

# SYRACUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Dedication, Sacrifice, Tradition*



**2018**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**Kenton T. Buckner**

**Chief of Police**

## **Tradition**

## **Service**

## **Innovation**

## **Excellence**

*As members of the Syracuse Police Department, our mission is to protect all lives and property and maintain a feeling of security within the community; to enforce all federal, state, and local laws over which the Department has jurisdiction. This mission is carried out with a commitment to the philosophy and principles of Community Policing.*

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# Letter to the Mayor

Kenton T. Buckner  
Chief of Police

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## DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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Ben Walsh, Mayor

June 28, 2019

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 2018 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 2018 Goals and Objectives

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*Enhance the existing “Tip 411” online portal by implementing the new “Tip 411” smartphone application which gives residents the ability to contact police and relay information anonymously. The application will also allow police to communicate and open dialogue with residents about crimes that are going on in their neighborhoods and other pertinent information such as public relations-type events.*

**Accomplished.** In February 2018, the Syracuse Police Department purchased and installed the TIP411 Pro enhancement for the Department’s anonymous tip system. The Pro version allows citizens to sign up to “follow” and submit anonymous tips to the Syracuse Police Department. Once a citizen signs up they can receive alerts directly from the Police Department on their computer or mobile device. Alerts can be used to notify citizens about crime patterns and other public safety issues in their communities. On February 13th, 2018 Mayor Ben Walsh, Deputy Mayor Sharon Owens and First Deputy Chief Joe held a press conference rolling out the new functionality to the Syracuse Community.

The Syracuse Police Department received 1,426 anonymous tips through this system in 2018.

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*Initiate and complete the entire process of canvassing, conducting background investigations, interviewing, and ultimately hiring a class of Police Candidates.*

**Accomplished.** On Monday July 9th, 2018, 36 Police candidates were sworn into Office and began their training in the Syracuse Regional Police Academy. Of the 36 hired, 11 were minorities and 9 were residents of the City of Syracuse. Class number 19 graduated on Friday, January 11th, 2019 with a total compliment of 32 Officers.

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*Expand the COPS Camera program by securing strategic Memorandums of Understanding with both public and private businesses throughout the City.*

**Accomplished and Ongoing.** The Syracuse Police Department successfully secured a Memorandum of Understanding with Syracuse Housing Authority and now have access to their cameras and will continue to seek additional Memorandums of Understanding with both public and private businesses throughout 2019.

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*Continue to expand the Body Worn Camera Program by researching and seeking grant opportunities.*

**Accomplished.** On May 31, 2018, the Syracuse Police Department applied for 2 body-worn camera grants. The first grant was through the United States Department of Justice and on October 1, 2018 the Syracuse Police Department was awarded \$299,472.00. The second grant was through the New York State Attorney General’s Office and on December 20, 2018 the Syracuse Police Department was awarded \$148,603.00. The Department will continue to seek additional grant opportunities throughout 2019 in an effort to support and further expand this effective policing program.

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*Increase the presence of the Syracuse Police Department within the immigrant communities of the City by working with existing agencies to improve communication between the Police Department and the immigrant communities. Establish and conduct regular meetings with the various immigrant communities throughout the City. Begin recruitment efforts within the various immigrant communities with the goal of fostering an interest in becoming Syracuse Police Officers.*

**Accomplished & Ongoing.** In the summer of 2018 the Syracuse Police Department set up a recruitment table at the World Refugee Day festival at Schiller Park. Additionally, in late 2018 members of the Syracuse Police Department began working with Tai Shaw, President of the Vietnamese Community of Syracuse and President of World Refugee Day, to expand our footprint even further into the immigrant community. All of these activities and initiatives will continue throughout 2019.

The Syracuse Police Department has a proud history of appointing the most qualified candidates to the role of Chief of Police. During the modern era, some Chiefs have risen through the ranks, while others were selected from outside agencies within New York State. That all changed on December 3, 2018, when Kenton T. Buckner became the first Chief of Police to be appointed from out of state.

Chief Buckner was born in the small town of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, which has a population of about 30,000 people. Chief Buckner was raised by a single parent, with support from a very tight-knit family. Although growing up in what he described as poverty, Chief Buckner saw the key to a better future in education. He graduated from Hopkinsville High School, and pursued his secondary education at Eastern Kentucky University where he successfully completed his bachelor's degree in police administration, continuing on to achieve a master's degree in safety, security, and emergency management. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officer's Course and the NOBLE Chief Executive Officer Mentoring Program from Cedarville College. Chief Buckner said that his primary influence in becoming a police officer was from his father, who served as a police officer in the military and a small community in Louisiana.

Chief Buckner became a police officer in 1993 with the Louisville Division of Police (City Police Department), which eventually became the Louisville Metro Police Department after merging with Jefferson County, KY. During his career at the Louisville Metro Police Department Chief Buckner held the positions of Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Major, and Assistant Chief. Then in 2014, Chief Buckner became the Chief of Police at the Little Rock Police Department a position he held until his departure to Syracuse in December of 2018.

Throughout his career Chief Buckner has achieved many accomplishments, but he is most proud of being an average student in high school and being able to earn numerous college degrees, being promoted to a Lieutenant and then being promoted to the executive staff of the Louisville Metro Police Department, and becoming the Chief of the Little Rock Police Department.

Chief Buckner is very passionate about his job and believes in not only developing and sustaining a professional police department, which positively impacts the lives of the citizens they serve, but also in the development of Police Officers so they have the opportunity to reach their own career destinations.

Chief Buckner's decision to come to Syracuse was not a difficult one. The City of Syracuse fits the profile he was looking for; a mid-sized urban city, with a mid-sized police department and a diverse community. In addition, the challenges that currently exist in the City of Syracuse are similar to the challenges he faced in both Louisville and Little Rock. The comparable challenges include violent crime, racial tension, poverty, and higher crime rates in black & brown communities. Chief Buckner believes that his qualifications and experiences can play a pivotal role in creating solutions to the problems he will face in the City of Syracuse.

In the police field, there are many types of management styles and Chief Buckner describes himself as a servant leader who likes to verify things with his eyes and ears. He is candid and direct; goal focused and chooses to empower the people around him, particularly his executive staff. With the management strategy Chief Buckner intends to face the challenges of any Chief of Police by connecting the police department to the community and "opening the minds and hearts to things that are foreign". Chief Buckner expects his personnel to come to work with a good attitude and energy, give the public a professional honest day's work, respect their co-workers, and always remain mission-minded.

As the first Chief of Police to be selected from another state, Chief Buckner has faced many challenges. The first and most troublesome was developing trust with the rank and file as well as the Syracuse Police Department's Police Benevolent Association. Chief Buckner believes that this trust will develop and continue to solidify as his tenure with the department grows. Another challenge that Chief Buckner is working through is getting the department to open up to "doing business in ways that we (the department) haven't done before while maintaining good energy and professionalism even if you don't understand." Chief Buckner acknowledges that change is often difficult to accept, but a progressive police department should make changes when it is necessary to properly fulfill the mission of protecting the public it serves.

Outside of work, Chief Buckner describes himself as an "outgoing introvert". He enjoys traveling, live music, classic cars, and sporting events.

As Chief Buckner progresses into 2019 he will be implementing a complete Syracuse Police Department re-organization, formalize a Crime Control Model, and develop a 5-year strategic plan. Chief Buckner anticipates parts of the journey to be formidable, but is determined to stay positive and respectful of the men and women he has been chosen to lead, and advance the Syracuse Police Department into one of the best municipal police departments in the country.

# 2019 Goals & Objectives

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

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

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*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.

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*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.*



# 2018 Organizational Chart

*The Department maintains a table of organization that identifies the organizational components and establishes the chain of command and clear lines of authority.*



**Syracuse Police Department**  
Organizational Structure



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*The City of Syracuse covers a land area of 25.8 square miles and has a population of approximately 145,170. The Mayor-Council Style Government governs the City. As of December 31, 2018 there were 413 sworn officers and 78 civilian personnel employed by the Police Department, which has an operating budget of approximately \$48,038,599.00.*

## General Goals of the Department

**Prevention of Crime** - Crime is a problem that affects all segments of our society, and is a concern of everyone. The Department shall endeavor to involve the community in generating mutual understanding regarding the nature and extent of the crime problem and to involve the community in crime prevention efforts necessary to reduce crime.

**Deterrence of Crime** - Although there are certain crimes that cannot be prevented, crimes committed against innocent victims in public places and crimes against property can be deterred by proactive police operations and an involved community. These types of crimes are deterred by the criminal's fear of immediate apprehension or by the increased likelihood of his/her detection. The deterrence of crime requires the investigation of behavior that appears to be criminally directed. The Department shall strive to organize its personnel to deter crime and inspire public confidence in the safety and security of the community.

**Apprehension of Offenders** - Once a crime has been committed; it is the duty of the Department to initiate the criminal justice process by identifying and apprehending the offender, obtaining necessary evidence, and by assisting in the prosecution of the case. The Department must strive diligently to solve all crimes and to bring offenders to justice. The certainty of swift and sure punishment serves as an effective deterrent of crime.

**Recovery and Return of Property** - While the actual cost of crime is difficult to measure, it is possible to observe the mounting cost of lost and stolen property. This loss, as well as the other costs must be borne ultimately by victims. In order to minimize the losses due to crime, the Department shall make every reasonable effort to recover lost or stolen property, to identify its owners, and to ensure its prompt return.

