

# Geneva Police Department

## 2020 Annual Report



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Chief of Police

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# GENEVA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## 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 Gerling,

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Geneva Police Department, it is with great pride that I submit the 2020 Annual Report to you and the Geneva City Council. Many personnel hours are undertaken to complete this report and I hope you; the council and the Citizens of Geneva find it useful. I would also like to thank the Annual Report committee that consists of Lieutenant Matthew Valenti, Lieutenant Jeffrey Potter, Detective Matthew Colton, Officer John VanSavage and Officer Shannon Anderson for their time and effort in putting this together. In years past, we have published this report by the June/July/August time frame. In accordance with a resolution passed by Council, this report now has to be done and published withing the first four months of the new year.

The 2020 year started off for the department as a normal year which quickly changed when COVID-19 struck the country in March and put a pause on many of the things we were all used to. The Police Department, along with your office and all other City Department Heads began working immediately to confront the changes that COVID-19 was bringing to the workplace. The Police Department began to take measures that were in line with the Governor's orders as they came out and took other measures locally beyond his executive orders. Traffic enforcement for minor traffic violations was stopped completely and we began only enforcing vehicle and traffic complaints and serious vehicle and traffic matters including motor vehicle accidents. Traffic enforcement remained this way for the department until the end of June. Businesses were shut down due to the pandemic so the department increased the amount of property checks we were doing in an effort to ensure businesses remained safe and secure during the shutdown. The impact of the pandemic effected the numbers of arrests, traffic tickets and other areas of our work for the 2020 year. We saw a decrease in the amount of DWI arrests due to the restaurant/bar businesses either being shut down completely or closing in the early evening hours. The Police Department worked directly with the Ontario County Office of Emergency Management and Ontario County Public Health as questions came up and the department had a need for additional PPE items. COVID-19 had an impact on the department's 2020 budget as we were purchasing large numbers of PPE items that we normally didn't have to prior to the pandemic.

I would like to thank all first responders including, fire, ems, hospital staff, nurses and doctors. Specifically, I would like to thank the men and women of the Geneva Police Department for their selfless dedication to service during these unknown times and being out there on the front lines during the pandemic day in and day out.


The OPIOID crisis continued into 2020 and the Geneva Police Department remained focused in this area. We remain confident that the daily work we are performing in the Narcotics unit and through investigations that we are making a difference and making Geneva a safer place. NARCAN is still being carried by all Geneva Police Department members to combat overdoses when we respond to them. Our Narcotics unit seized over \$167,000 in US Currency during drug investigations for the year. They also seized over 2 kilograms of cocaine (street value in excess of \$60,000) and over 20 pounds of Marihuana through investigations. The unit also seized 2 illegal guns from our streets making our streets safer for everyone.

The Geneva Police Department recorded 35,434 Calls for Service for the year which a 26.9% increase from the 2019 year. Calls for Service encompass a variety of occurrences including crimes against persons, crimes against property, family trouble/domestic violence calls, mental health crisis complaints, civil complaints, neighbor disputes, traffic stops, property checks, assist agency, special details and many others.

The Geneva Police Department used the Unified Crime Report (UCR) for reporting statistical data on crime in the City of Geneva. The UCR is broken down into Part 1 and Part 2 crimes. Part 1 crimes consist of two categories; violent crime and property crime. Part 1 crimes reported to the Geneva Police Department for 2020 totaled 209 which was a decrease of approximately 17.5%. Part 2 crimes consist of crimes not included in Part 1 and totaled 710 for the 2020 year which was a decrease of approximately 11.5% from 2019 in which we had 803 reported.

We have again made some changes to this year's annual report and included more information that what we previously have not included in years past. The Geneva Police Department remains committed to making Geneva a safer place to work, live and play through the critical work that we perform on a daily basis. I want to thank the men and women of the Geneva Police Department for their professionalism, dedication and service to the City of Geneva and all who we serve daily. I would also like to extend my thanks to our Geneva City Court staff, the Ontario County District Attorney's Office, clerical staff, parking enforcement officer and our school crossing guards for the work and dedication they all put into their respective positions to make the Geneva Police Department the professional, New York State accredited agency we are.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Passalacqua  
Chief of Police



## COMMAND



LIEUTENANT  
MATTHEW VALENTI  
Detective Division



LIEUTENANT  
JEFFREY POTTER  
Uniformed Division



SERGEANT  
TYLER TURNER



SERGEANT  
JEFFREY KEYSER



SERGEANT  
CHRISTOPHER KEEAR



SERGEANT  
DAVID FELICE



SERGEANT  
PATRICK NOLIN



SERGEANT  
NICHOLAS BIELOWICZ

## RETIREMENTS



OFFICER BRIAN CHOFFIN  
JULY 16, 2000 – JULY 30, 2020

## PROMOTIONS



OFFICER TIMOTHY PETERS – CIVIL OFFICER  
OCTOBER 1, 2020



## UNIFORM FORCE

The uniform force is comprised of 21 officers, 1 Court Liaison Officer and 1 School Resource Officer who cover four different shifts, Geneva City Court, and the Geneva City Schools. 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 12,787 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 to first, secure the scene and give aid and comfort to the injured. They handle simple complaints such as animal complaints, larcenies but also conduct the preliminary investigation for more serious crimes such as homicides, rapes, robberies, and assaults. 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.

Due to COVID-19 the request for their presence at special functions decreased due to cancellations.

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 include 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 reconstructionists, fire investigators, hostage negotiators, crisis intervention officer, field training officers, total station operators, and bicycle patrol.





