

CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

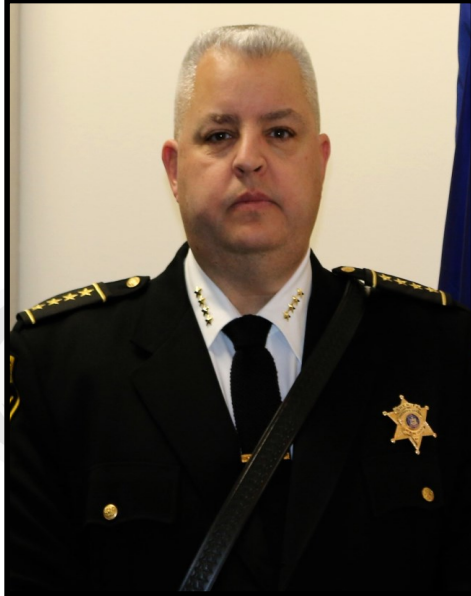


2025

ANNUAL REPORT

Past, present, and the path forward in justice.

SHERIFF WILLIAM A. SCHROM
UNDERSHERIFF DOUGLAS W. HOUPER



Sheriff William A. Schrom



Undersheriff Douglas W. Houper



Confidential Assistant
Melissa Brown

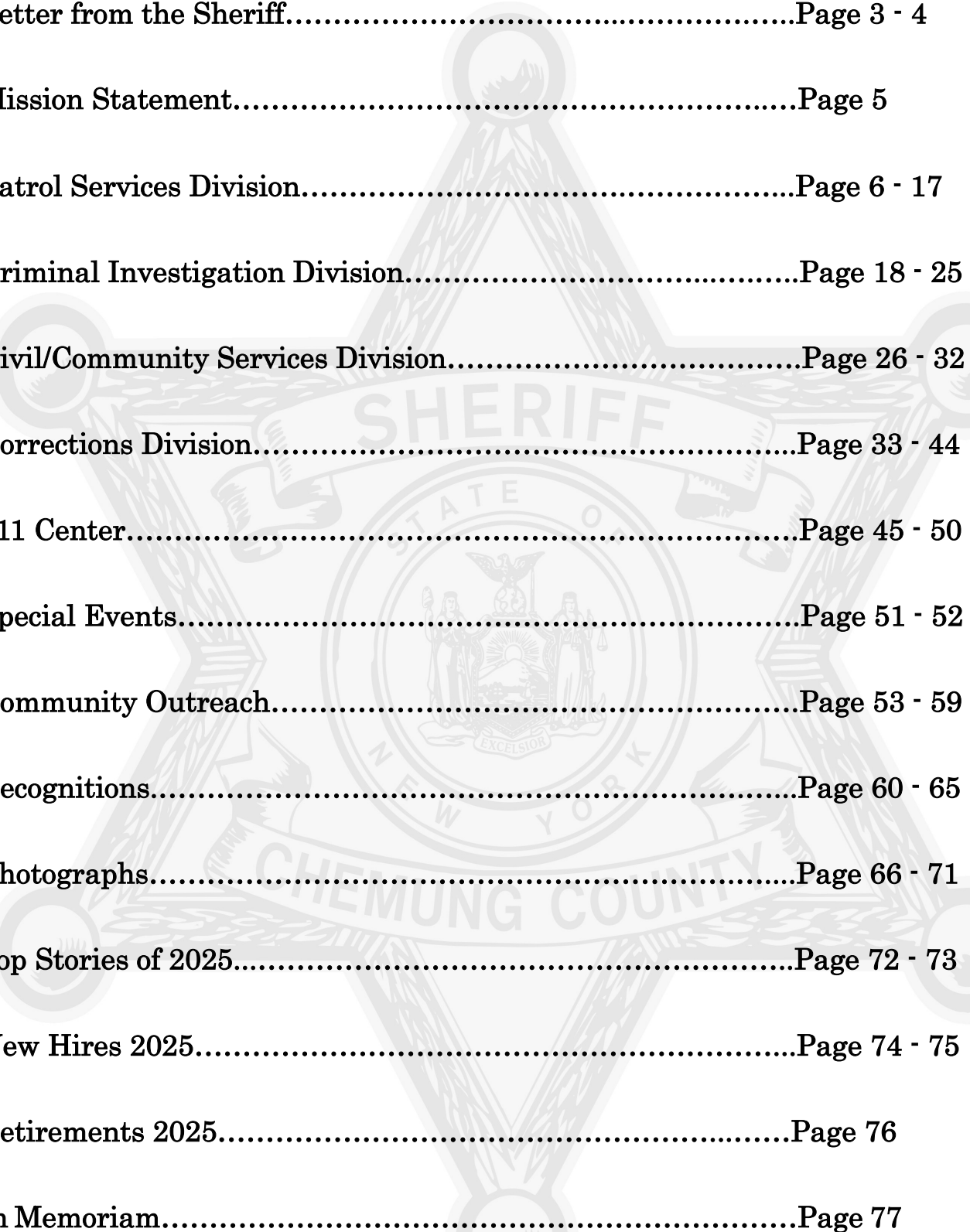


Administrative Assistant
McKenzie Roberts



Clerk
Theresa Goodwin

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From the Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is known as the “Peoples Law Enforcement”. This is, in part, because the Sheriff is elected by the people. Sheriff’s Offices are responsible for conducting law enforcement duties in the rural parts of the county, as well as running and maintaining a full-time correctional facility and E-911 Communication Center. Sheriff’s Deputies have jurisdiction in the entire county, which consists of 412 square miles. While Sheriff’s Deputies frequently and routinely provide back-up to other agencies within the county, their main duties and responsibilities fall to the citizens who live in the rural parts of the county, who at times don’t see a police presence. These create many unique challenges to the Deputy that they must adapt to daily. These challenges include, but aren’t limited to, dealing with armed suspects, vehicle pursuits, mental health persons, individuals under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, domestic incidents, executing warrants, conducting vehicle stops, and etc.

Equally challenging, is the correctional facility, which houses a maximum of 262 Incarcerated Individuals (IIs) (both male and female). These IIs are incarcerated for a variety of charges, ranging from minor Misdemeanors to violent Felonies. Some IIs are housed for periods of time up to, and in some cases, exceeding one-year. Our II population provides a variety of challenges such as violent behavior, disciplinary problems, medical issues, pregnant females, escape attempts, assaults on staff, sui-cides, mental health and detoxing individuals, to mention a few.

In 2022, we added the E-911 Center as the fifth division of the Chemung County Sheriff’s Office. The men and women of this division remain our unseen heroes. They are responsible for receiving nearly 200,000 calls annually! Ninety percent of those calls are law enforcement related, but also include calls for medical or fire services as well as other miscellaneous requests. This does not include any outgoing calls they have to make in the course of their shift. In addition, each dispatcher goes through extensive training to include typing, emergency medical dispatch, communication, etc. prior to being allowed to dispatch on their own.

Each year presents new innovations or ideas and certainly new challenges. As your Sheriff, I look forward to these many challenges that we face as an agency and a community. I am proud to be the Sheriff of this county and especially proud to be a member of an agency that has such deep roots within the history of our county. In 2025, the Chemung County Sheriff’s Office, and all men and women of law enforcement, were faced with challenging times, but also found many successes.

2025 Accomplishments:

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office had a busy 2025. Many goals and objectives had been put in place for the 2025 year, which we were able to achieve. These goals and objectives included:

1. We purchased and implemented a full person body scanner for Incarcerated Individuals, which has assisted us with identifying and eliminating contraband in the facility.
2. We continued to work on the multi-county radio project in an effort to keep our timeline on track for the 2027 completion date.
3. Continued to work hard to get all divisions of the Sheriff's Office to full staff and to retain personnel in order to provide the best service possible to the community.
4. We completed our reaccreditation process for the Road Patrol Division.
5. We implemented a new Commissary process for the Chemung County Jail through the Keefe Group who facilitates this process for all Incarcerated Individuals.
6. Implemented the Blue Envelope Program.

Moving Forward:

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office is committed to maintaining our achieved accomplishments and agency professionalism throughout the year. We will work hard to achieve this with goals and objectives set in place for 2026. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. We hope to complete a million-dollar upgrade to our Sallyport Jail Management System by purchasing and installing all new video and surveillance equipment both inside and outside the facility as a major security benefit to all personnel, Incarcerated Individuals, and civilian staff.
2. Having fully signed and mutually beneficial Collective Bargaining Agreements for the Road Patrol, Jail and E-911, as all contracts expired on 12/31/25.
3. The SCIG Target Grant multi-county radio project with upgrades to the 911 system to continue with the NexGen 911 abilities.
4. The Sheriff's Office received a new COPS Microgrant of \$175,000 to combat violence in Chemung County titled Take Back the Streets II. The Sheriff's Office will partner with our law enforcement partners to combat violent crimes around the area, including guns, human trafficking and illegal drugs.
5. Continue to improve our Mental Health and Transition Program for Incarcerated Individuals.
6. Implement Project Life Saver on the Road, which will provide equipment and training for personnel to aid in locating at risk persons, such as individuals with autism, dementia or Alzheimer's.

In closing, I wish to thank the men and women of the Chemung County Sheriff's Office for their continued hard work, dedication, and professionalism to the community in which they serve. I would also like to thank the community for their support of our efforts to achieve our goals at the Sheriff's Office to better serve them.



Sheriff William A. Schrom

MISSION STATEMENT

The principal mission of the Chemung County Sheriff's Office is to preserve the rights of citizens and reduce fear in the community through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property and maintenance of order in public places and anticipate and respond to events that threaten public order and the protection of life and property.

It is essential all personnel remember that in the execution of their duties they act not for themselves but for the good of the public. They shall respect and protect the rights of individuals and perform their services with honesty, zeal, courage, discretion, fidelity and sound judgment.

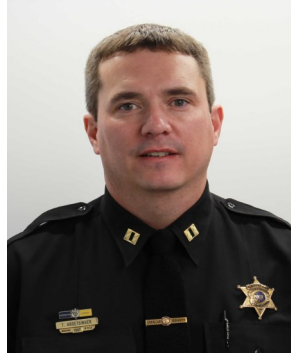
Deputies must seek and preserve public confidence by demonstrating impartial service to law and by offering service and trust to all members of the public.

It is the expressed policy of this Agency that Deputies will use force only when the exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient to obtain public cooperation to an extent necessary to secure observance of law or to restore order and to use only the minimum degree of physical force which is necessary upon any particular occasion for achieving a police objective.

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office is a New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services accredited agency. The Sheriff's Office has held this status since 2010. As of 2025, there were 190 agencies located all over the state that are currently accredited, ranging in size from a small handful of full-time officers to more than 4,000 sworn personnel. Insurance benefits, enhanced community support, and a greater overall standard of professionalism are just a few of the many tangible benefits that accredited agencies enjoy.

The positive impact of the Accreditation Program stems from the profound commitment that New York's law enforcement executives have made to excellence and professionalism in the field of law enforcement, and from their desire to provide the best possible services to the communities that they serve. The Accreditation Program continues to provide a comprehensive blueprint for effective, professional law enforcement, (New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services).

Patrol Services Division



Captain Thomas Argetsinger
Patrol Commander

The Chemung County Sheriff's Office Patrol Services Division consists of three 8 hour shifts, which provides 24 hour/365 days a year of law enforcement coverage to the citizens of Chemung County. The Road Patrol is an Accredited Agency through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. The Patrol Services Division is the most visible division of the Sheriff's Office and it is overseen by the Road Patrol Captain. The Road Patrol handles calls for service throughout the county and they enforce all laws anywhere within Chemung County. The Patrol Services Division embraces the Mission Statement of the Sheriff's Office; "To preserve the rights of citizens and reduce fear in the community through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property and maintenance of order in public places and anticipate and respond to events that threaten public order and the protection of life and property."

"No man is above the law and no man is below it; Nor do we ask any mans permission when we ask him to obey it. Obedience to the law is demanded as a right; not asked as a favor."

– Theodore Roosevelt



Patrol Services Division



Lt. R. Mathews



Lt. D. Padgett



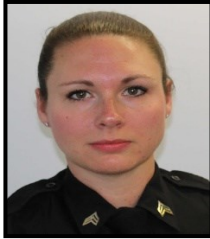
Lt. J. Smith



Sgt. D. Buchholz



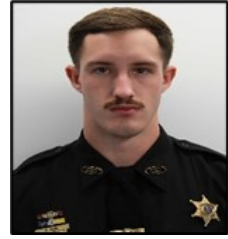
Sgt. P. Pirozzolo



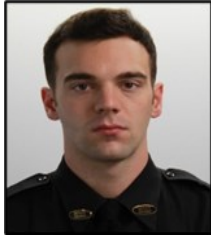
Sgt. K. Slater



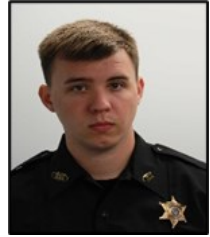
Deputy J. Adams



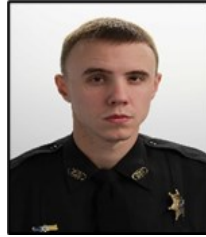
Deputy B. Akins



Deputy J. Burczynski



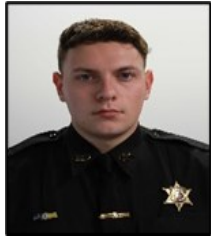
Deputy C. Cardinale



Deputy J. Cardinale



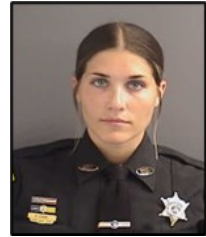
Deputy N. Cosmore



Deputy H. Dart



Deputy C. Everett



Deputy H. Fierro



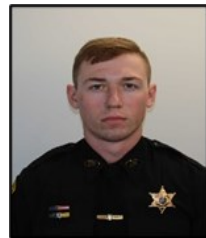
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Deputy C. Holloway



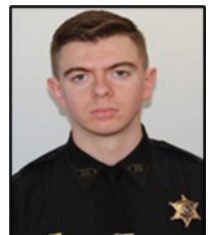
Deputy C. Houser



Deputy B. Howe



Deputy C. Kennison



Deputy C. Long



Deputy R. Miller



Deputy D. Sweet



Deputy J. Young

Patrol Services Division

Patrol Staff

The Patrol Services Division is supervised by the Patrol Services Captain, who is responsible for the day to day operations of the Patrol Division, to include scheduling, monitoring of overtime, adherence to the Policy and Procedure, and investigating complaints against Deputy Sheriffs. Under the Captain are three Lieutenants, who run the day to day operation of their respective shifts, and three Sergeants who assist the shift Lieutenant with supervising Deputy Sheriffs assigned to their shift.

