI for the funding of county wide DWI sweeps as well as training and equipment for the Traffic Safety Unit.
- A \$34,000 grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Council for "Selected Traffic" Enforcement.

Project D.A.R.E.



In September of 1992 the Colonie Police Department in cooperation with the Town's two school districts and representatives of various private and parochial schools inaugurated the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program. D.A.R.E. provides the children of our community with the skills needed to deal with the dangers of drug abuse, alcohol abuse and violence. It also provides them with the guidance they need to make the right decisions for their health and future. D.A.R.E. is targeted for school children in the fifth and sixth grades. This unit, now in its twenty-sixth full year of operation includes three fully trained D.A.R.E. officers. Additionally, one D.A.R.E. officer has been trained in the D.A.R.E. parent component program.

In 2018, these officers presented D.A.R.E. programs to approximately 1,000 students in the fifth grade throughout the Town. Additionally the officers provide continuing education to approximately 1,500 students in the sixth and eighth grades in 82 individual classrooms in twenty different schools. Presentations and visitations to the kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms in 11 schools continue, which enable the officers to interact with an additional 4,500 children. This interaction provides students with safety skills for use at both home and school. A high school program for the ninth through twelfth grades was developed to reduce the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs among our community's high school students. Students discuss the risks and consequences of underage drinking, experience hands-on demonstrations using fatal vision goggles and the risks and consequences of drinking, driving and riding with intoxicated drivers. In 2017, this program was presented to approximately 1,500 high school students in 55 classrooms.

In addition to the K-12 buildings, our officers also visit with many of our pre-kindergarten child care centers throughout the Town of Colonie talking with them about safety and letting them know that officers are their friends.

Annual D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament

The Annual D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament not only provides an enjoyable day of friendship but also serves as a great fundraiser for the D.A.R.E. Program as businesses in the community assume the role as sponsors. In 2018, the event was held at the Schuyler Meadows Club where 176 golfers competed.

Child Car Safety Seat Inspections

Three certified Colonie Police Officers provide the service of checking child car safety seats to ensure that their installations are safe and proper.

In 2018, 71 safety seats were examined.
(A decrease of 15% from 2017)



IS YOUR CHILD IN THE RIGHT CAR SEAT?

Training Unit:

The Training Unit staff includes two police officers and one sergeant on a full-time basis. This unit develops, implements and evaluates mandated in-service training as well as providing selective topical training. Six times a year this unit conducts practical exercise and classroom instruction that all of our officers attend.



Officers also attend numerous local training sessions held throughout the region on various topics.

Training this year included instruction on the use of force, legal updates, EMS protocol and a full day of defensive tactics training. Additional in-service training consisted of reality based scenarios to induce real life stress on the officer to simulate what happens on a real call as well as two days of firearms training. The department also continued its "Roll Call Training" in which officers receive ten minute training sessions during their daily briefing. In addition to their traditional instructional roles, these officers also have responsibilities in the following areas:

- Field Training Officer Program
- Police Officer Candidate Processing
- Internship Educational Program
- Department Armorers
- Quartermaster Duties

The unit is also responsible for the acquisition, deployment and maintenance of the department fleet and associated equipment. When no longer usable for police service, department vehicles are transferred to other Town agencies or sold at auction.

Fiscal Management:

The 2018 Police Department budget was \$15,493,662 of which approximately 88% was appropriated for personnel costs, including salaries and benefits. The remaining 12% accounted for the day to day operating budget. Fiscal Management personnel act as the liaison with the Town Comptrollers office and the Office of General Services. Functions of this office include: procurement of merchandise and services, billing and accounting, payroll preparation and personnel schedules.



Police Department Web Page

The Colonie Police Department has a redesigned webpage which offers information on department services such as child safety seat inspections and the Civilian Police Academy as well as the ability to search for sex offenders in your area using Offender Watch.

Online forms are also available and include a House/Property Check Form that notifies the department when you will be on vacation and your house will be vacant, an Alarm / Emergency contact card that informs the department who to contact in the event of an alarm drop or emergency at your home, and a Home Security Survey.

Additionally, the Colonie Police Department is now on Facebook as well as Twitter, which allows the department to better inform the community on incidents and programs as well as receive assistance from the public with identifying suspects.

Statistical Analysis

Monthly, quarterly and yearly reports compiling various statistics and data charts are produced for use by Field and Administrative personnel. Mandated Federal and New York State

reports, including Uniform Crime

Reports are produced by this office.



Records

The Records Division is responsible for data entry, as well as the processing and maintaining of information pertaining to official reports and arrest records. All Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests are received and processed by Records personnel. This unit reviews all Police Officer documented reports for content, clarity and completeness.