**Public Service** - Because other public or private agencies may be unavailable, the public relies upon the police for assistance and advice in both routine and emergency situations. Saving lives, aiding the injured, locating lost persons, keeping the peace, facilitating the safe and orderly movement of traffic, and providing for many other miscellaneous needs are basic services provided by the Department. It is the Department's responsibility to respond to all calls for service and to render such aid or advice, as is necessitated or indicated by the situation.

**Victim/Witness Assistance** - It is essential to our law enforcement efforts that we protect the rights of victims and witnesses. Therefore, the Department shall strive to avoid the traumatization of victim/witnesses by assisting them through an awareness of the psychological trauma associated with their circumstances and providing them with the necessary information regarding resources that are available to them.

**Accreditation** - Law enforcement Accreditation is a process used to identify an agency's level of professionalism as measured by standards established by experts and practitioners in the field of law enforcement. It is a goal of the Department to maintain its accreditation status with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services.

**Innovation** - The Syracuse Police Department has an exemplary history as a leader in forging new and innovative policing methods and programs. It is a goal of the Department to continue this tradition. Members are encouraged to think critically and creatively, present and promote ideas directed towards continuously improving the Department and the services it provides to citizens in the City of Syracuse.

# Report On 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.

The **Administrative Staff** of the Office of the Chief of Police 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.

The **Public Information Officer** is 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 **Emergency Management Officer** 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.

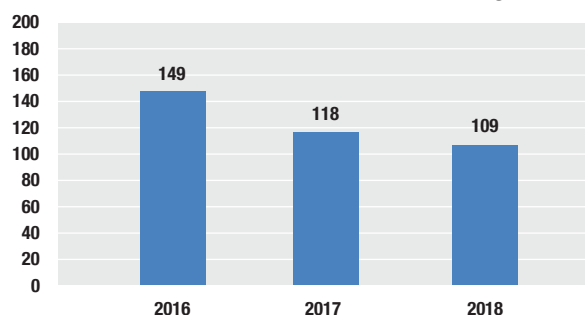
The **Office of Legal Affairs** is responsible for advising and assisting the Chief and his Command in developing and reviewing new and existing policies, practices, and training, ensuring that Department Rules and Regulations, policies, practices, and training are lawful as written and applied; assisting Department Chiefs, Commanders, Supervisors, and Members in the review, interpretation, application, and enforcement of local,



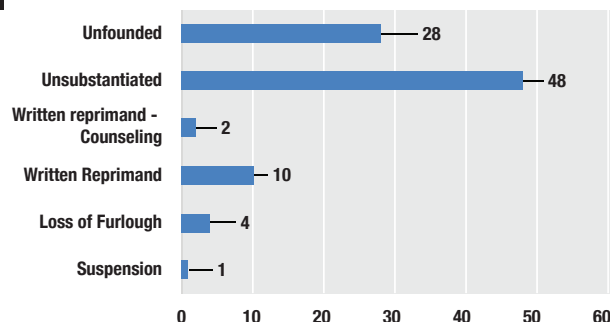
**Kenton T. Buckner,**  
Chief of Police

Appointed December 2018

### 1 Office of Professional Standards Cases Investigated



### 2 Office of Professional Standards Case Dispositions 2018



state, and federal laws; assisting the Department in its participation in judicial, administrative, and legislative processes at the local, state, and federal levels, 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.

## **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 documentation of complaints.
- Prepares charges (criminal, civil, and Departmental) when appropriate.
- Assists in the representation of the Department in arbitration.

*See Charts 1 and 2*

# Report On Administration Bureau Operations

*The Administration Bureau is commanded by First Deputy Chief of Police, Joseph L. Cecile, 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 Audit and Budget Control Division

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

See Charts 3 and 4

## 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 5 through 8

## 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.

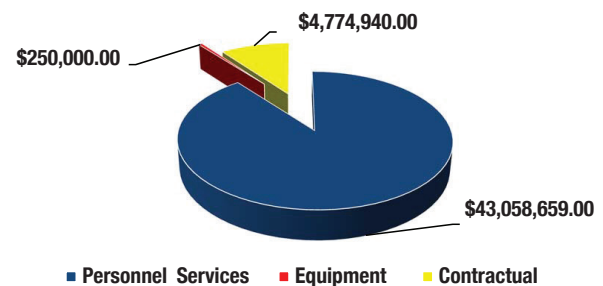
See Chart 9



**Joseph L. Cecile**  
First Deputy  
Chief of Police

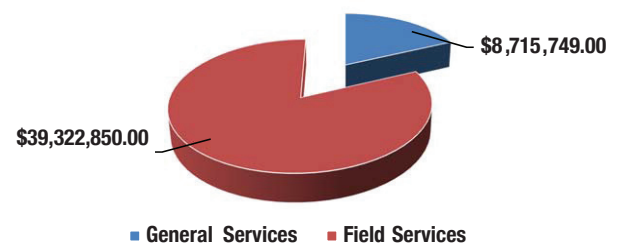
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### Recommended Budget 2018-2019



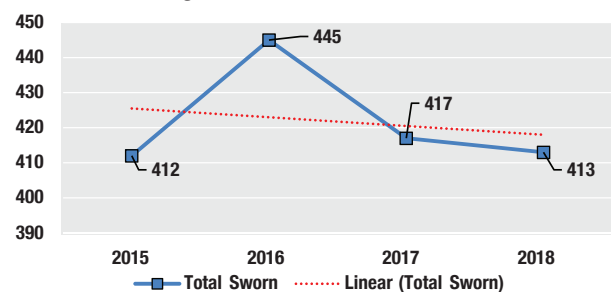
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### Recommended Budget 2018-2019



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### Composition of Departmental Employees Change in Sorn Workforce 2015-2018



# Administration Bureau Operations

## The Training 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 Police Academy programs.
- Maintains records of training standards, programs, and lesson plans.

### TRAINING DIVISION ACTIVITY

	2016	2017	2018
<b>Police Academy Classes</b>			
Total Officers Certified	25	0	44
Outside Agencies Attending	2	0	4
Community Service Officers	9	6	5

### In-Service Training Sessions

Total Officers Trained	386	344	348
Police Officers	320	270	290
Training Topics Instructed (Officers)	10	7	12
Supervisors	48	50	40
Training Topics Instructed (Supervisors)	10	7	7
Command Officers	18	24	18
Training Topics Instructed	0	6	13

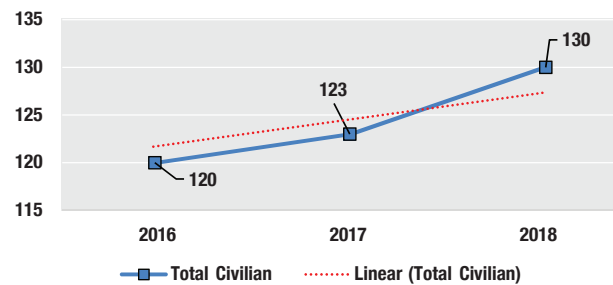
### Certified Course Instruction

NYS BMP OPS	19	15	33
Refresher	9	6	15
Seminars	14	8	16
Specialized Training	12	7	8
Outside Agencies Attending	32	29	4

During 2018, a total of 322 officers were sent to outside training. Additionally, the Syracuse Regional Academy graduated 44 police officers from 5 agencies.

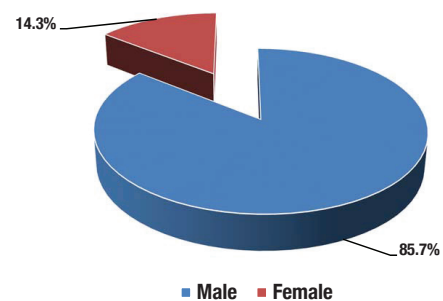
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Composition of Departmental Employees  
Change in Civilian Workforce 2015-2018



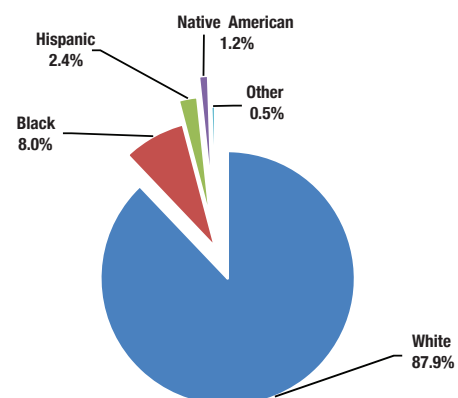
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Sworn Personnel by Gender 2018



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Sworn Personnel by Race & Ethnicity 2018



# Administration Bureau Operations

## The Armament Section

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

## The Inspections Division

- Conducts staff and line inspections.
- Evaluates efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of Department operations and systems.
- Evaluates compliance of goals and directives.
- Ensures that Department policies and procedures are being followed.
- Reports deficiencies to the First Deputy Chief of Police.

See Charts 10 and 11

## The Division of Technology & 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.
- Prepares and assists in the management of Department grants.

