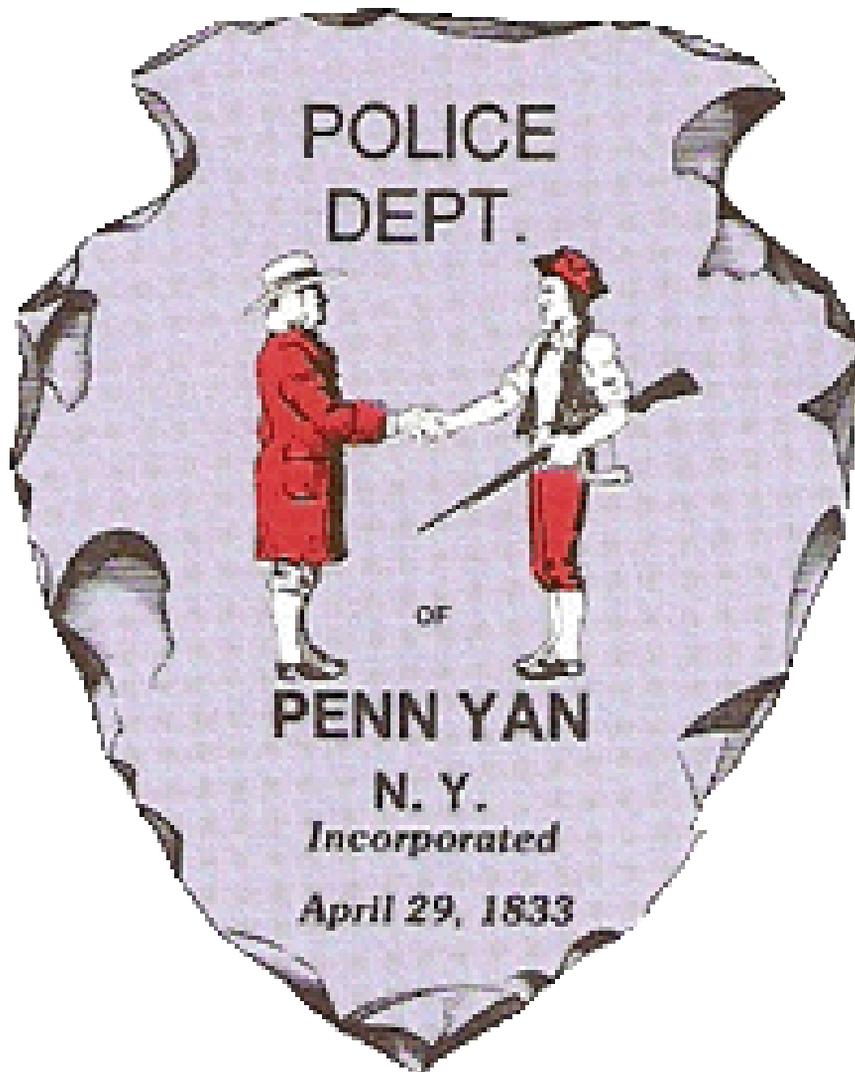


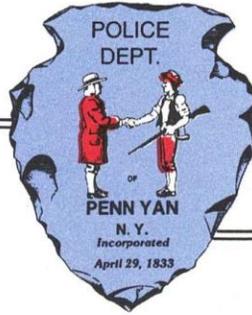
Penn Yan Police Department



2020 Annual Report

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Thomas J. Dunham
Chief of Police

Dear Mayor MacKerchar and Members of the Board,

On behalf of the members of the Penn Yan Police Department I submit to you the 2020 Penn Yan Police Department annual report. In this report you will see department statistics and activities, and our overall commitment to this community and those we serve.

This year has been a difficult year for everyone and law enforcement has been no exception. In January we saw the New York State Bail Reform Laws go into effect. These new laws have drastically changed how criminals are handled once they are arrested. Most individuals are now required to be released on a ticket once arrested rather than held in jail. Those committing sex offenses and violent felonies are still eligible to be held in jail, while drug dealers are widely released. The old systems of appearance tickets was abolished and a new ticket system was enacted. Through all of these changes the Department has remained committed to doing everything we can to keep this community safe. The Police Department was trained on the law changes and have effectively adapted to the new practices and procedures.

In March Covid-19 really began to hit America hard and shut down much of Penn Yan's local economy. The Police Department remained vigilant and all members reported to work every day taking additional precautions to keep themselves and those they interacted with safe. Many members of our community lost their jobs or were forced to close their businesses. All of the stress of Covid-19 and the lockdowns led to an increase in mental health calls for the department. Again, I am proud to report the police department and its members rose to the challenge and saved numerous lives this year. This included three incidents of successfully talking suicidal subjects off of a bridge, numerous situations where officers provided Narcan to those overdosing and officers providing life saving care in accidents and emergencies.

In May we saw massive protests and rioting break out across the country following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Here in Penn Yan we met with peaceful protesters who were upset about the situation. In response to the unrest Governor Cuomo signed executive order 203 which mandated communities with law enforcement to meet with "community stakeholders" and review the departments' policies and procedures in an effort to develop any necessary reforms. Myself and members of the board discussed the process and met with community stakeholders to review our departments make up and procedures. I believe this process will show you that the men and women of the Penn Yan Police Department are well trained and equipped to handle the issues of modern policing. I am proud of our record and of our relationships with this community. We continue to stress training throughout the department on a variety of topics. We have officers who have received additional training in dealing with people in crisis and have assigned them to a local crisis intervention team or CIT. These officers can be called upon to assist those in crisis and help connect them with the proper resources they need. We also continue to send all officers to yearly defensive tactics and use of force training. Every officer is trained in CPR and how to administer Narcan and all officers receive a variety of other trainings as well. As the laws in New York State change so must our training. This will ensure we are up to date in our tactics and procedures.

