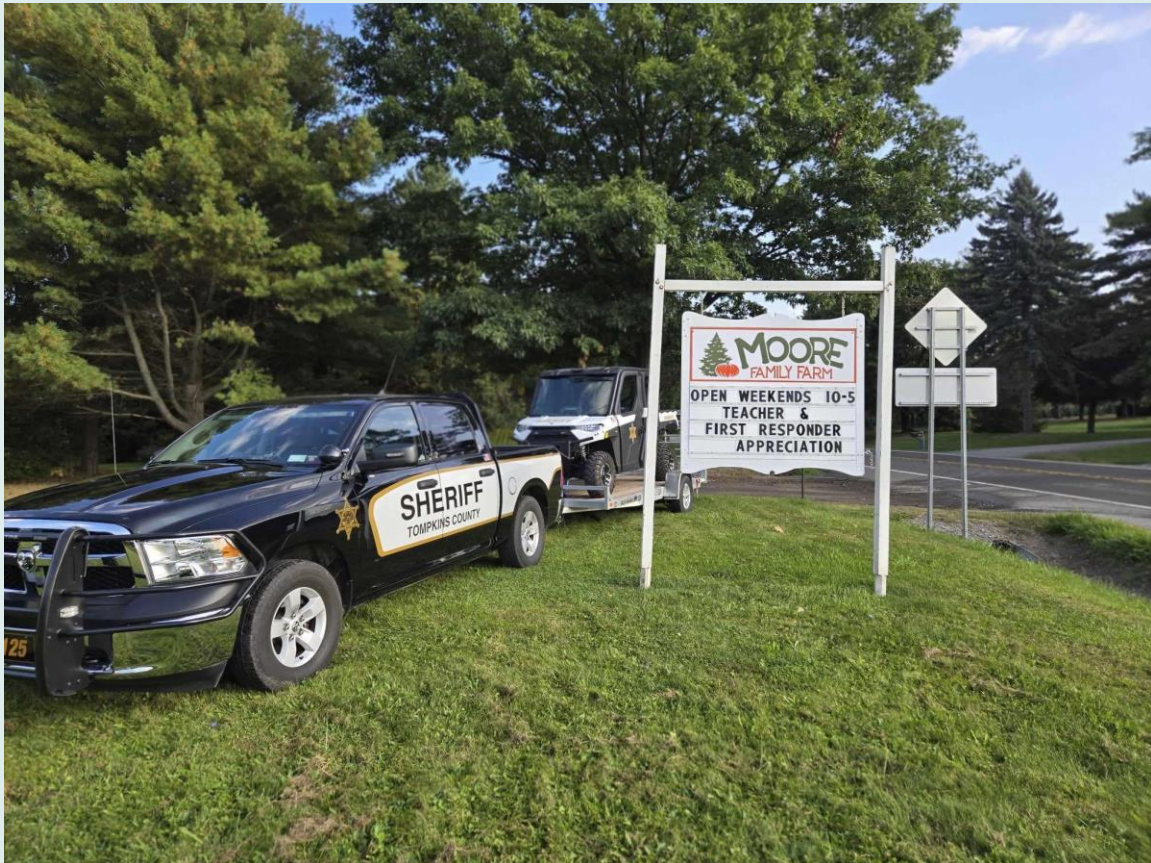


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Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report–September 2024