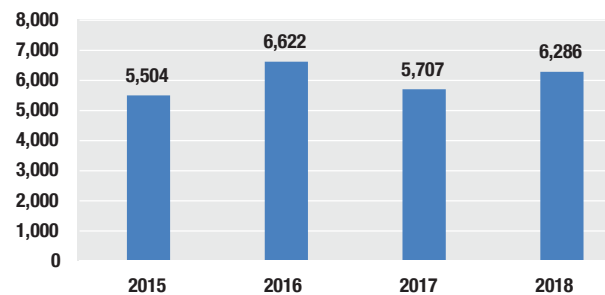
## Central Records Division

- 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 12-14

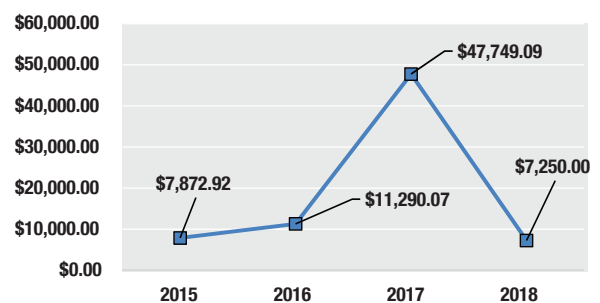
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Department Sick & Injury Days Used by Sworn & Civilian Personnel



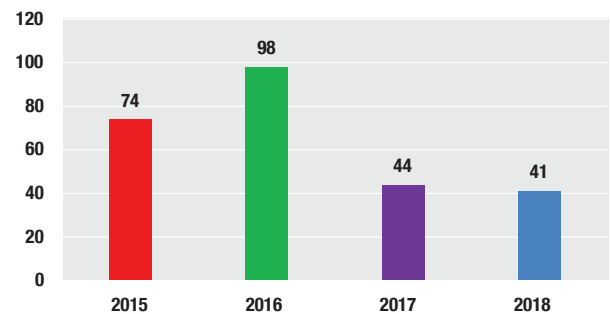
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Uniform & Equipment Damage Claims Costs



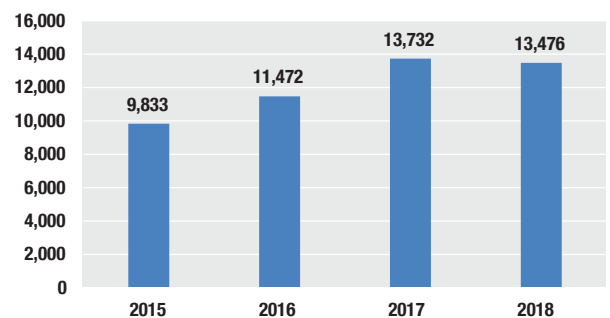
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Number of Damage Claims



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Arrest Reports Processed





# Administration Bureau Operations

The **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.

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

## The Property Division

- Is responsible for the custody and disposal of physical evidence, found or recovered property, and all property held for safekeeping.
- Maintains all Department inventory records.
- Orders and stores supplies.
- Prints Department forms.

See Chart 15

## The Transportation Division

- Maintains all Department vehicles and prepares vehicles for auction.
- Prepares specifications for the purchase of new vehicles.

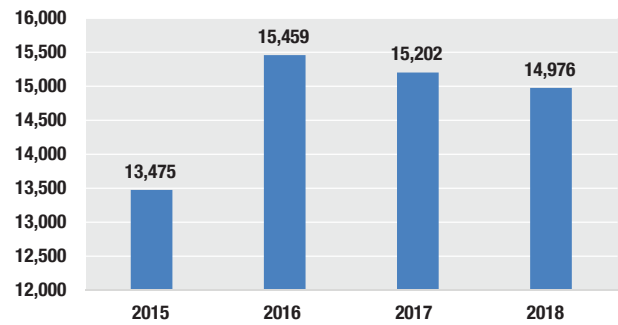
Completes vehicle repair work and maintenance on fleet vehicles.

Transportation Division Activities	2018
Vehicles In Service	322
Vehicles Taken Out of Service	45
New Vehicles Purchased	43
Gasoline Dispensed (gal.)	292,500
Diesel Dispensed (gal.)	605
Fleet miles per gallon	10.1
Repair Orders Completed	1,862
Preventative Maintenance	826

See Chart 16

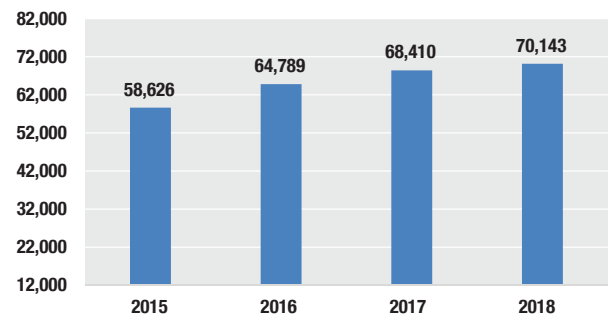
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Investigation Reports Processed



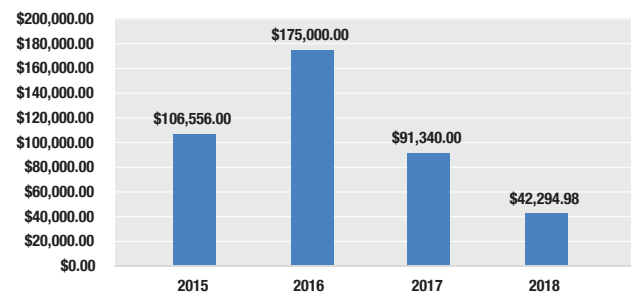
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Total Reports Processed



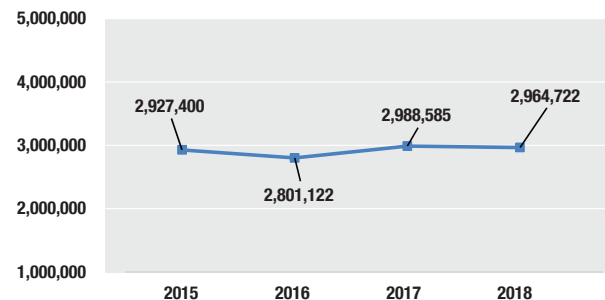
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Total Unclaimed Cash Processed by the Property Division



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Fleet Mileage Logged



# Report On Uniform Bureau Operations

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



**Lynette E. DelFavero**  
Deputy Chief of Police

## The Patrol Division

- Responds to all 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 17 and 18

The Patrol Division is the largest component of the Uniform Bureau. It consists of the First, Second, and Third Platoons.

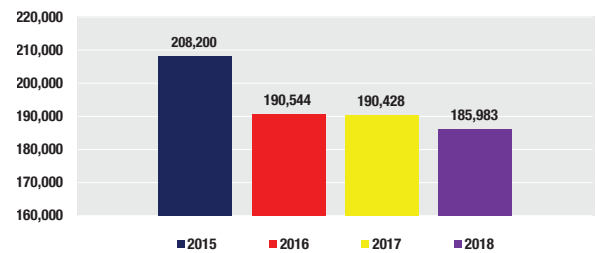
The First Platoon's hours of duty are 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM, with roll calls at 10:00 PM and 11:00 PM daily.

### First Platoon Activity 2018

Felony Arrests	522
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,810
Violation Arrests	1402
Appearance Tickets	609
Warrant Arrests	798
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	4,139
Parking Tickets Issued	10,372
Calls for Service	54,383
With Reports	11,533
Without Reports	44,495
Number of Reports	19,400

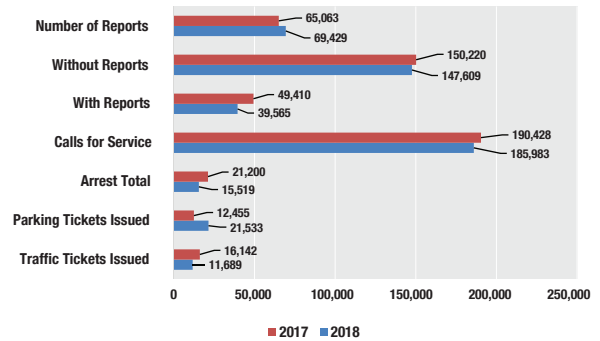
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Patrol Division Calls for Service



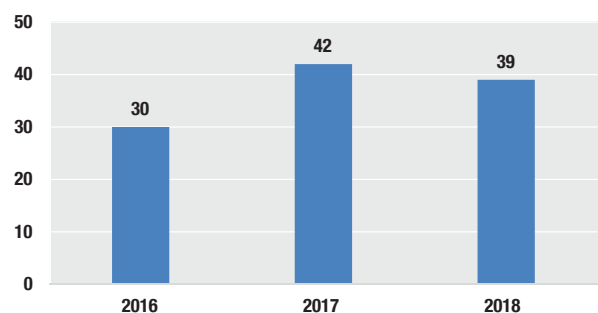
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Patrol Division Activity



**19**

Total Number of Pursuits



# Uniform Bureau Operations

The Second Platoon's hours of duty are 06:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with roll calls at 6:00 AM and 7:00 AM daily.

## Second Platoon Activity 2018

Felony Arrests	342
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,110
Violation Arrests	800
Appearance Tickets	279
Warrant Arrests	447
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	1,659
Parking Tickets Issued	3,722
Calls for Service	50,718
With Reports	10,703
Without Reports	39,526
Number of Reports	18,311

The Third Platoon's hours of duty are 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM, with roll calls at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM daily.

