

# 2017

## Geneva Police Department

### Annual Report



Chief Jeffrey E. Trickler

City of Geneva Police  
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Geneva, New York  
14456



# Mission & Value Statement

The Geneva Police Department will deliver effective and responsive law enforcement services to all persons within the City of Geneva in a fair and equitable manner, respecting the rights of all regardless of race, creed, religion, sexual orientation, color or origin.

We are committed to making sure that every citizen with whom we interact is treated with dignity, compassion, and a sense of professionalism.

As an integral part of the Geneva community, we are committed to communicating with those that we serve, and strive to maintain the trust and confidence of our citizens while working to improve the quality of life for the entire community.



## FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Dear City Manager:

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Geneva Police Department, it is my privilege to submit the 2017 Annual Report to you and the Geneva City Council.

The department has made three hires within the year but is still short of full staffing levels. The vacancies, coupled with officer injuries, limits programming, community policing and filling vacancies in the Detective Bureau. Every surrounding law enforcement agency has been having issues finding qualified applicants to fill their rosters and are competing with each other to find the most qualified officers.

Substance abuse continues to be a major issue within the city with Heroin apparently being the drug of choice. Officers have saved several lives by administering Narcan to overdose victims. The Heroin epidemic also spills into other criminal activity due to the need of the users to fund their substance abuse. The department has met with several outside agencies to tackle this issue and is currently working with other county agencies to form a county wide drug task force to combine our resources.

Officers responded to 26,933 calls for service which is a 14% increase from last year. There were 763 individuals arrested for crimes or violations which is an 8% increase from last year. Officers remain vigilant ensuring the safety of those who travel our city streets and issued 3,110 uniformed traffic tickets which is a 50% increase from the previous year.

Part I crimes reported to the Geneva Police Department totaled 317, representing a 5% increase. Part I crimes consist of two categories, violent and property crimes. Violent crimes totaled 27 compared to 24 last year resulting in a 13% increase. Part II crimes consist of crimes not included in Part I and totaled 385. This is an 8% increase from last year. Overall, the totality of Part I and Part II crimes saw an increase of 5%.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to you, along with the Mayor and City Council members, for all the support afforded to the Geneva Police Department during the year. Most of all, I would like to thank all department officers along with the District Attorney's Office, clerical staff, parking enforcement and the school crossing guards for their outstanding accomplishments.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey E. Trickler



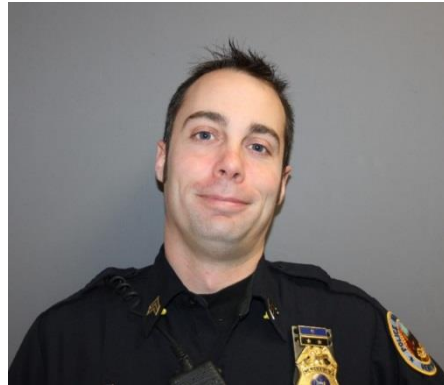
## RETIREMENTS / PROMOTIONS / HIRING



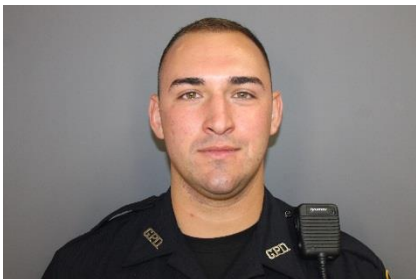
Lt. Eric Heieck (retired)  
July 6, 1997 – July 28, 2017



Lt. Michael Passalacqua  
July 2, 2017



Sgt. Patrick Nolin  
October 29, 2017



Officer Daniel Hickey  
January 8, 2017



Officer Jay Bucklin  
October 26, 2017



Officer Jordan Dobies  
October 27, 2017



## Uniform Force

The uniform force is comprised of 22 officers who cover four different shifts. They are supervised by 6 Sergeants who are overseen by one Lieutenant who reports to the Chief. They patrol 4.5 square miles and protect a population of 12,988 exclusive of the students of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and Cornell University.

The Uniform Force is the first responding officers handling calls that get called into 9-1-1 or come into the police station. Their response is first, secure the scene and give aid and comfort to the injured. They handle complaints such as animal complaints

but also conduct the preliminary investigation for more serious crimes such as homicide, rapes, robberies and assault. They take a proactive approach to their patrol duties by looking out for suspicious activities, traffic offenses and conducting property checks on residences, buildings and businesses.



*Officers Aeneas McDonald, John Crone, Capt. Merry, Thomas McNerney, William Kuney & Jerry McNerney - 1914*

The request for their presence at special functions steadily increases. They have been called upon to provide traffic control and/or security at numerous Hobart and William Smith events along with events such as the American Legion Fireworks, FL Wine Festival, Memorial Day Parade, Latino Festival, Cruisin' Night,

Musselman, Seneca 7 Race, Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, Fireman's Parade, Motorcycle Rides, Sons of Italy Festival, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Carnival, FLX Pride Festival, Halloween Parade, Boo and Brew Run, Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Run, Cubby Chase Run, and numerous other races that run throughout the City. These events take planning and require numerous man hours. The responsibilities of the Uniform Force includes parking enforcement, traffic enforcement, prisoner escorts, court security, funeral escorts, investigations and maintaining order at parades or public gatherings and community relations.

Members of the Uniform Force are also active in specialized units such as evidence technicians, evidence aids, instructors, accident deconstructionists, fire investigators, hostage negotiators, field training officers, total station operators and bicycle patrol.

