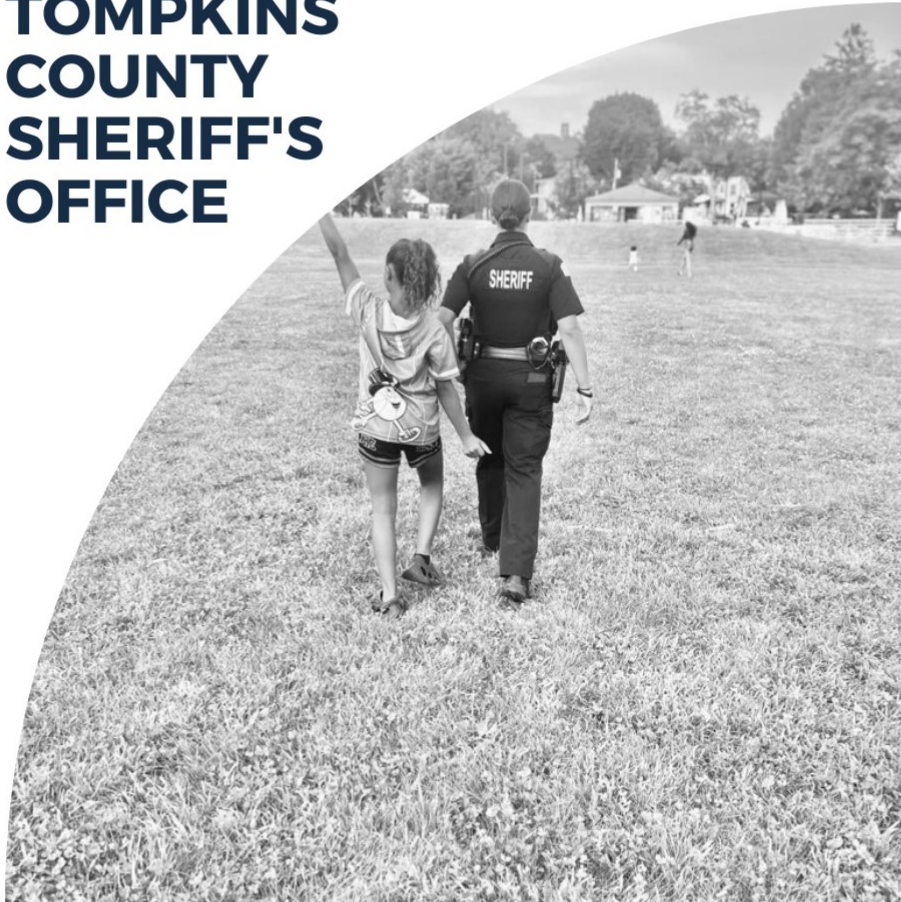




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**SHERIFF  
DEREK R. OSBORNE**

**UNDERSHERIFF JENNIFER K. OLIN**

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## HONOR

## PRIDE

## INTEGRITY

Our motto is more than just a saying. These words describe how we have decided to represent ourselves in the performance of our duties. These words hold so much value to us that we have chosen to wear them on our sleeve. They provide reassurance to those that come into our presence and serve as a constant reminder for us. **Honor** involves loyalty to our agency and to the public we have been called to protect. It requires a servant's humility and a just and merciful heart. It is being self-sacrificial rather than self-serving. It involves an unrelenting commitment to excellence. **Pride** describes a feeling that comes from our sense of duty. It does not represent a feeling of self-righteousness or superiority. Rather, it comes from the recognition of the utter importance of our purpose and respect for the authority bestowed upon us. It grows over time as a result of shared experience and increasing trust. **Integrity** is what we are expected to possess. It involves living by a higher standard. It is holding us accountable to each other and to the public. It comes from being guided not only by what is legal, but what is moral, right, and just. **These words are our promise to you.**

### A LETTER FROM YOUR SHERIFF

Dear Community Members,

I would like to thank you for your unwavering support of my office. Without your trust, we would not have been able to accomplish the work we did throughout 2023. Although the last few years have been incredibly trying for law enforcement, the appreciation shown towards us has been greatly appreciated.

Over the year, we have made great strides in continuing our pursuit of voluntary statewide accreditation of our road patrol, which we anticipate obtaining for the first time in 2024. This program aligns our law enforcement policies and procedures with accreditation standards and best-known practices providing proof of our professionalism. This would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of Undersheriff Olin who oversaw this process from start to finish.

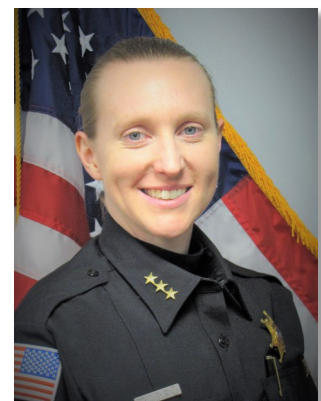
Due to actions taken in conjunction with County Administration and the Legislature, we have incentivized the workplace and created a positive culture, allowing us to maintain staffing levels above and beyond what other jurisdictions are experiencing. This has allowed us to continue to provide a high level of public safety and tackle violent crime issues in the City of Ithaca.

I hope you are as proud as I am of the work highlighted in this report.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Sheriff!



