



2016 Annual Report



Colonie Police Department

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On The Cover:

In April, 2016 the Colonie Police Department entered a partnership of shared computer aided dispatch 911 and records management system with other police agencies from Albany, Saratoga and Rensselaer County. This will include fire, police and EMS dispatch calls which will enable 911 centers to provide critical data to all first responders. Another benefit of the partnership is the immediate cost savings by all agencies involved.

Executive Summary

- *Chief Jonathan Teale*

On behalf of Deputy Chiefs John VanAlstyne, Mike Woods and myself, I would like to thank all of our officers, dispatchers and support staff for all of their work in 2016. This last year continued the recent trend of retirements and transitions with eleven officers, two dispatchers and two clerical staff retiring or leaving service. In 2016 we promoted or reassigned seven officers and hired twelve new officers, one dispatcher and two clerical staff. This brought our total number of sworn officers to 112 which is the highest we have been in 25 years. During this period of transition and training we were able to continue to provide excellent service to our community and successfully investigate major cases.



After four years of research and planning the Colonie Police Department was able to migrate to a new shared public safety radio system. The new system was built leveraging assets from the Town of Colonie, City of Albany and Albany County and is projected to save the Town over \$100,000 in maintenance costs each year. The new system allows for enhanced interoperable communications between municipalities in the region. We also began another collaborative project involving a shared Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD) which will allow for more efficient dispatching of emergency services and data sharing with surrounding agencies. It is anticipated that this will also reduce annual system maintenance costs significantly.

The Colonie Police Department also received a \$100,000 grant for equipment for our tactical team. Among the equipment purchased were night vision goggles and a tactical robot capable of scouting dangerous locations reducing the risk to persons. We have also continued our active shooter training and have trained employees of various businesses in Town on how to react to these incidents. Our department has been conducting this type of training for over twenty years.

I would like to congratulate the officers who retired in 2016; Lieutenant Paul Brannigan, Detective Sergeant Mike Franze, Traffic Safety Sergeant David Leonardo, Investigator Paul VanAlstyne, Officer Dennis Mink, Officer Joseph Valiquette, Officer Robert Laliberte, and Officer Stephen Frank. The dedication and service of our active and retired officers has been instrumental in keeping our community safe. The steadfast support we have received from Supervisor Mahan and the entire Town Board has not only allowed us to continue to provide quality service to our community, but will help us meet future challenges by responsibly increasing our staffing levels.

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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 2016, the budget was approximately \$14 million. There were 112 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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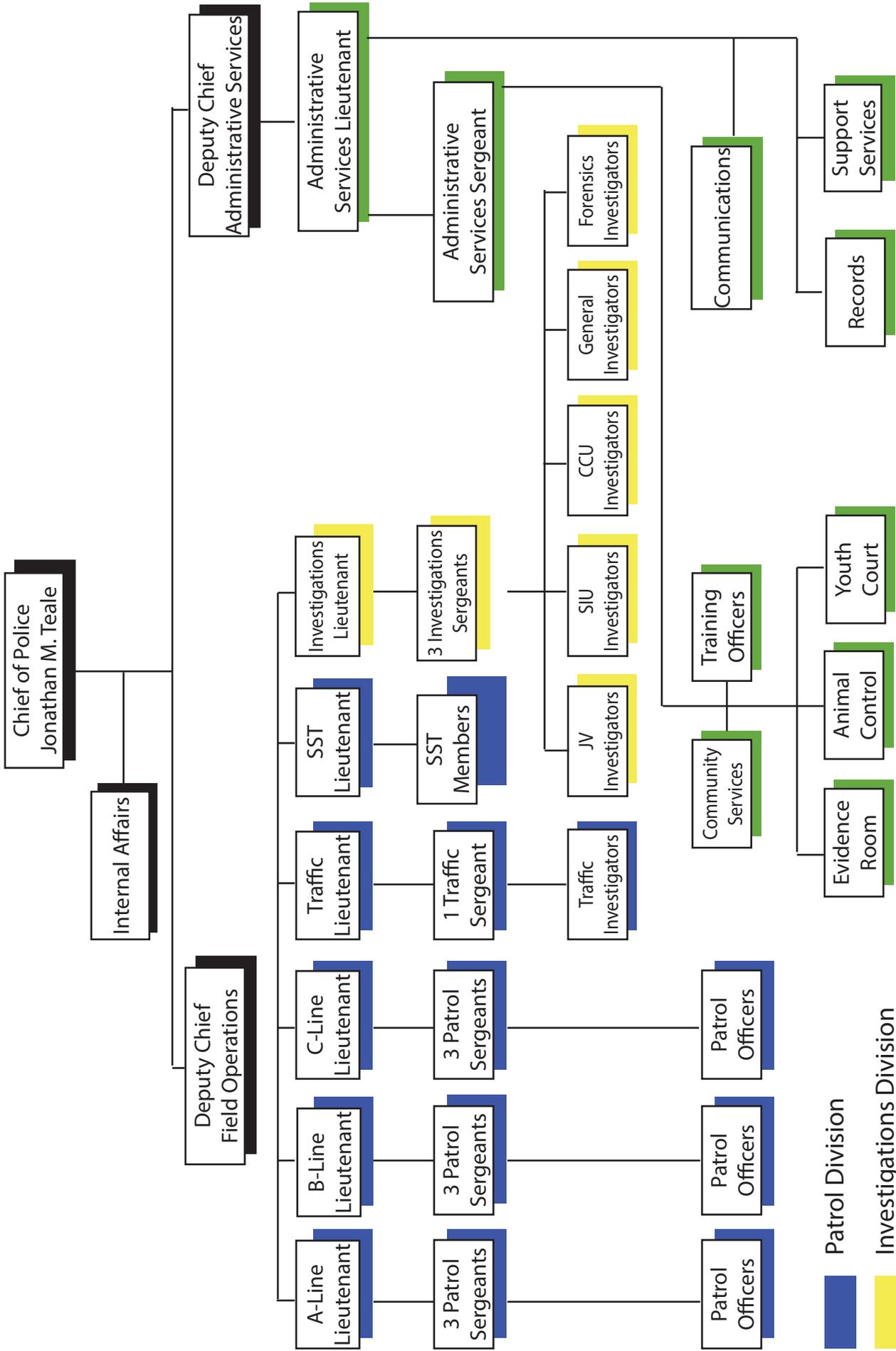
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Colonie Police Department Mission Statement:

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



Patrol Division

Investigations Division

Administrative Services Division

PATROL DIVISION

The Colonie Police Patrol Division consists of four lieutenants, ten sergeants and 58 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.



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.

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

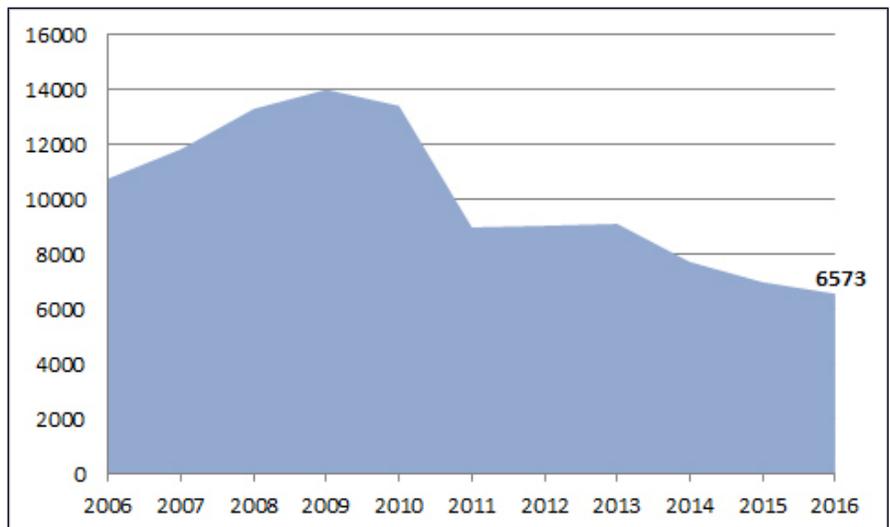
- A-Line - 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.
- B-Line - 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- C-Line - 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

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

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.

Colonie Police Department Traffic Citations 2006 - 2016

In 2016, members of the Patrol Division issued 6,573 tickets. This is a 6% decrease from 2015.



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 an effort to reduce pedestrian accidents in the Town, the Traffic Safety Unit participated in the statewide "Pedestrian Safety Action Plan" enforcement blitz. During the 3-week initiative, 195 tickets were written - 187 to pedestrians and 8 to motorists. In 2016, the Traffic Safety Unit investigated 6 fatal crashes (*a 45% decrease*) and handled 306 case files (*a 9% increase*).

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 and four 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.



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.



Working the streets today is K-9 Vader. Vader is an 70-lb, five year old German Shepherd who was born in Slovakia. Vader and his partner, Officer Jerry Shaw have been working patrol since 2013 and currently work the midnight shift.

The team participates in at least 24 hours of specialized K-9 training a month to meet the New York State requirement for certification. This team also takes part in local, state and national level training seminars to sharpen their skills. Also as part of their duties, this team participates 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.

2016 K-9 Unit Utilizations:

- 10 Tracks *(No change)*
- 2 Area/Building Searches *(A decrease of 67%)*
- 38 Narcotic Searches *(An increase of 9%)*
- 74 Burglar Alarms

During 2016, Vader was called in from off duty 31 times. During these searches, he recovered 15 pounds of marijuana, 1 pound 8 ounces of cocaine, and \$3,200.00 in cash. During an evidence search and track, Vader found clothing worn by a suspect who fled from a stabbing.

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 sixteen officers as well as a sergeant 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 Pruy House.