Derek R. Osborne
Sheriff

Jennifer K. Olin
Undersheriff

STATISTICS

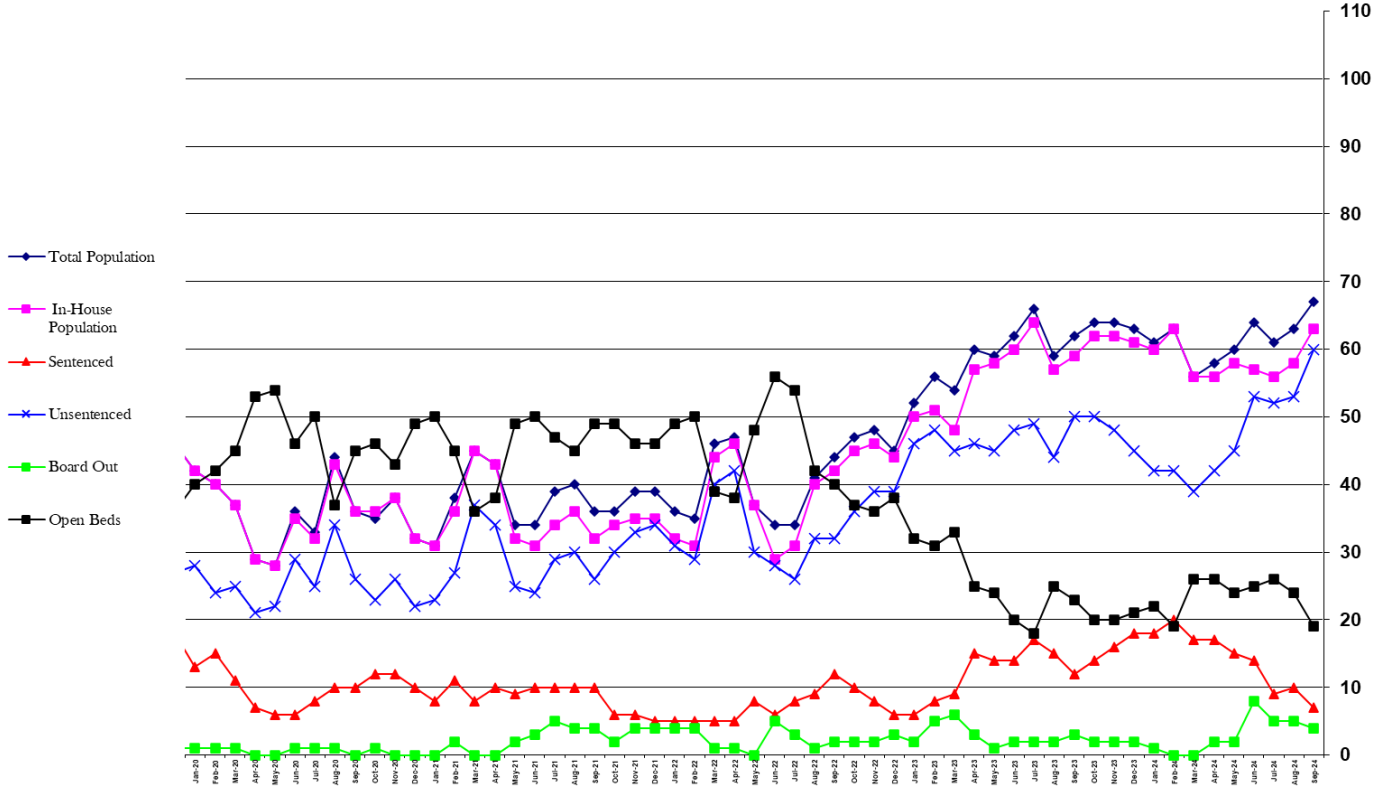
Road Patrol Division Statistics	
Total Incidents	1,680
Violation Arrests	1
Misdemeanor Arrests	25
Felony Arrests	4
Active Warrant Arrests	3
DWI Arrests	2
Felony DWI Arrests	0

Civil Division Statistics	
Total Revenue Received	\$57,429
Revenue Remitted to TC Treasurer	\$6,263
Civil Actions Docketed	123
Civil Papers Requiring Service	14
Civil Papers Exempt from Fees	66
Civil Paper Service Attempts	81
Successful Civil Paper Service	122

