

TOMPKINS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Honor -

Involves loyalty to our agency, and to the public, we have been called to protect. It requires a servant's humility and a just and merciful heart. It is being self-sacrificial rather than self-serving. It involves an unrelenting commitment to excellence.

Pride -

Describes a feeling that comes from our sense of duty. It does not represent a feeling of self-righteousness or superiority; rather, it comes from the recognition of the utter importance of our purpose and respect for the authority bestowed upon us. It grows over time as a result of shared experience and increasing trust.

Integrity -

What we are expected to possess. It involves living by a higher standard. It is holding us accountable to each other and to the public. It comes from being guided not only by what is legal, but what is moral, right, and just.

Our agency's motto is more than just a saying. These words describe how we have decided to represent ourselves in the performance of our duties. These words hold so much value to us that we have chosen to wear them on our sleeve. They provide reassurance to those that come into our presence and serve as a constant reminder

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A Letter From Your Sheriff

Dear Tompkins County Community,

We are very excited to present our 2021 annual report. The year was a challenging one due to severe staffing shortages resulting from a 2020 County hiring freeze, COVID-19 isolation requirements, and local anti-police sentiment by some, that all served to deplete our road patrol staff by 1/3rd. Despite this, we still maintained excellent service to our community and ended the year on budget.

Some of our most notable achievements of 2021 included:

- Completing the One Mind Pledge, which required that all deputies receive training in Mental Health First Aid, and another 20% complete the more intensive Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.
- Receiving external (non-taxpayer) funding for a new drone for use in search & rescue efforts, as well as more less-lethal force options and better tools to keep responding deputies safe.
- Re-negotiating and settling our long-expired Law Enforcement Union contract
- Furthering our efforts in obtaining Law Enforcement accreditation by completing additional policies needed to meet standards with an anticipated end date of mid-year 2022.
- Creating our first county-wide Centralized Arraignment Court (CAP) within the Sheriff's Office, returning law enforcement resources from all agencies to road patrol duties more quickly, increasing service capabilities throughout the County.
- Introducing 5 hybrid vehicles and 1 EV hybrid vehicle to transition towards a more "green" patrol fleet. (Green = energy efficient)

As always, my Office will continue to serve you with honor, pride, and integrity and with a commitment to building the relationships necessary to create the best Tompkins County!

Sincerely,

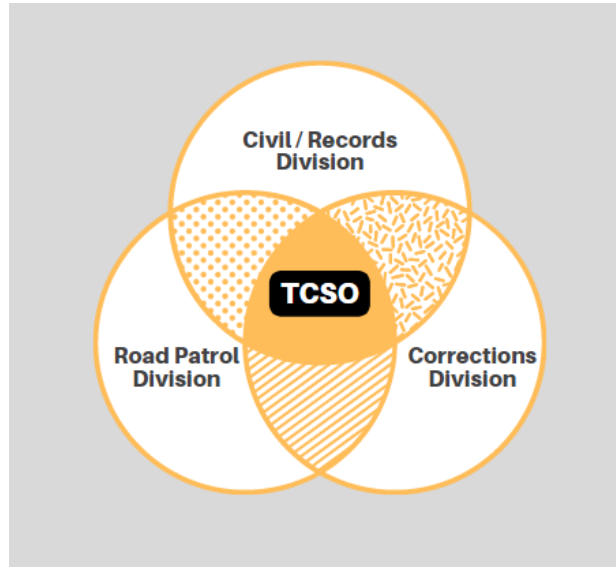


Derek R. Osborne

Tompkins County Sheriff

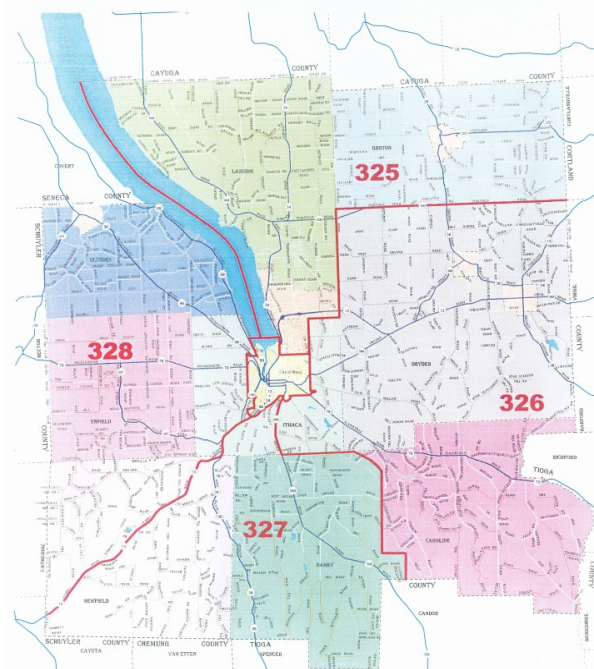
General Information

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office is mandated by the State of New York to be structured by three specific divisions:



Tompkins County

Tompkins County encompasses 492 square miles and has a resident population of approximately 101,702. Tompkins County consists of nine towns, one city, and six villages. The Sheriff's Office has jurisdiction for Tompkins County entirely including assisting the Ithaca Police Department and four village Police Departments when needed.



During 2021, the Sheriff's Office was called 731 times to assist other police agencies.

2021 Goals & Objectives

◆ Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

- ✓ Continue the pursuit of accreditation in preparation for an assessment in 2022.

◆ Fully Implement our Bike Patrol Program

- ✓ Complete the outfitting of four new bicycles. Train more Deputies for the program. Develop a Bike Patrol Unit General Order. Increase attendance at community events and utilize the unit during routine patrols.

◆ Formation of the Civilian Sheriff's Commission

- ✓ Establish the responsibilities/limitations. Develop an application, recruitment strategies, and process for vetting. Assist with bylaws and training. Establish a meeting location/regularity.

◆ Fulfill the One Mind Pledge Campaign

- ✓ Establish a clearly defined and sustained partnership with one or more community health organizations. Review the response to emotional disturbed persons General Order. Provide Mental Health First Aid training to 100 percent of officers. Provide Crisis Intervention Training or Equivalent Crisis Response Training to a minimum of 20 percent of sworn officers.

◆ Complete Updates/Reforms to the Ithaca Police Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T.)

- ✓ Teams name change: Ithaca-Tompkins Specialized Response Team. Operational change: No longer serve no-knock search warrants solely for narcotics on residents. Repainting and re-branding of Truck 99. Update of uniform color and equipment to best reflect environment.

◆ Develop Comprehensive Recruitment/Retention Strategies for Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers

- ✓ Evaluate/Implement a new physical agility test for Corrections Officers. Implement a community civil service study session preparation program. Implement a community physical agility preparation program. Evaluate/Implement an incentive program to recruit lateral transfer applicants. Evaluate/Implement Officer wellness programs.

◆ Obtain Funding to Purchase a New Boat (PB1)

- ✓ Obtain quotes/information about grant opportunities or donations. Draft/submit a resolution for funding to the Legislature. Auction off the "old" PB1. Develop/issue a Marine Unit General Order.



Executive Administration



Sheriff Derek Osborne became Tompkins County's Sheriff on January 01, 2019. He started his career in law enforcement as a patrol officer of the City of Cortland in 1995. He then transferred to the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office in 2001 where he increased his rank from Deputy Sheriff, to Investigator, to Senior Investigator, Captain, and to Undersheriff just before retiring. He also attended the FBI National Academy in 2007.

Since his retirement, he worked with federal prison inmates in a community reintegration program in preparation of their release. HE also worked with a large financial institution in the areas of security, disaster management, and business continuity planning. For the last three years, Sheriff Osborne has served the Tompkins County Community with honor, pride, and integrity.



Undersheriff Jennifer Olin began her interest in law enforcement by obtaining an associate's degree in Criminal Justice at Tompkins Cortland Community College. From there, she transferred to Wells College and completed her bachelor's degree in Sociology/Anthropology. She then began her law enforcement career as a Police Officer with the NYS University Police at Cortland. During her career she has obtained several certifications to include, but not limited to, Accreditation Manager, Domestic Violence Instructor, Drug Recognition Expert, Field Training Officer, Rape Aggression Defense Instructor, and a member of the Emotionally Disturbed Persons Response Team. While working overnights, she continued her education by obtaining her master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Keuka College. She also obtained her certification through Northwestern University in Supervision of Police Personnel. Undersheriff Olin departed from the NYS University Police as a Lieutenant to join Sheriff Osborne's administration. She was appointed as Undersheriff because she possesses the experience, talent, dedication, and energy needed to support his goals as Sheriff.

Civil & Investigations Divisions

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO SHERIFF



Megan Cook

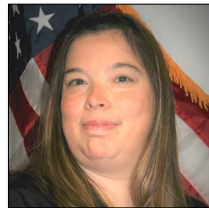
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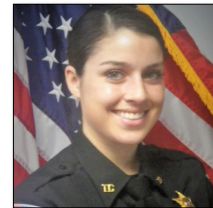
Sr. Civil Clerk -
M. Manning



Civil Clerk -
A. Emeno



Civil Clerk -
M. Morgan

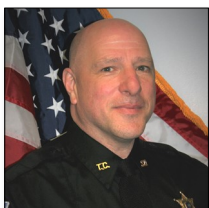


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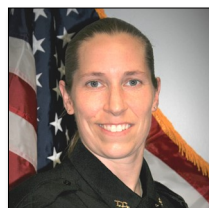
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



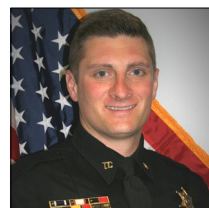
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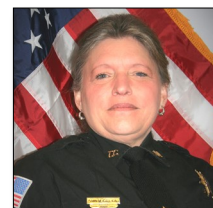
Investigator -
Federation



Investigator -
Pier



Investigator -
Skeval



Deputy -
Caulkins

Corrections Division



Captain Bunce

SERGEANTS



Butcher



Bomysoad



DeMatteo



Haines



Hogan



Rainbow

OFFICERS



Alpert



Aumick



Barrett



Bowles



Bradley



Case



D'Albano



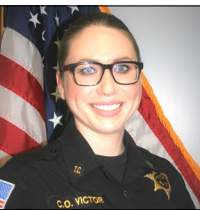
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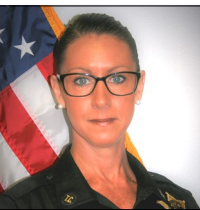
English