## Third Platoon Activity 2018

Felony Arrests	777
Misdemeanor Arrests	2,936
Violation Arrests	1,853
Appearance Tickets	947
Warrant Arrests	887
Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued	5,891
Parking Tickets Issued	7,439
Calls for Service	80,882
With Reports	17,330
Without Reports	63,588
Number of Reports	31,718

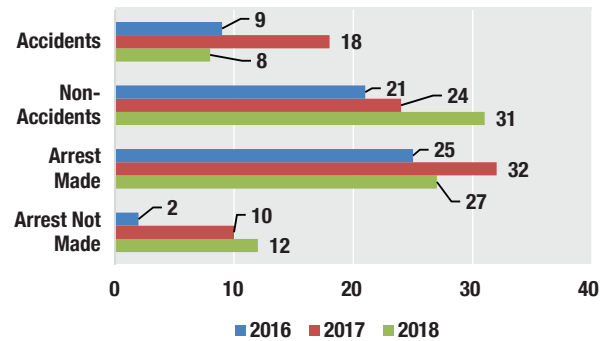
## Platoon Comparisons 2018

The following chart depicts the average annual workload per officer assigned to the First, Second, and Third Platoons for the categories listed:

Platoon	First	Second	Third
Felony Arrests	12	7	15
Misdemeanor Arrests	40	22	58
Violation Arrests	31	16	36
Appearance Tickets Issued	14	6	19
Warrant Arrests	18	9	17
Traffic Tickets Issued	90	33	115
Parking Tickets Issued	225	73	146

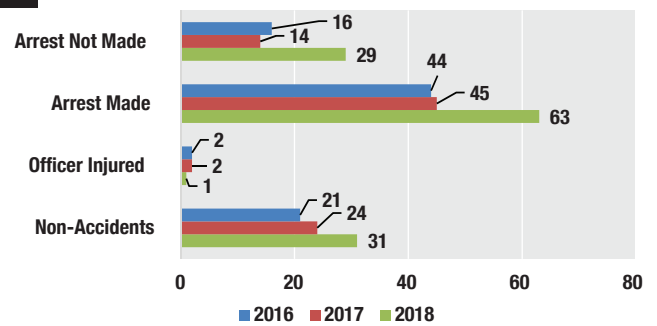
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## High Speed Pursuits vs. Pursuits



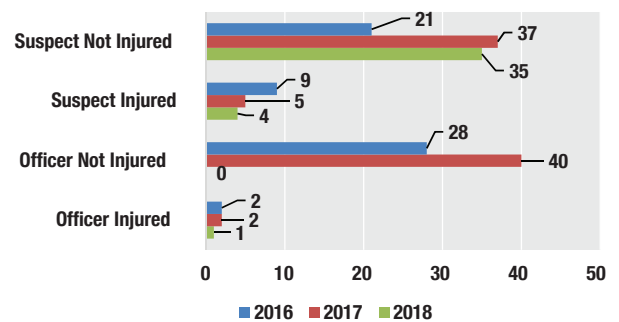
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## Pursuit Arrest & Accident Data



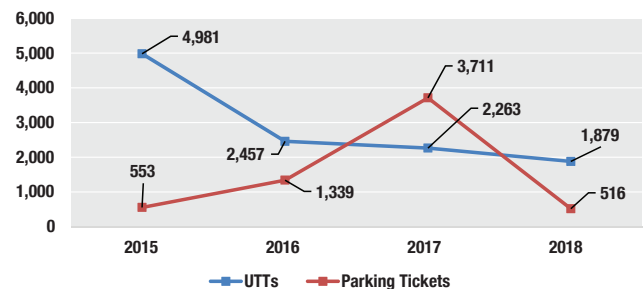
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## Pursuit Injury Data



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## Traffic Section Tickets Issued



# Uniform Bureau Operations

Platoon	First	Second	Third
Calls for Service	1,209	994	1,586
With Reports	256	210	340
Without Reports	989	775	1,247
Number of Reports	431	359	622

## 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.
- Oversees the operations of the Special Events Section, K-9 Section, and the Court Liaison Section.

Each year the Patrol Services Division conducts an analysis of Syracuse Police Department vehicle pursuits. During 2018, 39 pursuits were analyzed. Charts 19-23 depict the results of that analysis.

See Charts 19-23

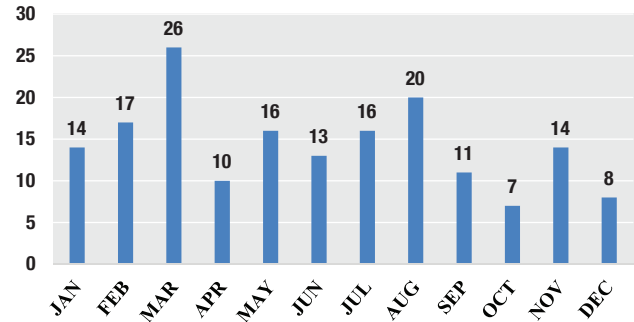
The **K-9 Section** is comprised of 7 canine teams. Each team receives special training in building searches, area searches, tracking, obedience, and either narcotics or explosive detection.

### K-9 activity for 2018 is as follows:

Calls for Service	4,122
Felony Arrests	57
Misdemeanors	114
Violations	90
Apprehensions	37
Building Searches	177
Drug Searches	60
Explosive Searches	133
Open Area Searches	84
Building Perimeter Checks	482
K-9 Tracking	29
Officer Protection	71
K-9 Demonstrations	11
Attendance (K-9 demos)	410

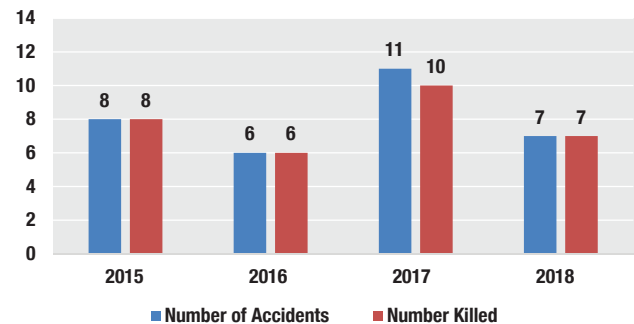
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DWI Arrests 2018



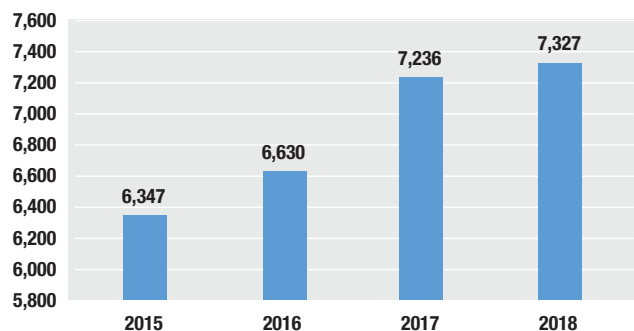
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Fatal Motor Vehicle Accidents



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Motor Vehicle Accidents



# Uniform Bureau Operations

The **Special Events Section** plans and coordinates staffing and traffic control operations for numerous community events conducted in the City of Syracuse.

Major Community Events	120
Parade Permits	20
Assembly Permits	147
Carrier Dome Events	52
Officers Assigned to Dome Events	1,245
Dome Attendance <b>2018</b>	869,702

The **Court Liaison Section** processed 3,256 subpoenas and notices scheduling pre-trial hearings and conferences to individual officers during 2018.

## The Traffic Section

The Traffic Section is 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 24 and 25

The **Accident Investigation Section** reviews, processes, stores, maintains motor vehicle accident reports, and provides statistical and requested report information concerning motor vehicle accidents that occur in the City of Syracuse. The following graphs depict various motor vehicle accident and vehicle and traffic related statistics.

See Charts 26-27

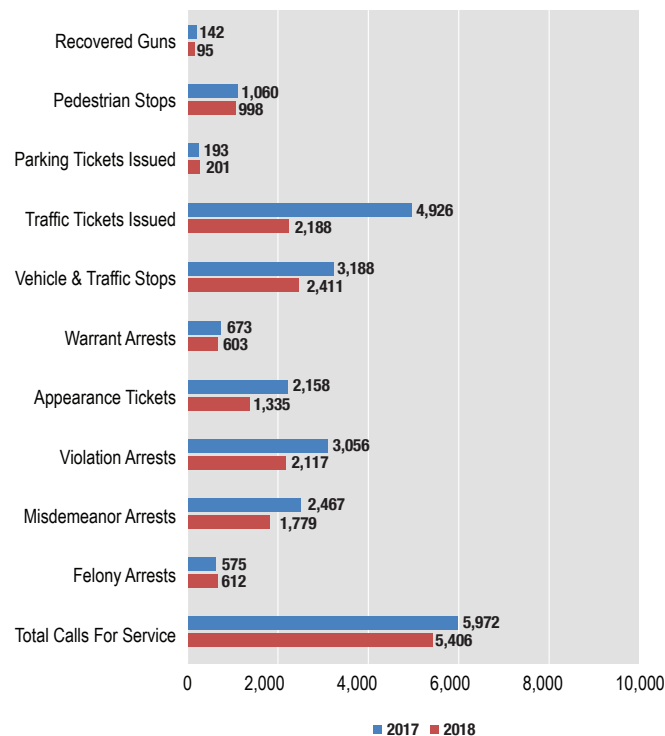
## The Crime Reduction Team

The main function of the Crime Reduction Team is to reduce crime and violence in the City of Syracuse through proactive patrol tactics and strict enforcement of city ordinances, penal, and vehicle & traffic laws. CRT concentrates its activities in designated troubled neighborhoods, responds to shots fired calls, and supports uniform patrol operations when necessary.