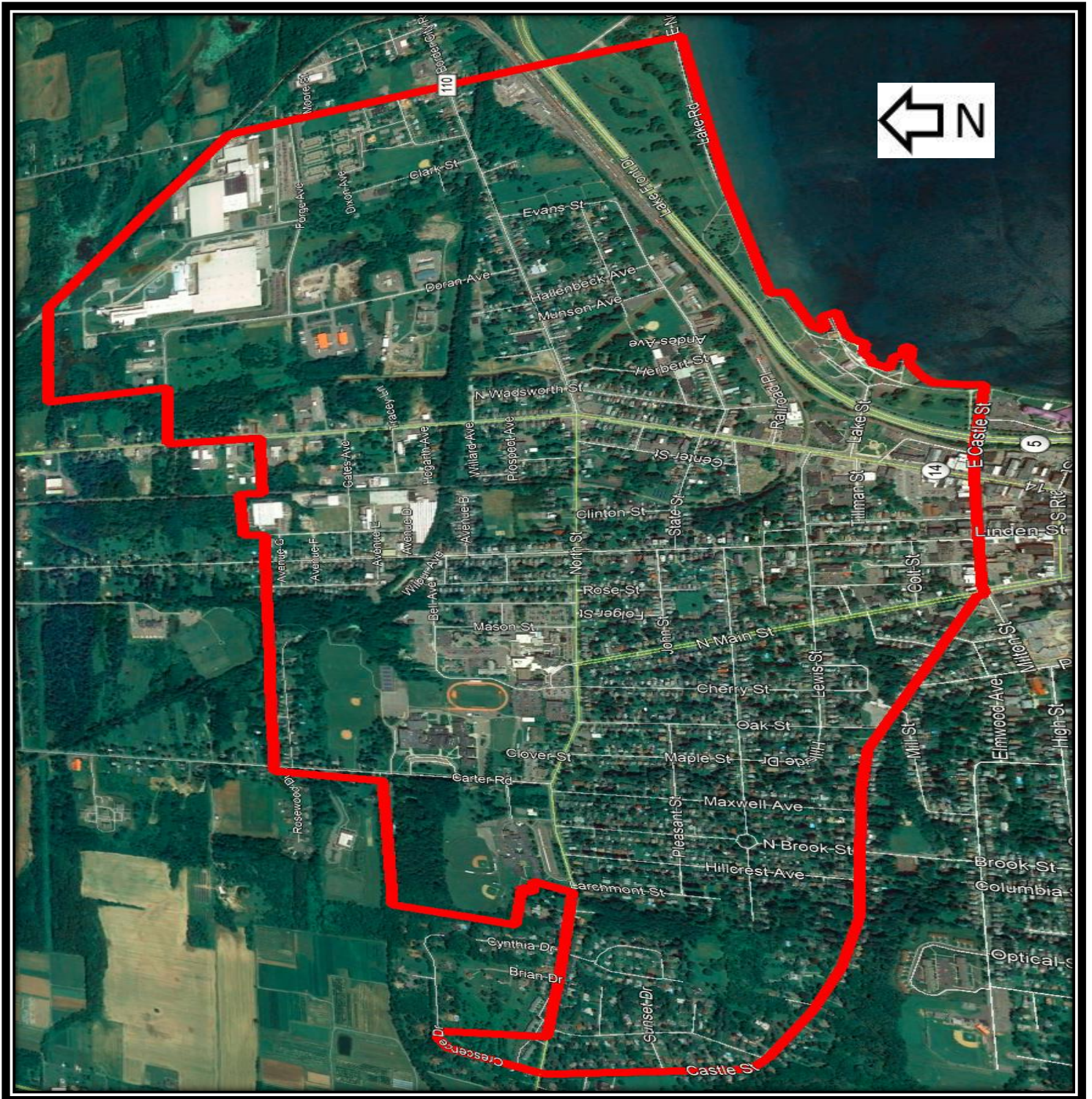
## CITY PATROL MAP



## West Section



## CITY PATROL MAP



## East Section



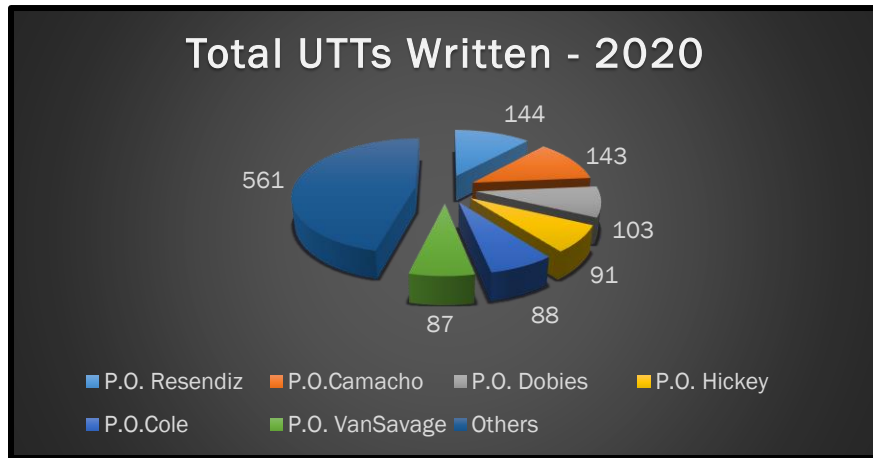
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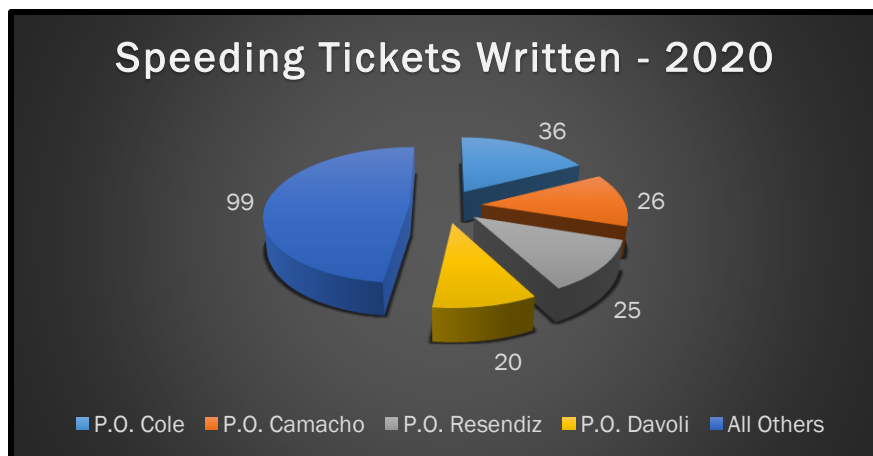
## Beat Section



## 2020 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT – UTTs



## 2020 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT – SPEEDING



## RADAR REPORT

In 2020 there were 305 Uniform Traffic Tickets issued by officers as a result of the use of RADAR throughout the year:



2020 – 206

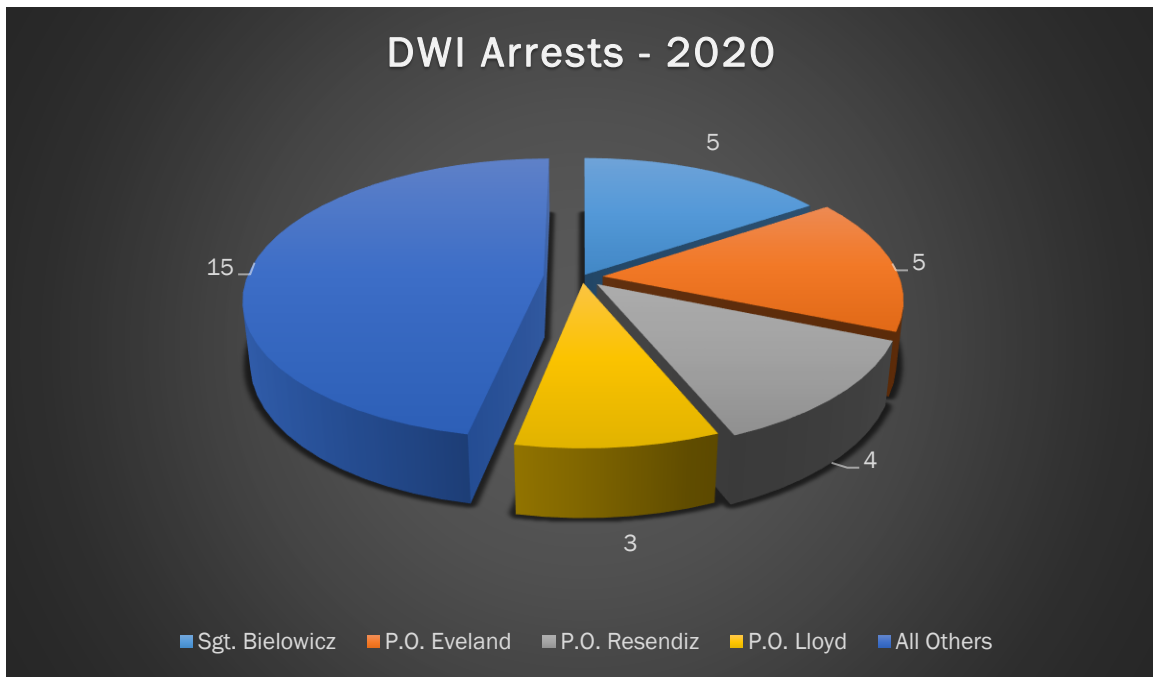
2019 – 305

2018 – 520

2017 – 481

2016 – 705

## 2020 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS





## 2020 DATAMASTER REPORT

During the year 2020, there were twenty-nine (29) 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	4	July	4
February	1	August	6
March	3	September	1
April	3	October	2
May	2	November	2
June	1	December	0

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

*Sgt. Chris Kearn - 864*

## 2020 BICYCLE REPORT

### YEARLY BICYCLE REPORT FOR 2020

During 2020, a total of 18 bicycles were reported stolen to this department.

