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ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Community

*It is the mission of the
Syracuse Police*

Understanding

*Department to prevent
crime, enforce the laws,
and **understand** the
needs of the*

Service

***community**, while
providing professional
service with **ethical***

Ethical Treatment

***treatment** for everyone.*

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Letter to the Mayor

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

Ben Walsh, Mayor

June 25, 2020

Honorable Ben Walsh
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Washington Street
Syracuse, New York 13202

Dear Mayor Walsh:

I respectfully submit to you the Syracuse Police Department's 2019 Annual Report.

The information and statistics captured in this report are indicative of the outstanding dedication and performance of the employees of the Syracuse Police Department.

You can be assured that the members of this Police Department will continue to work diligently to ensure a safe and secure city for the residents of Syracuse.

Sincerely,

Kenton T. Buckner
Chief of Police

Evaluation of 2019 Goals and Objectives

Initiate and complete the process of hiring a class of police Candidates that are more reflective of the City demographics and diversity.

The SPD was successful in hiring two classes (Class #20 & Class #21) of officers in 2019, for a total of 70 new recruits. One class graduated in 2019 and the next will graduate in 2020.

As we work to attract and hire a more diverse workforce, it becomes clearer that we need to assist and support interested candidates before they get to the Civil Service Exam. One way to do this is by continuing to offer study groups for the exam, another is to keep in steady communication so everyone knows we are interested in their success.

It is also clear that we need to gain potential recruit's attention in high school, or even earlier. To that end, we will work toward a Junior Cadet Program.

Class Number (Class Size)	Class 20 (35)		Class 21 (35)	
	Count	Perc	Count	Perc
African American	5	14%	4	11%
Hispanics	0	0%	2	6%
Asian	1	3%	1	3%
Native American	0	0%	1	3%
Caucasian	29	83%	27	77%
Total Racial & Ethnic Minorities	6	17%	8	23%
Females	8	23%	8	23%
Males	27	77%	27	77%
City Residents	6	17%	8	23%

Continue the top to bottom assessment of the Police Department in pursuit of industry best practices and the 21st Century Policing Model.

The Six Pillars of the 21st Century Policing are:

1. Building Trust and Legitimacy.
2. Policy and Oversight.
3. Technology and Social Media.
4. Community Policing and Crime Reduction.
5. Officer Training and Education.
6. Officer Safety and Wellness.

Every decision that we make for the SPD now revolve around how to best serve the community, keep officers safe and support the tenants of these six pillars. Change can be frightening and painful for some, but working with these pillars gives everyone inside the SPD a clear direction and focus.

Facilitate the expansion of the Onondaga County Crime Analysis Center to a Real-Time Crime Center.

The Syracuse Police Department is working with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and several partner agencies to transition the Onondaga County Crime Analysis Center (OCAC) to a real-time Crime Center. The transition will expand upon OCAC's current capabilities by adding new state-of-the-art technology that will provide analysts and Field Intelligence Officers with visual data and investigative support, and otherwise assist them with the analysis of information in real-time. This new technology and OCAC's improved capabilities will provide state, local, and federal law enforcement with more timely intelligence that will result in, among other things, a more efficient investigative process, and swifter apprehension and successful prosecution of offenders.

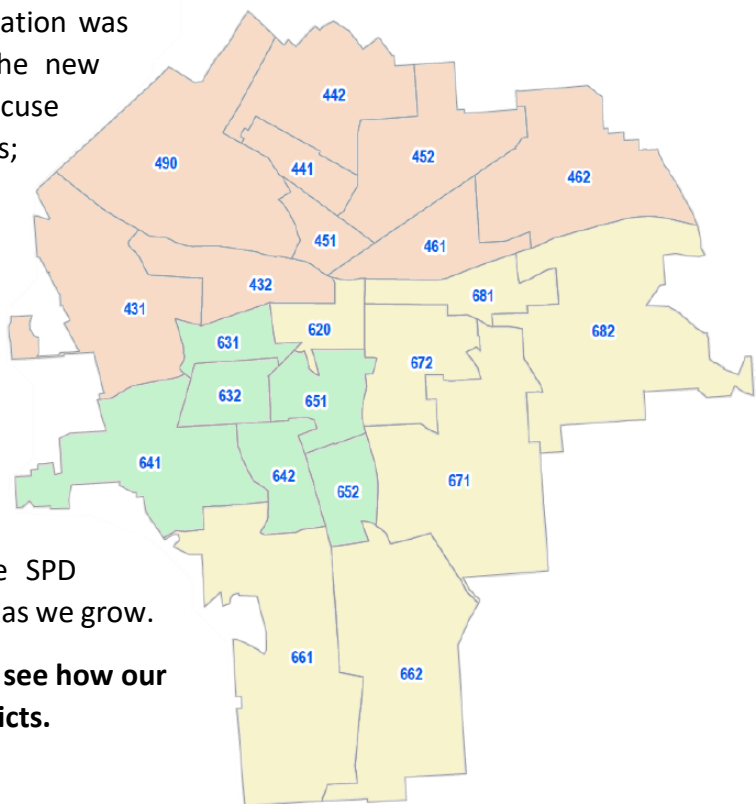
Construction of the new real-time crime center began in 2019. This new larger crime center will allow us to grow in staffing and capabilities as we work towards becoming a true real-time crime center. Originally, construction was scheduled to finish in the middle of 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic the project has stalled. Once active again, we anticipate only needing a couple of months to complete construction.

Begin the re-organization of the entire Police Department to include:

- *Re-drawing of the geographic boundaries into new territorial districts;*
- *Re-aligning police services into the Investigations, Uniform, and Support Services Bureaus;*
- *Staff this re-organization by data-driven requirements over time frames.*

We are proud to say that this reorganization was one of the first accomplishments of the new police administration. The City of Syracuse was drawn into three Patrol Districts; North, Southeast and Southwest. Each District has a Captain as well as an Administrative Lieutenant who is responsible for overseeing the officers that patrol each area. The Captains and Lieutenants are also responsible for building relationships and developing community partners within their Districts. This is a basic principle of Community Policing, and one that the SPD believes leads to great success in policing as we grow.

As you read this Annual Report, you will see how our three service Bureaus facilitate the Districts.



Annual Report Highlight

Introduced in December of 2018 as the first Chief of Police to be selected from out of state, Chief Kenton T. Buckner has met the many challenges of this position head on. After a full year on the job, Chief Buckner believes the progress and trajectory of the department are encouraging.

In early 2019, Chief Buckner reorganized the Department's Patrol Districts into sections that are manageable to Command staff, namely the North District, the Southeast District and the Southwest District, each with its own Captain and Administrative Lieutenant. The operational division allows for SPD Commanders to build partnerships with neighborhood associations and community groups, and have a presence in the community in an effort to meet the people that live within each district.

Last year, Chief Buckner also met with several Community Groups – building relationships with key community leaders. These leaders have embraced the department's efforts to build partnerships, prevent crime and help solve the challenges in the community. These groups include the New York Civil Liberties Union, NAACP, La Liga of Syracuse, Jubilee Homes, OnPoint for College, as well as local Neighborhood Watch [NW] groups and branches of Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today [TNT].

Chief Buckner introduced a revised and highly publicized Use of Force Policy in his first six months. It was the first major policy change aimed at making the Department more reflective of 21st Century Policing. SPD is also happy to announce the development of the Interactions with Transgender Persons policy, which was created with the help of many organizations representing the LGBTQ community.

While continuing a top-to-bottom assessment of all levels of the Department, Chief Buckner has demonstrated that working with a positive attitude and treating all employees, sworn and non-sworn, with respect reaps benefits within the Department and the Community that SPD serves. After nearly a year and half, the professionalism and dedication of the people of SPD continues to impress Chief Buckner.

Chief Buckner continues to rebuild and strengthen the relationship between SPD Administration and the Police Benevolent Association (PBA). The relationship between the administration and the PBA is an important one, and one Chief Buckner believes is worth the time and effort it takes to strengthen. Chief believes that the groundwork has been set so that trust continues to grow and will solidify over time as his tenure grows.

Moving into 2020, Chief Buckner and SPD remain dedicated to the continuous improvement of the Department. By continuing efforts to diversify incoming recruit classes, providing essential trainings to existing personnel, and building and strengthening relationships with community partners – the Department will be able to continue meeting the evolving needs of our community.

2020 Goals and Objectives

Continue to build diversity at every level of the police department.

Improve citizen complaint processes within the Office of Professional Standards by recording interviews.

Develop an Early Warning System to identify and monitor officers exhibiting patterns of problematic behavior and that need additional training, and/or professional assistance.

Increase the use of E-Serve and Tele-Serve reporting programs.

Create Citizen Advisory Councils comprised of Community Leaders to meet regularly with Police Administration.