See Chart 28

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Crime Reduction Team Activity



## The Airport Section

- Provides police services and airport 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

2018

Felony Arrests	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	2
Violation Arrests	11
Vehicle & Traffic Stops	45
UTT's Issued	30
Parking Tickets Issued	534
SIDA Checks	15,121
In-Flight Emergencies	17
Total Calls	1,224

# Report On 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 and Sections:*



**Derek P. McGork**  
Deputy Chief of Police

## 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 concerning known criminals and criminal activity.
- Coordinates information with prosecuting agencies during investigations for upcoming court cases.

The **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.

The **Homicide Section** is a component of the Criminal Investigations Division with dedicated personnel charged with investigating homicides and suspicious deaths that have occurred within the last 5 years.

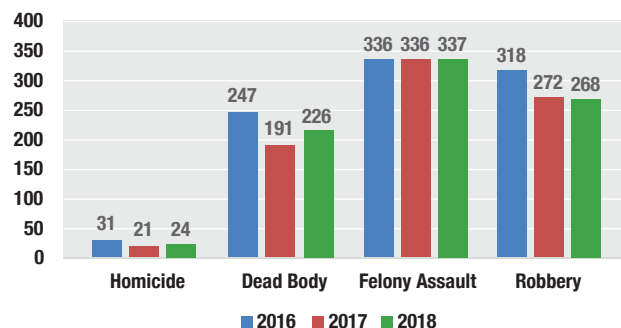
Homicide Section	2018
Homicide Investigations	24
Closed by Arrest	20

See Charts 29 and 30

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](http://www.syracusepolice.org) that includes case history/photos in order to reach a wider audience and help cultivate case tips.

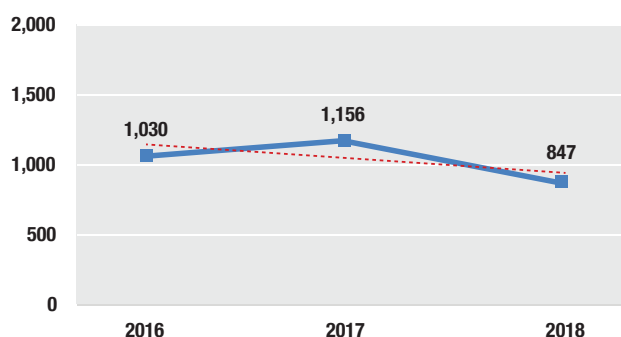
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**CID Crimes Against Persons Investigations**



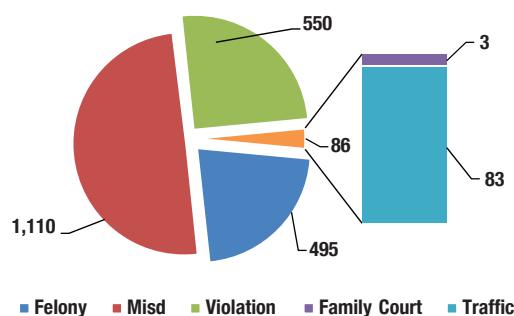
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**Burglaries Reported by Year**



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**Warrant Section Arrests 2018**





# Investigations Bureau Operations

Cold Case Unit	2018
Current Cold Cases	87
Homicide	71
Closed by Arrest	0
Missing Persons	8
Suspicious Death	1
Fatal Fire	1

The **Computer Forensic Unit** is responsible for processing and analyzing digital evidence from a variety of sources such as 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 will respond 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 all electronic evidence.

Computer Forensic Unit	2018
Hard Drives/Mobile Devices Analyzed	350

The **Warrant Section** is 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.

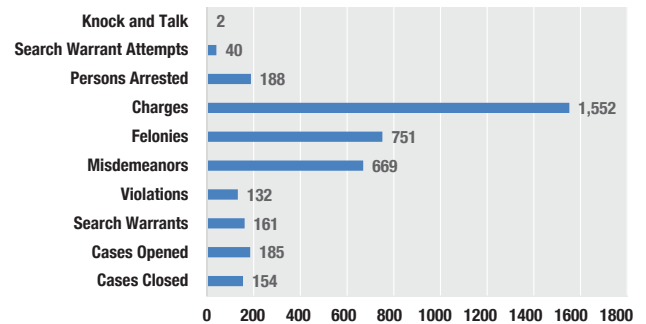
See Chart 31

The **Crime Scene Unit** is responsible for processing all major crime scenes and incidents for the purpose of the preservation and collection of evidence.

Crime Scene Unit	2018
Homicides	25
Officer Involved Shootings	1
Suspicious Deaths/Incidents	3
Fatal Fires	1
Cell Phones Processed	12
Vehicles Processed	69
Crime Scene Sketches	33
ET Cases Photographed	5,417
ET Photographs	192,595
CSU Photographs	33,671

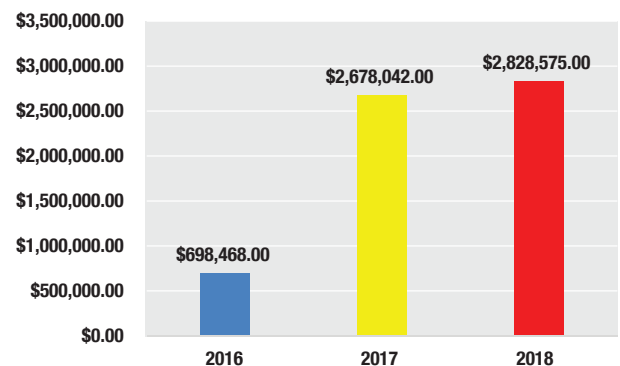
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Narcotics Section Activity 2018



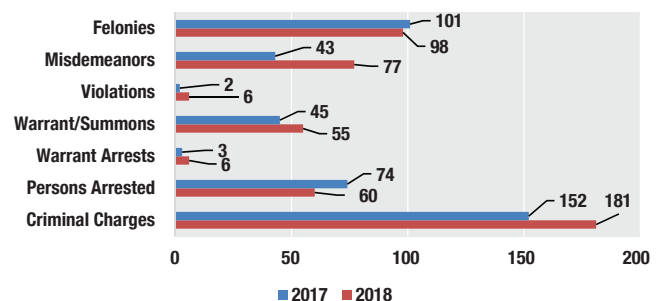
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Value of Narcotics Seized



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Abused Persons Unit Activity



# Report On Investigations Bureau Operations

## The 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.

The **Narcotics Section** is 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 32 and 33

The **Technical Operations Section** is 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 2018

Pole Camera Installation	25
GPS Tracking	16
Search Warrant Photo CD's	75

### Forfeiture Operations

State Currency & Vehicle Cases	198
Cash Amount	\$368,813.57

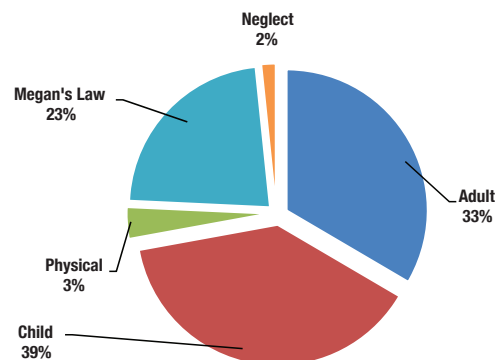
### Protective Escort Operations

Advance Operations	6
Escort Details	14

The Syracuse **Gang Violence Task Force** (GVTF) is a collaboration of Local, State and Federal law agencies that are responsible for aggressively targeting violent gangs and their members. The Task Force utilizes long term and short term investigations which are prepared and presented to the federal and state court systems for prosecution.

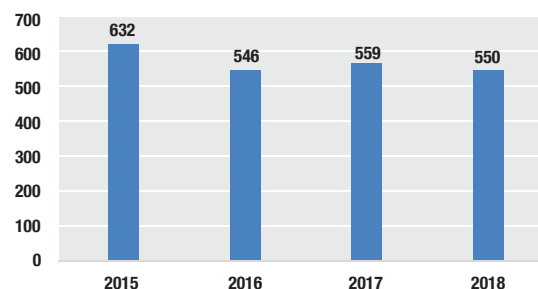
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2018 Apu Investigations



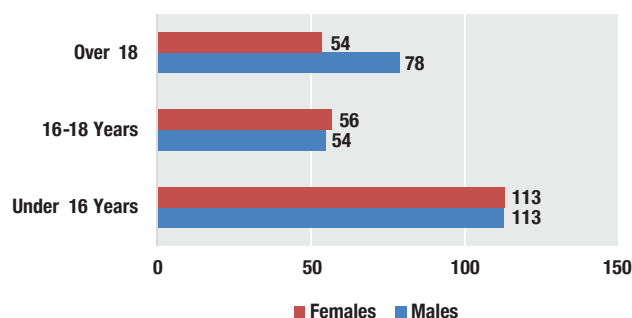
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Missing Persons Investigations by Year



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2018 Missing Persons by Age & Sex



# Investigations Bureau Operations

The Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force was formed in January 2003, in response to a rapidly increasing level of gang violence within the City of Syracuse. Members of the Syracuse Police Department met with the United States Attorney's Office in an effort to explore options within the federal legal system to assist in dealing with this issue. The result was the formation of the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force. Local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies, along with the U.S. Attorney's Office, became participants in this task force. Over time additional partnerships were formed and the Task Force brought gang cases to both the state and federal prosecution systems. The law enforcement agencies included in the Task Force have been the Syracuse Police Department, the New York State Police, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, the New York State Attorney General's Office, the United States Marshal's Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Suspension, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the United States Attorney's Office.