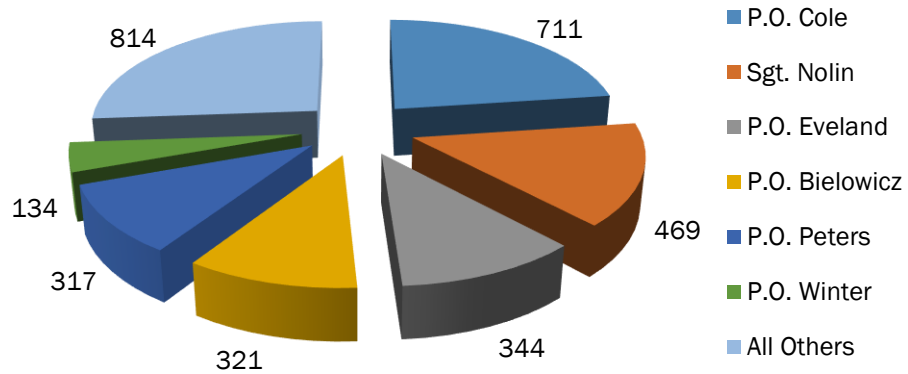






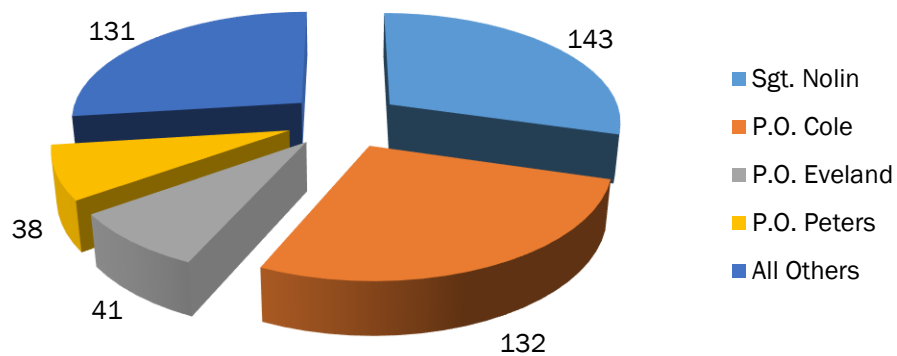
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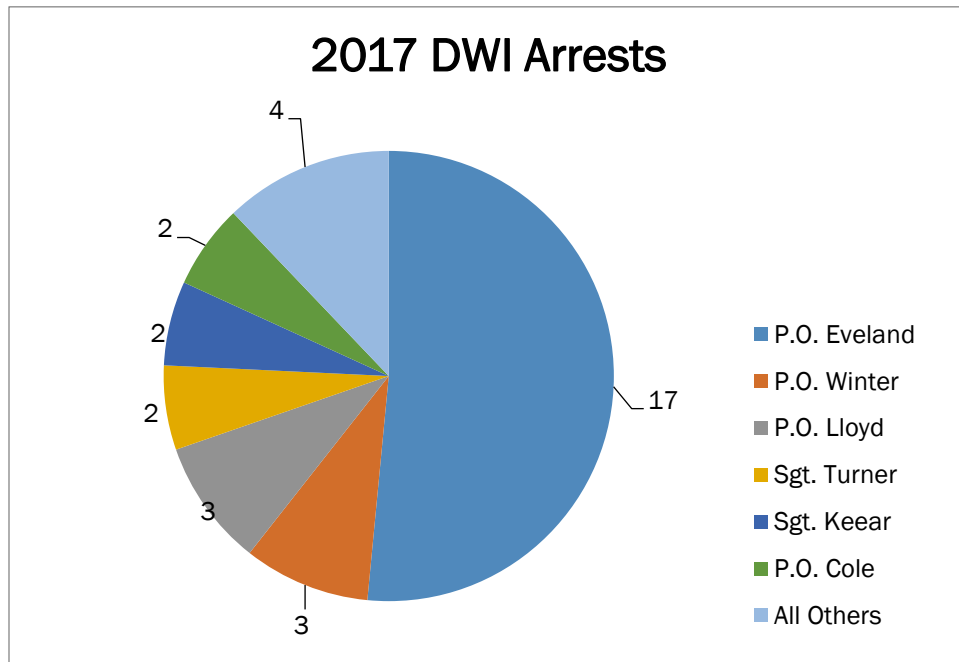


## 2017 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT – SPEEDING

### Speeding Tickets Written - 2017



## 2017 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS



**Ontario County's DWI Conviction rate of 93.38 percent is the highest in the State, according to 2016 data. Ontario County has had the highest DWI conviction rate in NYS for 32 of the last 33 years.**

**"We have a zero-tolerance policy for drunk driving in Ontario County for one reason only — it makes the highways safer for all of us. Our conviction rate means that more drunk drivers are being identified, prosecuted and dealt with appropriately by the courts," District Attorney R. Michael Tantillo said via email.**



## 2017 DATAMASTER REPORT

During the year 2017, there were thirty-two (32) persons suspected of Driving While Intoxicated examined on the department's Datamaster. This report reflects persons arrested and tested for Driving While Intoxicated at the Public Safety Building and does not include persons arrested that refused to take a breath test or those that were taken to the hospital for blood tests.

### FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF TESTS GIVEN FOR :

January:	3	July:	2
February:	0	August:	3
March:	2	September:	2
April:	3	October:	5
May:	1	November:	5
June:	3	December:	3

During each week of the year, calibration tests were conducted on the Datamaster to insure that the instrument is properly functioning. The Datamaster is also taken to NYS DCJS in Albany for an annual calibration.

*SQT. CHRIS KEEAR*

## 2017 BICYCLE REPORT

### YEARLY BICYCLE REPORT FOR 2017

During 2017, a total of 44 bicycles were reported stolen to this department.



During 2017, a total of 24 bicycles were found by police.

During 2017, a total of 4 bicycles were returned to their owners.

During 2017, a total of 0 bicycles were being held as evidence.

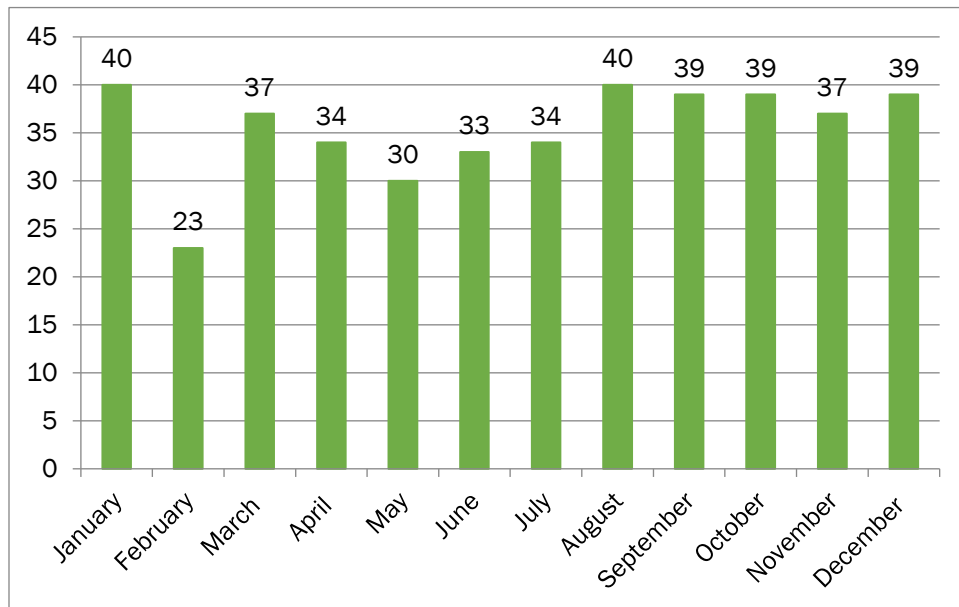
During 2017, a total of 0 scooter or other item was stolen.