2018 Figures

Investigations Cases

2,613

A decrease of 7%

Field Interviews

1,591

A decrease of 1%

Accident Investigations

4,623

A decrease of 2%

Citations

6,838

A decrease of 17%

Animal Control:

Colonie's Animal Control officers focus on the enforcement of state and local laws in relation to dogs and other animals. The intention is to promote health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the Town of Colonie. Specifically, Animal Control enforces provisions of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and Town local laws.



The philosophy of the unit is to remove animals in a safe and humane manner. They interact with the public by providing information on local and state laws before actual enforcement becomes necessary.

Duties of Colonie Animal Control Officers include: the seizure of lost dogs, impoundment, investigations of barking dog complaints, removing sick or injured animals, investigation of animal bites, removing deceased dogs and cats from highways, occasional trapping of wildlife found in homes, transporting possible rabid animals for testing, and investigating cruelty complaints.

Responsibilities consist of the service of legal processes related to criminal or civil proceedings including: appearance tickets, impounding dogs found at large, transporting dogs to the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, notifying the owner of its whereabouts and transporting stray dogs and cats to veterinarians for immediate medical treatment if necessary.

In 2018, Animal Control Officers answered 2,371 animal control complaints. This was a 7% increase from 2017.

Accreditation:

The Colonie Police Department participates in an accreditation process which involves a critique and review by outside independent assessors of all department policies and procedures to ensure that they are in compliance with the standards set by New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. While a self-assessment of the agency is an ongoing responsibility of department members, preparation for the critique that takes place every five years is an arduous one and involves nearly full time work for over one year by department staff. During the year 2014, the department participated in its fifth accreditation process and as a result of this review, the Colonie Police Department successfully met or exceeded the criteria required for re-accreditation through October, 2019.

The accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism thus establishing confidence in the department by Town residents and department employees alike. Originally accredited in 1994, the Colonie Police Department is one of a small number of police departments in the state of New York that have been accredited for the past seventeen years.

Colonie Youth Court



Colonie Youth Court is an early intervention diversion program for young people who have been arrested for the first time for a minor crime. Each defendant in youth court must meet general criteria which includes: under age 19, have committed a misdemeanor or violation, admission of guilt, and be a first time offender. In youth court, a youth must explain their actions to a jury of his/her peers, and accept a sentence of community service hours deemed appropriate by a young jury. Our jurors are town residents in grades 7-12 who wish to serve on an actual case. Youth Court volunteer members are high school students in grades 9-12 who undergo an extensive 8 week law related course of instruction. Youth Court member roles include: Judge, Prosecutor, Defender, Jury Foreperson, Clerk and Victim Advocate.

During the 2018 Fall Membership Training Program, Youth Court welcomed 31 new trainees into its volunteer member population. Over 250 volunteer jurors currently serve annually.

Three seniors who were youth court members were awarded college scholarships in 2018. The 1st place winner of the 2018 Robert M. Auld College Scholarship was youth court member, Emily Musser. Emily is attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The 2nd place winner was Sarah Novak. Sarah is attending SUNY Oswego. Member Jessika Kahnle received a college scholarship from the South Colonie Dollars for Scholars – Colonie Youth Court Scholarship. Jessika is attending Ithaca College.

At the conclusion of 2018, the Colonie Youth Court received 34 referrals. 99% of offenders successfully completed the required sanctions imposed upon them. The program continues to maintain an overall 98.5% offender successful completion rate since hearing its first case in 1995.

The gender, race, crime committed, and community service hours performed is as follows: 46% males and 54% females, 32% - Caucasians, and 68% - African Americans. The cases were composed of 64% theft related crimes, 1% marijuana related, 1% traffic related, and 11% multiple offenses. The remaining 23% were composed of mischief, assault, harassment, and possession of a weapon.

The total number of community service hours performed in 2018 alone was 847 hours in the Town of Colonie. Overall the program participants have performed over 60,000 hours of service in the last 23 years.

For more information on the Colonie Youth Court program, please contact Director, Violet Palombo at 518-782-2638.

EXPLORER POST 185

The Colonie Police Explorer Post 185 is comprised of individuals from 14 to 21 years of age who have an active interest in Law Enforcement as a potential career. Currently we have 17 Explorers in our post under the supervision of Lt. Robert Donnelly and the Post Advisors who include Sgt. Tom Breslin, Inv. Jason Depaulo, and Officers John Rockwell, Mike Warner, Jacques Tremblay, Ryan Berkery and Brianna Pierce.