During 2020, a total of 26 bicycles were found by police.

During 2020, a total of 3 bicycles were returned to their owners.

During 2020, a total of 0 bicycles were being held as evidence.

During 2020, a total of 0 scooters or other items were stolen.



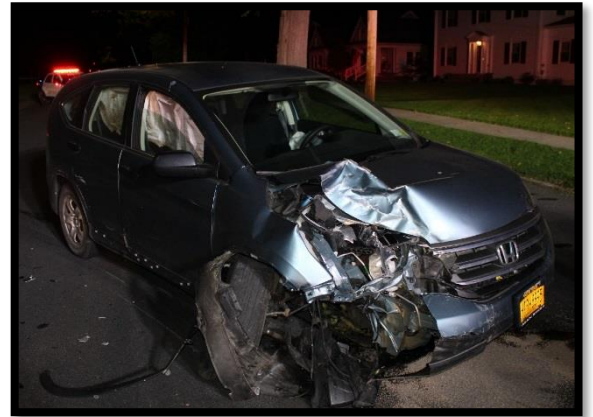
*CO Timothy Peters - 839*

## NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS STATISTICS

There were 36,096 people killed in crashes on U.S. roadways during 2019, a 2% decrease from 36,835 people killed in 2018, declining for the third year in a row.

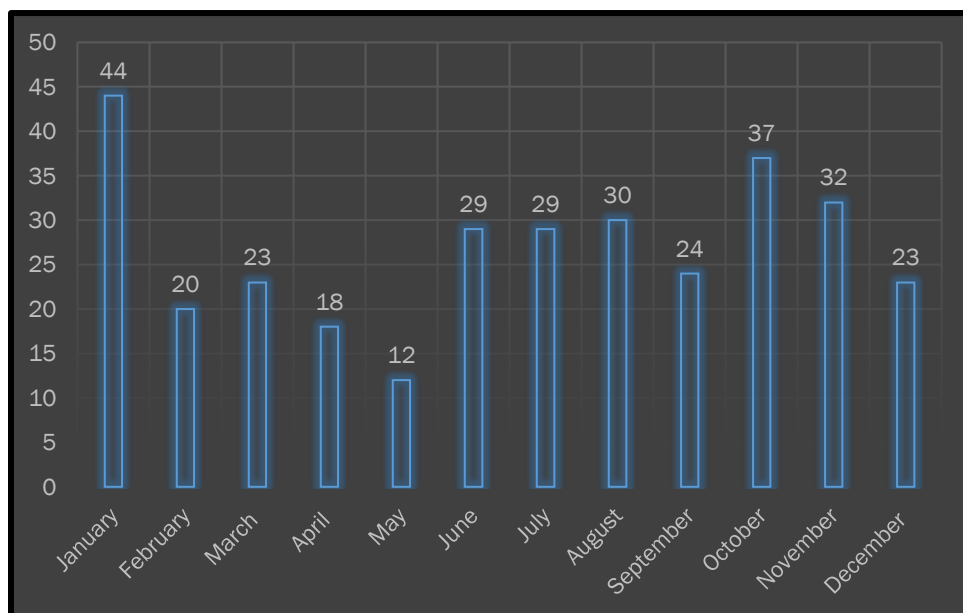
There were 739 fewer fatalities in 2019 than 2018. Other notable changes were:

- 9,478 fatalities were a result of speeding (approximately 26% of all fatalities)
- 10,142 fatalities were a result of Under the Influence of Alcohol, Drugs or Medication (approximately 28% of all fatalities)
- 3,142 fatalities were a result of Distracted Driving – phone, talking, eating etc. (approximately 9% of all fatalities)
- Pedestrians fatalities decreased 2.7%
- Pedal cyclists' fatalities decreased 2.9%
- New York State – 931 fatalities in 2019 (3.4 decrease from 2018)



Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)  
\*2020 Annual Report is not completed

## 2020 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS BY MONTH



## ACCIDENT REPORT

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</b>	399	425	416	405	321
PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS	36	39	26	29	39
PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	3	3	1	2	1
BYCYCLIST ACCIDENTS	6	6	5	3	1
MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS	1	1	2	3	0
HIT & RUN ACCIDENTS	77	76	66	84	75
<b>SUMMONS ISSUED ON ACCIDENTS</b>	175	171	150	136	120
<b>ARRESTS FOR D.W.I ON ACCIDENTS</b>	12	6	9	16	9

### ACCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
SUNDAY	46	36	44	29	36
MONDAY	50	63	54	71	56
TUESDAY	50	49	60	65	39
WEDNESDAY	66	63	70	62	49
THURSDAY	56	76	75	58	42
FRIDAY	79	80	66	67	47
SATURDAY	52	58	47	51	52





## VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW / CITY ORDINANCE

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Felonies.....	0	0	0	0	0
Misdemeanors.....	309	344	350	430	210
D.W.I. Misdemeanors.....	25	25	31	36	25
D.W.I. Felonies.....	8	5	5	12	2
D.W.A.I.....	0	0	0	0	0
D.W.A.I (Drugs).....	15	3	8	6	12

### TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Moving.....	1,359	1,464	1,638	1,009	496
Non-Moving.....	1,015	1,350	757	707	540
Leaving Scene of an Accident.....	77	76	62	7	14

### CITY ORDINANCE

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Open Container.....	14	9	8	7	7
Littering.....	5	7	0	1	4
Disorderly Conduct.....	32	22	17	10	6
Poss. Alcohol Under 21.....	11	10	3	1	5
Noise Ordinance.....	13	8	13	5	5

## SERVICES RENDERED

### SERVICES RENDERED BY POLICE

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Number of Complaints.....	23,454	26,933	28,035	27,915	35,434
Arrests.....	709	763	631	622	416
Funeral Escorts.....	100	100	85	92	91
Open Doors / Windows.....	214	250	379	334	461
Naloxone Administered.....	N/A	16	14	17	13
Evictions Served.....	101	132	127	71	7
Subpoenas Served.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	290
Family Court Paperwork Served.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	58
Order of Protection Served.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10
Vehicle Lockouts.....	238	224	209	181	170

**\*\*Vehicle Lockouts are NOT performed during business hours\*\***

### PARKING TICKETS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Number Issued.....	4,266	4,037	2,105	3,228	1,881
Amount Collected.....	\$106,105	\$96,605	\$57,125	\$69,295	\$45,065