*CLO JEFFREY POTTER*





## 2017 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS BY MONTH



## MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

There were 37,461 people killed in crashes on U.S. roadways during 2016, an increase from 35,485 in 2015.

Fatalities increased from 2015 to 2016 in almost all segments of the population—passenger vehicle occupants, occupants of large trucks, pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, alcohol-impaired driving, male/female, and daytime/nighttime.

The proportion of people killed “inside the vehicle” (passenger car, light truck, large truck, bus, and other vehicle occupants) has declined from a high of 80 percent (1996-2000) to 67 percent (2015-2016). Conversely, the proportion of people killed “outside the vehicle” (motorcyclists, pedestrians, bicyclists and other non-occupants) has increased from a low of 20 percent (1996-2000) to a high of 33 percent (2015-2016).

Number of fatalities in distraction affected crashes decreased by 2.2 percent from 3,526 in 2015 to 3,450 in 2016. Fatalities in distraction affected crashes were 9.2 percent of total fatalities in 2016



Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)



## 2017 ACCIDENT REPORT

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</b>	380	410	422	399	425
PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS	40	36	29	36	39
PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	2	5	5	3	3
BICYCLIST ACCIDENTS	3	6	3	6	6
MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS	2	2	1	1	1
HIT AND RUN ACCIDENTS	80	86	104	77	76
<b>SUMMONS ISSUED ON ACCIDENTS</b>	177	165	145	175	171
<b>ARRESTS FOR D.W.I ON ACCIDENTS</b>	9	7	9	12	6

### ACCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
SUNDAY	34	48	56	46	36
MONDAY	55	61	51	50	63
TUESDAY	53	57	52	50	49
WEDNESDAY	59	65	55	66	63
THURSDAY	68	72	59	56	76
FRIDAY	66	58	78	79	80
SATURDAY	40	49	61	52	58
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0

## 2017 RADAR REPORT

In 2017 there were 481 Summonses issued by officers as a result of the use of Radar throughout the year:

2017 - 481

2016 - 705

2015 - 543

2014 - 432



## 2017 VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW / CITY ORDINANCE

	<u><b>2016</b></u>	<u><b>2017</b></u>
Felonies.....	0	0
Misdemeanors.....	309	344
DWI Misdemeanors.....	25	25
DWI Felony.....	8	5
D.W.A.I.....	0	0
D.W.A.I. (Drugs).....	15	3

### **TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS**

Moving.....	1,359	1,464
Non-Moving.....	1015	1350
Leaving Scene of Incident.....	77	76

### **CITY ORDINANCE**

Open Container.....	14	9
Littering.....	5	7
Disorderly Conduct.....	32	22
Poss. Alcohol Under 21.....	11	10
Noise Ordinance Viol.....	13	8



## 2017 SERVICES RENDERED

### SERVICES RENDERED BY POLICE

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Number of Complaints .....	23,454	26,933
Arrests .....	709	763
Funerals .....	100	100
Doors/Windows Open .....	214	250

### PARKING TICKETS

Number Issued .....	4,266	4,037
Amount Collected .....	\$106,105.00	\$96,605.00

### PRISONERS CONFINED IN CITY JAIL

Males .....	180	65
Females .....	61	19
Meals Served to Prisoners .....	8	3



## 2017 CITY LOCK UP & DETENTION

JANUARY.....5

JULY.....1

FEBRUARY.....10

AUGUST.....5

MARCH.....14

SEPTEMBER.....8

APRIL.....3

OCTOBER.....7

MAY.....7

NOVEMBER.....2

JUNE.....13

DECEMBER.....9

**TOTAL ARRESTED PERSONS PLACED IN LOCK UP FOR 2017**

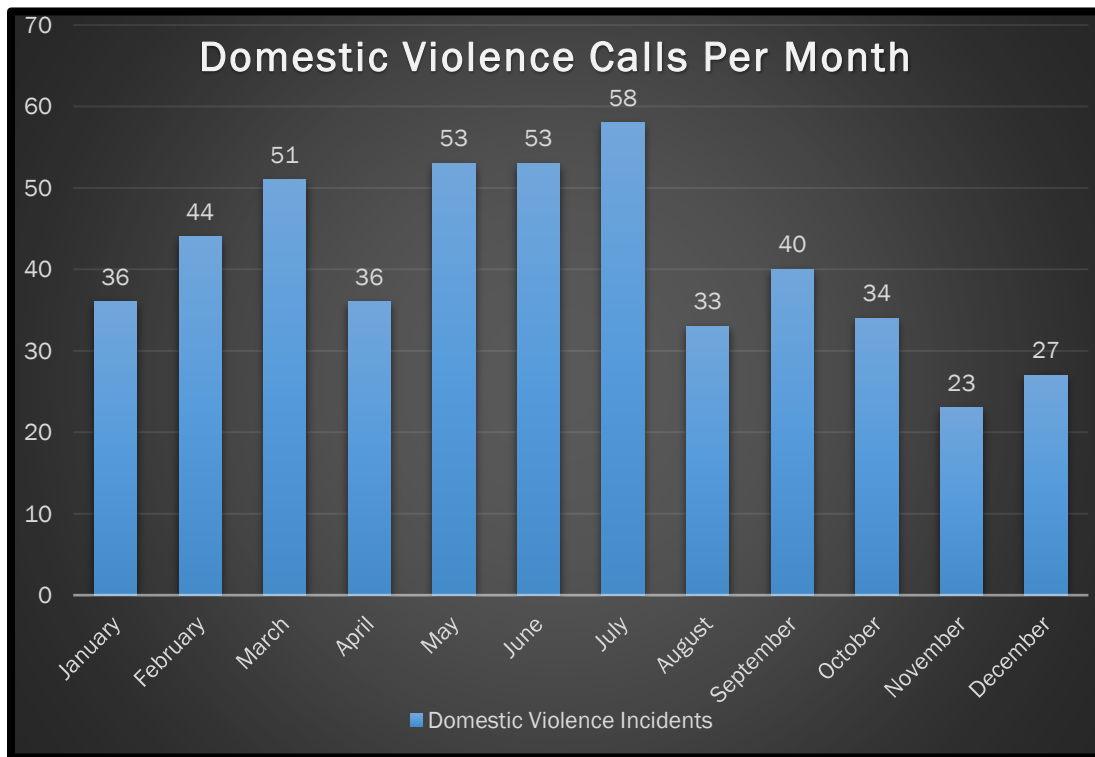


**City Cells  
1860 - 1913**



## 2017 DOMESTIC DISPUTES BY MONTH

The Geneva Police Department handled 488 Domestic Incidents Calls for Service  
2017



### Breakdown

#### Suspects:

- The median age of suspects are between the ages of 20-29 years. The majority of the suspects are white males

#### Victims:

- The median age of victims are between the ages of 30-39 years. The majority of the victims are white females.