The Explorers program is designed to give youth in the community an opportunity to learn first-hand the knowledge and skills



required in the field of law enforcement. During their bi-monthly meetings, Explorers are exposed to Law Enforcement related topics such as Officer Safety, Interview Techniques, Domestic Violence, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Emergency Vehicles Operations, Crime Scene Investigation and Building Search. Explorers also have an opportunity to put their knowledge to the test by competing against other Police Explorer Posts in scenario based competitions at Stations Day and by attending a week-long, multi-phase

Explorer Academy in Connecticut. In addition to the training they receive, Explorers provide the Town of Colonie with valuable Community Service. During 2018 alone, Explorers donated over 1,700 hours of their time while providing services at functions such as the CP Telethon, Concerts in the Barn at the Pruyn House and various events at The Crossings of Colonie.

Members must be at least 14 years of age and completed the 8th grade, must maintain an 80 average in school and be in good standing in your community.



2018 AWARDS CEREMONY

On the evening of May 31, 2018, the Colonie Police Department hosted our annual Awards Ceremony where department members joined with officers' families and friends at the Town of Colonie Public Safety Center in this recognition event.



Civilian Award

A Certificate of Community Service may be awarded to a civilian who has rendered assistance to the Police Department in an emergency, or who by action or deed, has contributed to a better police-community

Command Recognition Award

The Command Recognition Award may be awarded to a member, who in the line of police duty performs a task in an exemplary manner thereby displaying alertness, efficiency and dedication to duty.

Det. Sergeant Daniel Belles
Inv. Christopher R. Smith
Inv. Kevin Terry
Inv. James Gerace
Inv. Robert Willey
Inv. Raymond Milham Jr.

Officer Conor Anson
Officer John Rockwell
Officer Robert Lemerise
Officer Ryan Berkery
Officer Frank Peris
Officer Javier Martinez

Officer Patrick Fennelly
Officer Chris A. Smith
Officer Austin Blais
Officer Ryan Howe
Officer Michael Sbardella
Officer James Splonskowski

Life Saving Award

The Life Saving Award is presented to a member, who in the performance of his or her duty, renders medical first aid of a distinguished or unusually creditable nature to a person whose life is in immediate jeopardy, and does so in a manner that most certainly sustains the person and enables such person to be delivered alive to a medical facility.

In 2018, the Life Saving Award was presented to: Investigator Jeffrey Guzy, Officer Alvin Guerrero, Officer Michael Warner, Dispatcher Corey Friedman and Dispatcher Joseph Sholtes.

Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Award is given to a member of the department who in the course of their duties and while interacting with their peers, supervisors and the public, displays exceptional dedication to their profession and to the department.

This award is given to the explorer, communicator and police officer of the year.



