



# **ANNUAL REPORT 2021**









# **Syracuse Police Department**

**C**ommunity

**U**nderstanding

**S**ervice

Ethical Treatment

It is the mission of the

Syracuse Police Department

to prevent crime, enforce

the law, and understand the

needs of the community,

while providing professional

service and ethical

treatment for everyone.

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# Letter to the Mayor

1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Chief Richard F. Shoff, Jr.



**Deputy Chiefs**Derek P. McGork
Richard H. Trudell
Julie L. Shulsky

#### SYRACUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph L. Cecile, Chief

May 24, 2022

Honorable Mayor Ben Walsh Office of the Mayor, City Hall 233 E. Washington Street Syracuse, NY 13202

Dear Mayor Walsh:

I respectfully submit to you the Syracuse Police Department's 2021 Annual Report.

The information and statistics captured in the 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 the Syracuse Police Department will continue to work diligently to ensure a safe and secure city for the residents of Syracuse.

Sincerely,

Jøseph L. Cecile Chief of Police

Policing the community through partnerships, prevention, and problem-solving.

# **Annual Report Highlights**

The year of 2021 brought us together again, and the Syracuse Police Department is moving forward in a positive direction to make our city safer. We have shown that improving policing and public safety can be done simultaneously.

In 2021, we completed the full implementation of the Right to Know Law. We made years of police discipline records more accessible and we secured a residency requirement for new officers. The Syracuse Police Department performed better on violent crime and gun violence than many parts of New York and the nation. The SPD's Homicide Squad successfully cleared 83% of homicides in 2021, more than 30% higher than the national average for homicide clearance rates in 2020 (the most recent year for which official data is available). Homicides declined over the prior year. SPD officers recovered more than 231 firearms in 2021.

In March of 2021, the Syracuse Police Department entered into an agreement with Liberty Resources to provide the police department with 24/7 access to on call Mobile Crisis mental health professionals. This resource has greatly improved the department's ability to respond effectively to person in crisis calls, and to successfully navigate those types of calls to a successful conclusion. ARPA funding was allocated to provide Liberty Resource mobile crisis teams, greatly reducing the wait time for this valuable resource. In addition, the department was awarded funding from the Mobile Access Program for laptops that can be deployed in the field allowing for video conferencing with mental health professionals during a person in crisis call.

The Body-Worn Camera program was expanded in 2021 to include all uniformed Sergeants. Additional cameras were purchased to outfit police recruits before they begin Field Training, so they are familiar with the technology and proper use prior to being on the street.

The approval for funding to update the Department's Taser models to a current top of the line less lethal model will provide officers with a valuable and effective non-lethal option in dealing with certain levels of force. Included in the taser package is a highly sophisticated Virtual Reality Empathy Training System with an emphasis on deescalation techniques in interactions with citizens suffering from a wide range of mental health and other disabilities.

The Syracuse Police Athletic and Activities League (PAL) got off to a tremendous start with over 2,000 participants last year in activities ranging from golf, baseball, painting, basketball, dance, football, and soccer. The PAL program puts youth and families together with police officers and community volunteers to give kids positive, productive activities, and interactions with police officers. PAL builds partnerships among youth, law enforcement, and the community through collaborative programs, sports and mentorship.

With the help of the Mayor's Office, members of the community, and public input; we are confident that we will continue to move forward together in strengthening the relationships between the community and the Syracuse Police Department.

The Syracuse Police Department is committed to transparency and strongly encourage all to explore every aspect of this document to learn as much as possible about our Department and our collaborative efforts to keep our communities safe while serving the public. As police officers, we serve with the courage and integrity to meet challenges, to make a difference, and to build the necessary trust for a better future.

# **Evaluation of 2021 Goals and Objectives**

### Patterns and Practices Investigation by the Office of the Attorney General

The Department worked throughout 2021 to produce information to the Attorney General's Office for their investigation.

### **General ACLU Freedom of Information requests**

The Department produced documents to the NYCLU as required by the law.

## Compliance with Mayor Walsh's Executive Order

The Department continues to work on completing the action items for the Mayor's Executive Order. Please refer to the website for further information.

## **Compliance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 203**

The Department submitted to the State, the City's EO 203 Response Plan. The department has been implementing each action item and has collaborated with a Citizen Oversight and Advisory panel to ensure full transparency.

#### Overhaul of the Office of Professional Standards and Citizen Review

Standard procedure has been implemented to complete OPS investigations and forward these investigations for review to the appropriate Captain, Deputy Chief, 1st Deputy Chief for review. After these reviews are completed, the investigation folder and reports are forwarded to the CRB. Not until the CRB has a decision regarding recommendation of action concerning the case to the Chief of Police, does the Chief of Police review and acknowledge the case file. Only then will the case come to closure.

## Overhaul the Human Resources Division within the Syracuse Police

To answer the obligations of increasing workload brought on by electronic discovery, 50-A repeal, and in conjunction with an overarching SPD goal to transition some functions to a civilian or non-sworn team, the Human Resources Division (HRD), added a position for Administrative duties. Housing the Personnel Section and the Medical Section of the police force, the HRD now has 3 full time positions, led by an Administrative Director. The HRD is poised to increase to an additional non-sworn administrative position if needed.

## Stand up a Legal Office within the Syracuse Police Department

The City of Syracuse Department of Law, headed by the Corporation Counsel, supervises and directs the legal affairs of the City of Syracuse, including the Syracuse Police Department. A satellite office within the Syracuse Police Department has been established to provide an accessible and collaborative working environment.

# **Evaluation of 2021 Goals and Objectives**

## Finish the complete overhaul of the Department's policy manual

The Accreditation Team has led the review and implementation of Lexipol Law Enforcement policies and procedures that meet the current DCJS standards. The progress on this project was delayed by staff transitions in 2021, but is on track to be completed before the end of the third quarter of 2022. The Lexipol policy team meets twice weekly to develop a uniform set of written directives and has issued over 75 policies in 2021.

# Begin the CALEA Accreditation process for the Training Academy and make progress on attaining accreditation for the agency

In pursuit of professional excellence, the SPD is working toward meeting the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) accreditation. Additional requirements have been integrated into policies and procedures to demonstrate we voluntarily meet the CALEA Law Enforcement professional standards. Once fully integrated, these CALEA policies and procedures will promote the efficient use of resources and improve the service delivery of the agency.