#### Other Factors:

- The majority of relationship types between victims and suspects are Intimate Partners / Dating.
- There have been 221 children under the age 17 involved or listed in the Domestic Incident Reports
- GPD made 55 arrests on scene of the Domestic Incident
- GPD filed for 32 warrants which stemmed from a Domestic Incident
- CPS was notified of alleged abuse/maltreatment 58 times





## 2017 DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is comprised of two Detectives (one Criminal and 1 assigned to Narcotics) and two Youth Detectives who are supervised by one Lieutenant who reports to the Chief. The detective bureau handles a vast variety of investigations including narcotics activity, missing persons and major crimes such as homicides, robberies, aggravated assaults, sexual assaults and burglaries.



Detectives receive specialized training to assist their efforts. Criminal Investigations are time consuming and require extensive follow ups. Investigations dealing with possession or sale of narcotics can take months to years to develop enough information or evidence to make an arrest.

The detective bureau is divided into three divisions consisting of Criminal Investigations, Family Services Bureau and Drug Enforcement. Although these three units specialize in different areas they often work closely together to share information and investigate crimes. They also assist the road division when needed or requested.

The Criminal Investigation Division handles major crimes usually at the felony level and/or those crimes that are complex and require numerous investigative hours. The Family Services Bureau investigates crimes where the suspects, and in some cases, the victims are juveniles.

The Family Services Bureau also handles those cases involving juveniles which are of the violation level and cannot be sent to Family Court. They are also the department's liaisons for the Ontario County Child Abuse Response Team and the Juvenile Justice Committee. They work closely with SRO's, Child Protective, Child Advocacy Center, Probation and the PINS and STAR Programs.



The Drug Enforcement Unit investigates cases which are associated with narcotics, gambling, firearms and prostitution. Members of the DEU also assist in the investigation of violent crimes. They work closely with local law enforcement agencies from surrounding counties along with state and federal agencies.



Along with their investigative duties, members of the Detective Bureau, also serve in specialized units such as evidence technicians, evidence aids, accident reconstruction, instructors and bicycle patrol.



During the year 2017 the Detective Bureau was assigned 445 cases and cleared 89 of them by arrests. Many of the investigations in 2017 were longer term or required more time than in previous years due to the circumstances of the investigation.

The Detective Bureau is also tasked with receiving all evidence and property. During the year 2017, 1,206 items of evidence or property were received. Additionally, several hundred items of evidence or property were disposed of, returned to owners or transferred to other agencies (DA's Officer, Crime Lab). The evidence or property that is not returned directly to the owner is auctioned off or forfeited to the Geneva Police Department or City of Geneva. Due to the DEU and their active enforcement, arrest and successful conviction over \$6,000 was taken in as forfeited for use in further narcotics enforcement.

The Detective Bureau also encourages its officers to take advantage of opportunities to educate and train the public about what we do and how we operate in an attempt to promote public support and involvement in the community. Members of the Detective Bureau have conducted presentations to community groups, colleges and high school students and businesses ranging from bank robbery training, crime scene processing, fraud prevention and workplace violence and safety.



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Criminal investigation is an applied science that involves the study of facts, used to identify, locate and prove the guilt of an accused criminal. A complete criminal investigation can include searching, interviews, interrogations, evidence collection and preservation and various methods of investigation.

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## 2017 FAMILY SERVICES MAJOR CASES / ARRESTS

**January 19, 2017** - The Family Services Unit with the assistance of the Major Crimes Unit handled a complaint from Lyon's National Bank. The suspect, charged his debit card for a total of \$968.00 and filed a false report stating that he did not charge that amount. After a thorough investigation, the suspect admitted to falsely filing the report with the bank. The suspect, also a parolee, plead guilty to the charge.

**January 24, 2017** - A juvenile was charged with Assault 3rd after getting into a physical fight with another juvenile on a City of Geneva School Bus

**March 11, 2017** - The Family Services Unit charged three juveniles for causing damage to a pickup owned by Wright's Locksmith. The juveniles caused over \$700.00 worth of damage to the vehicle. All three were charged with Criminal Mischief 3rd.

**March 21, 2017** - A juvenile was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle after stealing the vehicle from a family member. After stealing the vehicle the juvenile drove it to the City of Rochester.

**March 27, 2017** - After a 3 month long investigation the Family Services Unit charged a male with Failure to register as a Sex Offender, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd, Disseminating Indecent Material to a Minor and Promoting Indecent Material of a Minor. The suspect was sending pornographic images to a 12 year old female in the State of Massachusetts, as well as having the juvenile make pornographic images of herself. A search warrant was executed on his residence, in which he was found to be in possession of crack cocaine packaged for sale. The suspect, also a registered Sex Offender, plead guilty to the charges and is serving 8 years in prison with 5 years post release supervision.

**March 31, 2017** - A juvenile was arrested as an adult for Criminal Sexual Act 1st. The Family Services Unit arrested the juvenile after a lengthy investigation after learning that the juvenile was having anal sex with a 6 year old sister.

**July 13, 2017** - The Family Services Unit began in investigation into the dissemination of pornographic images to a minor. The suspect sent and received well over 50 pornographic images to the minor. After several months of investigation, the investigation has been turned over to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

**August 30, 2017** - A juvenile was charged with Unlawful Imprisonment, Assault 3rd and Criminal Mischief 4th after being involved in a domestic incident with a family member.



**October 11, 2017** - The Family Services Unit received a complaint of Child Exploitation on a phone application called Live.me. After a lengthy investigation and several executed search warrants, the Family Services Unit was able to identify a suspect who resides in Pine Grove, PA. The Family Services Unit turned the investigation over to the Pine Grove Police Department to take lead on the investigation.

**October 24, 2017** - The Family Services Unit, with the assistance of the Road Patrol, solved upwards of 50 unsolved larcenies from homes, vehicles, garages, etc. The Family Services Unit charged a 16 year old male for breaking into a home on Castle Street and stealing the residents' purse. A search warrant was executed at the home of the suspect. Several items from burglaries and larcenies were discovered.

**December 11, 2017** - The Family Services Unit, with the assistance of the Detective's Bureau, arrested a 16 year old male for burglarizing a residence on High Street. The suspect was out on bail for several other burglary charges. The suspect was charged with Burglary in the Second Degree, and is currently awaiting trial.