Sergeant Guy Jubert

*Public Safety Dispatcher
Michael Hennessey*

Explorer Lieutenant Michael DeGross



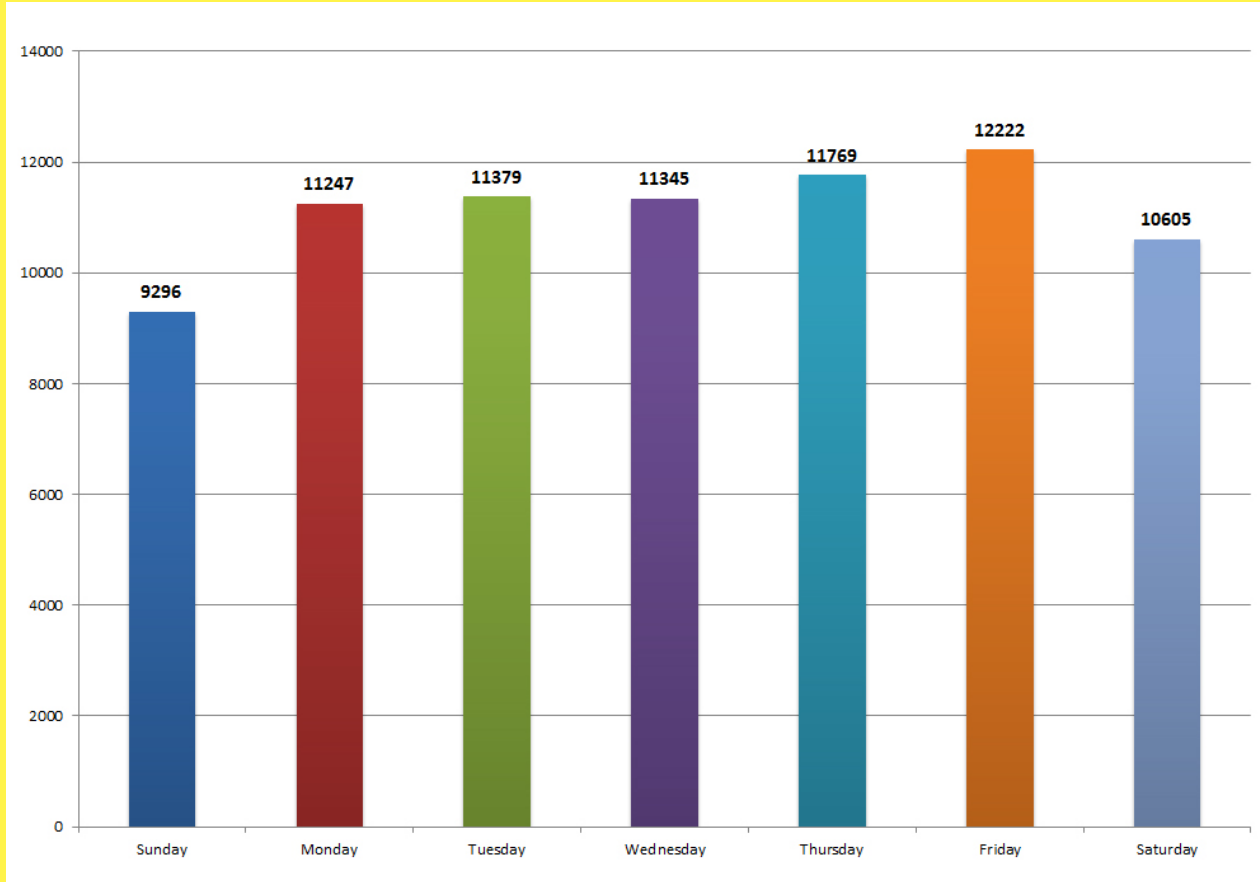
Esposito / Russo Memorial Award



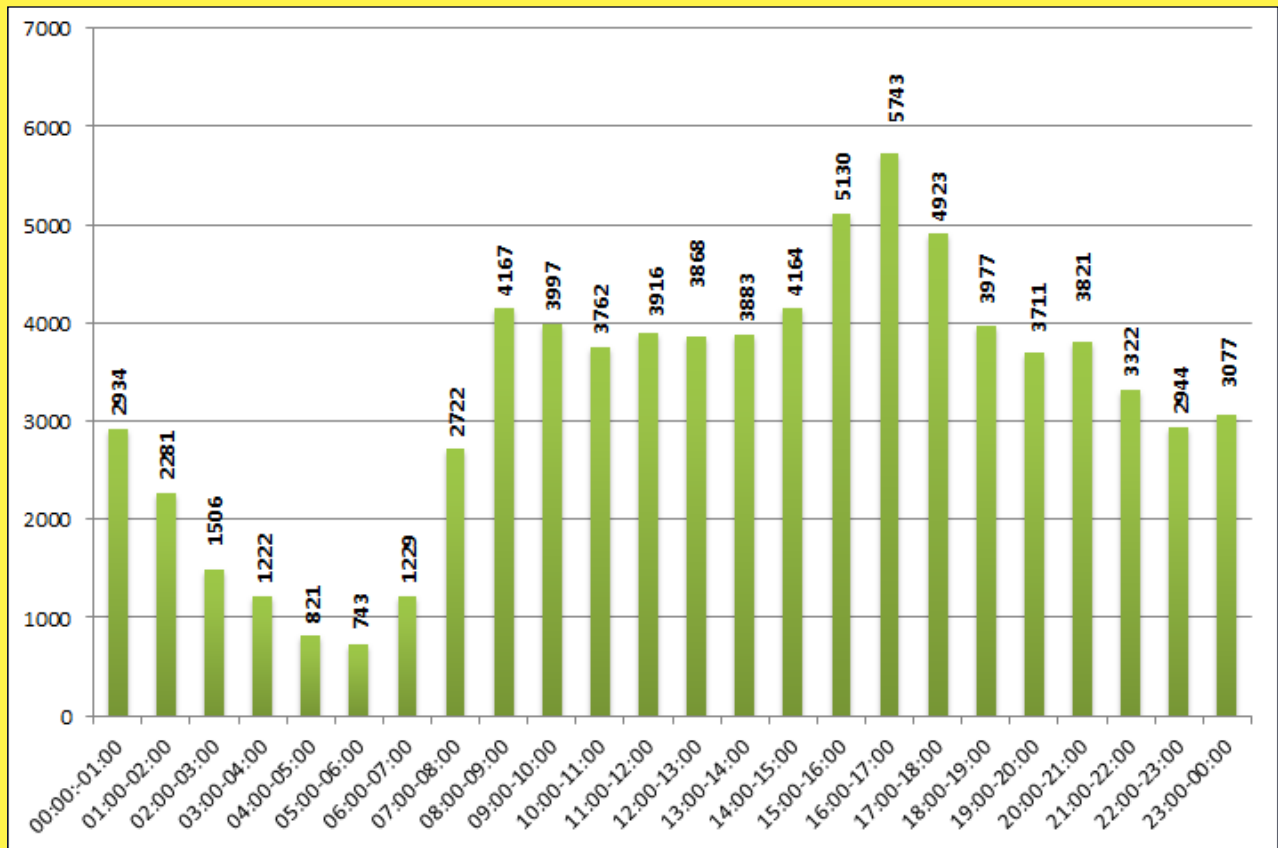
The Esposito/Russo Memorial Award is given to the officer for aggressive anti-DWI efforts throughout the year.