**Derek R. Osborne**  
**Sheriff**



**Jennifer K. Olin**  
**Undersheriff**

# JURISDICTION

Tompkins County = 492 square miles

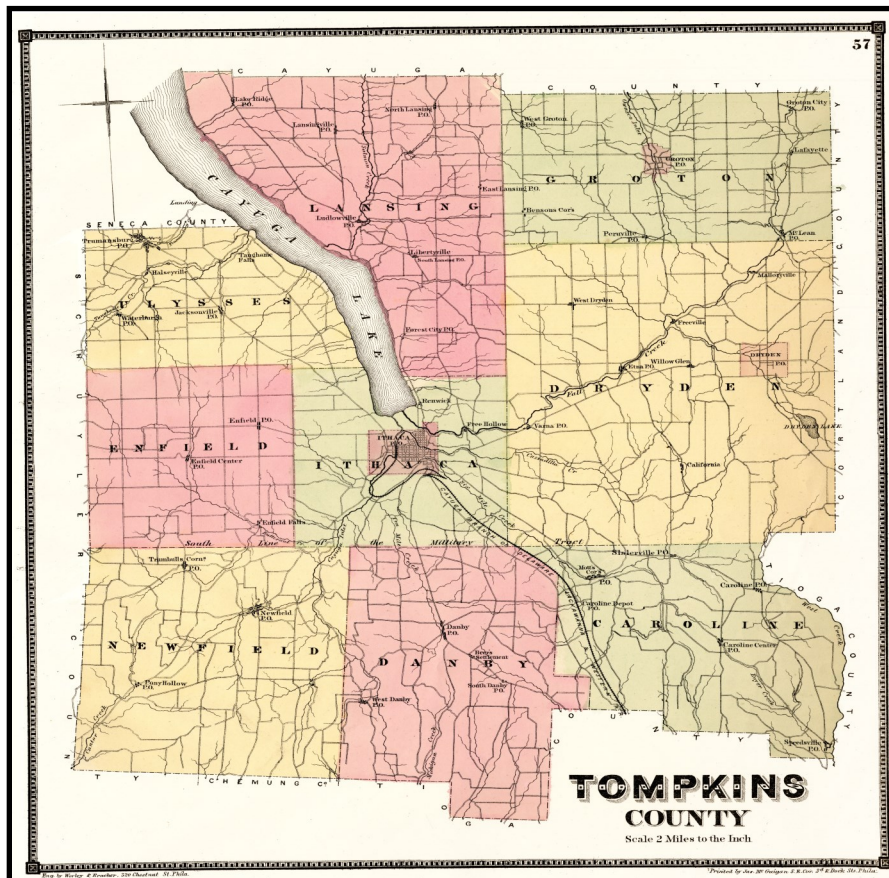
Residential Population 2023 = 106,994 (a growth rate of 0.39% since 2022)

1 City = Ithaca

9 Towns = Caroline, Danby, Dryden, Enfield, Groton, Ithaca, Lansing, Newfield

6 Villages = Cayuga Heights, Dryden, Freeville, Groton, Lansing, Trumansburg

5 Other Police Agencies = Ithaca Police Department, Dryden Police Department, Groton Police Department, Trumansburg Police Department, Cayuga Heights Police Department



The Sheriff's Office has jurisdiction of all 492 square miles of Tompkins County. This also includes assisting other police agencies within the County.

The Sheriff's Office assisted other law enforcement agencies during calls for service 977 times in 2023.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

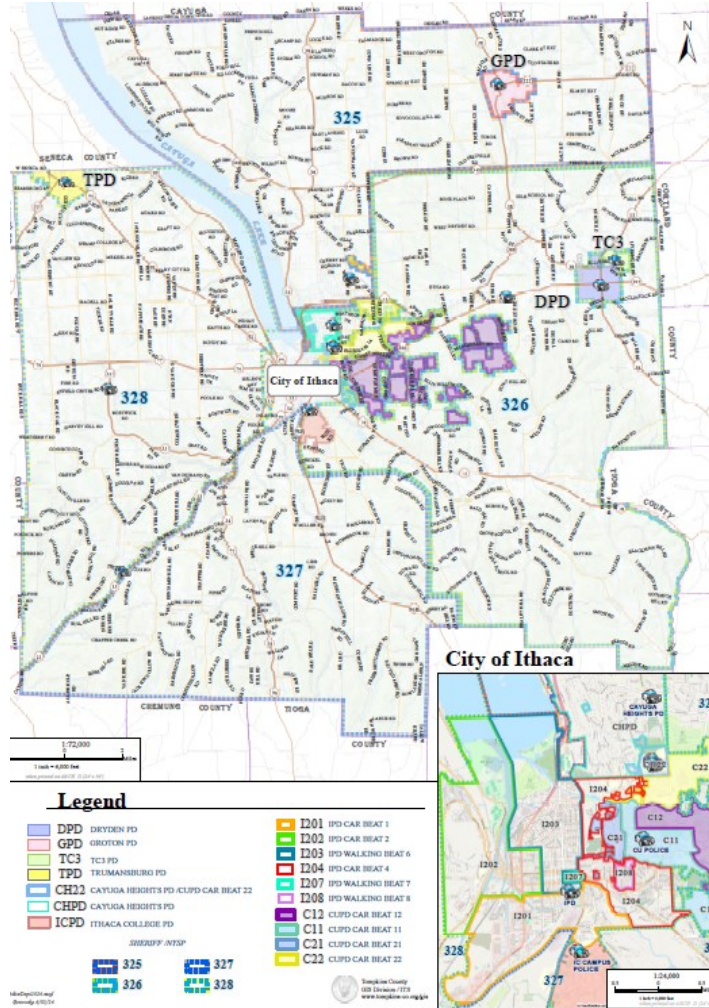
Emergencies = 911

Non-Emergency Dispatch = (607) 272-2444

Sheriff's Administrative Office = (607) 257-1345

Corrections Division = (607) 257-5316

Anonymous Tip Line = (607) 266-5420



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## **2023 GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

### ⇒ Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

- Continue the pursuit of Accreditation in preparation for an assessment in 2023

*We have completed the pre-assessment process and are scheduled for our first official DCJS assessment during the third quarter of 2024. If successful, this will be the first time in TCSO history that our Law Enforcement Division has obtained accreditation*

- Obtain re-accreditation for the Jail

*This was accomplished!*

### ⇒ Implement Facilitated Telehealth Services in the Jail

- Develop and execute an MOU with Reach Medical

*This was accomplished. REACH has been successfully conducting telehealth services*

- Work with the I.T. Department to procure and install the necessary technology

*This was accomplished. Two desktop units were installed*

- Engage with other stakeholders that may be interested in providing Telehealth services

*We have engaged with C.A.R.S., the Probation Department, and various courts. All have begun to utilize the technology to provide services*

### ⇒ Formation of the Mental Health Co-Response Team

- Establish the duties and schedule for the team

*CARE duties have been established and are covered in G.O. 723. The team currently works M-F, 9-5pm*

- Formulate a name for the specialized unit

*Crisis Alternative Response & Engagement (C.A.R.E.)*

- Design and procure a vehicle and uniform for the team

*The vehicle was designed and created with the new C.A.R.E. Team logo. The vehicle is currently being utilized*