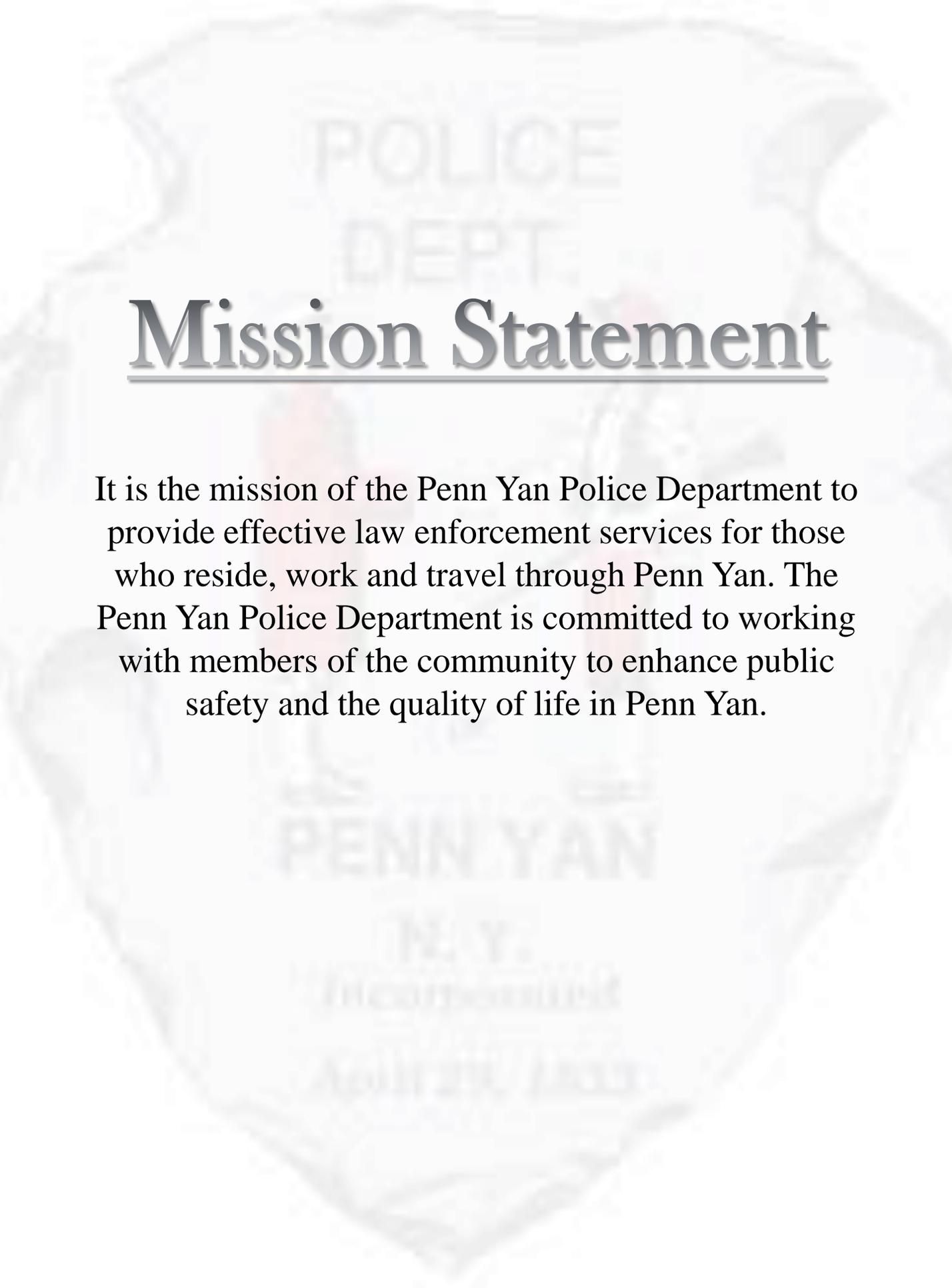
This year has been a difficult year for law enforcement, but I am proud to report that the men and women of the Penn Yan Police Department have risen to the challenge and continue to strive for great community

interactions and relationships. I believe having the trust of the community is essential for law enforcement to provide effective services. We could not do the job we do without the support of the board and members of this community. I thank you for all of your support and look forward to continue serving you and this community as Chief of Police.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas Dunham", is written over a horizontal line.

Chief Thomas Dunham

The background of the page features a large, faded, light gray outline of the Penn Yan Police Department badge. The badge is shield-shaped with a central emblem and text. At the top, it says 'POLICE DEPT.' and at the bottom, 'THE PENN YAN N.Y. INCORPORATED APRIL 29, 1809'.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Penn Yan Police Department to provide effective law enforcement services for those who reside, work and travel through Penn Yan. The Penn Yan Police Department is committed to working with members of the community to enhance public safety and the quality of life in Penn Yan.

**Penn Yan Police Department
Officers/Staff
January 2020 – December 2020**



**Thomas Dunham
Chief of Police**



Sergeant Justin Hamm



Sergeant Brandon DeHond



Sergeant Brad Cole



Sergeant Derek Chisom



Investigator Wayne Marsh



**School Resource Officer
Jeffery Stewart**



Officer Corey Grace



Officer Kenneth Eldridge



Officer Kathryn Zebrowski



Officer Patrick McKnight



Officer Terry Skelly



**Part-Time Officer
Wesley Hines**



**Part-Time Officer
Bryan Quayle**



**Part-Time Officer
Nicolaus Fratto**



**Part-Time Officer
Brian Winslow**



**Part-Time Officer
Michael Donovan**



**Part-Time Officer
Frank Ryan**



**Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Police
Kristy Pedder**



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Covid 19 and Overcoming the Adversity

As we all are aware the Coronavirus later known as Covid 19 really began to have an impact in our area in March of 2020. Below is a timeline of events:

January 17th 2020- 1st Covid 19 positive case in the United States

March 1st 2020- 1st coronavirus case in New York State

March 4th 2020- 11 total cases in New York State. Study abroad programs in China and Italy are cancelled. Covid-19 guidance shared with PYPD staff

March 5th 2020- PYPD enacts guidance on cleaning work spaces

March 7th 2020- Governor Cuomo signs state of emergency. Chief Dunham contacts retired employees who agree they will come back to work if necessary

March 14th 2020- 613 cases in NY with first two deaths. Yates County declares state of emergency

March 16th 2020- Schools close statewide and all gatherings are limited to 50 people. Guidelines for conducting arraignments are enacted at PYPD

March 17th 2020- Village of Penn Yan declares state of emergency

March 18th 2020- 2,382 cases with 16 deaths in NY and USNS Comfort is sent to NYC

March 19th 2020- Workforces deemed nonessential are required to cut to 75% of staffing

March 20th 2020- Governor Cuomo signs NYS Pause Order shutting down 100% of all businesses deemed nonessential. All evictions are placed on hold

March 21st 2020- 10,356 cases in NYS with 58 deaths. NYS DMV is closed

March 23rd 2020- 20,875 cases in NYS with 157 deaths. Governor Cuomo requires all hospitals to increase capacity by 50%

March 28th 2020- 52,318 cases in NYS with 728 deaths. Elections and tax deadlines are postponed

April 4th 2020- 113,704 cases in NYS with 3,581 deaths. Medical Students can graduate early and begin practicing

April 6th 2020- 130,689 cases in NYS with 4,758 deaths. 19.5 % of NYPD staff is out sick

April 14th 2020- Penn Yan Village Board approves hiring back retired employees as necessary

May 1st 2020- 308,314 cases in NYS with 18,847 deaths

May 20th 2020- 354,370 cases in NYS with 22,230 deaths. Daily new hospitalizations drop below 5,000 daily for the first time

May 25th 2020- George Floyd died during an arrest in Minneapolis and protests break out nationwide, including in Penn Yan

June 8th 2020- Governor Cuomo announces first phase of re-opening

June 22nd 2020- Phase two re-opening begins

July 6th 2020- U.S. covid deaths surpass 130,000. Phase 3 re-opening begins

July 19th 2020- Phase 4 re-opening begins

September 2020- Schools are allowed to open. Some decide to go fully in person, some decide to stay remote and some decide to do a hybrid plan of virtual and in person

September 7th 2020- Penn Yan Schools open in person

October 31st 2020- Trick or Treating on Halloween is not recommended

November 26th 2020- Thanksgiving can be no more than 10 people

December 25th 2020- Christmas gatherings are not recommended

December 31st 2020- New Years Ball drop occurs, but general public is not allowed to attend

By the end of 2020 NYS saw over 1 million people test positive for Covid 19 with over 35,000 deaths. Yates County currently sits at 931 cases with 22 deaths. The Police Department, Village and Yates County all acted quickly and took steps to protect employees and ensure operations could safely continue.



