



# 2013

**Chief Jeffrey E. Trickler  
ANNUAL REPORT**





## 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

Mr. Mathew Horn, City Manager  
City Hall

Dear City Manager Horn:

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Geneva Police Department, it is my privilege to submit the 2013 Annual Report to you and the Geneva City Council.

A new unit was implemented this year which has proven to be a success. The Family Services Unit took on the responsibility of overseeing all domestic cases and investigating all missing person complaints. This unit has assisted families with getting them the much needed services they required.

Officers were given a new tool to use when being confronted by combative subjects. The department purchased eleven TASERS and every officer in the department was trained on the use of them. Officers have had to display the TASER on several occasions and the result was immediate compliance from the suspects. An officer did deploy the TASER during one incident in which an individual was resisting arrest. The TASER proved to be very effective and the suspect was taken into custody without further incident. The TASER program has, without a doubt, eliminated or minimized the risk of injury to both officers and suspects during hostile confrontations.

Officers responded to 22,559 calls for service which is a 10% decrease from last year. There were 944 individuals arrested for crimes or a violation which is a 5% increase from the last year. Officers remain vigilant ensuring the safety of those who travel our city streets and issued 2,927 uniformed traffic tickets while doing so.

Part I crimes reported to the Geneva Police Department totaled 372 representing a 10% increase. Part I crimes consist of two categories, violent and property crimes. Violent crime totaled 28 which is a 10% reduction from the previous year. Part II crimes consist of crimes not included in Part I and totaled 434. This is an 8% reduction from last year. Overall, the totality of Part I and Part II crimes saw a slight decrease of .12%

The department remains concerned regarding threats against officers and the narcotics and guns that appear within the city. During the year we have had one homicide and an officer involved shooting. We continue to make it a priority to investigate these crimes and to take into custody those who perpetrate them. We would not be able to do it without the continuing assistance from the various organizations and the community itself. With that, 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, City Attorney's office, police dispatchers, clerical, parking enforcement officer and the school crossing guards for their outstanding accomplishments.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey E. Trickler".

Jeffrey E. Trickler, Chief



## 2013 Retirements-Promotions-Hiring

### Hired in 2013:



Officer Brian Knecht 02/10/13



### Retired in 2013:



Lt. Gregory Bendzlowicz  
07/14/91-06/29/13

Officer Michael J. Calabrese  
09/02/03-09/06/2013  
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## Uniform Force

The uniform force is comprised of 22 officers who cover four different shifts. They are supervised by six sergeants who are overseen by one lieutenant who reports to the chief. They patrol 4.5 square miles and protect a population of about 13,261 exclusive of students of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and Cornell University.



The uniform force is the first responding officers handling calls that come into police dispatch. Their response is first and gives aid and comfort to the injured. They handle complaints such as animal complaints but also conduct the preliminary investigations for more serious crimes such as homicides, rapes and robberies. They take a proactive approach to their patrol duties by looking out for suspicious activities and conducting property checks on residences, buildings and businesses.



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 American Legion Fireworks, FL Wine and Music Festival, Memorial Day Parade, June Happening, Crusin' Night, Musselman, Seneca7 Race, Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, Fireman's Parade, HOG Rally, Halloween Parade and numerous 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, and investigations, maintaining order at parades or public gatherings and community relations.

in specialized units such as aids, instructors, accident investigations, hostage

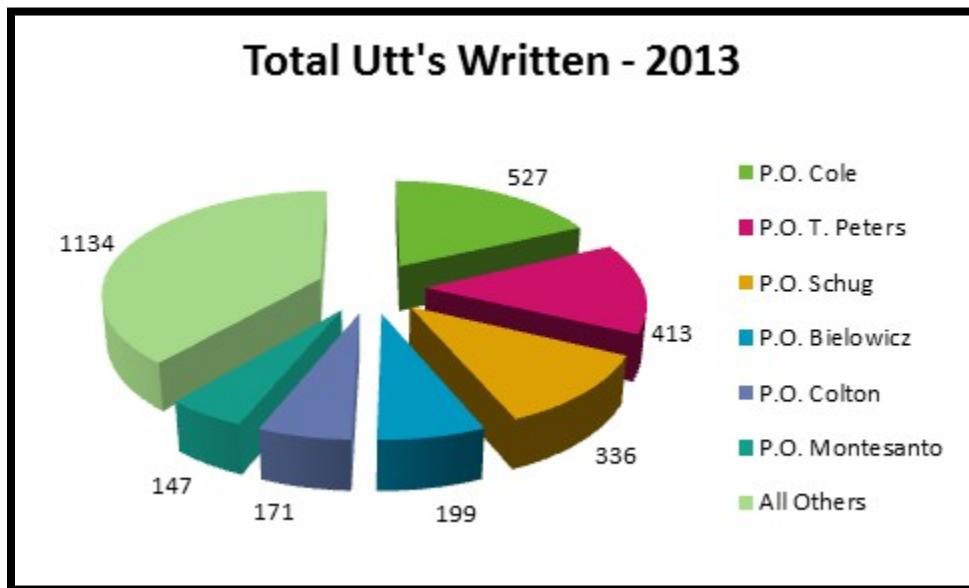


*Aeneas McDonald  
Fallen GPD Officer*

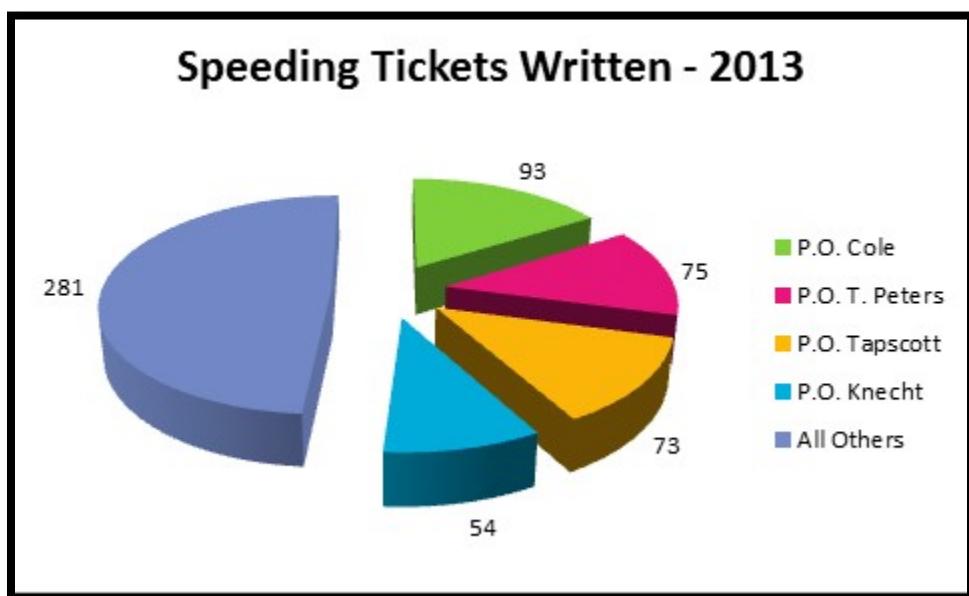
Members of the force are also active evidence technicians, evidence reconstruction, arson negotiations and bicycle patrol.