Transition the Animal Control Unit from the Parks Department into the structure and Command of the SPD.

Work toward improving the quality of community life within the city by building stronger connection through Neighborhood Watch Groups and Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today Groups.

Improve our efforts to investigate property crimes by improving and increasing the collaboration between the Criminal Investigations and Patrol Divisions.

Increase the department's clearance rate for Aggravated Assaults.

Maintain or attain certifications for the Police Department through New York State and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Continue to build out the department's Emergency Management infrastructure and capabilities.

Continue to improve all aspects of the department's recruitment and hiring processes

Offer more in-service opportunities and train more sworn and non-sworn employees, including at the Executive Level.

Create and build a Cadet and Mentor Program with partnership through Public Service Leadership Academy on the campus of George Fowler High School.

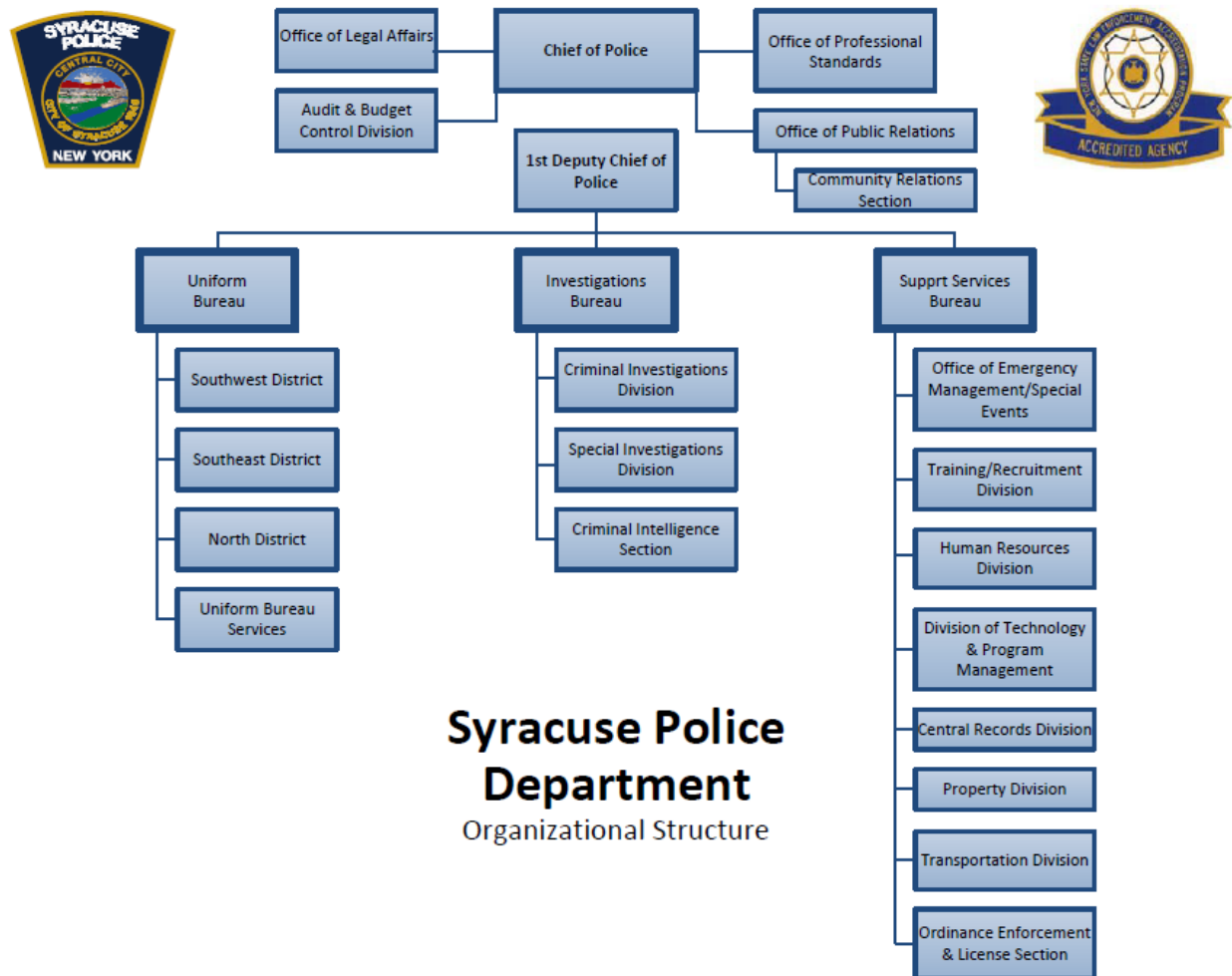
Continue Improving all aspects of the Human Resource Division.

Improve the processes of the Central Records Division.

Develop a Gang and Drug-enforcement / Major Case Unit within the department.

2019 Department Organizational Chart

The Department maintains an organizational chart that identifies the different components of the organization and establishes the chain of command and clear lines of authority. The four main components of the department are the Chief's Office, the Uniform Bureau, the Investigations Bureau, and the Support Services Bureau.



Report on the Office of the Chief of Police

Chief of Police, Kenton T. Buckner, is the Chief Executive Officer of the Syracuse Police Department and is the final authority in all matters of Department policy, operations, and discipline. The Chief of Police is accountable to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Syracuse.

The Office of the Chief of Police

- Ensures that the Department's mission is executed efficiently and effectively.
- Creates a vision of the desired future state of the Department.
- Develops strategic goals and objectives.
- Empowers and leads subordinates.
- Plans, organizes, directs, staffs, coordinates, and controls all Departmental functions.
- Reports to the Mayor and the Common Council.

Administrative Staff

Acts as a liaison between the Chief of Police, 1st Deputy Chief, and Bureau Chiefs. The staff handles internal and external communications directed to the Office of the Chief of Police and represents the Office of the Chief of Police in matters as directed.

Public Information Officer

Responsible for acting as a liaison between the Department and the media, coordinates all inquiries from the media, prepares news releases issued by the Department, and acts as a spokesperson when requested or directed.

The Audit and Budget Control Division

Responsible for preparing and managing the Department's budget, overseeing the maintaining records concerning the requisition of agency property and expenditures, administering employee status, payroll, and program information, conducting cost analyses, and maintaining overtime and records.

See Charts 1 and 2

Office of Legal Affairs

Responsible for assisting the Chief and his



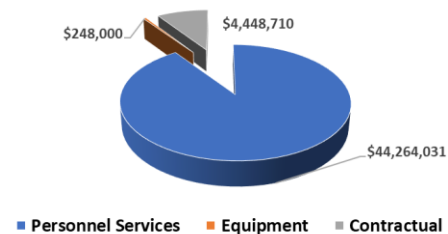
Kenton T. Buckner
Chief of Police
Appointed December 2018

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2019-2020 Department Budget

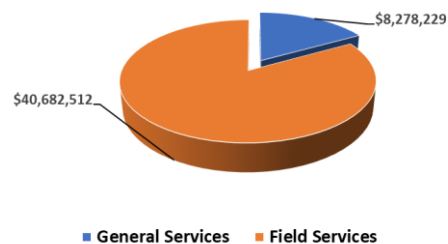
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Recommended Budget 2019-2020



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Recommended Budget 2019-2020



Command in developing and reviewing policies, practices, and training to ensure all are lawful as written and applied; assisting Department Chiefs, Commanders, Supervisors, and Members in the review, interpretation, application, and enforcement of local, state, and federal laws; assisting the Department in its participation in judicial, administrative, and legislative processes, and acting as liaison to the City of Syracuse Office of Corporation Counsel, as well as various local, state, and federal boards, offices, and agencies, regarding Department legal matters. Each year the Office analyzes the Department's vehicle pursuits. During 2019, 38 pursuits were analyzed.

