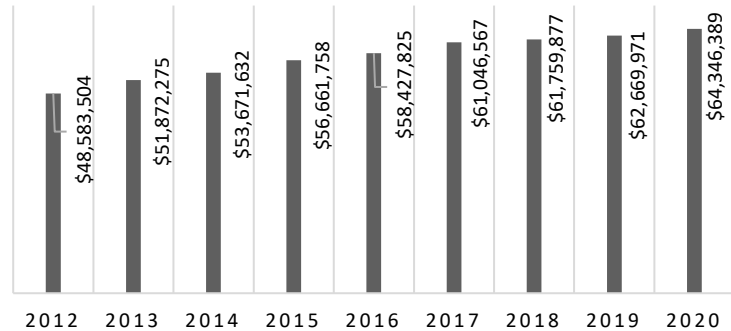


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SHERIFF - COUNTY SHARE



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Office of the Albany County Sheriff is to ensure public safety for visitors and residents of Albany County, as well as the conservator of the peace and enforcement officer of the courts.

The mission of the Correctional Facility is to ensure the safety of Albany County residents by the care and supervision of those arrested individuals remanded to the custody of the County Sheriff and provides evidenced based programming to restore lives and reduce recidivism.

The mission of the Enhanced 911 (Emergency Telephone) Program is to implement and maintain an easy-to-use countywide telephone system for all households and businesses. The E-911 system eliminates potential delays and confusion when summoning emergency assistance by providing seamless countywide communication among all police, fire and emergency medical services.

The mission of the STOP-DWI Program is to reduce alcohol and drug-related traffic injuries and fatalities by targeting underage alcohol and drug use through enforcement, prosecution, public information and education, victim services and rehabilitation support efforts.

ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Civil Enforcement Unit executes the service and enforcement of court processes by executing criminal and civil warrants and enforcing and collecting upon civil judgments.

The **Court Security and Transport Unit** provides security services to the local Unified Court System and transports adult prisoners to state correctional facilities as well as certain juvenile offenders to detention facilities. Sworn law enforcement personnel enforce judicial decorum as well as any criminal laws within the courtrooms, provide protection for judges, jurors and all court participants, transport prisoners and respond to and handle all emergencies that arise during court proceedings. Security services and court attendants are reimbursed by the State Office of Court Administration.

The **Airport Substation** provides security services at the Albany International Airport.

The **Patrol Station** provides patrol coverage of Albany County roadways. It additionally provides law enforcement coverage and conducts criminal investigations in those areas of the county lacking other police service and maintains seasonal snowmobile and waterway patrol service.

The **Community Relations Unit** acts as a liaison with local town, village and city governments to create a better working relationship and understanding of the needs in the community.

The **Emergency Medical Services Unit** provides Advanced Life Support and supplemental ambulance service in the southern and western portions of the county.

The **Critical Incident Management Unit** provides on-scene coordination involving natural and man-made disasters that involve multi-agency, multi-disciplinary responses.

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The **Natural Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management Services Unit** provide planning and coordinating of services to county agencies and local governments in the county to ensure continuity of local government in the event of a disaster.

The **Office of the Fire Coordinator** administers county programs for fire training and mutual aid.

The **Albany County Correctional Facility** operates under the direction of the county sheriff to provide a secure environment for incarcerated inmates. The programs established at the Facility fulfill the basic living needs of inmates such as meals, clothing, laundry, medical care and daily exercise. In order to maintain good order at the facility, inmates are properly housed according to age, gender, criminal and psychological history, special medical needs and personal behavior while in custody.

To encourage positive change in behavior and lifestyle, the facility offers several programs to raise inmate education and skill levels so, they can secure and maintain employment upon re-entering the community. The Work Incentive Program allows inmates to learn job skills within the Correctional Facility. The Work Alternative Program gives them valuable work experience in the community, while providing services to local governments and non-profit organizations. The Correctional Facility also provides counseling programs to reduce instances of domestic violence. Additionally the Sheriff's Heroin Addiction Recovery Program (SHARP) is a dedicated treatment housing unit where inmates are given the tools necessary to lead a healthy clean lifestyle upon release to the community.

