SENECA COUNTY

SHERIFF

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Sheriff Jack S. Stenberg

Dear Chairman Earle;

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, I am pleased to submit the 2014 Annual Report of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office to you, members of the Seneca County Board of Supervisors and to the Citizens of Seneca County.

As you know this is our last and final annual report as both Undersheriff Sullivan and I will be retiring at the end of 2015. During the past eight years, we and our staff have worked tirelessly to bring an Office and staff that was looked down upon by the citizens of Seneca County into a highly respected professional Sheriff's Offices in the State of New York. We were told eight years ago by some members of our Office that they were embarrassed to be seen in a Seneca County Sheriff's uniform in public – Today, that has changed, our members and civilian staff are constantly being told by the public how much the Office of Sheriff has improved and we are now looked upon in a favorable light.

Without question, one of the major reasons for this turn around in public perception was the hard work we all did towards becoming a fully New York State Accredited Sheriff's Offices, only one of five in the entire State of New York. The Office successfully complied with over 460 NYS Accreditation best practice standards in the Law Enforcement, Corrections, Court Security and Civil Divisions. After being initially accredited, the process does not stop there – it is a continuous daily process of quality review of procedures and protocols for five years until the accreditation expires. We have worked on maintaining accreditation in every division every day for the past five years. Recently in April 2015, we were reaccredited in both the Corrections and Court Security Divisions for another five years after teams of assessors spent days here reviewing policies and procedures in both Divisions. In January and April 2016, our Law Enforcement and Civil Divisions will undergo a reaccreditation assessment and we are fully confident that the work we have been doing during the past five years in maintaining our best practice standard files in those Divisions will result in reaccreditation as well.

I just wanted to share a quick quote from Mr. Greg Pellicano, our County Risk Manager that we received earlier this year – **Sheriff -** ***I just wanted to take a moment to let you know that I have finished the insurance policy renewals for 2014 – 2015 and am happy to report that our Police Professional Policy has experienced a $12,339.80 reduction in premium. The reduction is directly related to the premium rating(s) for new and/or pending litigation as well as furtherance of education and certification. The reduction is directly related to the hard work by you and your staff on a daily basis.***

Perhaps one of the most challenging issues facing the Sheriff's Office during our tenure were personnel who strayed off course, violated policies and procedures and brought discredit to the Office of Sheriff. I can't report what particular action we took on any specific case, but, suffice it to say we have terminated, demoted, suspended and sought voluntarily resignations from a number of employee's. Dealing with personnel issues was the most challenging part of our administration because we were dealing with human beings, their lives and careers. While many discipline issue

cases left us with many sleepless nights, today we are better for the action we took. There will be times in the future that members of this Office will stray from our policies and procedures, but, we are confident that the file documentation we have built, the new Administration will follow our course for not only the good of the Office, but most importantly for the citizens of Seneca County.

We are leaving the Office of Sheriff in the best possible condition and we want to commend each and every member and employee of this Office who come to work each and every day, not knowing if they are going to be going home alive at the end of their tour of duty who do their ultimate best serving the citizens of Seneca County. **It has been an honor to serve alongside each and every sworn member, including civilian support staff, nurses and mental health staff during the good times and bad. You are a credit to your profession and to the Office of Sheriff.**

We would like to take this opportunity to Thank you and the Board of Supervisors for your continued support of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office and for providing us with the funding necessary to accomplish our mission. Last, but certainly not least, to the Citizens of Seneca County for their support and well wishes for our successes over the past eight years.

If we could leave you with one suggestion that would be to ensure all of them receive a proper wage comparable to those Sheriffs and Police Departments around us. They work alongside others in the Law Enforcement and Corrections who are making thousands more than they do, but, they continue to do the best for the County every day.

Finally, we congratulate Sheriff –elect Luce and his new administration and wish him well and we both stand ready willing and able to lend advice or offer any suggestions or assistance they may have at any time.

Sincerely,

Jack S. Stenberg
Seneca County Sheriff

Gary S. Sullivan
Seneca County Undersheriff

DEDICATION

DURING 2014, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVEN POLICE OFFICERS IN OUR COUNTRY DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. ELEVEN OF THESE OFFICERS WERE FROM NEW YORK STATE.