See Charts 3 – 6

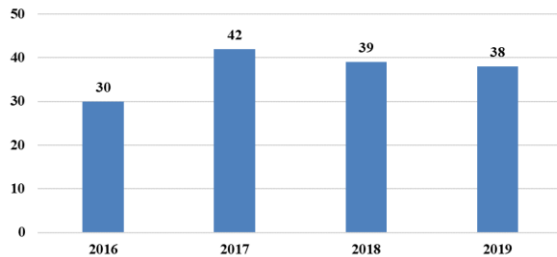
Report on the Uniform Bureau Operations



Joseph L. Cecile
First Deputy
Chief of Police

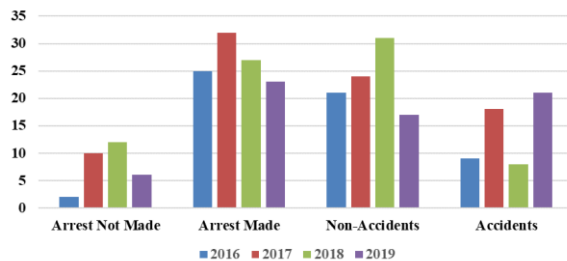
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Total Number of Vehicle Pursuits



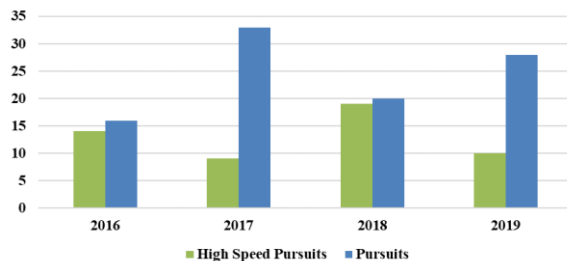
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Pursuit Arrest & Accident Data



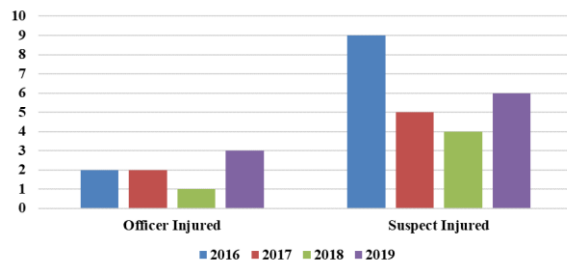
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Pursuits vs. High Speed Pursuits



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Pursuit Injury Data



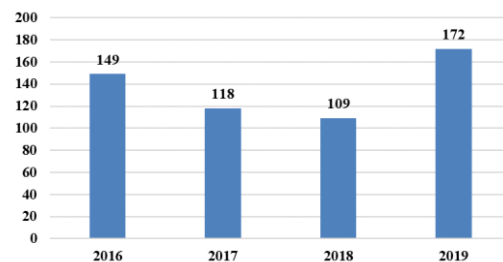
The Office of Professional Standards

Facilitates the process of receiving internal and external complaints alleging employee misconduct, investigates complaints against members of the Department, maintains complaint documentation, prepares charges (criminal, civil, and Departmental) when appropriate, and assists in the representation of the Department in arbitration.

See Charts 7 & 8

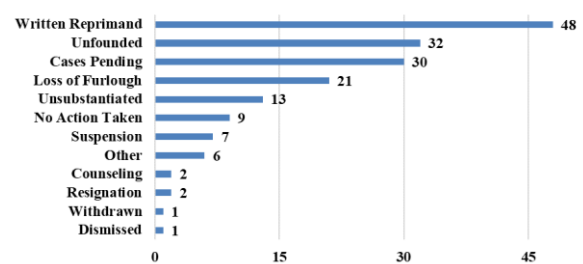
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Office of Professional Standards Cases Investigated



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Office of Professional Standards Case Dispositions 2019



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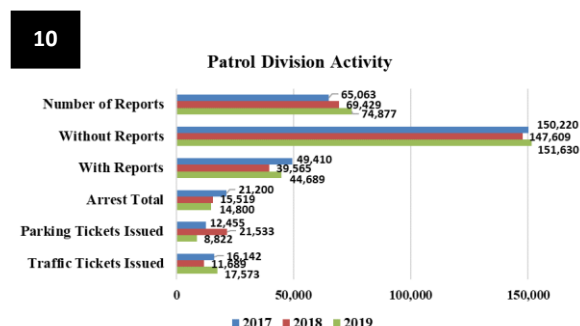
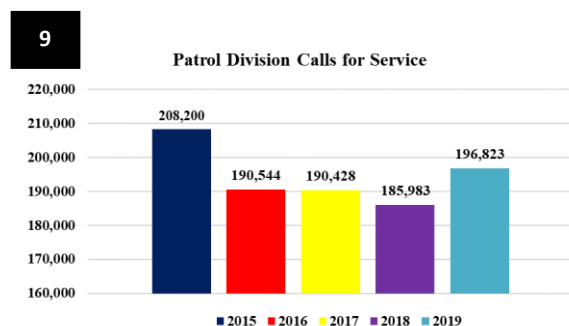
The Uniform Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief of Police, Richard H. Trudell, who is responsible for providing direct police services to the public. These services include street patrol, traffic control & enforcement, responding to calls for service and emergencies, and community-oriented policing operations. The Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions, Sections, and Teams:

The Patrol Division

- Responds to calls for police services.
- Conducts thorough preliminary investigations of all offenses.
- Conducts follow-up investigations in cases where responsibility is not yielded to another Division or Section.
- Apprehends offenders and recovers stolen property.
- Enforces laws and regulations.
- Conducts crime prevention and suppression activities.
- Maintains close liaison with the community and fosters positive police community relations.

See Charts 9 & 10

Calls for Service: 196,823



Richard H. Trudell
Deputy Chief of Police
Uniform Bureau

The Patrol Division is the largest component of the Uniform Bureau. It consists of the "A", "B", and "C" Watches.

The "A" Watch's hours of duty are 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM, with roll calls at 10:00 PM and 11:00 PM daily.

A Watch Activity - 2019	
Felony Arrests	616
Misdemeanor Arrests	2,138
Violation Arrests	1,310
Appearance Tickets	628
Warrant Arrests	869
Traffic Tickets Issued	5,561
Parking Tickets Issued	4,088
Arrest Total	6,949
Calls for Service*	59,355
With Reports	13,986
Without Reports	45,369
Number of Reports	22,037

The "B" Watch's hours of duty are 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with roll calls at 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM daily.

B Watch Activity - 2019	
Felony Arrests	733
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,258
Violation Arrests	670
Appearance Tickets	435
Warrant Arrests	515
Traffic Tickets Issued	3,611
Parking Tickets Issued	1,030
Arrest Total	3,467
Calls for Service*	54,265
With Reports	12,051
Without Reports	41,794
Number of Reports	20,588

Report on the Uniform Bureau Operations

The “C” Watch’s hours of duty are 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM, with roll calls at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM daily.

C Watch Activity - 2019	
Felony Arrests	1,081
Misdemeanor Arrests	3,409
Violation Arrests	1,798
Appearance Tickets	990
Warrant Arrests	1,123
Traffic Tickets Issued	8,401
Parking Tickets Issued	3,704
Arrest Total	4,384
Calls for Service*	83,203
With Reports	18,652
Without Reports	64,467
Number of Reports	32,252

* It is possible for more than one unit to respond to a call for service. For example, a patrol vehicle and a K9 unit may respond to the same call for service.

The following chart depicts the average annual workload per officer assigned to the A, B, & C Watches for the categories listed:

Watch	A	B	C
Felony Arrests	12	14	18
Misdemeanor Arrests	42	23	58
Violation Arrests	26	12	31
Appearance Tickets	12	8	17
Warrant Arrests	17	1,019	19
Traffic Tickets Issued	80	64	63
Parking Tickets Issued	136	19	72
Calls for Service	1,164	1,004	1,410
With Reports	274	223	316
Without Reports	889	774	1,093
Number of Reports	432	381	547

The Patrol Services Division

- Serves as the administrative arm of the Uniform Bureau Deputy Chief.
- Disseminates directives and information.
- Obtains equipment necessary for operations.
- Analyzes statistical data of patrol activity systems and processes.

- Monitors levels of efficiency and effectiveness.
- Oversee operations of the Airport Section, K-9 Section, SIRP Section and Traffic Section.

Airport Section

- Provides police services and security at the Syracuse Hancock International Airport.
- Ensures compliance with, and the enforcement of, Federal Aviation Regulations and standards, and local, state, and federal laws.

Airport Section Activity - 2019	
Felony Arrests	5
Misdemeanor Arrests	16
Violation Arrests	9
V&T Stops	355
UTT's	79
Parking Tickets	494
SIDA Checks	11,736
In Flight Emergencies	24

K-9 Section

Comprised of seven canine teams. Each team receives special training in building searches, area searches, tracking, obedience, and either narcotics or explosive devices.

K-9 Section Activity - 2019	
Calls for Service	3,025
Felony Arrests	66
Misdemeanors	116
Violation Arrests	78
Building Searches	164
Explosive Searches	80
K-9 Tracking	36
Open Area Searches	76
Building Perimeter Checks	578
Apprehensions	31
UTT's	216
Ofc. Protection	75
Drug Searches	66

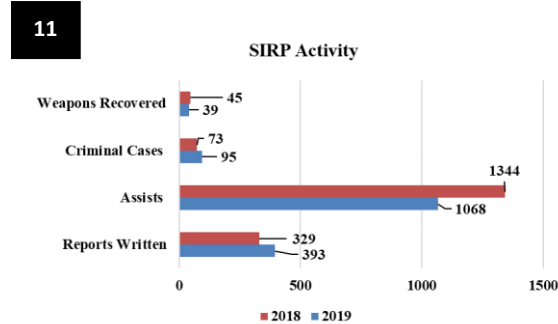
SIRP Section

The School Information Resource Section is a group of detectives permanently assigned to the City of Syracuse School District. Detectives

Report on the Uniform Bureau Operations

are responsible for all police matters within the school, and interacting with students and teachers and to provide advice when requested. They make class presentations on a variety of subjects, conduct physical plant security checks, and work with various school groups and clubs.