Unused cell space is rented to other governments that have overcrowded facilities or inmates with special needs, which partially offsets the cost of the facility to the county. The Albany County Correctional Facility houses a required local population and also a boarder population of individuals who are not arrested in the county.

The **Albany County E-911 Telephone Program** maintains an emergency telephone system for all households and businesses in the county. This system eliminates delays and confusion when summoning emergency aid and provides seamless countywide communication among fire, police and emergency medical services (EMS). This program maintains a standardized addressing system and coordinates training for all County emergency telecommunications employees and dispatchers. In addition, the E-911 Program maintains Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) for those communities that do not operate their own PSAP, thus doing away with duplicate facilities and personnel. This results in a more economical use of existing services. A PSAP committee is established to maintain minimum standards for physical plant, equipment, staffing and training of personnel. These standards are utilized as a basis for establishing uniform agreements for operation of PSAPs and for implementing agreements for the countywide purchase of equipment.

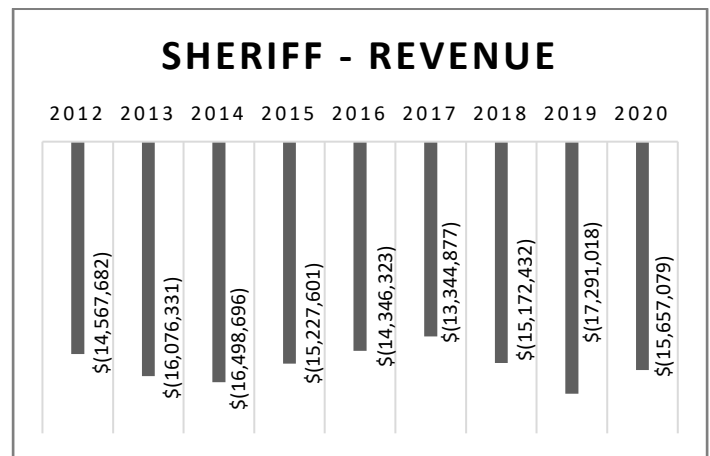
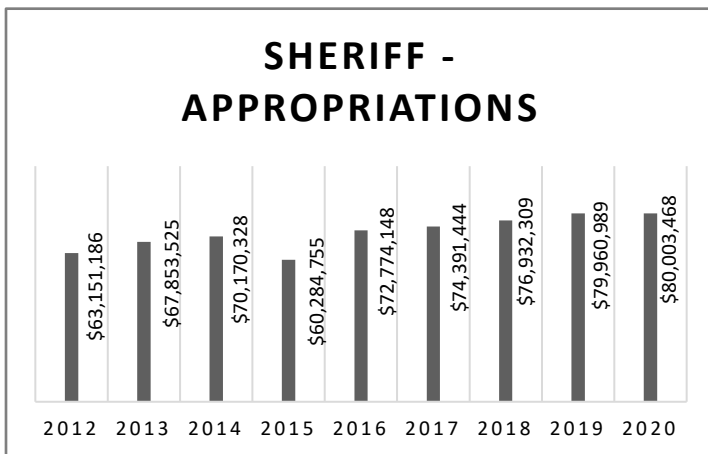
The **Albany County STOP-DWI Program** is responsible for administering various "Special Traffic Options Programs" in order to address the dangers of drunk and drugged driving, traffic safety and underage drinking. The STOP-DWI Program is fully funded from the fines collected by New York State from persons convicted of alcohol and substance abuse-related driving offenses.