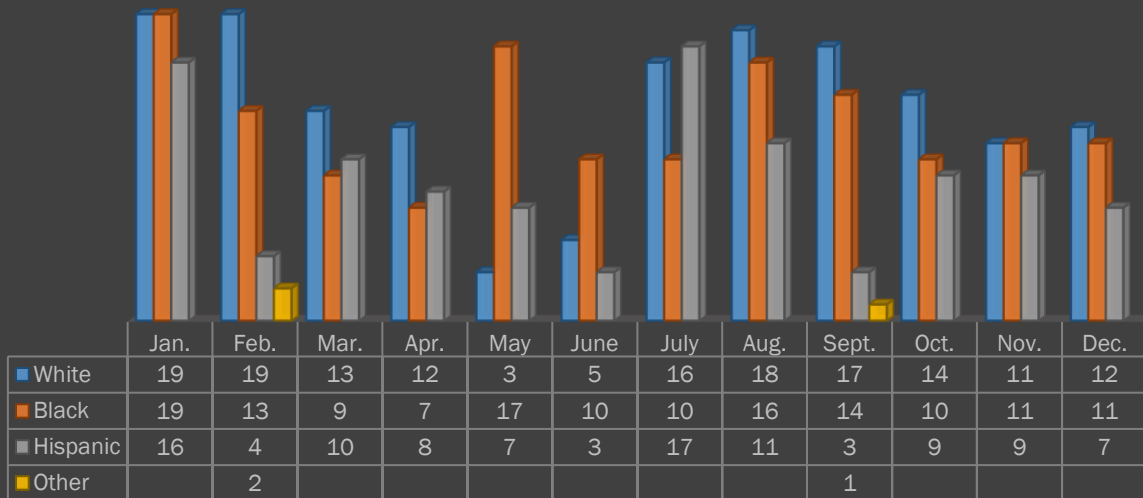
## 2020 ARRESTS

JANUARY.....	54
FEBRUARY.....	38
MARCH.....	32
APRIL.....	27
MAY.....	27
JUNE.....	18

JULY.....	43
AUGUST.....	45
SEPTEMBER.....	35
OCTOBER.....	33
NOVEMBER.....	26
DECEMBER.....	30

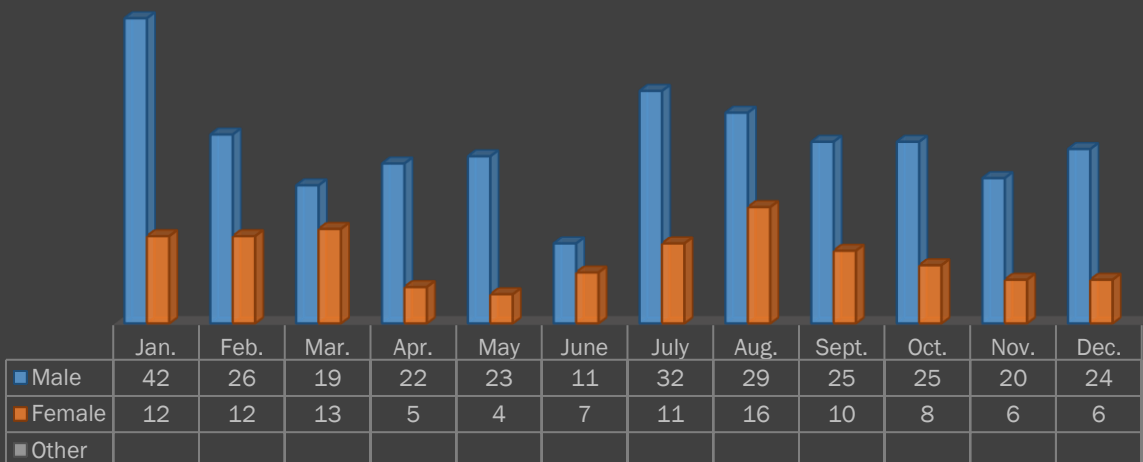
### ARRESTS BY RACE

■ White ■ Black ■ Hispanic ■ Other



### ARRESTS BY SEX

■ Male ■ Female ■ Other





## 2020 CITY LOCK UP & DETENTION

### PRISONERS CONFINED IN CITY JAIL

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Males.....	180	65	42	20	8
Females.....	61	19	13	6	1
Meals Served.....	8	3	0	2	0

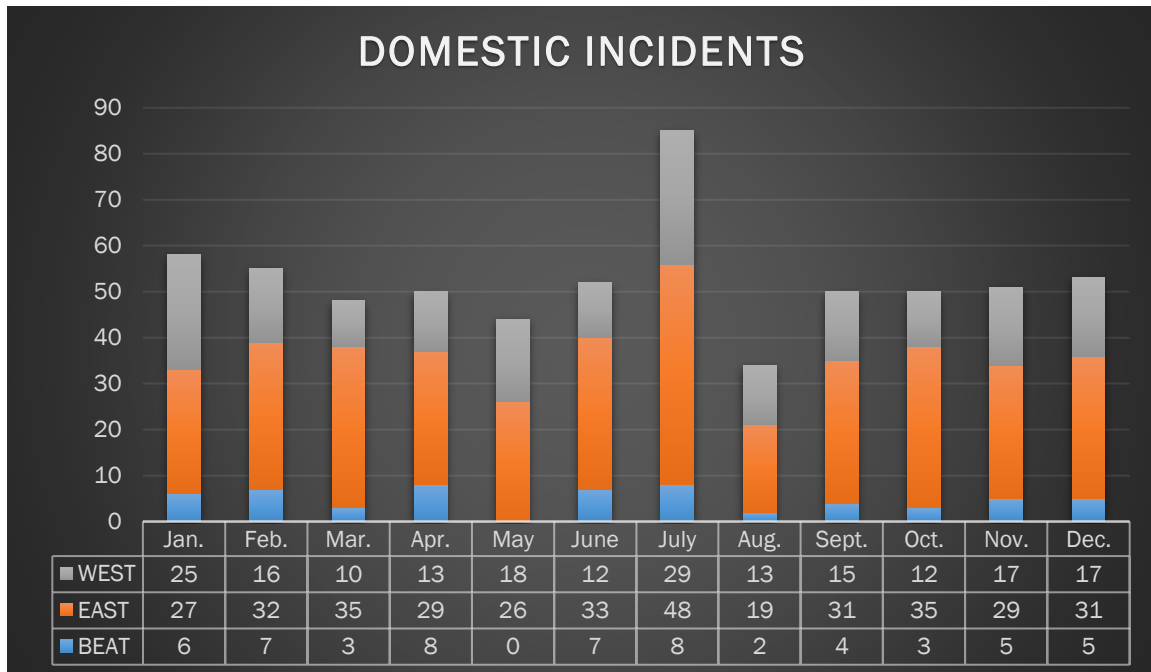
### TOTAL ARRESTED PERSONS PLACED IN LOCK UP FOR 2020



City Cells  
1860 - 1913

## 2020 DOMESTIC DISPUTES BY MONTH

The Geneva Police Department handled 630 Domestic Incidents Calls for Service 2020, an approximate 21% increase from 2019.



### Breakdown

#### Suspects:

- The majority age of suspects were between the ages of 18-25 years. The majority of the suspects are white males
- The second age of the suspects were between the ages 31-35.

#### Victims:

- The majority age of victims were between the ages of 26-30 years. The majority of the victims are white females.
- The second age of the victims were between the ages 31-35.