NYS CHILD ABUSE HOT LINE REFERRALS	REPORTS
<u>Month</u>	<u>Made</u>
January	1
February	2
March	6
April	2
May	9
June	10
July	4
August	5
September	5
October	4
November	5
December	5

DISPOSITION TYPE	TOTAL
Juveniles Referred to Ontario County Family Court	8
Juveniles Referred to Ontario County Probation	20
Juveniles Remanded to Juvenile Detention	3
Juveniles Investigations (that did <u>NOT</u> result in a referral)	20
Missing Persons / Runaways	7
Special Details	42
Assistance to Uniform Division	69
Assistance to Other Agencies	33
Sex Crimes Investigated	12
Total Investigations	176



## 2017 CRIMINAL & DEU MAJOR CASES / ARRESTS

**January 2017** – Short Investigation into several individuals selling Heroin. Suspects were arrested for CSCS 3<sup>rd</sup> on multiple heroin sales and later indicted.

**January 19, 2017** - Falsifying Business Records 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Grand Larceny 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree from Lyons National Bank. Suspect 32 year old male, arrested, pled guilty, Sentenced to 3 years State Prison.

**February 2017** – Short investigation into cocaine sales, two suspects were arrested for multiple CSCS 3<sup>rd</sup> charges and later indicted.

**February 3, 2017** - Forgery 2<sup>nd</sup>, Grand Larceny 4<sup>th</sup>, Identity Theft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Suspect, 24 year old male fled the State to Florida. Warrant issued.

**February/March 2017** – Long term Investigation into a large scale cocaine distribution ring. Numerous suspects later indicted on CSCS 3<sup>rd</sup> and CSCS 2<sup>nd</sup> and arrested.

**April 27, 2017** - Grand Larceny 3<sup>rd</sup>. Suspect, 30 year old male, used checks from a closed account and withdrew \$8,000 with intent to commit fraud. Suspect Arrested.

**May 2017** – Short investigation into cocaine sales. Suspect was arrested for CSCS 3<sup>rd</sup> on multiple cocaine sales and later indicted.

**May 2017** – Multi-jurisdictional investigation into heroin/fentanyl sales. 3 Suspects were arrested for CSCS 3<sup>rd</sup> and later indicted.

**June 2017** – Short investigation into the sale of heroin. Suspect was arrested for CSCS 3<sup>rd</sup> on multiple heroin sales and later indicted.

**June 10, 2017** - Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>, Smoke Shop. Suspect, 31 year old male, arrested and subsequently arrested for Kwik Fill Burglary. Suspect pled guilty and is awaiting sentencing.

**June 28, 2017** - Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup>. 19 Herbert St. \$27,000 in cash and jewelry stolen. Suspect, 18 year old was arrested and indicted.

**June 30, 2017** - Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup>. 43 Herbert St. Apartment 3A. Clothing, Electronics and Jewelry stolen. Suspect, 18 year old male was arrested and indicted.





**July 2017** – Short investigation into the sale of crack cocaine. Suspect was arrested for CSCS 3<sup>rd</sup> on multiple crack cocaine sales and awaiting trial.

**July 23, 2017** - Arson 2<sup>nd</sup>. 276 Castle St. ATF assumed the investigation.

**August 2017** – Short investigation into a parolee selling cocaine. Suspect was arrested for CSCS 3<sup>rd</sup> on multiple cocaine sales and indicted.

**August 2017**- Investigation into a suspect selling Fentanyl. Arrested for CSCS 3<sup>rd</sup> at later date, awaiting further court proceedings.

**August 22, 2017** - Sexual Abuse, 7 year old victim. Suspect, 31 year old male was arrested and pled Guilty. Sentenced to 3 years State Prison.

**August 28, 2017** - Grand Larceny 4th, \$3,000 stolen from residence. Suspect, 17 year old male, is unable to be located. Warrant Issued.

**September 2017** – Investigation into individuals selling cocaine and fentanyl. Two suspects were arrested for CPCS 3<sup>rd</sup> and CSCS 3<sup>rd</sup> and indicted.

**October 2017** – Investigation into an individual selling fentanyl. Suspect was indicted for multiple CSCS 3<sup>rd</sup> and later arrested.

**October 18, 2017** - Reckless Endangerment 1<sup>st</sup>. Courtyard Apartments. Witnesses unwilling to cooperate, possible suspect known but not confirmed.

**November 3, 2017** - Forcible Touching. Beef and Brew. Victim declined prosecution.

**November 12, 2017** - Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rylie J's. Victim and witnesses unwilling to cooperate, suspect was murdered 3 weeks later.

**November 12, 2017** - Assault 2<sup>nd</sup>, Beef and Brew. Suspect, 33 year old male fled to State. Warrant issued.

**December 5, 2017** - Murder 2<sup>nd</sup>. Suspect, 30 year old male, arrested and indicted.

**December 9, 2017** - Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup>, 182 High St. Suspect, 16 year old male, arrested.

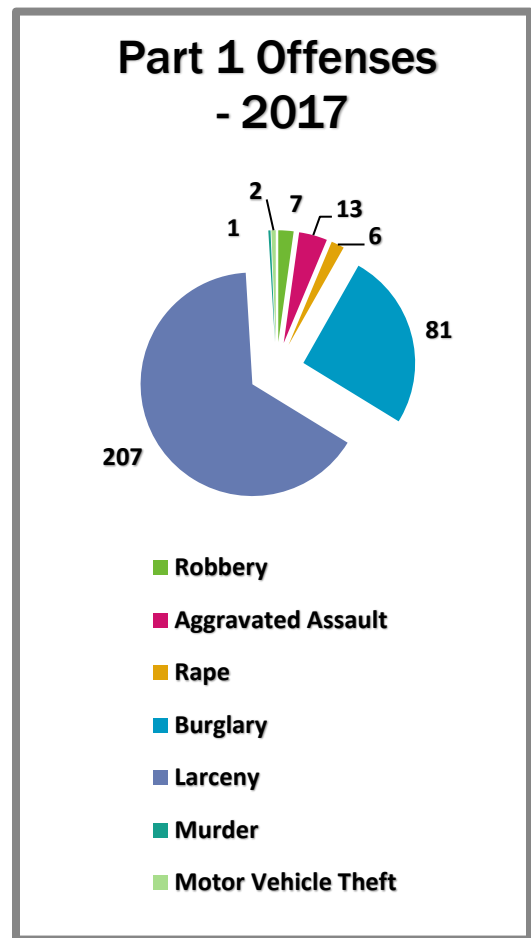
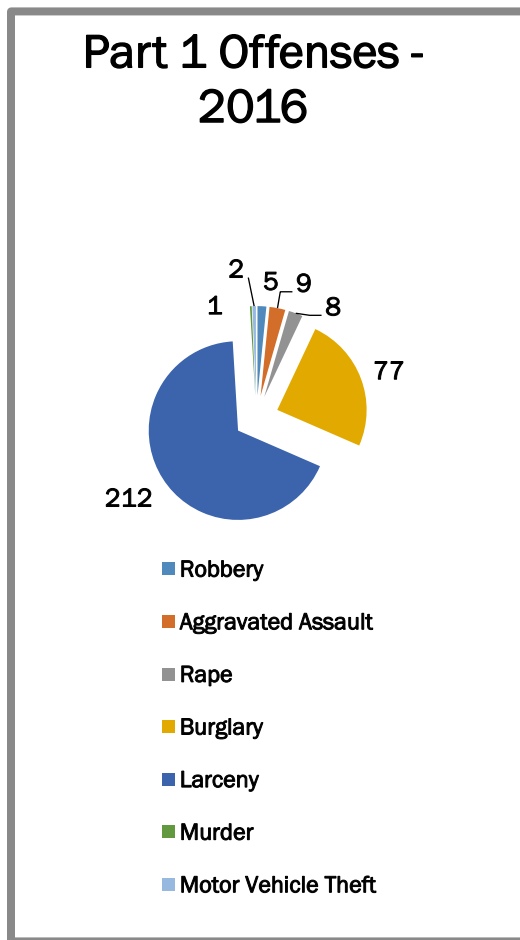
7 Search Warrants signed and executed.