Victor



Ganascioli



Gunn



Haney



Lansdowne



Lavore



Lee



McMahon



H. Potter



J. Potter



S. Potter



Pyhtila



Rider



Schlee



R. Schramm



K. Schramm



Schulze



Sornberger

Corrections Division

OFFICERS



Thomas

Tompkins

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MEDICAL TEAM



B. Towner (RN)

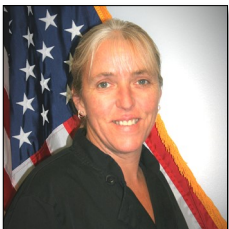


J. Conway (Forensic Counselor)

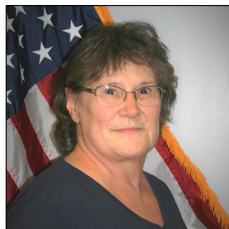


J. Bezirgianian (Psychiatrist)

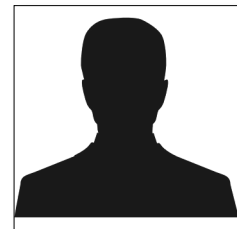
KITCHEN STAFF



M. Ike (Head Cook)



C. Kellogg (PT Cook)



F. Vanderzee (PT Cook)

Retirements

Deputy Kevin Gulini 3/30/2021— Deputy Gulini has 17 years of dedicated service to the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office and this community. Deputy Gulini began his law enforcement career 23 years ago with the City of Cortland Police Department before transferring to TCSO in 2004.

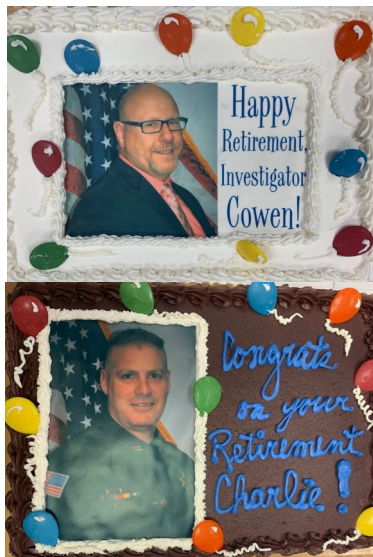
Sergeant Brad Covert 4/29/2021— Sergeant Covert graduated from the Finger Lakes Police Academy in 1994 and started as a part-time Police Officer with the Trumansburg Police Department. He then joined the Seneca County Sheriff's Office in July 1994. By October 1995, he joined TCSO and earned the title of Sergeant in 1999. Sergeant Covert has a total of 27 years of service.

Deputy Richard Baker 4/29/2021— Deputy Baker graduated from the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy in June of 1997 and started at the Trumansburg Police Department on May 03, 1999. He became a member of TCSO on August 01, 2002. During his time at TCSO, he joined the Navigation Patrol Unit, was a Field Training Officer for 10 years, and has been the Union Treasurer for the Tompkins County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Investigator Charles Bernhardt 5/28/2021— Investigator Bernhardt graduated from TC3 in 1992. He attended the Otsego County Police Academy in 1997 and was hired by the Groton Police Department and Cornell University Police. He joined TCSO in 2003 and earned his title of Investigator in 2008. Investigator Bernhardt was also an active member of S.W.A.T., worked part-time for Dryden Police Department, and was the New York State Counter Terrorism Regional Coordinator for Tompkins County.

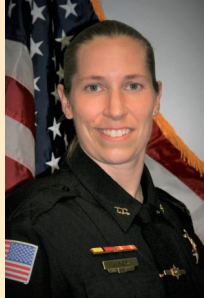
Deputy Mark Jones 05/30/2021 — Deputy Jones attended the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy in 1999 and started his career at the Trumansburg Police Department and Seneca County Sheriff's Office in 2000. He was hired by TCSO on February 09, 2004 and remained a dedicated officer to the community until his retirement.

Investigator Kevin Cowen 07/16/2021— Investigator Cowen started his Law Enforcement career as a Corrections Officer at the Cortland County Sheriff's Office. He attended the Otsego County Law Enforcement Academy in 1998-1999. He then worked as a Patrol Officer at Ithaca College until 2001. Investigator Cowen was hired by TCSO and was promoted to Investigator in 2007. During his time with TCSO, he became the department's DARE Officer for 5 years, a member of the Snow Patrol Unit, and was involved with the Project Lifesaver Program, the Car Seat Safety Program , and Cops, Kids & Toys.

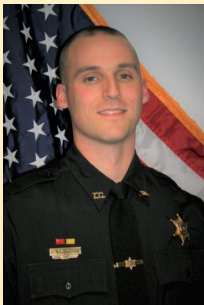


Promotions

Deputy Jami Pier —> Investigator Jamie Pier 02/21/2021— Jamie Pier has 18 years of service to TCSO, including the past 9 years working in the Civil Office. She started her career in Law Enforcement by attending the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy (Session 17) where she earned the Academic Achievement Award. While at TCSO, she established reputable rapport both in-office and among the community. She proved that she is a reliable and responsible officer which led her to receive the Kiwanis Office of the Month in June 2015 and now her promotion to Investigator.



Deputy Kyle Davenport—> Sergeant Kyle Davenport 05/02/2021— Kyle Davenport graduated from the Central NY Police Academy in 2015 and began his career with the Groton Police Department. Two years later, he was hired at the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office where he became a Field Training Officer and a trained member of the Ithaca-Tompkins Specialized Response Team.



Deputy Matthew Skeval —> Investigator Matthew Skeval 07/12/2021— Deputy Skeval became a Police Officer in 2008 and joined the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office in 2012. During his time, he has overseen the Crisis Negotiations Team as the Commander, trains new Deputies as a Field Training Officer, is a Certified Car Seat Technician, is on the Departments Honor Guard, and participates in the Project Lifesaver Program. He has won the Kiwanis Officer of the Month, Department's Medal of Valor Award, and the Distinguished Medal of Service Award.



Recruitment Process

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office strives to have all positions filled in the department. In 2021 TCSO hired a total of 9 Deputy Sheriff's and 11 Corrections Officers.

It takes approximately 18 months to complete the hiring process. This includes testing all the way through the completion of the academy and field training. The hiring strategies introduced by TCSO in 2020 lead to a greater increase of hires in 2021 including an increase in lateral transfers. A lateral transfer is beneficial financially and saves time on the training process such as skipping the academy.

Corrections

Road Patrol

Lee Rider 03/08/2021

Kristen Martin 03/28/2021

Abdallah Hassan 05/10/2021

Trevor Rumsey 03/29/2021

Maxwell Johnson 07/26/2021

Dalton Kenney 05/02/2021

Brittanee D'Albano 08/24/2021

Ryan Gunn 08/06/2021

Kenneth Bellinger 08/30/2021

Nathan Gatch 08/07/2021

Christian Turpo 11/01/2021

Sarah Leach 08/08/2021

Donaliz DeJesus 11/28/2021

Nicholas Miller 08/09/2021

Derek Aumick 11/29/2021

Taylor Policay 11/01/2021

Vanessa Ganascioli (Reinstatement to PT)
06/19/2021

Jeff Baker (Reinstatement PT) 10/31/2021

Brandon VanGrol (Reinstatement FT) 06/28/2021

Christian English (Reinstatement FT) 07/18/2021

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Honor - Pride - Integrity

LATERAL TRANSFER RATE = \$78,091
with wage growth to \$85,333 by 2025

Specialized Units

- Marine Patrol Unit
- ATV/UTV Unit
- Bike Patrol
- K-9 Unit
- Project Life Saver Team
- Crisis Negotiations Team
- Specialized Response Team

Benefits

- 20 Year Retirement
- 1/60th Retirement Benefit
- 75% Paid Health Insurance at Retirement
- Ability to Use Sick Time to Pay for Up to 15 Years of Health Insurance at Retirement
- Shift Differential (\$2.30/hr: \$2.60/hr by 2025)
- Up to a \$3,500 Annual Wellness Incentive
- Paid Vacation & Personal Leave
- 12 Paid Holidays
- Longevity Pay
- Clothing Allowance
- 5/2-5/2-4/2 Schedule (Days off rotate)

Apply at <https://www.tompkinscivilservice.org/>

Training

Tompkins County Sheriff's Office training focus has shifted to cultural competency and crisis response techniques. It has been a goal to host more trainings so that all law enforcement agencies within the county have the opportunity to attend. Some of the courses attended by our employees in 2021 include but are not limited to:

- Crisis Intervention Training
- Mental Health & First Aid Training
- Property & Evidence Room Training
- Homicide Seminar
- Background Investigations for Police Applicants
- Managing Multiple Projects, Objectives, and Deadlines Virtual Seminar
- Field Intelligence Officer
- Jail Administrators Continued Education
- Notary Public
- ICISF Assisting Individuals in Crisis
- MPTC Defensive Tactics
- NTOA Use of Force in a Corrections Environment
- National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers (NABLEO) Conference
- Undersheriff's Training Conference
- Civil Refresher School
- NYTOA S.R.T. Tactical Training Conference & Expo
- New York State Police Academy (Body-Worn Cameras)
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
- Field Training Officer
- The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation
- Axon Body Camera
- Recognizing the Cannabis Impaired Motorist
- Broome County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Academy
- High in Plain Sight Training
- National Child Passenger Safety Recertification
- New York State Sheriff's Association Training Conference
- Daigle Law Group
- PT Instructor
- Instructor Development Course

TCSO also conducted prep sessions open to the public to prepare for the Deputy Sheriff's Civil Service Exam and Physical Fitness tests. To view our homemade video on how to prepare for the Physical Fitness portion of the exam, please go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=333179471599716&ref=sharing>



Crisis Intervention Training

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the Tompkins County Mental Health Department, Tompkins County Administration, and NAMI Finger Lakes submitted a grant application to NYS Office of Mental Health seeking funding for Crisis Intervention Team program development. At the beginning of this month, the Sheriff's Office was notified that they were selected to be the recipient of technical assistance to develop a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program. CIT programs are community collaborations and partnerships between law enforcement, the mental health system and consumer and advocacy groups. It is a program that provides the foundation necessary to promote local solutions to assist individuals with mental illness and/or addiction.