## Complete the full implementation of the Kronos timekeeping software

Introduced to City Hall as a Human Capital Management platform, the police department was tasked with testing the scheduling aspects of TeleStaff. TeleStaff is an electronic software that works to allow all members of the department to schedule (3) work shifts in our multiple divisions. Built around paid time worked and accrued time off, the software has proven to be adaptable, with a few challenges still to be worked through. By having the SPD as the testing Department in the City, it has allowed the developers to learn how far they can stretch the functionality. Scheduling is only phase 1 of the programming. Once the scheduling functions are sorted out, the next phase will be managing payroll, Then the implementation of personnel onboarding and other typical human resource tasks usually done on paper.

# Comply with the new Right to Know legislation

The Department fully implemented the requirements of the Right to Know legislation. The officers have been trained on the legislation and the department has been reporting to the Common Council and Mayor's Office.

# **Evaluation of 2021 Goals and Objectives**

## Implement the findings from the CRI-TAC departmental assessment

The CRI-TAC Development Assessment was received from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services on December 15, 2021. Implementation of the CRI-TAC recommendations is a priority project for 2022.

## Stand up the Office of Community Engagement

The Office of Community Engagement in the Syracuse Police Department was established on December 8, 2020 to build, develop, and create positive relationships with community partners, community members, schools, churches, elected officials, residents, and youth. The Syracuse Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL) was established in July of 2021 to engage, create, and foster positive relationships with our youth & Law Enforcement to keep kids safe and on a path to success.

In the first two months, PAL held several marketing, fundraising and athletic/activity events involving hundreds of youth, law enforcement and community representatives. The largest capacity event was the one-day baseball/softball clinic in which 138 kids participated, showing there is plenty of interest and desire to play baseball in Syracuse. PAL programs over the past year included golf, DJing, baseball, Painting with a Twist, basketball, dance, football and soccer.

# Complete the audit from the Audit Department

In October of 2020, the City Auditor initiated an audit into the Syracuse Police Department's response to the 2020 COVID Pandemic. In particular, the audit focused on the Police Department's management of personnel during the pandemic. Between October 2020 and March 2021 the Police Department fully cooperated with the City Auditor in answering all questions that were posed and by providing all the available documentation that was requested. On April 13th, 2021 the Auditor released a final report with several findings and recommendations. One of the main recommendations was that the Police Department develop a policy to address staffing for future pandemics. On August 10th, 2021 the Police Department issued a Pandemic Response Staffing policy based on the Auditor's recommendation.

# 2022 Goals and Objectives

The primary goal of the Syracuse Police Department in 2022 is to continue a series of major projects that were started in 2021. The projects the Department aims to complete or fully implement in 2022 are:

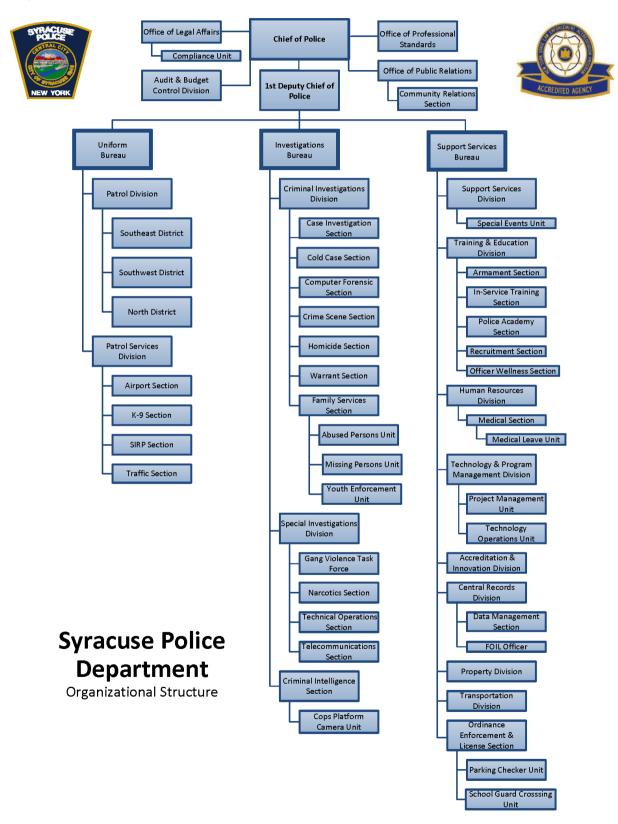
- Assign Body Worn Cameras (BWCs) to all Detectives and Sergeants in Special Investigations Division for use during proactive street operations and search warrants. Integrate the use of BWCs into SWAT operations.
- Complete the redesign of the Department's personnel performance evaluations to incorporate new rating standards, mid-year counseling sessions and evaluations of employees on key tenants of police reform.
- Complete the transition of all Department polices to Lexipol.
- Implement the findings from the CRI-TAC departmental assessment regarding Recruitment, Hiring and Retention.
- Finalize the implementation of "Interview Now" text-based recruitment tool.
- Stand up a Syracuse Police Department Recruitment Microsite.
- Train and implement Patrol on the new Taser 7's.

In addition to the projects above, the Department is working on right-sizing the agency. This entails, but is not limited to, reviewing staffing numbers, reviewing and revamping the Department's organization chart and structure, and examining our processes and procedures.

Lastly, the Department is continuing to implement the principles of Community Oriented Policing (Partnerships, Prevention, Problem-Solving) in all three bureaus within the Department.

# 2021 Departmental 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.



# The Office of the Chief of Police



Kenton T. Buckner Chief of Police Appointed Dec. 2018

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 the Department's mission is executed
- Plans, organizes, directs, staffs, coordinates, and controls all Departmental functions
- Develops Strategic goals and objectives
- Empowers and leads
   Department employees
- Creates a vision for the future state of the Department
- Reports to the Mayor and Common Council

The Office of the Chief of Police is composed of the following areas:

## Office of Legal Affairs

- Assists the Chief and his Command in developing and reviewing policies, practices, and training to ensure all are lawful as written and applied
- Assists Department Chiefs, Commanders, Supervisors, and Members in the review, interpretation, application, and enforcement of local, state, and federal laws
- Assists 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.
- Analyzes the Department's vehicle pursuits.