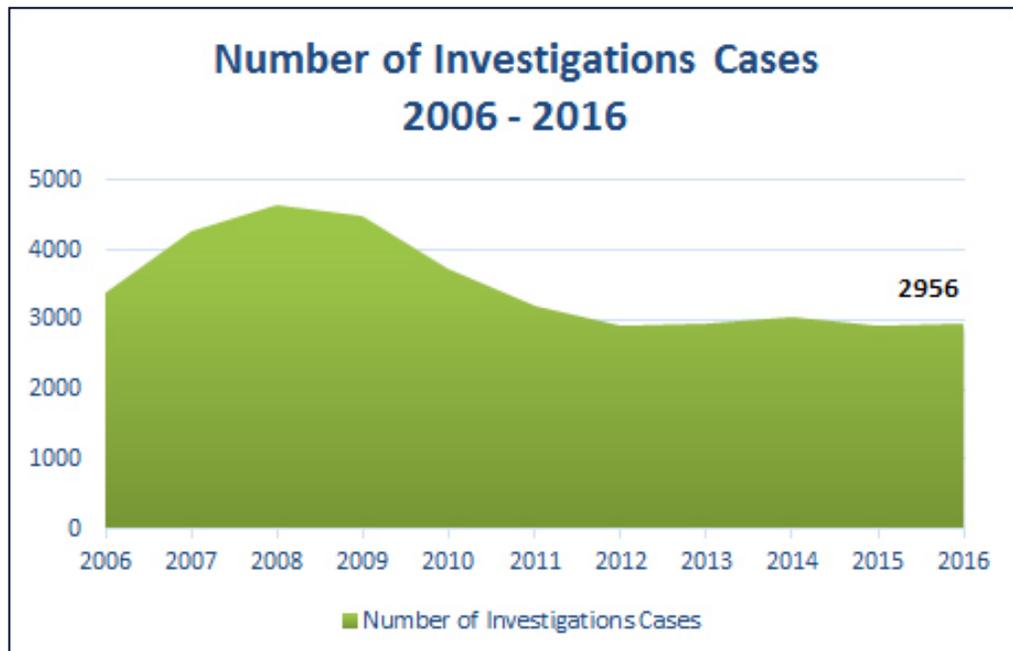
INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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 2,956 cases in 2016. This is a 2% increase from 2015.



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.

2016 Figures: Seizure of Assets and/or Property - \$9,402.12
A decrease of 80% from 2015.

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 has the ability to provide forensic analysis and works with local, state and federal municipalities to do so. 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.



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 2016, the Colonie Police Department issued 90 official 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 84% 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. 363 wanted persons have been broadcast on Perp Patrol for the Colonie Police Dept. resulting in 309 arrests.



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 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.

Forensics Investigator

2016 Figures

Items of Evidence Received
13,843

An increase of 8%

Total # of Items Processed
752

An increase of 14%

In 2016, 191 fingerprint submissions were made to the New York State lab. Of these 61 submissions were identified.

In 2016, 334 DNA submissions were made to the New York State lab. Of these 51 submissions were identified.

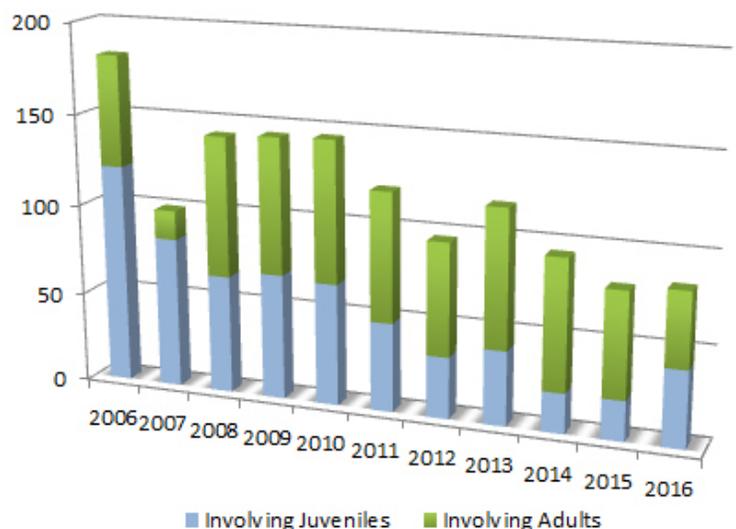
Juvenile Unit

The Juvenile (JV) Unit is comprised of five Juvenile Investigators that investigate incidents involving crimes committed by or against youths (under 16 years of age). Incidents may range from minor offenses to all other crime classifications.

A valuable support member included in the Investigation Division Juvenile Unit is a non-sworn member, Victim Services Specialist Patrice Lockart. Ms. Lockart assists investigators in cases involving victims of crimes and works with vulnerable populations including youth, elderly, mentally ill persons, victims of sexual assault and domestic violence as well as their families. Referrals to Ms. Lockart are initiated by police, families, victims and community members. Assessments and referrals to appropriate community support agencies are made from this office.