The 2018 award recipient was Traffic Lieutenant Ken Pero for his outstanding leadership and efforts in the field of impaired driving enforcement.

NUMBER OF CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



NUMBER OF CALLS BY HOUR OF THE DAY



2018 CALLS FOR SERVICE

	2017	2018	Change
911 Accidental Call	3,687	4,189	+14%
911 Hang-Up Call	2,565	2,541	-0.9%
911 Non-Emergency/ Nuisance	299	298	-0.3%
911 Transfer	6,300	6,550	+4%
Abandoned Vehicle	225	260	+16%
Alarm Drop	293	291	-0.7%
Animal Control Complaint	2,222	2,371	+7%
Assault	62	53	-15%
Assist A Person	1,120	1,301	+16%
Auto Accident Property Damage	4,069	3,984	-2%
Auto Accident Personal Injury	575	592	+3%
Auto Accident Unknown	85	47	-45%
Bomb Threat	5	8	+60%
Boy / Girlfriend Trouble	68	57	-16%
Burglar Alarm	4,942	4,919	-0.4%
Burglary In Progress	38	44	+16%
Car Blocking	156	162	+4%
Check A Subject	3,807	3,800	-0.1%
Community Services Event	342	358	+5%
Custodial Interference	80	104	+30%
Disabled Motor Vehicle	1,036	993	-4%
Domestic Call	1,378	1,461	+6%
Drunk Annoying	68	70	+3%
Emotionally Disturbed Person	570	630	+11%
EMS Call	1,423	1,433	+0.7%
Executing A Warrant	11	6	-45%
Fight	349	391	+12%
Fire Call	981	1,113	+13%
Fireworks	137	112	-18%
Found Property	402	391	-3%
Get A Complaint	989	1,019	+3%
Get A Report	4,408	4,600	+4%
Group Annoying	221	141	-36%
Hazardous Material Call	13	17	+31%
Hold-Up Alarm	218	188	-14%
Jail Run	242	199	-18%
Juvenile Incident	80	118	+48%
K-9 Search	78	92	+18%
Landlord / Tenant Trouble	78	110	+41%

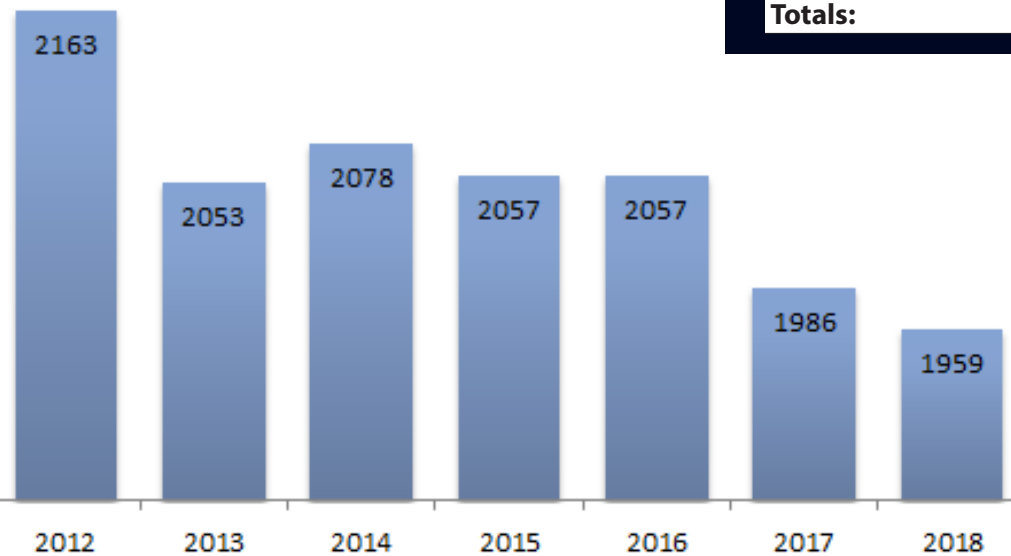
	2017	2018	Change
Larceny Just Occurred	356	337	-5%
Lock Out	134	167	+25%
Malfunctioning Traffic Light	353	359	+2%
Neighbor Trouble	266	259	-3%
Noise Complaint	349	300	-14%
Notification	837	862	+3%
Officer Needs Assistance	152	218	+43%
Open Window / Door	111	109	-2%
POP (Police Oriented Policing)	22	13	-41%
Person Acting Suspicious	331	295	-11%
Person Annoying	561	659	+17%
Person Attempting Suicide	50	46	-8%
Person Down	34	41	+21%
Person Exposing Self	15	11	-27%
Person With A Weapon	63	47	-25%
Police Wanted Unknown	42	24	-43%
Property Check	1,828	2,857	+56%
Prowler	56	53	-5%
Road Hazard	453	448	-1%
Robbery	19	17	-11%
School Crossing	23	4	-91%
Selling Drugs	23	18	-22%
Shoplifter	332	267	-20%
Shots Fired	47	52	+11%
Someone In Building	29	19	-34%
Traffic Enforcement Details	323	245	-24%
Traffic Stop	15,217	16,239	+7%
Tree Down	108	99	-8%
Trouble With A Customer	473	523	+11%
Vehicle Annoying	1,689	1,503	-11%
Vehicle In Violation	238	208	-13%
Warrant	668	641	-4%
Water Break	95	157	+65%
Wires Down / Arching	156	209	+34%
All Other Call Types	5,659	5,527	-2%
Totals:	74,734	77,863	+4%