THIS REPORT IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF THE THOSE ELEVEN OFFICERS:

DARYL R PIERSON

ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

DIED BY GUNFIRE

GREGORY BORDONARO

GENESEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DIED BY HEART ATTACK DURING THE COMMISSION OF HIS DUTIES

CHRISTOPHER SKINNER

NEW YORK STATE POLICE

DIED BY VEHICULAR ASSAULT

DENNIS GUERRA

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

DIED BY FIRE

PAUL FERRARA

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

DIED BY 911 RELATED ILLNESS

MICHAEL WILLIAMS

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

DIED BY AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

THOMAS CHOI

BRIDGE AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY, N.Y.

DIED BEING STRUCK BY A VEHICLE

RAFAEL RAMOS

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

DIED BY GUNFIRE

WENJIAN LIU

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

DIED BY GUNFIRE

Goals/Achievements & Highlights

- Generated $446,705.16 by in-boarding Federal and out of County inmates into the Correctional Facility during 2014.

- Since in-boarding of Federal and out of County inmates into the Correctional Facility began in April 2009, **we have generated over $3.5 million dollars** which has been deposited directly into the County General Operating Fund to help offset taxes.

- Successfully complied with annual NYS Accreditation certification requirements covering over 460 best practice standards in the Law Enforcement, Corrections, Civil and Court Security Divisions.

- Hosted two NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) in-service training courses which brought attendees to Seneca County and the LEC from all across New York State.

- Obtained and implemented a UFED device—(Universal Forensic Extraction Device), and trained investigators to operate it. The device is a crucial tool used to download forensic information from mobile phones, smart-phones, PDAs and other portable devices. The device is being used extensively in all types of cases—especially narcotics.

- During 2014, there were over 27,000 visitors to the Seneca County Sheriff's Office interactive website.

- Obtained over $300,000 in Federal, State, Local grants and reimbursements for services.

- Outfitted and trained all sworn personnel with Naloxone Overdose kits to give emergency life- saving treatment to persons who have overdosed on heroin and other narcotic drugs.

- Sheriff' Office assisting New York State Police with the reactivation of O'Connell homicide investigation
- Deputy Melinda Marquart delivered a baby boy in the Town of Romulus

- Massive Fire in Village of Ovid – Sheriff's Investigators arrested an 11 year old boy for setting the fire.

- Assisted Calaveras County California District Attorney's Office in the indictment of Karl Karlsen in the death of his first wife

SENECA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

GOALS and OBJECTIVES for 2015

GOAL ONE:

Continue to enhance specialized units by:

- Road Patrol Division:
  - Continue transition for patrol rifle mounting to interior of marked units.
  - Explore feasibility to transition to .45 caliber service pistols.
  - Explore feasibility for flashlight mounting to service weapons.
- Narcotics Division:
  - Improve/procure specialized technical equipment utilized in narcotics investigations.
  - Continue aggressive enforcement of heroin and opiate related offenses
  - Continue the team work and partnerships with local, County, State and Federal law enforcement agencies.
  - Continue the partnership with the District Attorney's Office which has led to successful prosecution of offenders.
- Criminal Investigations Division:
  - Specialized training in homicide investigations.
  - Increase specialized training in in child abuse/neglect cases.
  - Specialized training in internet/social media investigations.
- County Office Building Security Unit:
  - Install additional monitor at security station dedicated to video surveillance of COB.
- Administration Division:
  - Enhance and revamp prospective employee background investigation protocols.
  - Continue cost-saving measures in all Divisions of the Sheriff's Office.

GOAL TWO:

Establish new community outreach programs:

- Deploy "Project Lifesaver" program for children with Autism, Downs Syndrome or other cognitive disorders who have a tendency to wander.

- Expand "Project Lifesaver" to adults with Alzheimer's disease, Dementia or other cognitive disorders who have a tendency to wander.
- Establish and deploy "Combat Auto Theft" Program.

GOAL THREE:

Improve operational efficiency by:

- Be an active participant in transition to Spillman Records Management System with scheduled deployment/rollout in October 2015.
- Establish SCSO liaison to work on transition to new Law Enforcement Radio System with scheduled deployment/rollout in Fall of 2015
- Purchase and install new Civil Division records management software system.
- Transfer all active Civil Division electronic files into new Civil RMS system.

GOAL FOUR:

- **Continue to deliver cost effective mandatory in-service training for all members in the Law Enforcement Division.**

GOAL FIVE:

Continue annual compliance requirements for all New York State Accreditation Programs in all Sheriff's Divisions.

REPORTS FROM DIVISIONS

Administration Division

The Sheriff's Administration Division is comprised of the Office of Sheriff, Undersheriff, Chief Deputy, Fiscal Services, Payroll, Records, Training and Administrative Support Staff.