During the week of September 20-24, 2022, law enforcement officers, probation officers, and 911 personnel from across the county attended a 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team training, directed by Dr. Don Kamin, the Director of the Institute for Police, Mental Health and Community Collaboration. The goal of the training was to ensure that when police are the first responders that they have the knowledge, skills, and support to deescalate situations and divert individuals from the criminal and juvenile justice systems, when possible.



Centralized Arraignment Program (C.A.P.)

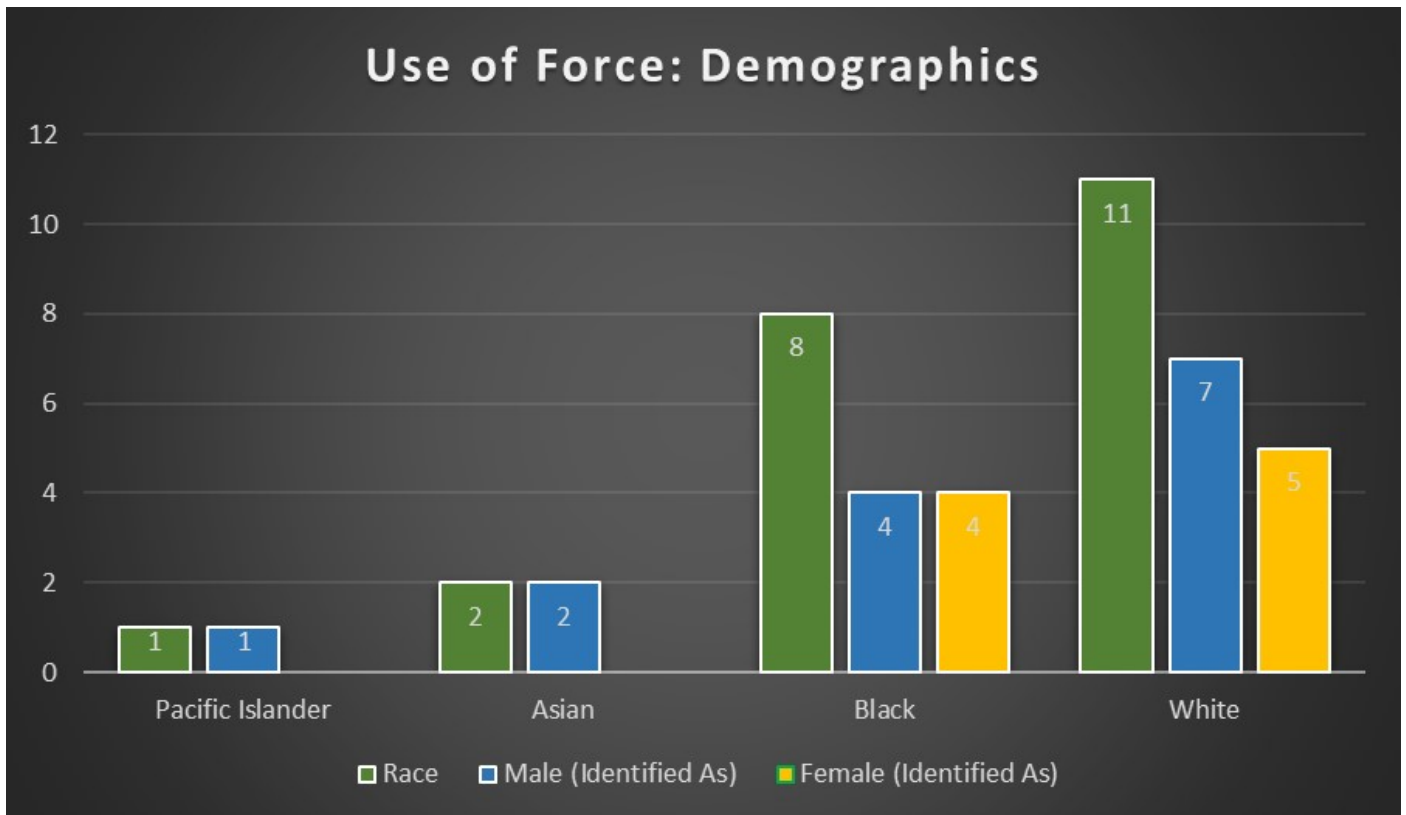
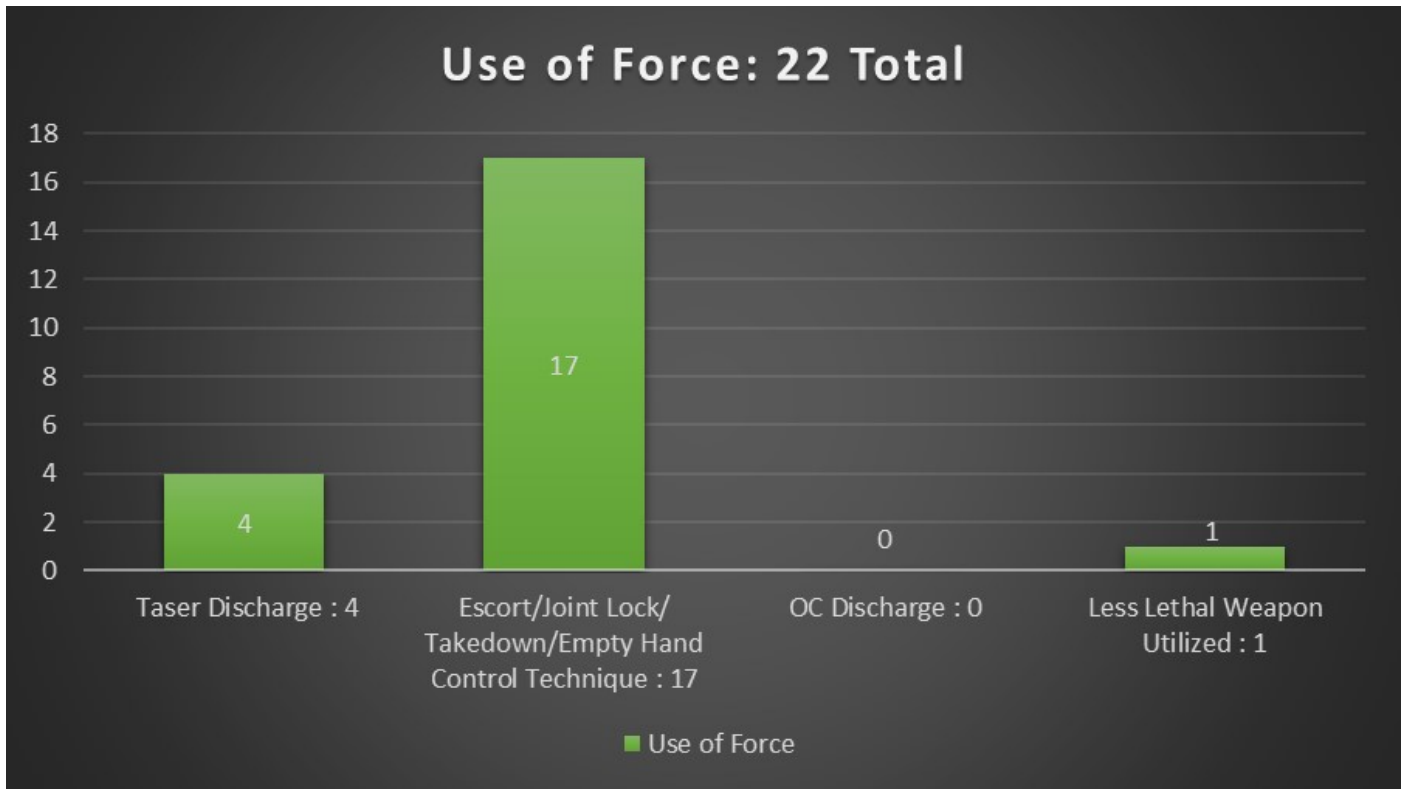


The Tompkins County Centralized Arraignment Program was approved by the County Legislature and will begin as of January 1, 2022. The purpose of this program is to increase service capabilities throughout the community and to return law enforcement resources from all agencies to road patrol duties more quickly. It was established that the program's central area be at the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office. TCSO worked diligently with the county's Facilities and ITS teams to make this room compatible and efficient for all Centralized Arraignment Program needs.

The Centralized Arraignment Program allows for the following:

- Availability for all local Law Enforcement Agencies to bring a person in custody to the central location of the Tompkins County Corrections Division. The Agency will then be able to leave the person in custody under the supervision of the Corrections Division until the arraignment occurs..
- A set scheduled arraignment time every day at 9AM and 8PM.
- A set schedule for all judges to be available at the arraignment times above.
- Availability for local Agencies to return to road patrol duties (whereas past procedures required the road patrol units to stay with the person in custody until arraignment). This makes road patrol units available for other calls at a faster rate.