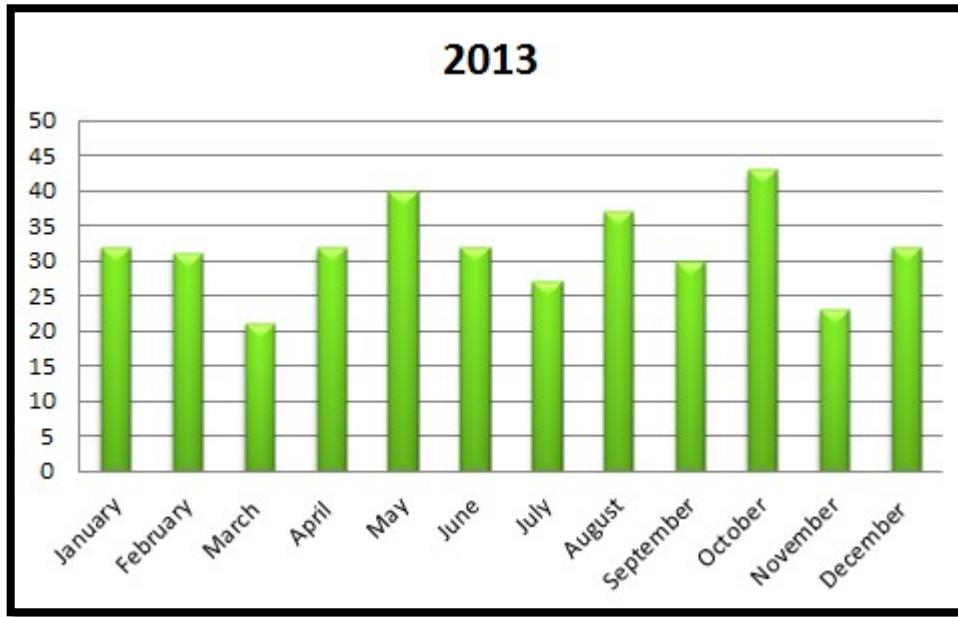
## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT – UTT's



## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT – SPEEDING



## MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS BY MONTH



Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among those ages 5-34 in the U.S. More than 2.3 million adult drivers and passengers were treated in emergency departments as the result of being injured in motor vehicle crashes in 2009. The economic impact is also notable: the lifetime costs of crash-related deaths and injuries among drivers and passengers were \$70 billion in 2005.

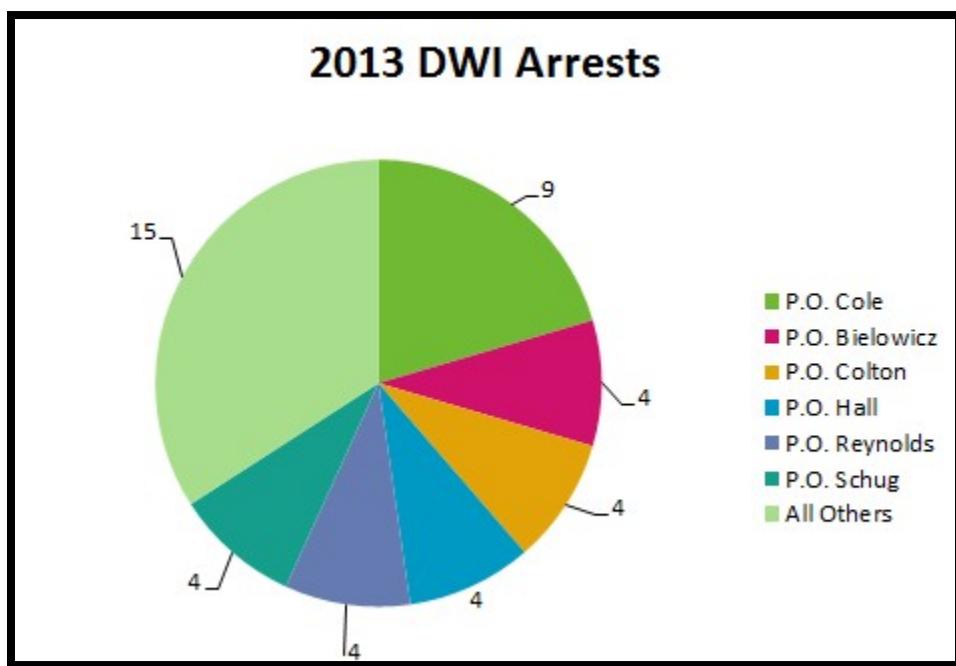
CDC's research and prevention efforts target this serious public health problem. They focus on improving car and booster seat and seat belt use and reducing impaired driving, and helping groups at risk: child passengers, teen drivers, and older adult drivers. CDC also works to prevent pedestrian and bicycle injuries.

Based on the magnitude of the health problem, and our ability to make significant progress in improving outcomes, Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention is a winnable battle we must all fight.

Source: Center for Disease Control & Prevention [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



## DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS



**Ontario County's DWI conviction rate of 92.4 percent is the highest in the state, according to 2011 data.**

It's the 27th time in 28 years that Ontario County has topped the list, according to Ontario County District Attorney Michael Tantillo. Yates County took the top spot in 2008, when Ontario County was second.

The Ontario County statistics on driving-while-intoxicated prosecutions from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles reflect 391 convictions of DWI, as charged and 32 convictions of the lesser offense of driving while ability impaired.

Wayne County was second in the state with a DWI conviction rate of 78.3 percent. Monroe County's rate of 61.8 percent ranked 14th. Livingston County ranked seventh with a rate of 68.8 percent. Genesee County was 11th at 65 percent.

The statewide conviction rate was about 50 percent.