The Sheriff as Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the overall management and command control of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff is duly elected by the registered voters in Seneca County and serves a term of four years. Seneca County Sheriff Jack S. Stenberg is currently serving in his last year of his second term of office.

The Seneca County Sheriff's Office provides around the clock service, therefore, at all times, is under the command direction of the highest ranking command officer on duty.

Assisting and empowered to act in the Sheriff's absence is the Sheriff's appointee, the Undersheriff. Undersheriff Gary S. Sullivan who is second in command of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office and serves at the pleasure of the Sheriff. The Undersheriff is responsible for direct command oversight of all Sheriff's Divisions. Undersheriff Sullivan serves as Program Manager of all New York State Accreditation Honors currently held the Sheriff's Office and manages day to day compliance of such programs.

The next ranking member of the Sheriff's Administration is the Chief Deputy John Cleere, who occupies a competitive civil service position and is authorized to act in the absence of both the Sheriff and Undersheriff.

Chief Deputy Cleere, a 28 year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, was promoted in January 2014 after an accomplished tenure serving as Lieutenant in charge of the Criminal Investigations Division where he and his unit were responsible for solving several high profile criminal cases

Road Patrol Division

The Sheriff's uniform road patrol is the most visible of all Sheriff's Divisions and is responsible for providing police services to the residents of Seneca County, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. The Road Patrol is comprised of thirteen full time and two part-time uniformed deputy Sheriff's, who are supervised by five (5) Sergeants and one Lieutenant, through a chain of command directly to the Sheriff. The uniform Road Patrol Division patrols approximately 330 square miles of roadways in Seneca County throughout the year.

Sheriff's deputies respond to a multitude of assignments which are called into the Seneca County Emergency Communications Center (E-911) ranging from a simple disabled vehicle or hazardous road condition to a serious motor vehicle accident or even a homicide. Members assigned to the uniform road patrol division also staff specialized units such as accident reconstruction, emergency response team, underwater search and recovery, narcotics and explosive detector canine teams, DARE instructors, drug recognition experts, child safety seat and operation safe child technicians, commercial vehicle enforcement and navigation.

Every tour of duty for the uniform road patrol begins with a roll call briefing conducted by the duty supervisor wherein critical information is exchanged between Sheriff's components such as the criminal investigations division or from other outside law enforcement agencies and State fusion and counter-terrorism centers. Uniform road patrol members are kept abreast of up to date crime trends in their respective patrol zones and officer safety alerts. These roll call sessions provide the uniform road patrol deputy with up to date information which allows them to make Seneca County a safer place to live and work. At the conclusion of the roll call briefing, deputies travel to their respective patrol zones and patrol proactively. Deputies respond to any calls for service within their respective patrol zone and those of adjoining patrol zones where they conduct criminal investigations and enforce vehicle and traffic laws.

During 2014, the uniformed road patrol division responded to 11,428 calls for service, investigated 551 motor vehicle accidents, conducted 3,668 traffic stops, issued 1,852 uniformed traffic tickets and logged 346 criminal arrests of which 32 were felonies and 314 were misdemeanors or violations.

CANINE UNIT

Within the uniform road patrol division is the canine unit. This unit is comprised of a uniform sergeant and deputy as certified canine handlers and two German Shepherds, both are certified in patrol tactics and searches, and each has one particular area of expertise, such as, narcotics "AKEN" or explosive detection "IZAK". Both the handler and canine are utilized for routine patrol work and each answers calls for service during their scheduled tours of duty. Both canine teams are available