- Work with the Whole Health Department and D.O.E.R. to establish protocols and MOUs

*An M.O.U. was drafted and approved by the County Attorney. Signatures still need to be collected. It was determined that we can proceed forward with the M.O.U. officially signed since both parties are county entities. This process has been delayed because of the City involvement*

- Identify and engage with stakeholders

*We had continual meetings with DOER and TC Whole Health, and also conducted interviews with users of CARE services. The team conducted introductory meetings with various stakeholders prior to official activation. To include REACH, CARS, CMC, BOCES, etc.*

- Develop and implement a General Order

*G.O. 723—Crisis Alternative Response & Engagement Team (CARE) Procedures—effective 08/2023*

## **2023 GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

### ⇒ Develop Comprehensive Recruitment/Retention Strategies for Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers

- Evaluate/implement an incentive program to recruit lateral transfer applicants

*We closed out the year with both the Road Patrol and Corrections fully staffed, or nearly fully staffed. Compared to other agencies, we are in a much better position. For Corrections, emergency action was taken to increase starting pay coupled with a temporary sign-on bonus and a policy that prevents newer officers from getting forced to work overtime on both of their regularly scheduled days off*

- Evaluate/implement officer wellness programs

*Our first Officer Wellness Challenge was developed and issued out in December 2023 with the Officer Christmas packages. These packages also included a copy of Dr. Gilmartin's book Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement*

- Work with H.R. to establish best practices for immediate and long term recruitment/retention practices

*We have continued our partnership with HR and will continue seeking constant improvement in getting the word out on TCSO employment opportunities*

- Work with County and office staff to develop a recruitment video and different ways to utilize social media platforms

*We created a high-quality recruitment video with the help of County staff that was issued to the public*

### ⇒ Establish a Sustainable Transport Unit for Incarcerated Individuals

- Transition the duties of the current Road Patrol Part Timers to the transportation of incarcerated individuals

*After being unable to negotiate for additional part-time deputies, we added several Special Patrol Officer (SPO) positions that have taken on a great deal of these transports. The SPO's also routinely provide security at our airport. This has gone a long way towards alleviating the load put on our Corrections Officers and Deputies*

- Evaluate the staffing levels needed to manage all transports

*We have been able to properly manage the transports in an effective manner and will continue to monitor the level of work necessary related to the staffing on hand*

- Work with the employee unions to establish MOUs where necessary

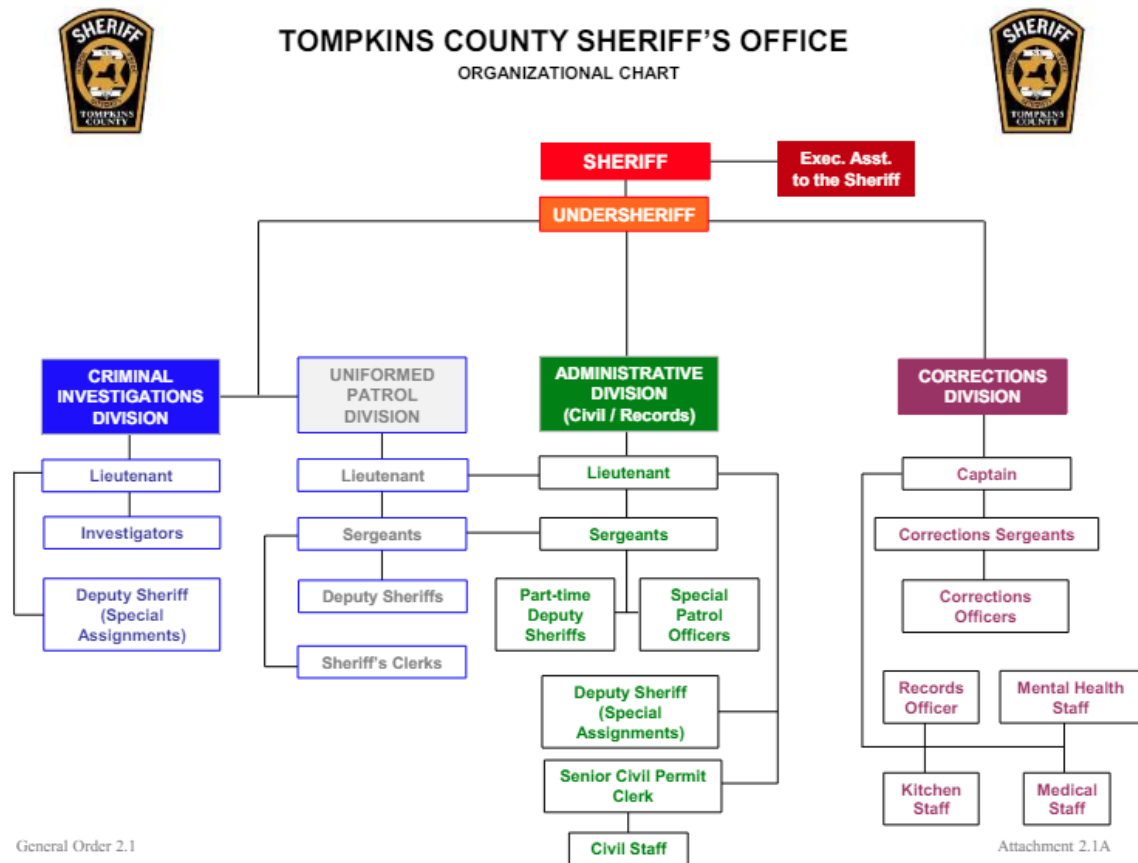
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- Develop an effective communication protocol between the Jail Records Officer and Road Patrol Sergeants to manage the transports

*The everyday management of transport assignments was shifted to Sgt. Tostanoski and communication between the two has been effective*



# 2023 STAFF



**Administration**

Sheriff Derek R. Osborne  
 Undersheriff Jennifer K. Olin  
 Executive Assistant Megan Cook  
 Corrections Division Captain Bunce  
 Civil/Records Division Lieutenant Zigenfus  
 Road Patrol Division Lieutenant Koskinen  
 Criminal Investigations Division Lieutenant Field