## 2013 SERVICES RENDERED

|                            | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Number of Complaints ..... | 22,559      | 25,122      |
| Arrests .....              | 944         | 903         |
| Escorts .....              | 250         | 252         |
| Funerals .....             | 104         | 110         |
| Doors/Windows Open .....   | 152         | 217         |
| <br>                       |             |             |
| Total Car Mileage .....    | 203,785     | 200,099     |

### PARKING TICKETS

|                        |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Number Issued .....    | 3870     | 4039     |
| Amount Collected ..... | \$84,180 | \$64,537 |

### PRISONERS CONFINED IN CITY JAIL

|                                 |     |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Males .....                     | 390 | 368 |
| Females .....                   | 89  | 103 |
| Meals Served to Prisoners ..... | 13  | 7   |



## 2013 VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW

|                       | <u>2013</u> | <u>2012</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Felonies.....         | 0           | 0           |
| Misdemeanors.....     | 192         | 227         |
| DWI Misdemeanors..... | 36          | 45          |
| DWI Felony.....       | 13          | 8           |
| D.W.A.I.....          | 0           | 0           |
| D.W.A.I. (Drugs)..... | 13          | 14          |

### TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

|                                |       |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Moving.....                    | 1,383 | 1,410 |
| Non-Moving.....                | 1227  | 1,147 |
| Leaving Scene of Incident..... | 81    | 109   |

### CITY ORDINANCE

|                             |    |    |
|-----------------------------|----|----|
| Open Container.....         | 54 | 22 |
| Littering.....              | 22 | 09 |
| Disorderly Conduct.....     | 62 | 69 |
| Possession Alcohol under 21 | 35 | 15 |
| Noise Ordinance Viol.....   | 38 | 26 |



## 2013 ACCIDENT REPORT

|   | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS:</b>       | <b>369</b>  | <b>376</b>  | <b>359</b>  | <b>435</b>  | <b>380</b>  |
| PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS:              | 49          | 56          | 45          | 54          | 40          |
| PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS:                   | 18          | 10          | 12          | 14          | 2           |
| BICYCLIST ACCIDENTS:                    | 4           | 5           | 11          | 4           | 3           |
| MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS:                   | 1           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 2           |
| HIT AND RUN ACCIDENTS:                  | 92          | 93          | 73          | 82          | 80          |
| <b>SUMMONSES ISSUED ON ACCIDENTS:</b>   | <b>168</b>  | <b>220</b>  | <b>283</b>  | <b>199</b>  | <b>177</b>  |
| <b>ARRESTS FOR D.W.I. ON ACCIDENTS:</b> | <b>4</b>    | <b>15</b>   | <b>13</b>   | <b>11</b>   | <b>9</b>    |

### ACCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK:

|           |   |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| SUNDAY    | - | 25 | 40 | 38 | 41 | 34 |
| MONDAY    | - | 62 | 57 | 44 | 71 | 55 |
| TUESDAY   | - | 56 | 56 | 58 | 65 | 53 |
| WEDNESDAY | - | 49 | 70 | 49 | 52 | 59 |
| THURSDAY  | - | 65 | 54 | 69 | 78 | 68 |
| FRIDAY    | - | 63 | 59 | 52 | 69 | 66 |
| SATURDAY  | - | 49 | 40 | 48 | 59 | 40 |
| UNKNOWN   | - | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  |

## 2013 RADAR REPORT

IN 2013 THERE WERE 580 SUMMONSES ISSUED BY OFFICERS AS A RESULT OF THE USE OF RADAR THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.



**2013 - 580**  
**2012 - 643**  
**2011 - 523**  
**2010 - 608**



# 2013 DOMESTIC DISPUTES BY MONTH

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| JANUARY.....46  | JULY.....51      |
| FEBRUARY.....44 | AUGUST.....50    |
| MARCH.....45    | SEPTEMBER.....46 |
| APRIL.....60    | OCTOBER.....42   |
| MAY.....56      | NOVEMBER.....37  |
| JUNE.....34     | DECEMBER.....45  |

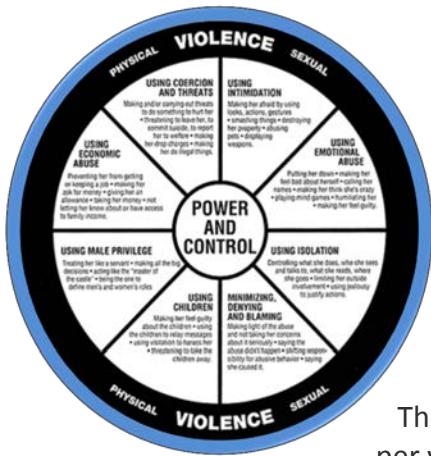
2012 TOTAL – 657

2013 TOTAL – 556 (15% Decrease)

## Facts about Domestic Violence

**One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.

An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.



85% of domestic violence victims are women.

Historically, females have been most often victimized by someone they knew.

Females who are **20-24 years of age** are at the greatest risk of nonfatal intimate partner violence.

Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police.

The costs of intimate partner violence in the US alone exceed \$5.8 billion per year: \$4.1 billion are for direct medical and health care services, while productivity losses account for nearly \$1.8 billion.



## 2013 CITY LOCK UP & DETENTIONS

|               |    |                |    |
|---------------|----|----------------|----|
| JANUARY.....  | 31 | JULY.....      | 49 |
| FEBRUARY..... | 31 | AUGUST.....    | 43 |
| MARCH.....    | 47 | SEPTEMBER..... | 41 |
| APRIL.....    | 44 | OCTOBER.....   | 46 |
| MAY.....      | 43 | NOVEMBER.....  | 29 |
| JUNE.....     | 41 | DECEMBER.....  | 34 |

TOTAL ARRESTED PERSONS PLACED IN LOCK UP FOR 2013 – 479



EARLY PHOTOS OF GENEVA LOCKUP



## 2013 DATAMASTER REPORT

During the year 2013, there were fifty-six (56) 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 THE YEAR:

|          |   |           |   |
|----------|---|-----------|---|
| January  | 4 | July      | 8 |
| February | 5 | August    | 6 |
| March    | 7 | September | 6 |
| April    | 4 | October   | 5 |
| May      | 0 | November  | 2 |
| June     | 6 | December  | 3 |

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

DET. CHRIS KEEAR

## 2013 BICYCLE REPORT

During 2013, a total of 31 bicycles were reported stolen.

During 2013, a total of 20 bicycles were found by police.

During 2013, a total of 9 bicycles were returned to their owners.

During 2013, a total of 0 bicycles were being held as evidence.

During 2013, a total of 0 scooters or other item was stolen.