Use of Force



Use of Force

2021 USE OF FORCE				
1	Male	Asian	Taser discharged	Use of force
2	Male	Asian	Escort	Use of force
3	Female	Black	Escort/Takedown	Use of force
4	Male	Black	Escort	Use of force
5	Male	Black	Taser discharged	Use of force
6	Female	Black	Escort/ Empty	Use of force
7	Male	Black	Escort/Empty	Use of force
8	Female	Black	Less Lethal Used	Use of force
9	Male	Black	Escort/Joint Lock	Use of force
10	Female	Black	Escort/Takedown	Use of force
11	Male	Pacific Islander	Empty hand	Use of Force
12	Male	White	Escort/Takedown	Use of force
13	Female	White	Escort/Takedown	Use of Force
14	Male	White	Taser discharged/	Use of force
15	Male	White	Escort/Joint Lock	Use of force
16	Female	White	Empty hand	Use of force
17	Male	White	Escort/Takedown	Use of force
18	Male	White	Escort	Use of force
19	Male	White	Taser discharged	Use of force
20	Male	White	Taser discharged	Use of force
21	Female	White	Escort/Empty	Use of force
22	Female	White	Escort/Takedown	Use of force

Same individual may be represented multiple times if force occurred during different incident dates

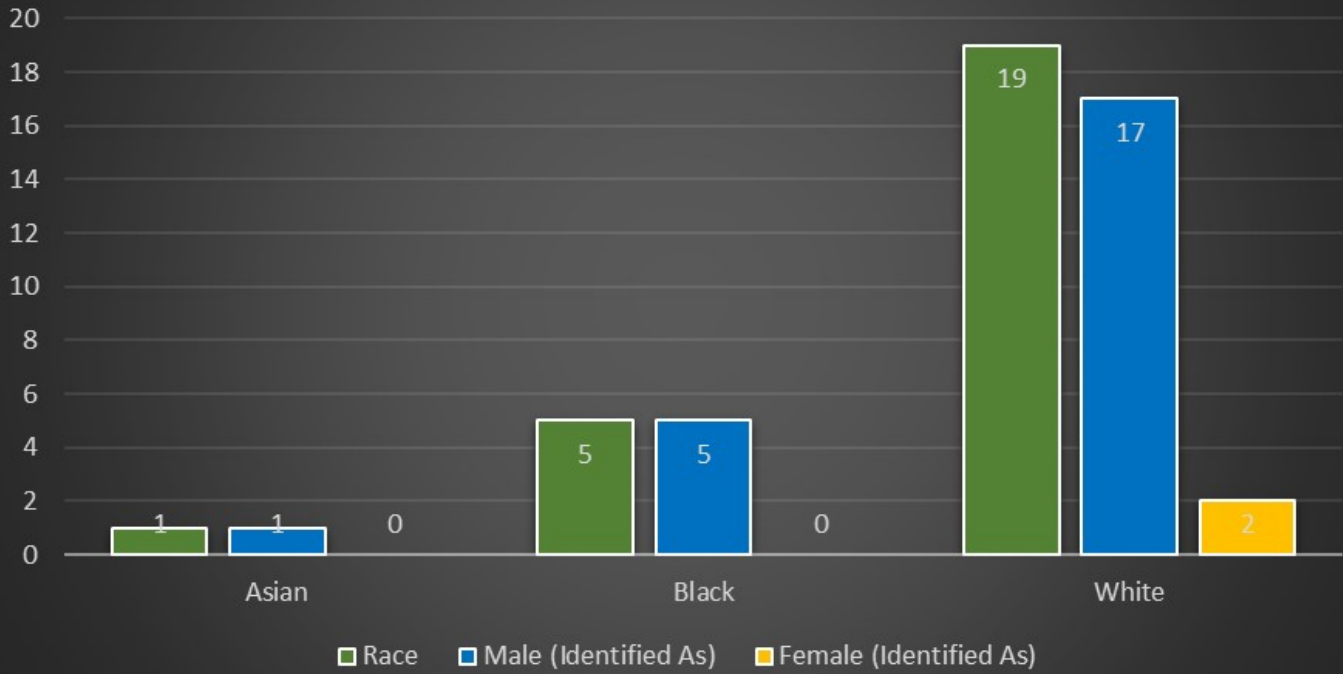
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Total Arrests for 2021: 454

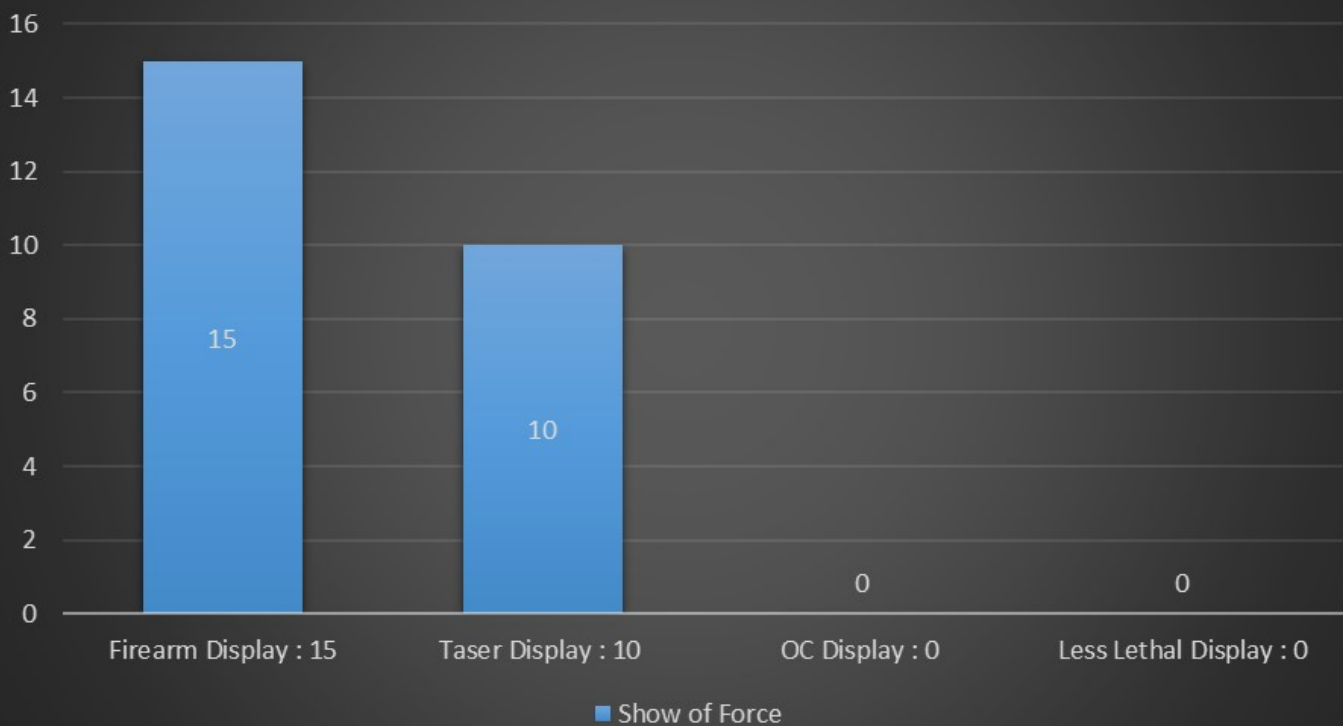
A Use of Force was utilized during 0.139 percent of all documented calls for service

Show of Force

Show of Force: Demographics



Show of Force : 25 Total



Show of Force

2021 SHOW OF FORCE				
1	Male	Asian	Firearm display	Show of force
2	Male	Black	Firearm display	Show of force
3	Male	Black	Taser display	Show of force
4	Male	Black	Firearm display	Show of force
5	Male	Black	Taser display	Show of force
6	Male	Black	Firearm display	Show of force
7	Male	White	Firearm display	Show of force
8	Male	White	Firearm display	Show of force
9	Male	White	Firearm/Taser	Show of force
10	Male	White	Firearm display	Show of force
11	Female	White	Firearm display	Show of force
12	Male	White	Firearm display	Show of force
13	Male	White	Taser display	Show of force
14	Male	White	Firearm display	Show of force
15	Male	White	Taser display	Show of force
16	Male	White	Firearm display	Show of force
17	Male	White	Taser display	Show of force
18	Male	White	Taser display	Show of force
19	Male	White	Taser display	Show of force
20	Male	White	Taser display	Show of force
21	Male	White	Taser display	Show of force
22	Female	White	Firearm display	Show of force
23	Male	White	Firearm display	Show of force
24	Male	White	Taser display	Show of force
25	Male	White/Hispanic	Firearm display	Show of force

Same individual may be represented multiple times if force occurred during different incident dates

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A Show of Force was utilized during 5.51 percent of all arrests made

Accreditation & Key Policies

New York State Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. During 2021, Tompkins County Sheriff's Office continued research, work on policy developments, and proper training in the strive to reach accreditation by 2022. By working towards this accreditation our office has evaluated and improved our overall performance. Earning accreditation is an important goal on our list because it provides formal recognition that our organization meets or exceeds general expectations of quality in the field.



The four principle goals of New York State Accreditation are:

1. To increase the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies utilizing existing personnel, equipment and facilities to the extent possible
2. To promote increased cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies and other agencies of the criminal justice services
3. To ensure the appropriate training of law enforcement personnel
4. To promote public confidence in law enforcement agencies

TCSO included policies beyond accreditation standards, to include: Duty to Intervene, Equitable Policing, Interactions with Transgender & Gender Non-Conforming Persons, and Responding to Incidents Involving Emotionally Disturbed Persons. For the first time in Sheriff's Office history, TCSO will complete and obtain NYS Accreditation for the Road Patrol Division in 2022.

TCSO Policies can be found on our website at: <https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/sheriff/rpofficepolicies>

K9 Unit

K9 Laker is a Yellow Labrador Retriever who is dual purpose certified in Search and Rescue and Explosives Detection. The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office was able to recruit Laker due to a generous donation from Sean's K-9s. Tompkins County is located in the southeastern section of the Finger Lakes Region, split by Cayuga Lake (the Finger Lakes' longest lake), hence the Community vote on the name Laker. On February 19, 2021, K9 Laker took his Oath of Office with the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office. K9 Laker and his handler, Deputy Montesano, are making a great team!