Since the Task Force's creation in 2003 the Gang Violence Task Force has been responsible for completing 14 long term gang investigations resulting in numerous arrests. A summary of those investigations are as follows:

- December 2002 – Elk Block federal drug case resulting in the arrest of 14 gang members
- June 2003 - Boot Camp federal RICO prosecution resulting in the arrest of 26 gang members
- August 2005 – Elk Block federal RICO prosecution resulting in the arrest of 16 gang members
- August 2006 – Brighton Brigade federal RICO prosecution resulting in the arrest of 14 gang members
- March 2008 – 11 Eastside gang members arrested in a federal gun and drug conspiracy
- June 2009 – 110 gang federal RICO prosecution resulting in the arrest of 12 gang members
- April 2011 – Bricktown federal RICO prosecution and drug conspiracy resulting in the arrest of 13 gang members
- May 2012 – VNOT gang federal RICO prosecution and drug conspiracy resulting in the arrest of 11 gang members
- June 2014 – LAMA gang federal drug conspiracy resulting in the arrest of 13 gang members

- May 2015 – 110 gang state investigation resulting in the arrest of two gang members.
- March 2017 – New York state gun trafficking investigation from Florida to New York resulting in the arrest and conviction of the trafficker.
- April 2017 – Federal credit-card cloning investigation resulting in the arrest and conviction of 6 individuals.
- April 2017 – Bricktown gang state drug conspiracy resulting in the arrest of 34 gang members.
- October 2018 – 110 gang federal RICO prosecution resulting in the arrest of 14 gang members.

Furthermore, the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force is responsible for numerous proactive street-level gun violence suppression details. These details include but are not limited to proactive street suppression details in hot spots gang territories, Parole/Probation home visits on gang members, Parole GPS details on gang members, traffic check points in gang hot spots, Parole/Alcohol Beverage Control checks on local alcohol establishments with surges in gun violence.

## Criminal Intelligence Section

The function of the Criminal Intelligence Section is to collect, evaluate, analyze, and disseminate 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.

### Criminal Intelligence Section Activity 2018

#### Bulletins Distributed

Officer Safety	98
Wanted for an Offense	314
General Police Information	1,630
Investigative Lead Reports	298
<b>Total Bulletins</b>	<b>2,340</b>
Crime Analysis Special Research Projects/ Studies	3,682
Inmate Release Notices	475
Anonymous Tips Received	1,560

# Investigations Bureau Operations

## 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.

The **Abused Persons Unit** is responsible for investigating sex offenses, including child pornography, all felony physical child abuse and neglect incidents, and identifying and apprehending offenders. The Unit is co-located with a number of law enforcement and non-law enforcement agencies at the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center and works closely with Onondaga Child Protective Services, The Rape Crisis Center, Department of Probation, and New York State Parole.

*During 2018, detectives assigned to the Abused Persons Unit closed out two serious rape cases where the victim was attacked by an unknown assailant.*

*On 28 June 2018, at about 0230hrs patrol units responded to the 200 block of Turtle St regarding a violent rape which occurred behind several houses. As officers arrived the suspect fled the scene and managed to get away. A later review of COPS cameras revealed the path taken by the suspect and key pieces of evidence ultimately linked to the suspect were located. In addition, the last piece of video footage showed the suspect run between 605 and 607 Turtle St. Based on information learned through interviews with the victim, detectives obtained that a person matching the description of the suspect who went by the name of Lawrence Sullivan and lived at 607 Turtle St. A photographic array was prepared and the suspect was identified on the 4th of July. A short time later a search warrant was secured for the Turtle St. address and with the assistance of SWAT, Sullivan was taken into custody. During an interview, Sullivan made several admissions which strengthened the case against him in which he was charged with Rape 1, Criminal Sex Act 1, Robbery 1, Sex Abuse 1, Strangulation 2, and Assault 2.*

*On 19 August 2018, at 0030hrs officers and responded to the Skyline Apartments on James St after an unknown suspect unlawfully entered an apartment on the 7th floor and assaulted and raped a 74 year old woman who had been asleep in bed. APU Detectives reviewed the building's CCTV footage which captured the suspect prior to and following the incident. Using these cameras the suspect's movements within the building were traced back to an apartment on the second floor where he stayed for a brief time. The occupants of this apartment were interviewed and ul-*

*timately supplied enough information for detectives to create a photographic array containing Shamik King. The three witnesses identified King and using their information along with COPS footage, the suspect was tracked to the Rescue Mission after committing the rape. Later that same day, after the suspect information was disseminated to uniformed officers, members of CRT located King outside the Mission and transported King to APU where he was interviewed by detectives. King was subsequently arrested for Rape 1, Burglary 1 and Assault 2. In addition to recovering the clothing King was wearing, detectives were able to locate additional articles of clothing belonging to King at the Rescue Mission. This clothing along with the evidence recovered by evidence technicians at the scene successfully tied King to the victim whom he denied ever meeting.*

*See Charts 34 and 35*

The **Youth Enforcement Unit** has primary responsibility for investigation of crimes perpetrated by juveniles. The Unit is responsible for the diversion of offenders by making referrals to appropriate agencies, and acting as a liaison with other youth service providers and other 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 Department Units with Family Court, Social Services referrals, and crime prevention activities.

### Youth Enforcement Section Activity 2018

Sealed by Court Order	80
OCFS Warrants 1	1
P.I.N.S Warrants	5
J.D. Warrant	11
Neglect Warrant	3

### Departmental Statistics 2018

Juveniles Arrested	304
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The **Missing Persons Unit** is responsible for conducting investigations of missing persons.

*See Charts 36 and 37*

# Report On Community Services Bureau Operations

The Community Services Bureau is commanded by Deputy Chief of Police, Richard F. Shoff Jr., who is responsible for providing community based services to the public. These services include Recruitment, Community Relations, Ordinance and License Enforcement, Nuisance Abatement, Neighborhood Watch, Storefront, School Resource and Information Officers, and the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) programs. The Bureau is comprised of the following Divisions and Sections:

## The Community Policing Division

- Implements and advances Community Policing principles, strategies, and operations.
- Coordinates Community Policing with all components of the Department.
- Oversees the operations of the Ordinance Enforcement & License, Storefront, and Neighborhood Watch Sections.

See Charts 38 and 39

The **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 and Zoning, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation to achieve compliance and eradicate conditions of physical decay in neighborhoods.

### Ordinance Enforcement Activity 2018

Abandoned Vehicle Complaints	251
Red Tag Vehicle Tows	20
Salvage Certificates	54
Red Tags Issued	290

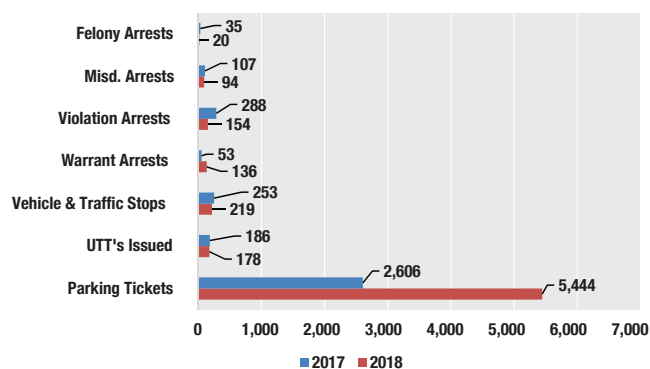
The **Neighborhood Watch Section** serves as a Department liaison with 103 Neighborhood Watch Groups situated throughout the City of Syracuse and also assists in the development of additional groups. Crime prevention education is conducted through routinely scheduled meetings where groups are established. The Section acts as a liaison with other City Departments toward solving complaints and community problems.



**Richard F. Shoff Jr.**  
Deputy  
Chief of Police

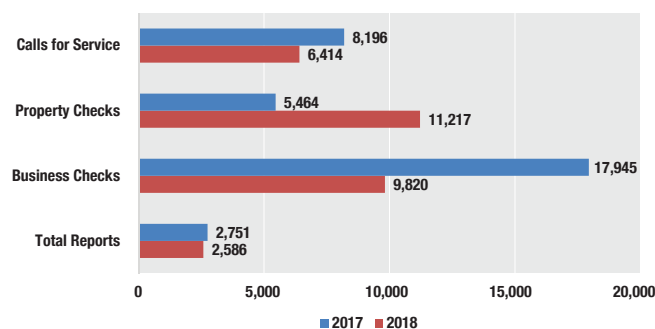
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Storefront Activity



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Storefront Activity





# Community Services Bureau Operations

Neighborhood Watch Section Activity **2018** is as follows:

Active Neighborhood Watch Groups	149
New Neighborhood Watch Groups Formed	10
Total Meetings, Special Events and Gatherings	485
Newsletter Publications	5
Major Special Events	8
Halloween Safety Watch Groups-October	81
Nuisance Abatement Monitoring	47
Watchlink Complaints Weekly Average	8
Total Number of Residents Involved	7,000

The **Recruitment Section** is 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 40

The **Community Relations Section** is responsible for educating the public in the area of crime prevention for home, business security, and personal safety. The Section also provides specifically tailored educational programs to senior citizens and youth. The Section seeks to enhance interaction and establish long term relationships between the police, individuals, and groups in order to solve community problems.