See Chart 11



Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E)

Responsible for administering and conducting Project D.A.R.E. lesson plans in the City of Syracuse School District, making presentations to various community and business groups, administering the Mini-Police Academy for Youth, and Officer Friendly programs (Stranger Danger, Good-Touch/Bad-Touch). The Section plans Drug Abuse Resistance Education Programs and implements programs designed to prevent delinquency in matters such as substance abuse and victimization.

D.A.R.E. Section Activity	2018	2019
Students Educated	915	1,115
Number of Classes Taught	100	440

Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.)

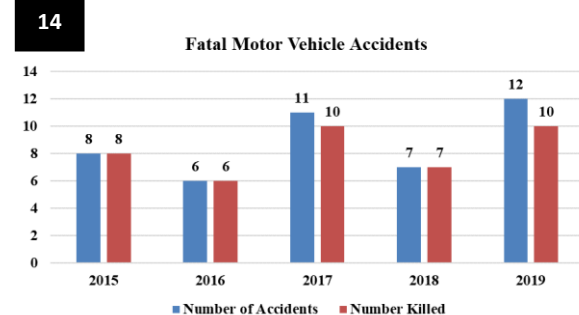
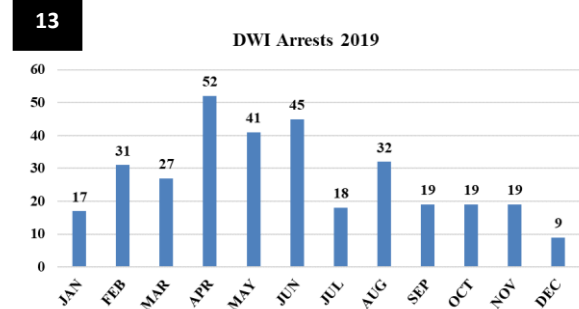
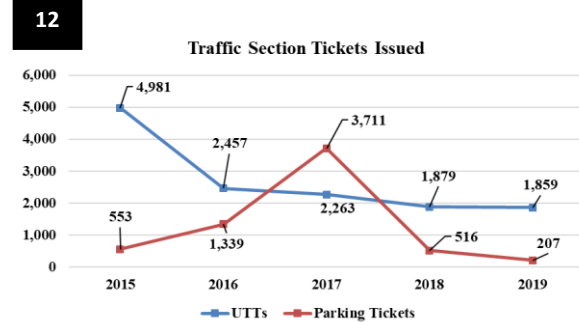
Officers assigned to D.A.R.E teach the G.R.E.A.T curriculum. This federally funded program gives students facts about gang involvement. During 13 weeks of instruction, the program teaches skills needed to peacefully resolve conflicts and overcome the stresses that may lead to gang involvement.

G.R.E.A.T Activity	2018	2019
Students Educated	5,090	1,484
Number of Classes Taught	324	404

Traffic Section

A pro-active traffic enforcement component of the Department and is responsible for enforcing NYS laws and City of Syracuse ordinances governing vehicles and traffic.

See Charts 12 - 14



Report on the Investigations Bureau Operations

The Investigations Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief of Police, Derek P. McGork, who is responsible for overseeing the investigations of crimes committed against persons, property, and serious or unusual incidents after the initial response and investigation by the Patrol Division. The Investigations Bureau also investigates narcotic and vice activity. This Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions, Sections, and Units:

The Criminal Investigations Division

- Conducts follow-up felony investigations initiated by the Patrol Division.
- Assists in primary investigations when requested.
- Clears crimes through arrest and recovery of stolen property, executes search and arrest warrants, and apprehends fugitives.
- Acts as a liaison with representatives from federal, state, and other municipal agencies, and exchanges information on known criminals and criminal activity.
- Coordinates information with prosecuting agencies during investigations for upcoming court cases.

See Charts 15 & 16

Case Investigation Section

Conducts criminal investigations, primarily of felony crimes against persons such as homicide, rape, robbery, assault, and unattended deaths. The Section also investigates criminal acts involving the loss of, or damage to, property such as burglary, arson, and larceny.

Homicide Section

Component of the Criminal Investigations Division with dedicated personnel charged with investigating homicides and suspicious deaths that have occurred within the last 5 years.

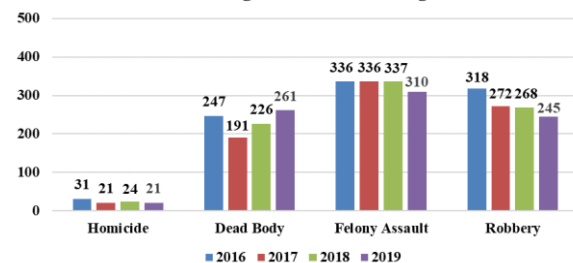
Homicide Section	2018	2019
Homicide Investigations	24	21
Closed by Arrest	20	18



Derek P. McGork
Deputy Chief of Police
Investigations Bureau

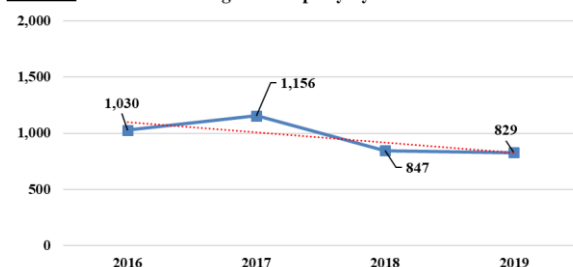
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CID Crimes Against Persons Investigations



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Burglaries Report by Year



Cold Case Section

Investigates unsolved homicides or prolonged missing person investigations. Detectives maintain the Cold Case Webpage on the Department's website, www.syracusepolice.org that includes case history/photos to reach a wider audience and help cultivate case tips.

Cold Cases	2018	2019
Current Cold Cases	81	82
Homicide	71	71
Closed by Arrest	0	0
Missing Persons	8	9
Suspicious Death	1	1
Fatal Fire	1	1

Computer Forensic Unit

Responsible for processing and analyzing digital evidence from a variety of sources such as

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mobile devices, phones, GPS systems, tablets, memory cards, USB drives, gaming systems, cameras, computers, networks, and assisting Federal, State, and other municipal agencies when possible and requested. The Unit also assists in investigations involving computers and electronic crimes and responds to scenes to assist in search warrants involving electronic evidence and in the recovery of all electronic evidence and assure that the proper chain of custody is maintained on electronic evidence.

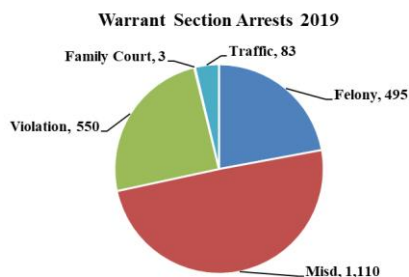
Computer Forensic Unit	2019
Devices Analyzed	450
Cases Investigated	110

Warrant Section

Responsible for the execution of outstanding misdemeanor and felony arrest warrants. The Section develops information on the whereabouts of suspects and coordinates investigations with other law enforcement agencies in order to apprehend fugitives.

See Chart 17

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Crime Scene Unit

Responsible for processing all major crime scenes and incidents for the purpose of the preservation and collection of evidence.

Computer Forensic Unit	2019
Homicides	21
Officer Involved Shootings	4
Suspicious Deaths/Incidents	1
Fatal Fires	3
Cell Phones Processed	16
Vehicles Processed	106
Crime Scene Sketches	29
ET Cases Photographed	5,733

Computer Forensic Unit	2019
ET Photographs	217,854
CSU Photographs	25,143

The Family Services Section

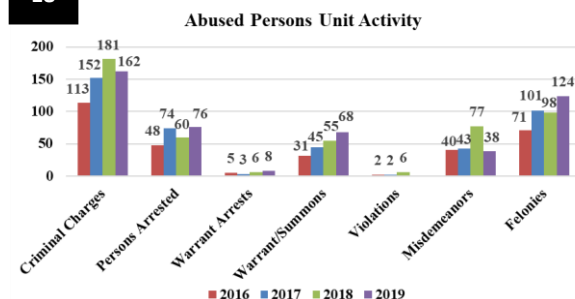
- Initiates and conducts follow-up investigations regarding youth and family related matters.
- Oversees the operations of the Youth Enforcement Unit, Missing Persons Unit, and Abused Persons Unit.