In 2016, Ms. Lockart worked on 83 referrals of which 42 were for children under the age of 16 and the remaining 41 involved the adult population.

Victim Services Referrals 2006 - 2016



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.

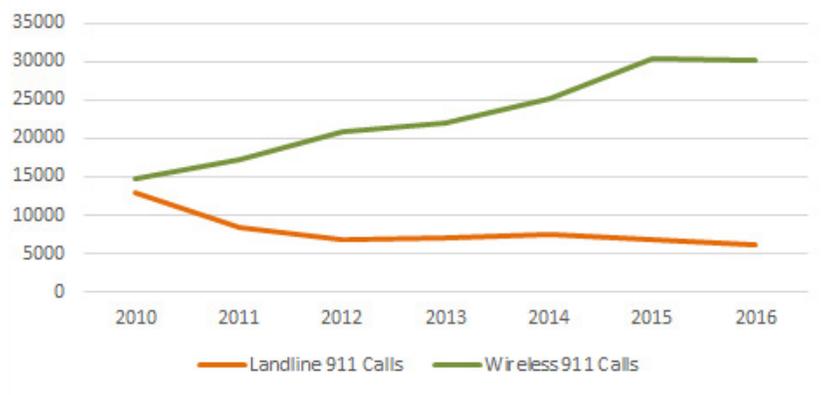


In 2014, the Town of Colonie, the City of Albany and the Albany County Sheriff's Department embarked on a shared radio system which will allow the three agencies to communicate with one another at times when needed. Also, we will be able to communicate via radio to Emergency Services units in Saratoga County. The Town of Colonie and City of Albany systems will be completed in 2016 and the Albany County System will be completed in 2017. The yearly maintenance agreements will decrease substantially for agencies once the warranty period ends.

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. In 2016, the Communications Division answered 6,126 land-line 911 calls (a decrease of 9%) and 30,138 wireless 911 calls (a decrease of 1%). The number of administrative (non-emergency) calls that were answered was 57,083. (These figures do not include the calls to the front desk.)

Land Line Vs. Wireless 911 Calls
2010 - 2016



2016 Figures

Police Calls

71,237

An increase of 1%.

Fire/EMS Calls

14,907

An increase of 3%.

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.

High School providing a consistent police presence within the facility.

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

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 2016, the Colonie Police Department Traffic Safety Unit received: A \$21,521 grant from STOP DWI for the funding of eight county wide DWI sweeps. The grant also provided training and equipment for the Traffic Safety Unit. • A \$36,337 grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Council for "Selected Traffic" Enforcement. • The Colonie Police Department Special Services Team received a \$100,000 grant for the purchase of new equipment.

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-fourth 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 2016, 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 2016, 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 2016, the event was held at the Schuyler Meadows Club where 212 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 2016, 151 safety seats were examined.
(A decrease of 7% from 2015)



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 Armorer's
- Quartermaster Duties
- Public Safety Dispatcher Candidate Processing

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 2016 Police Department budget was \$15,113,186 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 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 or sign up for notifications from the police department with Nixle.

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.

Statistical Analysis

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



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.



2016 Figures

Investigations Cases

2,956

A decrease of 4%

Field Interviews

1,642

An increase of 1%

Accident Investigations

4,687

An increase of 9%

Citations

6,573

A decrease of 6%

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 2016, Animal Control Officers answered 2,074 animal control complaints. This was a 7% increase from 2015.

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 2016 Fall Membership Training Program, Youth Court welcomed 30 new trainees into its volunteer member population. Over 250 volunteer jurors currently serve annually.

Last year, youth court member Sophia Casabonne received a college scholarship from the Association of NYS Youth Courts, Inc. Sophia is attending American University. The winners of the Robert M. Auld College Scholarships were members, Karissa McAuley and Sophia Casabonne. Karissa is attending Sarah Lawrence College.

At the conclusion of 2016, the Colonie Youth Court received 45 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: 65% males and 35% females, 80% - Caucasians, 15% - African Americans, Other - 5%. The cases were composed of 40% theft related crimes, 23% trespassing, 18% marijuana related, and 8% multiple offenses. The remaining 11% were composed of mischief, assault, falsely reporting and underage drinking cases.

Civilian Police Academy

Civilian Police Academy students are exposed to all areas of police operations from administration, patrol, investigation, traffic, forensics, the court system and more. The classes are 2^{1/2} hours long for nine weeks. Class sessions are taught by carefully selected officers who specialize in the topic being covered. Students are also given the opportunity to attend optional sessions including a ride-along. A graduation ceremony is held at the completion of the program. The ultimate goal of a CPA is to reduce crime through a strong bond between the citizens and their police department. This is in keeping with the philosophy of community policing.

Objectives of the Academy:

- Foster cooperation between police and CPA students.
- Showcase the education, capabilities, and talents of the members of the Colonie Police Department.
- Dispel misconceptions of how the police department operates by explaining why police act as they do.
- Create "neighborhood ambassadors" who will take information from the CPA and spread positive information to their neighbors.