Patrol Activities

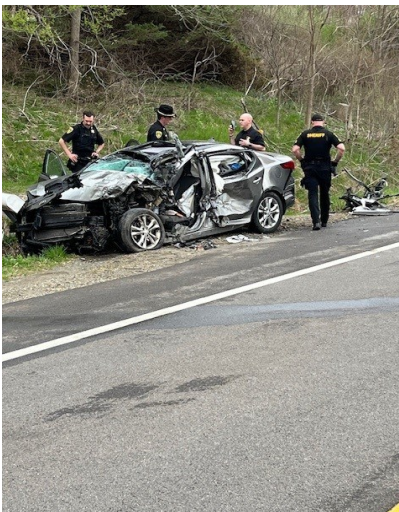
The Patrol Services Division responds to calls for service, investigates crimes against persons and property, and aides other government agencies with their duties. During the year 2025, the Patrol Services Division recorded 25,442 primary complaints. The Patrol Services Division issued 3052 traffic tickets to motorists over the year and investigated 619 reportable motor vehicle collisions.



Missing person found alive in hoarder house



Motorcycle fatality on Rt. 13 at Horseheads exit



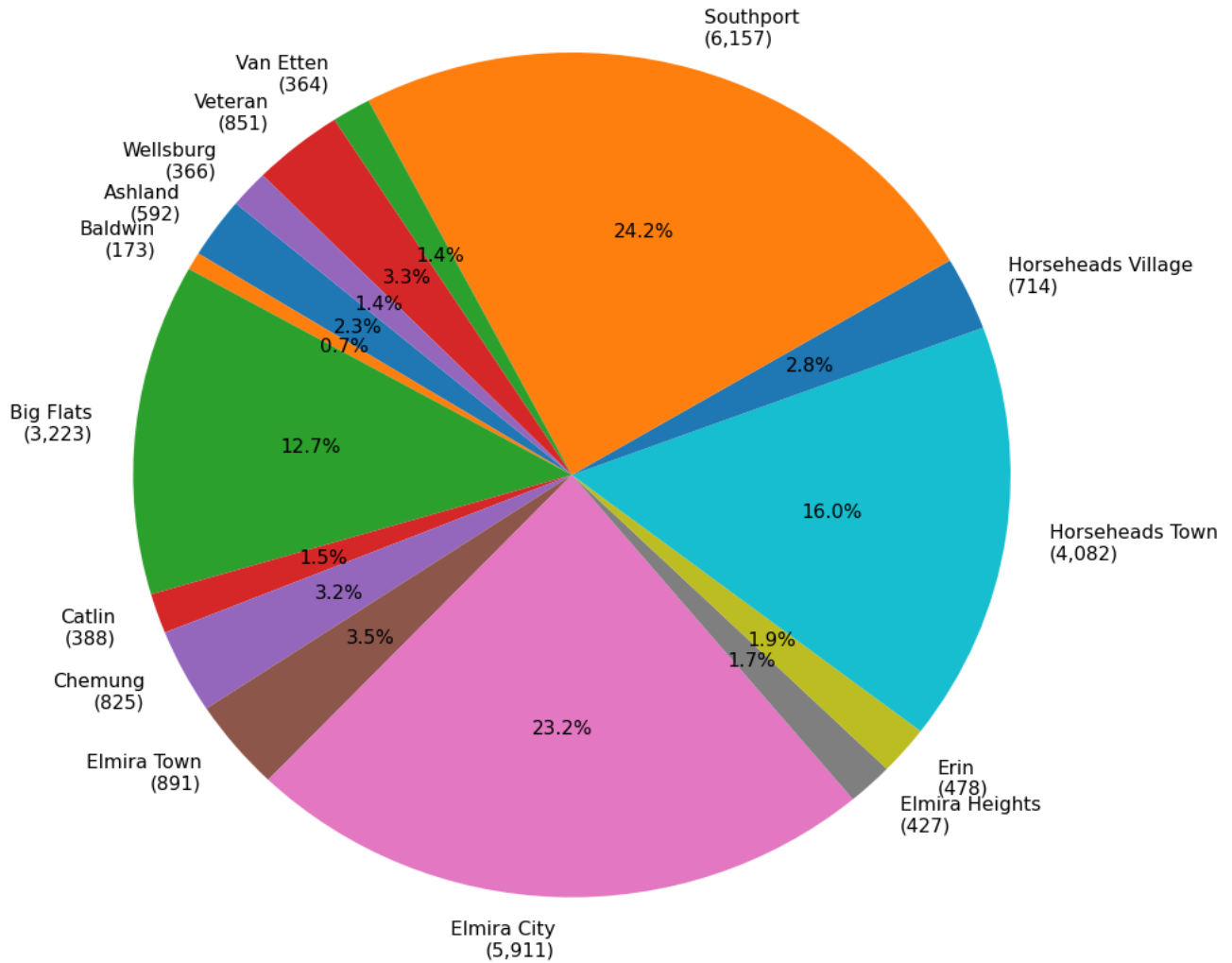
Serious MVA on State Route 14 in the Town of Ashland

Patrol Services Division Statistics:

Incident Reports	25,442	
Events handled between hours:		
2200 hrs - 0600 hrs	7,546	
0601 hrs - 1400 hrs	8,233	
1401 hrs - 2200 hrs	9,663	
Felony charges	203	
Misdemeanor charges	524	
Violation charges	73	
	Adults	Juvenile
Male Arrests	553	29
Female Arrests	203	15
Total Adult Arrests	756	
Total Juvenile Arrests	44	
Major Investigations		
Homicide/Manslaughter	0	
Rape	2	
Robbery	1	
Assault	1	
Burglary	13	
Grand Larceny	5	
Vehicle Larceny	11	
Motor Vehicle Accident	619	
Property Damage	549	
Personal Injury	62	
Fatality	3	
DWI Arrests	3	
Alcohol involved	17	
Animal involved	214	
Records Division		
FOIL Requests	401	
Warrants Received	318	
Background Checks	550	
Background Fee receipts	\$1,035.00	
Bad Check Fee receipts	\$0.00	
Copy fees	\$150.50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,185.50	
Transports		
Courts	19	
Mental Health	0	
Raise The Age	25	
Total	44	

Patrol Services Division

2025 Incident Report Distribution by Town



Enhanced Patrol Activities

The Patrol Services Division participates in several New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Grants; Police Traffic Services Grant and Buckle Up New York, and DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant. The traffic safety grants run through the state’s fiscal year of October 1st through September 30th.

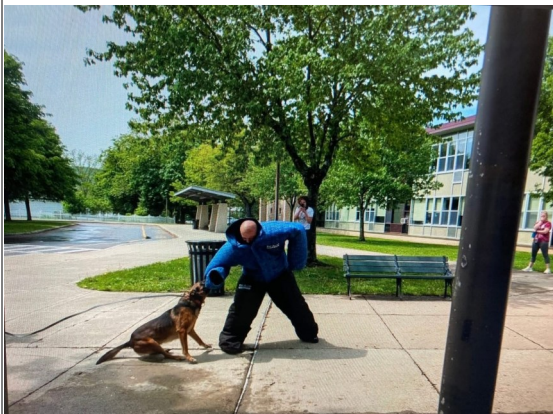
This year the Traffic Safety Grant provided funding for 236 hours of dedicated traffic enforcement on I-86, issuing 203 traffic tickets and 33 seatbelt tickets. These dedicated enforcement efforts are targeted at aggressive driving with the goal of reducing traffic collisions.

Most Tickets Written

Deputy Justin Young wrote 543 traffic tickets this year, more than any other Deputy. Deputy Young is 34 years old and started with the Chemung County Sheriff’s Office on March 11, 2019, as a Correction Officer at the Chemung County Jail. He resigned in June of 2020, and was rehired as a Deputy Sheriff on March 22, 2023.

K-9 Unit - Egon

K-9 Egon is a Malinois and has been with us for over 5 years now, he was purchased by the CCSO in 2020. He has been working with his handler, Sgt. Pirozzolo since joining the agency. He is certified by NYS DCJS as a Patrol, Tracking and Narcotics K-9 and assists in lost and missing persons, combating the flow of dangerous drugs in our area, and aids in the tracking and apprehension of suspects.



2025 Training

Briefing Training:

Domestic Incident
Legal Updates
Is Today Your Day
Click It or Ticket
Traffic Safety Starts with You
In Person Death Notification
DWI Blood Kit Review
Axon Fleet 3
Defensive Driver
Workplace Harassment
Workplace Violence
Hazard Communication
KnowBe4 It
Mandated Reporter
Datamaster
eJustice
Chempack National Stockpile Training
Manchester School Threat Review
School Shooter Mobilization Indication Review
Nutrition
TicTok Chromebook Hazard

In-Service Training:

Communicable Disease
Firearms
Structure Clearing
Tactical First Aid
Felony Stop
Stock Sticks
Vehicle Extraction
First Amendment/Sovereign Citizen
Article 35
Taser
OC

Attended Training:

Performance Pistol
Shotgun Breaching
Chemical Munitions Instructor
Pistol Mounted Optic Instructor
Sexual Assault Trauma Informed Training
National TIM Responder Training

Attended Training cont'd

K9 Seminar
Crisis/Hostage Negotiation
Initial Response to Active Shooter
PT Instructor
Drug Interdiction-Conducting the Complete
Traffic Stop
Intro to Sealing and Expunging Records
Understand the Sovereign Citizens
Basic SRO
New York Tactical Officer Association (NYTOA)
Managing Police Records
Computer Voice Stress Analysis (CVSA)
Release and Redacting LE Records
Simunitions Instructor
Cell Phone Investigation Techniques
First Aid/CPR Instructor
Firearms Instructor
Responding to and Investigation Bomb Threats
Aligning Behavioral Threat Assessment and
Management with Multi-Tear of Approach
Street Drugs and Driving
2025 Public Symposium
Homicide Seminar
Reality Based Training Instructor (RBT)
Instructor Development Course (IDC)
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
Basic Investigative Photography
Assisting Individuals in Crisis
Group Crisis Intervention
Drone Pilot (Part 107)
Patrol Rifle
TruNarc
Boater Safety Instructor
Tactical Patrol Rifle
Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC)
Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK)
Aerosol Instructor
Ballistic Shield Operator
Defense Against Edged Weapons
Impact Munitions Instructor
Flashbang Instructor

Trainings



Firearms Training at the Range



Room Clearing



Extraction Training



Cell Phone Training

Trainings



Cell Phone Training



Bike Patrol

The Sheriff's Office and other local law enforcement agencies have participated in bike patrols at various locations/events throughout the county, to include the Lackawanna Catherine Valley bike and hiking trail. While patrolling these areas, personnel are interacting with the public on a variety of levels to include looking for and apprehending subjects with outstanding warrants.



Pine City Rummage Sales 06/14/25



Lackawanna Trail bike patrol

Special Services Unit



The Special Services Unit consists of 11 members of the Sheriff's Office. The SSU Team receives 192 hours of training each year to include training on firearms proficiency, physical fitness, search warrant executions, tubular vehicle assaults, methodical searching techniques and room clearing, as well as violent felony warrant arrests. The SSU Team constantly trains to be proficient.



SWAT participated in Active Shooter Training with HHPD and EHPD



Search Warrant Execution



SSU Briefing



CTZ-12 Annual Meeting

PROGRAMS

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

The Yellow Dot program is a free program designed to help First Responders provide life-saving medical attention after a crash or other emergency.

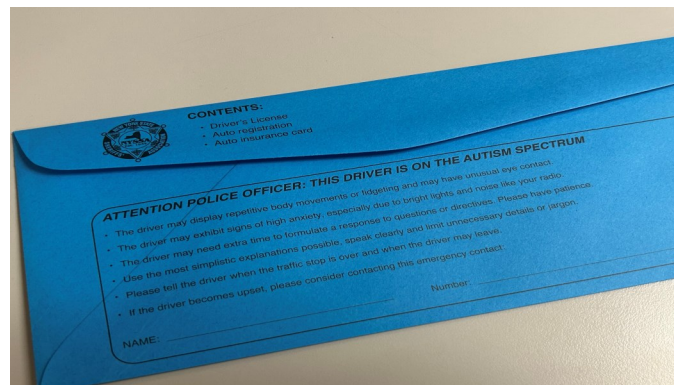
How the Yellow Dot works:

- The Yellow Dot kit provided to you by the Sheriff's Office and the NYS Sheriff's Association contains a personal information card and a Yellow Dot decal.
- Complete both sides of the personal information card, in pencil, and attach a photo to be placed in a visible location inside your glove compartment.
- Complete one card for each person who regularly occupies the vehicle.
- Place the Yellow Dot decal on the rear driver's side window to alert First Responders to look in the glove compartment for your medical information.
- Update the card annually yourself or bring it to your annual medical check-up. If you sell the car, remember to remove the Yellow Dot.