Abused Persons Unit (APU)

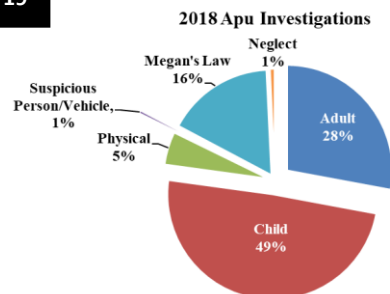
Responsible for investigating sex offenses, including child pornography, all felony physical child abuse and neglect incidents, and identifying and apprehending offenders. The Unit works closely with Onondaga Child Protective Services, The Rape Crisis Center, Department of Probation, and New York State Parole.

See Charts 18 & 19

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Sex Offenders	2019
Level 1	194
Level 2	277
Level 3	224
Pending Assignment	4
Total	699

Report on the Investigations Bureau Operations

Missing Persons Unit

Responsible for conducting investigations of missing persons.

See Chart 20



Youth Enforcement Unit

Primarily responsibility for investigations of crimes perpetrated by juveniles. The Unit is responsible for diverting offenders by making referrals to appropriate agencies, and acting as a liaison with other youth service providers and agencies concerned with the problems and needs of youth. The Unit maintains juvenile records and reports, and coordinates juvenile operations with other Divisions within the Department. Additionally, the Unit assists other Units with Family Court, Social Services referrals, and crime prevention activities.

Youth Enforcement Section Activity	2019
Cases Sealed by Court Order	141
Juvenile Arrests	484

Special Investigations Division

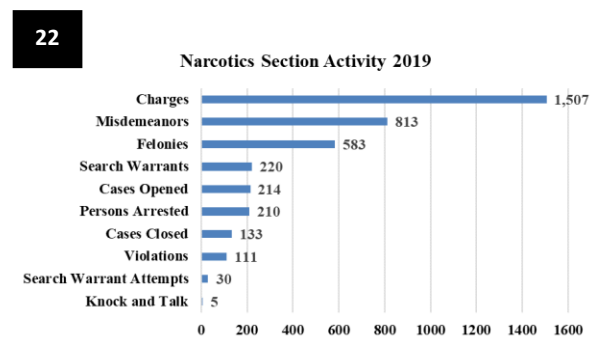
- Conducts investigations into organized crime, narcotics trafficking, and vice-related activity.
- Coordinates enforcement action and develops inter-agency cooperation, coordination, and communication relative to metropolitan-wide narcotics enforcement efforts.

Narcotics Section

Responsible for the suppression of narcotics trafficking, from street level to major criminal conspiracy activity. The Section maintains and develops intelligence files relative to narcotics distribution, develops informants, executes

search warrants, makes arrests, and initiates counteractive measures to combat illegal drug activity.

See Charts 21 & 22



Technical Operations Section

Responsible for the maintenance, operation, and deployment of electronic surveillance equipment. The Section provides technical support to various Department Units and tracks narcotics forfeiture cases. The Technical Operations Section identifies and tracks transient narcotics dealers and larger multi-jurisdictional narcotic organizations as well as groups operating in our area. Members act as a liaison with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The Section also provides protective escort operations for resident and visiting dignitaries.

Technical Operations	2019
Pole Camera Installation	50
GPS Tracking	4
Search Warrant Photo CD's	130

Forfeiture Operations	2019
State Currency & Vehicle Cases	133
Cash Amount	\$321,178

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Protective Escort Operations	2019
Advance Operations	3
Escort Details	5

Gang Violence Task Force (GVTF)

A multiagency Task Force that aggressively targets violent gangs and their members. The Task Force uses long-term investigations which are prepared and presented to the federal court system for prosecution. The continuing mission of GVTF is to partner with federal, state, and local authorities to combat gang crime in the City of Syracuse.

In 2019, the GVTF, in cooperation with local, county and state law enforcement agencies brought successful conclusion to a forged check cashing scheme investigation which culminated in the arrests of numerous members of an illicit enterprise that affected multiple jurisdictions.

From 2016 to 2019, local jurisdictions were being inundated with forged business checks being cashed at financial institutions and local businesses. The forged checks had real routing and account numbers, but were made out to individuals not associated with the business. The GVTF, Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, DeWitt Police Department and the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office collaborated and used various investigative methods to target and address higher ups in this enterprise. The goal of targeting the higher ups was to get to the root of this check cashing scheme. Search warrants were obtained and executed. The results of the warrants provided or led to evidence to further seal the fate of these perpetrators. At the conclusion of the investigation, justice was served on the check makers, recruiters, and other main facilitators of this illicit enterprise.

Empower Federal Credit Union suffered an approximate \$80,000 loss from June 2017 until the conclusion of the investigation, Tops Market a \$163,569 loss from January 2016 until May 2019, and Regina Check Cashing over a \$75,000 loss in the Fall of 2018 alone due to forged

college refund checks. Other institutions were also affected. There were (12) total defendants at the conclusion of the investigation. Eight individuals were charged with Enterprise Corruption and three with related charges. This is the first investigation of its kind with the end result being a prosecution of the Enterprise Corruption statute within Onondaga County.

In addition to the arrests made because of the investigation into the forged check cashing scheme, GVTF made an additional 279 arrests in 2019 including 14 arrests of 110 gang members under RICO.

Criminal Intelligence Section

Responsible for collecting, evaluating, analyzing, and disseminating intelligence related to criminal activity, illegal narcotics, gangs, serial crime events, and quality of life problems. The Section identifies crime trends by analyzing factors such as time, method of operation, and hot spot identification. The field intelligence officers gather more in-depth information through street interviews with officers, the public, debriefings of arrested individuals, and criminal informants. The Section provides services to all law enforcement agencies throughout Onondaga and adjacent counties by distributing work products and completing intelligence bulletins.

Bulletins Distributed	2019
Officer Safety	120
Wanted for Offense	261
General Police Info	2,765
Investigative Lead Reports	235
Total Bulletins	3,381

Crime Analysis Section	2019
Special Research Projects / Studies	4,048
Inmate Release Notices	577
Anonymous Tips Received	993

Truce Program

Truce is a focused deterrence program aimed at stopping gang and youth violence in Syracuse. Through the program, City police work with

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state and federal law enforcement agencies, community groups, and social services agencies in a collective effort to reduce violence. The following statistics (for the period January 2018 – December 2019) were provided by staff at the Salvation Army, which is responsible for coordinating the program.

Salvation Army Truce Stats	2018	2019
Individuals Identified	38	41
Individual Accepting Services	26	16

Between the start of 2018 and the end of 2019 - five individuals completed the program, 14 enrolled in educational programs (GED or other), and 13 gained employment as a result of services provided.

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The Administration Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief of Police, Richard F. Shoff, Jr., who is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the Department's operations and daily administrative functions. The Administration Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions, and Sections:

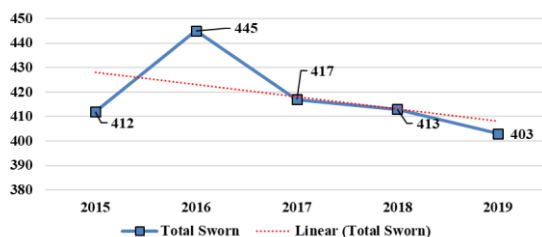
The Human Resources Division

- Responsible for selection of all Department employees.
- Establishes and maintains procedures that conform to federal and state regulations for hiring.
- Conducts comprehensive background investigations.
- Maintains human resources records.
- Maintains all documentation relating to appointments, transfers, retirements, terminations, secondary employment, and commendations.
- Maintains and validates employee records of attendance; furlough, military, and administers time accumulated and/or used by all employees.
- Prepares reports for the New York State Police and Firemen's Retirement System.
- Maintains the Department Roster and Personnel Status Reports.