15 Prisoner Transports

26 Arrests



## 2016 & 2017 PART ONE UCR OFFENSE

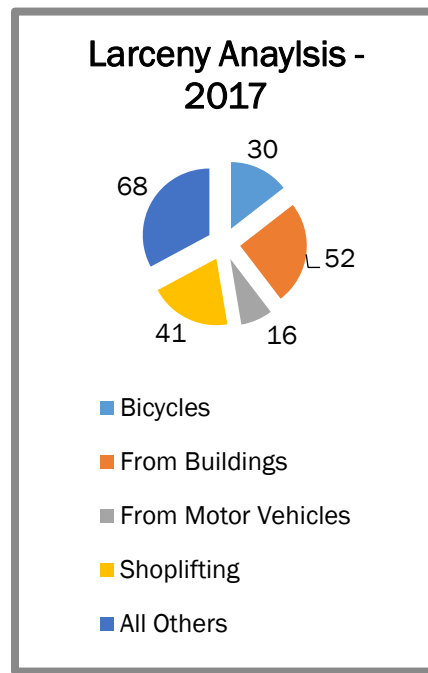
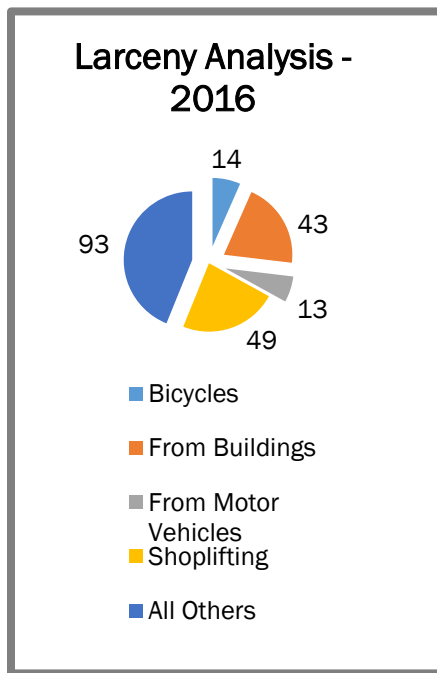


The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Program divides offenses into two groups, **Part I** and **Part II** crimes. Each month, participating law enforcement agencies submit information on the number of **Part I** offenses that become known to them; those offenses cleared by arrest or exceptional means; and the age, sex, and race of persons arrested for each of the offenses. Contributors provide only arrest data for **Part II** offenses.

The UCR Program collects data about **Part I** offenses in order to measure the level and scope of crimes occurring throughout the Nation. The program's founders chose these offenses because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to the police.



## 2016 & 2017 LARCENY REPORT



### NYS PENAL LAW - 155.05 Larceny; defined

1. A person steals property and commits larceny when, with intent to deprive another of property or to appropriate the same to himself or to a third person, he wrongfully takes, obtains or withholds such property from an owner thereof.

2. Larceny includes a wrongful taking, obtaining or withholding of another's property, with the intent prescribed in subdivision one of this section, committed in any of the following ways:

(a) By conduct heretofore defined or known as common law larceny by trespassory taking, common law larceny by trick, embezzlement, or obtaining property by false pretenses;

(b) By acquiring lost property.

A person acquires lost property when he exercises control over property of another which he knows to have been lost or mislaid, or to have been delivered under a mistake as to the identity of the recipient or the nature or amount of the property, without taking reasonable measures to return such property to the owner;



## COMPUTER VOICE STRESS ANALYZER – CVSA 2017

The Geneva Police Department currently has three officers who are trained and certified to operate the Computer Voice Stress Analyzer. Lt. Matthew Valenti, Det. Brian Choffin and Det. Steven Vine spent two rigorous weeks training on the instrument and the art of deception through the National Institute for Truth Verification. Lt. Valenti and Det. Choffin have been certified since 2009 and Det. Vine has been certified since 2015. All three officers must be recertified to operate the instrument every two years.



The Computer Voice Stress Analyzer, CVSA, is a tool utilized by members of the Geneva Police Department to detect deception when interviewing individuals suspected of committing crimes within the City as well as other municipalities. Suspects are asked if they will voluntarily submit to a computer voice stress test. If they agree to submit to the test they are brought to a secured interview room where they are interviewed regarding the particular case. They are given a demonstration of the instrument and explained how it works. A microphone that is attached to the instrument is then placed on the individual's shirt and calibrated to their voice. The operator then asks the suspect a set of predetermined questions and other questions that they feel are important based on the pre interview. During the interview the instrument deciphers the stress level of the test subject's voice. Once the test is completed the operator evaluates the patterns on each chart tested. Based upon the instrument's findings it is then determined if further interview of the test subject is warranted.



**FEDERAL SERVICES**

During the year 2017, there were 4 subjects who voluntarily submitted to the voice stress test. All were for Criminal Cases.



## 2017 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER REPORT

The Geneva Police Department maintained one School Resource Officer during 2017, School Resource Officer Arroyo was assigned to the Geneva Central School District consisting of 5 buildings, mainly working out of the Geneva Middle & High School's.

All stats are from School Resource Officer Arroyo from 01/03/2017-12/22/2017.

The School Resource Officer made or assisted on 13 arrests in 2017 and assisted with information leading to numerous juvenile arrests in and out of school during the school year of 2017. There have been several assaults, sex abuse or misconduct cases that were referred to the Family Services Unit from both the high school and the middle school. A total of 327 Criminal Incident Reports & Supplemental Information's were created in 2017.