ROAD PATROL

The core of the Penn Yan Police Department is its road patrol officers. The department currently has four full time sergeants and seven full time road patrol officers. The department utilizes six part time officers to cover shifts and assist in patrol functions. These officers work daily with the public responding to calls, assisting motorists and performing vehicle and traffic functions. Being a small department our officers often have the opportunity to work in many different roles and take on additional duties outside of patrol work. Our patrol officers provide a visible police presence to prevent crimes from occurring and respond to a variety of calls to assist the public. This year the Penn Yan Police Department responded to 6,956 complaints. This includes responding to emergency calls involving criminal behavior, medical emergencies, car accidents, fights, drug overdoses, etc.



2020 Highlighted Cases

Drug/Gun Investigation:

In January of 2020 officers arrested a member of the Kingsmen Motorcycle Club along with two other subjects that were in the vehicle. The arrest resulted in the seizure of a 20 gauge sawed off shotgun that had the serial number defaced, a .25 caliber semi automatic handgun, a .38 caliber revolver and various other knives and weapons. Officers also secured 25 grams of methamphetamine, 9 doses of LSD, 1 gram of marijuana along with drug paraphernalia and packaging materials. This seizure was one of the largest in NY State and was featured in New York's quarterly highway interdiction brief.

Suicide by Cop:

In January of 2020 officers responded to a call of a reported trespass. On arrival officers found a suicidal subject with a knife who intended to commit suicide by cop. During this interaction the individual pleaded with police to shoot him. Officers were able to talk to the individual and eventually deployed a taser on the subject and were able to take the person into custody. The subject later responded to the police department and thanked officers for not shooting him.

Sexual Assault:

In May of 2020 officers worked on a case involving the predatory sexual assault of a child under the age of nine. Officers were able to secure an admission in this case and charge the perpetrator with two counts of predatory sexual assault of a child (a class A-II felony), sexual abuse 1st (a class D felony), forcible touching and endangering the welfare of a child (both misdemeanors). The perpetrator has since been sentenced to 10 years to life in state prison. This was a great example of officers collaborating and working together both within and outside of the agency to protect a victim of a heinous crime.

Home Invasion/Robbery:

In October of 2020 officers worked on a case involving the armed home invasion of a residence in Penn Yan where the suspect threatened to shoot a five year old. Officers in this case were able to quickly respond to the scene and develop leads on who was involved. Officers conducted numerous interviews and were able to work with the Monroe County Crime Analysis Center to help to identify those responsible. After an extensive investigation and multiple search warrants officers charged two people for their involvement, one of which was apprehended within hours of the call. Subjects were charged with Robbery 1st, Burglary 1st, Conspiracy 4th, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Criminal Facilitation 4th.

Suicidal Subjects:

In 2020 there were three cases of individuals threatening to commit suicide by jumping from the railroad trestle. In every case officers were able to quickly respond to the scene and develop a rapport with those threatening suicide. In two cases officers were able to convince the individual to come back from the edge on their own. In the third case an officer feared the person was going to jump so they wrapped the person in a bear hug and pulled them to safety. Once subdued by officers the individual continued to act hysterical and had to be escorted from the bridge. In every one of these cases officers risked their own safety and well being and were able to successfully intervene to get a person in crisis further mental health services.



Arrests made by the Penn Yan Police Department

There were a total of 413 arrests for 2020

Total arrests of males:	293	Total arrest of females:	120
Youthful Offender Arrests (individuals 16 to 17 years old):			11
Juvenile Arrest (ages 15 and under):			4
Arrests for individuals over the age of 18:			398

There were a total of 64 arrests that involved drugs.

Statistical Breakdown of Arrests

	<u>2020</u>
Felony	90
Misdemeanor	377
Violation/Traffic	238
Mental Health	59
Other	1
Total Charges	765

Breakdown of Arrests by Ages

Under 10	0	18	9	30-34	65
11	1	19	7	35-39	53
12	0	20	12	40-44	30
13	0	21	19	45-49	28
14	1	22	17	50-54	17
15	2	23	11	55-59	15
16	4	24	13	60-64	4
17	7	25-29	71	65+	27



DWI Arrests

In 2020 there were a total of **23** DWI's

There were a total of **2** MVA's that involved impaired drivers

Total Alcohol:	18	Total number of refusals:	5
Total Drug:	4	Average BAC:	0.14%
Total Drug/Alcohol Combined:	1	Average Age:	36.5

There were a total of **3** individuals under the age of 21

Total DWI's for males:	20
Total DWI's for females:	3



The Penn Yan Police Department receives grant funding to work with other area law enforcement to coordinate STOP DWI efforts. The goal of NYS's STOP DWI program is to:

- Reduce the number of persons killed or injured in alcohol and other drug-related traffic crashes
- To promote DWI prevention as a public priority
- Coordinate local efforts in Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Probation, Rehabilitation, Public Information, Education, and Administration.

This year Sergeant Derek Chisom led the department with six DWI arrests. Followed by Officer Ken Eldridge with four.

Victim Impact Panel

The Penn Yan Police Department takes part in at least two victim impact panels a year. Victim impact panels are a forum that was originally developed by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, or MADD, where actual victims of drunk driving accidents were given the chance to share their stories with persons convicted of DUI offenses. Due to the clear effectiveness of the victim impact panels, the Court ordered use of Victim Impact Panels has become widespread as a sentencing option. The overall tone and setting of a victim impact panel is a place where victims can use a fact based approach to lay out the tremendous consequences of drunk driving. The goal is not to judge the DUI offenders but to provide a way for the DUI offender to personalize and internalize the severe impact of drunk driving and change their behavior.