See Charts 23 – 26

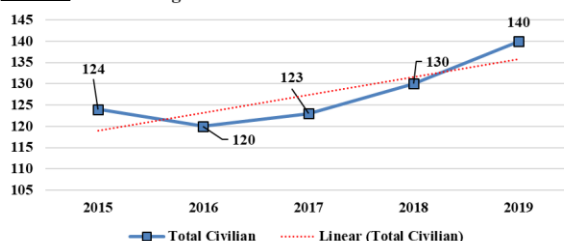
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Composition of Departmental Employees
Change in Sworn Workforce 2015-2019



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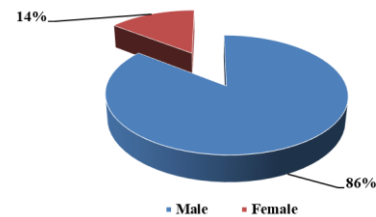
Composition of Departmental Employees
Change in Civilian Workforce 2015-2019



Richard F. Shoff Jr.
Deputy Chief of Police
Support Services Bureau

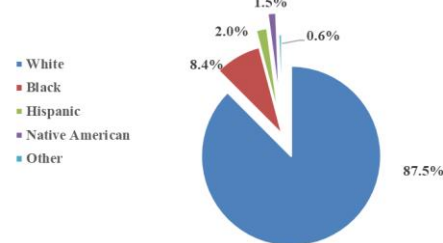
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Sworn Personnel by Gender 2019



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Sworn Personnel by Race & Ethnicity 2019



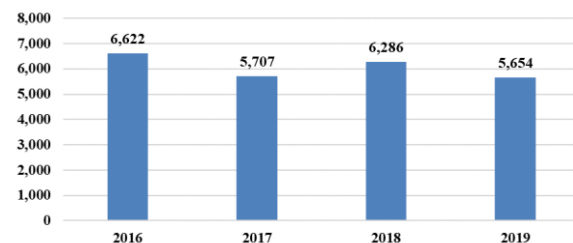
Medical Section

- Maintains and validates employee records of attendance; sick, injured, and monitors medical leave procedures.
- Maintains personnel records of employees who have been assigned to administrative leave.
- Prepares reports for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

See Chart 27

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Department Sick & Injury Days Used by
Sworn & Civilian Personnel



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Emergency Management Section

Facilitates the strategic application and management of information and resources in the deterrence, detection, prevention, and mitigation of the effects of natural, technological, and man-made hazards that can negatively impact the community; and strengthens the preparedness, timely response, and recovery from any disaster, critical incident, or other emergency.

Special Events Section

Plans and coordinates staffing and traffic control operations for numerous community events conducted in the City of Syracuse.

Special Events Activities	2019
Major Community Events	74
Carrier Dome Events	54
Dome Attendance	750,042
Officers Assigned	1,026
Parade Permits	32
Assembly Permits	136
Movie Production Permits	2

The Training and Education Division

- Coordinates and administers Department training programs.
- Coordinates and administers the Police Officer Basic Academy.
- Administers training to peace and police officers from outside agencies.
- Plans and develops Department training standards and programs.
- Monitors training methods and identifies training needs necessary for adherence to state/federal laws and Department policies.
- Prepares and distributes Training Bulletins.
- Administers in-service and field training officer programs, physical fitness evaluations, firearms training and qualifications, and Academy programs.
- Maintains records of training standards, programs, and lesson plans.

Training Division Activity	2019
Police Academy Classes	2
Total Officers Certified	91
Outside Agencies Attending	10
Community Service Officers	4

In-Service Training Sessions	2019
Total Officers Trained	403
Police Officers	272
Topics Instructed (Officers)	9
Supervisors	50
Topics Instructed (Supervisors)	3
Command Officers	26
Topics Instructed (Command)	6

Certified Course Instruction	2019
NYS BMP OPS	31
Refresher	0
Seminars	48
Specialized Training	80
Outside Agencies Attending	3

During 2019, a total of 322 officers were sent to outside training. Some officers attended multiple outside trainings. Additionally, the Syracuse Regional Academy graduated 42 police officers from seven different agencies.

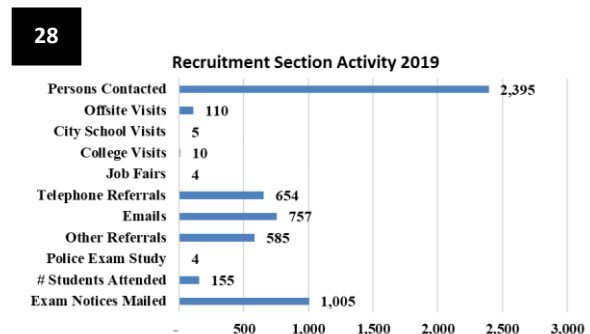
The Armament Section

- Coordinates Department firearms training.
- Maintains Department weapons, related inventory, and firearms proficiency records for all officers.

Recruitment Section

Responsible for recruiting the most qualified applicants available for actual and anticipated vacancies within the Department. Recruitment personnel strive to develop and maintain a racial and ethnic composition within the Department that mirrors the demographic composition of the City of Syracuse.

See Chart 28



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Division of Technology and Program Management

- Develops, prepares, publishes, and maintains records of all Department Rules and Regulations and orders, except the Human Resources Division's Personnel Orders and the Training Division's Training Bulletins.
- Conducts research and planning projects as directed by the Chief of Police.
- Responds to surveys from government and educational institutions.
- Prepares and publishes the Department's Annual Report.
- Develops, manages, and provides forms control services.
- Ensures Department compliance with NYS Accreditation Program Standards.
- Maintains and implements Department Information & Technology Systems and provides computer system support services.

2019 Highlights for the Division of Technology & Program Management:

COPS Camera Platform: Replaced and upgraded aging equipment around the Midland Ave corridor, Skunk City, and South and Tallman areas of the City. Eighty-four cameras were deployed around James Street, Townsend Street, Burnet Ave, South Ave, Tallman Ave, Bissell Street, Skunk City, and the Near Westside areas of the City.

Body Worn Cameras: Applied for and received funding from Federal and State grants that will allow SPD to fund the current BWC Program for five years. Additionally, sent two members of the Division to Phoenix, Arizona to become "Certified" in the Axon body cameras.

Technology: Continued to replace and update all Department owned technological equipment including, but not limited to, PCs and monitors both at the PSB and at the various satellite locations utilized by SPD personnel throughout the City. Additionally, we conducted a complete security assessment of the Department's computer infrastructure and have begun to take

corrective measures in areas needing improvement or require updated equipment.

Program Management: Began the process of re-writing and updating our Rules & Regulations and continued to be involved in researching a new Records Management system with other agencies throughout the County.

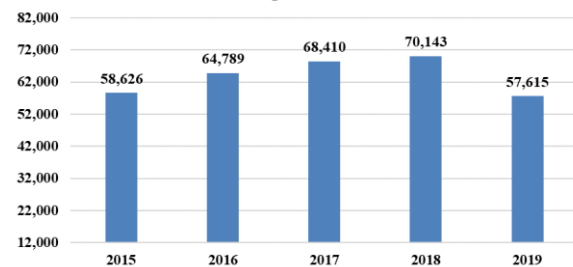
Central Records Division

- Processes, maintains, and distributes police records to include incident and follow-up reports, criminal process, and criminal history information.
- Processes freedom of information requests and oversees the Department's use of the e-JusticeNY- Integrated Portal.
- Maintains computer information, indexes, and records.
- Provides photocopying and mailing services.

See Charts 29 – 31

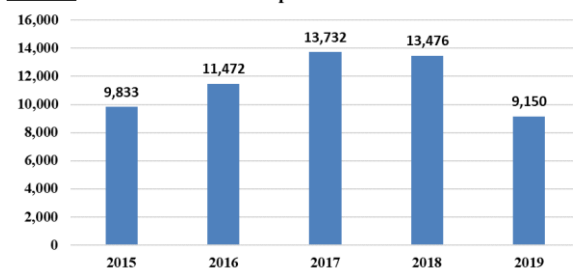
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Total Reports Processed



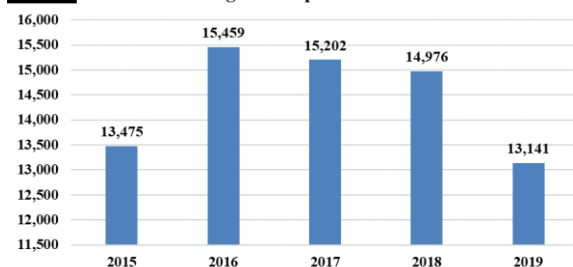
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Arrest Reports Processed



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Investigation Reports Processed



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Identification Section

Processes and maintains arrest records, photographs, fingerprints, and FBI updates on all individuals arrested by the Syracuse Police Department. The Section also seals defendant records as ordered by the court and supplies criminal history transcripts.

Data Management Section

Inputs Syracuse Police Department information into Central New York Law Enforcement Analysis Database System (CNYLEADS); and the County-Wide Criminal History Information Reporting System and generates Uniform Crime Reports and statistical requests as required.