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 20 Explorers in our post under the supervision of Lt. Robert Donnelly and the Post Advisors who include Sgt. Tom Breslin, Inv. Jason Depaulo, Inv. Nicholas Layne, and Officers Derek Breslin and John Rockwell.

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 2016 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.

For more information regarding the Explorer Post, contact Investigator Derek Breslin at 783-2744.



SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM



The Colonie Police Department has a team of 15 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. 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. In addition to these responses, the Special Services Team has five full team activations in 2016.

PROMOTIONS, REASSIGNMENTS, APPOINTMENTS & RETIREMENTS

Promotions

Edward Johnson
*Patrol Officer
to Traffic Investigator*

Nicholas Burns
Patrol Officer to Investigator

Derek Breslin
Patrol Officer to Investigator

Reassignments:

Nicholas Layne
*Traffic Investigator
to Investigator*

Anthony Riccitelli
Patrol Officer to Training Officer

Matthew Garrigan
Patrol Officer to Training Officer

Tracy Burns
*Patrol Officer
to Community Services Officer*

Appointments:

Patrol Officer Eithne McCarthy
Patrol Officer Ty Bariteau
Patrol Officer Aaron Hanley
Patrol Officer Erik Nielsen

Patrol Officer Matthew Stott
Patrol Officer Amanda Paris
Patrol Officer Richard Bell

Retirements:

Lieutenant Paul Brannigan
Sergeant David L. Leonardo
Sergeant Michael Franze
Investigator Paul VanAlstyne
Officer Joseph Valiquette
Officer Dennis Mink
Officer Robert Laliberte
Officer Stephen Frank

2016 AWARDS CEREMONY

On the evening of May 5, 2016, 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.



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.

Lt. Henry Rosenzweig
Sergeant Louis DiNuzzo
Sergeant John Santorio
Sergeant Daniel Grebert
Sergeant James Herbst
Inv. Christopher R. Smith
Inv. Stephen Donovan
Inv. James Gerace
Officer Ardit Potka
Officer Javier Martinez
Officer Frank Peris
Officer Edward Cronin
Officer Eric Sperber
Officer Patrick Fennelly
Officer Nick Burns
Officer Chris . Smith
Officer James Splonskowski

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 relationship. In 2016, a Civilian Award was presented to Steven Adams and Mark Calicchia, Jr.

Live 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 2016, the Life Saving Award was presented to: Deputy Chief Michael Woods, Inv. David Mink, Officer Joe Valiquette, Officer Michael Tarbay, Officer Joseph Fitzsimmons, Officer Michael Warner and Officer Al Secor.

Special Service Award

The Special Service Award may be awarded to a member of the force who submits a device or method adopted by the department which significantly increases efficiency in administration or tactical procedures. In 2015, the Special Service Award was presented to Officer Joe Valiquette.