2021 STATS

⇒ Deployments

- Assist TCSO — 5
- Assist CUPD — 4
- Assist Cortland County/OCM Boces—1

⇒ Special Details

- Boy Scout K9 Meet & Greet (x2)
- Trinity Lutheran Church Bike-a-thon
- Dryden Elementary School K9 Demo
- Pet Passages K9 Demo with Seans K9
- Mecklenburg YMCA Summer Camp K9 Demo (x2)
- Newfield Summer School K9 Demo
- Seans K9 Detail Demo

⇒ Certifications

- National Narcotic Detector Dog Association
- Eastern Police Canine Association (Police Bomb Dog I)
- NYS DCJS Certification all for explosive detection

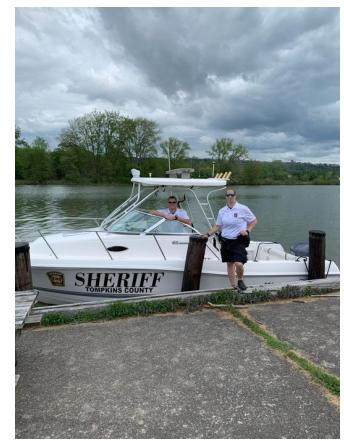


K9 LAKER

Tompkins Sheriff's Office

Navigation Unit

- ⇒ Our Marine Patrol operates and focuses on the southeastern part of Cayuga Lake (Tompkins County). The unit is partially funded by New York State to help offset the cost to the Sheriff's Office.
- ⇒ In order to become a Marine Patrol Deputy, our officers are required to attend two 40 hour intensive Marine training courses. Currently, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office has 10 officers certified in Marine Patrol. These Deputies are full-time officers who work year round as law enforcement Deputies, and are assigned to the boat patrol less than 75% of the time.
- ⇒ Our 2004 Wellcraft Sheriff's boat is on the water during weekends and holidays from Memorial Day into September. During these patrols, the unit is focused on boater safety and enforcing navigation law. The boat is also used for search and rescue operations and investigating crimes.
- ⇒ The statistics for Navigation in 2021 were lower than previous years due to staffing shortages and COVID-19. Most of our Marine Patrol Officers are also Field Training Officers. TCSO had an increase in new hires so our Marine Patrol Officers were training the new officers during the summer months.



Man Hours Aboard Vessels	60.5
Man Hours - Non Patrol	19.5
Total Hours of Marine Law Enforcement	80
# of Accidents Investigated	1
# of Vessel/Person Assists	5
On Water Inspections	1
Total Vessel Inspections	1
Citations/Arrests Issued	0
Warnings Issued	3

Snowmobile / ATV / UTV Unit

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office ATV, UTV, and snowmobiles are used as a rescue vehicle for off-road accidents and other types of rescue operations. Out Snowmobile Deputies patrol over hundreds of miles of snowmobile trails throughout Tompkins County. While patrolling they are monitoring safety as well as laws and regulations. Each Snowmobile Deputy is trained in the following areas:

- Patrol Operations
- Ice Rescue
- Snowmobile Handling & Crash Avoidance
- Snowmobile Law
- Noise Enforcement
- Survival Skills
- Accident Investigation & Reconstruction

As of 2021, TCSO has 4 Snowmobile deputies in this unit. A total of 4 snowmobile complaints were reported and not all were while our snowmobile patrol were riding. Together they conducted 9 days of patrols with 80 sled checks resulting in zero citations issued.

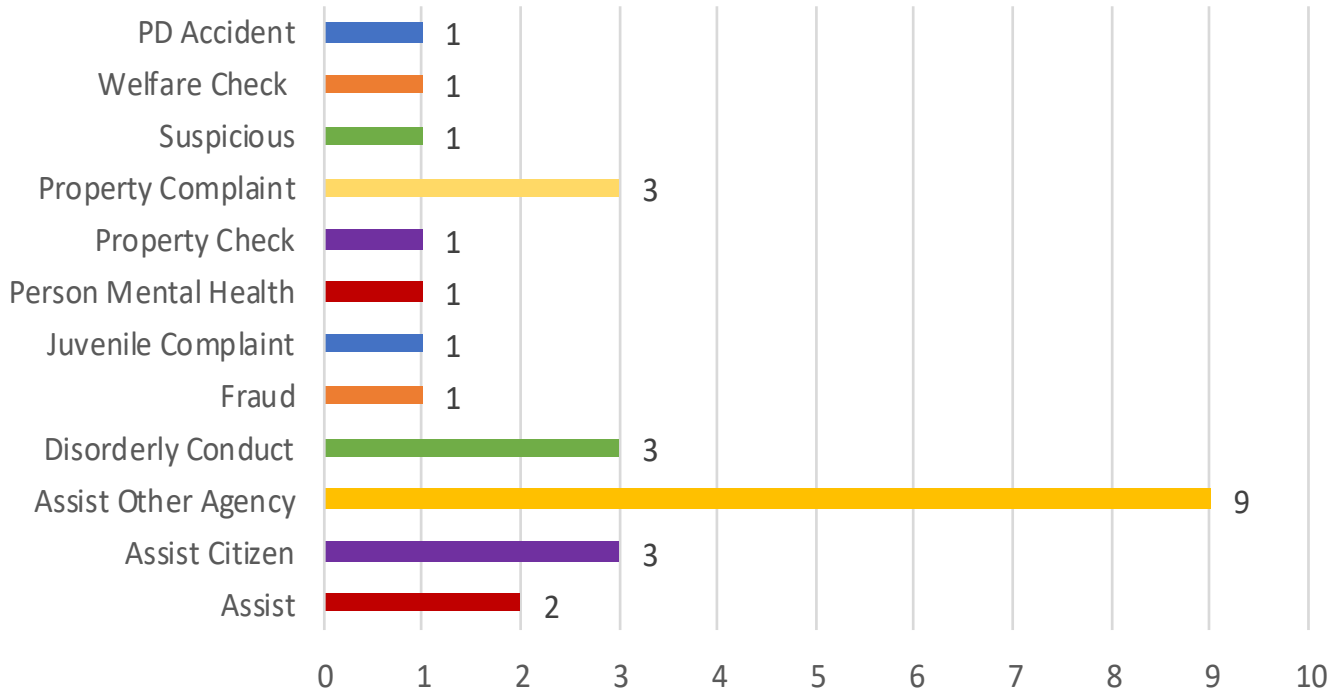


TCSO patrol areas included Dryden, Caroline, Groton Trails, and one day on Ulysses Trails.

Airport Security

Requirements set forth by the Department of Homeland Security has provided the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office with the opportunity to provide 16 hour daily coverage to the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport. Overall airport security is provided by Transportation Security Administration (TSA) with the assistance of our Sheriff Deputies. There are four part-time Sheriff Deputies assigned to this unit.

2021 Airport Response Calls



In 2021, TCSO airport officers responded to 27 airport calls.

Specialized Response Team (S.R.T.)

The Ithaca—Tompkins Specialized Response Team (formerly known as S.W.A.T. but has been changed as a part of the reimagination process) is an elite special operations team that is trained and equipped to respond to critical situations. The team is composed of 18 members, of which 4 are officers from the Tompkins County Sheriff’s Office. SRT is an extremely valuable asset to this county. This team is utilized to resolve dangerous situations with minim loss of life or injury and have continuously proved to be effective. These members are normally performing regular duties, but are made available for SRT calls when needed. Throughout the year, the team meets for rigorous physical and mental training to make sure they are prepared for any situation at any given time.



There were a total of 11 call outs for SRT in 2021. Five of these were located in Tompkins County. Additionally, SRT was called to assist various Road Patrol Agencies with their SRT Equipment/Skills.

2021 SRT Call Outs

High Risk Warrant	5 (2 In County)
Armed Barricade	5 (2 In County)
Reported Active Shooter	1 (at Cornell University)
Total Call Outs	11 (5 In County)

SRT Assist with Equipment/Skills

Night Vision Goggles/Forward Looking Infrared	3
Less Lethal	2
Tools/Breaching	5
Assist Out of County	1
Rappel	1
Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	2
Other Equipment	2
Total Assists	17

Crisis Negotiations Team (C.N.T.)

The Crisis Negotiations Team (C.N.T.) is a 13 member team consisting of employees from the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, Tompkins County Jail, Cornell University Police Department, Ithaca Police Department, Cayuga-Heights Police Department, Trumansburg Police Department, and Tompkins County Mental Health. The sole mission of this team is to save lives and resolve crisis incidents while attempting to avoid unnecessary risk to officers, citizens, victims, and subject through verbal communications and de-escalation.

The team holds one group training a month which is equal to over 190 hours of training a year. Some of the topics they covered in 2021 were:

- ⇒ Juveniles in Crisis
- ⇒ De-Escalation Training
- ⇒ Active Listening
- ⇒ High Element Training
- ⇒ Leadership and Professional Development
- ⇒ Negotiation in a Jail Setting
- ⇒ Two Full-Scale Scenarios with S.R.T.



Together, the team responded to 8 Call-Outs in 2021. Some of the call-outs include: Barricaded subjects, suicidal subjects from high elements, and a barricade that followed a shots fired complaint.



Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.)

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of the Tompkins County Mental Health Department, Tompkins County Administration, and NAMI Finger Lakes submitted a grant application to NYS Office of Mental Health seeking funding for Crisis Intervention Team program development. In September 2021, TCSO was notified of the selection to be the recipient of technical assistance to develop a Crisis Intervention Team program. CIT programs are community collaborations and partnerships between law enforcement, the mental health system, and consumer advocacy groups. It is a program that provides the foundation necessary to promote local solutions to assist individuals with mental illness and/or addiction. The comprehensive CIT program is comprised of several components, which the grant assisted with, including the following:

- ⇒ A system mapping workshop
- ⇒ CIT training for Law Enforcement
- ⇒ A Steering or Advisory Committee
- ⇒ Evaluation of the local program
- ⇒ A CIT Train-the-Trainer course

The week of September 20-24, law enforcement officers, corrections officers, probation officers, and 911 personnel from across the county attended the 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team training, directed by Dr. Don Kamin, the Director of the Institute for Police, Mental Health and Community Collaboration. The goal of the training was to ensure that when police are the first responders, that they have the knowledge, skills, and support to de-escalate situations and divert individuals from the criminal and juvenile justice systems, when possible.



Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is a vital program that the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office offers to the community. It is a search and rescue program designed to protect wandering individuals and bring peace of mind to families and caregivers. This program allows for timely response to save lives and reduce the potential of injury for those of all ages with the propensity to wander due to cognitive condition.

A small transmitter band is worn by the individual in the program and each caregiver is given a battery tester to make sure the battery is working correctly in the transmitter. Our officers set up a date and time every 60 days to come to the individuals place of residence to change the battery. We also offer options to have the battery changed at our office building.

Each officer involved in this program attends a training session that specializes in the tracking devices, battery changes, and live use of devices with scenarios. In the case an individual wanders off or is reported missing, a trained tracker will respond to the last known location with the special tracking equipment. The equipment works up to about 1/2 mile in each direction which will give a proper lead to finding the missing individual. If a larger search area is necessary then TCSO has more than one tracking unit to help find the individual.