Tickets

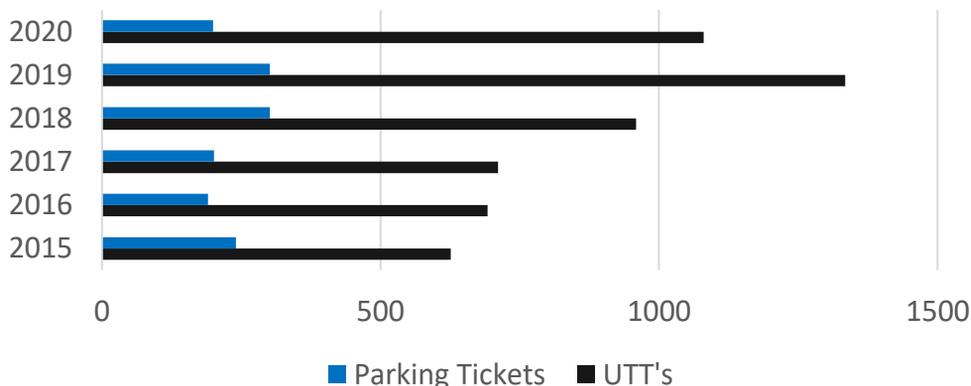
UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS (UTT'S)

There were total of **1080** UTT's written in 2020

This was a decrease of **254** tickets compared to 2019

This year we saw some unique challenges with V&T enforcement. When Covid-19 first struck the area there were a lot of unknowns with the virus. We made a decision to limit unnecessary contacts to avoid possible spread and unnecessary stress on otherwise law abiding citizens. As more became known about the virus we began to resume our usual enforcement efforts.

<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
626	692	711	959	1334	1080



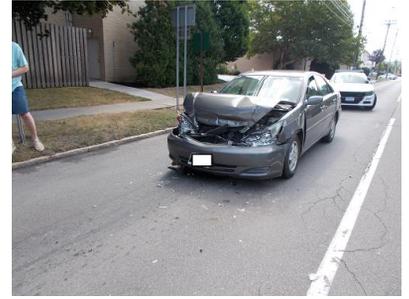
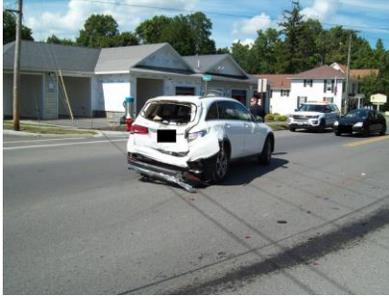
PARKING TICKETS

There were total of **199** UTT's written in 2020

<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
240	190	201	301	301	199



Motor Vehicle Accidents



There were a total of **162** MVA'S

Of the **162** MVA's, officers filed a total of **136** accident reports in 2020. **127** of those were property damage motor vehicle accidents, **9** were personal injury and there were **0** fatal accidents.

	<u>2020</u>
Property Damage	127
Personal Injury	9
Fatal	0



Vehicle Lockouts

The Penn Yan Police Department completed **186** lockouts in 2020.

The department carries tools to unlock vehicles in every patrol car. Officers use these tools to assist motorists who have locked their keys in their car, or who have an emergency situation such as a child or a pet locked in a vehicle. The Penn Yan Police Department is the only law enforcement agency in Yates County that provides this service, saving motorists approximately \$100-\$200 for each unlock provided. Officers may on occasion respond outside the village to provide this service.



VEHICLE LOCKOUT WAIVER

DATE	TIME	LOCATION		
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	LICENSE PLATE	CFS NUMBER

The Penn Yan Police Department engages in the unlocking of vehicles as a service to the community. The Penn Yan Police Department assumes **NO** responsibility for any damage sustained to the vehicle while attempting to unlock it.

I _____ am the owner/owners authorized person, and hereby request and authorize the Penn Yan Police Department to unlock my vehicle without the benefit of using the vehicle's key. I understand that the Penn Yan Police Department will take every precaution to avoid damaging my vehicle, but further understand that opening a motor vehicle without the key can lead to mechanical and/or electrical damage to the locking mechanism, vehicle trim, or other areas of the vehicle. I hereby relieve the Penn Yan Police Department from any liability for damages resulting from their attempts to open my vehicle and I further understand that I am solely responsible for the repair of any damage with may occur.

Signature of Motorist _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Building Checks/Foot Patrol

Officers conduct numerous foot patrols and building checks throughout their tour of duty. Officers check local businesses and buildings to ensure they are properly secured. Officers also conduct foot and vehicle patrol of Village Parks and property. If an officer finds a building unsecure they will check the building and contact a business owner or representative to respond to secure the premises.

The total number of **building checks/foot patrol** in 2020 was: **281**

The total number of **open doors** located at businesses for 2020 was: **40**



Assisting Other Law Enforcement

The Penn Yan Police Department was called to assist other agencies **149** times in 2020. These calls consisted of; backing up county and state officers, responding to alarms outside the village, serving warrants and subpoenas, as well as coordinating with other law enforcement agencies to enhance the safety of the Village.

Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Association

The Penn Yan Police Department is also a member of the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Association (FLLEA). FLLEA members meet monthly to discuss events and training topics. These agencies also coordinate to hold an annual police academy and ongoing law enforcement training. Each member agency contributes instructors and pools resources to keep training costs low.



County Office Building/Court House

The Penn Yan Police Department provides law enforcement services to the Yates County Complex located on Liberty Street and responded to **222** calls for services in 2020.

The Penn Yan Police work closely with the Yates County Court Security Division to provide services to those conducting business at the county complex.



Alarms

The Penn Yan Police Department responded to **112** alarms in 2020. These alarms include panic alarms, hold up alarms, fire alarms and duress alarms for the elderly. The police department takes pride in their fast response and can usually arrive on scene in under a few minutes.

Hospital Related Calls

The Penn Yan Police Department responded to **137** calls at the Hospital in 2020.

These calls come from:

- Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital
- The Homestead
- John D. Kelly Behavioral Health Center
- The Medical Arts Building
- The Penn Yan Manor

This year we saw the closure of Soldier and Sailors Mental Health Unit and the hospital losing their 9.39 designation. This meant that individuals who are arrested under NYS Mental Hygiene Law can no longer be seen at S&S and must be transported to the nearest 9.39 designated hospital. In our case this meant that anyone arrested for a mental hygiene offense must be brought to Clifton Springs Hospital. The only exception to the above would be if a mental hygiene subject had a more urgent medical emergency requiring immediate attention. In those cases the person would be seen at S&S and then later transported to Clifton Springs.



Bike Patrol



Officer Jeffery Stewart

The Penn Yan Police Department has one certified officer that performs bike patrol as an additional duty. Bike patrol is utilized for special events, public relations and special patrol duties to enhance our community policing efforts. The officers serving on bike patrol spend a great deal of their patrol tour on the outlet trail, public parks and in the business district. Officers also issue bicycle helmets to youths and adults that are in need of proper safety equipment.

In 2020 we were unable to use bike patrol at any major events as they were all cancelled due to the Covid 19 outbreak. In the future, a goal would be to send additional officers to bike patrol training and purchase newer bicycles for the officers to use. We feel that bike patrol is a great public relations tool and is also an effective way to reach areas we can't get to in a patrol car.