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 Louis DiNuzzo



*Public Safety Dispatcher
Anthony Discipio*

Esposito/Russo Memorial Award

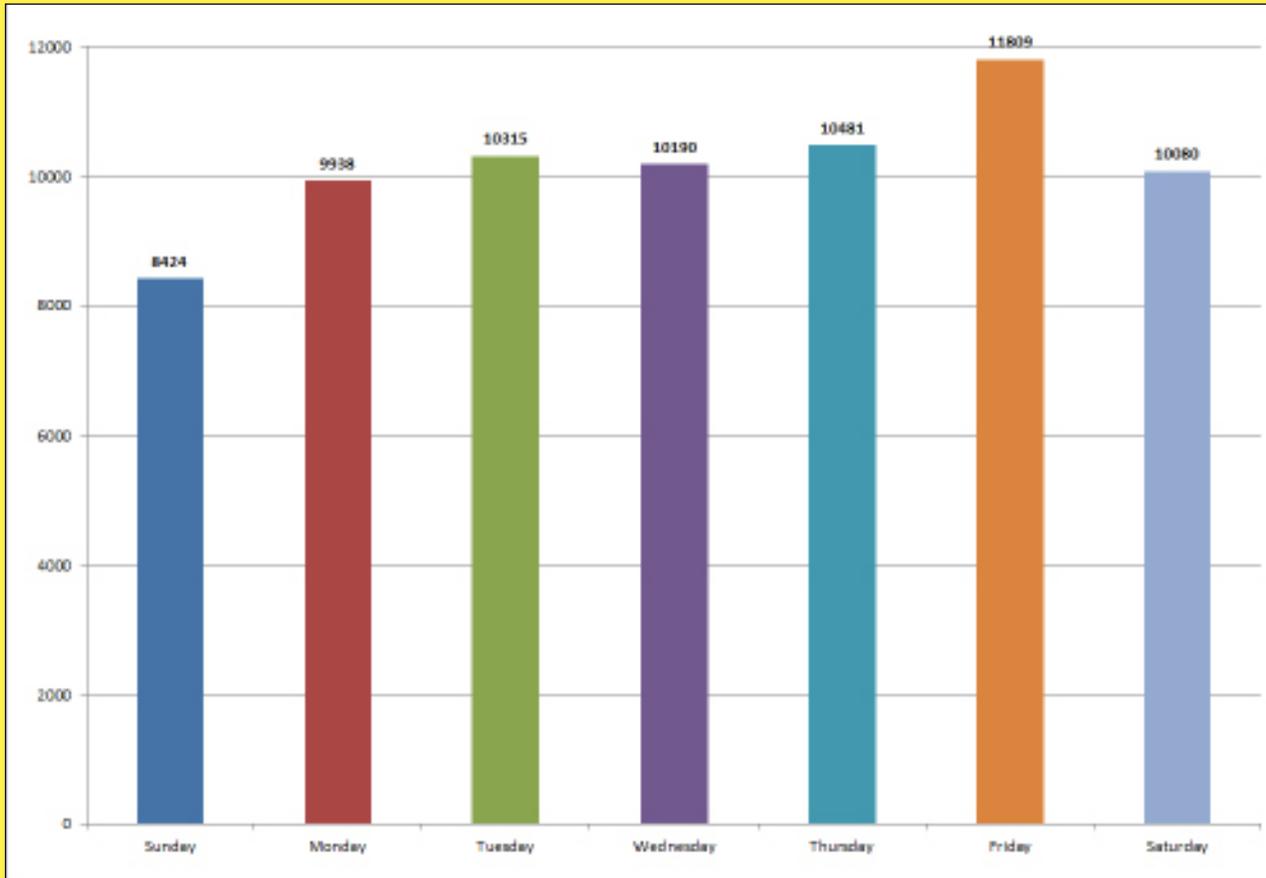


Explorer Sergeant Devin Jukes

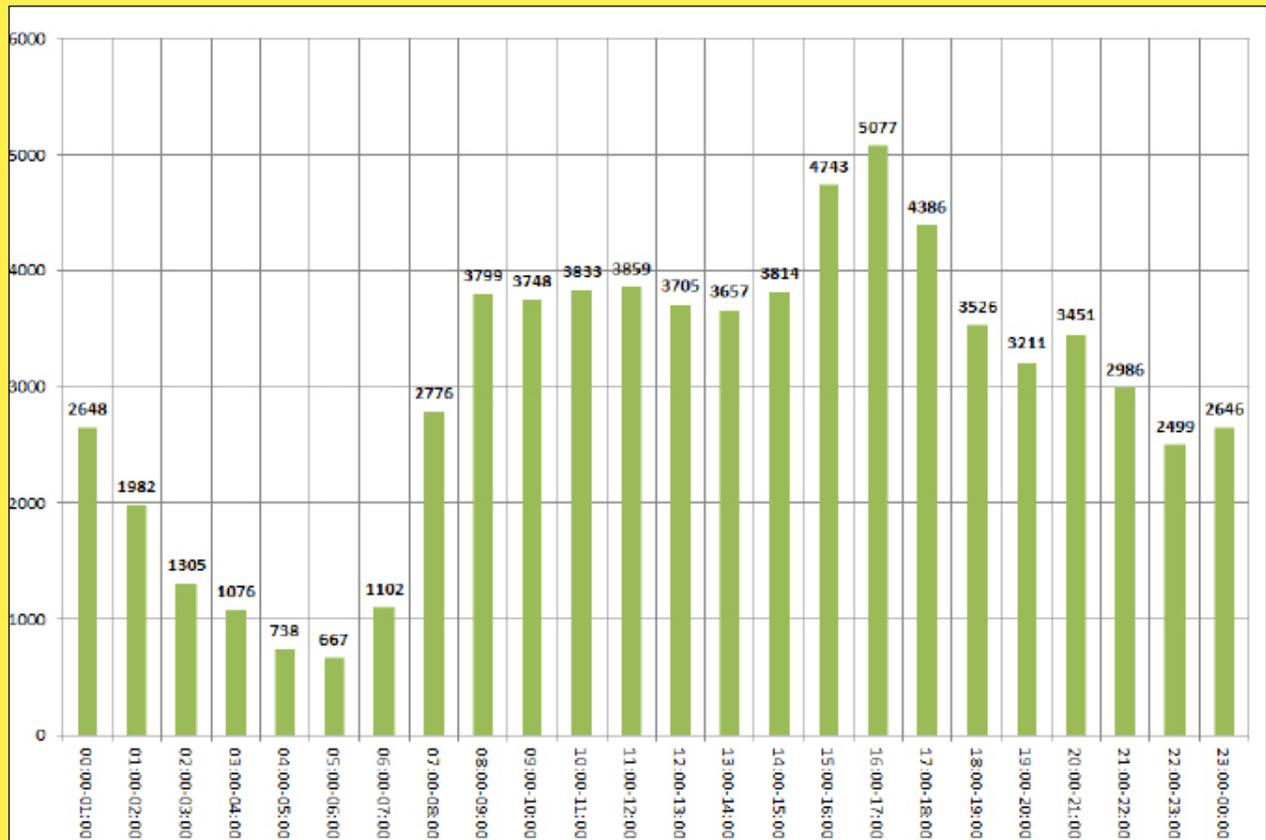
The Esposito/Russo Memorial Award is given to the officer for aggressive anti-DWI efforts throughout the year.