**Administrative Division**

Senior Civil Clerk M. Manning  
 Civil Clerk Emeno  
 Civil Clerk Eaves  
 Civil Deputy Sotir  
 Civil Deputy Lansing  
 Sheriff Clerk Pulliam

**Criminal Investigations Division**

Investigator Pier  
 Investigator Skeval  
 Investigator Sovocool  
 Investigator Walters

## **2023 STAFF**

### **Road Patrol Division**

Sergeant Davenport	Deputy D. Baker	Deputy Manuel	Part-Time Deputy Baker
Sergeant Federation	Deputy Barber	Deputy Messmer	Part-Time Deputy Cole
Sergeant J. Manning	Deputy Bowers	Deputy Miller	SPO Barone
Sergeant Ninivaggi	Deputy Eastman	Deputy Montesano	SPO Covert
Sergeant Slocum	Deputy Gatch	Deputy Murray	SPO Jones
Sergeant Smith	Deputy Gombas	Deputy Norman	SPO Sharpsteen
Sergeant Tostanoski	Deputy Gunn	Deputy Policay	Part-Time SPO Haines
Sergeant Vann	Deputy Haselman	Deputy Prior	K9 Laker
	Deputy Jolly	Deputy Rumsey	K9 Trip
	Deputy Kenney	Deputy Shipman	
	Deputy Leach	Deputy Street	
	Deputy K. Manning	Deputy Terwilliger	

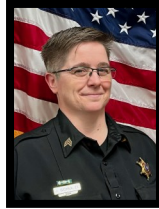
### **Corrections Division**

Sergeant Alpert	CO Griffin	CO Powers	CO Tyson
Sergeant Butcher	CO Haney	CO Prineas	CO Victor
Sergeant Case	CO Lansdowne	CO Puterbaugh	CO Yon
Sergeant Hogan	CO Lavore	CO Pyhtila	Registered Nurse Town- er
Sergeant Rainbow	CO Mase	CO Rider	Forensic Counselor Pie- trasz
Sergeant Schulze	CO McMahon	CO Riley	Psychiatrist Bezirgianian
CO Barrett	CO Miranda	CO Schramm	Doctor Trabou
CO Bellinger	CO Nash	CO Sornberger	Nurse Practitioner Jan- sen
CO Bowles	CO Parker	CO Talcott	Head Cook Ike
CO Burdick	CO Parus	CO Thomas	PT Cook Vanderzee
CO Coleman	CO Pixley	CO Tinker	
CO DeJesus	CO J. Potter	CO Tompkins	
CO Greene	CO S. Potter	CO Turpo	

## **PERSONNEL DIRECTIVES**

### **Promotions**

On January 22, 2023 Corrections Officer Schulze was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Schulze began her career as a Corrections Officer with Oneida County Correctional Facility in 2008. She then transferred to Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division in 2012 where she became a member of the Project Lifesaver Team and a certified Field Training Officer. Sergeant Schulze also became an important member of the Crisis Negotiations Team as of 2021.

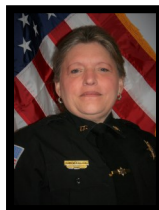


On June 12, 2023 Corrections Officer Alpert was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Alpert began his career as a Corrections Officer with the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office in October 2019. During his time he became a member of the Project Lifesaver Program and was also awarded Kiwanis Officer of the Month for his life-saving actions during an incident in April 2022.



### **Retirements**

On May 31, 2023 Deputy Caulkins retired from the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office after 30+ years of service to the Tompkins County community. Deputy Caulkins began her law enforcement career with the Ithaca College Public Safety Department where she served as a Master Patrol Officer from 1999—2000. She was simultaneously hired with the Groton Police Department in 1996. In 2000 she began at the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office where, during her time, she served as an instructor for the Rape Aggressive Defense System, Newfield School Resource Officer, Crisis Negotiator, and Project Lifesaver Officer. She attended New York State Police Training for undercover police work in 2012 and used that knowledge since to lead narcotics investigations in a plain-clothes capacity.



On June 29, 2023 Forensic Counselor Joanne Pietrasz retired from the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office. Joanne began her career with Tompkins County in 2001 when she was hired at the Tompkins County Mental Health clinic as a Forensic Counselor. Joanne also served with the Crisis Negotiations Team since 2004 up until her retirement where she worked with and trained the Ithaca Specialize Response Team. She responded to several call outs throughout her time to help the team negotiate peaceful solutions to crisis situations. In 2018, Joanne was hired at the Tompkins County Jail where she provided incarcerated individuals with programs and counseling services to reduce stress and anxiety of being incarcerated.



## **PERSONNEL DIRECTIVES**

### **New Hires—Road Patrol Division**

SPO Covert 02/06/2023

SPO Sharpsteen 2/6/2023

SPO Barone 05/01/2023

Deputy K. Manning 08/07/2023

SPO Haines 10/30/2023



### **New Hires—Corrections Division**

CO Coleman 03/06/2023

CO Griffin 03/06/2023

CO Tinker 03/06/2023

CO Greene 03/20/2023

CO Parus 04/17/2023

CO Tyson 05/15/2023

CO Mase 06/26/2023

CO Nash 07/24/2023

CO Pixley 08/21/2023

CO Puterbaugh 08/21/2023

CO Parker 09/05/2023

CO Burdick 10/16/2023

### **The Recruitment Process**

In an effort to increase staffing in the Corrections Division, the County and Sheriff Osborne worked together to enact the following measures for a limited time offer:

- Sign-On bonuses in the amount of \$7,500 to all new Corrections Officers
- Sign-On bonuses in the amount of \$10,000 to all lateral transfer Corrections Officers
- A policy that prevents newer officers from getting forced to work overtime on both of their regularly scheduled days off
- The salary schedule collapsed so that new Corrections Officers and those current ones with less than 5 years on moved to salary step 5 (in a 10-step pay schedule) which is at a pay rate of \$24.93 per hour. This resulted in our Corrections Division being staffed, when other area jails have struggled to make staffing requirements.



## **PERSONNEL DIRECTIVES**

### **Creation of Special Patrol Officer Positions**

Under General Municipal Law 209-V, the Sheriff's Office received approval to utilize the Special Patrol Officer title. This allowed TCSO to free up the Corrections Division and Road Patrol Division resources for more important tasks. These positions were created with cost savings found within our own budget.