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR) PART 1 OFFENSES

	2017	2018	Change
Murder	0	0	-
Rape	4	3	-25%
Robbery	24	25	+4.2%
Assault	56	52	-7.1%
Burglary	136	134	-1.5%
Larceny	1,712	1,693	-1.1%
Vehicle Theft	54	52	-3.7%
Totals:	1,986	1959	-1.3%

Despite a 4.2% increase in Calls for Service activity, the Colonie Police Department was able to achieve a 1.3% decrease in Part I crimes, including a 4.7% decrease in violent crimes and a 1.2% decrease in property crimes.

PART I CRIMES

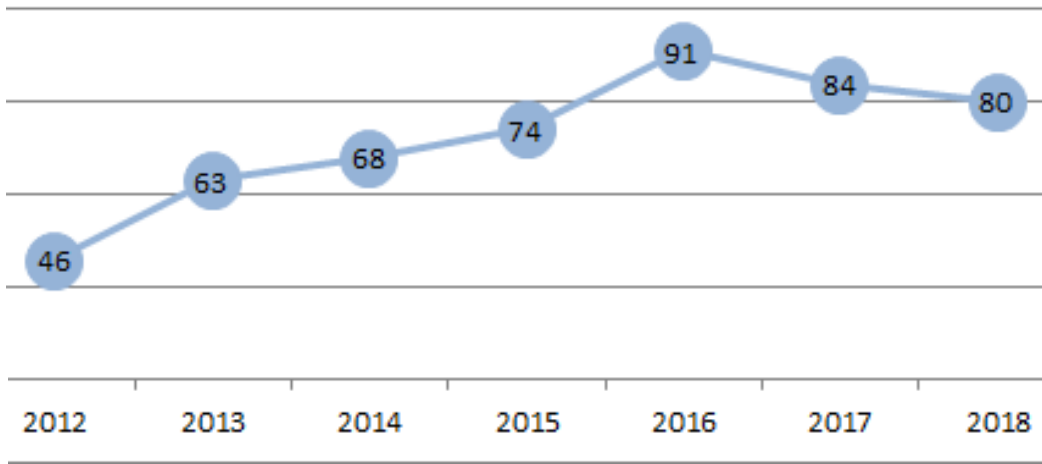


UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR) PART 2 OFFENSES

	2017	2018	Change
Arson	1	1	-
Kidnapping	5	4	-20%
Controlled Substances	246	224	-8.9%
Dangerous Weapons	20	14	-30%
Sex Offenses	17	19	+11.8%
Extortion	0	0	-
Forgery / Counterfeiting	123	116	-5.7%
Stolen Property	55	36	-34.6%
Prostitution & Vice	1	8	+700%
Coercion	0	1	+100%
Criminal Mischief	320	270	-16%
Fraud	285	281	-1%
Gambling	0	0	-
Offenses Against Public Order	0	0	-
Embezzlement	0	0	-
Simple Assault	428	413	-4%
Offenses Against Family	141	129	-9%
Driving Under Influence	164	122	-26%
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	1	16	+1,500%
Possession of Burglar Tools	0	0	-
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	-
Disorderly Conduct	10	9	-10%
Loitering	1	0	-100%
All Other Offenses	333	348	+5%
Totals:	2,151	2,011	-6.5%