The 2016 award recipient was Officer Brian Curran for his outstanding efforts in the field of impaired driving enforcement.

NUMBER OF CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



NUMBER OF CALLS BY HOUR OF THE DAY



2016 CALLS FOR SERVICE

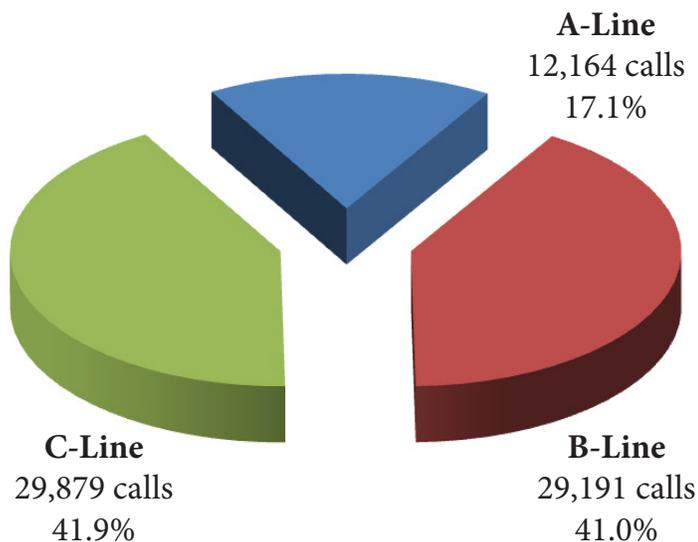
	2015	2016	Change
911 Accidental Call	3,546	3,249	-8%
911 Hang-Up Call	3,192	2,963	-7%
911 Non-Emergency/ Nuisance	324	255	-21%
911 Transfer	4,318	4,809	+11%
Abandoned Vehicle	214	224	+5%
Alarm Drop	407	355	-13%
Animal Control Complaint	1,942	2,074	+7%
Assault	60	73	+22%
Assist A Person	1,021	1,020	-0.1%
Auto Accident Property Damage	4,198	4,079	-3%
Auto Accident Personal Injury	572	553	-3%
Auto Accident Unknown	55	52	-5%
Bomb Threat	4	4	-
Boy / Girlfriend Trouble	71	80	+13%
Burglar Alarm	5,191	5,132	-1%
Burglary In Progress	47	46	-2%
Car Blocking	164	102	-38%
Check A Subject	3,472	3,774	+9%
Community Services Event	363	323	-11%
Custodial Interference	77	101	+31%
Disabled Motor Vehicle	1,037	940	-9%
Domestic Call	1,274	1,277	+0.2%
Drunk Annoying	78	85	+9%
Emotionally Disturbed Person	462	513	+11%
EMS Call	1,275	1,175	-8%
Executing A Warrant	13	4	-69%
Fight	347	341	-2%
Fire Call	428	361	-16%
Fireworks	129	136	+5%
Found Property	334	339	+2%
Get A Complaint	1,261	944	-25%
Get A Report	4,465	4,684	+5%
Group Annoying	261	261	-
Hazardous Material Call	7	2	-71%
Hold-Up Alarm	193	205	+6%
Jail Run	166	182	+10%
Juvenile Incident	241	101	-58%
K-9 Search	80	56	-30%
Landlord / Tenant Trouble	71	89	+25%
Larceny Just Occurred	256	294	+15%

	2015	2016	Change
Lock Out	100	163	+63%
Malfunctioning Traffic Light	314	318	+1%
Neighbor Trouble	246	237	-4%
Noise Complaint	344	354	+3%
Notification	861	853	-1%
Officer Needs Assistance	109	133	+22%
Open Window / Door	156	94	+40%
POP (Police Oriented Policing)	16	21	+31%
Person Acting Suspicious	324	310	-4%
Person Annoying	694	615	-11%
Person Attempting Suicide	45	44	-2%
Person Down	31	25	-19%
Person Exposing Self	7	9	+29%
Person With A Weapon	49	38	-22%
Police Wanted Unknown	39	46	+18%
Property Check	2,539	2,662	+5%
Prowler	54	43	-20%
Road Hazard	490	396	-19%
Robbery	13	14	+8%
School Crossing	37	41	+11%
Selling Drugs	5	10	+100%
Shooting	1	3	+200%
Shoplifter	374	380	+2%
Shots Fired	53	34	-36%
Someone In Building	15	19	+27%
Traffic Enforcement Details	264	229	-13%
Traffic Stop	14,238	14,034	-1%
Tree Down	61	63	+3%
Trouble With A Customer	341	414	+21%
Vehicle Annoying	1,524	1,676	+10%
Vehicle In Violation	203	238	+17%
Warrant	582	657	+13%
Water Break	179	129	-28%
Wires Down / Arching	148	137	-7%
All Other Call Types	3,694	1,339	-64%
Totals:	70,258	71,237	+1%