Joseph L. Cecile
First Deputy
Chief of Police

## <u>Audit and Budget</u> Control Division

- Prepares and manages the Department's budget
- Maintains records concerning the requisition of agency property and expenditures
- Administers employee status, payroll, and program information,
- Conducts cost analyses and maintains Department overtime and financial records.

# 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
- Assists the Department in arbitration.

# Office of Public Relations

- Responsible for acting as the Department liaison to the media
- Coordinates all inquiries from the media
- Prepares news releases issued by the Department
- Manages Department social media accounts
- Acts as a spokesperson when requested or directed

# The Office of the Chief of Police

# \$47.9M

#### **DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET**

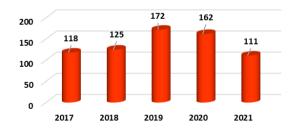
The Audit and Budget Control Division prepared the Syracuse Police Department budget of \$47,916,893 for the fiscal year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022). This budget includes \$43,127,981 in Sworn Police Field Services. No General Police Services were included.

# OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS 111

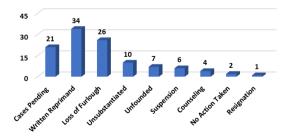
#### **CASES INVESTIGATED**

The Office of Professional Standards investigated 111 complaints against members of the Syracuse Police Department in 2021. The 111 cases is the lowest number of cases investigated in the last five years.

#### Professional Standards Cases Investigated



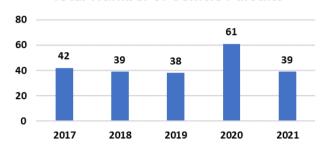
# Office of Professional Standards Case Dispositions



# 39 VEHICLE PURSUITS

In 2021, the Office of Legal Affairs conducted 39 vehicle pursuit investigations. Of the 39 vehicle pursuits, three injuries were reported to either an officer or suspect.

#### **Total Number of Vehicle Pursuits**



# 0

## **HIGH-SPEED PURSUITS**

In 2021, none of the pursuits were high-speed pursuits. This is the lowest number of high-speed pursuits in the last five years.



For information on the SPD's Use of Force please refer to the Syracuse Police Reform Progress Report

https://ourcity.syrgov.net/portfolio/reporting-progress-03/

# Report on the Uniform Bureau Operations



**Richard H. Trudell**Deputy Chief
Uniform Bureau

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 composed of the Patrol Division and the Patrol Services Division.

## 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
- Enforces laws and regulations

- Apprehends offenders and recovers stolen property
- Conducts crime prevention and suppression activities
- Maintains close liaison with the community and fosters positive police community relations

"A" Watch Activity - 2021		
Felony Arrests	544	
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,398	
Violation Arrests	509	
Appearance Tickets	315	
Warrant Arrests	417	
Total Arrests	3,183	
Traffic Tickets Issued	2,045	
Parking Tickets Issued	1,572	
Calls for Service	49,737	
With Reports	9,745	
Without Reports	40,742	
Number of Reports	15,076	

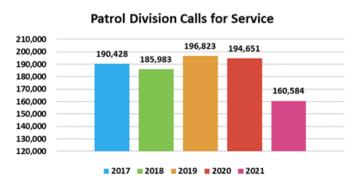
"B" Watch Activity - 2021	
Felony Arrests	1,474
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,172
Violation Arrests	413
Appearance Tickets	273
Warrant Arrests	529
Total Arrests	3,861
Traffic Tickets Issued	502
Parking Tickets Issued	1,281
Calls for Service	43,807
With Reports	9,791
Without Reports	34,139
Number of Reports	16,679

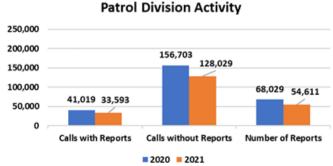
The "B" Watch's hours of duty are 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with roll calls at 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM daily.

"C" Watch Activity - 2021		
745		
1,963		
817		
780		
811		
5,116		
1,870		
1,806		
67,040		
14,057		
53,148		
22,856		

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.

<sup>\*</sup> 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.





# Report on the Uniform Bureau Operations

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

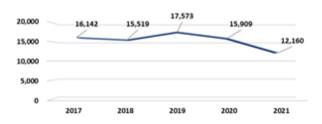
Watch	Α	В	С
Felony Arrests	11	28	12
Misdemeanor Arrests	29	23	30
Violation Arrests	11	8	13
Appearance Tickets	7	5	12
Warrant Arrests	9	10	13
Total Arrests	43	10	29
Traffic Tickets Issued	33	25	28
Parking Tickets Issued	1,136	842	1031
Calls for Service	203	188	216
With Reports	849	657	818
Without Reports	314	321	352
Number of Reports	15,076	16,679	22856

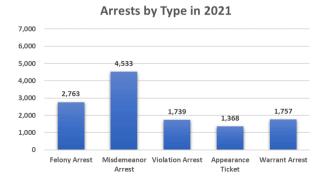
12,160

#### **TOTAL ARRESTS**

There were 12,160 arrests in 2021 for all categories of arrest (Felony, Misdemeanor, Violation, Warrant, and Appearance Tickets). A 23.6% decrease from 2020.

#### Arrest Total





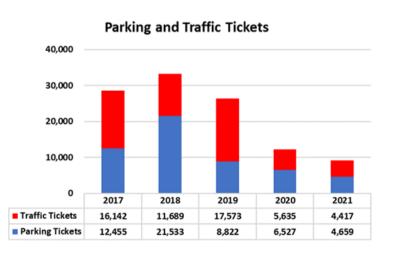
## **PATROL SERVICES DIVISION**

- Serves as the administrative arm of the Uniform Bureau.
- Disseminates directives & information.
- Obtains equipment necessary for patrol operations.
- Analyzes statistical data of patrol activity systems and processes.
- Monitors levels of efficiency and effectiveness.
- K-9 Section, SIRP Section and Traffic Section.

9,076

#### **PARKING & TRAFFIC TICKETS**

In 2021, the Syracuse Police Department issued 4,659 parking tickets and 4,417 traffic tickets. The 9,076 tickets issued was the lowest total in last six years.



# Report on the Uniform Bureau Operations

## **K9 SECTION**

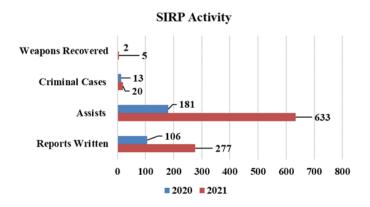
Composed of seven canine teams. Each team receives special training in building searches, area searches, tracking, obedience, and either narcotics or explosive detection. K9 teams were most conducting building searches and perimeter checks.