CLO Jeffrey Potter

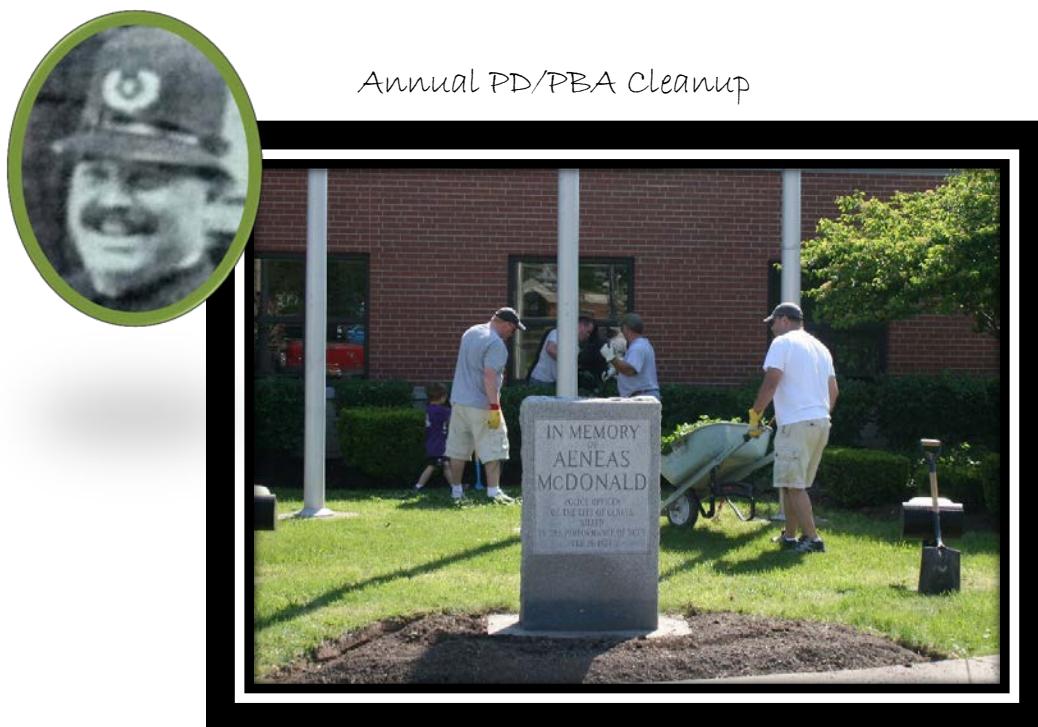


## 2013 MAJOR CASES

- 2/28/2013 Assault 1. Amber Hellinger stabbed Quintana Allen in the face and neck. Loaded .38caliber handgun was recovered. Hellinger pled guilty to Assault 1. Sentenced to 5 years in prison.
- 3/17/2013 Assault 1- John McCoggle stabbed Joe Ralston in the chest. McCoggle was eventually captured and is awaiting trial.
- 3/10/2013 Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup>. Suspect Jeff Smith burglarized One Franklin Square and positively identified by independent witnesses. Suspect is currently in jail in Osceola County Florida awaiting extradition.
- 3/26/2013 Forcible Touching. Geneva Middle School Principal, Carmine Calabria is accused of forcibly touching a female while inside of Dana's Timeout. Calabria pled guilty in February 2014 and avoided a trial.
- 6/16/2013 Officer Involved Shooting. Group of 4 Hispanic Males got into a disturbance on Clark St. and fled in a vehicle upon Officers arrival. A vehicle pursuit ensued with the suspect vehicle crashing on Rt.96 in the town of Phelps. The 4 Hispanic males exited the vehicle and one male, Alex Rodriguez, was holding 2 handguns and pointed them at GPD Sergeant Tyler Turner. Turner fired and struck Rodriguez who was detained and transported to Strong Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Massive search was conducted by foot and air and Jose Miguel Gomez was eventually apprehended. Gomez and Rodriguez eventually pled guilty. No charges on the other two subjects, Andres Escalera and Jonathan Rodriguez.
- 7/1/2013 Burglary 1<sup>st</sup>. Andrew Wentz forcibly breaks into 62 North Exchange St. and causes injury to a resident, Allison Burke. Suspect caused extensive damage to the house and contents and stole \$200 Cash. Wentz was arrested after a custodial interview and witness identification. Suspect pled guilty to 5 years in prison.
- 7/30/2013 Grand Larceny 2<sup>nd</sup>- Suspect Michelle French stole Diane Trotta's purse, containing cash and credit cards and within 24hours, fraudulently purchased approximately \$900 worth of items. Michelle French was interviewed and admitted her guilt. Pled guilty and is serving 4.5-8 years in prison.
- 8/15/2013 Falsifying Business Records 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Forgery- Samantha Picchi stole a Doctors legal pad and was illegally filling out prescriptions for Oxycodone. Video and evidence was received from the pharmacies at Tops Markets and Rite Aid on Hamilton St. Suspect was also utilizing the scam in the Town of Geneva, Onondaga County and Yates County. Suspect pled guilty and is serving 8 years in prison.



- Detective Choffin also assisted on several Narcotics buys, search warrants and arrests with the Drug Enforcement Unit which culminated with the arrests of many individuals and as a result, several have pled guilty and the rest are still incarcerated at Ontario County Jail.
- May 2013 - September 2013 - DEU had begun buying Heroin regularly from street level dealers. DEU was able to get a street level dealer to flip and began a several month long investigation into Eddie Ramos Jr, a large heroin dealer in Geneva and Rochester. DEU was able to establish the heroin ring's hierarchy and could pin down the money and drugs going to and from Eddie Ramos Jr. At the conclusion of the investigation, 8 people were charged for selling or possessing heroin and 3 vehicles were seized along with US Currency.
- July 2013 — August 2013 - DEU had begun buying cocaine from a known dealer, Rafael Santiago. Information was gained that he may be in possession of a hand gun and after several sales of cocaine, DEU and Uniformed Police Officers executed a Search Warrant at 330 1/2 Main St. Along with currency and cocaine, a loaded .25 auto handgun was recovered.
- October 2013 — DEU had begun purchasing marihuana from a known marihuana dealer, who was also in possession of several hand guns; Vangie Navarro. After several buys of marihuana a Search Warrant was executed at 26 Park Ave and Vangie was taken into custody. Inside the apartment were marihuana, currency and two loaded handguns that were also stolen. It was believed from the early 2013 Homicide that the weapon used by Larry Mallard came had come from Vangie Navarro.
- A 2012 Drug sale case against Orlando Capo-Alicea was scheduled for trial in November 2013. One week prior to the beginning of the trial, DEU had been purchasing more cocaine from Capo-Alicea and executed another search warrant. The continuation of selling cocaine while out on bail forced Capo-Alicea to eventually plead guilty to all charges.



# 2013 TRAINING REPORT

**In 2013, over 1000 hours of on the job training and education was provided to the members of the Geneva Police Department. This includes many topics that relate to all facets of policing in New York State and the United States.**

**Jan-Feb** All officers are WebEx training on Identifying & Reporting Child Abuse & Maltreatment.

**January** Officers Vine & VanSavage continue their training in the Drug Enforcement Unit.

**January** Officers trained on Social Media Investigation & Threat Assessment (handout).

**January** Officers trained on “Alcohol’s Path through the Body”.

**January 16** Chief Trickler, Lt’s Heieck & Bendzlowicz attended a meeting on Police Liability at FLCC instructed by the FBI and FLEA.

**January 22** Officers trained on Criminal & Civil Liability of Police Officers WebEx training through the US Department of Justice.

**January 29** Sgt. Passalacqua & Officer Keyser attended the 2013 DARE update training in Rochester, New York. Keeping’ It Real Elementary Programs.

