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Seneca Falls Police December 2014 Monthly Report

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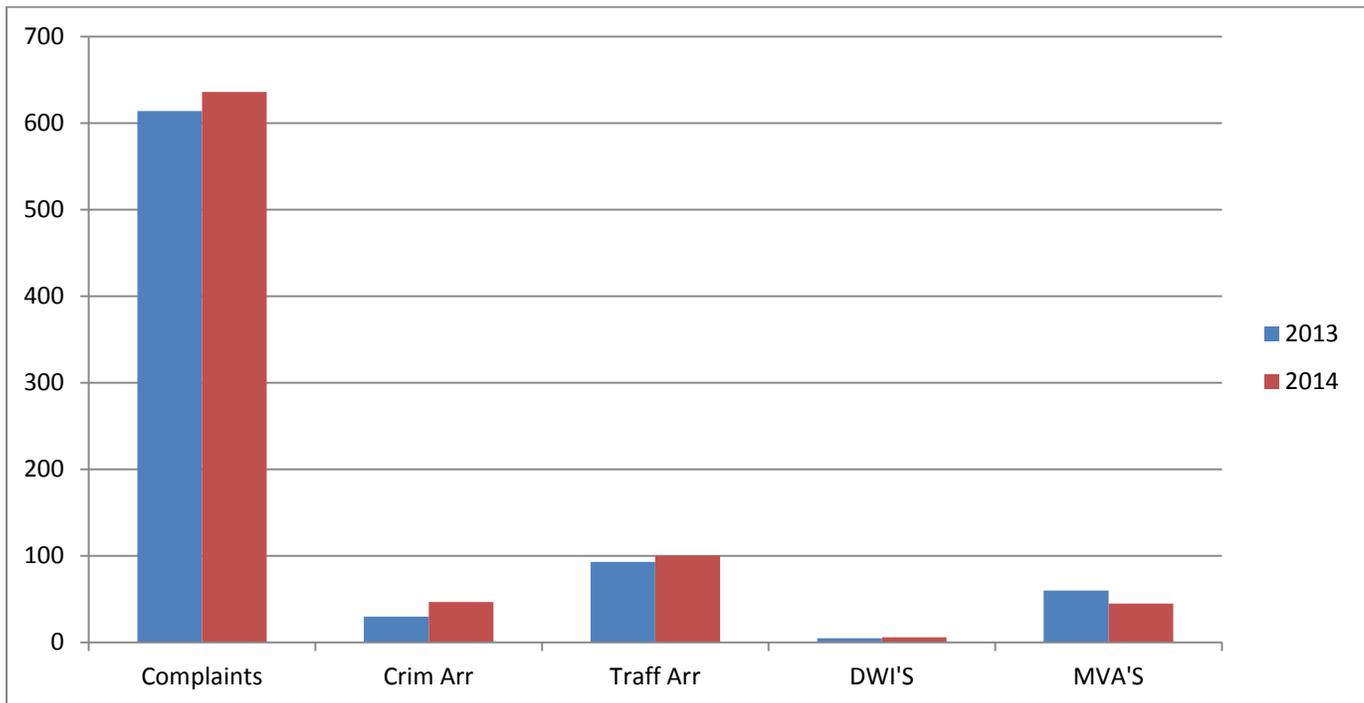
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December Statistics

In the month of December 2014, the Seneca Falls Police Department handled 636 calls for service. Of these 636 calls for service, 47 resulted in criminal arrests. The Seneca Falls Police Department responded to 45 traffic accidents. SFPD also conducted 288 traffic stops for the month of December with 100 traffic tickets issued and 5 Driving While Intoxicated arrests.

In comparing December 2013 to December of 2014, calls for service were up 3% (614/636); criminal arrests were up 56% (30/47); traffic arrests were up 7% (93/100); traffic accidents were down 25% (60/45); and Driving While Intoxicated arrests were up 20% (5/6).

The Seneca Falls Police Department was assisted by outside law enforcement agencies on 24 calls for service and assisted other outside law enforcement agencies on 16 calls for service in the month of December 2014.



Criminal Investigation Division

During December of 2014 the Criminal Investigation Division of the Seneca Falls Police Department arrested (1) individual on a total of (2) misdemeanor charges.

CID was assigned or assisted with (12) new cases during December of 2014. (9) of these cases are already closed by arrest or some other form of closure or clearance.

CID again worked jointly with the Seneca County Sheriff's Department Narcotic's Unit in December of 2014. During this time, an arrest was made which will hopefully lead to additional arrests in the near future.