K9 Section Activities - 2021	
Calls for Service	3,466
Felony Arrests	41
Misdemeanors	44
Violation Arrests	21
Building Searches	119
Explosive Searches	30
K-9 Tracking	18
Open Area Searches	45
Building Perimeter Checks	588
Apprehensions	24
UTT's	24
K-9 Demonstrations	4
Ofc. Protection	33
Drug Searches	23

## **SIRP SECTION**

The School Information Resource Section is a group of detectives assigned to the City of Syracuse School District. Detectives are responsible for all police matters within the school. They make class presentations , conduct security checks, and work with various school groups and clubs.

\*\* The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on the work of the SIRP Section. \*\*

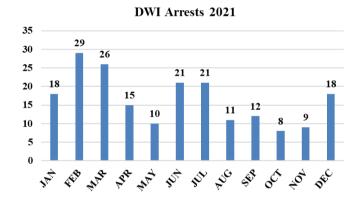


## **TRAFFIC SECTION**

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

1,826
TRAFFIC & PARKING TICKETS

In 2021, 1,421 Uniform Traffic Tickets and 405 Parking Tickets were issued (by the Traffic Section).



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### **FATAL VEHICLE CRASHES**

There were 12 people killed in fatal motor vehicle crashes in 2021.

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 composed of the following Divisions, Sections, and Units:

# The Criminal Investigations <u>Division (CID)</u>

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) conducts follow-up felony investigations initiated by the Patrol Division and, when requested, assists in primary investigations. CID also clears crimes through arrest and recovery of stolen property, executes search and arrest warrants, and apprehends fugitives. As the department liaison with representatives from federal, state, and other municipal agencies, CID exchanges information on known criminals and criminal activity, and coordinates information with prosecuting agencies during investigations for upcoming court cases.



**Derek P. McGork**Deputy Chief
Investigations Bureau

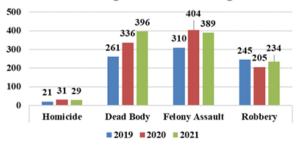
# 2,855 FELONY INVESTIGATIONS

In 2021, CID personnel conducted 2,855 felony investigations. The largest number of investigations were for Burglaries (848).

## **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**

The component of the CID with dedicated personnel charged with investigating homicides and suspicious deaths that have occurred within the last 6 years.

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## **HOMICIDE INVESTIGATIONS**

There were 29 homicides within the City of Syracuse in 2021. A 6% decrease from 2020. Of the 29 homicides in 2021, 21 were closed by arrest as of the publishing of this report. This 83% clearing rate is higher than the national average.

Homicide Section	2020	2021
Homicide Investigations	31	29
Closed by Arrest	26	21

## **COLD CASE SECTION**

The 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.

**104 → 107** 

### **DEPARTMENT COLD CASES**

In 2021, the number of cold cases in the department increased from 104 to 107.

Case Type	2020	2021
Current Cold Cases	104	107
Homicide	82	85
Missing Persons	16	16
Suspicious D.O.A	5	5
Fatal Fire	1	1

## **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.

3,022
WARRANT CHARGES

There was an approximately a 46% increase in the number of warrant charges executed by the Warrant Section in 2021. The increase was largely made up of Misdemeanor and Felony warrants.



# <u>CRIME SCENE UNIT</u>

5,554

#### CASES PHOTOGRAPHED

The Crime Scene Unit was responsible for photographing 5,554 cases in 2021. Evidence Technicians produced over 236,000 crime scene photographs.

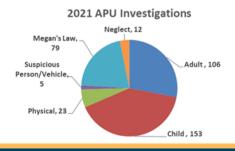
Crime Scene Unit	2021
Homicides	29
Homicide/Suicides	0
Officer Involved Shootings	2
Assaults	5
Infant Deaths	0
Suspicious Deaths/Incidents	2
Cell phones processed	0
Vehicles Processed	105
Crime Scene Sketches	N/A
ET Cases Photo (Veripic)	5,554
ET photographs	262,005
CSU photographs	41,095
Fatal Fires	2

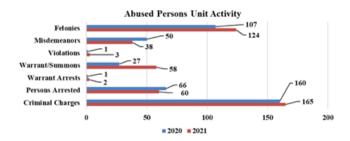
# **FAMILY SERVICES SECTION**

The Family Services Section initiates and conducts follow-up investigations regarding youth and family related matters, and oversees operation of the Abused Persons, Missing Persons, and Youth Enforcement Units.

# **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, McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center, The Rape Crisis Center, Department of Probation, and New York State Parole.





Sex Offenders	2021
Level 1	196
Level 2	267
Level 3	217
Pending Assignment	3
Total	683

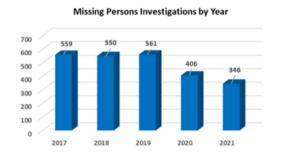
# **MISSING PERSONS UNIT**

Responsible for conducting investigations of missing persons.

346

### MISSING PERSONS INVESTIGATIONS

The Missing Persons Unit investigated 346 instances of missing persons in 2021.



## 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.

Youth Enforcement Section Activity	2021
Sealed by Court Order	135
Juveniles Arrested	270

## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Conducts investigations into organized crime, narcotics trafficking, and vice-related activity. Additionally, coordinates enforcement efforts, including inter-agency efforts, to combat metropolitan-wide narcotics trafficking.

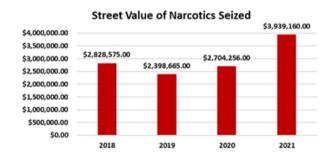
## **NARCOTICS SECTION**

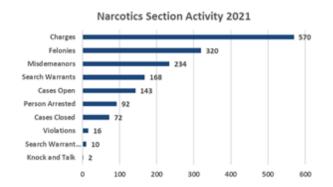
Responsible for the suppression of narcotics trafficking, from street level to major criminal conspiracy activity. The Narcotics Section maintains and develops narcotics distribution intelligence files, develops informants, executes search warrants, makes arrests, and initiates counteractive measures to combat illegal drug activity.