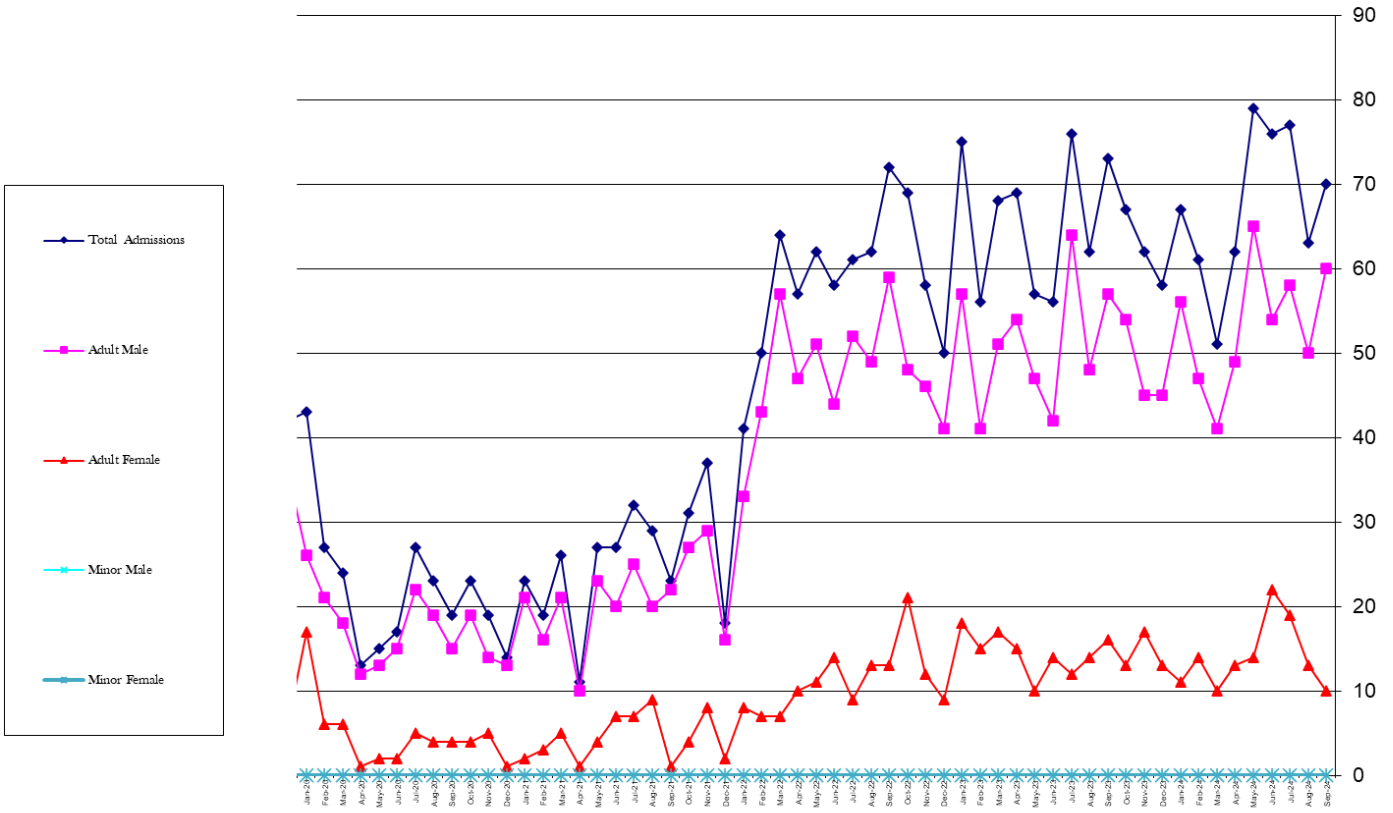
Corrections Division Statistics	
Total Intakes	70
Held for Felony Offenses	30
Held for Misdemeanor Offenses	29
Total Releases	65
Transports to State Prison	7
Transports to Rehab	7
Total Transports (Courts, Medical, etc.)	125
Inmate Board-out Days	157
Board-out Classification (High/Low)	1/5
Board Out Costs (exc. Mental Health)	\$8,080
Disciplinary Incidents	7
Bail Money Processed	\$5,650