You can also place a Yellow Dot decal on or beside your front door and place a completed card for each occupant in a clear plastic freezer bag and place in a visible location in the freezer compartment of your refrigerator.

BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM

In 2025, the Sheriff's Office adopted the Blue Envelope Program, which is an important safety program for drivers with autism. To address this problem, law enforcement agencies around the country have recently begun adopting the Blue Envelope Program. They are encouraging drivers with autism to obtain a Blue Envelope, in which the drivers can keep their license, registration, insurance card or other relevant documents, which a police officer would normally request upon a traffic stop. In this way, when the police officer sees the Blue Envelope, the officer is immediately alerted to the driver's autism and can adjust his or her own actions and reactions to fit the situation.



PROGRAMS

OPERATION H.O.P.E

(Heroin & Opioid Prevention Effort)

Prior Chemung County Sheriff Christopher J. Moss introduced a new Sheriff's Office initiative titled Operation H.O.P.E. (Heroin & Opioid Prevention Effort) in Chemung County back in 2017. The initiative is meant to assist in the effort in addressing the heroin epidemic. As the number of individuals addicted to heroin and other opiates continues to grow throughout the Southern Tier and our state, we need a multifaceted approach to addressing the issue. This is an epidemic that has no financial, racial or religious barriers and has an effect on every person in our society. Enforcement alone is not the answer and will not solve the problem. Partnering with human resource organizations and mental health officials to provide a component of education and treatment are equally as important. We are still committed to work together in fighting this deadly epidemic. In 2025, the Chemung County Jail made 253 H.O.P.E. referrals.

NALOXONE- NARCAN



In July of 2014, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office was trained and began carrying Naloxone (NARCAN). Naloxone is a pure opiate antagonist and prevents or reverses the effects of opioids including respiratory depression, sedation and hypotension and reverses the effects of other narcotic medicines, such as the illegal use of an opioid substance, like heroin. Since the implementation of Naloxone, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office successfully administered it on over 133 citizens that had overdosed on heroin or opioid derivative which resulted in their lives being saved. In 2025, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office has successfully administered Narcan in the following jurisdictions:

2 – Town of Southport

2 – City of Elmira

1 – Town of Big Flats

1 – Village of Ashland

Criminal Investigation Division



Lt. Jeremiah Ayers
Investigation Commander

Mission

- Initiate and pursue investigations
- Apprehend offenders
- Develop intelligence on criminal behavior
- Cultivate informants
- Establish and maintain mutually cooperative relationships with other criminal justice entities
- Act as conduit for crime prevention and victim assistance
- Assist other agencies on major cases

In 2025 CID handled 379 cases, ranging from assisting other agencies to crimes against persons

Types of cases handled by CID:

- ◆ Burglary
- ◆ Robbery
- ◆ Grand Larceny
- ◆ Sex Offenses
- ◆ Internal/Backgrounds
- ◆ Narcotics
- ◆ Death Investigations/Suicides/Overdoses



Emily Green
CID Clerk

Criminal Investigation Division

CID Members

- Receive specialized training in investigative techniques, evidence collection, and victim services
- Trained in and assigned specialized equipment to assist in solving cases
- Assigned a schedule which makes them available day or night to respond to incidents
- Responsible for the dissemination of intel to agency members and other Law Enforcement Agencies

Trainings attended by CID members in 2025

- Drone Utilization training
- Group Crisis Intervention
- Gang Seminar
- Instructor Development/FTO Course
- DCJS Public Safety Symposium
- CVSA Training



Sgt. Balmer Promotional Ceremony

Sex Offender Management

117 Sex Offenders in Chemung County

- 36 Level III
- 62 Level II
- 18 Level III
- 1 no designation assigned



Criminal Investigation Division

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

CAC Purpose

In 2025 Investigators assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division investigated 35 cases involving crimes against children. These cases were investigated by Sheriff's Investigators, who worked jointly with other members of the Child Advocacy Centers Multi-Disciplinary Task Force Team.

Partners

- Law Enforcement
- District Attorney
- Department of Social Services / Family Services
- Medical



Michael Williams Press Conference after conviction upon jury verdict

MAJOR INVESTIGATIONS:

- Assault - 1
- Burglary - 13
- Deaths - 33
- Grand Larceny - 5
- Serious Injury/Fatal MVA- 3
- Robbery - 1
- Weapons - 7

Criminal Investigation Division

CID Statistics 2025

Category	Total	Closed by Arrest	Inactive	Other
Assault	1	1	0	0
Assist Agency	6	0	0	6
Assist Agency FD	2	0	0	2
Assist Citizen	2	0	0	2
Attempted Suicide	2	0	0	2
Background Investigation	45	0	0	45
Bad Check	1	0	0	1
Burglary	13	4	0	9
Child Abuse	7	0	0	7
Civil Dispute	1	0	0	1
Controlled Substance	11	5	0	6
Criminal Contempt	3	2	0	1
Criminal Mischief	1	0	0	1
Death Investigations	31	0	0	31
Failure to Register—Sex Offender	9	4	0	5
False Report	1	1	0	0
Family Dispute	1	0	0	1
Fire Structure	1	0	0	1
Forgery	2	2	0	0
Fraud Investigation	19	1	0	18
Fugitive from Justice	16	15	0	1
Grand Larceny	5	1	0	4
Identity Theft	1	1	0	0
Intelligence Reports	111	3	0	108
Jail Incidents	4	2	0	2
Larceny	13	6	0	7
Menacing	2	1	0	1
MVA/Fatal	3	0	0	3
MVA/Person Inj.	1	0	0	1
Officer Injured	1	0	0	1
Police Tip	9	0	0	9
Prison Contraband	3	3	0	0
Rape	3	1	0	2
Robbery	1	1	0	0
School Threat	1	0	0	1
Search Warrant	3	0	0	3
Sex Offense	1	0	0	1
Sex Offense- Child	27	2	0	25
Suicide	2	0	0	2
Suspicious	1	0	0	1

Criminal Investigation Division

Photographs



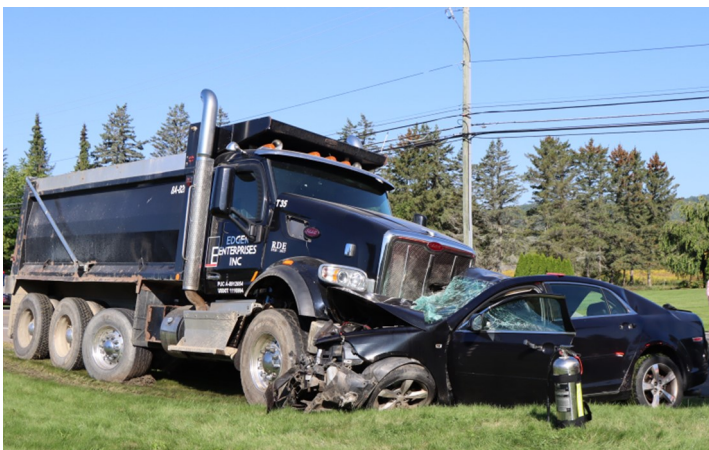
Arson Investigation



Car vs. Car Motor Vehicle Accident



Methamphetamine and cocaine drug arrest



Car vs. Dump Truck Motor Vehicle Accident



Inv. Mike Theetge receives the Order of the Blue Heart from the Wounded Blue

WILLIAMS HOMICIDE CASE

Mentioned in last year's Annual Report was the November 15, 2024, shooting / murder of **J'SEAN WILLIAMS**, in the Town of Southport. The Sheriff's Office spent many man hours working on this case, which resulted in the arrest of **MICHAEL WILLIAMS**, age 17, on 11/23/24. He was charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree, a Class A-1 Felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree, a Class C Felony, but disposition was still pending.

On Thursday, October 23, 2025, Michael Williams was convicted after a jury trial. Everyone involved in this case, regardless of role, should take great pride in their contribution toward this successful outcome. All of the professionals within this agency came together, in many different roles and responsibilities, totally focused on the outcome of this case which was justice for the victim and his family.

It fills us with pride to lead such a professional agency. We sincerely thank each one of you who not only contributed to this case but who do the job you do day-to-day so efficiently and professionally to showcase yourselves and the Chemung County Sheriff's Office in such a positive manner!

Sheriff William A. Schrom



HIGH PROFILE CID CASE OF THE “BONES CASE”

On November 8, 2022, the Chemung County Sheriff’s Office began an investigation into human skeletal remains, which had been discovered by hunters in a wooded area off Bowlby Road, in the Town of Elmira. At that time, no identification information was available to identify the deceased individual.

Investigators continued to work with the FBI and Othram, a forensic genealogical testing company, to determine the identity of the individual. In 2025, after further testing and genealogical tracing, these efforts have resulted in positively identifying the remains as **RANDY S. SECK**, born in 1992. At the time of the discovery of his remains, he would have been 30 years of age. The circumstances to why Randy Seck was in the wooded area off Bowlby Road and his death are still under investigation, but at least now the family can have closure.

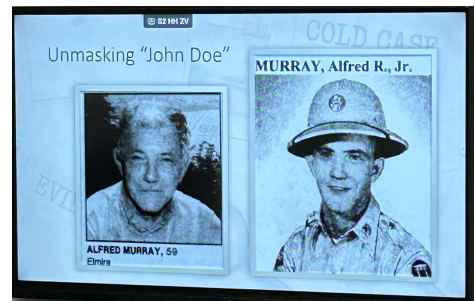


MARY THERESA SIMPSON

1964 COLD CASE

A new book *What Happened To Me?* by Christina Fanelli came out just as new evidence surfaced on the murder of 12 year old Mary Theresa Simpson. On Sunday, March 15, 1964, shy and cautious Mary left her aunt to walk to her dad's house. Mary never made it home, and her body was found on Combs Hill Road, in the Town of Southport, just 4 days later. This case originated in the City of Elmira as a missing person's report. When her body was found, the Sheriff's Office was contacted to respond. It was quickly determined that the body was Mary Theresa Simpson and was clear to the first responding officers that her death was the result of a homicide. Because the case originated in the city, it was decided that EPD would maintain the overall investigation. Over the next several years, EPD, CCSO, and NYSP worked closely together to try and solve this case until eventually the case went cold.

Through perseverance of the Elmira Police Department, 6 decades after her death, new evidence was uncovered in 2025 through Ancestry.com. A familial DNA match was made, and the father of the match was exhumed on 11/04/25 for testing. The Elmira Police Department received a Grant from a non-profit called "Season of Justice" to pay for the exhumation of the body. There was semen on Mary's blouse and underwear to test the DNA against. On 02/10/2026, EPD held a press conference identifying Alfred Raymond Murray Jr. as the contributor of the semen. The totality of the evidence in this case supports the logical conclusion that the individual responsible for the sexual assault was also responsible for her death. Congratulations to the Elmira Police Department on closing this cold case.



Civil/Community Services Division



Lt. Joseph Dieterle

Civil/Community Services Commander

Civil Division



Sergeant Charles Kennedy



Deputy Jeremy Rucker



Civil Clerk Diane Brown

The Civil Division is an accredited division through the NYS Sheriff's Association for meeting or exceeding more than 120 standards set forth to earn this Civil Division Accreditation. In 2025, the Civil Office processed \$999,615.79 in monies received. The majority of the revenue was the result of money received from wage garnishments in the form of income executions, which are received from attorneys and private individuals for the purpose of debt collection. This resulted in poundage of \$119,365.17, which was transferred to the Chemung County Treasurer's Office. The Civil Office consists of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, one Deputy, and one full-time Clerk.

Civil/Community Services Division

Records Division

The Records Division is a central data collection and processing office responsible for compiling and processing case files, arrests and accident reports. In addition, this office is responsible for completing audits, reports and FOIL requests. The office is vital to the Deputy Sheriffs as it reduces their administrative workload and enables the Deputies to concentrate their efforts on patrol functions. The office received 401 FOIL requests, completed 550 background checks and processed 318 warrants. The office also provides statistical data to both State and Federal agencies. The Records Office is also responsible for arranging juvenile transports for the Chemung County Family Court and in 2025, 44 transports were completed. The Records Office consists of one full time clerk.



**Records Clerk
Simona Bermingham**

Pistol Permit Division



**Pistol Permit Clerk
Amanda Lord**

In 2025, the Pistol Permit Office issued 158 new permits and processed 1,461 amendments, which included handgun purchases and transfers. There were 40 pistol permits that were suspended or revoked and 9 applicants who were denied. The total revenue generated by the Pistol Permit Office in 2025 was \$39,887.00, which includes new applications, amendments and purchase coupons. The Pistol Permit Office consists of one full time clerk.

Civil/Community Services Division

Airport Security

The Sheriff continued to support the Elmira/Corning Regional Airport in 2025 by providing on-site law enforcement coverage of the Elmira/Corning Regional Airport. This assignment is a deterrent to terrorism while supporting the public interests of the passengers and guests.