# \$3,939,160.00

#### SEIZED NARCOTICS STREET VALUE

In 2021, the Narcotics Section seized over \$3.9 million in illegal drugs including over \$2.7 million in cocaine.





## **TECHNICAL OPERATIONS SECTION**

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

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#### **FORFEITURE CASES**

In 2021, the Technical Operations Section took part in 87 State and Federal seizure cases.

Technical Operations	2021
Pole Camera Installation	80
GPS Tracking	20
Search Warrant Photo CD's	79

Forfeiture Operations	2021
State Currency & Vehicle Cases	47
State Cash Amount	\$187,569
Federal Currency & Vehicle Cases	40
Federal Cash Amount	\$1,184,317

Protective Escort Operations	2021
Advance Operations	0
Escort Details	0

## **GANG VIOLENCE TASK FORCE (GVTF)**

The Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force (GVTF) is a multi-agency task force that aggressively targets violent gangs and their members. GVTF uses long-term investigations which are prepared and presented to the federal and local 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.

Throughout 2021, GVTF conducted a large-scale Federal investigation into a criminal gang operating within the City of Syracuse.

This investigation uncovered a large-scale drug trafficking operation in which numerous defendants were arrested on a 30-count federal indictment. This included drug trafficking, drug possession and distribution and illegal firearm possession. The Gang Violence Task Force continued to focus on the members of this gang and their criminal activity thought 2021. In doing so, multiple handguns, quantities of illegal narcotics (including Fentanyl and cocaine), along with US currency seizures were made as a result of these investigations. The arrests that coincided with these gang members had a significant impact on the amount of violent crime and quality of life related issues that plague the area where the gang operated.

The Gang Violence Task Force also conducted a multistate, multi-agency investigation into narcotic and weapons trafficking into the City of Syracuse. This investigation led to several search warrants in Syracuse and the state of Michigan. At the completion of this investigation, several arrests were made both here and Michigan, along with the recovery of illegal narcotics and an illegal firearm. This investigation is still active and more arrests are anticipated as the case progresses.

Additionally, the GVTF continues to investigate criminal gangs in the City of Syracuse with the goal of uncovering and dismantling their criminal organizations. The GVTF conducted multiple narcotic investigations which led to numerous search warrants, arrests, and the recovery of illegal narcotics and multiple firearms. During 2021, GVTF and SID detectives initiated a fentanyl trafficking case from NYC to Syracuse involving documented gang members from the City of Syracuse. As a result of this investigation, multiple search warrants at several locations were executed producing seizures of cocaine, fentanyl, weapons and US currency with the associated arrests resulting in state and federal prosecutions for multiple defendants.

GVTF and SID detectives were able to interdict and seize approximately 2 kilograms of fentanyl from this investigation as a result of their diligence. Removing this deadly drug from the streets of Syracuse undoubtedly saved lives and improved the quality of life for residents.

# 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.

Bulletin Distributed	2021
Officer Safety	130
Wanted for Offense	248
General Police Info	3,498
Investigative Lead Reports	416
Total	4,292

Crime Analysis Section	2021
Special Research Projects/Studies	4,653
Inmate Release Notices	332
Anonymous Tip Received	1,123

The Support Services 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 Support Services Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions, and Sections:

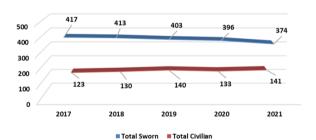
## The Human Resources Division

the Human Resources Division is responsible for the selection of all Department employees, establishing and maintaining procedures that conform to federal and state regulations for hiring, maintaining human resources records and all documentation relating to appointments, transfers, retirements, terminations, secondary employment, and commendations. Additionally, the HR Division 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, and maintains the Department Roster and Personnel Status Reports.

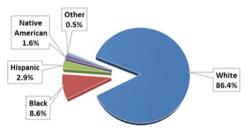


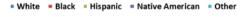
Richard F. Shoff Jr.
Deputy Chief
Support Service
Bureau

#### **Composition of Departmental Employees**

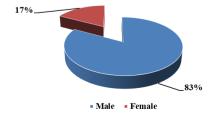


#### Sworn Personnel By Race & Ethnicity 2021





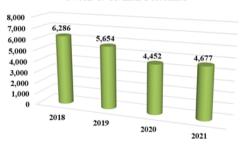
#### Sworn Personnel by Gender 2021



## **MEDICAL SECTION**

The Medical Section maintains and validates employee records of attendance and monitors medical leave procedures. Additionally, the Section maintains personnel records of employees who have been assigned to administrative leave and prepares reports for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

#### Department Sick & Injury Days Used by Sworn & Civilian Personnel



### **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. Events have increased due to restrictions lifted from the pandemic.

Special Events Activities	2020	2021
Major Community Events	1	15
Carrier Dome Events	24	42
Dome Attendance	220,038	339,778
Officers Assigned	353	527
Parade Permits	1	18
Assembly Permits	49	70
Movie Production Permits	1	6

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION DIVISION

Coordinates and administers Department training programs and the Syracuse Regional Police Academy. This includes training to officers from outside agencies, developing Department training standards and programs, monitoring training methods and identifying training needs necessary for adherence to state and federal laws and Department policies. Also, prepares and distributes Training Bulletins, administers the inservice and field training officer programs, physical fitness evaluations, firearms training and qualifications, and Academy programs. Maintains training records and lesson plans.

41

## **NEW OFFICERS CERTIFIED**

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Training and Education Division trained and certified 41 new police officers for four agencies in 2021.

TRAINING DIVISION ACTIVITY	2021
Police Academy Classes	1
Total Officers Certified	41
Outside Agencies Attending	8
Community Service Officers	0

In-Service Training Sessions	2021
Total Officers Trained	349
Police Officers	273
Topics Instructed (Officer	9
Supervisors	50
Topics Instructed (Supervisor)	9
Command Officers	25
Topics Instructed (Command)	2
Retraining	0

Certified Course Instruction	2021
NYS DCJS Certified Courses Instructed	6
Seminars	38
Specialized Training	70
Outside Agencies Attending	14

349

### **OFFICERS RECEIVING TRAINING**

In 2021, 349 Police Officers, Supervisors, or members of the Departments Command staff received in-service training.

## **ARMAMENT SECTION**

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

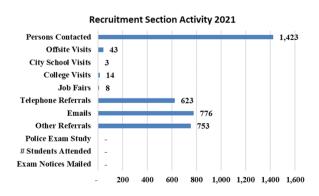
## RECRUITMENT SECTION

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.