2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- The Albany County E-911 Communications Center completed the final stages of the countywide interoperable communications system upgrade. By implementing this state of the art technology, the entire county is now fully interoperable. Additionally, the Communications Center has procured new computer aided dispatch technology with an upgraded records management system that will enhance emergency services throughout the county.
- The Albany County Sheriff's Office became one of the first in the country to launch their own drone program. The Sheriff's office purchased two drones that are capable of taking professional quality photos and video. The drones have been utilized for search and rescue operations, natural disasters and hazmat situations, vehicle crash investigations as well as other emergencies. The sheriff's office is currently working with NYS DHSES and The National Center for Security & Preparedness to develop and deliver a series of UAS training sessions for New York's first responder community. During 2019 the sheriff's Office added two additional drones and pilots bringing our current fleet of drones to four with Five certified FAA part 107 pilots which have assisted with 31 calls for service.

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- A comprehensive plan to strengthen school safety and security was fully implemented during the 2018 – 2019 School Year. The purpose of this project was to provide a safe and secure environment for faculty, teachers and students. This initiative included providing emergency communication equipment to schools and buses which would allow faculty to communicate directly with the Sheriff's 911 Center during an emergency and was funded through asset seizure funds at no cost to county taxpayers. Additionally, school resource officers were implemented in Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, and Voorheesville school districts. The SRO's primary duty is to protect the school's environment and to maintain an atmosphere where students, teachers and staff feel safe. SROs are specially trained and receive regular professional development regarding school systems, student populations and developing relationships with school administrators, teachers and students we want them to be a member of the school community.
- The Sheriff's Emergency Mass Notification System was used numerous times last year. This system is used by many agencies within the County of Albany such as the Department of Health and Office of Mental Health. It is also used by many fire departments and police departments and specialized units such as Search and Rescue, and Dive Teams. The Mass Notification System can also be utilized to contact the public immediately public during emergencies. The Albany County Sheriff's Office also participates in the Federal IPAWS Program which in the case of a large disaster allows us to send our notices out over public media (television / radio).
- The Project Lifesaver Program continues to be a very successful program providing support to people living with Alzheimer's. We currently serve in excess of 100 individuals at risk of wandering offering families the comfort of knowing we are able to locate their loved one in the event they become lost.
- The STOP-DWI Program continues to provide funding towards an additional position which has been utilized to serve an at risk female population at the Correctional Facility. Working together with a trained CASAC, we are able to provide educational opportunities and participants learn about the consequences of poor choices involving alcohol and substance use and abuse. The program has been well received by this once underserved population.
- The Albany County Sheriff's Office continues to collaborate with the Greater Capital Region Autism Society and introduced various positive and proactive initiatives to raise public awareness. As part of this initiative, sheriff's personnel receive training on what to expect when interacting with someone with autism - A patrol vehicle was also marked with Autism Awareness symbols and was utilized to promote acceptance of the Autism community.



2020 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- A large scale renovation and modification project has begun at the Clarksville Public Safety Building. This project will include modifications and upgrades to the interior of the facility to maximize space and upgrade technology and would allow for the erection of a large building to allow for storage of numerous specialized vehicles and equipment.
- A large scale relocation, renovation and modification project is planned to begin involving the E-911 Communications Center and Emergency Management Office. This project would allow for the relocation of existing equipment within the Albany County Nursing Home Shaker Wing with addition and will afford the sheriff's office the ability to provide additional and enhanced services and allow for future growth and consolidation efforts.

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- The Office of Emergency Management will continue updating the county-wide evacuation plan which will include a consolidation of the existing local municipal plans and is preparing to become the first County Emergency Management Office in New York State to be accredited by NYSDHSES and NYSEMA.
- We continue working towards an option for a training facility and shooting range for law enforcement personnel in the form of a ballistic mobile trailer which can be transported to various locations to decrease travel time during training.
- The Sheriff's Office will be working with the New York State Commission of Corrections and other community partners to utilize space at the correctional facility to provide housing and services for homeless individuals in Albany County. This project would call for the declassification of a 100 bed housing unit known as the C-Building and would provide individual housing units to assist this at risk and underserved population.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2020 Executive budget for the Office of the Sheriff does not include any substantive programmatic changes.