The Human Resource Center Security

Human Resource Center Security consists of two full time Deputy Sheriffs. Their duties include maintaining security, supporting staff and screening the civilians entering the building. These Deputies were also assigned to completing Sheriff's Office background checks and entering court dispositions into Impact, the records management system. In 2025, there were 103,441 persons scanned at the entry checkpoint. There were 736 restricted items identified during initial screening process and prohibited from entering the facility.



Deputy John MacBeth and Deputy Tom Barr

Civil/Community Services Division

Community Resource Officer / Special Patrol Officer



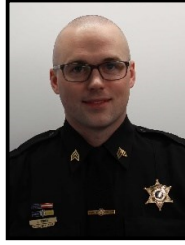
At the start of the 2024 -2025 school year there were four (4) Community/School Resource Officers, and ten (10) Special Patrol Officers assigned to local schools, which represented the Elmira City School District, BOCES Campus and Finn Academy. The Sheriff's Office and Elmira City School District now have one Community Resource Officer assigned to each of the following schools: the Elmira High School, Broadway Academy, and Ernie Davis Academy. There is now one (1) Special Patrol Officer assigned to each of the following schools: Pine City, Broadway, Parley-Colburn, Riverside, Diven, Hendy, Fassett and Beecher Elementary Schools. There is also a Special Patrol Officer assigned to Finn Academy. The BOCES campus has one (1) Community Resource Officer and one (1) Special Patrol Officer. These Community Resource Officers and Special Patrol Officers have been instrumental in providing the schools, staff and students with a law enforcement presence that assists in maintaining order and a safe learning environment.

In addition, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office has five (5) Special Patrol Officers assigned to the Horseheads School District. These Special Patrol Officers are assigned to Big Flats, Gardner Road and Ridge Road Elementary schools, the Middle/Intermediate School and High School.

In this environment the Community Resource Officers/Special Patrol Officers were also required to enforce the New York State Penal Law and the New York State Family Court Act which resulted in 13 Felony, 10 Misdemeanor and 8 Violation juvenile arrests in 2025.



School Officers



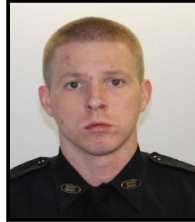
Sgt. B. Couse



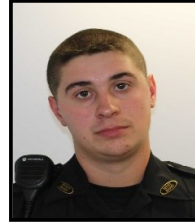
Sgt. T. Kimble



Deputy J. Goodwin



Deputy A. Hodge



Deputy L. Masia



Deputy J. Parisi



SPO J. Allen



SPO C. Black



SPO D. Collins



SPO M. Collins



SPO H. Leipham



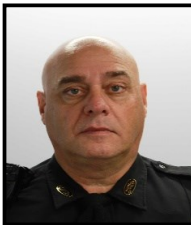
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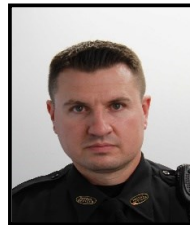
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SPO J. Perrigo



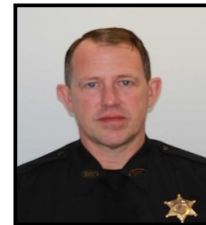
SPO A. Rice



Ret. SPO M. Saunders



SPO G. Segur



SPO W. Solt



SPO T. Sullivan



SPO D. Topping



SPO M. Wheeler



Ret. SPO S. Wheeler

Civil/Community Services Division



Deputy Hodge working hard



SPO Topping Halloween parade



Sgt. Kimble speaking at summer cohesion



SPO Parisi celebrating Christmas early!



SPO Segur giving his Christmas list!

Civil/Community Services Division



Southport Residential Deputy Joshua Arnold

The Sheriff maintained his support to the Town of Southport in 2025 by providing one full-time Deputy Sheriff to the Town of Southport, for the purpose of additional law enforcement coverage. In this partnership with the town, the Sheriff has provided the town with an additional patrol at a reduced cost to the taxpayers. The Residential Deputy completed 723 calls for service, completed 19 arrests, and issued 99 traffic tickets.

<u>Date: 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTALS
Category													
Incident Reports	64	61	63	71	77	70	79	71	62	85	0	20	723
Uniform Traffic Tickets	13	4	6	8	12	9	13	10	8	12	0	4	99
Parking Tickets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Stops	15	6	10	10	27	17	24	16	7	27	0	1	160
Traffic Accidents handled	2	2	2	3	3	2	0	1	3	5	0	1	24
Code Enforcement Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felony Arrests	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6
Misdemeanor Arrests	1	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0		11
DWI Arrests	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Violation Arrests	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Corrections Division



Major Raymond Hodge
Correctional Division Commander

Chemung County Jail

The Chemung County Jail is fully accredited through the New York State Sheriff's Association

- The Maximum Facility Capacity = 262 Incarcerated Individuals
- There are two distinct types of Housing settings.
 - Direct Supervision – General Housing, Males and Females
 - Close Confinement – Based on Security needs (classification)

FACILITY STAFFING

- 1 – Major
- 2 – Administrative Lieutenants
- 3 – Shift Lieutenants
- 3 – Shift Sergeants
- 60 – Full-Time Correction Officers
- 16– Part-Time Correction Officers



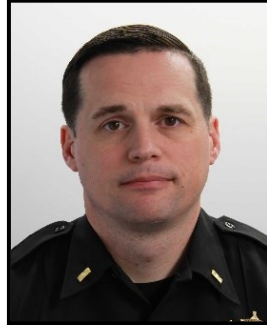
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Chemung County Jail Supervisory Staff

Administration

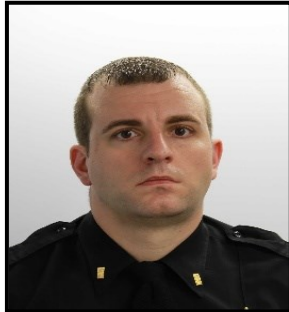


Lt. A. Vitucci

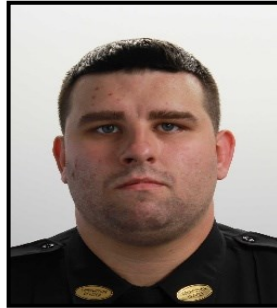


Lt. J. Hamula

A-Line



Lt. M. Sabatini



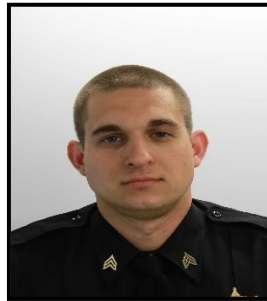
A/Sgt. N. Sherbert

14 Correction Officers

B-Line



Lt. J. Hughey



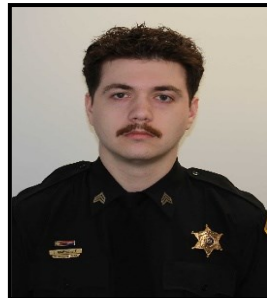
Sgt. K. Murphy

30 Correction Officers

C-Line



A/Lt. D. Stadelmaier



Sgt. J. Giammichele

15 Correction Officers

Corrections Division

HISTORY OF THE JAIL

The Chemung County Jail was established in 1836, initially as a wooden structure located on Water Street, in the City of Elmira. In the Elmira-Made Directory of 1917 the Chemung County Jail was listed as “rear of the Court House, Lake near Market”.

By 1941 the Jail held 30 Inmates (now Incarcerated Individuals). At that time, the 2nd floor of the Jail was then the residence of the Sheriff and his wife. His wife would cook for the Incarcerated Individuals, and both she and the Sheriff would frequently eat their meals with the inmates.

Between 1977 and 1991 the jail population grew by 177%. Then due to the overpopulation, in 1992 a new jail was constructed. These new cells were precast and stacked on top of each other. This was a \$10 million dollar construction, and with the construction of the new facility the maximum capacity increased to 264 Incarcerated Individuals, both male and female.

The Jail has since been reduced to 262 beds, but is fully accredited through the New York State Sheriff’s Association. This is a voluntary process that demonstrates the jail’s commitment to providing a safe and humane environment to Incarcerated Individuals.

Between 1885 and 2001 there were seven (7) escapes from the Chemung County Jail. In 2006 The Most Wanted Man in NYS history, Ralph “Bucky” Phillips was housed at the Chemung County Jail. Phillips shot three (3) NYS Troopers, killing one of them. Phillips was placed on a twenty-four hour watch during his entire incarceration due to his previous escape from another correctional facility, as well as the nature of his charges at the time of his incarceration. At the same time, there were three (3) other Incarcerated Individuals housed at the jail for killing another NYS Trooper, Andrew Sperr.

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The Chemung County Jail in 1898

This year Sheriff Schrom honored the agency with its picture on a Challenge Coin. This challenge coin represents the Office of Sheriff in 1898 (even though we were established on 03/29/1836) and how it appeared at that time. The reverse side of the coin depicts the gallows and the three individuals who were executed behind the Sheriff's Office in the 1800s. The names depicted on that part of the coin represent each man executed for the crime of murder. That portion of the coin is not a tribute to the memory of these murderers, but a symbol of a time when punishment was swift and just.



Corrections Division

IN-SERVICE TRAINING 2025

- ◆ Chemical Agents and Use of Force
- ◆ Suicide Prevention
- ◆ Sexual Harassment/Sexual Misconduct
- ◆ Legal Issues
- ◆ Defensive Driving
- ◆ Communicable Diseases/ Blood Borne Pathogens
- ◆ Effective Communication
- ◆ NYS Basic Correction Officers Academy
- ◆ Firearms Re-Qualification
- ◆ CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer

INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION SERVICES

The facility must offer educational services to all Incarcerated Individuals who are under the age of 21 and have yet to receive their High School Diploma or TASC Diploma. The facility also offers Incarcerated Individuals, who are over the age of 20, the opportunity to get their TASC diploma if they have yet to receive their High School Diploma or TASC Diploma. Due to the facility no longer housing 16 and 17-year-old Incarcerated Individuals, the facility continues to offer school for those who qualify and are looking to receive a TASC diploma. Diploma testing can no longer be done in the facility due to NYS guidelines. We continue to offer Incarcerated Individuals wishing to study and prepare for testing that opportunity.

The facility also offers ancillary classes, which cover several of the topics listed below.

- ◆ Floor Maintenance, Scrubbing, Stripping, and Finishing
- ◆ Carpet Care
- ◆ Restroom Deep Cleaning and Restoration
- ◆ Daily Hard Floor Maintenance
- ◆ General Office Cleaning
- ◆ Safety for Custodians
- ◆ Snow Removal (Use of a Snowblower)

Corrections Division

MEDICAL STAFF



Dr. Cliff Snellgrove



P.A. Thomas Coss



Medical Office



Admin. RN Barbara Dando



RN Makenzie Johnson



RN Corin Watson

Corrections Division

MEDICAL SERVICES

Services Provided Include:

Incarcerated Individual Pregnancies

X-Rays

Emergency Room Visits

Dental Services

Incarcerated Individual Physicals

Incarcerated Individual Education

- Diabetes, Heart Disease and Medications

MEDICAL TRANSPORTS 2025 = 340

Hospital ER Evaluation = 47

Hospital ER Evaluation w/ Admission = 20

Hospital ER Evaluation with Admission with observation = 6

Hospital ER Evaluation with Admission/Surgery = 2

Hospital ER, Discharged from custody = 3

Dental Visits = 42

Dialysis = 0

Consulting Physicians

Pregnancy – OB/GYN visits = 5

Child Births = 0

Urology Associates = 1

Plastic Surgeon = 4

Allergist = 0

Eye Care = 2

Gastroenterology = 1

General Surgeon = 19

Orthopedic Consult = 3

STD = 24

Hand Management Clinic = 0

ENT = 0

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DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

CT Scans / MRI = 16
Eye Exams = 2
Ultrasounds = 13
X-Rays = 52
Surgery = 0
Same Day Surgery = 4
Lab Work = 43
Breast biopsy = 0
Mammogram = 1
Stress Test = 3
Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).
Incarcerated Individuals participating = 166

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Provided by Family Services
One (1) Psychiatrist
Two (2) Forensic Counselors

NUMBER OF SERVICES PROVIDED

578 Incarcerated Individuals seen by psychiatrists and forensic counselors
415 Incarcerated Individuals evaluated by CRISIS for Risk of Suicide
61 Constant Watches

JAIL STATISTICS – 2025

TOTAL ADMISSION 2025 = 1042 Incarcerated Individuals
Average Daily Population 2025 = 124

Felony Incarcerations = 471	Male = 398	Female = 73
Misdemeanor Incarcerations = 356	Male = 219	Female = 137
Other Offenses = 22	Male = 14	Female = 8
Housed in from other Counties = 27	Male = 0	Female = 27
Parole Violators = 39	Male = 36	Female = 3
Federal Incarcerated Individuals = 0		

CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S INITIATIVE – PROJECT H.O.P.E

Assessments and consultations for 2025 = 253

Corrections Division

REVENUE FROM BOARD-INS

In 2025, the Chemung County Jail housed 27 Incarcerated Individuals from other counties in the State of New York.

