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**Seneca Falls Police  
May 2014  
Monthly Report**

**Town of Seneca Falls  
Board Meeting  
June 3, 2014**

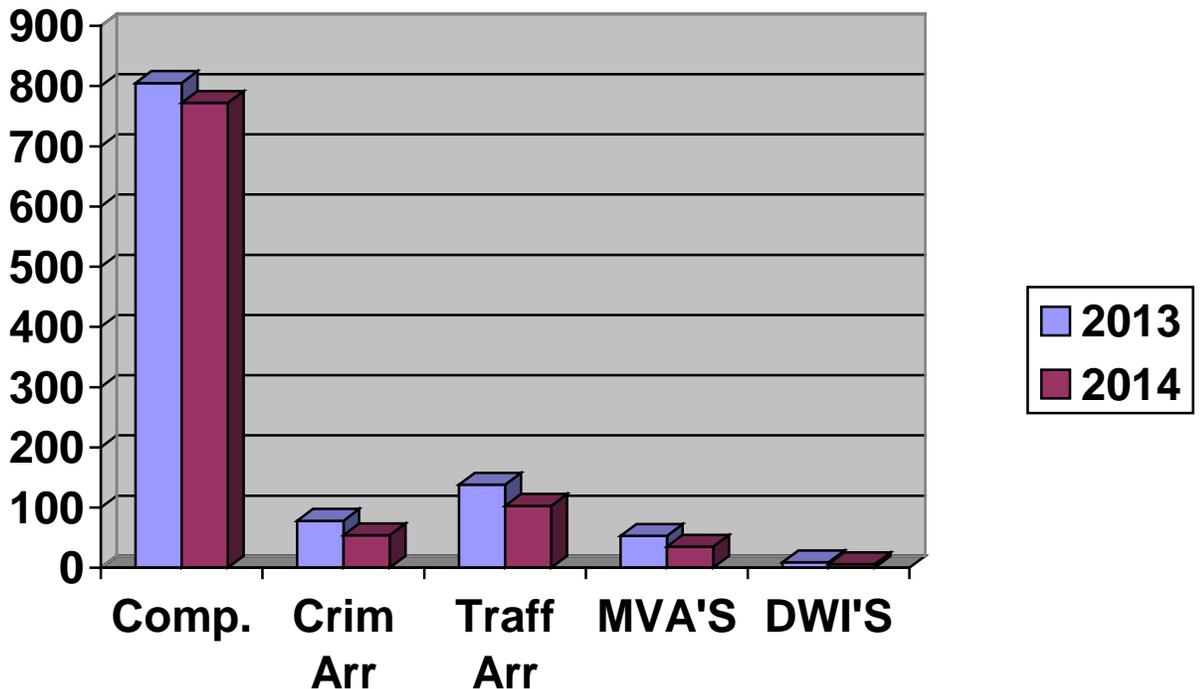
*Submitted by: Chief Stuart W. Peenstra*

# May Statistics

In the month of May 2014, the Seneca Falls Police Department handled 772 calls for service. Of these 722 calls for service, 54 resulted in criminal arrests. The Seneca Falls Police Department responded to 35 traffic accidents. SFPD also conducted 162 traffic stops for the month of May with 104 traffic tickets issued and 6 Driving While Intoxicated arrests.

In comparing May 2013 to May of 2014, calls for service were down 4% (805/772); Criminal arrests were down 30% (78/54); traffic arrests were down 25% (138/104); traffic accidents were down 33% (53/35); and Driving While Intoxicated arrests were down 33% (9/6).

The Seneca Falls Police Department was assisted by outside law enforcement agencies on 47 calls for service and assisted other outside law enforcement agencies on 18 calls for service in the month of May 2014.



# Criminal Investigation Division

During May of 2014 the Criminal Investigation Division of the Seneca Falls Police Department assisted road patrol members with criminal investigations and arrested (1) individual on a misdemeanor charge.

CID was assigned (6-8) new cases.

CID continued to assist other agencies with criminal investigations.

CID attended a child abuse / sexual abuse training seminar that was hosted by SFPD at the Seneca Falls Community Center.

CID primarily worked on two open Rape investigations, a suspected Arson, and a Burglary investigation involving the theft of over \$12,000.00 worth of merchandise during May.

CID also continued working on the numerous open criminal investigations.

## Training

On 04/28/2014 through 05/09/2014, Sgt Michael Petrocci attended and completed the Police Crime Scene and Evidence Specialist course. This course was 80hrs and was held at the Elmira Regional Training Center in Elmira, NY. With the addition of this Crime Scene Course along with last month's Crime Scene Photography Course, Sgt Petrocci is now a certified Evidence Technician

On 05/08/14, Sgt/Inv. Calabrese attended and completed Naloxone ("Narcan") - Train the Trainer Course which was held at the Ontario County Safety Training Facility in Canandaigua, NY. The course covered topics of: Good Samaritan 911 Law, Signs and Symptoms of Opioid Overdose, Purpose of Law Enforcement Naloxone, and Effects of the Use of Naloxone. The Seneca Falls Police Department will soon carry nasally-administered naloxone ("Narcan") when encountering an acute opioid overdose. First responders around the country have saved thousands of lives by carrying "naloxone kits" and administering naloxone to opioid overdose victims. Naloxone is a proven lifesaver for people at risk of immediate death from an opioid overdose, including heroin or prescription pain pills. Naloxone provides more time for emergency medical personnel to arrive at the scene and transport the victim to a hospital by temporarily reversing some of the most dangerous effects of an opioid overdose. The training and kits are being provided through the NYS Attorney General's Office "Community Overdose Prevention Program" (COP). Law Enforcement in Seneca County is currently working with Seneca County Public Health Director Vickie Swinehart on obtaining the proper prescriptions, training and documentation.