Programs/Presentations	2018
Job Shadowing	21
Civilian Rider Program	311
Safety Speaking Engagements	17
Business Security Seminars	21
Internships	10

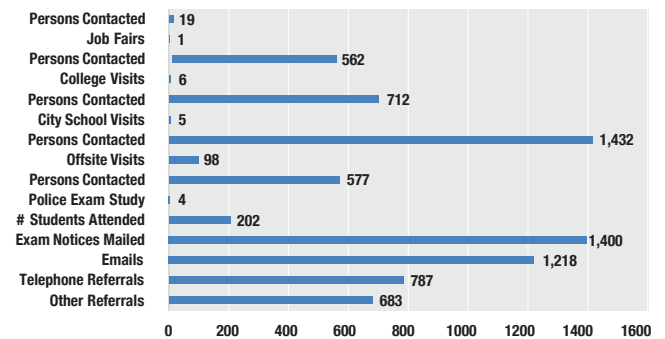
\* Community Relations Statistics are from July 2018 – December 2018

**The Community Relations Section** strives to build relationships and trust between the police department and the many communities within the City of Syracuse. During the year of 2018, the Community Relations Section organized and participated in several community events.

On August 7th, 2018, the Community Relations Section organized its first "National Night Out" event. The event was a huge success; approximately 3,000 people attended the event. The following agencies attended

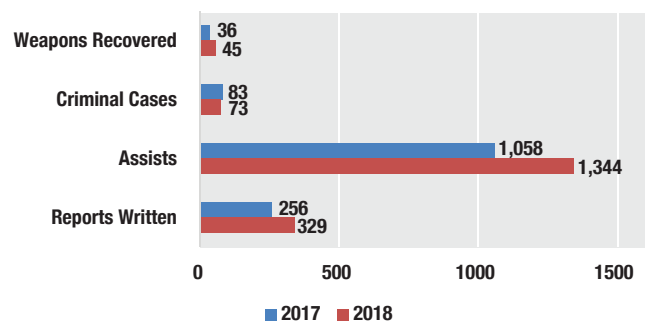
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Recruitment Section Activity 2017



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SIRP Activity



including 15 law enforcement agencies surrounding Syracuse; State Police, Sheriff Department & adjoining City Police Departments, Emergency Personnel (American Medical Response), US Navy, US Army and United State Air Force. Special Attractions: Inflatable Obstacle Bounce House, Inflatable Basketball Hoop, Dunk Tank, DJ, Cotton Candy Machine, Popcorn Machine, etc. Representatives from SPD; Command Center, SWAT, K-9 and Traffic attended the event. Special Guests: Ghost-buster vehicle and a Bike Giveaway.

- National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that 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. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances."



# Community Services Bureau Operations

*Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.*

On December 8th, 2018, the Community Relations Section organized its annual "Shop with a Cop/Shop with a Firefighter" event at Destiny USA Mall. Both the Syracuse Police Department/Syracuse Fire Department raised approximately \$4,000.00 in total for the annual event. There were 39 children selected within the City of Syracuse who have been victims of criminal activities, fires, accidents, medical emergencies or other unfortunate circumstances. This is the sixth year the Syracuse Police Department and Fire Department has jointly participated in this heart-warming event.

*The purpose of the Shop with a Cop/ Shop with a Firefighter event is to foster positive relationships between youth and officers. Young kids, in grades K - 6th are selected each year during the end-of-the-year holiday season to shop at one of the local area stores to purchase gifts for members of their immediate family. Each child is given a small amount of money to spend, normally \$100 - \$200 depending on how much money both departments raised for the event. Approximately 1-2 children are assigned to each police personnel, who then escorts them around the store and assists in selecting appropriate gifts for the child and/or each family member. After shopping, the children will eat lunch with their assigned partners and continue to build a rapport with the agency they are assigned to for the event.*

*The events listed are two of the major community events that the Community Relations Section organized and facilitated in 2018.*

The **School Information Resource Section** is a contingent of detectives who are permanently assigned to the City of Syracuse School District. Detectives are responsible for handling all police matters within the school, and to interact 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 41

The **Drug Abuse Resistance Education Section (D.A.R.E.)** is 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.	2017	2018
Students Educated	2,040	915
Number of Classes Taught	713	100

#### Officer Friendly

Students Educated	6,154	1,743
Number of Classes Taught	432	412

The **Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.)** program was introduced in Syracuse during 2003. The officers assigned to D.A.R.E teach the G.R.E.A.T. curriculum. This federally funded program gives students accurate facts about gang involvement. During thirteen 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.	2017	2018
Students Educated	1,364	5,090
Number of Classes Taught	186	324

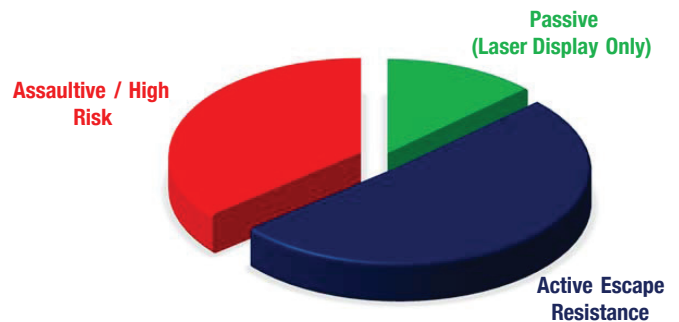
*In 2018 there were 22 Total Incidents where a Department issued Taser was used.*

- 14 out of 22 (64%) incidents gained suspect compliance with one or fewer Taser cycles used.
- 18% of incidents gained compliance with a laser display or verbal warning only.
- 27% of incidents where a Taser was used were Domestic Related Incidents.
- 64% 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.).
- 32% 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.
- 4% 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.
- 14% of incidents involved a weapon or threatened the use of a weapon against oneself or police.
- 18% of incidents constituted a Felony charge(s) of the suspect.
- Only one incident within 2018 resulted in a minor injury to both the suspect involved and an officer on scene.

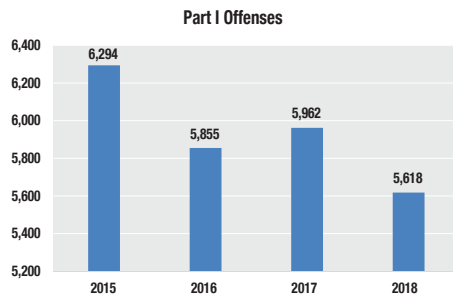
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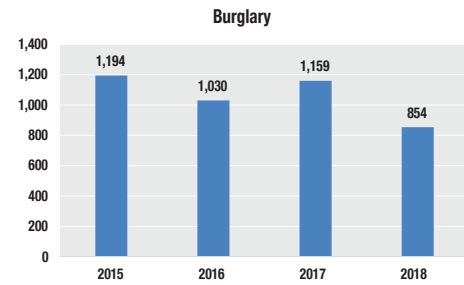
## 2018 TASER DEPLOYMENTS



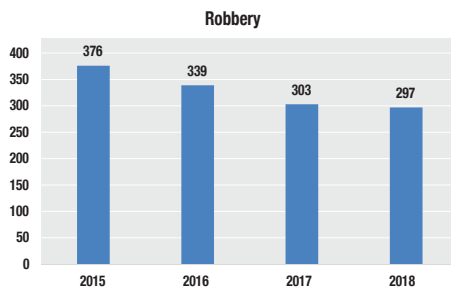
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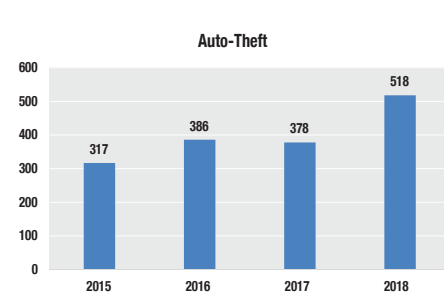
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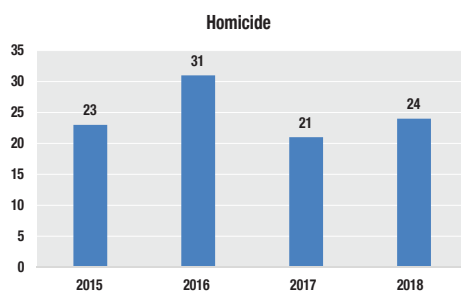
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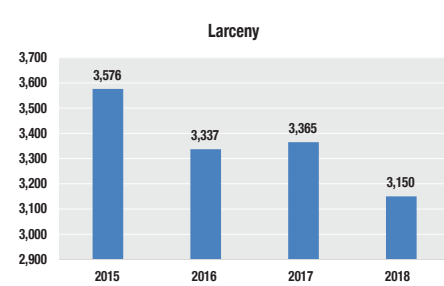
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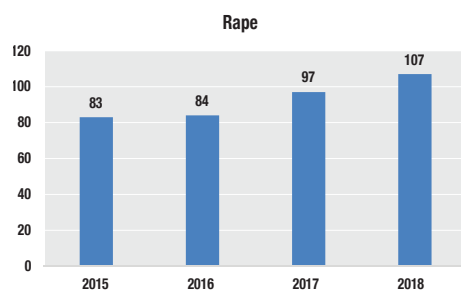
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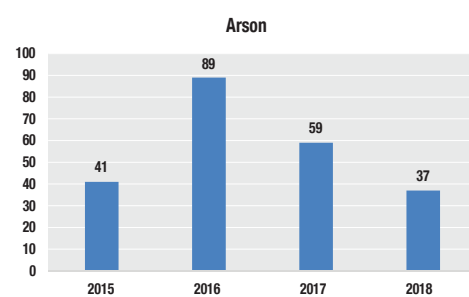
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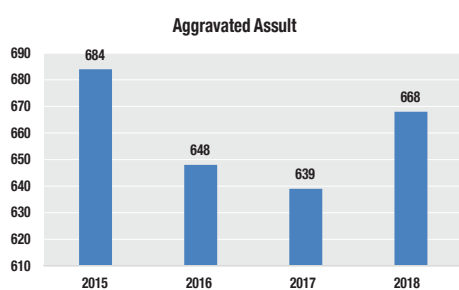
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# Awards, Promotions, and Retirements