1,423

#### POTENTIAL APPLICANTS CONTACTED

In 2021, the Recruitment section contacted 1,423 individuals about joining the Syracuse Police Department.



# TECHNOLOGY AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Develops, publishes, and maintains records of all department rules and regulations and orders (except Personnel orders and Training bulletins, which are maintained by the Human Resources Division and Training and Education Division, respectively.) Additionally, the Division conducts research and planning projects as direct by the Chief of Police, develops, manages and provides forms control services, and implements Department computer systems.

# 25,101

#### **COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES**

In 2021, the Technology and Program Management Division provided computer support services, including answering helpdesk tickets, to members of the Department on over 25,000 occasions.

Policies & Procedures Management	2021
Temporary Orders	14
Personal Orders	523
Memo Orders	38
General Orders	2
Departmental Orders Issued	577

Forms Control Management	2021
Forms Created	6
Forms Revised	6
Forms Revised/Created	12

Information Systems & Technology	2021
Computer Systems Support Services	25,101
Hardware Systems Maintained	1081
Hardware Purchased	78
Hardware Installed/Implemented	78
Software Systems Maintained	34
Software Purchased	5
Software Installed/Implemented	5

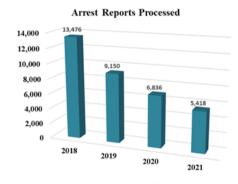
## **CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION**

Processes, maintains, and distributes police records like incident and follow-up reports, criminal process documents, and criminal history information. Additionally, processes freedom of information (F.O.I.L) requests and oversees the Department's use of the e-JusticeNY-Integrated Portal. Maintains computer information, indexes, records, and provides photocopying and mailing services.

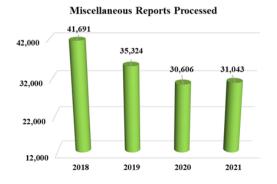
56,860

#### **TOTAL REPORTS PROCESSED**

In 2021, the Central Records Division processed a total of 56,860 investigation, arrest, and other miscellaneous reports.







## **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 AND 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 Codes, Zoning, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation to eliminate physical decay in neighborhoods and achieve compliance.

Activities	2021
Red Tags Issued	167
Red Tag Vehicle Tows	54
Salvage Certificates	79
Abandonded vehicle complaints	80

# **PROPERTY DIVISION**

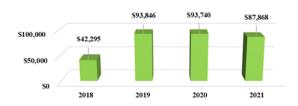
Responsible for the custody and disposal of physical evidence, found or recovered property, & property held for safekeeping. Additionally, maintains the departments inventory records, orders and stores supplies, and prints department forms.

**15,104** 

#### PROPERTY ITEMS PROCESSED

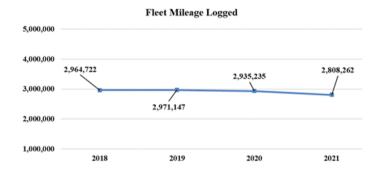
In 2021, the Property Division processed 15,104 items, less than 2020 with 18,373 items processed. Additionally, the Division processed 924 guns and 1,511 drug items.

# Total Unclaimed Cash Processed by the Property Division



## TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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



1,457

#### REPAIR ORDERS COMPLETED

The Transportation Division completed 1,457 repair orders on Department vehicles in 2021.

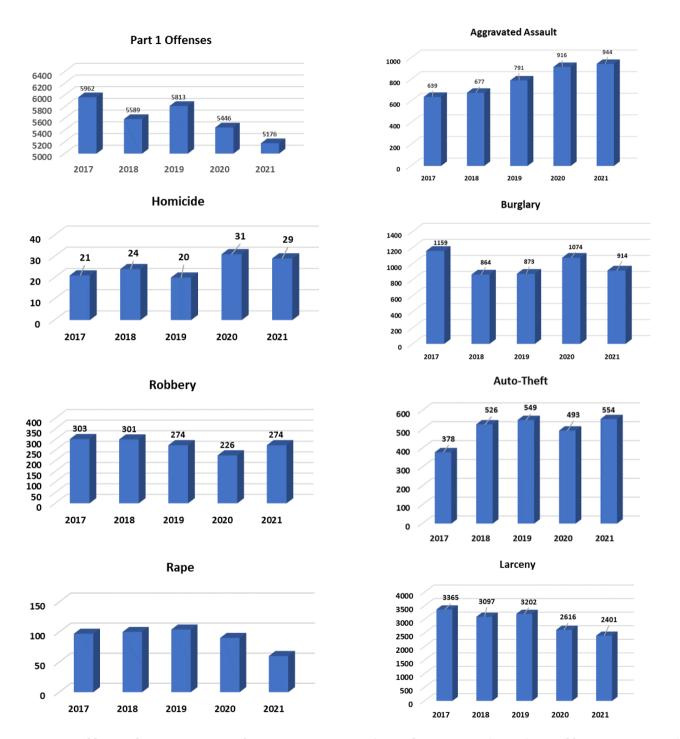
Transportation Division Activities	2021
Vehicles In Service	376
Out of Service	45
New Purchase	38
Auctioned	0
Auction Revenue	\$0.00
Gasoline Dispensed (gal.)	266,499
Diesel Dispensed (gal.)	537
Total Fuel Cost	\$742,971.41
Fleet miles per gallon	10.5
Repair Orders Completed	1,457
Preventative Maintenance	812
Fleet mileage logged	2,808,262

# ACCREDITATION AND INNOVATION DIVISION

The Accreditation and Innovation Division is responsible for ensuring Department compliance with NYS Accreditation program standards, identifying and implementing process improvement efforts Departmentwide, and preparing and publishing the Department's annual report.

<b>Accreditation and Innovation Activities</b>	2021
Verification of NYS Standards	110

# Statistical Review - Unform Crime Reporting Part 1 Offenses



Part 1 Offense figures are as of January 1, 2021. These figures are based on offenses reported to SPD and are retrieved from the department's Records Management System (included are some offenses that may be reclassified after further investigation). Total Part 1 Offenses decreased 5% in 2021 compared to 2020. Murder, rape, burglary and larceny offenses decreased, while robbery, aggravated assault, and motor vehicle theft offenses increased.