The total revenue accrued for 2025 from the housed-in Incarcerated Individuals was **\$54,043.73**

INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS TRANSFERRED TO NYSDOCS

TOTAL = 65

Males = 59

Females = 6

PAROLE VIOLATORS RETURNED TO NYSDOCS

TOTAL = 18

MALES = 16

FEMALE = 2

ORDERED MEALS FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS AND COSTS

The Chemung County Jail must supply the Incarcerated Individual population with three meals per day. One of the meals must be a hot meal and is always the dinner meal. The total costs and number of meals that were ordered for 2025 is as follows:

TOTAL ORDERED = 138,696

COST = \$ 466,018.56

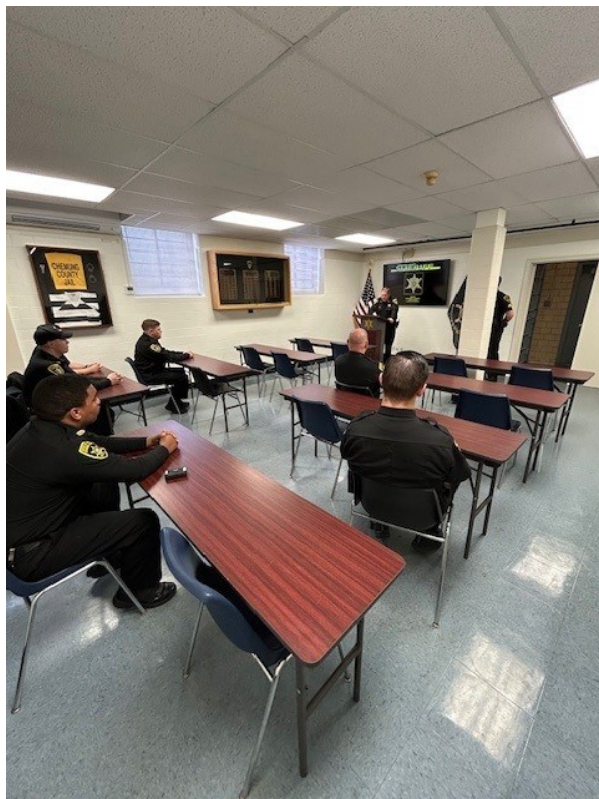
COST PER MEAL = \$3.36



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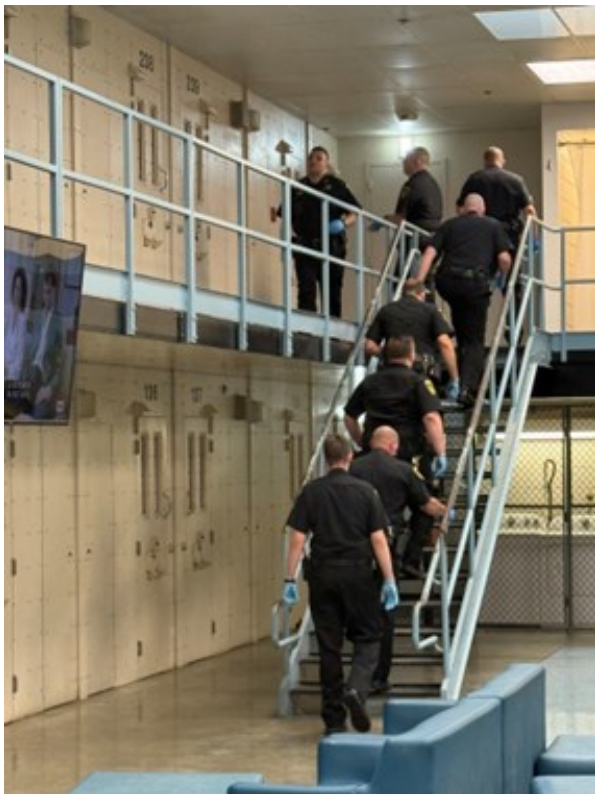
In November, 2025 the Briefing Room at the Chemung County Jail completed some renovations. The room received a fresh coat of paint, some display boxes were hung and the Sheriff & Undersheriff presented the completed room to the staff.



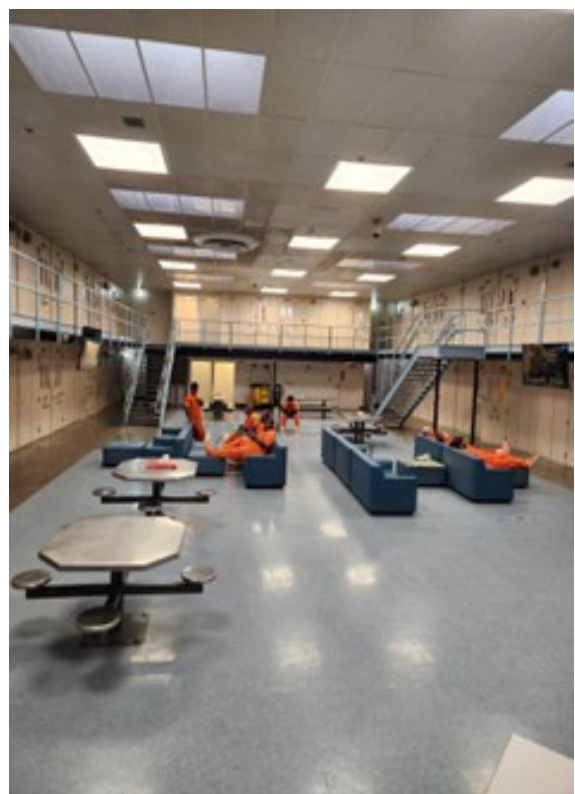
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CERT Team



Jail Shakedown



Post 32 Housing Unit

Corrections Division



Jail Search

Jail Amnesty Program

In 2025, our Amnesty box was used by newly admitted Incarcerated Individuals on 7 occasions stopping illegal drugs from entering the facility. The amnesty program allows an opportunity to place any contraband into the box without question before entering the facility. Pictured below are items placed in the amnesty box, including crack cocaine and methamphetamine.



All emptied from the Amnesty Box on 05/20/25

COMMUNICATIONS E-911



Director Michael Marrone

In 2022, the Sheriff's Office took over the operations of the Chemung County Communication Center (E911), making the 911 Center the fifth division of the Sheriff's Office. The 911 Center is manned by one Director, who is responsible for the day to day operations of the center and he reports directly to the Undersheriff and Sheriff. There are also 21 full-time and one part-time Communications Operators.

The 911 Center's Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Chemung County Sheriff's Emergency Communications Center (E911) is to contribute to the safety and quality of life of our community by linking the citizens of our community and our public safety agencies with efficient, reliable, responsive and professional public safety communications services. We take pride in dedicating ourselves to professionalism and public service, understanding that we are often the first representatives of local government to interact with citizens in need. We are constantly seeking ways to improve the quality of services we provide to the community, and facilitate the development of highly trained, proficient and dedicated personnel.

E911—The Face Behind the Voice

A- Line			
			
Supervisor G. Shaw	Operator T. Wheaton	Operator R. Edger	Operator C. Johnston
			
Operator K. Horton	Operator J. Sullivan	Operator H. Cosmore	
B- Line			
			
Supervisor B. Andrew	Operator J. Allington	Operator R. Baldwin	Operator J. Quinn
			
Operator A. Ward	Operator B. Huffner	Operator A. Cicora	Operator J. DePrimo
C- Line			
			
Supervisor K. Casler	Operator L. Novakowski	Operator J. Mitchell	Operator R. Tobey
			
Operator J. Gunderman	Operator J. Baker	P/T Operator Y. Fish	

Total 911 Blotters 2025

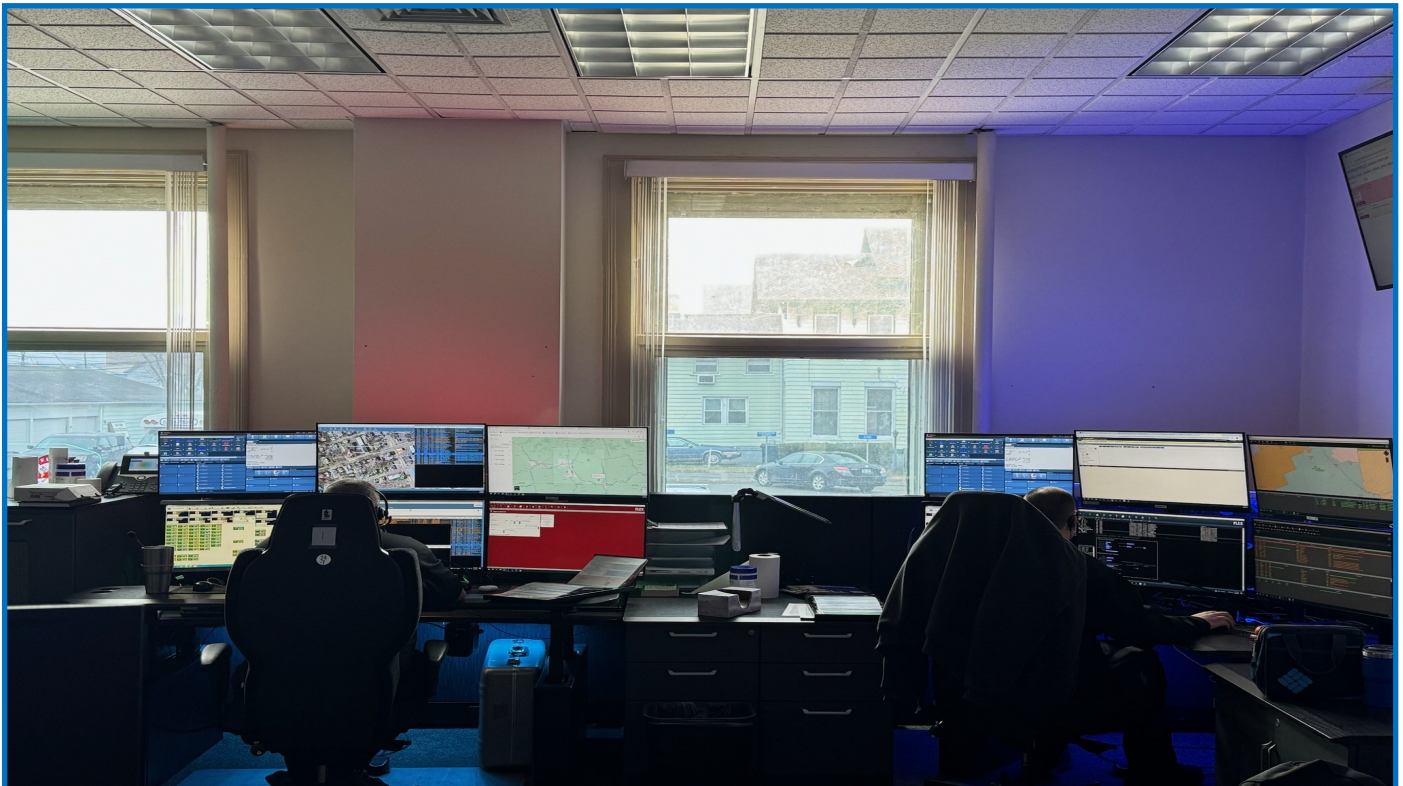
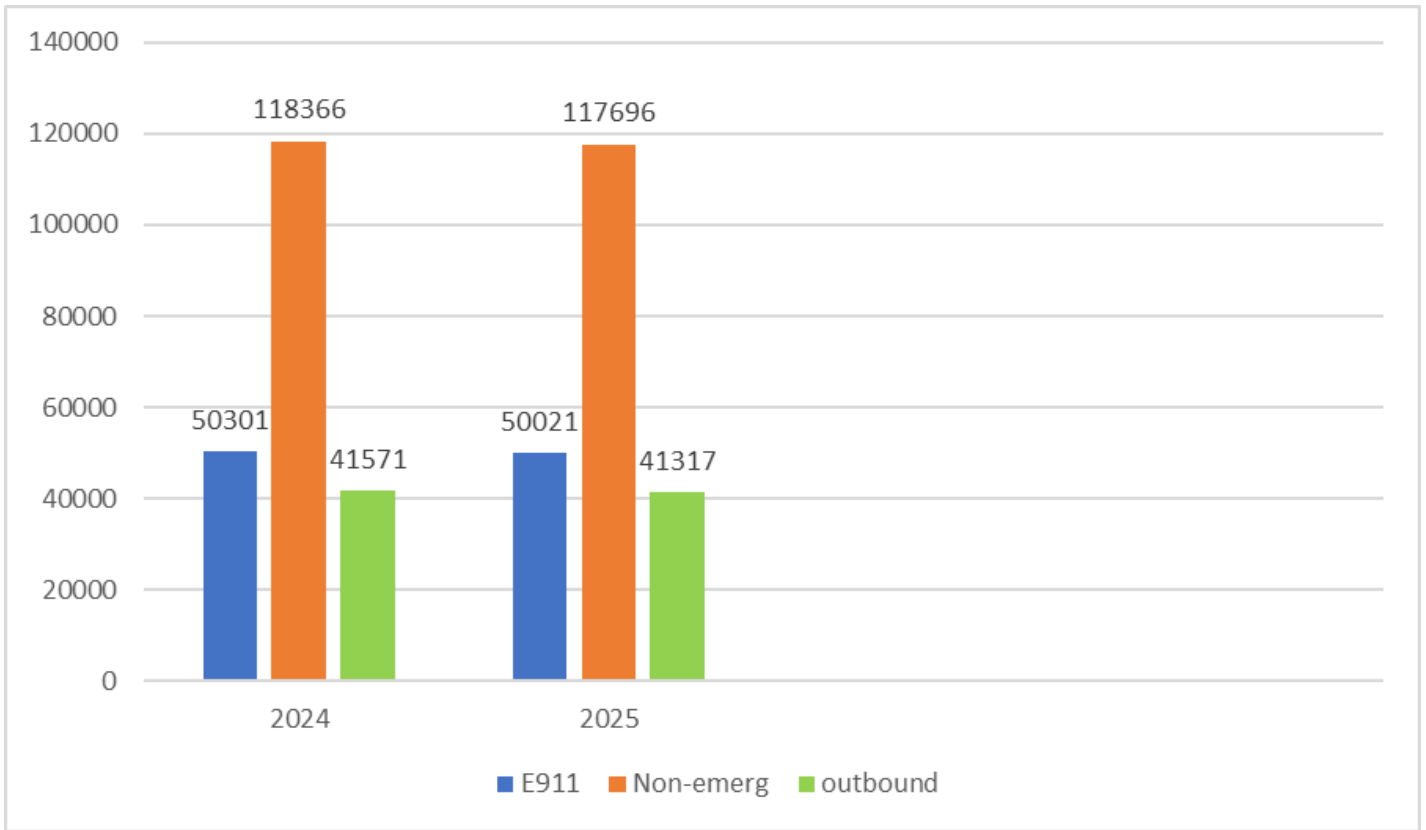
<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>#BLOTTERS</u>
CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	25442
ELMIRA POLICE DEPARTMENT	43056
ELMIRA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT	8921
HORSEHEADS POLICE DEPARTMENT	8365
WEST ELMIRA POLICE DEPARTMENT	9009
NEW YORK STATE POLICE	14199
TOTAL POLICE BLOTTERS	108992
AIRPORT	11
BALDWIN FIRE DEPARTMENT	117
BIG FLATS FIRE DEPARTMENT	901
BRESPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	203
CHEMUNG FIRE DEPARTMENT	231
ELMIRA FIRE DEPARTMENT	5103
ELMIRA HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT	788
ERIN FIRE DEPARTMENT	226
GOLDEN GLOW FIRE DEPARTMENT	92
HORSEHEADS FIRE DEPARTMENT	801
MILLPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	202
PINE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT	244
SOUTHPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT	191
TOMPKINS CORNERS FIRE DEPARTMENT	107
TOWN & COUNTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT	722
WEBBS MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT	135
WELLSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT	211
EAST HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT	109
WEST ELMIRA FIRE DEPARTMENT	452
VAN ETEN COMMUNITY FIRE	219
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT BLOTTERS	11065
TOTAL LE and FD BLOTTERS – 2025	120057