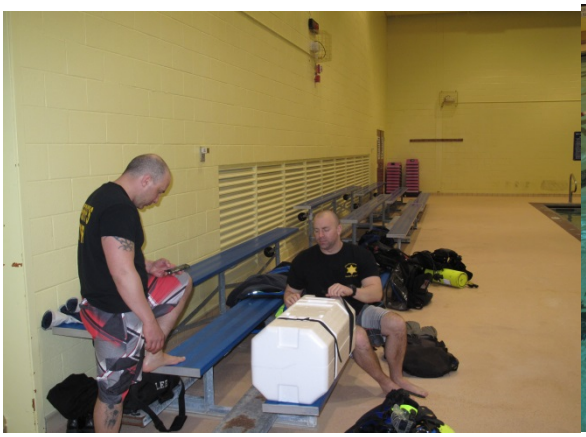
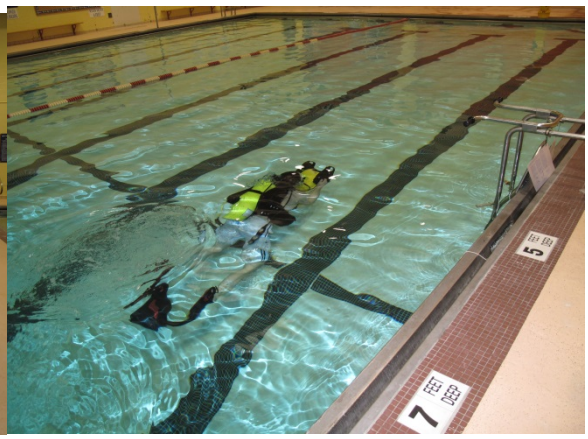
24 hours a day/7 days a week for call out response to any law enforcement agency is Seneca or surrounding Counties who requests their service.

The Canine unit responded to 66 requests for assistance, 34 directly from the Sheriff's Office and 32 requests from other law enforcement agencies. Handlers and their canines participated in over 66 training sessions during 2014. K-9 "AKEN" (Narcotics Detector) and his handler Sgt. Michael Rhinehart assisted our Narcotics Unit in the execution of drug related search warrants executed in 2014.

The Canine unit also conducted several details designed to enhance the relationship between the Sheriff's Office, adults and children in our community.

UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RECOVERY UNIT (USRT)

The USRT is comprised of members of the Road Patrol and Corrections Divisions and one member of a Seneca County Fire Department. During 2014, the USRT responded to the Cayuga-Seneca Canal to search for an unlawfully possessed hand gun that had been thrown in the canal. The USRT successfully recovered the gun and the offender was subsequently prosecuted.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)

The Sheriff's ERT unit assisted with the execution of several narcotics search warrant details throughout Seneca County during 2014. The ERT also took part in pre-planning exercises at several high profile targets located in Seneca County.

ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION UNIT (ARU)

The accident reconstruction unit is comprised of specially trained members of the road patrol and criminal investigations divisions. A new state of the art laser total station purchased with funding from a Homeland Security Grant was put into service which replaced a decades old Nikon total station. All members of the ARU underwent extensive training on the deployment and use of this new technology. During 2014, the ARU was called into service on five occasions to laser total map locations such as: crime scenes, serious motor vehicle accidents and pre-mapping of major accident prone roadways and intersections.

NAVIGATION UNIT

In 2014 the Navigation Unit operated two patrol boats and one Jet Ski. These assets were used to cover Cayuga Lake, Seneca Lake, and part of the Canal System. The Unit was on patrol for 69 days during the boating season. In addition these vessels were ready and available for emergency calls or special details.

During 2014, the Sheriff's Office sponsored and delivered five (5) Boater Safety classes at the LEC which provided State certification to operate boats and Jet Ski's to over 125 students. The operating budget for the Navigation Division is off-set by up to a 50% matching funds from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

During 2014, the Navigation Unit logged 1172 man hours of patrol and completed 108 hours of training. The Navigation Units not only had a visible presence on Cayuga and Seneca Lakes and the

Seneca-Cayuga Canal, but also responded to 72 calls for service ranging from reckless boaters to a boating accident.

Criminal Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is comprised of four specially trained investigators supervised by a Lieutenant. The Division conducts background investigations of proposed new employees along with conducting in-depth criminal investigations which enables uniformed road patrol deputies to devote their time responding to calls for service from the community.

In 2014, The Criminal Investigations Division opened 445 criminal investigation cases which resulted in 261 persons being charged with committing over 257 crimes, 10 violations and recovered over $34,000 in stolen property which was returned to their rightful owners.

The Division is also responsible for the management of registered Sex Offenders who live outside of the incorporated Village of Waterloo and Town of Seneca Falls. Specially trained investigators are responsible for verifying addresses of Registered Sex Offenders to ensure they are complying with requirements of New York State Law and pay unannounced visits to Sex Offenders to monitor compliance. Throughout 2014, members of the Criminal Investigation Division conducted unannounced spot checks on Sex Offenders living in Seneca County to ensure their compliance with applicable laws. Four Registered Sex Offenders were tracked down, found to not be in compliance and were arrested.