**32 Total Active Clients in
2021**

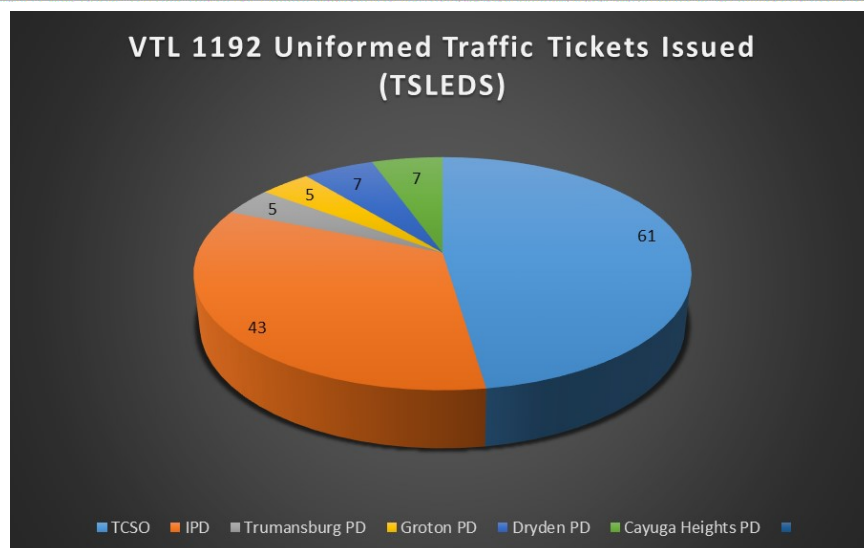


STOP DWI

SECTION 1192 Vehicle & Traffic Law (VAT) CHAPTER 71, TITLE 7, ARTICLE 31 : Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

It is ILLEGAL to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Below is a breakdown of Impairment Tickets that were issued in 2021.

County ▲	Municipality ▲	Year ▲	Subtotal: 2021 Preliminary		2021 Preliminary			
			Total	%	Alcohol*		Drugs*	
		Total			%	Total	%	
Total			196	100.0%	171	100.0%	25	100.0%
Subtotal: TOMPKINS			196	100.0%	171	100.0%	25	100.0%
TOMPKINS	CITY OF ITHACA		39	19.9%	37	21.6%	2	8.0%
	TOWN OF CAROLINE		8	4.1%	7	4.1%	1	4.0%
	TOWN OF DANBY		5	2.6%	5	2.9%	.	.
	TOWN OF DRYDEN		28	14.3%	24	14.0%	4	16.0%
	TOWN OF ENFIELD		4	2.0%	4	2.3%	.	.
	TOWN OF GROTON		6	3.1%	5	2.9%	1	4.0%
	TOWN OF ITHACA		32	16.3%	29	17.0%	3	12.0%
	TOWN OF LANSING		19	9.7%	14	8.2%	5	20.0%
	TOWN OF NEWFIELD		9	4.6%	7	4.1%	2	8.0%
	TOWN OF ULYSSES		7	3.6%	7	4.1%	.	.
	VILLAGE OF CAYUGA HEIGHT		7	3.6%	6	3.5%	1	4.0%
	VILLAGE OF DRYDEN		8	4.1%	7	4.1%	1	4.0%
	VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE		4	2.0%	3	1.8%	1	4.0%
	VILLAGE OF LANSING		9	4.6%	6	3.5%	3	12.0%
	VILLAGE OF TRUMANSBURG		2	1.0%	2	1.2%	.	.
	TOMPKINS COUNTY - UNSPECIF...		9	4.6%	8	4.7%	1	4.0%



*Impairment Tickets broken down by municipality also include New York State Police TSLEDS (Traffic Safety Law Enforcement & Disposition)

STOP DWI

Driver arrested for DWI after hitting Tompkins County police vehicle

by Matt Butler October 16, 2021



In October, a Deputy of our own was parked in his vehicle when he was hit by a driver who was driving while intoxicated. Luckily, neither drivers were seriously injured but both of their lives were nearly lost by drunk driving that could have been avoided.

In a combined effort to bring awareness to the dangers of impaired driving, prevent injuries and save lives, TCSO participates in the statewide STOP DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaigns throughout the year. TCSO also reaches out to the community during events such as the Ithaca YMCA Trunk or Treat Event to educate and raise awareness of the dangers of impaired driving.



You can help to make a difference by Having a Sober Plan! Download the app- "Have a Plan" and you will always be able to find a safe ride home.

www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp

Road Patrol Division Statistics

Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Murder and Non-Negligent Mansl	0	2	0	2
Kidnapping / Abduction	1	3	5	18
Forcible Rape, Sodomy & Fondling	17	17	14	9
Robbery	4	7	0	8
Aggravated Assault	12	17	28	46
Simple Assault	158	175	195	192
Intimidation	14	69	47	54
Arson	0	2	1	1
Burglary / Breaking & Entering	57	54	28	60
Shoplifting	45	62	36	22
Theft from a Coin-Operated Mach.	0	0	1	0
Theft from a Building	38	60	49	84
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	43	29	56	45
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	0	1	2	14
All Other Larceny	174	150	141	158
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	13	22	20
Counterfeiting / Forgery	11	13	8	8
False Pretenses / Swindle / Confid.	3	1	0	2
Credit Card / ATM Fraud	1	2	0	1
Impersonation	19	33	25	87
Welfare Fraud	1	1	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	33	21	23	34
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism	99	123	134	149
Drug / Narcotic Violations	91	92	128	58
Drug Equipment Violations	8	4	14	2
Statutory Rape	1	2	2	0
Pornography / Obscene Material	3	0	0	1
Weapon Law Violations	9	10	17	20
Bad Checks	5	8	3	2
Disorderly Conduct	9	10	14	13
Driving Under the Influence	112	127	99	62
Trespass of Real Property	29	30	24	42
All Other Offenses	791	853	832	529

Civil/Records Division Statistics



The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Civil/Records Division is responsible for the preparation and service of civil process. This state mandated function handles wage garnishments due to Income Executions, FOIL requests, Seal Orders, Crime Reports, Background Checks, executes court orders such as Warrants of Eviction, and so much more. They also process all pistol permit related paperwork for Tompkins County residents under New York State Laws. This paperwork includes pistol permit applications, duplicate permits, amendments to permits, and dealer/gunsmith applications. Following the completion of an application and criminal background checks, final approval or denial of a permit and purchasing amendments are the decision of a Tompkins County Court Judge.

Civil Papers Service Statistics:

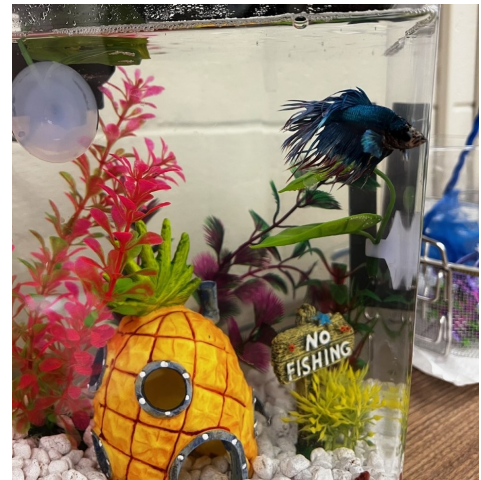
- ⇒ Civil Process: 779
- ⇒ Eviction: 41
- ⇒ Income and Property Execution: 406
- ⇒ Notice of Petition & Petition: 1
- ⇒ Orders: 378

Financial Statistics:

- ⇒ Funds Received & Processed: \$741,137.06
- ⇒ Revenue Remitted to County: \$69,227.58

Account	Amount	Count
Card Conversion	\$ 1,350.00	87
Card Fee	\$ 2,189.00	425
Firearm Acquired	\$ 1,740.00	679
Firearm Disposed	\$ 222.00	117
Permit Application	\$ 179.00	179
Permit Dealer New	\$ 13.00	1
Permit Dealer Renewal	\$ 20.00	2
Permit New	\$ 1,795.00	138
TOTAL	\$ 7,508.00	

Account	Amount	Count
Background Check	\$ 220.00	22
Records Fee	\$ 491.75	1888
Sheriff's ID	\$ 840.00	56
TOTAL	\$ 1,551.75	



TCSO's new Civil Division fish: "SMALLS"

Criminal Investigation Division Statistics

Major Cases:

**An indictment and/or criminal complaint merely contains allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.*

- ⇒ On March 13, 2021 TCSO Deputies responded to a reported shooting and two vehicles off the roadway involving the same parties in the Town of Lansing. One passenger of the black vehicle involved, Sha-Heem Harris, age 21, was pronounced dead at the scene. After further investigation, the driver of the red vehicle, Garaus A. Henry, age 26, was charged with 3 counts of Attempted Murder 2nd and 1 count of Aggravated Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd. Garaus remains at the Tompkins County Jail pending trial.
- ⇒ On April 19, 2021 TCSO Deputies responded to a reported stabbing near the Town of Enfield. A 43-year-old female victim was located with stab wounds to her hands and neck. Prior to law enforcement arrival, the suspect had fled. The victim was transported by air with serious injuries but later became in stable condition. The suspect was identified as Chris O. Hall, age 55. Hall was located on April 20, 2021 deceased inside his vehicle by self-infliction.
- ⇒ On June 2, 2021 TCSO Deputies responded to Mecklenburg Road near Halseyville Road for a report of a pedestrian/motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival, Deputies found a 14-year-old female pedestrian deceased in the roadway and a 2005 Ford Escape with front end damage. The investigation found the Escape was traveling West on Mecklenburg Road and struck the pedestrian who had entered the roadway. Through investigation it was found that the pedestrian's death was accidental.
- ⇒ On July 12, 2021 TCSO Deputies responded to the Town of Newfield for a report of a possible drowning. The individual who reported the incident happened to be driving on Newfield Depot Road when he was flagged down by children on the side of the road. The children explained they were swimming with two adults in the West Branch Cayuga Inlet when the adults were swept under the water. Deputies and first responders located two adults in the water and both were confirmed to be deceased. Through investigation both deaths were determined to be accidental.
- ⇒ On July 21, 2021 TCSO Deputies responded to the Town of Ithaca for a report of a car/pedestrian crash. Upon arrival, Deputies located a 14-year-old female and a 13-year-old female that had been struck by a car. The vehicle that struck the female victims fled the scene and a Volvo emblem piece was located at the scene. The driver, Robert J. DeFelice, age 37 was later located on Danby road in a Volvo with a smashed windshield and was found to be intoxicated and subsequently arrest. After his arrest, it was learned that the 14-year-old victim did not survive her injuries from the crash. DeFelice was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident, and Vehicular Manslaughter in the Second Degree. On April 21, 2022 DeFelice was sentenced to 7 to 21 years in prison for Aggravated Vehicular Homicide.

