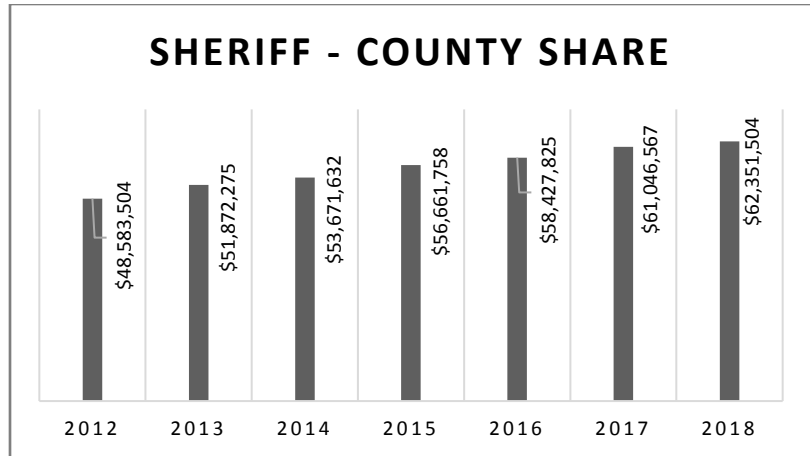


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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Albany County Sheriff's Office is to ensure the public safety of Albany County residents as the conservator of the peace and enforcement officer of the courts.

The mission of the Correctional Facility is to ensure the safety of Albany County residents by the care and supervision of those arrested individuals remanded to the custody of the County Sheriff.

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

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

ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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

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

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

The Patrol Station patrols Albany County roadways and conducts criminal investigations in areas of the County lacking other police service and additionally maintains seasonal snowmobile and waterway patrol service.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

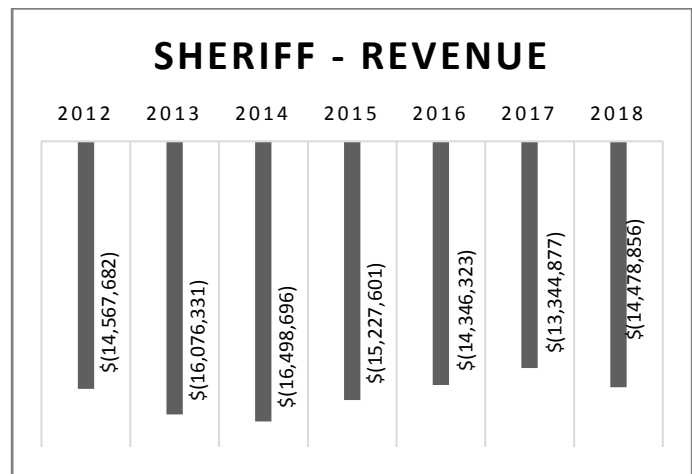
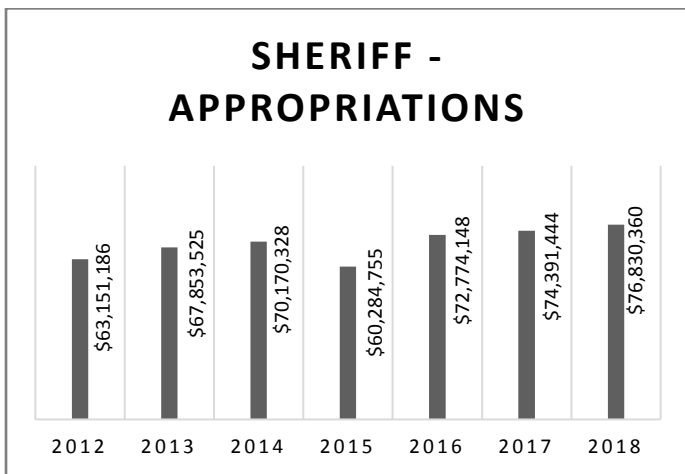
- Unused cell space is rented to other governments that have overcrowded facilities or inmates with special needs, which partially offsets the cost of the facility to the County. Albany County Correctional Facility houses a required local population and also a boarder population of individuals who are not arrested in the County. The graph on the adjacent page displays the required and boarder inmates as a percentage of total capacity.
- The Albany County E-911 Telephone Program maintains an emergency telephone system for all households and businesses in the County. This system eliminates delays and confusion when summoning emergency aid and provides seamless countywide communication among fire, police and emergency medical services (EMS). This program maintains a standardized addressing system and coordinates training for all County emergency telecommunications employees and dispatchers. In addition, the E-911 program maintains Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) for those communities that do not operate their own PSAP, thus doing away with duplicate facilities and personnel. This results in a more economical use of existing services. A PSAP committee is established to maintain minimum standards for physical plant, equipment, staffing and training of personnel. These standards are utilized as a basis for establishing uniform agreements for operation of PSAPs and for implementing agreements for the countywide purchase of equipment.
- The Albany County STOP-DWI Program is responsible for administering various "Special Traffic Options Programs" in order to address the dangers of drunk and drugged driving, traffic safety and underage drinking. The STOP-DWI Program is fully funded from the fines collected by New York State from persons convicted of alcohol and substance abuse-related driving offenses.