**February** All officers received training & certification in the use and deployment of Electronic Control Devices/Taser.

**February** Officers received e-training on the topic of Animal Cruelty and its correlation with domestic violence.

**February** Many officers received training and practical application of Response to School Shooting. This was conducted in “real” time at the Geneva High School with OCSD ERT.

**February** All officers received e-training on the importance and requirements of mandated reporting in the protection of children and their families.

**February** Officers received e-training on the Good Samaritan 911 Law, Chapter 54 of the laws of 2011.

**February** All officers received mandatory training on use of spike sticks and pursuits, legal updates for 2013/domestic violence, use of force & Article 35.

**February** Officers received e-training on police issues at time of arrest to include “excited delirium & in custody death”.



**March** All officers reviewed the evacuation plan & response for West Street School.

**March** SRO Arroyo completed School Resource Officer School held at the Monroe County Public Safety Training Facility.

**March** Sgt. Tyler Turner completed Basic High Risk Warrant School held in Binghamton, New York.

**March** Police dispatchers Mahoney and Castor attended Domestic Violence Intervention and Investigation for dispatchers in Wayne County, New York.

**March** Sgt's Turner, Middlebrook, Passalacqua and YO Keear attended Domestic Violence Intervention and Investigation for Officers in Wayne County, New York.

**March** All officers were recertified in the use and response of CPR and AED.

**April** All officers reviewed major US Supreme Court cases from 2012-2013.

**April** Officers Vine and VanSavage continue their training in the DEU of the Geneva Police Department.

**April** All officers Standard Operating Procedures Manual was reviewed by their respective Sergeant.

**May 1** Range day – practice & qualification.

**May** Officers Vine and VanSavage continue training in the DEU.

**June** Officers Vine and VanSavage continue training in the DEU.

**June 4-5** Department members participated in Rifle Qualification Practice and Course at the Geneva Police Department range.

**June 4-6** Officer Tim Peters attended Commercial Vehicle Traffic Enforcement School in Erie County.

**June 26** Department members participated in Firearms Qualification Practice and Course at the Geneva Police Department range.

**July** Officers Vine and VanSavage continue training in the DEU.

**July 15-17** Officer Tim Peters attended Commercial Vehicle Traffic Enforcement School in Erie County.

**July 29** Sgt. Turner attended Tactical Shooting Instructor Course in Egg Harbor Twp., NJ.



**August** Officers Vine and VanSavage continued training in the DEU.

**August 21** Department members participated in Firearms Qualification Practice and Course at the Geneva Police Department range.

The week of August 26-30 the State of NY Police Juvenile Officers Association had their 38<sup>th</sup> annual conference at the Ramada Inn, Geneva. The conference provided courses that certified officers in various areas. The Police department sent the following officers to stated training during the week:

**Aug. 26-30** SRO Arroyo attended Advanced School Resource Officer course.

**Aug. 26-30** PO's Steve and Montesanto attended School Resource Officer course.

**Aug. 26-30** Sgt. Valenti and YO Nolin attended Basic Police Juvenile Course.

**Aug. 27-28** Sgt. Passalacqua attended LE Active Shooter course.

**August 27** YO Keeear attended Computer Crime Investigation for Youth Officer.

**August 28** Det. Choffin and YO Keeear attended Gangs and Media course.

**September** Officers Vine and VanSavage continued training in the DEU.

**Sept. 2-13** PO's Potter, Colton and Cole attended Firearms Instructor course sponsored by OCSO/FLEA in Wayne County.

**Sept. 9-13** YO Nolin attended Hostage Negotiation course in Genesee County.

**Sept. 19** PO's Tapscott, Schug and Reynolds attended DWI Documentation and Testimony course in Erie County.

**Sept. 20** Lt. Picchi, CLO Greer, PO's Vanderlinde, Vine and VanSavage received CPR/AED recertification from Geneva Firefighter Del Parrotta.

**Sept. 22-25** Sgt. Passalacqua and PO Potter attended the NYS Police Homicide Seminar in Albany.

**Sept. 23-27** Sgt. Middlebrook attended Basic Crash management in Albany.

**Sept. 30- Oct. 4** PO's Felice & Montesanto attended Basic Photography Course in Monroe County

**Oct. 14-18** PO's Bielowicz & Winter attended Field Training Officer course in Monroe County.



**Oct. 15** Department members participated in Firearms Qualification Practice and Course with their newly issued handguns at the Geneva police Department range.

**Oct. 16-17** Sgt. Middlebrook & PO Potter attended Suicide Prevention in Jail Lock-ups Instructor Course in Steuben County.

**Oct. 16-17** PO Felice attended Conducting Complete Traffic Stops Course in Syracuse, NY.

**Oct. 16-17** Chief Trickler and Lt. Picchi attended and Executive Development conference in Varysburg, NY.

**Oct. 21-25** YO Keear and PO Yancey attended Advance Interview and Interrogation Course in Monroe County.

**Oct. 22** PO's Bielowicz, Grenier and Tapscott attended Sex Offender Management training in Syracuse.

**Oct. 24** Department members participated in Firearms Qualification Practice and Course including a night shoot.

**Oct. 29-30** PO's Vine, VanSavage, Hall, Schug and Reynolds attended Interview and Interrogation Course in Ontario County.

**Oct. 30** Department members participated in Firearms Night Shoot Practice and Course.

**Oct. 30-31** YO Nolin attended Aquatic Death and Homicidal Drowning Investigations Course in Seneca County.

**Oct. 21 – Nov. 8** Sgt. Keyser attended Police Supervision Course in Monroe County.

**November** Officers Vine and VanSavage continued training in the DEU.

**Nov. 5-7** Sgt. Valenti and Det. Choffin attended Certified Voice Stress Analysis recertification training in Elmira.

**Nov. 13-14** YO Nolin attended Trauma Resources and Unified Management (TRAUMA) course in Monroe County.

**December** Officer Montesanto started training in the Drug Enforcement Unit.

**Dec. 2-13** Sgt.'s Passalacqua and Valenti, Det. Choffin and PO Colton attended Instructor Development Course in Ontario County and are now NYS certified Police Instructors.

**Dec. 11** PO's Yancey and Felice attended Missing Persons Investigations training in Syracuse.



## 2013 OVERTIME

Regular and special overtime is calculated at a rate of time and one half only if the criteria specified in the 171/28 language is met.

Court and call out pay is calculated at either straight time or time and one half as per the Geneva City Police Officers' and Command Officer contracts.

**REGULAR OVERTIME:** This constitutes all overtime worked beyond a regular tour of duty and includes other cases, such as being called out for parades, to perform a Breathalyzer test, drug investigations, or some other department ordered function, as specified by the contracts.

During 2013, the regular overtime amounted to 1199.875 hours or 42% of the total number of hours for the year, this is an approximate 19% Increase is use from 2012.