911 Blotters By Agency 2021-2025

AGENCY	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
CCSO	23372	24102	23,406	22796	25442
ELMIRA PD	36436	40220	40,592	44809	43056
ELMIRA HGTS PD	10757	9935	9,279	8898	8921
HORSEHEADS PD	10760	9020	7,573	7326	8365
W. ELMIRA PD	3580	4244	4,146	4734	9009
NYSP	12330	10858	11,275	12626	14199
TOTAL LE BLOTTERS	97235	98379	96,271	101,189	108,992
AIRPORT	16	11	8	5	11
BALDWIN FD	109	116	87	122	117
BIG FLATS FD	741	747	778	840	901
BREESPORT FD	174	215	149	209	203
CHEMUNG FD	241	190	212	207	231
ELMIRA CITY FD	4548	4934	4,925	5182	5103
ELMIRA HGTS FD	599	707	680	841	788
ERIN FD	182	231	174	226	226
GOLDEN GLOW FD	81	83	95	89	92
HORSEHEADS VILLAGE FD	628	776	820	824	801
MILLPORT FD	141	180	182	148	202
PINE CITY FD	207	230	251	297	244
SOUTHPORT FD	188	185	211	217	191
TOMPKINS COR. FD	76	76	89	101	107
TOWN & COUNTRY FD	575	629	640	677	722
WEBB MILLS FD	109	106	116	144	135
WELLSBURG FD	192	233	200	192	211
EAST HILL FD	81	92	73	93	109
WEST ELMIRA FD	394	418	429	426	452
COMMUNITY FIRE FD	160	219	192	195	219
TOTAL FD BLOTTERS	9,442	10,378	10,417	11,035	12,057

Total 911 Phone Volume 2025

161,067 incoming calls received

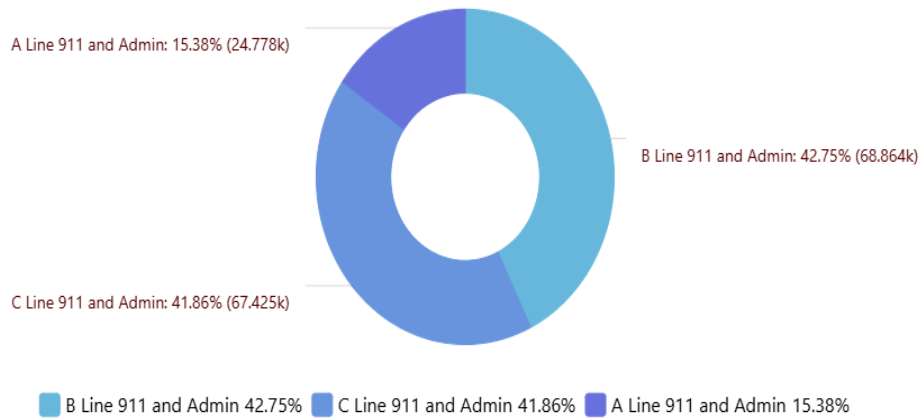


911 Communications Center

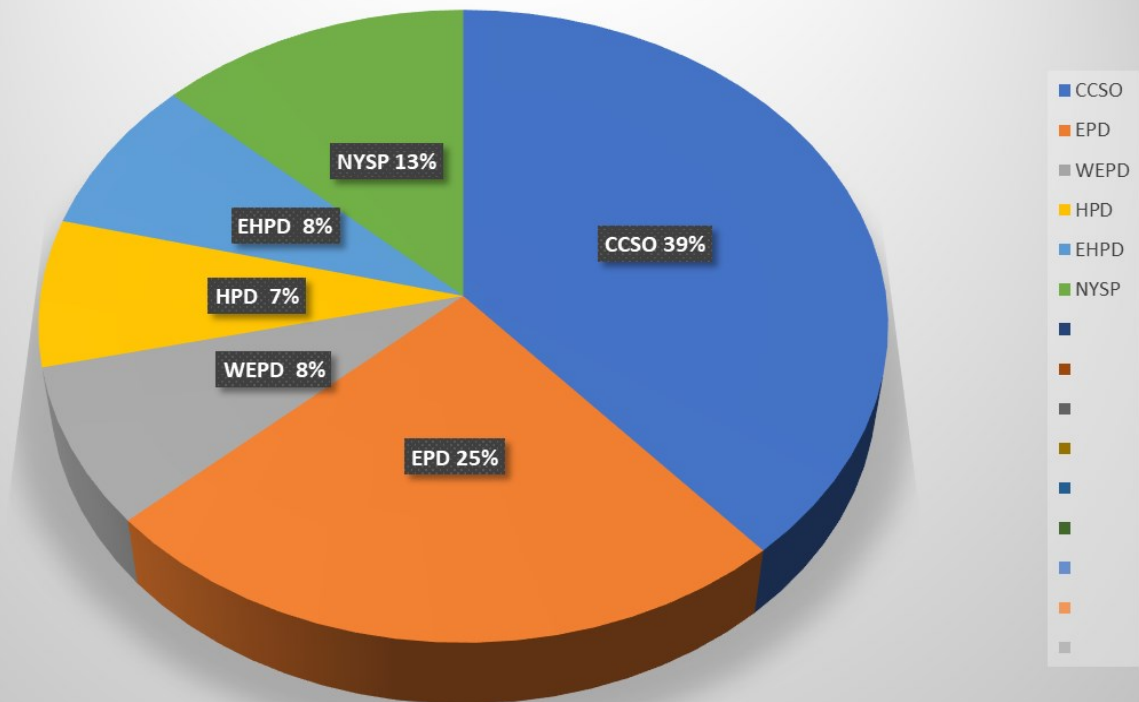
2025 Received 911 Calls Per Shift

SHIFT	COUNT
B Line 911 and Admin	68864
C Line 911 and Admin	67425
A Line 911 and Admin	24778
Totals	161067

Total Calls Grouped by SHIFT



Percentage of Law Enforcement Calls for 2025





Applebees Go For The Gold
04/10/25



Southport Easter Egg Hunt
04/12/25



Horseheads Job Fair
04/30/25



Elmira Memorial Day Parade
05/26/25

SPECIAL EVENTS



Elmira Heights Memorial Day Parade
05/26/25



Pine City Yard Sales
06/14/25



Juneteenth 06/14/25



Eldridge Park 06/14/25



Arnot Mall Carnival 06/19/25



Pride Ride 06/28/25



Badges & Brainfreeze 07/10/25



Chemung County Fair
07/29/25



Strong Kids Safe Kids
08/24/25



TAGS Concert 08/23/25



Veteran Stand Down
09/25/25



Williams Touch-A-Truck
10/18/25



CCC Job Fair
11/5/25

SPECIAL EVENTS



Baldwin Fire Department Open House
10/18/25



Southport Trunk or Treat 10/25/25



Williams Kia Trunk or Treat
10/25/25



Arnot Mall Trick or Treating
10/25/25

Community Outreach

The Sheriff's Office participated in various Community Outreach events to include Town Hall meetings and Community related events in an effort to engage the community. These events afforded the community the opportunity to voice their concerns relating to issues in their respective communities as well as allowing the Sheriff's Office to formulate plans to address these concerns. This has led to an increased focus on community policing, especially in rural areas.

Special Enforcement Details:

Twelve (12) enforcement details were conducted to include drug and illegal weapons interdiction. Increased utilization of hotels by criminals in an effort to avoid detection, has prompted a focus on enforcement at these locations. The Sheriff's Office has offered assistance in an effort to reverse this trend. Several of these details involved the various police departments in the area working collaboratively. These multi-agency details were part of the Gun Initiative Violence Elimination (GIVE) Grant. The Sheriff's Office also host two (2) trainings for area Law Enforcement, to include *Drug Interdiction*, *Conducting the Traffic Stop* and *Cell Phone Investigation Techniques*.

Community Presentations

The Sheriff's Office conducted 17 presentations to the community in 2025, some of these include Active Shooter (10), Threat Assessments (5) and Swatting Presentation/Training (2).

HR218

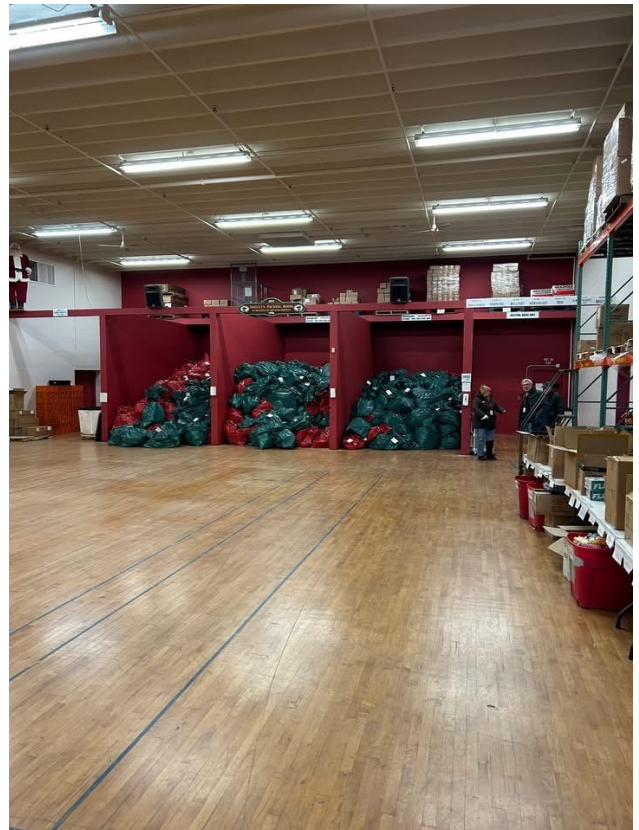
HR 218, is known as the "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act", which was signed into law on July 22, 2004 by then President George W. Bush and exempts qualified active and retired law enforcement officers from local and state prohibitions on the carrying of concealed firearms. Both the "qualified active law enforcement officer" and "qualified retired law enforcement officer" must meet the definition of just that outlined in the bill. The Chemung County Sheriff's Office holds HR 218 firearms qualification for qualified retired law enforcement officers twice annually. The qualification is held at the Sheriff Charles D.W. Houser training facility located in Breesport. The average class size per training is generally twenty retired law enforcement officers who are from the Chemung County Sheriff's Office, Elmira City Police Dept., Horseheads Police Dept., Elmira Heights Police Dept., New York State Police and New York State Corrections. In 2025, the Sheriff's Office certified 50 qualified retired law enforcement officers. Also qualifying this year were 14 Special Patrol Officers with the Sheriff's Office and 8 Correction Officers from the Chemung County Jail.

Community Outreach

Arctic League



For over 100 years, The Arctic League has provided gifts for Christmas morning to needy children in Chemung County. Every year the Chemung County Sheriff's Office employees and their families kick off the holiday season with the Arctic League Packing Night. In 2025, employees again participated in the sorting and getting the gifts ready for packaging to be delivered to families in need. It's the Sheriff's Office employees way of giving back to the people they serve.



Community Outreach

Pharmaceutical Medication Drop-Off Program



On both Saturday April 26, 2025 & October 26, 2025 the Chemung County Sheriff's Office hosted two drop-off sites in Chemung County. In 2025, we collected 1,470 pounds of medications from 424 people.