CORRECTIONS DIVISION POPULATION

Average Jail Statistics

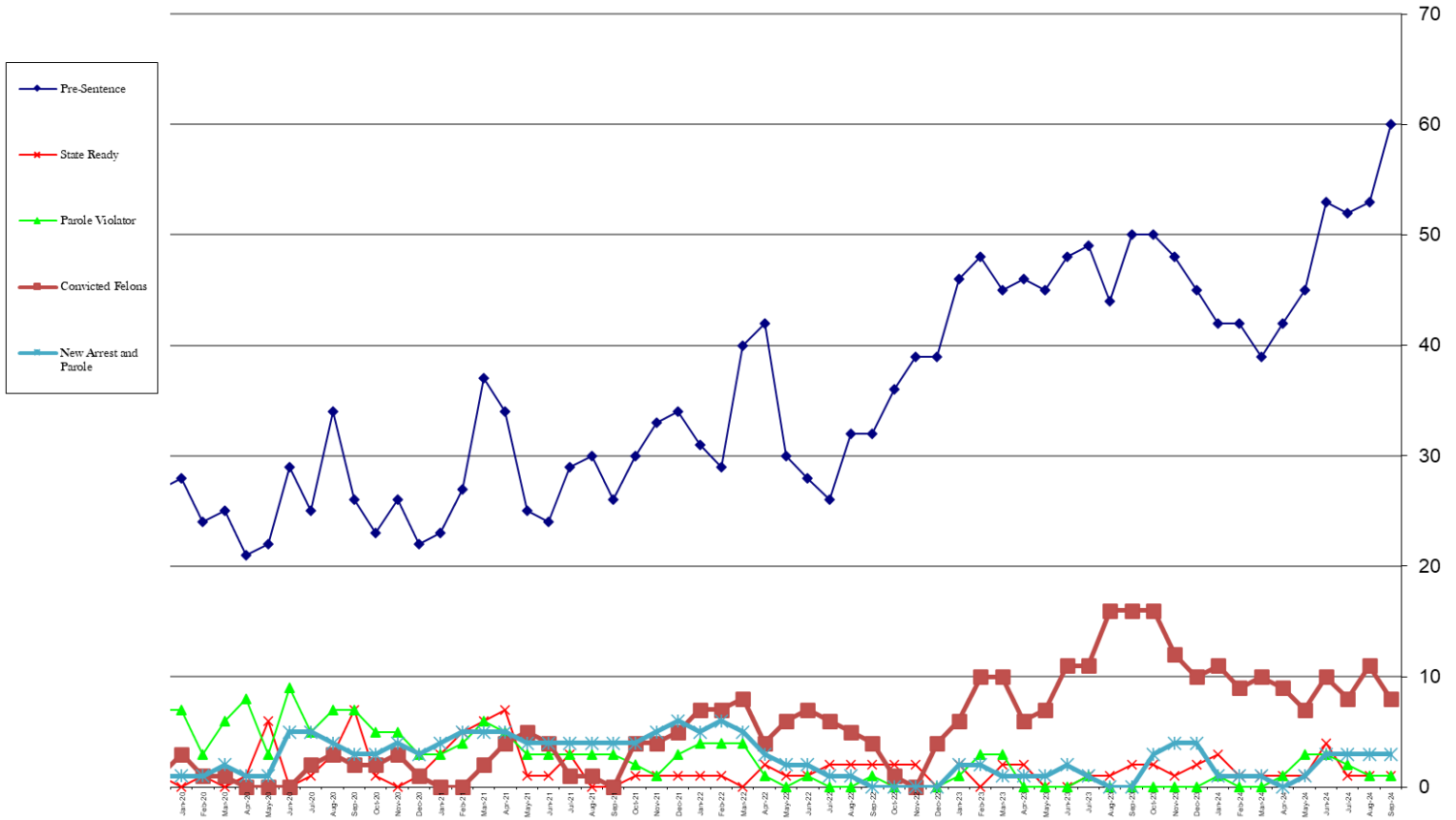


Monthly Admission Totals



CORRECTIONS DIVISION POPULATION

Unsented Inmate Breakdown (Averages)