#### Other Factors:

- The majority of relationship types between victims and suspects were former intimate partners / dating.
- There have been 302 children under the age 18 involved or listed in the Domestic Incident Reports
- GPD made 66 arrests on scene of Domestic Incidents
- GPD filed for 22 warrants which stemmed from a Domestic Incident
- CPS was notified of alleged abuse/maltreatment 66 times
- 460 Domestic Incidents had past history of domestic violence between the parties



## 2020 NYS CHILD ABUSE REFERRALS

NYS CHILD ABUSE HOT LINE REFERRALS	REPORTS
<u>Month</u>	<u>Made</u>
January	2
February	5
March	5
April	4
May	10
June	2
July	5
August	5
September	6
October	5
November	7
December	10



Do you suspect a child is being Abused or Maltreated?  
Report it **NOW!**

Call our Statewide Toll Free Telephone Number:  
**1-800-342-3720**

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TDD/TTY at  
**1-800-638-5163**  
OR have your Video Relay System provider call  
**1-800-342-3720**

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger,  
call **911** or your local police department.

## 2020 DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is comprised of three Detectives, one is assigned to Major Crimes, one is assigned to Narcotics, and the third is assigned to the Family Services Unit. There is also one Police Officer who is assigned to Narcotics for training. All 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 Unit, and Drug Enforcement. Although these three divisions 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 (CID), handles major crimes usually at the felony level and/or those crimes that are complex and require numerous investigative hours. The Family Services Unit investigates crimes where the suspects, and in some cases, the victims are juveniles.

The Family Services Unit 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, Youth Court, and the PINS Program.

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, instructors, and bicycle patrol.



During the year 2020 the Detective Bureau was assigned 895 cases, 851 have been closed, 43 of them by arrests. Many of the investigations in 2020 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 2020, 1,369 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 \$167,000 in US Currency was taken in as seizure or forfeited for use in further narcotics enforcement. The DEU also seized over 2 kilograms of cocaine, over 20 lbs of marihuana, and 2 illegal guns through investigations.



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.

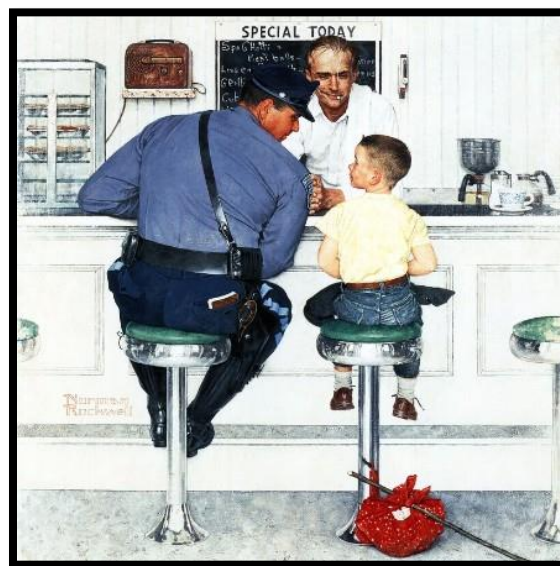
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## DETECTIVE UNIT MAJOR CASES / ARRESTS - 2020

- **JANUARY 2020:** A male victim was shot in the back while sitting in the front passenger seat in a vehicle. The victim was dropped off at Geneva General Hospital for treatment. The male suspect was sitting in the rear passenger seat when he shot the victim. After a several month investigation the male suspect was located and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree and Assault in the First Degree.
- **JANUARY 2020:** Investigation into a large-scale cocaine dealer. Multiple search warrants were executed and DEU seized \$162,000 in US Currency, over 2 Kilograms of cocaine, 20 pounds of marihuana, and a loaded stolen handgun.
- **APRIL 2020:** A male victim sustained serious physical injury when he was assaulted by four (4) suspects. The four (4) suspects were located and charged with Attempted Gang Assault in the Second Degree.
- **APRIL 2020:** A female victim reported she was raped by a male suspect. The male suspect was later located in Canandaigua where he was detained and interviewed. Male suspect was charged with Sexual Misconduct and Forcible Touching.
- **APRIL 2020:** DEU assisting Ontario County Drug Task Force. Investigation into marihuana dealer. Search Warrant was executed and seized over \$170,000 and 30 pounds of marihuana. One shotgun was also seized.
- **JUNE 2020:** A male victim was shot at by a sole suspect. The suspect was located outside of the City in the Town of Geneva. Male suspect taken into custody. Male suspect was charged with Assault in the 1st Degree.
- **JUNE 2020:** DEU assisting Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Over yearlong investigation into the shipment of kilograms of cocaine into Geneva and surrounding Rochester areas. At the time of the Search Warrants over \$260,000 was seized. In total, over 40 kilos of cocaine were seized.
- **JULY 2020:** A reported gang assault involving one adult female victim and four unknown female suspects. Throughout the investigation it was learned that three of the four female suspects were juveniles. Three females were identified and arrested on Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.
- **JULY 2020:** DEU assisting Ontario County Drug Task Force. Investigation into a marihuana and firearms dealer. 3 Handguns purchased from defendant and 30 pounds of marihuana seized at Search Warrant.
- **JULY 2020:** A reported burglary within a business where there was a total of 7 suspects. Through the investigation it was learned that a 16-year-old juvenile female was one of the suspects. Juvenile was arrested and charged with Burglary in the 3rd Degree. 6 other suspects were unable to be identified.
- **JULY 2020:** DEU assisting Canandaigua Police Department. Investigation into a marihuana/THC cartridge dealer. Search Warrant executed and over \$177,000 and Tesla seized.

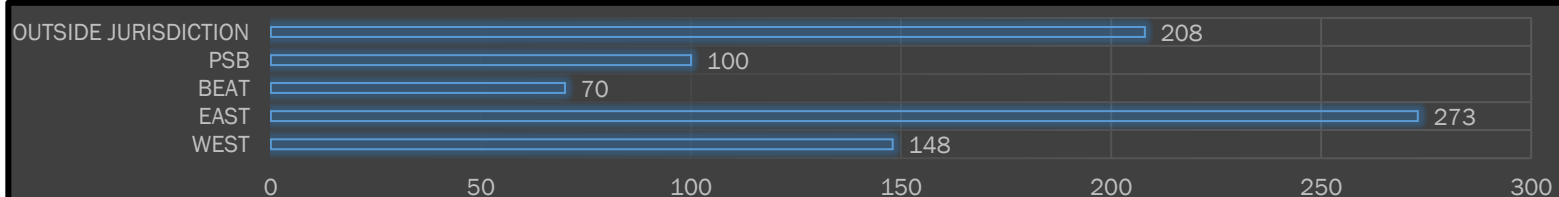
- **AUGUST 2020:** A 42-year-old male suspect was charged with Rape in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree after having sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old female.
- **AUGUST 2020:** Two (2) male suspects brandished and threatened the use of a shotgun and a rifle. The female victim was also struck with a large rock during the altercation. The two (2) male suspects were charged with Assault 2<sup>nd</sup> and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree.
- **SEPTEMBER 2020:** DEU assisting Ontario County Drug Task Force. Investigation into a meth and fentanyl ring. Numerous suspects arrested. Search Warrants executed and seized over 30 grams on meth and fentanyl.
- **OCTOBER 2020:** A male victim was robbed at gun point while inside of his residence. The three (3) male suspects forcibly stole a large amount of currency from the victim. Currently, one (1) of the males have been charged with Robbery in the First Degree. The other two (2) suspects are currently still at large.
- **DECEMBER 2020:** Two (2) male suspects, a 57-year-old and a 64-year-old, engaged in sexual conversations with a Detective posing as a 14-year-old male. The two (2) male suspects arrived at a meeting location to engage in sexual intercourse with the 14-year-old male. The two (2) suspects were charged with Attempted Criminal Sexual Act in the Second Degree.