# Awards, Promotions, and Retirements

(Awarded for actions during calendar year 2020)

#### Francis Hendrick Medal

Police Officer Walter Brainerd Police Officer Kenneth Sheehan

Sgt. Jason Wells

#### Chiefs Achievement Medal

Police Officer Reed Bebernitz Police Officer Cody Nellis Police Officer Taylor Anderson

#### **Distinguished Service Medal**

Police Officer Brandon Falise Police Officer Greg DiPuccio Police Officer Marcus DeBottis

#### Jerome Slater Medal

Police Officer Ryan McGovern

#### **PBA President Medal**

Police Officer Jacob Tracy

#### John C. Dillon Medal

Lieutenant Ralph Bowering

#### Capt. Timothy Laun Medal

Lieutenant James Milana

#### SPD Life Saver Medal

Police Officer James Nowodworski Police Officer Mitchell Anthony Police Officer Amanda Wolf

#### Wallie Howard Medal

Detective Dan Babbage
Detective William Kittell
Detective Anthony Fiorini
Detective Kelly Baart
Detective Rob Ripley
Detective William LaShomb

### Captain Richard Walsh Medal

Detective Jacob Breen

#### **PBA Valor Medal**

Police Officer Darrin Ettinger

#### **PBA Merit Medal**

SPO Tracy Greco

#### Civilian of the Year Award

CSO Stacy Malagisi

Officer of the Year A Watch

Police Officer Daniel Flanagan

Officer of the Year B Watch

Police Officer Christopher Gaj

Officer of the Year C Watch

Police Officer Darrin Ettinger

## Officer of the Month Recipients 2021

(Awarded for actions during calendar year 2021)

January	May	September
A Watch - D. Flanagan	A Watch - N. Saralegui	A Watch - J. Forrester
B Watch - N. Voggel	B Watch - S. Donegan	B Watch - P. Sergeant
C Watch - J. Blazey	C Watch - M. Romeo	C Watch - W. Alberts
February	June	October
A Watch - C. Flagler	A Watch - K. Millett	A Watch - J. Murray
B Watch - K. Froio	B Watch - J. Taylor	B Watch - P. Otis
C Watch - P. Arnold	C Watch - R. Solomon	C Watch - S. Knapp
March	July	November
A Watch - C. Reynolds	A Watch - B. Falise	A Watch - D. Pietracola
B Watch - M. Smith	B Watch - D.Shipe	B Watch - B. Chimileski
C Watch - M. Romeo	C Watch - J. Senf	C Watch - G. Prudh <mark>omm</mark> e
April	August	December
A Watch - A. Wolf	A Watch - R. Linnertz	A Watch - B. Falise
R Watch - L Russell	R Watch - C King	R Watch - D. Shine

# Awards, Promotions, and Retirements

#### **Promotions 2021**

#### To the Rank of Sergeant

Police Officer Kevin Amidon Police Office Christina Lewis Police Officer Dustin Kiellach Police Officer Daniel Rathbun

#### To the Rank of Captain

Lieutenant Julie Shulsky

#### **Retirements and Dates of Service**

**Police Officer Andrew Stockton** February 9, 2007 - December 10, 2020

**Police Officer Michael Harrington** September 11, 1987 - January 11,2021

Lieutenant Don Schulz April 15, 1994 - January 12, 2021

Police Officer Matt Erwin
January 12, 2001 - January 12, 2021

Police Officer Rodney Fitzgerald January 15, 2001 - January 16, 2021

Sergeant Joseph Mauro January 12, 2001 - January 29, 2021

Police Officer Michael Kowalewski November 14, 1996 - January 30, 2021

Police Officer Robert McLoughlin April 8, 1998 - January 30, 2021

**Police Officer Robert Newman** September 29, 1994 - January 30, 2021

Detective Kevin Birardi January 12, 2001 - January 31, 2021

Police Officer Brian Davis September 29, 1994 - January 31, 2021

Detective Rory Gilhooley August 29, 1996 - January 31, 2021

Detective James O'Brien January 12, 2001 - January 31, 2021

Police Officer Charles Broddus August 25, 1989 - February 27, 2021

**Police Officer Zolanda Slaughter** September 29, 1994 - February 27, 2021

Police Officer Kenneth Baker January 30, 1988 - March 14, 2021 Lieutenant Sean Ryan