TRAINING

- **September 2 - October 11, 2024:** SWAT Operator Course. *DCJS*. 1 attendee
- **September 9-13, 2024:** Fall Firearms Training. *TCSO*
- **September 9-10, 2024:** Assisting Individuals in Crisis. *DCJS*. 2 attendees
- **September 10-11, 2024:** Jail Time Credit and Calculation. *DCJS*. 1 attendee
- **September 11-12, 2024:** Group Crisis Intervention. *DCJS*. 2 attendees
- **September 11, 2024:** Joint Searches CERT Team Training. *Steuben County Jail*. 4 attendees
- **September 11 – November 8, 2024:** Basic Corrections Academy. *DCJS*. 2 attendees
- **September 23-26, 2024:** Jail Administrators Conference. *NYSSA*. 3 attendees
- **September 23 – October 4, 2024:** Defensive Tactics Instructor Course. *DCJS*. 1 attendee

ACTIVITIES

- **Labor Day Weekend 2024** : The Sheriff's Office, municipal law enforcement agencies, and the STOP-DWI program across the county participated in the statewide End of Summer High Visibility Engagement Campaign effort through September 2nd.

- **September 8, 2024**: TCSO helped break down cardboard boats for disposal at the 6th Annual Cardboard Boat Race held by the Family & Children's Service of Ithaca.



- **September 10, 2024**: Received an email for an incident that Sergeant Vann and Deputy Terwilliger responded to, commending their professionalism, patience, persistence, and observation skills.

To: Amy Terwilliger <ATerwilliger@tompkins-co.org>; James Vann <jvann@tompkins-co.org>

[EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT CLICK links or attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

It's Erica, from the Stone Quarry fire incident last Friday. Upon more reflection and some internet research, we're thinking this might have been a case of spontaneous combustion of dry potting soil that was being hit by the late afternoon sun.

Do you remember the red plastic tray, the remains of the clear plastic solo cups, and the mysterious potting soil we found on the site? Jenny found this photo below of the red tray with the cups of potting soil. The photo is from May,

So the tray of small pots of potting soil (some the clear plastic solo cups, some peat), all dried out, the clear plastic cups being hit by late afternoon sun in a way that heated up or even distorted the sun's rays a bit like a prism. On top of the tray of cups (or nearby), a cardboard box with the dog hair in it, also dry tinder at this point.

I think this is our best explanation at this point.

I want to express my gratitude to the two of you for several things. First, your overall professionalism, your patience, observation skills (like noticing the potting soil), and persistence in trying to figure this out. Coming back several times, thinking through things from multiple angles, etc.

I especially want to thank you for being resistant to jump to the conclusion that it was the man that was on the property and who had been recently stopped by the NYS Troopers just prior who caused the fire. The coincidence of timing was really strong but you maintained your curiosity and refused to jump to conclusions.

And more than that, your ongoing and positive relationship with this man allowed you to thoroughly consider his potential involvement and even call his family members. With adrenaline and the very very close timing of events (including Jenny's son warning me about the 'strange man's behavior and his presence on the property)... it would be so easy to jump to blaming him. Imagine how differently his day would have ended if you didn't know him personally, and were able to speak with him and his family??

I still don't totally get how the stucco broke so dramatically from the wall that it ended up over a foot away, but perhaps it really did pop off with the heat of the potting soil fire. I'll keep my mind open in case we discover other explanations, but I wanted to share with you our latest thinking.