This position involves responsibility for maintaining order and providing security in and around public buildings, schools, courtrooms and/or other public facilities. Persons employed in this class shall have all the powers of a peace officer, as set forth in section 2.20 of Criminal Procedure Law, when performing the duties of protecting property or persons in and around such premises. All work is The following are typical work activities that are performed by the Special Patrol Officers:

- ⇒ Provides security by standing in and patrolling public buildings
- ⇒ Protects and guards the public, judges, students, and employees in the designated publicly-owned property
- ⇒ Physically restrains unruly individuals
- ⇒ Escorts judges, juries and witnesses to and from the courtroom
- ⇒ Provides general information to visitors on premises
- ⇒ Checks to ensure that all necessary documents and identification are in order
- ⇒ Safeguards public property
- ⇒ Provides assistance in emergency situations
- ⇒ Maintains and updates records as required
- ⇒ Prepares incident reports
- ⇒ Distributes and posts appropriate documents and materials
- ⇒ May be assigned to secure and guard prisoners and/or detainees in a courtroom or related situation
- ⇒ Provides escorts/transport to and from public buildings to include, but not limited to courtrooms, correctional facilities, state prisons, detention facilities, rehabilitation facilities, psychiatric facilities, medical facilities, etc.
- ⇒ Performs a variety of related activities as required

## PROGRAMS

### Sheriff's Camp

Every year, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office is allotted "camper slots" for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12 years old who because of economic reasons would not have an opportunity to attend a summer camp. In 2023, the Sheriff's Office successfully filled 6 camper slots. The camp is funded by the support of the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute honorary members, so there is no cost for the campers to attend and transportation is included. The camp consists of 1,200 feet of lake front and 35 acres is owned and maintained by the Sheriffs' Institute and runs for six one week sessions. Activities include crafting, kayaking, swimming, hiking, and so much more. Campers build competence and confidence, while they make new friends and become more aware of their natural and social environments. They also learn how to work in groups, work toward achieving goals, but most importantly they develop memories that will last a lifetime.



### Raising Awareness

TCSO annually displays awareness/acceptance badges for Autism Acceptance Month in April and Domestic Violence/Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. The purpose of the puzzle-piece badge is to spread awareness, promote acceptance, and ignite change for Autism. For the pink/purple badges, each officer wearing it during October makes a donation to the donation bin. At the end of October, the donations are gathered and presented to someone in the community who has been effected by Domestic Violence or Breast Cancer.



# PROGRAMS

## Project Lifesaver

In 2023, TCSO had a total of 29 active Project Lifesaver clients. Each client has a small wearable transmitter band installed by our trained officers. Every 60 days, the batteries are changed via appointment at the client's residence, school, or the Public Safety Building. Each officer involved in this program attends a training session that specializes in tracking devices and battery changes. If you or a loved one are interested in joining this program, please contact the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office for an application.



## Cops, Kids, & Toys

In 2023, the Cops, Kids, & Toys program served over 800 children in Tompkins County. This program is a community volunteer program designed to help families in need during the winter holidays. Throughout the year, TCSO and other local law enforcement agencies participate in fundraising events as well as packaging and organizing the toys for each family. Applications are taken in the months of October and November. For more information, visit <https://copskidsandtoys.org>

## TCSO Holiday Helpers

With the help of community member donations, TCSO continued the tradition of creating Easter baskets and Christmas stockings for families being housed in our local shelters. In 2023, TCSO delivered 46 Easter baskets, 37 stockings, and 4 large bags of toys. We also participated in 3 Trunk or Treat events and handed out candy to over 900 participants.



## **SPECIALIZED UNITS**

### **Marine Patrol Unit**

Our Marine Patrol Unit operates on the southern eastern part of Cayuga Lake. TCSO currently has 10 officers certified in Marine Patrol. In 2023, TCSO spent 238 hours patrolling Cayuga Lake from May 29th through September 30th. During which those hours consisted of 21 vessels assisted, 21 persons assisted, and 3 Search and Rescue/Recovery (SAR) cases.

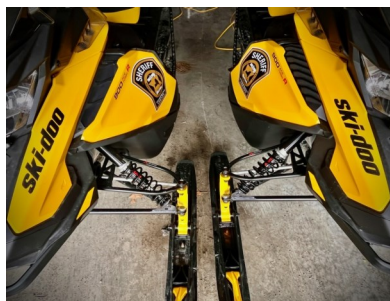


### **Bike Patrol Unit**

The TCSO Bike Patrol Unit consists of 12 certified officers who attend community events throughout the year. During 2023, our Bike Patrol Unit was assigned to the Grassroots Festival.

### **UTV/Snowmobile Unit**

In 2023, TCSO was able to fund two replacement snowmobiles for the season. Unfortunately, New York did not get enough snow to put those snowmobiles to use but they are ready for when the time comes! Meanwhile, the UTV was used to patrol the campgrounds during the 2023 Grassroots festival.



### **Airport Security**

TCSO provides 16 hour daily coverage to the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport as a requirement by the Department of Homeland Security. In 2023, there was a total of 24 incidents that TCSO Deputies responded to.



## **SPECIALIZED UNITS**

### **Specialized Response Team (SRT) & Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT)**

A Specialized Response Team (SRT) is a designated group of law enforcement officers who are selected, trained, and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve critical incidents that are so hazardous, complex, or unusual that it may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units. The primary characteristic of SRT teams that distinguishes them from other teams is the focus of effort. SRT teams are focused on tactical resolutions, as opposed to other functions such as investigation. Current authorized staffing is 20 members; 15 Ithaca Police Department Officers and 5 Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Deputies. In 2016, Ithaca-Tompkins SRT received NYS SWAT Team Certification as Tier 2 Team from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. At the time, SRT was only the 8th team in NYS to receive this certification. SRT has maintained this certification since 2016 through a series of annual compliance reviews.

The goal of the Crisis Negotiations Team is to save lives and to resolve crisis incidents while attempting to avoid unnecessary risk to officers, citizens, victims, and subjects, through verbal communications and de-escalation.