July 23, 1999 - March 31, 2021

Police Officer John Gunsalus July 30, 2004 - April 9, 2021

Sergeant James Sewall April 15, 1994 - April 29, 2021

Police Officer Todd Mooney
January 15, 2001 - April 29, 2021

Sergeant Edward Taglialatela December 16, 1993 - April 30, 2021

Police Officer Thomas Hahn January 12, 2001 - April 30, 2021

Police Officer Christopher Hodell January 3, 1997 - June 30, 2021

Police Officer Martin Judge April 15, 1994 - July 30, 2021

Police Officer Charles Lester III July 30, 2004 - July 30, 2021

Police Officer Vallon Smith July 30, 2004 - July 30, 2021

Police Officer Tara Kalil January 12, 2001 - July 31, 2021

Police Officer Matthew Fraher April 15, 1994 - July 31, 2021

Police Officer Sheldon Lloyd April 15, 1994 - July 31, 2021

Police Officer E. Scott Boles April 16, 2007 - August 23, 2021

Detective Moner Abraham May 25, 1989 - August 30, 2021

Police Officer Ann Marie Clark January 12, 2001 - August 31, 2021

Police Officer Becki Jandzio July 23, 1999 - August 31, 2021

Police Officer David Procopio June 27, 1986 - August 31, 2021

Police Officer Shawn Mehlek
June 13, 2005 - September 4, 2021

Lieutenant Daniel Belgrader
September 10, 1992 - Septemer 20, 2021

Police Officer Robert Stockwin
May 1, 1992 - September 30, 2021

Detective George Hack III

January 14, 2000 - October 18, 2021

# Awards, Promotions, and Retirements

# **Deaths of Sworn and Retired Members 2021**

### Gary Miguel

Passed January 1, 2021 36 Years of Service

#### William Adsitt

Passed January 31, 2021 32 Years of Service

#### **Gordon Lane**

Passed February 23, 2021 20 Years of Service

## William Sheppard

Passed February 26, 2021 20 Years of Service

#### John Goodman Jr

Passed May 29, 2021 37 Years of Service

## Joseph Trovato

Passed July 6, 2021 25 Years of Service

#### John Finch Sr

Passed July 18, 2021 20 Years of Service

## Leo Napolitano

Passed October 18, 2021 21 Years of Service

# **Patrick Boynton**

Passed October 30, 2021 20 Years of Service

# **Paul Delaney**

Passed November 26, 2021 21 1/2 Years of Service

#### John Nolan

Passed December 24, 2021 32 Years of Service

# Syracuse Police Athletic League (PAL)

### Syracuse Police Athletic League (PAL)

The Syracuse Police Athletic League launched in July of 2021 with a mission to engage our community youth in a constructive manner with law enforcement. In the first two months, PAL held several marketing, fundraising and athletic/activity events involving hundreds of youth, law enforcement and community representatives. The largest capacity event was the one-day baseball/softball clinic in which 138 kids participated showing there is plenty of interest and desire to play baseball. There were over 2,000 participants in PAL programs over the past year in activities including golf, DJing, Baseball, Painting with a Twist, Basketball, Dance, Baseball, Football and Soccer.



# Police Athletic League (PAL)

# A special thank you to the following organizations and individuals that have supported Syracuse PAL events:

#### Syracuse Police Department

Chief Kenton Buckner, Director of Community Engagement Jimmy Oliver, 1st Deputy Chief Joseph Cecile, Deputy Chief Richard Shoff, Deputy Chief Richard Trudell, Deputy Chief Derek McGork, Jacob Zook, Officer Marlena Jackson, Sergeant Matthew Malinowski, Sergeant Colin Hillman and Lenwand Brantley

#### City of Syracuse

Mayor Ben Walsh, Deputy Mayor Sharon Owens, and Ruthnie Angrand with the Office of the Mayor, Former Commissioner Otis Jennings - Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs, Janet Burke with Bureau of Research, Jim DeSantis - Department of Public Works

#### Onondaga County

Executive Ryan McMahon

#### Onondaga County District Attorney's Office

District Attorney William Fitzpatrick, ADA Sara Fitzpatrick and Barry Weiss

#### Onondaga County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Eugene J. Conway, Undersheriff Jason Cassalia and Sgt. Jon Seeber

#### **DeWitt Police Department**

Chief Chase Bilodeau, Lt. Jerry Pace, Officer Ed Mason and Officer Damian Parker

#### New York State Police / Troopers

Lieutenant William Ramsing, Captain Jeffrey Raub and Tpr. Brian Sierotnik

#### New York State Senator's Office

Senator John Mannion, Tajuana Cerutti-Brown

#### Syracuse City School District

SCSD Superintendent Jaime Alicea, Chief of Operations Dean DeSantis, Vice Principal Janel Milana, Sarah Proper - Delaware Primary School

#### Visit Syracuse & Syracuse Mets

Danny Liedka and Elizabeth Judge of Visit Syracuse in collaboration with Syracuse Mets

#### **Boys & Girls Clubs of Syracuse**

Executive Director Jeffrey Eysaman, Former Executive Director Pat Driscoll

#### Sponsors / Fundraisers

Adam Weitsman, Jamar Clarke with Flight Room, Eric Vinal

#### Coaches

Robert Drummond, John Wallace, Joey Wallace, Marty Clayton, Dale Johnson, Coach Williams, Coach Rock, Alton B. Hicks, Dr. Tanisha Jackson & Qiana Williams and Team, DJ Bella J, Alex Minnoe, Chris Kowalik, Alfonzo Whitehurst, Yenzer Perez, Tony Wade, Aliyah Wade and Councilor Michael Greene

#### Volunteers

Joseph Torrillo, Tamica Barnett, Sameerah Aiken-Owens, Andrew Sicherman, Casey Ganley, John Bruzdzinski, Joe King, Andrea Telfair, Rasheada Caldwell, Shanay Bradley, Jasmine Coan and Kofi Addai with the PAL Board, Nodesia Hernandez with 10 LESS Inc. Nonprofit Civic Youth Society, Senior Pastor Lateef Johnson-Kinsey with The Well of Hope Church, Jainor Calcano, Dreaa Robinson, and Celeste Archambault along with many others (too many to be named)

#### **Community Partners**

The Mary Nelson Youth Center, Boys & Girls Clubs of Syracuse, North Side Learning Center, Mundy Library, Beauchamp Branch Library, Pastime Athletic Club, Nottingham High School, Syracuse City School District, YWCA, Community Folk Art Center, Flight Room, Syracuse Community Connections, Local Preachers and Pastors and Spanish Action League

#### Photographers & Videographers

Solon Quinn - Solon Quinn Studios, Clinton Jackson - Jackson & West Photography and Chris Luechung - Oscar Demurè Photography

#### Catering

Wegmans, Don Juan Cafe & Tamica Barnett from Who Want Smoke BBQ and Catering

# **Community Events**

# National Night Out (Kirk Park)

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes policecommunity partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

On the first Tuesday in August, neighbors and community agencies across the nation participate in National Night Out. An annual community-building campaign, National Night Out promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.



# **Community Events**

# Syracuse Citizens Academy

Eleven residents graduated from the Syracuse Police Department's Syracuse Citizens Academy held in the fall of 2021. The program provides Syracuse residents with a better understanding of how and why police do what they do. Topics include training, tactics, day-to-day routines, use of force, investigations, procedure of law, interactive scenarios and overall operations

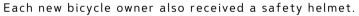






# Central New York Family Bicycle Giveaway

Celebrating their 25th annual CNY Bike Giveaway, Jan Maloff and his legion of volunteers brought some year-round joy to hundreds of parents and children. The Community Relations Section of the Syracuse Police Department helped with maintaining COVID-19 protocols and with recommendations, selections, test rides and minor adjustments of the over 2,000 refurbished bicycles.





# **Community Events**

# Shop with a Cop (Walmart Supercenter - East Syracuse)

"Shop with a Cop" is an annual event organized by the Syracuse Police Department where local law enforcement agencies assist with taking children shopping for Christmas presents. The children involved have had unfortunate experiences where law enforcement responded, such as witnessing a fatal auto accident or a similar traumatic event. We don't want that tragedy to be the child's enduring memory of law enforcement. "Shop with a Cop" helps build a lasting positive relationship between children and law enforcement by giving them a positive experience with us and helping them emotionally, physically and financially.





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