Juvenile Complaints

As part of an additional duty the Penn Yan Police Department utilizes individual officers to follow up on juvenile complaints. The police department works closely with the County Attorney's Office and the Yates County Probation Office to set court dates and follow up with juvenile matters.

Over the last few years New York State has changed the laws regarding who would be considered an adult in the criminal justice system. Our officers have been able to effectively adjust to the changes and the department has enacted policies and procedures to ensure we are effectively handling these types of cases.

In 2018 and 2019 NY State phased in the Raise the Age Reform Law which classified 16 and 17 year old's as adolescent offenders. This reform made it so the vast majority of cases involving 16 and 17 year old's are now heard in Family Court, either originating there or being transferred there from the new Youth Part of the adult criminal court. Violations are still heard in adult criminal court as was the law prior to the raise the age change.

A new "Youth Part Court" has been created. All 13-15 year old Juvenile Offenders and all 16-17 year Adolescent Offenders now have their cases heard in Youth Part Court. Family Court judges preside over these type of cases and all sitting Justices in Yates County are trained in handling Youth Part Court arraignments.

The total number of juvenile complaints that were handled by the Penn Yan Police Department for the year of 2020 was **81**.



SRO



School Resource Officer

Jeffery Stewart



Part-Time School Resource Officer

Frank Ryan

Officer Jeff Stewart serves as the Penn Yan Central School District's full time school resource officer. Officer Stewart works with staff and students in every school to enhance safety and act as a liaison between the department and the school district. Officer Stewart helps to create a safe school environment and fosters a positive relationship between the police department, the school's student body and staff. He is also tasked with teaching classes on topics such as drugs, alcohol, vaping, bullying and personal safety.

In March of 2020 the Penn Yan Central Schools were shut down due to Covid 19. For the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year students no longer attended classes in person and switched to remote learning online. The schools opened back up in September of 2020 with students having the option of attending classes in person or continuing with remote learning. Since the shut down in March the part time SRO position has been on hold due to budgetary issues.

There were a total of **641** calls handled by School Resource Officers in 2020.



Penn Yan Elementary



Penn Yan Middle School



Penn Yan Academy



Investigations



Investigator

Wayne Marsh

Investigator Wayne Marsh is the sole investigator for the department and focuses on felony level crimes and follow up investigations. Investigator Marsh works closely with the department's patrol staff to solve crimes and perform drug interdiction. Investigator Marsh also works with other area law enforcement to share information and collaborate when appropriate. Investigator Marsh oversees the departments evidence room and is in charge of ensuring evidence is properly packaged, stored and entered into our evidence management system.

Investigator Marsh holds many specialized certifications, including being a crime scene photographer, evidence technician, forensic interviewer, trauma informed victims specialist and post blast investigator. Investigator Marsh is also assigned to the Yates County Fire Investigation Team, which is a collaborative group with members from the Penn Yan Police Department, Yates County Sheriff's Office, Penn Yan Fire Department and other area fire departments.

On top of these duties Investigator Marsh is an instructor and assists with trainings both in house and at the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy. He also is NYS certified Firearms instructor and a reality based training instructor.



Drug Investigations/Tip 411/Found Needles

In 2020 there were **64** people charged with drug offenses. Some of those people were charged with multiple counts of drug sales or possession as laid out below.

11 arrests involved Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance

1 arrests involved Criminal Possession of Marihuana

26 arrests involved Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance

41 arrests involved Unlawful Possession of Marihuana 2nd

1 arrest for Unlawful Possession of Marihuana 1st

1 arrest for Unlawfully Growing Cannabis

6 arrests involved Criminal Possession of a Hypodermic Instrument

4 arrests involved Criminally Possessing Drug Paraphernalia

- Every officer is trained to safely handle and dispose of needles and other drug paraphernalia. Each patrol car is equipped with a sharps container so officers can safely store and dispose of needles they come across. Throughout the year officers were called numerous times to individuals finding hypodermic needles. In these cases officers safely collect the needles and dispose of them properly.



- Tip411 is a digital communication application that allows the public to submit anonymous tips to their local law enforcement agency.
- The total number of Drug Investigations/Tip411/ Found Needles for 2020 was: **192**
- The Penn Yan Police Department also maintains a Prescription Drop Box in the vestibule that allows for citizens to come in and drop off any old or unwanted prescription medication.
- In 2020 the Penn Yan Police Department collected and safely disposed of **over 75 pounds** of prescription medication.



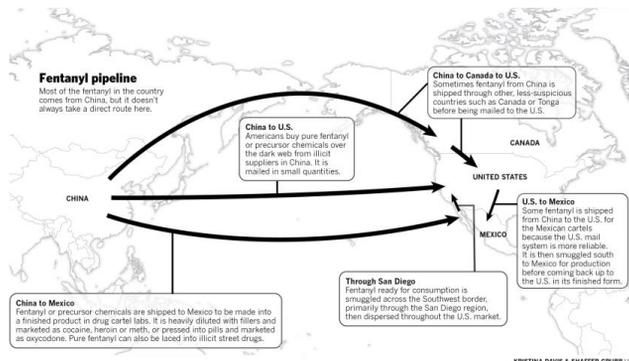


The Penn Yan Police Department had the largest seizure of methamphetamine in the region in 2020



Drug Trends in Penn Yan

In 2020, we have continued to see fentanyl be the drug of choice in Penn Yan. Law enforcement nation wide has seen a shift away from traditional heroin towards fentanyl. This shift is due to fentanyl being easier and cheaper for drug cartels to manufacture. While heroin is made from poppy plants that grow only in specific climates and take months to cultivate, fentanyl is cooked from chemicals in makeshift laboratories in a matter of hours. Due to the dangers involved in being exposed to fentanyl officers have all been through training on its safe handling. Officers have also stopped testing drugs using field test kits on scene due to the dangers involved in possible exposure. All drugs are now packaged and sent directly to NMS crime laboratory for testing.



While fentanyl remains our most prevalent drug we have also seen an increase in the use of Methamphetamine or “Meth.” Meth is a powerfully addictive stimulant drug that increases alertness, reduces appetite, causes paranoia, elevates breathing and heart rate, and raises both blood pressure and body temperature. In addition to these dangerous effects, the process of making meth is highly unsafe.

Unfortunately, it is relatively easy to make meth in small at-home labs using a variety of materials bought from any hardware store. Once combined these chemicals become toxic, and can easily explode causing fires or people to be burned. Often meth cooks utilize a group of people known as “smurfs” who will go out and purchase pseudoephedrine and other materials needed to make meth. The group will all bring the materials to a “cook” who will make the product and either sell or use it.

To combat this we work with local stores and all of our local pharmacies to track the sale of pseudoephedrine and other materials used to make methamphetamine. All officers have been trained in how to identify meth labs and what materials are used to cook meth.