On 05/21/14, Chief Peenstra completed online training on the following topics; Suspicious Activity Reporting for Front Line Officers, and 28 CFR Part 23- Rules Governing Criminal Intelligence Information.

## **Grants**

The Seneca Falls Police Department recently received \$13,800 for the purchase of a license plate reader package. The LPR will be mounted to patrol car capturing license plate numbers during entire shifts. If a suspect's license plate number is read, audible and visual alarms alert the officer within milliseconds of license plate capture. The Governor's Office made the announcement in May that 31 law enforcement agencies across New York State will share nearly \$1 million in grants to reduce, solve and prevent crime. Administered by the state Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the Operation IMPACT Tools grants were made available to law enforcement agencies in 40 upstate counties that had not otherwise participated in the state's Operation IMPACT program. The grants, which total \$976,790, were awarded to 27 police departments and four sheriffs' offices in 21 counties. Seneca Falls Police Department was the only agency in the Finger Lakes region to receive this grant.

## **Staffing**

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 I am asking the Town Board to change the status of the four Police Recruits who are currently assigned to the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy to Police Officers effective June 27, 2014. This change would be contingent on the Recruits successful completion of their classroom training. The recruits will then be required to pass four weeks of academy field training before their official graduation from the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy. These four Police Officers will then need to successfully pass 12 to 16 weeks of additional field training within the Seneca Falls Police Department. Once this final phase of field training is successfully accomplished, the police officers will be released to patrol on their own.

I am asking that Officer Bradley Clouston; Officer Thomas Cleere: and Officer Matthew Burlew be appointed Full-Time Police Officer to back-fill the current three vacancies. Officer Bethany Kidd will be appointed as a Part-Time Police Officer filling one of our three open vacancies.

## **Vehicle Purchase**

I am asking the Town Board to approve the purchase of one unmarked vehicle out of the 2014 Police Budget. The vehicle is a 2014 Ford "Fusion" and will be utilized by the Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Two estimated were obtained for an identically equipped vehicle from both Fuccillo and Summit Ford. The winning proposal was from Summit Ford for the total cost of \$19,115. There will require minor additional cost to up fit the vehicle for police use. Total cost of the vehicle will not exceed \$23,000.

# Noteworthy

On Thursday, May 8th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM Chief Peenstra attended a Heroin and Opioid Addiction Roundtable location at the Auburn City Hall Legislative Chambers. The round table was hosted by New York State Senator and Vice Co-Chairman of the Senate Heroin and Opioid Addiction Task Force Senator Mike Nozzolio. The Task Force will use the information obtained in these roundtable discussions in an effort to strengthen our criminal justice laws and develop recommendations on ways to address this critically important issue.

On Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> the Seneca County STOP DWI Committee hosted a mock DWI accident which was held at the Seneca County Fairgrounds in Waterloo. The scene depicted a drunk driver running a stop sign and hitting another vehicle. Fire Fighters used the “Jaws of Life” to free trapped victims. Seneca County high school seniors for all four school districts attended. Student volunteers from the Waterloo School District participated in the event. One student portrayed the drunk driver and was put through field sobriety tests, while others played the part of victims. The Seneca Falls Police Department along with other local police agencies, firefighters and emergency medical technicians also took part in the drill, which included a LifeNet helicopter to airlift one of the victims. With the high school graduation season approaching, Law Enforcement wanted to drive home the message that drinking and driving and/or texting and driving don’t mix.

Many members of the Seneca Falls Police Department recently volunteered their own time to participate in Frank Knight Elementary Schools 29th annual Reading Week. Members of the Seneca Falls Police Department read to different classes and then took the time to answer many interesting questions from the kids. Officers then took the kids outside for a tour of a police vehicle. The event is organized by the school to ignite active participation in reading to meet a school wide goal.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> Chief Peenstra spoke with Mrs. Cappellino’s Business Law Class at Mynderse High School. Chief Peenstra spoke about his responsibilities as a Police Chief as well as what steps youth need to take when considering a carrier in Law Enforcement.

On May 28<sup>th</sup> the Seneca Falls Police Department received a generous donation from Bob and Marti McDannel from E. Bayard St. Ext. The donation consists of handmade quilts for young children. McDannel’s contacted the police department because they wanted to give back to the community and help children during time of crisis. The Seneca Falls Police Department will use their discretion when distributing these quilts out while they are on scenes involving young children. The McDannel’s are currently working on additional quilts to replace ones that will be handed out by Patrol Officers.