### **Activations by the Sheriff**

On October 24, 2023, SRT was activated by the Sheriff to assist the Broome County Sheriff's Office on Slaterville Road. Broome County had a pursuit that was initiated in Broome County. The suspect was wanted for Robbery. The suspect vehicle crashed in Tompkins County. SRT conducted a ground search for the suspect who was reported to be armed with a handgun. The suspect was located on Deerfield Lane in the Town of Caroline and was turned over to the Broome County Sheriff's Office to face charges including robbery in the first degree, kidnapping in the second degree, and criminal contempt in the first degree.



### **Requests Approved by the Sheriff**

On May 30, 2023, the New York State Police requested assistance from SRT to serve a high-risk search warrant on Benjamin Hill Road in the Town of Newfield. The search warrant was related to a homicide investigation.

## **SPECIALIZED UNITS**

### **K9 Unit**

K9 Laker and Deputy Montesano were hard at work in 2023 with the following deployments/events:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1/6/23 Search for a handgun</li> <li>• 2/2/23 Locate stolen property</li> <li>• 2/7/23 Assist IPD search for a handgun</li> <li>• 3/26/23 Assist Dryden PD search for a handgun</li> <li>• 4/1/23 Property check at Ithaca Airport</li> <li>• 4/15/23 K9 Demo at Cornell Vet Open House</li> <li>• 5/6/23 Assist IPD search for a handgun</li> <li>• 5/27/23 2023 Cornell Commencement</li> <li>• 6/16/23 Village of Owego Strawberry Festival</li> <li>• 6/21/23 George Junior Parade</li> <li>• 6/22/23 K9 Demo at Dryden Elementary</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/15/23 Article search</li> <li>• 7/18/23 K9 Demo at Cassavant School Summer Camp &amp; Dryden Middle School Summer Camp</li> <li>• 7/27/23 Search for a handgun</li> <li>• 8/2/23 Track missing person</li> <li>• 8/8/23 K9 Demo at Lime Hollow Nature Center</li> <li>• 9/16/23 Preparedness Fair at Ithaca Mall</li> <li>• 9/17/23 Ithaca Airport 5K</li> <li>• 9/17/23 Bomb threat at Ithaca Airport</li> <li>• 10/21/23 YMCA Trunk or Treat</li> <li>• 10/25/23 Borg Warner Safety Day</li> <li>• 11/1/23 Assist CUPD search for handgun</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11/9/23 Building sweep for Vice President's husband at Cornell</li> <li>• 12/1/23 Bomb threat at William George Agency</li> <li>• 12/1/23 K9 sweep for Village of Owego "Lights on the River"</li> <li>• 12/7/23 Assist NYSP with a track</li> <li>• 12/8/23 K9 Demo at Dryden Elementary</li> </ul> |
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## **NEW INITIATIVES 2023**

### **Additional K9 Unit**

With recent departures of narcotics K9's in Tompkins County and the continuing drug epidemic and associated conduct affecting the community, the Sheriff's Office added a single purpose narcotics detection canine to the team. With the votes of community members, this German Shorthaired Pointer earned the name of "Trip". The name 'Trip' was derived from Triphammer Road, which runs from Thurston Avenue in Cornell Heights through Cayuga Heights to the Community Corners. Its extension, North Triphammer Road, continues north to State Route 34 in the Town of Lansing. The road was constructed after the bridge over Fall 88 Town of Ithaca Creek Gorge was built in 1897, opening up the land to the north of the Cornell campus for development. It was named for a triphammer, a heavy power operated hammer lifted by a cam or lever and then dropped. In the nineteenth century Levi Coon built a triphammer at the foot of the falls to tap the waterpower of Fall Creek in order to produce guns.

Trip and his handler, Deputy Kenney, will begin the process of becoming single purpose certified in Narcotics Detection by April 2024. This type of training consists of passive detection alert, meaning Trip will indicate the presence of drugs (excluding marijuana due to legalization) by sitting in front of the detected location.

The Sheriff's Office was able to purchase Trip due to a generous donation from Sean's K9. Sean's K9 also helped with TCSO's acquirement of K9 Laker. They are a non-profit organization that was formed in honor of Sean Walsh and his dream of becoming a K9 Handler. Their organization provides funding to Police Departments across the country so that they can initiate and sustain Police K9 programs.



### **Stop Hate, Interrupt Extremism, Link Disciplines (S.H.I.E.L.D.)**

On March 14, 2022, the Governor of New York issued Executive Order 18 addressing the heightened threat of domestic terrorism in the United States. As noted in the Order, domestic extremists continue to call for violence directed at critical infrastructure; soft targets and mass gatherings; faith-based institutions, such as churches, synagogues, and mosques; institutions of higher education; people of different races and religions; government facilities and personnel, the media; and perceived ideological opponents.



In 2023, TCSO created the Tompkins County's new S.H.I.E.L.D. team. The team exists to prevent targeted violence and acts of domestic terrorism. It achieves this by convening key stakeholders, inviting reports of threats and harmful or hate-based radicalization, identifying interventions, and acting to mitigate such threats or interrupt radicalization before it leads to a violent act.

Two stakeholder groups were identified for engagement in plan development and implementation. A group of stakeholders including public safety agencies, schools, health related agencies, and critical infrastructure were identified for potential inclusion in a threat assessment and management team as well as for an initial survey to inform this document's review of the current threat environment. A secondary list of stakeholders representing potential targets of domestic terrorism and targeted violence as detailed in EO 18 was identified for ongoing communication related to safety planning and follow-ups related to elements of the plans.

## **NEW INITIATIVES 2023**



### **Crisis Alternative Response & Engagement Team (C.A.R.E.)**

In August 2023, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with Tompkins County Whole Health, began a new co-response team referred to as Crisis Alternative Response & Engagement (C.A.R.E.) team.

The C.A.R.E. team partners a specially trained Deputy Sheriff with a mental health clinician in a dedicated response vehicle. They respond together to calls historically assigned to law enforcement to better serve those in crisis. The C.A.R.E. team's primary purpose is to provide comprehensive mental health services to persons in mental, behavioral, or emotional crisis. The goals of the unit are to match mental health services to a person in crisis by offering alternatives to emergency petition, when justified by a clinical assessment, increase access to mental health system resources, increase knowledge/access to community services, divert community members from the criminal justice system when mental/behavioral health issues are the driving force of their actions and reduce the patrol officers' time in handling such individuals.