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR) PART 1 OFFENSES

	2015	2016	Change
Murder	1	0	-100%
Rape	1	5	+400%
Robbery	28	25	-11%
Assault	42	61	+45%
Burglary	201	141	-30%
Larceny	1,745	1,787	+2%
Vehicle Theft	37	38	+3%
Totals:	2,055	2,057	+0.1%

PERCENTAGE OF CALLS BY SHIFT



CUSTODIAL ARRESTS IN 2016

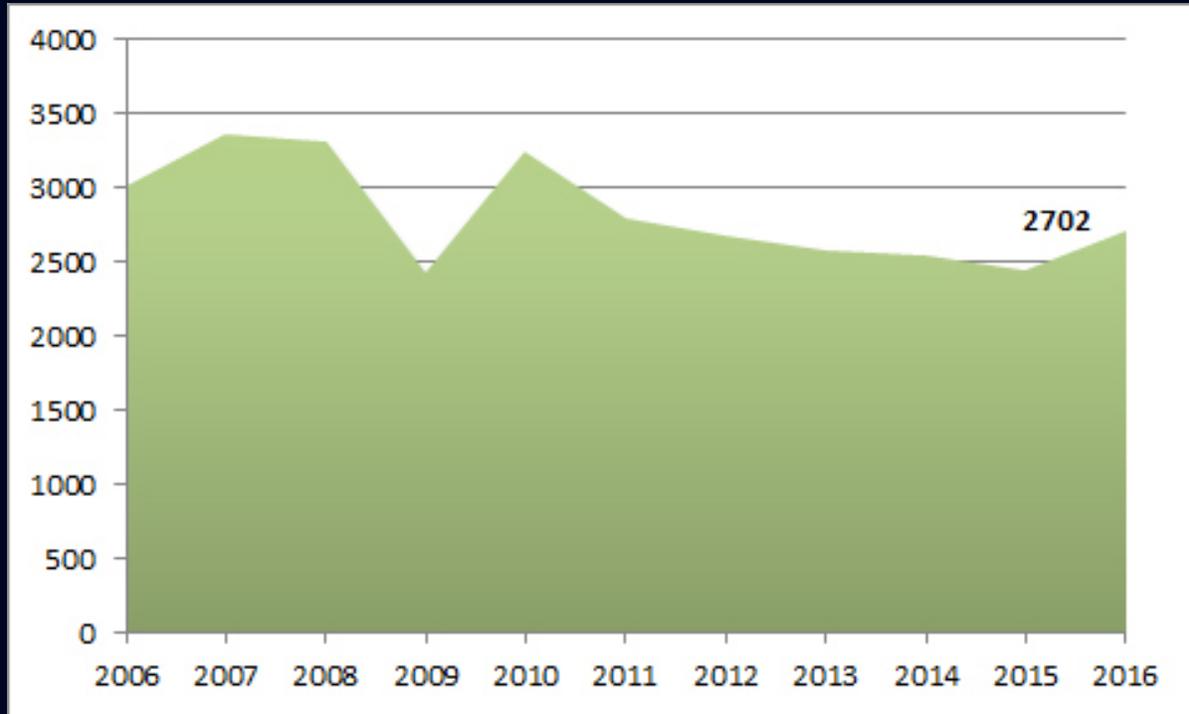
Adults	Juveniles
2,653	49
An increase of 11%	A decrease of 6%

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR) PART 2 OFFENSES

	2015	2016	Change
Arson	1	1	-
Kidnapping	3	9	+200%
Controlled Substances	275	307	+12%
Dangerous Weapons	16	20	+25%
Sex Offenses	17	17	-
Extortion	0	0	-
Forgery / Counterfeiting	103	139	+35%
Stolen Property	47	42	-11%
Prostitution & Vice	3	12	+300%
Coercion	0	0	-
Criminal Mischief	393	359	-9%
Fraud	312	328	+5%
Gambling	0	0	-
Offenses Against Public Order	0	0	-
Embezzlement	0	0	-
Simple Assault	418	399	-5%
Offenses Against Family	171	167	-2%
Driving Under Influence	164	155	-5%
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	7	5	-29%
Possession of Burglar Tools	0	0	-
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	-
Disorderly Conduct	7	10	+43%
Loitering	1	0	-100%
All Other Offenses	285	408	+43%
Totals:	2,223	2,379	+7%

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.

NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT ARRESTS



The Town of Colonie, New York Governmental Leadership



Supervisor Paula A. Mahan

Town Board:

Christopher Carey
David Green
Linda Murphy



Paul Rosano
David Rowley
Jennifer Whalen