Overdose Calls

- 01/11/2020** – 29 year old male. Overdosed on an opioid. Officer Zebrowski administered 2 doses of Narcan and administered chest compression of the individual. Transported to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.
- 01/16/2020** – 42 year old female. Overdosed on an opioid. Sergeant Cole administered 1 dose of Narcan.
- 01/25/2020** – 51 year old female. Overdosed on unknown drug. EMS had arrived on scene and transported the female to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.
- 03/31/2020** – 21 year old female. Overdosed on an opioid. Officer Eldridge and EMS administered a total of 3 doses of Narcan. EMS performed CPR and transported her to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital where she was pronounced deceased.
- 04/09/2020** – 26 year old male. Overdosed on an opioid. Officer Skelly administered 1 dose of Narcan and administered chest compressions. He was pronounced deceased on scene.
- 05/14/2020** – 70 year old female. Overdosed on medication. Officer Skelly administered 1 dose of Narcan. Transported to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.
- 06/06/2020** – 44 year old male. Overdosed on an opioid. Signed off with EMS.
- 07/26/2020** – 66 year old male. Officers responded to a report of an unattended death which was caused by the overdose of morphine
- 08/06/2020** – 27 year old male. Overdosed on an opioid. Officer Grace administered 1 dose of Narcan and Officer Skelly also administered 1 dose of Narcan. Transported to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.
- 08/17/2020** – 31 year old female. Advised officers they had taken a bunch of pills to overdose. Transported to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.
- 08/24/2020** – 44 year old male. Overdosed on fentanyl. Transported to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.
- 08/24/2020** – 44 year old male. Officers were dispatched to a check the welfare/possible overdose. Once subject was located it was unfounded and he was arrested for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance.
- 09/03/2020** – 21 year old male. Overdosed on an opioid. Officer Zebrowski administered 3 doses of Narcan, Officer Skelly administered 1 dose of Narcan and Chief Dunham performed CPR. Transported to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.
- 11/04/2020** – 36 year old female. Officers were dispatched to a report of an overdose. Complaint was unfounded.
- 11/26/2020** – 35 year old male. Overdosed on an opioid. Officer Hines performed CPR, Officer Skelly administered 4 doses of Narcan and EMS administered 2 doses of Narcan. Transported to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.
- 12/09/2020** – 33 year old female. Overdosed on pills (medication). Investigator Marsh administered 2 doses of Narcan. Transported to Soldiers and Sailors Hospital.



Life Saving Efforts

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officer(s) Involved</u>	<u>What Was Performed</u>	<u>Kind of Call</u>
01/11/2020	Ofc. Zebrowski	Narcan administered & CPR performed	Overdose
01/16/2020	Sgt. Cole	Narcan administered	Overdose
03/31/2020	Ofc. Eldridge & Ofc. Quayle	Narcan administered	Overdose
04/09/2020	Ofc. Skelly, Ofc. McKnight, Sgt. DeHond, Chief Dunham & Inv. Marsh	Narcan administered & CPR performed	Overdose
05/02/2020	Ofc. Hines	Wrapped arms around subject and pulled from ledge of trestle	Suicidal Person
05/14/2020	Ofc. Skelly	Narcan administered	Overdose
05/27/2020	Sgt. Cole, Ofc. Fratto & Ofc. Grace	Talked subject back over the railing of the trestle	Suicidal Person
07/06/2020	Ofc. Grace, Inv. Marsh & Ofc. Quayle	Talked subject off the edge of the trestle	Suicidal Person
07/29/2020	Ofc. Eldridge & Sgt. Chisom	CPR performed	CPR Call
08/06/2020	Ofc. Grace & Ofc. Skelly	Narcan administered	Overdose
08/09/2020	Sgt. Chisom	Placed tourniquet on child's leg	Personal Injury MVA
09/03/2020	Ofc. Zebrowski, Ofc. Skelly, Chief Dunham, Sgt. Hamm & Inv. Marsh	Narcan administered and CPR performed	Overdose
09/18/2020	Sgt. Cole, Ofc. Grace & Ofc. Skelly	CPR performed	Medical call
10/24/2020	Ofc. Skelly, Sgt. Cole & Ofc. Grace	Talked subject off railing of raised porch	Suicidal Person
11/26/2020	Ofc. Hines & Ofc. Skelly	Narcan administered and CPR performed	Overdose
12/09/2020	Inv. Marsh, Sgt. DeHond & Ofc. McKnight	Narcan administered	Overdose



Crime Scene Evidence Technicians



Police evidence technicians are tasked with photographing, collecting, processing and storing evidence. Evidence Technicians may be called to scenes of burglaries, assaults, robberies, etc.. To become evidence technicians, officers must receive specialized training and certifications from New York State. There are currently six crime scene evidence technicians in the department. Sergeant Derek Chisom and Officer Terry Skelly both successfully completed evidence technician school in 2020. Having more officers trained and certified to collect evidence gives the department more well rounded officers who are capable to handle situations without having to call in additional units. This also helps to cut down on overtime costs.



This year Officer Corey Grace successfully completed crime scene photography school at the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy. This certificate is a prerequisite to becoming a certified evidence technician in New York State. As part of the training he learned the technical aspects of taking accurate photographs of all different types of evidence. This includes photographing things such as footprints, tire tracks, alternate light source photography, blood splatter, accident scenes, types of bruising, low light and no light photography, etc. In the future we plan on having Corey continue his training and becoming an evidence technician.



Grants

Livescan

The Police department is always looking for grants to help offset the costs for necessary items. In 2020 the police department was required to update their livescan equipment due to old software no longer being supported. This equipment is used to fingerprint the people we arrest and uploads the person's information and charges to the New York State Police and the FBI. The initial quote for replacing the livescan equipment was over \$23,000. We immediately began looking for grants to offset this cost. I am happy to report that we ended up getting the vast majority of the costs covered with grants and buy backs and the total cost to the Village for replacement was \$4,300.

Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program

In 2020 the Penn Yan Police Department received a strategic traffic enforcement program grant through the New York State Governors Traffic Safety Committee for roughly \$5,000. The strategic traffic enforcement program, or STEP, is a grant to fund extra patrols to enforce vehicle and traffic laws and to enhance safety on our roadways. The goal of the program is to reduce traffic accidents and deaths through targeted patrol. In 2020 officers worked 29 shifts for STEP enforcement.



Preliminary Breath Screening Devices

In 2020 the police department received preliminary breath screening devices on grants. The preliminary breath screening devices or PBT's are a device that officers use roadside to help them determine if someone is intoxicated. Officers can have the subject blow into the PBT and it will display that persons blood alcohol content.

Bulletproof vest Partnership Grant

The Penn Yan Police Department also utilizes the Bureau of Justices bulletproof vest partnership grant. The bulletproof vest partnership grant or BVP was created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 and is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide a critical resource to state and local law enforcement. Since 1999, the BVP program has awarded more than 13,000 jurisdictions a total of \$467 million in federal funds for the purchase of over one million vests. These funds have been utilized by the Penn Yan Police Department to purchase vests for new officers and replacement vests for existing officers.