## **DETECTIVE UNIT**

The Geneva Police Department's Detective Unit was assigned to **895 investigations/details** including **54 juvenile investigations** which is an **average of 75.58 investigations/details per month**. The Detective Unit **issued 1 UTT**, made **23 arrests** (including juveniles), made **39 controlled drug buys**, seizing **6 guns** and **\$162,628**.

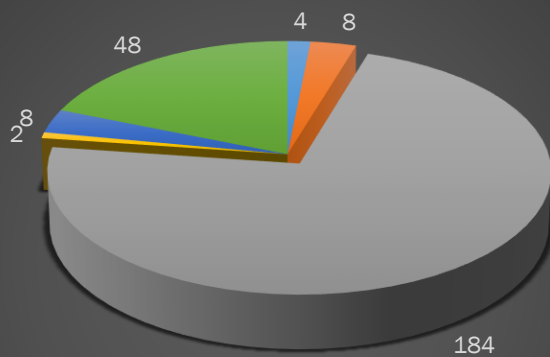
Assist Road Patrol	125
Assist Detective Bureau	39
Assist Another Agency (CPS, LE, etc.)	186
Assist Citizen	7
Missing Persons	9
Missing Juveniles	1
Juvenile Runaways	4
Adult Victim Sex Crimes	6
Juvenile Victim Sex Crimes	25
Child Abuse	6
Elderly Abuse	0
Electronic Device / Internet Investigations	1
Larceny	13
Burglary	20
Robbery	2
Assault	14
Death Investigation (Murder, Unattended Death, OD, etc.)	15
Narcotic Investigation (Non-DEU)	124
Other Felony Investigations	11
Other Misdemeanor / Violation Investigations	37
Special Details	149
CDR Investigations (ZetX – TraX)	12
Cell Phone Extraction (Forensic Download)	5
Internet Crimes Against Children Investigation	7
CVSA Administered	1
Background Investigations	3
Search Warrant(s) Prepared & Executed	33
Vehicles Seized (Non-DEU)	0
Guns Seized (Non-DEU)	4
Money Seized (Non-DEU)	\$0
Juveniles Referred to Family Court	2
Juveniles Referred to Probation (PINS, JD, etc.)	4
Juveniles Remanded to Facility	1
Juveniles Handled and Released to Parent/Guardian	3
Controlled Buys	39
Money Spent	\$14,893.00
Drug Task Force Investigations	158
Vehicles Seized	3
Guns Seized	2
Money Seized	\$162,628
Drugs Seized (weight)	TOTAL WEIGHT: 11.48126 Kg (25.32 lbs)
- Cocaine	2210.94 grams (estimate)
- Heroin	1.76 grams (estimate)
- Fentanyl	1.19 grams (estimate)
- Other Narcotics	13.53 grams (estimate)
- Marihuana	20 lbs (estimate)





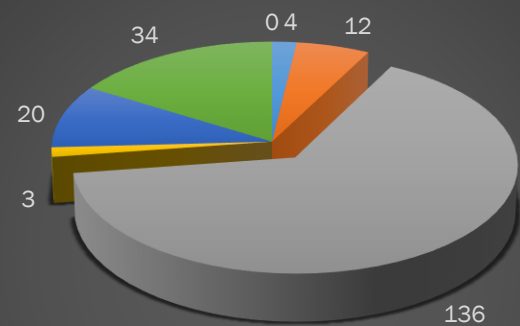
## 2019 & 2020 PART ONE UCR OFFENSE

### Part 1 Offenses 2019



■ Robbery
 ■ Rape
 ■ Larceny
 ■ Motor Vehicle Theft
 ■ Aggravated Assault
 ■ Burglary
 ■ Murder

### Part 1 Offenses 2020

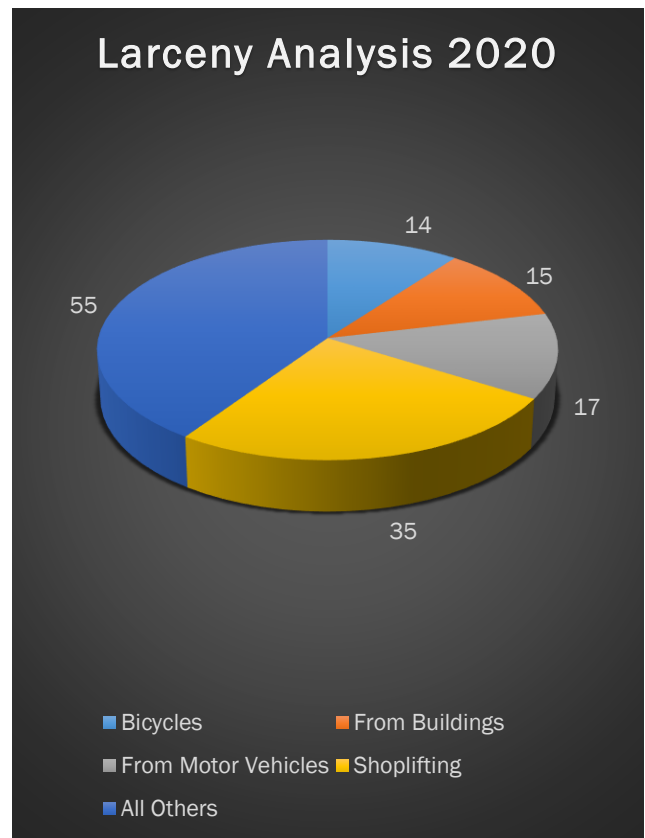
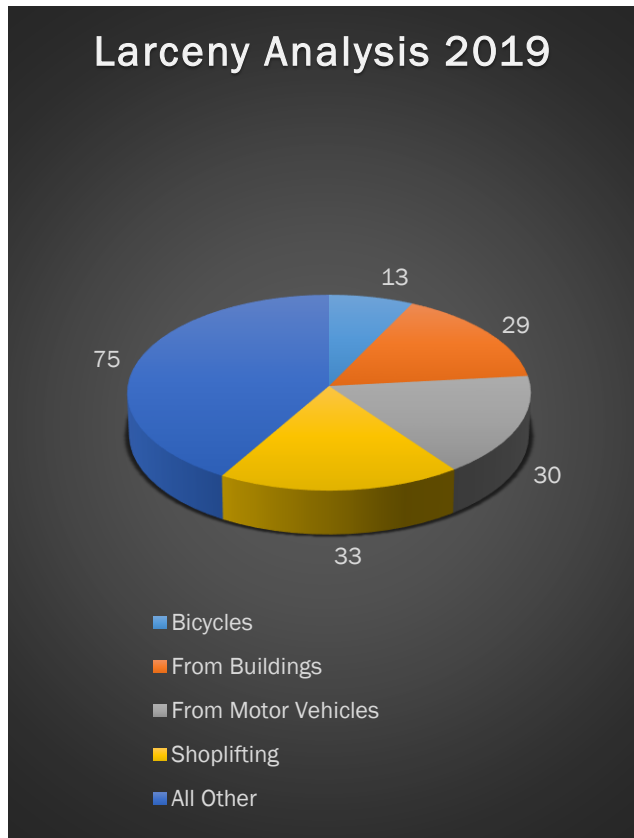


■ Robbery
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The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Program divides offenses into two groups, **Part I** and **Part II** crimes. Each month, participating law enforcement agencies submit information on the number of **Part I** offenses that become known to them; 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.

## 2019 & 2020 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;

## 2020 COMPUTER VOICE STRESS ANALYZER – CVSA

The Geneva Police Department currently has one officer who is trained and certified to operate the Computer Voice Stress Analyzer. Lt. Matthew Valenti, CLO 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 CLO 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.