**COURT TIME:** Those man hours listed as court time would include those hours when an officer was required to appear in court, whether in City Court, County Court, Grand Jury, Department of Motor Vehicles Hearing, or in any other manner required for the prosecution of a case. Court time for 2013 amounted to 334.625 hours or 12.0% of the Department's total overtime. This is a 55% percent increase of use of Court Time from 2012.

**SPECIAL OVERTIME:** Overtime accumulated by the Police Department in policing private or public functions sponsored by individuals or private organizations. These would include dances, ball games, or any other athletic event.

Officers accumulating this overtime are paid by the City at the regular overtime rate. The individual or organization is then billed by the Police Department and the City is partially reimbursed by the individual or organization.

In the year 2013, Special Overtime amounted to 1,325.25 hours, representing 46.00% of the overtime budget. This shows an increase of 8% percent from 2012.



## 2013 AWARDS



**Life Saving Award:  
Sgt. Matthew Valenti  
PO David Felice  
PO Randall Grenier**

On September 6, 2013, about 2051 P.O. Felice, assigned to Seneca Parking Lot for the Oktoberfest, called out for an ambulance for a male possibly having a heart attack or stroke. Sgt. Valenti and P.O. Grenier arrived on scene as P.O. Felice was removing the AED from the trunk of GV9. The victim, Robert Buchholz 10/15/35 from Waterloo, NY, was unresponsive and barely breathing. P.O. Felice was checking vitals while Sgt. Valenti attached the AED. The AED indicated a shock was advised. Sgt. Valenti administered 1 shock. P.O. Felice immediately began chest compression while P.O. Grenier gave breaths. Geneva Fire Department and Finger Lakes Ambulance arrived on scene. Mr. Buchholz was transported to Geneva General Hospital and later transferred to Upstate Medical Hospital. According to Doctor Nicole Gero, attending physician, "the officers were instrumental in saving this man's life."

**Life Saving Award:  
Sgt. Michael Passalacqua  
PO Robert Peters  
PO Nicholas Bielowicz  
PO John VanSavage  
PO Jesse Cole**

On September 7, 2012, at approximately 1901, Raymont T. Hromalik 08/03/1923 of Endicott, NY, walked into the PSB and collapsed. P.O. R. Peters yelled out to call an ambulance. P.O. VanSavage was reporting for duty and assisted P.O. R. Peters. P.O. Cole rushed out of dispatch and was joined by P.O. Bielowicz who grabbed the AED. Sgt. Passalacqua called the Fire Department and Finger Lakes Ambulance. P.O. Bielowicz put the pads of the AED on Mr. Hromalik while P.O. R. Peters and P.O. Cole were checking for breathing and pulse, which they could find neither. P.O. Bielowicz



had officers stand clear and a shock was delivered by the AED. The AED detected no heart rhythm and prompted CPR be started. P.O. R. Peters started chest compressions and P.O. Cole administered rescue breaths. After two complete rounds of CPR were administered Mr. Hromalik began to breathe on his own. Without their professionalism, a life would have most certainly been lost.

### Distinguished Service Award:

Sgt. Robert Middlebrook

PO Donald Schug

PO Jesse Cole

On December 12, 2012, about 12:42 AM, P.O. Cole and P.O. Schug were called out to a working structure fire at 555 S. Exchange St, the old Holiday Bar. Sgt. Middlebrook arrived on scene 30 seconds later. The fire was blowing out the windows and climbing approximately 30 feet in the air. All three officers entered the burning apartment building in an effort to wake the tenants and save lives. Some of the occupants were unaware that the building was on fire. The officers were able to wake all the occupants and evacuated them from the property, including one woman who had locked her door and was hiding. It wasn't until after all the occupants had been evacuated by the officers that the City of Geneva Fire Department arrived on scene. Responding Officers put their safety aside in an effort to save lives. They made the City of Geneva proud their brave actions stopped what could have been a terrible situation.



Annual NAACP & GPD School Supply Giveaway

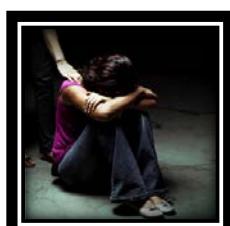


## 2013 DETECTIVE BUREAU

The detective bureau is comprised of two detectives and two youth officers 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 and burglaries.

Detectives receive specialized training to assist their efforts.

Unlike episodes of shows such as Law and Order many criminal investigations are time consuming and require extensive follow



ups. Investigations dealing with the 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, the Family Service Bureau and drug enforcement. Although these three units specialize in different areas they often work closely together to share information and investigate crimes.

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 youth division investigates crimes where the suspects, and in some cases the victims, are juveniles. The youth division also handles those cases involving juveniles which

are of the violation level and cannot be sent to family court. They are also the department liaisons for the Ontario County Child Abuse Response Team and the Juvenile Justice Committee. They work closely with the SRO's, Child Protective, Probation and the PINS and STAR program.



The DEU 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.

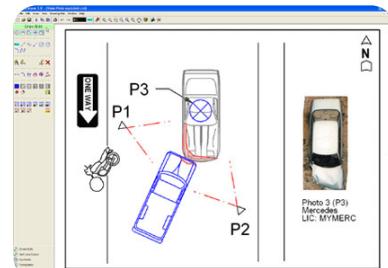


Along with their investigative duties members of the detective bureau also serve in specialized units such as evidence technicians, evidence aids, accident reconstruction, instructors and bicycle patrol.