2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- The Albany County Sheriff's Office became one of the first in the country to launch their own drone program. In January, the Sheriff's office purchased two drones that are capable of taking professional quality photos and video. The drones will be utilized for search and rescue operations, natural disasters and hazmat situations, among other emergencies.
- The Albany County Correctional Facility was recognized by the New York State Sheriffs Association for the implementation of the *Inmates Rebuilding Our Communities (I.R.O.C) Second Chance Program*. With the objective of reducing recidivism, qualifying inmates are given the opportunity to work for private industry outside the walls of the correctional facility. In addition to learning a trade, there is potential for continued employment upon release.
- The Project Lifesaver Program was recognized by the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern NY and the Goldberg Foundation for the continued support we provide to people living with Alzheimer's. We currently serve 72 individuals at risk of wandering offering families the comfort of knowing we are able to locate their loved one in the event they become lost.
- Established the *Sheriff's Physicians Incident Response Team (SPIRT)* which is an organized system for prehospital physician response in the Capital Region. Through a partnership between the Albany County Sheriff's Office and Albany Medical Center, highly trained emergency physicians who are available to respond to the scene of major incidents in Albany County, or neighboring jurisdictions as needed.

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- The Albany County 911 Communications Center is now in the final stages of completing the countywide interoperable communications system upgrade. By implementing state of the art technology the entire county will soon be fully interoperable. Additionally, the Communications Center has procured a new computer aided dispatch system, and records management system which will enhance emergency services throughout the county.
- The Grants unit added a Full-Time position; this new position has been aggressively pursuing grant opportunities and funding streams for the Sheriff's office with the goal being to reduce the County share of the Sheriff's budgets with grant opportunities at the federal and state levels.
- The STOP-DWI Program added an additional position which has been utilized to serve an at risk female population at the Correctional Facility. Working together with a trained CASAC, we are able to provide educational opportunities and participants learn about the consequences of poor choices involving alcohol and substance use and abuse. The program has been well received by this once underserved population.
- The Albany County Sheriff's Office partnered with the Greater Capital Region Autism Society and introduced various positive and proactive initiatives to raise public awareness. The following initiatives were implemented during the month of April in recognition of Autism Awareness Month; **Game Night** - Members of law enforcement will interact with youth of the autism community. **Autism Takes Flight** - The autism community had the opportunity to experience what they could expect to encounter when travelling by air. **The Traffic Stop, What To Expect** - Members of law enforcement instructed a basic driver's course specifically for those new drivers with autism. **Law Enforcement Training** - The sheriff's office received training on what to expect when interacting with someone with autism and a **Marked Patrol Car** - A patrol vehicle was marked with Autism Awareness symbols and was utilized to promote acceptance of the Autism community.



2018 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- A large scale renovation and modification project is planned to begin at the Clarksville Public Safety Building. This project will include modifications and upgrades to the interior of the facility to maximize space and upgrade technology and would allow for the erection of a large building to allow for storage of numerous specialized vehicles and equipment.
- A large scale relocation, renovation and modification project is planned to begin involving the 911 Communications Center. This project would allow for the relocation of existing equipment within the Albany County Nursing Home Tower and would afford the sheriff's office the ability to provide additional and enhanced services and allow for future growth and consolidation efforts.
- The Office of Emergency Management will continue updating the county-wide evacuation plan which will include a consolidation of the existing local municipal plans and is preparing to become the first County Emergency Management Office in New York State to be accredited by NYSDHSES and NYSEMA.
- We continue working towards designing and constructing a locally based training facility and shooting range for law enforcement personnel which would involve provisions to allow civilian based firearms instruction for pistol permit holders.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2018 Executive budget for the Office of the Sheriff does not include any substantive programmatic changes.