During the year 2020, there were 4 subjects who voluntarily submitted to the voice stress test, for a Criminal Case.





## 2020 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER REPORT



The Geneva Police Department maintained one School Resource Officer (SRO) during 2020. School Resource Officer Arroyo was assigned to the Geneva Central School District consisting of 5 buildings; West Street School, North Street School, Geneva High School, Geneva Middle School, & GCSD Office, mainly working out of the Geneva Middle & High Schools. All stats are from School Resource Officer Arroyo from 01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020.

The SRO made or assisted on 2 arrests in 2020 and assisted with information leading to numerous juvenile arrests in and out of school during the school year of 2020. There have been several assaults, sex abuse, or misconduct cases that were referred to the Family Services Unit from both the Geneva High School and the Geneva Middle School. A total of 255 Criminal Incident Reports & Supplemental Information's were created in 2020, a 30% decrease from 2019.

### Miscellaneous Stats:

Student Contacts	1325
Parent Contacts	81
School Personnel Assist	261
Superintendent Hearings	16

The SRO has responded to the North Street School, West Street School and the Geneva Central School District Office to assist with student and parent issues. The SRO attended all football and basketball games, Festival of Nations, as well as several other school events. The SRO is involved in several committees, from safety to student intervention. The SRO attended 7 different trainings in 2020. The SRO was able to conduct several stranger danger walkthroughs at the West Street School, North Street School, Geneva High & Middle Schools.

During the school year, there were several times the SRO 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 (involves transportation and safety).



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER  
RAUL ARROYO

## 2020 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 31<sup>st</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 2019-2020 school year, the Geneva D.A.R.E Officers taught over 200 students in the Geneva and St. Stephen's School Districts, ranging in age from 9 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.



OFFICER  
RANDALL GRENIER



OFFICER  
MICHAEL TAPSCOTT

## 2020 SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

Currently there are 7 Officers, an Administrative Aide, and 1 Sergeant assigned to the management of Sex Offenders residing within the City. Responsibilities of the officers include, monthly residence check, 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, and 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 complaints 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 corrections law.

Currently there are 64 NYS Registered Sex Offenders residing within the City of Geneva. NYS Sex Offender Registry divides Sex Offenders into 3 Levels: 1, 2, and 3. Currently residing within the City of Geneva there are:

- 11 Level 3's
- 32 Level 2's
- 21 Level 1's

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 2020 there were 4 investigations conducted regarding Sex Offenders who failed to notify their change of address, internet accounts etc. Two arrests were made for a Sex Offender failed to notify their change of address, the other investigations were closed with no arrest.

To search for Sex Offenders in your area go to:

<https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/>





## 2020 TRAINING REPORT

- Jan 6 – 17** Officer Eveland began the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training. This training will allow Officer Eveland to identify different substances operators use and are impaired by. This training is 138 hours in total (more time February)
- Jan 20 - 22 & 28 - 30** Select officers (scheduling based) attended an Active Shooter training, hosted by the Ontario County Sheriff's Office. Officer reviewed tactics for responding to and dealing with an active shooter. This training was held in the Wellspring Church in Clifton Springs. Officers received 8 hours of training.
- Feb 1 – 9** Officer Eveland continued his DRE training in Phoenix, Az. Officer Eveland will be using the skills he learned in the class in a real-world practical application. Officer Eveland returned as a Certified Drug Recognition Expert.
- Feb 17** 10 Officers attended MEB/DT training at the Geneva High School. Instructed by Sgt Turner, Sgt Keyser, and Det Vine, officers were refreshed on the use of the MEB (Monadnock Expandable Baton), then received Defensive Tactics Training. This training included weapons retention and handcuffing, which built off the fall of 2019's Defensive Tactics Training.
- March 1** All Officers received 5.5 hours of yearly in-service training. NYDOL attended and instructed officers in Rabies and Lyme Diseases and how to best protect yourself. Infection Control, Pursuit driving, and Use of Force are some of the topics reviewed.
- March 4** Chief Passalacqua, Lt Valenti, Lt Potter, Sgt Keear, Det Winter, PO Peters, and PO Cole attended OSCR training in Hopewell. OSCR is the new 360-degree camera system used for scene documentation. Officers were instructed on the basic uses and operation of the camera and GPS system.

**March, April, May, June and July Trainings have all been cancelled due to the Corona Virus concerns and the NY Pause restrictions.**

**August - Training Opportunities are still limited due to COVID state restrictions.**

- July 27 - 31** Det. Colton attended a virtual course for Digital Evidence Investigations instructed by the National Computer Forensics Institute of the United States Secret Service.
- August 5** Officers received 8 hours of weapons training at the Ontario County Range. Officers were certified in patrol rifle use, duty weapon qualification, as well as shotgun use. Other dynamic, reality-based training was also conducted by Instructors Sgt Turner and Officer Cole.
- Sept. 9** Officers received 8-hours of Range training at the Ontario County Training Facility. Geneva PD used the OCSO Range for this training, as well a classroom time. Officer received instructional PowerPoint and range time with Duty weapons, shotguns, and patrol rifle (M4). Sgt Turner, PO Cole and Det Colton were the Firearms Instructors in charge of this detail.

- Sept. 29** Chief Passalacqua, Lt Valenti, Lt Potter and Det. Colton received a 6-hour FIP (Fair and Impartial Policing) update and recertification. Done virtually, officers were instructed on the updates to the FIP program as taught by Fair and Impartial Policing, LLC. This update discussed various changes to the Train-the-Trainer curriculum as well as a new booster curriculum offered this year.
- Oct. 1** Perspectives on Police Reform. Lt Valenti and Lt Potter. This virtual training featured several nationally recognized experts in the field of Police Reform and their thoughts on the reform efforts to police departments. This training was 7 hours in duration.
- Oct. 7, Nov. 4 & Dec. 2** Departmental In-Service Training. All Department members received re-certification in the nomenclature, operation and use of the Departmental issued TASERS and Batons, SFST refresher, and Reality Based Use of Force scenarios.
- Oct. 7** DRE Refresher. Officer Eveland attended a one-day refresher in Auburn, NY which reviewed the latest in DRE techniques. This is a State mandate for all DRE certified officers. This training was 8 hours in duration.
- Oct. 12 – 16** SWAT Training. Sgt Turner, Sgt Keyser, Det Vine. This training was held at Fort Drum, NY where the County's multijurisdictional team trained for SWAT maneuvers and various other SWAT techniques. This training was 40 hours in duration.
- Oct 13** TASER Instructor Recertification. Instructed by Sgt Keyser. Sgt Turner and PO Cole were students of the class. This training was held in Hopewell where Sgt Keyser instructed multiple agency officers that were sent for TASER instructor recertification. This training was 8 hours in duration.
- Oct. 15** Glock Armorer. PO Cole, PO Baskin, PO Farmer. Officers attended this training session at the Seneca County Sheriff's Office. They were trained in the repair and maintenance of the Glock line of firearms to adequately maintain the Departmental weapons. This training was 8 hours in duration.
- Oct. 19 - 23** Det. Colton attended a virtual course on Child Exploitation instructed by the United States Department of Justice.
- Oct. 20 – 23** Principles of Procedural Justice (PJ). PO Cole. DCJS held this training at the NYSP Academy in Albany. This training focuses on the police interaction with the public and how these interactions influence crime rates, the public's view of police, and willingness to obey the law. This training was 32 hours in duration.
- Nov. 9 – 13** Basic Photography Training. PO Perry. Occurring at the Hopewell Training Facility, this training introduces officers to crime scene/incident scene photography. This training is the precursor to Evidence Technician. This training was 40 hours in duration.
- Nov. 16** Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). Det Vine, PO Cole, PO Tapscott, PO Lloyd, PO Eveland. Officers attended this training session at the Ontario County Jail. This training gives officers communication skills when dealing with Mental Health Calls. This training was 40 hours in duration.