Narcotics Unit

1n 2014, the Narcotics Unit continued to build on its success from 2013. One full time investigator and one full time deputy, supervised by the CID Lieutenant receive drug information from a variety of sources; developed on their own as a result of tracking down leads from other Sheriff's components; from a toll free drug hotline established and maintained by the unit; via a crime tip link on the Sheriff's website or mobile phone app; or from other area police agencies.

Money seized from a cocaine dealer

In 2014, the Narcotics Unit opened 135 criminal narcotics investigation cases, of which 58 were closed by the arrest of 26 males and 19 females. Members of the Unit executed 7 search warrants and recovered over eight thousand dollars from drug dealers.

2014 saw a continuation of the alarming heroin problem in Seneca County. On one case alone 70 packets of heroin were seized. Cocaine and prescription pills also continue to be a major problem. The Unit dealt first hand with the collateral damage caused by the drug problem in Seneca County. In 2014 four abused dogs were rescued during a drug search warrant execution. The owners were subsequently arrested for animal abuse. The Unit has also discovered that some female heroin users are turning to prostitution to support their addiction.

The Unit enjoys a cohesive working relationship with the New York State Community Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET), the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and the Waterloo and Seneca Falls Police Departments. Members of the Unit meet regularly with our law enforcement partners to review intelligence reports and conduct investigations.

Juvenile Aid Bureau

The Juvenile Aid Bureau (JAB) is a unit within the Criminal Investigations Division and is responsible for the investigation of all juvenile related crimes. The JAB is also tasked with developing and presenting the majority of public service programs such as the highly successful DARE program, Child I.D. and McGruff Personal Safety Program. Officers participate in JAB activities as an extra duty in addition to their regular duties.

In the summer of 2014 the JAB organized and implemented a "fun day picnic" for all Seneca County DARE students. Over 350 students attended this event that included a cook out, live D.J., games and sports. Teachers and Officers from all Seneca County Police Departments visited the event and networked with the students. Students also had the treat of seeing their DARE Officers "Dunked" in a dunking booth.

Overall, during 2014, the JAB had contact with over 1400 juveniles as offenders, victims or program recipients.

Welfare Fraud Unit

The Welfare Fraud Unit is comprised of one part time investigator assigned to the Seneca County Department of Social Services. During 2014, the unit opened 290 case referrals and made 17 arrests. Overall the unit recovered benefits that persons were not entitled to receive totaling $69,935.

Corrections Division

The Corrections Division is comprised of forty three (43) Corrections Officers supervised by Eight (8) Sergeants, One (1) Lieutenant and One (1) Chief Administrative Officer. The Corrections Division is responsible for housing all inmates committed by the Courts to the Custody of the Sheriff. Within the Division are the Food Services, Medical and Mental Health units which complement and support the overall mission of the Corrections Division.

During 2014, 678 persons were committed to the Correctional Facility by the Courts and of those were 517 males and 161 female defendants. Corrections staff logged 933 transport missions, which included; 380 to and from local courts; 180 for medical purposes; 86 from local police and probation; 82 Federal; 94 for mental health purposes and 197 other related transports. The Food Services unit served 88346 meals. The Corrections Medical Unit conducted 469 medical assessments and processed 1160 medical visits from inmates. The Mental Health Unit conducted 475 mental health screenings and had over 3500 contacts with inmates.

In-boarding of inmates from all sources during 2014 generated $441,775.16. Since in-boarding of inmates began in February of 2009, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office has generated total in-boarding revenue of $3,575,203.62 through December 31, 2013 which has been deposited directly into the County General Fund.

The inmate garden program started in 2012 to give inmates an opportunity to perform a worthwhile project while incarcerated continued in 2014. Inmates under the supervision of Corrections staff planted, maintained and harvested produce throughout the summer in an effort to reduce food costs in the correctional facility while at the same time providing inmates with a healthy alternative rather than "sitting doing time." During 2014, our expanded garden project yielded 375 pounds of

vegetables. These vegetables were used by kitchen staff in the preparation of meals for inmates and meals prepared by Office of the Aging. Surplus vegetables were donated to the Community Action Program in Waterloo; House of Concern in Seneca Falls and the Ovid Food Pantry in Ovid as part of "giving back to the community."