## 2018 Departmental Awards

(Awarded for actions during calendar year 2017)

### ***Francis Hendricks Medal for Bravery***

No recipient

### ***Post-Standard Medal***

Police Officer William Foster

### ***John C. Dillon Award***

Police Officer Gordon Quonce III

### ***Jerome P. Slater Medal for Bravery***

Police Officer John Gunsulus

### ***Chief's Achievement Medal***

Police Officer Joseph Talone

Detective Timothy Martins

### ***Wallie Howard Jr. Medal***

Detective Jeffrey Ballagh

### ***Timothy Laun Award***

Captain Timothy Gay

### ***Mayors' Achievement Award***

Sergeant Michael Malone

Sergeant Alexander Cazzolli

Detective Jason D'Addio

Detective Andrew Rawson

### ***Distinguished Service Award***

Police Officer E. Scott Boles

### ***PBA President's Medal***

Police Officer Mitchell Anthony

### ***PBA Valor Medal***

Detective Jacob Breen

Police Officer Leonard Brown

### ***PBA Merit Medal***

No recipient

### ***SPD Life Saving Award***

Detective Lindsay McCormack

Police Officer Roger Camby

Detective Eric Gerace

Police Officer Thomas Miller

### ***Meritorious Service Medal***

Police Officer Ryan Brimmer

### ***Officer of the Year Award, 1st Platoon***

Police Officer Alvin Herrington Jr.

### ***Officer of the Year Award, 2nd Platoon***

Police Officer Mark Vella

### ***Officer of the Year Award, 3rd Platoon***

Police Officer Erik Heppeler

### ***Detective of the Year Award, CID***

Detective Jeremy Merola

### ***Chief's Unit Achievement Medal***

Deputy Chief Derek McGork

Lieutenant Brian Fougner

Detective Steve Kilburn

Detective Steve Stonecypher

Detective Jeremy Merola

Detective Sean Lynch

Detective Thomas Skardinski

Detective Kevin Birardi

Detective James O'Brien

Detective Richard Hargraves

## Officer of the Month Recipients 2018

### ***January***

1st platoon- Police Officer Daniel Flanagan

2nd platoon- Police Officer Kristie Froio

3rd platoon- Police Officer Joseph Senf

### ***February***

1st platoon- Police Officer Joseph Taylor

2nd platoon- Police Officer Brent Potts

3rd platoon- Police Officer Jason Ladd

### ***March***

1st platoon- Police Officer Tyler Goode

2nd platoon- Police Officer Dave Carleo

3rd platoon- Police Officer Andrew Murphy

### ***April***

1st platoon- Police Officer Taras Senenko

2nd platoon- Police Officer Tracy Greco

3rd platoon- Police Officer Chelsea Townsend

### ***May***

1st platoon- Police Officer Brian Grimsley

2nd platoon- Police Officer Evan Hepburn

3rd platoon- Police Officer Collin Flagler

### ***June***

1st platoon- Police Officer Daniel Shipe

2nd platoon- Police Officer Charlie Fassinger

3rd platoon- Police Officer Selasie Tetevia

### ***July***

1st platoon- Police Officer Gordon Quonce, III

2nd platoon- Police Officer John Szakalski

3rd platoon- Police Officer Nicholas Voggel

### ***August***

1st platoon- Police Officer Dustin Kiellach

2nd platoon- Police Officer Rodney Fitzgerald

3rd platoon- Police Officer Brandon Hanks

### ***September***

1st platoon- Police Officer Raymond Keefe

2nd platoon- Police Officer Sean Carleo

3rd platoon- Police Officer Matthew Liadka

### ***October***

1st platoon- Police Officer Taylor Anderson

2nd platoon- Police Officer William Coleman

3rd platoon- Police Officer Shannon McKiernan

### ***November***

1st platoon- Police Officer Kelsey Francemone

2nd platoon- Police Officer Evan Hepburn

3rd platoon- Police Officer Adam Rajchel

### ***December***

1st platoon- Police Officer Michael Birklin

2nd platoon- Police Officer Sean Hathaway

3rd platoon- Police Officer Jacob Lafaver

# Awards, Promotions, and Retirements

## Promotions 2018

### To the Rank of Sergeant

Police Officer Christopher Dominick  
Police Officer Brandon Fougner  
Police Officer Shawn Hauk  
Police Officer Michael Malone  
Police Officer Joseph Mauro II  
Police Officer Jason Wells

### To the Rank of Lieutenant

Sergeant David Procopio

### To the Rank of Captain

*Lieutenant John Kavanagh*

### To the Rank of Deputy Chief

*Captain Lynette DelFavero*  
*Captain Richard Shoff, Jr.*  
*Sergeant Derek McGork*

## Departmental Retirements 2018 & Dates of Service

### Sergeant Rickey Williams

April 8, 1988 - January 9, 2018

### Police Officer Theodore Kiefer

September 29, 1994 - January 12, 2018

### Deputy Chief Rebecca Thompson

June 27, 1986 - January 16, 2018

### Sergeant Timothy Galanaugh

January 15 2001 - January 18, 2018

### Deputy Chief Shawn Broton

September 23, 1988 - January 19, 2018

### Police Officer Clark Farry

September 6, 1996 - January 22, 2018

### Sergeant David Sackett

September 1, 1978 - February 28, 2018

### Sergeant Alp Llukaci

October 29, 1993 - March 5, 2018

### Police Officer John Nolan

June 10, 1985 - March 22, 2018

### Police Officer Alfonso Valaro II

April 16, 2017 - March 23, 2018

### Police Officer Peter Payne

June 27, 1986 - March 28, 2018

### Police Officer Kevin Corcoran

March 31, 1989 - March 31, 2018

### Police Officer Sean Lynch

December 27, 2004 - March 31, 2018

### Police Officer Michael Emond

October 3, 1994 - April 18, 2018

### Police Officer Dennis Burlingame

September 5, 1996 - April 18, 2018

### Police Officer Edward Geehrer

April 15, 1994 - April 30, 2018

### Captain Jonathan Hamblin

September 29, 1994 - April 20, 2018

### Lieutenant David Gilbertson

September 29, 1994 - May 31, 2018

### Sergeant Timothy Stepien

September 16, 1985 - June 27, 2018

### Police Officer Paul Rose

January 12, 2001 - June 27, 2018

### Sergeant Dennis Regin

June 27, 1986 - June 29, 2018

### Police Officer Dean Rose

June 27, 1986 - June 29, 2018

### Police Officer Joseph Evans

April 15, 1994 - June 30, 2018

### Police Officer Sean Goodeve

November 14, 1997 - July 9, 2018

### Police Officer Kenneth Albro

January 15, 2001 - July 23, 2018

### Sergeant Jamey Locastro

September 29, 1994 - July 27, 2018

### Police Officer Tracy Greco

April 15, 1994 - July 28, 2018

### Police Officer Thomas McGuire

April 15, 1994 - July 31, 2018

### Police Officer Richard Hargraves

June 13, 2005 - July 31, 2018

### Police Officer Patrick DiCristo

January 3, 1997 - August 4, 2018

### Police Officer Kevin Soderholm

July 23, 1999 - August 31, 2018

### Captain Joseph Sweeny

February 13, 1985 - September 4, 2018

### Police Officer Kevin Hamburger

April 15, 1994 - September 17, 2018

### Sergeant Robert Ocker

November 14, 1997 - September 20, 2018

### Police Officer Esteban Trotman

September 23, 1988 - September 24, 2018

### Chief of Police Frank L. Fowler

March 3, 1989 - December 1, 2018

### Police Officer David Carleo

January 15, 2001 - December 11, 2018

## Deaths of Sworn Retired Members 2018 & Years of Service

### Police Officer Thomas Dain

passed February 4, 2018  
served 1980 - 1990

### Sergeant Eugene Leimer

passed February 9, 2018  
served 1969 - 1989

### Police Officer Lawrence Gardiner

passed May 26, 2018  
served 1974 - 1994

### Police Officer Martha Byrne

passed September 6, 2018  
served 1986 - 2007

### Sergeant Reed Stevens

passed September 19, 2018  
served 1963 - 1994

### Police Officer James Mikell

passed September 23, 2018  
served 1965 - 1985

### 1st Deputy Chief Fred Scharoun

passed November 2, 2018  
served 1949 - 1986

### Sergeant Fred Wild

passed December 6, 2018  
served 1951 - 1989



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