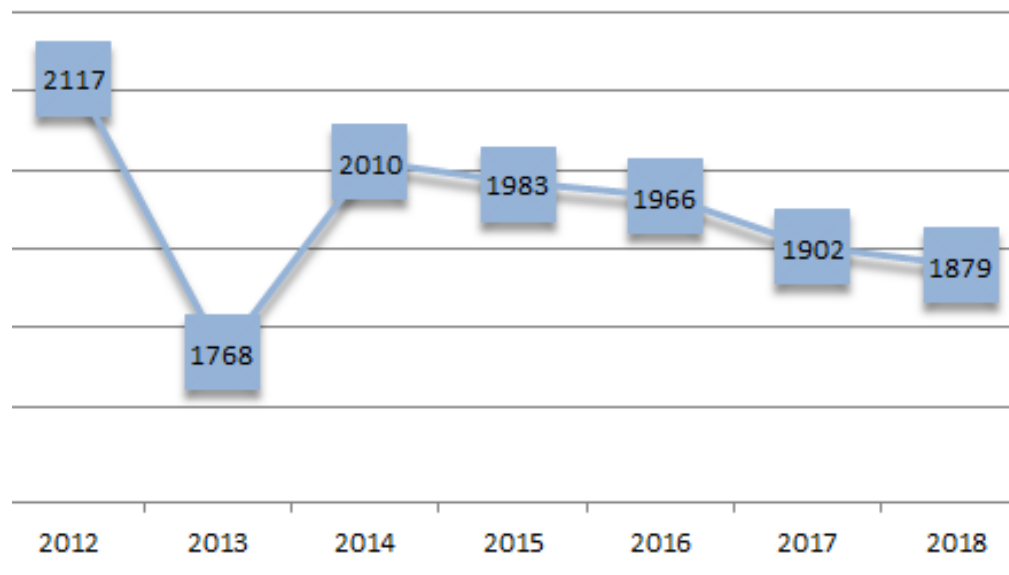
The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program was conceived to meet a need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. The FBI collects, publishes and archives these statistics from nearly 17,000 law enforcement agencies across the United States.

VIOLENT CRIMES



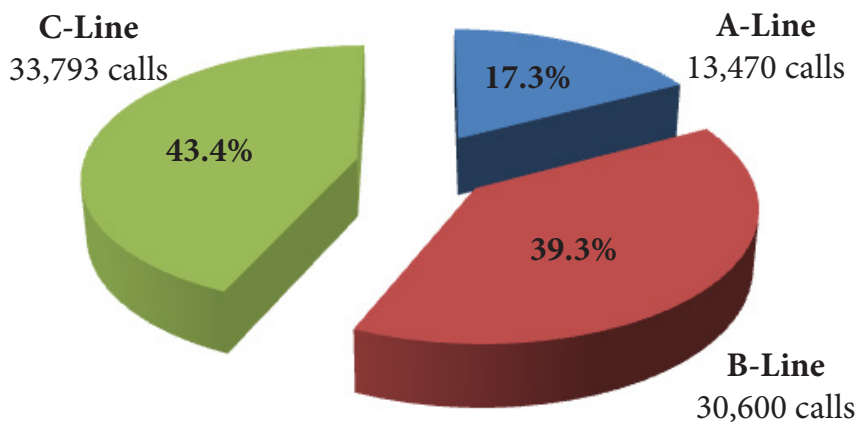
The number of Part I Violent Crimes (Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault incidents) has decreased by 4.7% since 2017 and 12.1% since 2016.

PROPERTY CRIMES



The number of Property Crimes (Burglary, Larceny and MV Theft incidents) has been on the decline since 2011, with the exception in 2014. As highlighted here, the number of property crimes in 2018 was at its lowest since 2013 with 1,879 incidents, a 1.2% decrease when compared to 2017.