### Miscellaneous Stats:

Student Contacts:	1464
Parent Contacts:	121
School Personnel Assist:	391
Superintendent Hearings:	31

The School Resource Officer has responded to the North Street School, West Street School and the Geneva Central School District Office to assist with student issues. The School Resource Officer attended all football and basketball home games, school sponsored dances, Festival of Nations, Junior and Senior Proms as well as several other school events. The School Resource Officer is involved in several committees, from safety to student intervention. The School Resource Officer Attended 8 different training's in 2017. The School Resource Officer did attend a drug conference in Waterloo, NY with Officer Jermaine Galloway from Boise, ID and the Annual School Safety Conference at the University of Buffalo. The School Resource Officer was able to conduct several stranger danger walkthroughs at the Geneva High & Middle School.

During the school year, there were several times the School Resource Officer taught in classrooms on topics relating to general law, drug awareness, and gang activity. Committee involvement continues to be important, the district safety committee, and T.A.C. (Transportation Advisory Committee) all assist with transportation and safety.



## 2017 DARE



D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It was started in the early 1980's in California and has spread across the country. Geneva is celebrating its 28<sup>th</sup> year of the D.A.R.E. program, which started in the 1989-1990 school year. There are two active D.A.R.E. Officers in the Geneva Police Department. They teach 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades at North Street School, as well as St. Stephen's School over a 10 week period.

During the 2016-2017 school year, the Geneva D.A.R.E Officer taught over 200 students in the Geneva and St. Stephen's School Districts, ranging in age from 8 to 11. The Geneva D.A.R.E program is a partnership between the school district and the police department to teach safety, anti-bullying and assist students with making healthy choices throughout their lives. The D.A.R.E. curriculum is a classroom presentation to elementary students by law enforcement officers in cooperation with a NYS certified teacher. The curriculum features both decision making and skill building models for effective ways to refuse drugs and make healthy decisions. Lessons include substance use and abuse, communication skills, peer pressure, bullying and helping the community.

Students are expected to foster a positive relationship with the D.A.R.E. officer, participate in cooperative learning groups, participate in role-play activities and develop questions to promote higher level thinking.





## 2017 SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

Currently there are 7 officers, an Administration Aide and 1 Sergeant assigned the management of Sex Offenders residing within the City of Geneva. Responsibilities of the officers include, monthly residence checks where officers stop and speak with each Sex Offender at their residence to confirm residency and investigations of alleged violations. Staff is also responsible for maintaining a 90 day verification log for all Level 3 Sex Offenders, Sexual Predators, change of address updates as well as updated photos.

Investigations are conducted on all Sex Offenders who fail to notify this agency of a change of address as well as any complaint received from the public regarding a Sex Offender. Also being investigated are complaints or discovery of Sex Offenders utilizing social media and internet accounts that are not registered as required by the NYS Corrections Law.

Currently there are 43 NYS Registered Sex Offenders residing within the City of Geneva. NYS Sex Offender Registry divides Sex Offenders into 3 Levels. Levels 1, 2, and 3. Currently there are (9) Level 3's, (20) Level 2's and (14) Level 1's, residing within the City of Geneva. Of the 39 Sex Offenders, 1, is registered as Homeless and is currently incarcerated in the local jail.

Per NYS DCJS the Levels are defined as:

- Level 1 - low risk of repeat offense
- Level 2 - moderate risk of repeat offense
- Level 3 - high risk of repeat offense and a threat to public safety exists



During the year 2017 there were 5 investigations conducted regarding Sex Offenders who failed to notify their change of address, internet accounts, etc. The investigations resulted in 1 arrest for a Sex Offender failing to register their Facebook account. Three were closed with no arrest and one is still being investigated.



## 2017 TRAINING REPORT

- Jan. 23-27** Lt. Matthew Valenti and Sgt. Michael Passalacqua attended Internal Affairs Investigations held at the Westchester County Police Academy and sponsored by the FBI-LEEDA.
- Jan. 25-26** Detective Steven Vine and Officer John VanSavage attended Drug Identification held in Niagara Falls and sponsored by the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center.
- Jan. 29-30** All officers received their annual In-Service training at the PSB. The training consisted of Pursuit Driving, Spike Stick Operations, Legal Updates, Domestic Violence, Hazardous Materials Information, Sex Abuse Preliminary Investigations, Infectious Diseases Information and e911 Q&A.
- Feb. 28 – Mar. 1** Lt. Matthew Valenti and Sgt. Michael Passalacqua attended Implicit Bias and Procedural Justice Training sponsored by NYPD and held at the NYPD Police Academy.
- Mar. 2** Officers Richard Baskin and Jennifer Perry attended The Impaired Driver: From the arrest to the test sponsored by NYS DCJS and held at the Ontario County training Facility.
- Mar. 8** Officers JD Winter, Nicholas Bielowicz, Richard Baskin, Jennifer Lloyd and Jennifer Perry attended Frontline Traffic Interdiction sponsored by Ontario County Stop DWI and held at the Geneva Ramada Inn.
- Mar. 23** SRO Raul Arroyo attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe Schools Initiative Seminar held at the University of Buffalo and sponsored by UB Foundation Activities.
- April** Approximately 2/3 of the department were recertified in CPR & AED use as well as a NARCAN refresher.
- Apr. 11** Detective Choffin attended a Medical Marihuana training sponsored by Stop DWI and held at the Hopewell Training Facility.
- Apr. 18-19** Detectives Vine and Colton attended Courtroom Testimony in Narcotics Cases sponsored by the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center and held at Mohawk Valley Police Academy.
- Apr. 27-28** Lieutenant Valenti and Detectives Choffin and Colton attended the Bivona Child Abuse Summit sponsored by the Bivona Child Advocacy Center and held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.
- May** All officers were recertified in the use and nomenclature of the TASER.