Calls that come into the 911 Center that are typically assigned to C.A.R.E. may include but are not limited to those involving mental health issues, drug dependency, homelessness, and/or domestic abuse-related issues. Referrals for a C.A.R.E. team response may also come directly from community partners and law enforcement officers in the field. In addition, the C.A.R.E. team provides follow-up services for individuals previously encountered during a crisis within 48 hours. We currently have one C.A.R.E. team that works Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

From the initiation of this team in August 2023 to December 2023, the C.A.R.E. team responded to 69 calls for service and 17 follow-ups. In addition, the team attended over 30 introduction meetings with stakeholder organizations, community partners and schools in the community, as well as met with all other law enforcement agencies in Tompkins County.

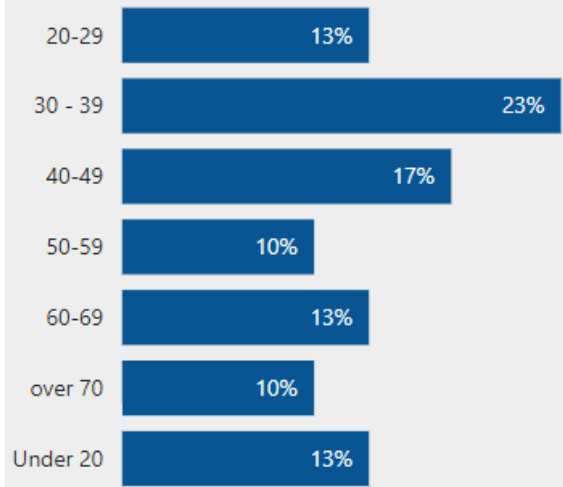
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# NEW INITIATIVES 2023

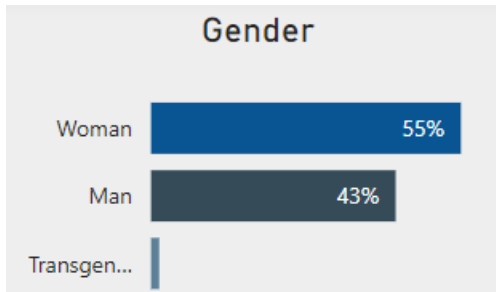
## Crisis Alternative Response & Engagement Team (C.A.R.E.) Statistics

From the launch of the C.A.R.E. Team in August 2023 to December 31, 2023, they had 69 responses with 59 of those responses being first time C.A.R.E. clients.

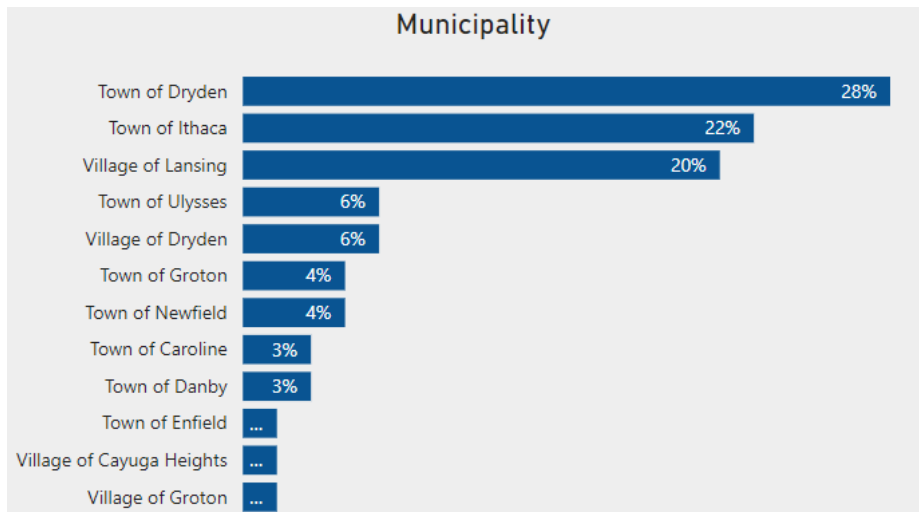
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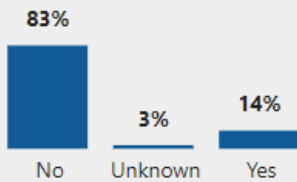
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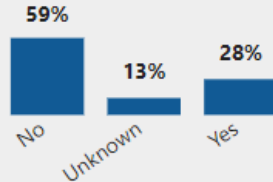
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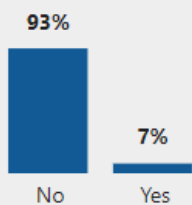
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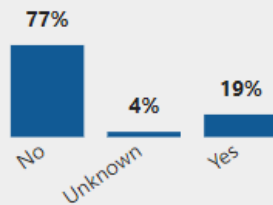
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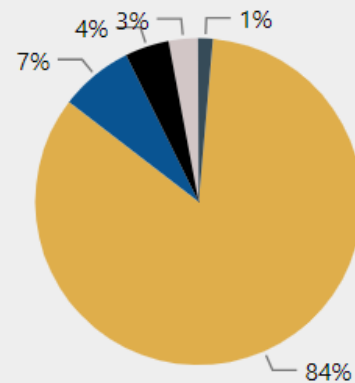


### Employed



### Race

Race ● White ● Black ● Asian ● Unknown



## **NEW INITIATIVES 2023**

### **Gun Involved Violence Elimination (G.I.V.E.)**

The Gun Involved Violence Elimination (G.I.V.E.) initiative, through NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, is a key component of New York State's comprehensive plan to reduce shootings and firearm-related violent crime, including homicides. The initiative provides state funding to local law enforcement agencies for equipment, overtime, personnel, and provides comprehensive, focused training and technical assistance to such agencies. GIVE supports 18 counties of which historically account for more than 80 percent of the violent crime that occurs in New York State outside of New York City.

The GIVE grant was not initially sought out by local law enforcement. Instead, in reviewing crime stats in New York State, DCJS selected the City of Ithaca as a jurisdiction needing support and presented the opportunity to apply. Due to severe staffing shortages, the City of Ithaca Police Department decided not to accept the funds. Sheriff Osborne then worked with DCJS to get the funds diverted to the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office in order to support the Ithaca Police in crime fighting efforts. The grant award totaled \$383,523 for one year (running from 7/1/23 to 6/30/24).