We will take this as an opportunity to look at fire safety issues around the property and also probably get some security cameras hooked up so its easier to solve future mysteries. And maybe get some cute pictures of bobcats and deer in the meantime.

thank you again,

Erica (& Jenny)

ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

- **September 11, 2024:** Captain Harrison and members of the Tompkins County Corrections Division participated in a Steuben County Jail CERT Team joint searches training. During the event, they interacted with other county CERT teams with the goal to gain additional information on the missions statements, policies/procedures and goals of a Corrections Emergency Response Team.



- **September 14, 2024:** The Sheriff's Office participated in the 2024 Airport Day at the Ithaca Tompkins International Airport. The event combined Airport Day with the Preparedness and Safety Fair.



- **September 16, 2024:** TCSO held a swearing-in ceremony to welcome new staff s members Captain Lauran Harrison, two new Deputy Sheriff's (Aaron Frost and Christopher Hatfield), four new Corrections Officers (John Prineas, Tairra Jenkins, Ashley Gleason, and Zachary Burdick) and the promotion of Lieutenant Seth Case.



ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

- September 16, 2024:** TCSO held a Corrections Officer Award Ceremony. This ceremony recognized exemplary acts conducted by Corrections Division team members throughout the 2023-2024 year.



- September 19, 2024:** TCSO conducted OC training for the newest Corrections Officers.



- September 21-22, 2024:** The Moore Family Farm honored first responders and teachers by providing them with a discounted entry for fall activities.



Deputy Haselman

We wanted to extend our gratitude to you, for your actions in recognizing the underlying medical condition at an MVA on Wednesday September 18th. The type of stroke this individual suffered from has an 80% mortality rate due to its difficulty in recognizing the signs and symptoms—as they do not present like other strokes. If you had not recognized the need for medical intervention early on, I do believe this individual would not have survived. This patient was transported by EMS to Cayuga Medical Center to confirm the stroke and then was emergently air lifted to Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester for further treatment.

Thank you
Joe Milliman

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Joseph C. Milliman; MBA, AEMT-P
EMS Program Manager

- September 24, 2024:** Received an email commending Deputy Haselman for his actions in recognizing an underlying medical condition at a Motor Vehicle Accident.

ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

- **September 12, 2024:** Sheriff Osborne, Undersheriff Olin, and Lieutenant Koskinen were invited to the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in Albany, NY where they were presented a Certificate of Accreditation for the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Division. The certificate reads, *"The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office has demonstrated a high level of excellence and professionalism in the field of law enforcement by meeting the standards established by the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Council"*.

The Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program is a voluntary program designed to improve an agency's effectiveness, efficiency, and professionalism, promote training, and foster public confidence in law enforcement. Police departments and sheriff's offices are eligible to participate in the program.

Participating agencies must meet standards in three categories: Administration, Training, and Operations. Accreditation provides formal recognition that an agency meets or exceeds expectations of quality; demonstrates that the agency performs professionally, has formalized policies in place to govern its operational practices and procedures and that its employees contribute to the agency's mission and know what is expected of them.

Only 1/3 of law enforcement agencies in New York State possess this credential, and the Sheriff's Office is the only municipal agency in Tompkins County to have it.

The program has established 112 standards based on known best practices that an agency must meet. The process included three assessors who reviewed policies remotely, followed by an in-person three-day review at the Sheriff's Office. During the assessment, policies are reviewed, proofs that the policies are followed are examined, and employees are questioned for their knowledge of them. The accreditation is good through 09/11/2029.

Sheriff Osborne stated, "Accreditation has been a goal of our administration for the past 6 years, and achieving it is a testament to our commitment to serve our community to the best of our ability". Sheriff Osborne would like to give credit to Undersheriff Olin who served as the program manager during the process and was instrumental in achieving this for his office. "Without her, none of this could have happened".

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office is at the forefront of transparency, placing internal policies on its website, a means for the community to provide input or suggestions on them, as well as a transparency hub that provides the community with statistics regarding law enforcement activities.

The Corrections Division also received voluntary re-accreditation recently through a program established by the NYS Sheriff's Association.