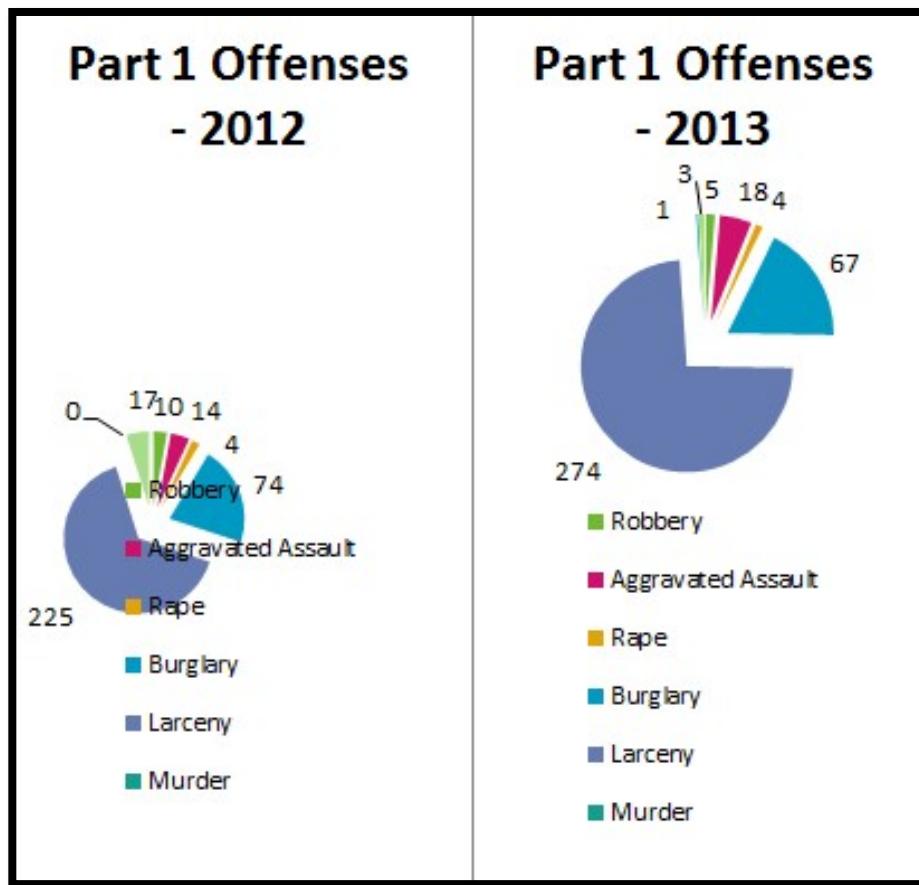
During the year 2013 the detective bureau was assigned and cleared 972 cases. 242 cases were closed by arrest.

The detective bureau is also tasked with receiving all evidence or property. During the year 2013, 1776 items of evidence or property was received. Additionally, several hundred items of evidence or property were disposed of. The evidence or property that is not returned directly to the owner is auctioned off through Propertyroom.com or forfeited to the Geneva Police Department or City of Geneva.

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, college and high school students and businesses ranging from bank robbery training, crime scene processing, fraud prevention, and workplace violence and safety.



## 2012 & 2013 PART ONE UCR OFFENSE



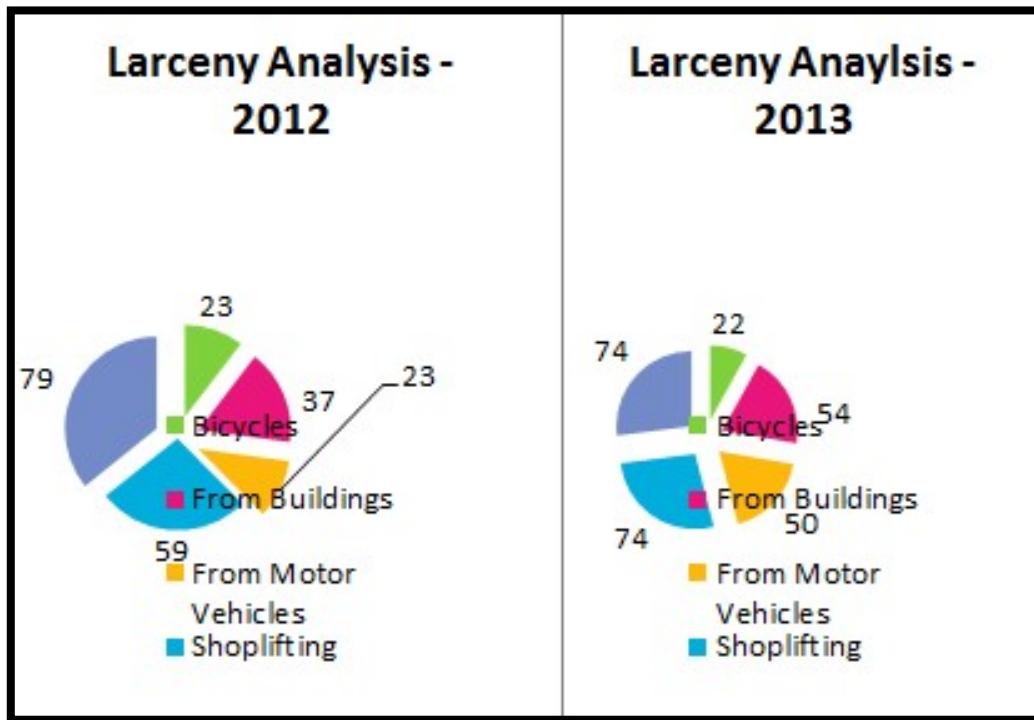
The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program divides offenses into two groups, **Part I** and **Part II** crimes. Each month, participating law enforcement agencies submit information on the number of **Part I** offenses that become known to them; those offenses cleared by arrest or exceptional means; and 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 crime 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 police.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr>



## 2012 & 2013 LARCENY ANALYSIS



### 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 2013

The Department currently has two officers who are trained and certified to operate the Computer Voice Stress Analyzer. Det. Brian Choffin and Sgt. Matt Valenti spent two rigorous weeks training on the instrument and the art of deception. Both officers must be recertified to operate the instrument every two years which was accomplished in December 2013, in Elmira, New York.

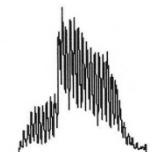
The Computer Voice Stress Analyzer is a tool utilized by members of the Geneva Police Department to detect deception when interviewing individuals suspected of committing crimes within the city. Suspects are asked if they will voluntarily submit to a voice stress test. If they agree to submit to the 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 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 instruments findings it is then determined if further interview of the test subject is warranted.

During the year 2013, there were twelve subjects who voluntarily submitted to the voice stress test. Five of the test subjects were suspects in active criminal investigations with seven of the test subjects submitting to the test for pre-employment purposes.

### CVSA® Perfects Crime-Fighting Technology



**Unlike the computer polygraph**, the CVSA® requires no wires be attached to the subject being tested. The CVSA® uses only a microphone plugged into the computer to analyze the subject's responses. As the subject speaks, the computer displays each voice pattern, numbers it and saves each chart to file. Unlike the polygraph, drugs do not affect the results of the exam and there are no known counter-measures that will cause the ubiquitous "inconclusive" results associated with the polygraph.



**The CVSA® is effective in all investigative situations** such as homicide, sex crimes, robbery, white collar crimes, and internal affairs investigations, as well as pre-employment examinations for background investigators. The system has also proven itself a very reliable investigative tool for verifying statements of witnesses, denials of suspects, and for determining the validity of allegations made against police officers. **Micro tremors are tiny frequency** modulations in the human voice. When a test subject is lying, the automatic, or involuntary nervous system, causes an inaudible increase in the Micro tremor's frequency. The CVSA® detects, measures, and displays changes in the voice frequency.



**A state-of-the-art computer processes** these voice frequencies and graphically displays a picture of the voice patterns. The CVSA® is not restricted to "yes" and "no" answers and is able to analyze accurately, tape recordings of unstructured conversations.