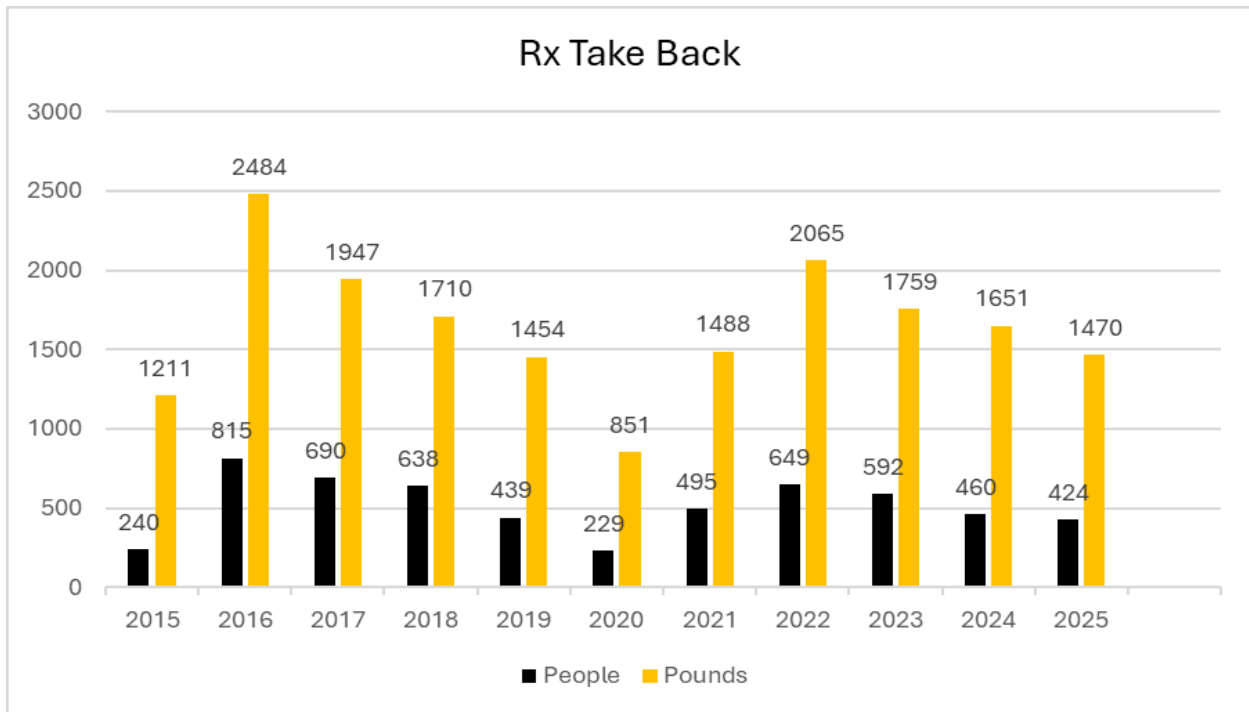
Southport Volunteer Fire Department

1001 Carl Street
Elmira, N.Y. 14904

West Elmira Volunteer Fire Department

1255 W. Water St.
Elmira, N.Y. 14905

Since 2010 the Chemung County Sheriff's Office has participated in the National Take-Back initiative in conjunction with the DEA. Each year the events have netted significant results in collecting expired and unused medications that otherwise would be disposed of improperly or possibly stolen. Since 2010, we have collected 23,560 lbs of medication from 8,121 people.



Community Outreach

BOATER SAFETY CLASSES

Boater Safety Classes are offered each year to any individual over 10 years of age. As of 2025, all persons operating any watercraft needs to be licensed. We held classes at the following locations with the following number of people in attendance:

03/15/25 – Southport FD	28	04/12/25 – Town & Country	20
03/22/25 – W. Elmira FD	24	04/19/25 – Chemung FD	21
03/29/25 – E. Hill FD	26	04/26/25 – Golden Glow FD	33
04/05/25 – Erin FD	36	05/03/25 – W. Elmira FD	20



E. Hill FD 03/29/25



Erin FD 04/05/25



W. Elmira FD 05/03/25



Golden Glow FD 04/26/25

Community Outreach

Shop With A Cop



“Shop with a Cop” is a national community policing program that has been in existence for over two decades. It has long been noted that relationships between law enforcement and their respective communities have been very strained, especially in today’s society. The initial intent of the “Shop with a Cop” program was to be utilized as a community policing function to assist and address the issues of repairing these strained relationships. One methodology of community policing is to build positive relationships with the younger kids, ages 5 and up, within the communities. The effects of the program are multi-faceted and indispensable. “Shop with a Cop” hopes to break down the barriers within the communities, in which we as police serve, with the intent of developing a better and more trusting relationship, beginning with our youth.



Community Outreach

Operation Safe Child

The Chemung County Sheriff's office participates in the SAFE CHILD Card program, which is a free public service administered by the New York State Sheriffs' Association, Inc. Using equipment that contains the latest digital fingerprinting technology and high-resolution photography capabilities, 58 County Sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies are able to produce a SAFE CHILD card for parents or guardians. The goal of this program is to provide parents and children with important child safety information and to capture the fingerprints, basic biographical information, and photographs of children – information critical to expediting the return of a missing child. In addition to being able to quickly provide important details to law enforcement agencies investigating a child's disappearance, the NYSSA SAFE CHILD Card will serve as an important tool when used in conjunction with the NYS AMBER Alert and Missing Child Alert programs. The card contains a child's name, biographical information (including date of birth, gender, height, weight, hair color, eye color, and other identifying data), and a fingerprint image of both index fingers. The card can be made in less than two minutes and can be easily carried in a wallet or purse.



Community Outreach

Sheriff's Summer Camp

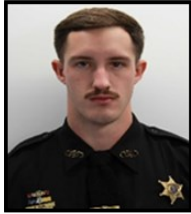


The Chemung County Sheriff's Office participates in the New York State Sheriff's Association Institute Summer Camp located on Keuka Lake every summer. The camp is for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12 who would not have an opportunity to attend a summer camp or enjoy a summer vacation. Three weeks every summer, dozens of children from Chemung County attend the camp, free of charge, and enjoy all that the camp has to offer. The camp promotes healthy activities for the kids and at the end of the week the campers learn that some of the counselors, whom they become friends with, are really Deputy Sheriffs from around the state.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

In 2023, Sheriff Schrom was honored for his dedication to hiring current and retired military personnel. This practice still continues today and we thank each and every one of them for their service to us and to their country.



Deputy B. Akins



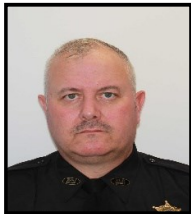
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Lt. Deputy J. Ayers



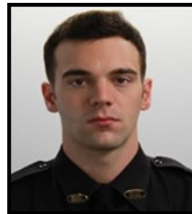
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Deputy T. Barr



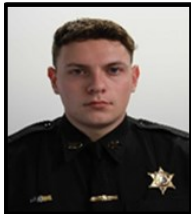
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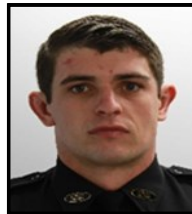
Deputy J. Burczynski



Deputy N. Cosmore



Deputy H. Dart



Deputy C. Everett



Officer J. Guillaume



Analyst T. Huffman



Sgt. Deputy C. Kennedy



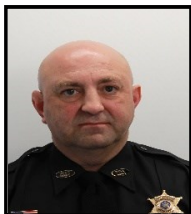
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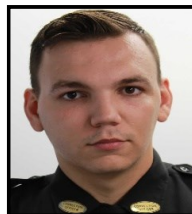
Officer D. Norman



SPO J. Oakes



Deputy J. Parisi



Officer B. Paul



SPO J. Perrigo



Officer S. Stevens



Officer R. Washburn



Officer T. Wright

LONGEVITY RECOGNITIONS

Sheriff Schrom began his career with the Sheriff's Office on the road back in 1990. That gives him over 35 years of continuous service, which is the most in the agency. However, we would also like to acknowledge the top longevity employees of each division.

E911



Sr. Communications Operator Gary Shaw started with E911 as a Communications Operator at their inception in 1993. Sr. Comm. Operator Shaw became a Senior Communications Operator in 2013 and he supervises five (5) Communications Operators.

Special Deputy Diane Brown, the Civil Clerk, has been with the Sheriff's Office since 03/24/1997. She began her career here as a Special Deputy and started working in the Civil Office in 2008. She is the sole clerk in that office in charge of income executions, wage garnishments, civil serve papers and Accreditation management.

ROAD



JAIL



Officer Matthew L. Mason started at the Chemung County Jail on 12/28/1997 as a part-time Correction Officer. Officer Mason became a full-time Correction Officer on 06/17/1998.

2025 Annual Awards Banquet

On February 15 & 21, 2026, the Sheriff's Office was able to present these annual awards at the Deputy Sheriff's Association and Correction Officer Association banquets for their 2025 year accomplishments. This annual banquet allows us to recognize the men and women of the Sheriff's Office for their dedication and professionalism to the agency and community as well as to acknowledge personnel for certain accomplishments achieved throughout the previous year.

In 2025, there were many individuals nominated for a variety of awards that range from Perfect Attendance, Years of Service, Life Saving, Meritorious Achievement, Honorable Service and Sheriff's Commendation, to name a few.

Every year, an individual from the Road Patrol Division, Corrections Division and Communications Division are selected for the Officer/Deputy/Dispatcher of the year. For 2025, Deputy Collin Holloway, a 4-year veteran of the Road Patrol Division, Officer Patrick F. Dotts, a 22 year veteran of the Corrections Division, and Communications Operator John M. Quinn, a 12 year veteran of the Communications Center, were selected for these high honors. The Sheriff and Undersheriff wish to congratulate all of them on their awards as well as all the men and women of the Sheriff's Office who were also nominated and received recognition.

ROAD PATROL

LifeSaving Award:

Deputy Caleb Cardinale*
Deputy Nickolas Cosmore x 3
Deputy Hunter Dart
Deputy Hailey Fierro
Deputy Reece Miller x 2

Community Service Award:

Lieutenant John Smith, Jr.
Sergeant Jason Balmer
Sergeant David Buchholz
Sergeant Patrick Pirozzolo
Sergeant Kasey Slater
Deputy Jacob Adams
Deputy Bryce Akins x 2
Deputy Joshua Arnold
Deputy Caleb Cardinale
Deputy Hunter Dart x 2
Deputy Andrew Hodge
Deputy Crystal Kennison
Deputy Christopher Long
Deputy Donald Sweet

Combat Cross:

Deputy Calum Houper

Honorable Service Award:

Investigator Gavin Rupp
Deputy Luca Masia

Sheriff's Commendation:

Lieutenant Richard Mathews
Sergeant Charles Kennedy III
Sergeant Jason Balmer
Deputy Jacob Adams
Deputy Caleb Cardinale
Deputy Jacob Cardinale
Deputy Conor Everett
Deputy Kaitlyn Fletcher
Deputy Collin Holloway
Deputy Calum Houper
Deputy Benjamin Howe x 2
Deputy Donald Sweet x 2
Deputy Justin Young
SPO Dennis Collins

Meritorious Achievement Award:

Sergeant Patrick Pirozzolo
Deputy Jacob Cardinale
Deputy Hunter Dart
Deputy Calum Houper
Deputy Crystal Kennison
Deputy Reece Miller

2025 Annual Awards Banquet

CORRECTIONS

Meritorious Achievement Award:

Officer John Gublo

Sheriff's Commendation:

Sergeant Kyle Murphy

Officer Jeffrey Guillaume

Officer Timothy Howe

Officer Gregory Johnson

Officer Triston Kline x 2

Officer Adam Ward

Officer Robert Weiskopf

Community Service Award:

Major Raymond Hodge

Lieutenant Anthony Vitucci

Lieutenant Justin Hamula

Sergeant Kyle Murphy

Officer Andre Bellamy

Officer William Benjamin

Officer Robert Castrechino

Officer Jack Chapman

Officer Jeffrey Guillaume

Officer Gregory Johnson

Officer Triston Kline

Officer Brandon Paul

Officer Isabella Rugiero

E911

Meritorious Achievement Award:

Sr. Comm. Operator Brian Andrew x 3

Comm. Operator James Allington

Comm. Operator Randi Baldwin x 2

Comm. Operator Alec Cicora x 6

Comm. Operator Hannah Cosmore x 2

Comm. Operator John Gunderman

Comm. Operator Brittany Huffner x 2

Comm. Operator Chris Johnston

Comm. Operator John Quinn x 3

Comm. Operator Rachelle Tobey x 2

Comm. Operator Ashley Ward x 2

Honorable Service Award:

Comm. Operator Ashley Ward x 2

Life Saving Award:

Sr. Comm. Operator Brian Andrew

Comm. Operator John Gunderman x 2

Comm. Operator Jason Mitchell

Comm. Operator Jamie Sullivan

Community Service Award:

Comm. Operator Josalyn DePrimo

Comm. Operator Jamie Sullivan

Sheriff's Commendation

Comm. Operator James Allington x 2

Comm. Operator Randi Baldwin

Comm. Operator Alec Cicora

Comm. Operator Brittany Huffner x 2

Comm. Operator John Quinn x 2

2025 Annual Awards Banquet

5 Year Awards:

Sergeant Jason Balmer
Deputy John Burczynski
K-9 Egon
Admin. Asst. McKenzie Roberts
SPO Gerald Segur
Comm. Operator Alec Cicora
Comm. Operator Jason Mitchell