Inmate programs are offered to sentenced and un-sentenced inmates. Some of these programs are:

Educational programs
Christian religious services
Non-denominational religious services
Addictions Counseling
Mental Health Services
Anger Management
Parenting Classes
Workforce development
Alcoholic Anonymous
Inmate Garden Project
Transitions program sponsored by BOCES to assist inmates with life after jail
Narcotics Anonymous
Inmate work program

During 2014, the Corrections Division with support from other SCSO components hosted and delivered a mandatory seven (7) week New York State Basic Correction Officer Academy. Our certified trainers graduated a total of 18 students, representing the Seneca, Ontario and Yates County Sheriff's Office's. By hosting and delivering this training locally we have saved the County thousands of dollars in course registration, overtime and related expenses. The Seneca County Sheriff's Office continues to be the premier training agency for Corrections Officers starting their careers in the Corrections Divisions of their respective Sheriff's Office. This is the eighth Basic Corrections Officer Training Academy sponsored by the Seneca County Sheriff's Office during Sheriff Stenberg's term of office.

Civil Division

The Seneca County Sheriff's Office Civil Division is staffed with a Sergeant who is responsible for the day to day operations of the Division. Assisting the Sergeant in charge of the Civil Division is one full time clerk/typist and two part time Deputy Sheriffs. Revenue is received and disbursed through several sources, such as service fees, mileage and poundage (a percentage of income and

property execution proceeds). All revenue collected by the Civil Division is forwarded to the Seneca County Treasurers' Office.

In 2014, the Civil Division collected revenues of $445,442.33. From this the Sheriff's Civil Division turned over revenue of $58,018.36 to the County Treasurer.

For the most part, most transactions conducted by the Division are done through the U.S. Mail or by telephone. In 2011, we expanded our electronic services to the public who may now pay civil judgments and assessments on line through a secure portal, alleviating the need to visit our Civil Office to conduct a transaction. We have seen an increase in the use of secure electronic transactions being conducted since this service was first introduced.

Records Division

The Records Division is the central repository of all records generated and received by the Seneca County Sheriff's Office. Civilian members of the Records Division respond to requests from the public for variety Sheriff's reports and documents through the New York State Freedom of Information Law, as well as being the first stop for all county issued Pistol Permits.

In 2014, the Records Division processed a record total of $12,245 in insurance; FOIL requests; employment fingerprint and pistol permit fees.

We have received positive feedback from pistol permit holders who are happy that all pistol permits related forms are available on the Sheriff's website.

Court Security Division

The Court Security Division provides all security related functions at the Seneca County Court House in Waterloo, New York. During 2013, Court Security personnel provided security services for six (6) criminal trials conducted in County Court. A major function of the Division is to ensure the safety and security of not only employee's, but to all who transact business in the Seneca County Court Complex on a daily basis. During 2013, Court Security personnel confiscated an assortment of over 2,200 firearms, knives, razors, scissors and other weapons from entering the Seneca County Court Complex. All Court Security Officers have completed the mandatory basic training requirements for Court Security Officers.

County Office Building Security Unit

The County Office Building (COB) Security Unit was established in 2011. 2014 was the third full year of operation of the unit, which is staffed with part-time Special Patrol Officers and Deputy Sheriffs all of whom are either retired law enforcement or state corrections officers. The COB security unit provides security services throughout the Seneca County Office Building and staffs a security checkpoint at the main visitor entrance. The COB security unit provides services through the use of random foot patrols throughout the COB on a daily basis in addition to the main visitor screening checkpoint. In 2014, COB security staff responded to 75 calls for service within the COB and vouchered and returned or prevented 1,534 knives, 9 guns and 289 other types of contraband from entering the COB. COB staff also made three arrests for persons who were either wanted by the Sheriff's Office or other local police agencies or for attempting to bring illegal substances through the security checkpoint.

Training Unit

On-going in-service training is the foundation for everything we do at the Sheriff's Office. A well-trained staff enables performance to be measured with expectations while at the same time reducing liability exposure. In 2014, members of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office completed 9,434.5 hours of in-service, on-going training. Today, we are one of the most highly trained Sheriff's Office's in the State of New York.

Public Outreach

Throughout 2014, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office upheld our responsibility to be a part of our community. We continue to teach Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) to all 5th grade classes in Seneca County schools.

In 2014 the SCSO continued its child safety seat program. Safety seat events were held throughout the year in several different locations. Specially trained officers calculate and install the correct safety seat for each child at no cost.

Another popular program that was continued in 2014 was Operation Safe Child I.D. A special Child I.D. card is printed for parents or guardians. Information about the child is stored on the card and in a digital data base should the child become missing.

We have located two drug return kiosks, one in the County Office Building, the other in the lobby of the LEC which enables residents to safely dispose of unwanted, expired, unneeded prescription medications.