Total Amount of Money Collected

• Throughout the year the Penn Yan Police Department collects money for FOIL requests and copies of MVA reports that are requested by insurance companies. This money is turned over to the Penn Yan Village Clerk each month. The department currently charges \$0.25 per page for copies. These requests can be quite time intensive and this is a way we cover some of the costs. (Accident reports are provided to those involved free of charge, unless getting the report from Carfax.)

Total money collected for FOIL reports/MVA's: **\$78.75**

FOIL = Freedom of Information Law

• The Police Department utilizes Carfax For Police to allow individuals and their insurance companies to go online to get a copy of their motor vehicle accident report. The money that is collected by Carfax is then sent to the police department. This program also gives the Police Department access to Carfax records.

The total amount received in 2020 is: **\$48.00**

• Throughout the year money is collected from parking tickets. Each week this money is turned over to the Penn Yan Village Court. Parking Tickets range from \$10.00 to \$80.00. After seven (7) days the fine doubles and after thirty (30) days the fine triples.

The total number of tickets paid in 2020 is: **196**

The total amount received in 2020 is: **\$3,390.00**

• The Penn Yan Police Department receives restitution checks from the Yates County Probation Office. This includes things like drug buys or police department property that was damaged.

The total amount received for 2020 is: **\$100.00**

• Vehicles that are impounded or seized by the Penn Yan Police are secured at the Cherry Street impound lot. Owners of these vehicles must pay the impound fee prior to police releasing the vehicle. There is an initial impound fee of \$70.00 and an additional fee of \$10.00 a day after one week of storage.

The total amount of vehicles impounds paid in 2020 is: **29**

The total amount received in 2020 is: **\$1,580.00**



FOIL Requests

Total number of Requests: **422**

Total requests from Yates County Probation	116
Total requests from Other Probation Departments	2
Total requests from Citizens/Public	82
Total requests from Yates County Department of Social Services	81
Total requests from other Counties Department of Social Services	3
Total requests from MVA Reports (from insurance companies, law offices, etc.)	60
Total requests from Insurance Companies (Not for MVA reports)	3
Total requests from the Media	1
Total requests from District Attorney's Offices, Law Offices or Courts	15
Total requests from the Yates County Sheriff's Office	2
Total request from Other Law Enforcements Agencies and Corrections	26
Total requests from the Office of Victim Services	5
Total requests from Miscellaneous (such as: Healthcare, banks, private investigators, board of examiners, department of mental health, libraries, department of health, villages, etc.)	16
Total requests from the Military	2
Total requests from the Department of Criminal Justice Services and the FBI	8



Calls to Residential Complexes and Hotels

The housing complexes in the Village of Penn Yan include St. Mark's Terrace, Walnut Hill Apartments, Vineland Apartments, Meadowside I, Meadowside II and Keuka Gardens.

Total Calls at the Complexes: 292

There are three (3) hotels in the Village of Penn Yan: The Hampton Inn, The Best Western and The Microtel Inn & Suites.

Total Calls at the Hotels: 86

Complexes

Mentally Ill Person	10
Child Neglect	1
Alarms	3
Domestics, Fights	18
Harassment	15
Assist Ambulance	11
Arrests	18
Juvenile Complaints	4
Death	3
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Dog Complaint	1
Larceny	2
Vehicle & Traffic	15
Miscellaneous Non-Criminal	159
Miscellaneous Criminal	6
Criminal Mischief	1
Check the Welfare	25
	292

Hotels

Mentally Ill Person	4
Child Neglect	0
Alarms	3
Domestics, Fights	8
Harassment	4
Assist Ambulance	4
Arrests	11
Juvenile Complaints	0
Death	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Dog Complaint	2
Larceny	1
Vehicle & Traffic	2
Miscellaneous Non-Criminal	41
Miscellaneous Criminal	2
Criminal Mischief	0
Check the Welfare	4
	86





Sergeant Brandon DeHond

Sex Offender Management

The Penn Yan Police Department's sex offender manager is Sergeant Brandon DeHond, who is tasked with monitoring sex offenders that are living in the Village of Penn Yan. This includes tracking sex offender's addresses, photographing sex offenders, processing change of address forms, community notification and verifying addresses. Sgt. DeHond is also responsible for updating Offender Watch and coordinating with the state sex offender registry.



Village Court

The police department provides court security services for Penn Yan Village Court. Officers check people into court and run them through a magnetometer to ensure they don't have any weapons when entering. Officers also make sure order is kept inside the courtroom in accordance with NYS Office of Court Administration guidelines and NYS Law. This year officers working court security had to contend with issues surrounding the Covid 19 pandemic.

Courts across the state were shut down and court cases began to become back logged. Eventually our court was able to open back up. Officers were given additional PPE gear and a no touch thermometer to monitor people entering the courtroom. We also were able to purchase masks to give out to those attending court who did not have their own. As guidance around gatherings changed for NY State we adjusted seating and procedures to ensure we could safely conduct court proceedings.



Drug Court

Chief Dunham is a member of the Yates County Drug Court Team which comprises members of the criminal justice system including Yates County Court Judge, Jason Cook, members of the court staff, the Drug Court Coordinator, Penn Yan Police, Yates County Sheriff's Office, DSS, Probation, FLACRA, the Public Defender's Office and the District Attorney's Office.

Yates County Drug Court works as an alternative to incarceration and aims to rehabilitate members of the community who suffer from drug and/or alcohol addiction. The drug court team meets once a week and discusses cases that are currently in drug court and votes on accepting defendants who apply to drug court as an alternative to incarceration.

Traffic Diversion Program

This year the police department in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office, Yates County Sheriff's Office and Yates County implemented a traffic diversion program. Most individuals charged with a violation of the Vehicle and Traffic Law seeking a reduction will be able to have their charges reduced by participating in a traffic diversion program. The goal of this program is to educate motorists on driver safety and the rules of the road to prevent future infractions. This serves the dual purpose of making our roadways safer and providing a meaningful method of holding individuals accountable for violations of the vehicle and traffic law. Successful completion of the program will result in the charges against you being dismissed or withdrawn, resulting in no points on your driver's license. However, fines associated with the program will be paid to the county and village.





Warrant Officer Officer Patrick McKnight

Warrant Officer Patrick McKnight manages all warrants that are received by the Penn Yan Police Department. He enters them in to eJustice to make other agencies aware of the warrants and also enters them in the Penn Yan Police Department's records management system PD Manager.

There were a total of **37** warrants issued from Penn Yan Village Court in 2020. These warrants may be either arrest warrants or bench warrants.

There were a total of **31** arrests and bench warrants that were executed in 2020.