Criminal Investigation Division Statistics

- ⇒ On September 19, 2021 TCSO Deputies responded to the Town of Ithaca for a reported shooting. Upon arrival, Deputies located a 34-year-old male who had suffered a gun shot wound. The victim was transported by air to a regional trauma center and was later announced to be in stable condition. The victim and suspect were reported to have known each other and were involved in a verbal dispute prior to the shooting. Due to an uncooperative victim, no arrest was made.
- ⇒ On October 14, 2021 TCSO Deputies responded to the Town of Lansing for a reported home invasion shooting. Upon arrival, Deputies located a 31-year-old male who had suffered a gun shot wound to his foot and lacerations to the head from being struck across the head with a handgun. The victim was transported to a regional trauma center and was later released. On October 21, 2021 the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office and Ithaca-Tompkins County Specialized Response Team arrested Clifton E. Bibbins, a 38-year-old male from Utica, NY in relation to the home invasion shooting 10/14/2021. SRT was utilized in order to increase the likelihood that Bibbins would be taken into custody safely. Bibbins was charged with Assault in the 1st Degree, Burglary in the 1st Degree, Attempted Robbery in the 1st Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd Degree. Bibbins remains at the Tompkins County Jail pending trial.
- ⇒ On November 9, 2021 members of the Ithaca Police Department were dispatched to Hancock Street to reports of gunfire in the area between two parties. No gunshot victims were located or identified at that time. Shortly thereafter, one of the vehicle's involving one of the two parties was reported as being seen traveling towards the Cayuga Heights exit with 3 suspects. The vehicle was subsequently come upon by a marked unit of the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office. An attempt to stop the vehicle ended when the vehicle left the roadway and came to rest in a residential front yard in the Village of Cayuga Heights. One operator was immediately apprehended but the two others fled on foot. A perimeter was established and one of the fleeing suspects was apprehended without incident. The second group involved in the shots fired were not yet identified. Officers located a handgun during the village search where the 3rd suspect had fled. Officers also located several shell casings at the scene of the shots fired incident in the City of Ithaca and a loaded extended magazine within the vehicle. The two suspects apprehended were identified as Ramello Q. Jackson, age 22 and Trimard C. Campbell, age 22. Jackson was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd, Obstructing Governmental Administration 2nd, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th. Campbell was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd, Unlawfully Fleeing a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle 3rd, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7th. A warrant was issued for the third suspect identified as Sherrod E. Erskine, age 20 of Rochester. Jackson bailed out of Tompkins County Jail and Campbell remains in Tompkins County Jail. This case is still pending.

Sex Offender Watch Program:

- ⇒ As of December 31, 2021 there were 240 registered sex offenders (Level 1 = 92, Level 2 = 93, Level 3 = 55)

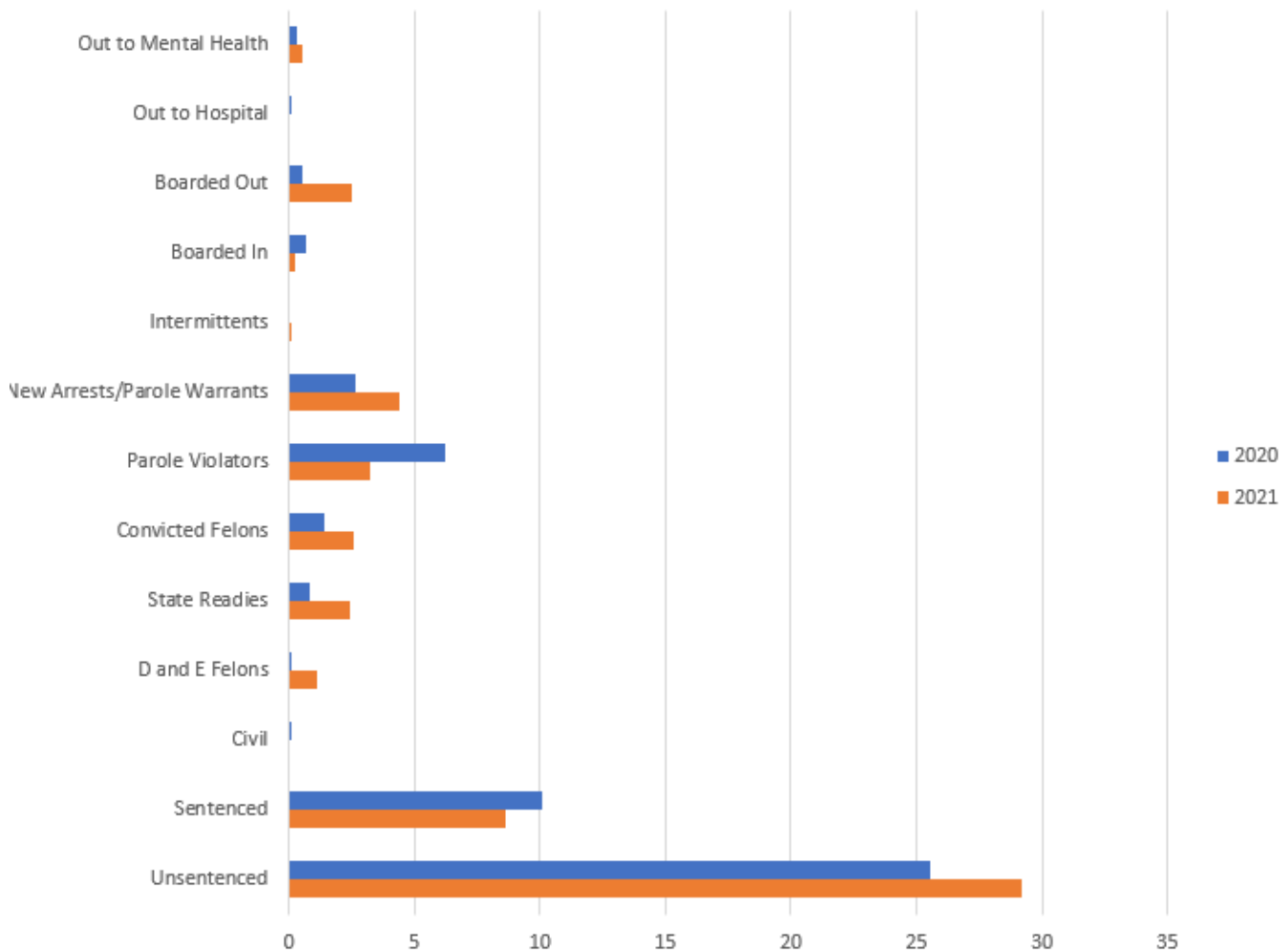
Corrections Division Statistics

With 40 Corrections Officers on staff, the Corrections Division is the largest division of the Sheriff's Office. Their main duties include Intake, Booking, Identification, Classification, Supervision, and Transport.

Some of the services made available to our incarcerated individuals are provided by the Mental Health Department, the Probation Department, the Alcoholism Council, Aids Work, the Advocacy Center, and the Jail Transition Program. Programs available for incarcerated individuals in our facility include HIV testing, Parenting Program, Hope and Recovery Program, and also the Garden Project. Additionally, our Mental Health Forensic Counselor hosts internal programs such as Art Group, Creative Writing Group, Church/Bible Study, and Meditation/Chair Yoga.

- Total Admissions 01/01/2021—12/31/2021 = 305 (251 Males and 54 Females)
- Total Inmates Boarded Out 01/01/2021—12/31/2021 = 52 (total of 1,185 days-worth of board-outs)

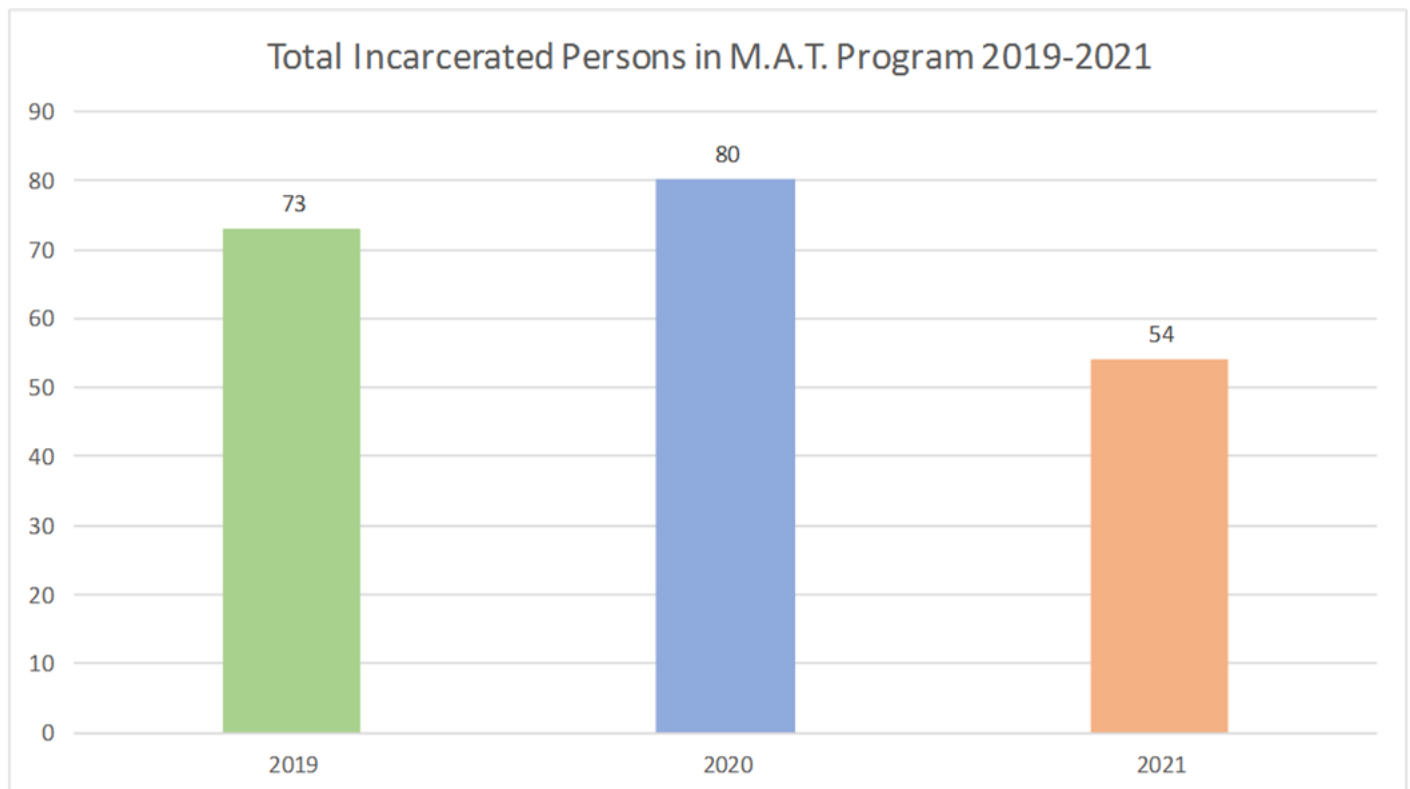
Inmate Average Daily Counts 2020 vs. 2021