# 2013 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER REPORT

The Geneva Police Department maintained two SRO's during 2013, SRO Arroyo was assigned to the High School and SRO Steve was assigned to the Middle School. All stats are from three SRO's. Sgt. Keyser was the SRO in the GHS from 01/01/2013-06/28/2013, SRO Steve worked in GHS from 09/03/2013-12/31/2013 and SRO Arroyo worked in GMS from 01/01/2013-12/31/2013.

The SRO's made a combined 20 arrests in 2013 and assisted with information leading to numerous juvenile arrests in and out of school during the school year of 2013. A total of 73 Criminal Incident Reports were created in 2013. The arrests during 2013 included Disorderly Conduct, Harassment and UPM by students. 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.

## Miscellaneous Stats:

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Student Contacts        | <b>1175</b> |
| Parent Contacts         | <b>153</b>  |
| School Personnel Assist | <b>392</b>  |
| Superintendent Hearing  | <b>20</b>   |

The SRO's have responded to both elementary buildings to assist with student issues. The SRO's attended the football and basketball games, school sponsored dances, Festival of Nations, junior and senior proms as well as several other school events. Numerous K-9 units were brought into the school to search for drugs. The SRO's are involved in several committees, from safety to student intervention.

During the school year, there were several times the SRO's taught in classrooms on topics relating to general law, drug awareness, and gangs. Committee involvement continues to be important, and are involved with P.I.T. (meeting with school staff and probation officers to monitor troubled youth), the district safety committee, and T.A.C. (involves transportation and safety). The SRO's did attend a College Career Fair at Finger Lakes Community College to promote the Geneva Police Department and future employment opportunities. SRO Arroyo did one week of Advanced School Resource training in Geneva, NY and SRO Steve did one week of Basic School Resource training also in Geneva, NY.



# DARE 2013

**DARE**

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. It was started in the 1980's in California and has spread across the country. Geneva is celebrating its 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the D.A.R.E. program, which started in the 1989-1990 school year. There are four active D.A.R.E. Officers in the Geneva Police Department. They teach the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades at West St. and North St. Schools, as well as St. Stephen's School.

During the 2013-2014 school years, the Geneva D.A.R.E. Officers taught approximately 160 students in the Geneva City School District, ranging in age from 5 to 14. The Geneva D.A.R.E. program is a partnership between the school district and the police department to teach safety and assist students with making healthy choices throughout their lives.

The D.A.R.E. curriculum is a classroom presentation to elementary students by a law enforcement officer 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. 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.



DARE Concert & Graduation



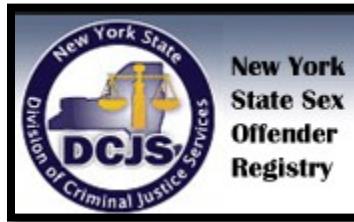
## SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT 2013

Currently there are six officers, an administrative aid and one sergeant assigned to the management of sex offenders residing within the city. Responsibilities of the officers include monthly residence checking 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 ninety 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 complaints received from the public regarding a sex offender. Currently there are thirty-five NYS registered sex offenders residing within the City of Geneva. This is a 45% increase from 2012. NYS sex offender registry divides sex offenders into three levels with level 3 being assigned to individuals who pose a high risk to repeat their behavior and level 1 being the lowest level assigned. Currently there are five level 3, thirteen level 2 and sixteen level 1 sex offenders residing within the City of Geneva. Six investigations were conducted regarding Sex Offenders who fail to notify their change of address. The investigations resulted in two Arrests.

The Sex Offender Registration Act ([Correction Law Article 6-C](#)) , known as SORA, established a Sex Offender Registry within the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. SORA was enacted to assist local law enforcement agencies and to protect communities by: 1) requiring sex offenders to register with the State; and, 2) providing information to the public about certain sex offenders living in their communities. SORA took effect on January 21, 1996.

SORA requires the registration of individuals convicted in New York State of certain sex offenses as well as the registration of those individuals convicted in another jurisdiction if the offense is equivalent to a New York addition, if the individual is registration in the is convicted of one or more the individual will be Individuals convicted of or after the effective date Division. Additionally, any offense who was incarcerated or under parole or probation supervision on January 21, 1996 is required to be registered.



State registerable sex offense. In convicted of a felony requiring conviction jurisdiction or the individual specific federal or military offenses, required to register in New York State. one or more registerable offenses on of SORA must register with the person convicted of a registerable

Due to litigation in federal court, certain level 2 and level 3 offenders are not in the *Subdirectory* at this time. Once these offenders have had an opportunity for a due process hearing to determine the risk level, and if their risk level is determined to be level 2 or level 3, they will be included in the *Subdirectory*.



# POLICE OFFICER

A Police Officer is many things. They are a Son/Daughter, a Brother/Sister, a Father/Mother, an Uncle/Aunt, and sometimes, even a Grandfather/Grandmother. They are a protector in time of need and a comforter in time of sorrow. Their job calls for them to be a diplomat, a psychologist, a lawyer, a friend, and an inspiration. They suffer from an overdose of publicity and brutality and dishonesty. They suffer far more from the notoriety produced by unfounded charges. Too often acts of heroism go unnoticed and the truth is buried under all the criticism. The fact is that less than one half of one percent of Police Officers ever discredits their uniform.

A Police Officer is an ordinary person who is called upon for extraordinary bravery -- for us! Their job may sometimes seem routine but the interruptions can be moments of stark terror. They are the people who face a half-crazed gunman, who rescue a lost child, who challenge a mob, and who risk their necks more often than we realize. They deserve our respect and profound thanks.

A Police Officer stands between the law-abider and the law-breaker. Try to imagine what might happen if there were no more Police Officers around, and then try to think of ways to make their job more rewarding. Show them the respect you really have; offer them a smile and a kind word; see that they don't have to be magicians to raise their families on less than adequate salaries.

We think Police Officers are great. We thank God for all of the little boys/girls who said that they would be a Police Officer and who kept their promise. We hope you'll feel the same way and we hope you'll show it -- so there will always be enough good Police Officers to go around.

Today they might give you a speeding ticket. Tomorrow it might be their lives. Their job is to protect you from others and others from you. They know it. That's why they can be a Police Officer.

***So when you need help, call a friend, call a Police Officer.***



# LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

**AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER,** my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception; the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I WILL keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of and deed in both my personal exemplary in obeying the laws regulations of my department confidential nature or that is official capacity will be kept revelation is necessary in the others. Honest in thought and official life. I will be of the land and the Whatever I see or hear of a confided to me in my ever secret, unless performance of my duty.



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I **WILL** never act officially or  
prejudices, animosities or friend  
for crime and with relentless  
courteously and appropriately  
unnecessary force or violence and

permit personal feelings, decisions. With no compromise, I will enforce the law,ice or ill will, never employing  
es.

*I RECOGNIZE the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession, law enforcement.*