Ordinance Enforcement & License Section

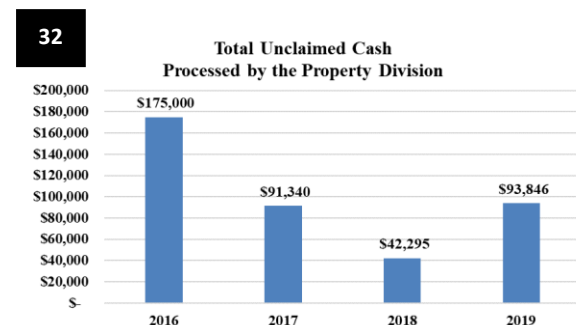
Inspects, enforces, and processes violations of City licenses and ordinances. Enforcement efforts are coordinated with Department Units, and other City Departments such as Animal Control, Codes, Zoning, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation to achieve compliance and eliminate physical decay in neighborhoods.

Ordinance Enforcement Activity	2019
Red Tags Issued	150
Red Tag Vehicle Tows	25
Salvage Certificates	60
Abandoned vehicle complaints	220

The Property Division

Responsible for the custody and disposal of physical evidence, found or recovered property, & property held for safekeeping. Additionally, maintains department inventory records, orders and stores supplies, and prints department forms.

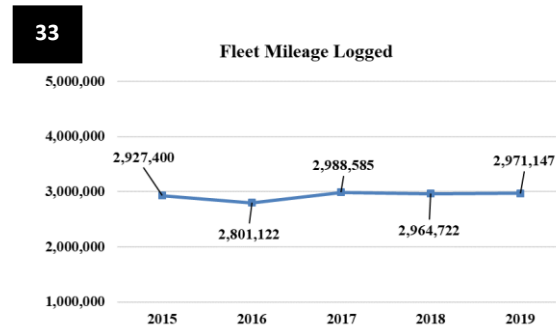
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The Transportation Division

- Maintains all Department vehicles and prepares vehicles for auction.
- Prepares specifications for the purchase of new vehicles.
- Completes vehicle repair work and maintenance on fleet vehicles.

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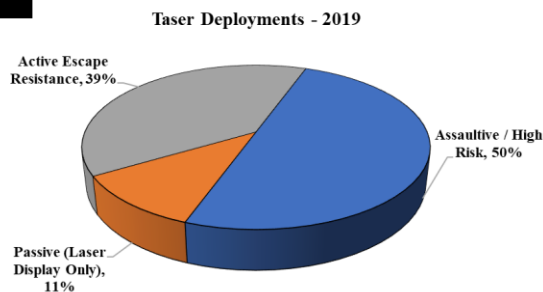
Transportation Division Activities	2019
Vehicles in Service	341
Vehicles Taken Out of Service	16
New Vehicles Purchased	36
Gasoline Dispensed (gal.)	293,657
Diesel Dispensed (gal.)	516
Total Fuel Cost	\$865,026
Fleet miles per gallon	10.1
Fleet mileage logged	2,971,147
Repair Orders Completed	1,923
Preventative Maintenance	991

In 2019, there were 32 Total Incidents involving the use of a Department issued Taser.

- 62% of incidents gained compliance with a laser display only.
- 61% of incidents where a Taser was used were Felony or Misdemeanor Incidents.
- 42% of incidents where a Taser was utilized were a result of the suspect being Assaultive/High Risk: agitated combative state, physically assaultive actions and/or exhibiting behavior that poses serious injury to another (e.g. punching, kicking, clenching of fists, etc.)
- 39% of incidents where a Taser was utilized were a result of the suspect being Active/Escape Resistant: actions such as pushing, pulling, evasive arm movement, flailing, flight, muscle tension, etc. to avoid control. This does not include attempts to harm the officer.
- 11% of incidents where a Taser was utilized (Laser Display Only) were the result of the suspect being Passive Resistant: actions of non-compliance to Officers lawful verbal direction.
- 8% of incidents involved a weapon or threatened the use of a weapon against oneself or police.
- Six incidents in 2019 resulted in a minor injury to either the suspect involved or an officer on scene.

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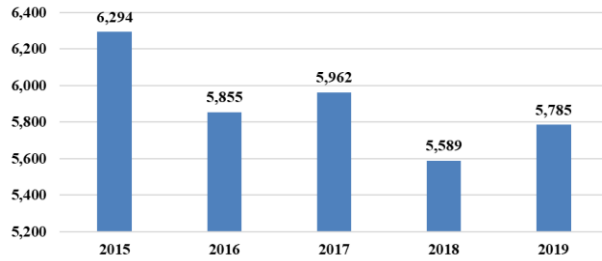
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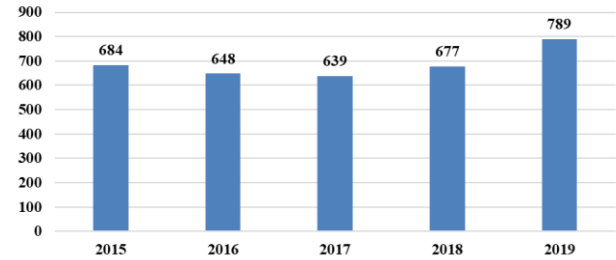
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Part I Offenses



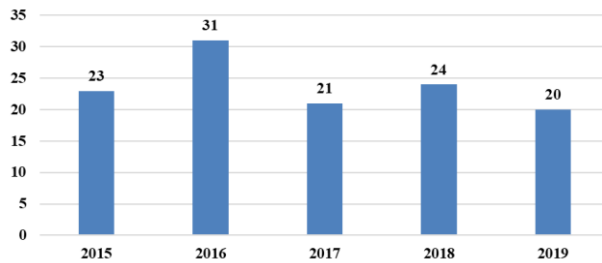
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Aggravated Assault



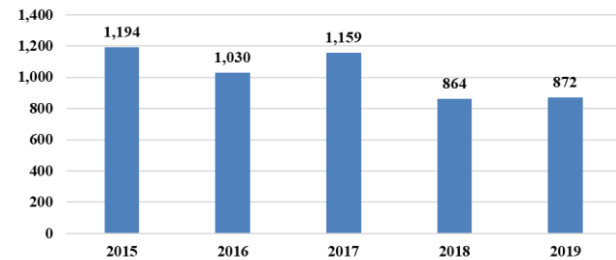
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Homicide



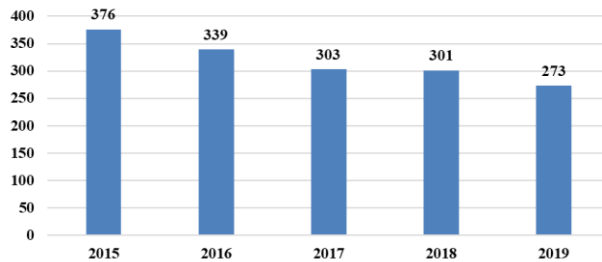
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Burglary



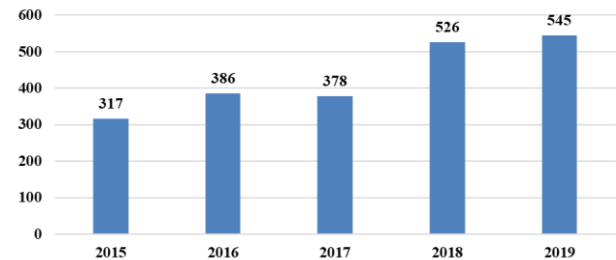
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Robbery



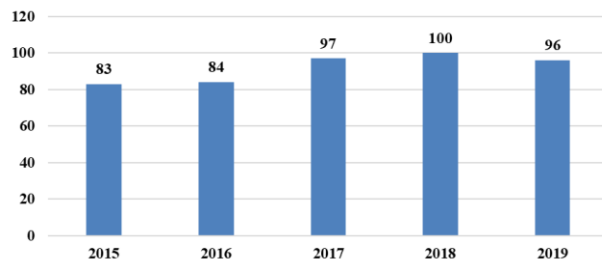
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Auto-Theft



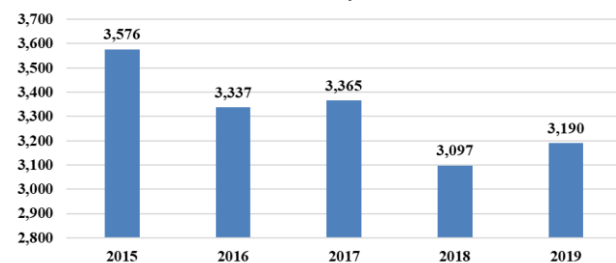
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Rape



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Larceny



Part 1 Offense figures are as of February 4, 2020. These figures are based on offenses reported to SPD and are retrieved from the department's Records Management System. The figures include some offenses that may be reclassified after further investigation.