Medically Assisted Treatment (M.A.T.)

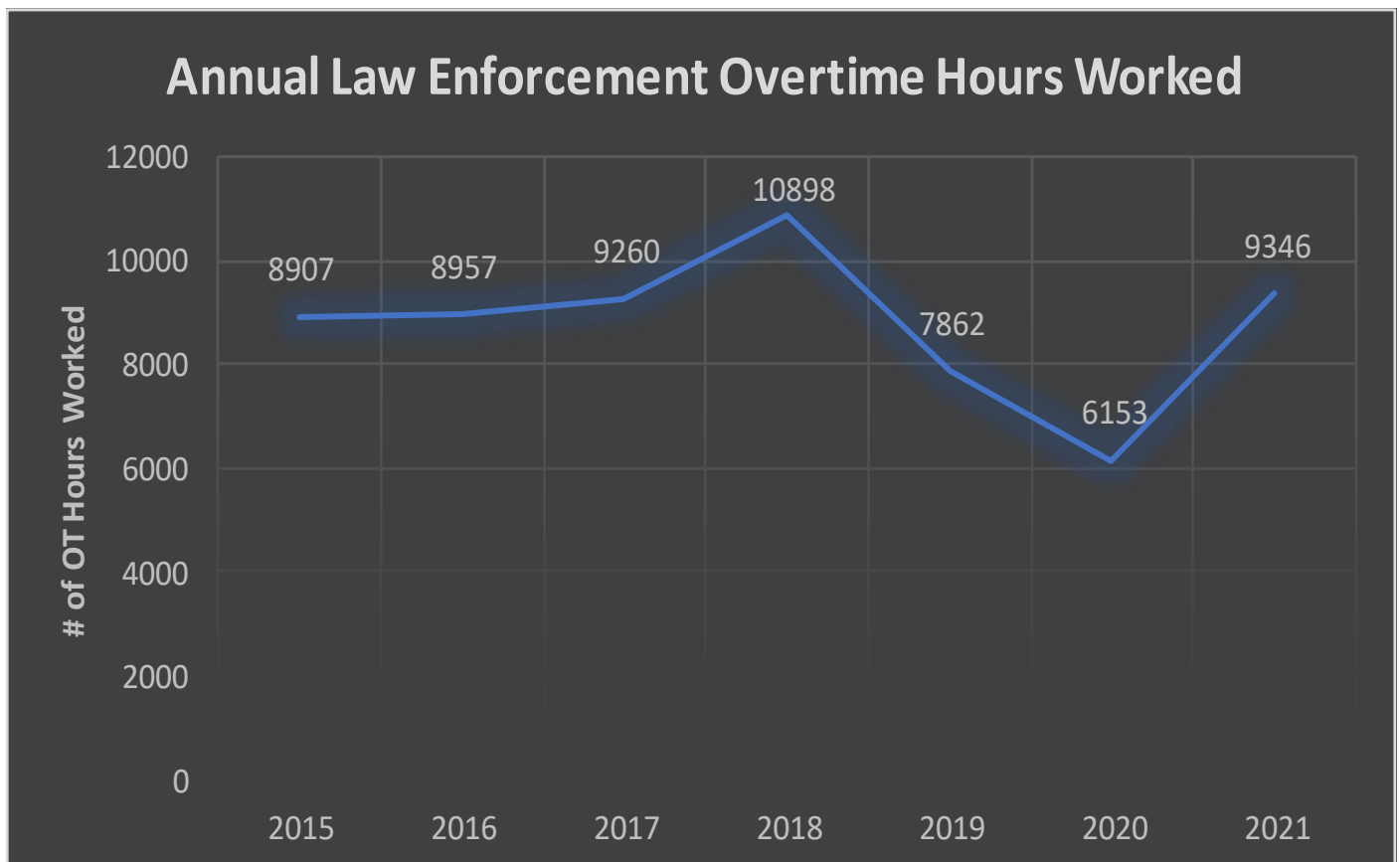
The Tompkins County Corrections Division introduced the M.A.T. program with the help of grant funding in 2019. Since then, M.A.T. has been used to treat the incarcerated individuals addicted to opioids such as heroin and prescription pain relievers that contain opiates. The Food and Drug Administration approved an injectable form of buprenorphine (also known as Sublocade) to aid in the treatment of people with moderate to severe opiate use disorder. Sublocade lasts one month and is injected by a certified health care professional. They also approved an oral strip medication called Suboxone that is taken daily to aid in the treatment of people with opiate use disorder. The addition of these two medications gives incarcerated persons a choice between daily medication or a monthly injection. Not only does this program treat substance use disorders, it also sustains recovery and prevents overdose.

In 2021, there was a significant reduction in total amount of incarcerated individuals which explains the decrease in numbers between 2020 and 2021 in the graph below. The average daily amount of incarcerated individuals was 38 per day in 2021. This was all due to the newest bail reform changes that began in 2020.



Financial Information

- In the graph below, you will see an increase in Law Enforcement overtime hours worked in 2021 due to staffing shortage. There was a significant increase in retirements throughout the office which caused a total of 6 open positions that were not filled yet. TCSO also had new recruits that were in the Academy during this year and were not yet reachable to work on the Road until they completed the Academy and their Field Training period.
- In 2021, our office suffered severe staffing shortages due to reimagination efforts which also made our recruitment become increasingly difficult. Additionally, the County hiring freeze and COVID isolation requirements made staffing and recruitment difficult.
- In 2021, TCSO managed to save \$451,265 in our budget to give back to the County General Fund. These savings were due to a decrease in incarcerated individuals, decrease in the need for board-outs of incarcerated individuals, increase in staffing retirements, grant funding, donations, and frugality in spending.



2015-2018 = the overtime hours worked under previous administration

Community Engagement



Community Engagement



New York State Sheriff's Camp



The New York State Sheriff's Association holds a summer camp every year for economically challenged children who, because of economic reasons would not have an opportunity to attend a summer camp or enjoy a summer vacation. The camp allots space for boys and girls who can benefit from positive interaction with Deputy Sheriffs.

At camp, law enforcement officers from counties across the state provide education around fire safety, drug awareness, and bicycle safety. There are also canine and SCUBA demonstrations, visits from special forces, and demonstrations with helicopters, horses, and motorcycle patrols. Each day is filled with sessions for the children to choose from and other activities such as kayaking, sailing, basketball, and archery.



In 2021, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office was allotted 12 slots (7 boys and 5 girls). We were able to fill 10 of those 12 slots for the week of July 25th—July 31st. Each camper thoroughly enjoyed their time and all wanted to come back for the 2022 year.

2021 Road Patrol Awards Ceremony

Special Service Ribbons:

- ★ Academic Achievement—Deputies Messmer, Street, Rumsey, Kenney, Leach, Martin, Policay, Miller
- ★ Field Training Officer—Sergeant Federation & Deputies Messmer, Montesano, Sotir
- ★ Firearms Instructor—Sergeant Davenport & Deputy Murray
- ★ Instructor Development—Deputies Messmer, Murray, Street, Montesano, Sotir, Walters
- ★ K9 Unit—Deputy Montesano
- ★ Marine Patrol—Sergeant Federation, Investigator Sovocool, Deputy Messmer
- ★ Military—Deputy Gunn
- ★ Physical Fitness Instructor—Deputy Street
- ★ Snowmobile Patrol—Deputy Walters, Deputy Shipman

Patrol Achievements:

- ★ Calls for Service—Sergeant Federation (1,516 calls)
- ★ Most DWI Arrests—Sergeant Davenport (4), Deputy Montesano (4), Deputy Manuel (4)
- ★ Most UTT's—Deputy Kenney (223)
- ★ Most Arrests—Deputy Manuel (83)

Medals:

- ★ Distinguished Service Medal—Sergeant Manning

Letter of Recognition:

- ★ Deputy Baker—We want to recognize Deputy Baker for his many years of dedicated service to the Sheriff's Office and the Marine Patrol Unit.
- ★ Deputy Sotir—We want to recognize Deputy Sotir for her innovation and dedication to building the relationship between TCSO and the community members that we serve.

Awards:

- ★ Life Saving Award—Sergeant Ninivaggi & Sergeant Davenport (Ninivaggi utilized First Aid to save a female victim who had multiple stab wounds & also continued dialogue to obtain the identity of the suspect. Davenport utilized a tourniquet to save a female victim with stab wounds and maintained contact with the victim until additional medical air arrived.).



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