PERCENTAGE OF CALLS BY SHIFT

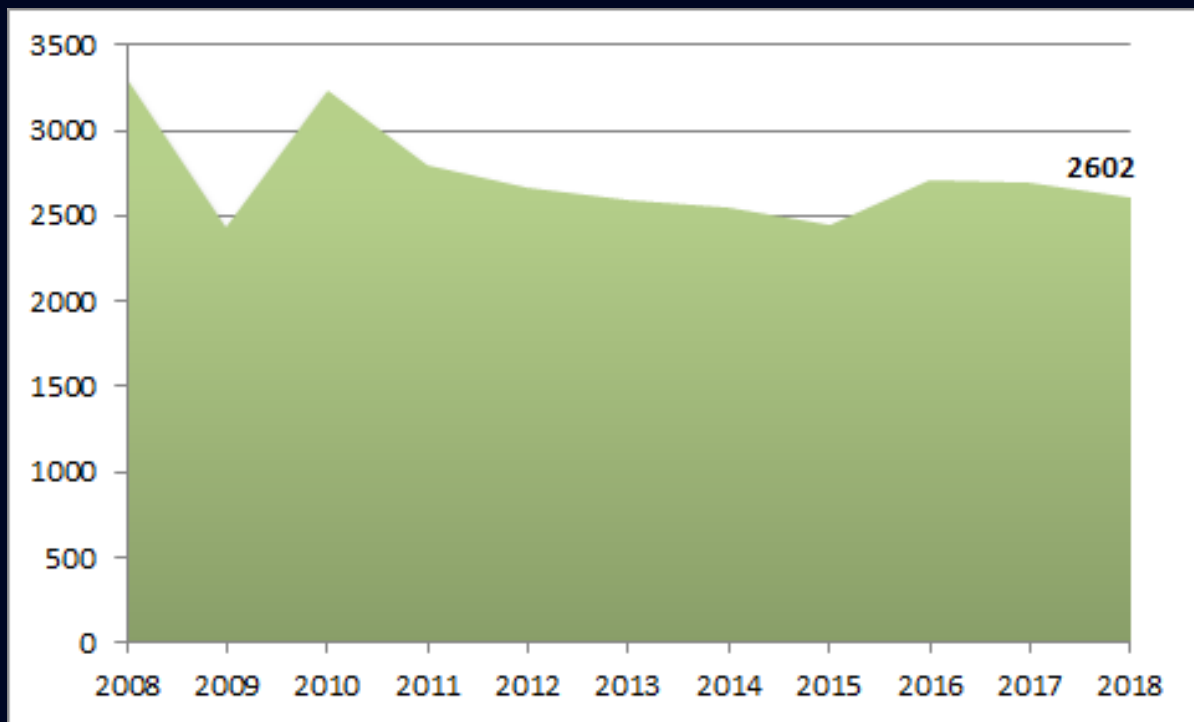


CUSTODIAL ARRESTS IN 2018

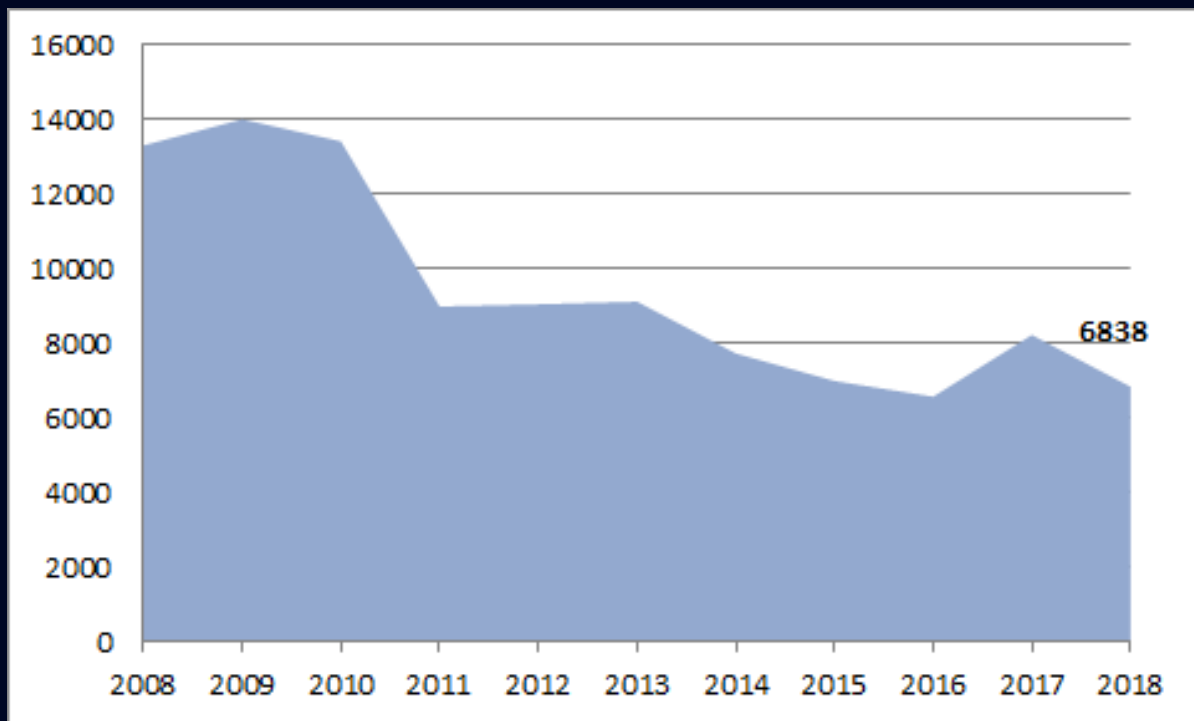
Adults
2,568
A decrease of 3%

Juveniles
34
A decrease of 24%

NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT ARRESTS



NUMBER OF TRAFFIC CITATIONS



Supervisor Paula A. Mahan

Town Board:

Christopher Carey
David Green
Melissa Jeffers Von Dollen



Linda Murphy
Paul Rosano
Jennifer Whalen