Awards, Promotions, and Retirements

2019 Departmental Awards

(Awarded for actions during calendar year 2018)

Francis Hendricks Medal for Bravery

Lieutenant James Milana
Police Officer Victoria Losurdo
Police Officer Travis Rheinhiemer

Post-Standard Medal

Police Officer Anthony Fiorini

John C. Dillon Award

Detective Jeremy Merola

Jerome P. Slater Medal for Bravery

Police Officer Joseph Moran
Police Officer David Crow

Chief's Achievement Medal

Detective Thomas Skardinski

Mayor's Achievement Medal

Detective Jeremy Morla

Wallie Howard Jr. Medal

Detective Andrew Quinn

Captain Richard Walsh Award

Sergeant Ryan Brimmer

Timothy Laun Award

Captain Brian Fougner

Distinguished Service Award

Police Officer Joseph Comisso
Police Officer Joel Dorchester
Police Officer Darrin Ettinger

PBA President's Medal

Detective Terell Irvine
Police Officer Chad Picotte

PBA Valor Medal

Detective Jerry Mosqueda

PBA Merit Medal

Sergeant Gordon Quonce

SPD Life Saving Award

Police Officer Jason Ladd
Detective Thomas Lund
Police Officer Jeffrey Blauvelt
Police Officer Kelsey Francemone

Meritorious Service Medal

Detective Michael Bates
Detective Terell Irvine

Officer of the Year 1st Platoon

Police Officer Jeffrey Blauvelt

Officer of the Year 2nd Platoon

Police Officer William Coleman

Officer of the Year 3rd Platoon

Police Officer Nicholas Voggel

Officer of the Month Recipients 2019

January

1st Platoon – J. Nye
2nd Platoon – S. Donegan
3rd Platoon – A. Briedis

February

1st Platoon – J. Blauvelt
2nd Platoon – R. Fitzgerald
3rd Platoon – C. Updike

March

1st Platoon – K. Simmons
2nd Platoon – K. Froio
3rd Platoon – J. Tracy

April

1st Platoon – T. Goode
2nd Platoon – E. Hepburn
3rd Platoon – B. Pylinski

May

1st Platoon – P. Cerullo
2nd Platoon – R. Chimileski
3rd Platoon – C. Mahar

June

1st Platoon – D. Fahey
2nd Platoon – D. Crow
3rd Platoon – D. Ettinger

July

1st Platoon – R. Ghezzi
2nd Platoon – R. Newman
3rd Platoon – J. Heider

August

1st Platoon – J. Blauvelt
2nd Platoon – J. Taylor
3rd Platoon – J. Tolone

September

1st Platoon – N. Saralegui
2nd Platoon – J. Harkness
3rd Platoon – M. Tynan
3rd Platoon – G. DiPuccio

October

1st Platoon – R. Solis
2nd Platoon – P. Sargeant
3rd Platoon – M. Tynan
3rd Platoon – G. DiPuccio

November

1st Platoon – S. Lewis
2nd Platoon – D. Shipe
3rd Platoon – M. Hoey

December

1st Platoon – N. Cramer
2nd Platoon – J. Dorchester
3rd Platoon – J. Decker

Awards, Promotions, and Retirements

Promotions 2019

To the Rank of Sergeant

Police Officer Meghan Lewis
Police Officer Mark Rusin
Police Officer Mark Werbeck
Police Officer Jason Tom
Police Officer Ryan Blake
Police Officer Eric Gerace
Police Officer Paul Larkin Jr.
Police Officer John Kritzer
Police Officer Gordon Quonce III
Police Officer Marcellus Roundtree
Police Officer Sean Carleo
Police Officer Ryan Brimmer
Police Officer Brent Potts
Police Officer Marc Colella

To the Rank of Lieutenant

Sergeant Julie Shulsky
Sergeant Susan Izzo
Sergeant Brian Novitsky
Sergeant Sean Ryan
Sergeant James Milana
Sergeant Brian Williams

Sergeant Brian Lutz

Sergeant Angela Mahar

To the Rank of Captain

Lieutenant Brian Fougner

To the Rank of Deputy Chief

Captain Richard Trudell

Departmental Retirements and Dates of Service

Sergeant Rick Helterline

December 24, 1994 – January 14, 2019

Sergeant Mark Czerniel

September 9, 1996 – January 9, 2019

Police Officer Paul Kluge

September 11, 1987 – January 25, 2019

Sergeant David Pauldine

March 31, 1989 – January 12, 2019

Captain David Mirizio

September 16, 1985 – January 12, 2019

Police Officer Karl Vonkoblach

September 5, 1997 – February 12, 2019

Police Officer Mark Duby

November 23, 1992 – February 28, 2019

Police Officer Carolyn Carbone

September 5, 1997 – March 28, 2019

Police Officer Paul Diffin

May 24, 1993 – March 28, 2019

Police Officer Steve Klock

April 15, 1994 – March 28, 2019

Police Officer Tim Dietz

November 14, 1997 – March 22, 2019

Police Officer Bill Foster

November 14, 1986 – March 30, 2019

Sergeant Chris Stehle

September 11, 1987 – April 22, 2019

Police Officer Pauline Burnett

September 16, 1985 – April 29, 2019

Police Officer Jim Hiltbrand

April 15, 1994 – April 30, 2019

Police Officer Jim Lynet

April 8, 1988 – May 31, 2019

Police Officer Tom Murfitt

September 6, 1996 – May 8, 2019

Police Officer Edward Doner

April 15, 1994 – May 14, 2019

Sergeant Bill Croft

April 2, 1991 – June 29, 2019

Police Officer Kenn Burdick

September 29, 1994 – June 26, 2019

Police Officer Joe DeCaro

November 14, 1997 – June 30, 2019

Police Officer Dan Whittles

February 13, 1985 – June 30, 2019

Police Officer Jim Lane

March 31, 1989 – June 30, 2019

Police Officer Mark Lamontagne

February 13, 1985 – June 30, 2019

Lieutenant Dave Brown

September 9, 1996 – June 30, 2019

Lieutenant Bill Wicks

November 23, 1988 – July 18, 2019

Police Officer Mike Goudy

October 29, 1993 – July 15, 2019

Deputy Chief Lynette DeFavero

November 14, 1997 – July 29, 2019

Police Officer Greg Tackley

July 23, 1999 – July 29, 2019

Police Officer Rebecca Cosgrave

July 23, 1999 – July 29, 2019

Police Officer Jeff Okon

July 23, 1999 – July 28, 2019

Captain John Kavanaugh

September 6, 1996 – July 27, 2019

Police Officer Nelson Aquino

October 29, 1993 – July 31, 2019

Police Officer Jeff Ballagh

July 23, 1999 – July 29, 2019

Police Officer Thomas Skardinski

July 23, 1999 – August 12, 2019

Police Officer Steve Stonecypher

November 16, 1986 – August 31, 2019

Lieutenant Geno Turo

July 23, 1999 – August 31, 2019

Police Officer Linda Welch

September 11, 1987 – September 11, 2019

Sergeant Joe Szakacs

January 3, 1997 – September 30, 2019

Police Officer Chris Bresett

September 6, 1996 – October 11, 2019

Deaths of Sworn and Retired Members 2019 & Years Served

Chester Piatkowski

Passed December 27, 2019

Served 1948 - 1985

Edward L Stevens

Passed October 30, 2019

Served 1958 - 1978

Robert Casey

Passed October 25, 2019

Served 1963 - 1966

Michael Bridenbaker

Passed September 5, 2019

Served 1986 - 2006

Kenneth Albro

Passed May 5, 2019

Served 2001 - 2018

Kenneth MacDurmon

Passed May 4, 2019

Served 1958 - 1978

Joe Zarr

Passed April 20, 2019

Served 1964 - 1984

Vic DiOrio

Passed March 24, 2019

Served 1959 - 1986

Lewis Brunelle

Passed February 24, 2019

Served 1970 - 1990

James Froio

Passed January 29, 2019

Served 1970 - 1975

Lee Johnson

Passed January 25, 2019

Served 1985 - 1998

Jack Leahy

Passed January 9, 2019

Served 1947 - 1971

Central New York Pride



Shop with a Cop or Firefighter

An annual event where officers take children who have been impacted by an unfortunate event in our community on a Christmas shopping spree.



Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop brings Officers into the community to engage with citizens on a personal level.



Central NY Family Bike Giveaway

The Syracuse Police Department partnered with the C.N.Y. Family Bike Giveaway Charity to help giveaway thousands of bikes restored by Jan Maloff and his volunteers.



Community Engagement and Public Forums

- Build partnerships with key community leaders; including Access CNY, ARISE, Catholic Charities, InterFaith Works, Jubilee Homes, Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse, Salvation Army, SCSD, Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today
- Increased Social Media outreach
- Created a Public Relations / Media Relations Office
- Continued strong partnership with Assembly leaders



- Co-Hosted 5 public forums with City Hall Administration throughout the city of Syracuse.
- Gave community residents the opportunity to engage leaders one-on-one and voice their concerns.
- Opened the door to improving relationships between the police department and those we serve.