- Nov. 16** Principles in Procedural Justice (PJ). Sgt Turner. DCJS held this training at the Monroe County Training Facility in Rochester. This training focuses on the police interaction with the public and how these interactions influence crime rates, the public's view of police, and willingness to obey the law. This training was 32 hours in duration.
- Nov. 16 - 20** Det. Colton attended a virtual course for Social Network Investigations instructed by the National Computer Forensics Institute of the United States Secret Service.
- Nov. 30 – Dec. 11** Instructor Development Course. Officer Eveland. Officer Eveland attended this 80-hour training to develop the skills and be certified as Police Instructor. This course was sponsored by the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy and held in Hopewell
- Dec. 7-18** Evidence Technician. PO Perry. Officer Perry attend this 80-hour course at the Hopewell Training Facility. This training introduces officers to crime scene/incident scene evidence recognition, documentation, and cataloging. This training was sponsored by the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy.

**Lt. Jeffrey Potter**  
**Training Officer**



## LIFE SAVING

### Sergeant Nicholas Bielowicz

On March 6, 2020, Officers were dispatched to a residence on Castle Street for a 32 year old man, not conscious, and not breathing. The male was laying on the floor, not conscious, and not breathing. Sgt. Bielowicz then started chest compressions on the victim and after about 2 minutes of chest compressions, the victim took a gasp of air. The victim then stopped gasping, and he had a pulse. The male was then transported to Geneva General Hospital by Finger Lakes Ambulance.



SERGEANT  
NICHOLAS BIELOWICZ





## YEARS OF SERVICE



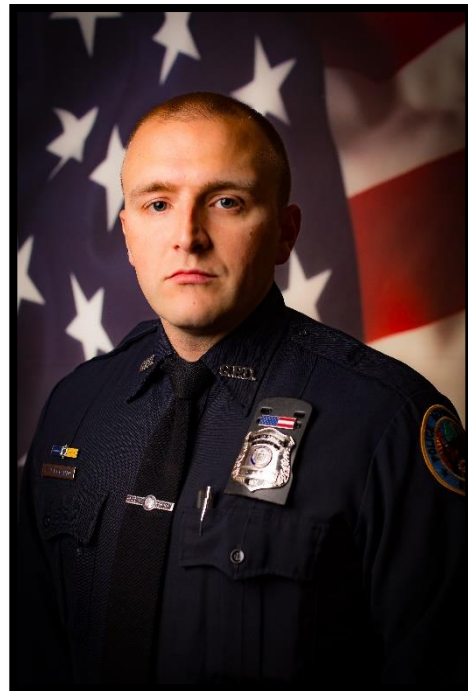
SERGEANT PATRICK NOLIN

15 Years



OFFICER JENNIFER PERRY

5 Years



OFFICER RONALD EVELAND

5 Years



## LETTERS OF COMMENDATION



### Detective JD Winter

On December 18, 2020, Det. Winter was dispatched to a welfare check of a juvenile and if located return child to primary guardian. Det. Winter arrived at the residence on Humbert St, with a younger female walking towards a small camper trailer. The female was crying and telling Det. Winter that if she was made to go back to her father's house she would run away again. She stated that while she was living with her father, he had a new girlfriend and had left her and her brother alone in the house to fend for themselves for 6 months. The female also stated that her father is manipulative and would mentally abuse her. While speaking with the female, she was standing outside in approximately 25-degree weather in a sweat shirt and pajama pants. When asked about having a coat she stated that her father could not find it or any of her winter accessories. Upon talking with her inside the camper and speaking with her mother, Det. Winter believed it was best, due to the weather, to have the female stay there versus risking her run away from her father with inadequate clothing

Det. Winter decided to go to Walmart and purchased a winter jacket, hat and gloves along with winter boots. Det. Winter returned to Humbert St and provided the items to the female. Det. Winter provided the female with his phone number in case she needed to get in touch with him.



DETECTIVE  
JD WINTER

**The following officers received Letters of Commendation for administering Naloxone to individuals who had overdosed and were unconscious. The Naloxone that was administered helped save the victims' lives.**



**OFFICER  
RICHARD BASKIN**



**OFFICER  
JAY BUCKLIN**  
**3 Letters of Commendation**



**OFFICER  
RYAN CAMACHO**



**OFFICER  
RONALD EVELAND**  
**2 Letters of Commendation**



**OFFICER  
TRAVIS FARMER**



**OFFICER  
DANIEL HICKEY**  
**2 Letters of Commendation**



**OFFICER  
JENNIFER LLOYD**



**OFFICER  
TREVOR WAGNER**

## IN MEMORY OF

THE GENEVA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF GENEVA LOST TWO MEMBERS OF THE GENEVA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 2020. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

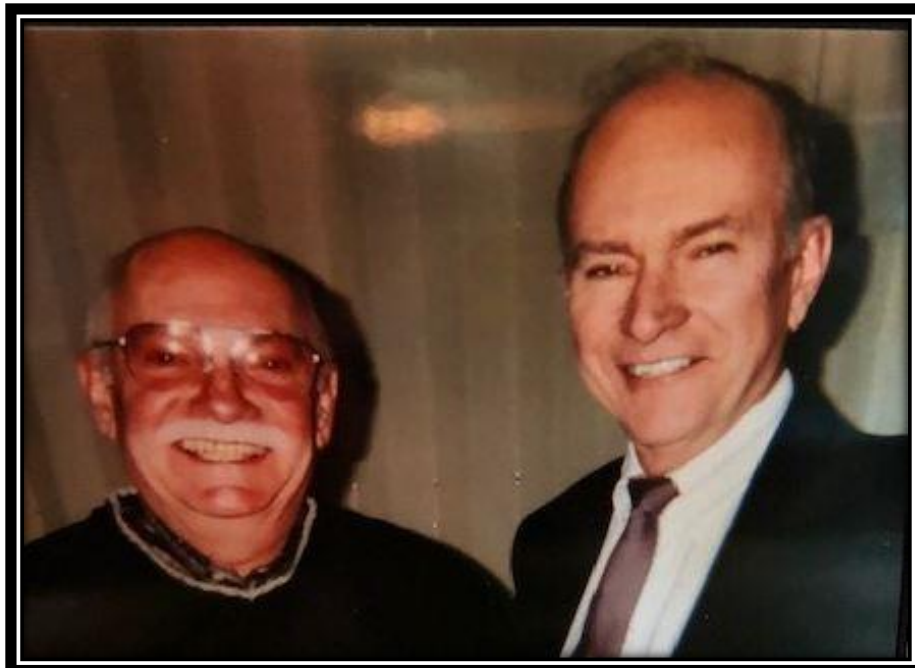
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE SERGEANT ROBERT VERDEHEM AND OFFICER ARDEN COMBS.



OFFICER ARDEN COMBS  
GENEVA POLICE OFFICER 1971 - 1991



SERGEANT ROBERT VERDEHEM  
GENEVA POLICE OFFICER 1960 - 1985











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