Total Arrest Warrants:	19
• Issued from Superior Court Yates County:	7
• Issued out of other departments:	1
• Issued out of Penn Yan Village Court:	11
 Total Bench Warrants:	12
• Issued from Superior Court Yates County:	4
• Issued out of other departments:	1
• Issued out of Penn Yan Village Court:	7

Other types of warrants that were executed in 2020 were warrants for Parole Violations that were issued by New York State Parole.

The total amount of Parole Warrants were: **3**

In the event that a violation did not occur in the presence of the officers and the victim wishes to file charges, the information's are sent to Penn Yan Village Court for a Criminal Summons.

The total amount of Criminal Summons that were issued to the arrested party in 2020 were: **18**



FTO

FTO stands for Field Training Officer. Every police officer who is hired in New York State must complete a minimum of 160 hours in field training with a FTO officer. The Police Department selects officers who have well rounded knowledge of New York State laws, of the department's policies and procedures, and those who exemplify what it means to be a police officer to be FTO officers. Those officers selected must be able to impart their knowledge onto new recruits.



Officer Jeffery Stewart



Sergeant Brandon DeHond



Sergeant Brad Cole



Sergeant Derek Chisom

2020 Officer Training

The Penn Yan Police Department strives to offer trainings to its members that promote professional development and enhance public safety in Penn Yan. This year we saw many in person trainings cancelled due to Covid-19. However, we were able to take advantage of numerous online trainings opportunities.

The Penn Yan Police Department conducts ongoing training with its officers both in house and throughout the area. The Police Department constantly seeks to improve its officers and the services they provide to the residents of Penn Yan.

Throughout 2020 officers attended the following trainings:

- Evidence Technician
- Crime Scene Photography
- Use of Force Training
- CPR/AED
- Sexual Harassment
- Drunk and Drugged Driving
- Interdiction
- Defensive Tactics
- DWI Refresher Training
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Acting with Diplomacy and Tact

- Federal Prosecution on Overdoses
- Medical Exams for Sexual Abuse Victims
- Taser Instructor School
- Covid 19 Training
- Firearms Training
- Article 35 Training
- Understanding/Responding to Child Abuse
- Sexual Trauma Informed Victims
- Defensive Driving
- Photo Array
- Missing Persons Training



Instructors

These officers have completed instructor development school and are certified general topics instructors and also have specialized fields that they instruct.



Chief Thomas Dunham
Law of Arrest and Procedural Justice



Sergeant Justin Hamm
Firearms



Investigator Wayne Marsh
Firearms, Police Mental Health, Reality Based
Training, Tactical Medicine and Below 100



Officer Jeffery Stewart
Defensive Tactics



Officer Kathryn Zebrowski
Taser





Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Police
Kristy Pedder

Dispatch

Kristy Pedder serves as the Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Police and as the department's dispatcher from 8am-4pm. She also serves as the department's records custodian and FOIL officer. Kristy completes and submits the monthly reports to the Village and also to the Department of Criminal Justice Services. She also downloads all videos and photos and provides them to the Yates County District Attorney's office. Kristy answers phone calls at the police department and dispatches officers when appropriate. She also has the capability to run driver's licenses, registration information, warrant checks, etc. to officers who are on the street.



Community Outreach



Local families contacted the police department requesting officers stop by for their child's birthday. Officers stopped by and gave the kids an inside look at the police cars and the equipment we carry.



Sergeant Hamm and Officer Zebrowski attended Coffee with a Cop at the Yates County Community Center



Sergeant Chisom received an award from UR Medicine at a Stop the Bleed Ceremony. He received the award for his actions at a car vs buggy accident where multiple people suffered serious injuries. Sgt. Chisom was off duty when he observed the accident and took immediate life saving action by applying a tourniquet to a child's leg.



Community Outreach

With COVID-19 the Penn Yan Police Department received tremendous support from the community with their donation of masks, face shields, hand sanitizer, thermometers and even popcorn.



Masks worn by Ofc. Fratto, Kristy & Inv. Marsh were donated by Kathleen Kirker



Masks worn by Ofc. McKnight, Chief Dunham & Inv. Marsh were donated by Mary Sotir



Face Shield donated by Natalie Yonts who is pictured along with Ofc. Fratto



Chief Dunham pictured with a no touch thermometer that was donated by Glen Miller of KanPak



Hand Sanitizer donated by Barrington Distillers in Dundee, NY



Ofc. Fratto with Jenn Ballard, of the Lake St. Plaza Movie Theatre, who donated popcorn

Hand Sanitizer donated by Wild Brute Winery, Cider Creek Hard Cider & Krooked Tusker Distillery



Ofc. Zebrowski with a member of Boy Scout Troop 44 who donated popcorn



Chief Dunham and SRO Stewart providing the PYCSD Music Booster with money that was raised by the police department's No Shave November event



Chief Dunham with members of the community during the peaceful protests that were held in the Village of Penn Yan after the death of George Floyd.



Officer Skelly reading to students at the Keuka Lake School for their celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday.



SRO Stewart with students from the Penn Yan Elementary School



Community Outreach

Santa visits PYPD



2020 Officer of the Year



Officer Kathryn Zebrowski

Every year members of the police department select one officer to receive the Penn Yan Police Department's Officer of the Year Award. Each member of the department votes on who they feel has exceeded the duty requirements of his or her position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service coupled with professional achievement. Officers may also consider specific acts of heroism or incidents where an officer went above and beyond the call of duty. This year, I am proud to announce Officer Kathryn Zebrowski has been selected by her fellow officers as the 2020 Penn Yan Officer of the Year.

Officer Zebrowski began her career in law enforcement in 2014 as a part time police officer at the Penn Yan Police Department. In 2016, Officer Zebrowski was hired on full time with the Yates County Sheriff's Office as a road Deputy. Then in 2017, Officer Zebrowski came back to Penn Yan PD as a full-time officer. Prior to beginning her career in law enforcement Officer Zebrowski graduated from Dundee High School and attended FLCC where she studied Criminal Justice. Officer Zebrowski completed the police officers' basic school at the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy in Corning. She is a certified taser instructor, a general topics instructor and is a member of the Crisis Intervention Team. As part of the Crisis Intervention Team Officer Zebrowski received additional training on how to deal with people who are experiencing a mental health crisis and how to ensure they receive appropriate care.

Officer Zebrowski's positive attitude and commitment to community relations is something to be applauded. In 2020 she assisted in saving two people in two different incidents who had overdosed. Her fast response time and quick reaction in administering Narcan and providing CPR is credited with saving both individuals. Also in 2020, Officer Zebrowski was off duty in her personal vehicle when she observed a barn fire on Pre-Emption Road. She immediately pulled to the side of the road and began assisting the home owner in saving frightened livestock from the burning building. Whether on duty or off Officer Zebrowski is always willing to help someone in need and is a great example of what it is to be a police officer.

For everything Officer Zebrowski does for this department and this community I would like to congratulate her on being selected as the 2020 Officer of the Year.

-Chief Thomas Dunham