- May 3** Officer Peters attended Advanced Crash Management Course held at the Monroe County Law Enforcement Academy and sponsored by DCJS.
- May 10** Sergeant Felice and Officers Bielowicz, Lloyd and Eveland attended Ignition Interlock Device Enforcement Training held at the FL Law Enforcement Academy and sponsored by Stop DWI.
- June** All officers were recertified in Use of Force and OC Spray.
- June 6** Detectives Choffin and Colton attended Elder Abuse training held at Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel and sponsored by Lifespan of Greater Rochester and NYS Office for the Aging.
- June 9** Officers Picchi and Bucklin attended Court Security training held and sponsored by the Seneca County Sheriff's Office.
- June 20-21** Detective Vine attended Mexican Drug Cartels training held at Genesee Community College and sponsored by the Northeast Counterdrug Training Center.
- June 27-29** Lieutenant Valenti and Sergeant Passalacqua attended NIBRS training held in Baltimore, MD and sponsored by the FBI.
- July 5** Members of the Geneva Police Department attended a range day.
- August** All members participated and completed Workplace Violence training.
- August** All members completed a Photo Array/Line-Up training.
- Aug. 17** Sergeant Keear attended a five hour Breath Analysis Instructor Update training.
- Sept. 6** Lt. Valenti, Sgt. Dave Felice, Detectives Brian Choffin, Steve Vine and Matt Colton attended Missing Person Investigation training at the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.
- Sept. 13** Sgt. Chris Keear and Detective Brian Choffin attended Issues in Use of Force and Legal Updates training in Tompkins County.
- Oct. 3-5** Chief Jeff Trickler and Lieutenant Passalacqua attended an Executive Development Training Seminar in Varysburg, NY.
- Oct. 4** Lieutenant Valenti and Sgt. Keyser attended a Law Enforcement Partnership Forum at the Ramada in Geneva sponsored by NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Administration.
- Oct. 9-13** Sgt. Turner attended one week Reality Based Training Instructor Course at the Yates County Sheriff's Office.



- Oct. 12** P.O.'s Cole and Perry attended a one day Effectively Responding to Emotional Crisis training sponsored by the NYS Office of Mental Health.
- Oct. 13** P.O.'s Arroyo, Grenier and Tapscott attended a one day "Back to School" What Every LEO and School Official Should Know About Teen Drug Use.
- Oct. 16-20** PO Eveland attended a one week Basic Photography School at the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy.
- Oct. 17** Lieutenant Valenti, Detective Choffin and P.O.'s Nolin and Cole attended a one day Autism and Law Enforcement Coalition training sponsored by ARC of Seneca County, Lyons National Bank and the Seneca County Sheriff's Office.
- Oct. 23-27** P.O.'s Bielowicz and Eveland attended a one week Tactical Warrant Service and Approaches Course at the Monroe County Safety Training Facility.
- Oct. 24-26** Lieutenant Valenti and Detectives Choffin and Vine attended a three day recertification on Computer Voice Stress Analyzer in Columbus, Ohio.
- Oct. 16-27** Sergeant Keyser attended a two week Emergency Vehicle Operator Course Instructor School in Oriskany, NY, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security.
- November** Sergeant Patrick Nolin attended Supervisor's School for three weeks at the Ontario County Safety Training Center.
- November** Lieutenants Matthew Valenti and Michael Passalacqua, Detective Matt Colton and P.O. Jeff Potter attended a three day Implicit Bias training in Oriskany, NY.

**Lt. Michael Passalacqua**  
**Training Officer**

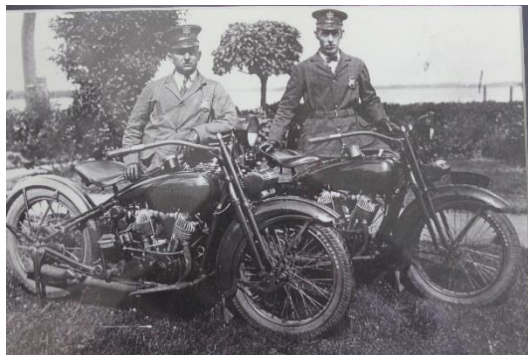


## 2017 AWARDS

### **Letters of Commendation**

#### SRO Raul Arroyo

On July 13, 2017 around 1053 hours, Ontario County Sheriff's Deputy Patrick Fitzgerald states Officer Arroyo assisted him going into a wooded area searching for a suicidal subject, as his backup was a considerable distance away. They walked down the pathways trail and located a distraught 19 year old male standing at the edge of an old railway bridge about 30 feet above a waterway which was raging due to heavy rain. The male was visibly crying and standing right on the very edge of the bridge. Friends of the male arrived at the scene and one was talking on the phone with him. Officer Arroyo obtained the phone and began a conversation with the subject. He developed a rapport with the male and kept him calm. After several minutes, Officer Arroyo convinced the male to back away from the edge and he wanted to come down to Officer Arroyo. Officer Arroyo, along with another member of the Sheriff's Dept. responded up an embankment to the male and he voluntarily came down off the bridge without incident and was taken into custody for a mental health evaluation. Deputy Fitzgerald believes that Officer Arroyo's excellent interpersonal communication and negotiation skills likely saved this individual from potentially doing something that may very well have ended his life.



Officers Henry Spears & Benjamin Merry - 1925





## P.O. John VanSavage

On March 6, 2017, Officer John VanSavage was parked on North Genesee Street and was approached by a male who stated he was moving to Hotel Exchange and could not take his puppy, a six month old American Staffordshire Terrier, with him when he moved and needed to surrender the puppy. Officer VanSavage spoke to the male and learned that someone had tied a string around the puppy's muzzle, which had caused an open wound around his muzzle and the puppy had been living in a basement at 12 N. Genesee Street. Officer VanSavage, without hesitation, stated he would take the puppy and retrieved the puppy after his shift. Officer VanSavage then took the malnourished, mistreated puppy to the Phelps Veterinarian Hospital. Officer VanSavage paid \$145.00 of his own money for the puppy to have all of its shots, nails trimmed and antibiotics due to the open wounds being infected. Officer VanSavage then put the puppy on Facebook for adoption and wanted it to go to a good home. Officer Bielowicz adopted the puppy and Officer VanSavage would not accept any money. Officer VanSavage was only concerned that the puppy was taken out of that horrible situation and placed in a loving home. Officer VanSavage not only shows strong moral values while employed at the Geneva Police Department, but instills those values on his family as well.







## P.O. Jennifer Perry

On October 26, 2017 at 2:30 AM, Officer Perry stepped out with a male at the Long Pier area. She spoke with the male, who seemed down on his luck and stated he was, homeless. The male asked if he needed to leave the bench he was sitting on, and Officer Perry assured him he would not be bothered. After clearing the call, Officer Perry took it upon herself to go to Tops and purchased gloves, a hat and thermal socks with her own money. She met the male near the Ramada, and she told him that she had these items for him. It was very apparent that the male was surprised and even choked up. He was very thankful for Officer Perry's generosity.

Officer Perry did not have to do this, but she felt compelled and obviously compassionate for someone who is less fortunate. It is not always about how many tickets we write, or how many arrests we make, it's about how many people we help.





Lord, I ask for Courage,  
Courage to face and conquer my own fears;  
Courage to take where others will not go  
I ask for strength,  
Strength of body to protect others and strength of spirit to lead others  
I ask for dedication,  
Dedication to my job, to do it well  
Dedication to my community, to keep it safe.  
Give me Lord;  
Concern for others who trust me;  
Compassion for those who need me  
And please Lord,  
Through it all be by my side.

Author Unknown