10 Year Award:

Clerk Theresa Goodwin
Comm. Operator Raymond Edger

15 Year Award:

Lieutenant Matthew Sabatini
Officer Geraldine Colonio
Officer Robert Kimball

20 Year Award:

Officer Joshua Lauzon
Officer Sean Stevens
Officer Brandon Zepp
Comm. Operator James Allington

Perfect Attendance:

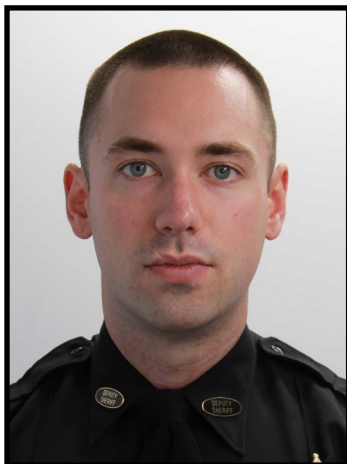
Deputy Jacob Adams
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Deputy Calum Houper
Deputy Crystal Kennison
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Deputy Jeremy Rucker
Lieutenant Anthony Vitucci
Lieutenant Douglas Stadelmaier
Officer Jeffrey Guillaume

25 Year Award:

Officer Donald Brant

30 Year Award:

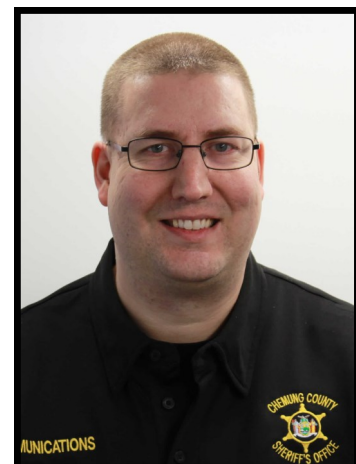
Security Deputy Diane Brown



Deputy Collin M. Holloway
Deputy of the Year



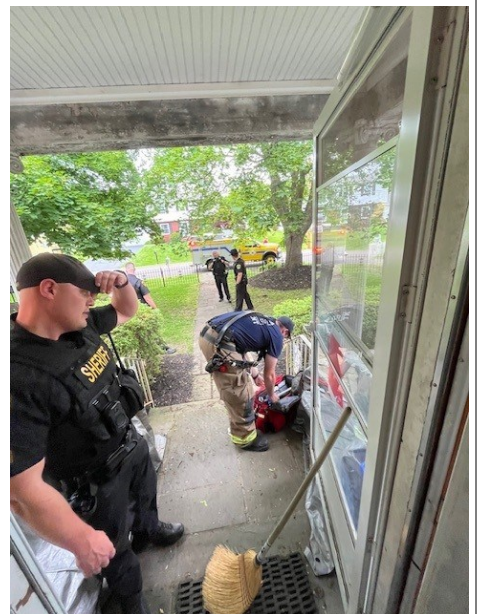
Officer Patrick F. Dotts
Correction Officer of the Year



Comm. Operator John M. Quinn
Comm. Operator of the Year

Partnership Recognitions

Special thank you to all other first responders, the fire departments, ambulance personnel and other law enforcement agencies, that show up and work hard in collaboration with law enforcement . This teamwork is essential for emergency response and community safety.



Photographs



Drone pic of stand-off



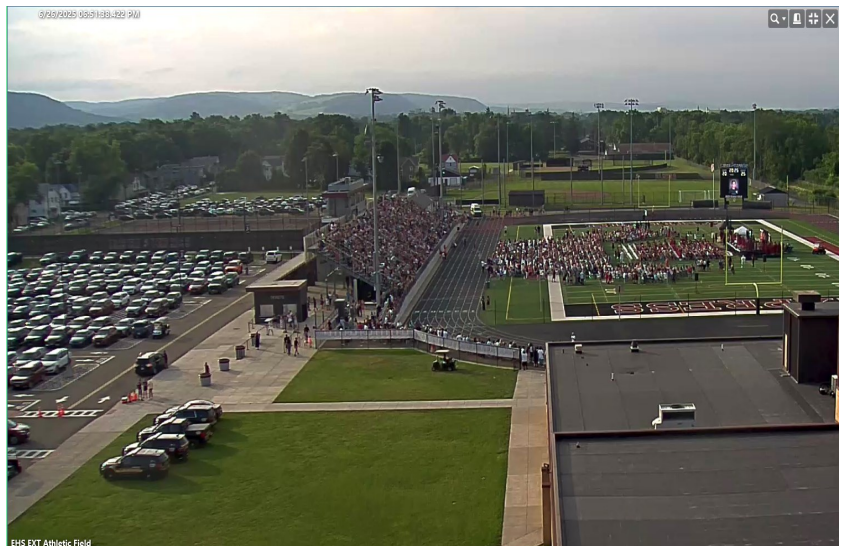
CCC students tour holding cell



Euthanized bear with mange



Summer cohesion Active Shooter presentation



ECSD 2024-2025 Graduation

Photographs



Carnival at the Arnot Mall 06/21/25



Deputy Holloway at Big Flats School



Deputy Hodge student vs. staff game at EDA



Honor Guard on Memorial Day



Sheriff Schrom & County Exec. Moss at ice fishing tournament

Photographs



Firearms training at the Range



Flag football for GIVE Grant on 08/31/25



Room Clearing May, 2025



Thank you to all for a job well done!



Drone training Deputies Holloway, Kennison & Long

Photographs



Deputy Hodge and his support dog!



Deputy Parisi is that a gratuity?



Lt. Dieterle—it's not in the budget!



Mob Squad



Deputy Hodge—don't quit your day job!



Sgt. Kimble & Deputy Hodge w/new recruit



Next time Deputy Houper will have his reports in on time

Photographs



Officer Mendez lost a bet!



The arrest of the notorious Grinch!



Who is braver?



Who wore it better?



Simona Bermingham telling them how to fly!



Lt. Mathews cowboy up!

Photographs



Muffins with Moms



CAC Bowling fundraiser



Dairy Ambassador Coronation



Dudes for Donuts



Tip-A-Cop @ Red Robin



Sheriff and Dakota Rinker



Elmira Correctional Memorial



Coffee With A Cop

Top Stories of 2025

Current times:

Price of gas - **\$3.10/gallon**

Price of bread - **\$3.06/loaf**

Price of eggs - **\$4.95-\$5.12/dozen**

#1 movie in the US - **A Minecraft Movie**

Winner of Superbowl – **Philadelphia Eagles**

Winner of World Series – **LA Dodgers (again)**

Minimum Wage in NYS - **\$15.50/hour (Federal \$7.25)**

Starting salaries

Communications Operator \$23.1766/hr. or \$48,207/year

Corrections Officer \$25.1700/hr. or \$52,353/year

Deputy Sheriff \$29.6369/hr. or \$61,645/year

Deputy with the most Arrests: Deputy Calum Houper made 74 arrests in 2025. Deputy Houper is 23 years old and started with the Chemung County Sheriff's Office on July 11, 2022, as a Correction Officer at the Chemung County Jail. Deputy Houper transferred to the Road Patrol as a Deputy Sheriff on January 16, 2023.

More people were arrested on a **Wednesday** than any other day of the week and the hours, between **midnight and 1:00 am** by far has the most arrests with 193.

National News:

01/14/25 President Trump vowed to initiate “the largest domestic deportation in American history” on illegal immigrants. Starting a nationwide conflict with ICE agents and activists, also creating “sanctuary states”.

04/21/25 Pope Francis passed away and Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, the 1st American Pope was elected Pope LEO XIV 05/08/25.

09/10/25 Charlie Kirk, an American right-wing political activist, was assassinated at Utah Valley University in Orem, UT.

Sheriff's Office News:

03/14/25 Conviction of Fatiuna Massaline in the Mike Theetge trial.

10/23/25 The conviction of Michael Williams in the J'Sean Williams homicide case.

11/04/25 The exhuming of the suspect in the Maria Theresa Simpson homicide from 1964 and positive identification of the murderer Alfred Raymond Murray.

Quote of 2025

Facebook posts from Tina Castle during the NYS Corrections strike

Bill Schrom. Erie county has stepped up to support our CO's. Are you and the Chemung County Sheriff's Office afraid of repercussions ?????? Stand up for our CO's !!! I forgot you're woosies

Hey Chemung County Sheriff's Office St Lawrence County is supporting our CO's. Where are you ?????!!

Well Sheriff Bill Schrom why aren't you supporting our CO's you and your deputies could but yet other sheriff's from other counties support our CO's !!! Chemung County Sheriff's Office should support our CO's !!!!!!!

So Bill schrom from the Chemung County Sheriff's Office how is it Sheriff Mike Carpinelli from Lewis County backs our CO's and you don't??? Also Broome and Steuben County side with our NYS CO's. What woosies from Chemung Countv

Facebook response to Ms. Castle:

Ms. Castle, thank you for posting on your FB page and tagging the Sheriff's Office regarding your concern of my support of our State Correction Officers.

Clearly you are not connected to anyone at the Elmira Correctional Facility or you'd know that I have been to the site of the strike on more than one occasion interacting and talking to the men and women of the facility.

I have not found it necessary to post that I've been there as my visit in support of their efforts is not about me but to show my and my agencies support of them. Many men and women of the Sheriff's Office (Road Patrol and Corrections Division) have visited the ECF strikers on numerous occasions since the beginning of their cause.

When you're finished posting false information about me and our agency we'd greatly appreciate you contacting our office at your earliest convenience to clear up your outstanding warrant.

Sincerely,

Bill Schrom
Chemung County Sheriff



03/01/25 Tina Castle arrested on her outstanding warrant!

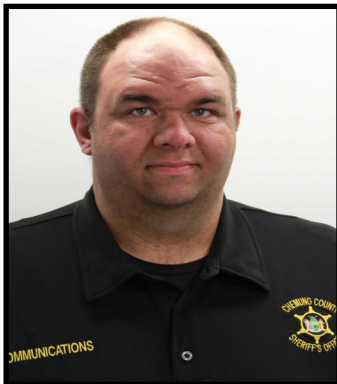
New Hires 2025

Road Patrol Division

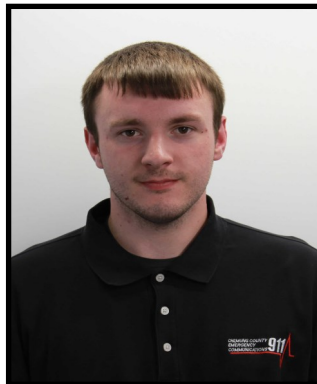


Deputy Donald Paucke-Sweet

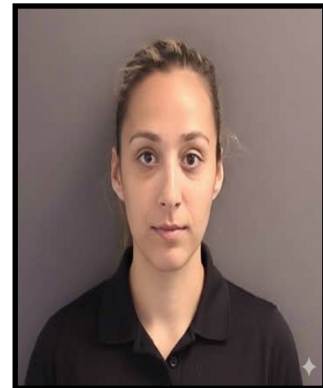
Communications Division



Operator Joshua Baker



Operator Johnathan Gunderman



Operator Josalyn DePrimo

Special Patrol Officers



SPO Chris Black



SPO Mike Collins



SPO Todd Sullivan

New Hires 2025

Corrections Division



Officer Brittany Austin



Officer Richard Cece



Officer Steven Dowdle



Officer Hunter Homerda



Officer Cody Hungerford



Officer Donna Kobbe



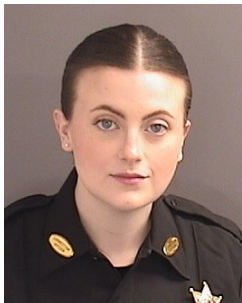
Officer Marc McGrain



Officer Dennis Moore



Officer Dashawn Norman



Officer Isabella Rugiero



Officer Matthew Shumaker



Officer Matthew Skroskznik 12/23/24



Officer Luke Vieira 12/23/24

2025 Retirements

In 2025, the Sheriff's Office had 4 retirements with a combined 124 years of service and knowledge with the Sheriff's Office: All four (4) retirements were from the Corrections Division. Their knowledge and professionalism will be missed, but we wish them all the best for a long, healthy, and well deserved retirement.



Officer Matthew Field



Officer William Washburn



Officers Samantha Traynham and Angela Calkins



Sr. Comm. Operator David Sullivan

In Memoriam



Cindy Sullivan—Pistol Permit
Clerk from
1987—2008

This year, Eldridge Park unveiled the new Christmas ornament honoring Deputy Jeffrey Alexander. On June 11, 2011, Deputy Alexander, only 26 years of age, was involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident while working for the Sheriff's Office. Jeff and his family will forever be a part of the Chemung County Sheriff's Office.



HISTORY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE U.S.

Office of the Sheriff – Established before the year 700
(approximately 1300 years old)
371 years in the United States

09/24/1789 – US Marshalls

03/29/1836 – Chemung County Sheriff's Office

05/03/1854 – NYPD

07/05/1865 – Secret Service

1870 – HHDS PD

07/01/1870 – US DOJ

1885 – EPD

1896 – EHPD

07/26/1908 – FBI

1917 – NYSP

1944 – WEPD

07/01/1972 – BATF

07/01/1973 – DEA

11/25/2002 - DHS

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Built in 1836, the Chemung County Jail, was a small, wooden structure on Water Street. In 1941 the jail held 30 Incarcerated Individuals and was not rebuilt until 1992.

During this time, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office hanged three people from 1867—1882, all for the charge of Murder. This was a time when punishment was swift and just.

Henry Gardner in 1867

Peter Penwell in 1877

Joseph Abbott in 1882