CID recovered stolen property during December of 2014.

Training

During the month of December 2014, all members completed online training on the topics of Responding to First Amendment Events, and The New High-Emerging Drug Trends.

Sgt/Inv. Calabrese, Sgt/Inv. Petrocci, Officer Quick, Officer Cleere and Data Clerk Capacci all completed NYMIR Law Enforcement Liability Online Training which included topics of False Arrest, Pursuit and Civil Liability, Use of Force, Strip Searches and Employment Practices Liability.

STOP DWI Reimbursement

On January 6th, 2015 the Seneca Falls Police Department received a reimbursement check from Seneca County for Stop DWI Enforcement overtime hours totaling \$3,939.43. The money from the Seneca County STOP DWI account comes from fines paid by previous Seneca County DWI convictions. This money will be placed back in the 2014 overtime account.

Staffing

After completing interviews, it is my recommendation to the Town Board that Sergeant Timothy A. Snyder be promoted to the position of Lieutenant. Sgt. Timothy Snyder has been serving the Seneca Falls community since September of 2000, when he was hired as a police dispatcher for the Village of Seneca Falls Police Department. Sgt. Snyder was then hired to the position of police officer in June 2001 and later promoted to the supervisory rank of sergeant in August of 2010. Sgt. Snyder is certified as an evidence technician for the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department, which includes certification in police and crime scene photography along with latent print processing. He also holds certification in Law Enforcement Bicycle Patrol and is an instructor for the department's side handle baton training program. Sgt. Snyder received his academy training at the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy and training as a police supervisor from the Monroe County Public Safety Training Center. He holds additional training in Tactical Response to School Crisis Training and Introduction to the Incident Command System. He is a five-time recipient of the STOP-DWI Officer of the Year Award. Sgt. Snyder is also a two-time recipient of the Life Saving Award, given to a police officer that goes above and beyond the performance of his or her official duties in order to save an individual's life. In January 2012 Sgt. Snyder was assigned as the Seneca Falls Police Departments NYS DCJS Accreditation Manager. The vacant Sergeants position will be tentatively backfilled by Seneca Falls PD Officers that are willing and able to participate in the next Sergeant Civil Service Test held in June of 2015. Once the results are release in August / September, this position will be permanently filled by the most qualified candidate.

The vacant full-time patrol position will be filled by current Part-Time officer Bethany Kidd. Officer Kidd was hired part-time November 4, 2014 by the Seneca Falls Police Department as a Police Recruit to attend the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy. On June 26, 2014 after successful completion of this academy, Officer Kidd was hired as a Part-Time Police Officer with this department. Officer Kidd has been doing an exceptional job in this role and will be a welcomed addition to our full-time staff.

Part-Time Officer Martin Rotz will fill Officer Kidd's permeate part-time status roll working in a regular schedule over 30 hours a pay period.

Vehicle purchase

I am requesting to the Town Board to release the funds in the 2015 budget for the purchase of 2 new vehicles in 2015. One vehicle will be an all-wheel drive marked 2015 Ford Police utility and the other will be an undetermined unmarked unit. These 2 vehicles will need to be ordered and will be purchased off state bid. I am requesting to utilize the budgeted \$61,000 along with \$10,000 out of the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve Account to pay for these 2 vehicles. Total cost of these 2 vehicles will not exceed \$71,000.

Donation

The Seneca Falls Fire Department has offered a generous donation of their 1987 17' aluminum center console Sea Nymph boat and 1987 Calkins boat trailer. The boat is equipped with a 2008 4 stroke Mercury 50 HP motor. In 2008 the Town of Seneca Falls donated \$5,500 to the Seneca Falls Fire Department toward the purchase of the engine for this boat. In 2007 the boat was donated to the Seneca Falls Fire Department by the Seneca Falls Police Department. At the time of the donation, the boat required repairs and a new motor. The Fire Department made those repairs and utilized this boat on some rescue missions and training exercises. Once certain members of the Seneca Falls Police Department are properly trained, the boat will be put in service for emergencies and special details.

The Seneca Falls Police Department recently received a donation in the amount of \$500 from the Seneca Falls Elks Lodge, BPOE 992. The Elks have been a longtime supporter of youth activities and programs in the Seneca Falls Community and the Police Department welcomes their support. This funding has already been used to purchase necessary equipment for the "Operation: Safe Child" program allowing the police department to continue to provide this service. The Seneca Falls Police Department is proud of its long lasting partnership with the Elks Lodge and other community organizations for their continued support.