With combining efforts between the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, the Tompkins County District Attorney's Office, Tompkins County Probation Department, and the City of Ithaca Police Department, the GIVE Task Force was created to operate as a partnership and work cooperatively while focusing on the four core elements of GIVE:

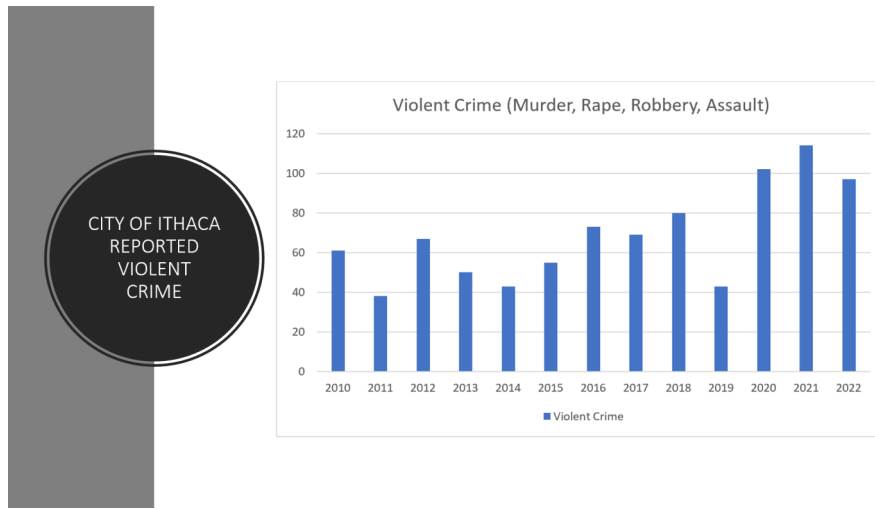
1. People—The strategy must focus preventative and enforcement efforts on top offenders who have been identified as being responsible for most shootings and homicides or aggravated assaults.
2. Places—The strategy must focus preventative and enforcement efforts on the geographic locations where crime data and analysis demonstrate that most shootings and homicides or aggravated assaults occur.
3. Alignment—The strategy must describe how partners will coordinate and align all existing resources in the community to reduce shootings and homicides or aggravated assaults where applicable.
4. Engagement—The strategy must clearly articulate how organized outreach to key stakeholders and the community at large will occur; how the stakeholders and the community will be given a voice; and how coordination will occur in transparent manner that fosters wide-ranging support for violence reduction efforts.

The involved agencies also signed an MOU with the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center (STCAC), which is supported by the NYS DCJS. STCAC provides law enforcement agencies with an expansive crime analysis program with the goal of law enforcement intelligence gathering and multi-jurisdictional crime analysis. The STCAC provides municipal, state, and federal agencies in-depth data analytics to gain a comprehensive picture of the criminal environment, support informed decision-making in law enforcement operations and promote crime prevention and community policing.

## **NEW INITIATIVES 2023**

### **G.I.V.E. CONTINUED....**

In 2023, a chart showing violent crime levels in the City of Ithaca utilizing data gathered by the NYS DCJS was created. It is important to note that the graphic only highlights violent crime as defined by DCJS. Violent Crime is defined as murder, rape, robbery, assault). This does not include the dramatically increased calls for shots-fired in the City of Ithaca that has plagued the community over the past few years. A records search of reported shots fired calls from community members in the City of Ithaca from April 2022 to April 2023 indicated 58 such reports, many of which resulted in the recovery of shell casings and vehicles damaged by gunfire.



GIVE jurisdictions are required to use Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) as the framework for developing their comprehensive GIVE plan and incorporate procedural justice into all elements of the plan, while implementing more than one of the following evidence-based strategies:

1. Hot-Spots Policing
2. Focused Deterrence
3. Street Outreach
4. Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)

### **Statistics—July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023**

- |                   |                                  |                        |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| • 8 Violations    | • 138.2 Grams of Methamphetamine | • 9 Grams of Mushrooms |
| • 72 Misdemeanors | • 10.25 Grams of Heroin          | • 9 Oxycodone pills    |
| • 22 Felonies     | • 121.5 Grams of Cocaine         | • 7 Grams Fentanyl     |
| • 10 Firearms     | • 6.5 Oz of Marijuana            | • 64 Xanax Pills       |
| • 4 Other Weapons |                                  |                        |

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIVISIONS**

### **Administrative Division**

The Administrative Division is made up of one Lieutenant, one Deputy, and three Account Permit Clerks who work together to prepare and serve all civil processes. In 2023, the Administrative Division received and processed a total of \$546,714.02 in funds and remitted \$80,104.55 to the county. Additionally, all pistol permit related paperwork and records are produced and tracked by the Administrative Division. This includes applications, background checks, change to existing permits, creation of ID cards, and any firearm acquirements and disposals.

### **Pistol Permits**

Account	Amount	Count
Card Conversion	\$ 2,595	170
Card Fee	\$ 1,725	339
Firearm Acquired	\$ 1,476	591
Firearm Disposed	\$ 201	146
Permit Application	\$ 20	4
Permit Dealer New	\$ 13	1
Permit Dealer Renewal	\$ 10	1
Permit New	\$ 806	62

### **Concealed Carry Safety Courses/ Licensed Dealers in Tompkins County**

For a list of certified safety course instructors and licensed dealers please visit:

<https://tompkinscountyny.gov/sheriff/pistolpermits>

### **Pistol Permit Records**

Background Check	\$ 340	34
Records Fee	\$ 604	2261
Rifle Endorsement Fee	\$ 1,104	159
Sheriff's ID	\$ 525	35

### **Service Statistics**

Action Type	Services	Attempts	Total Trips
Civil Arrest	0	2	2
Civil Process	930	885	1,815
Eviction	284	324	608
Income Execution	274	21	295
Notice of Petition & Petition	5	5	10
Order of Seizure	0	2	2
Orders (Citations) & Mandates	331	286	617
Property Execution, Straight/	3	7	10
Property Execution, Third Party	1	0	1

### **Civil Deputy**

The Civil Deputy is responsible for enforcing court decisions by serving warrants, eviction notices, orders of protection, notices of appearance, divorce notices, and much more.



## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIVISIONS**

### **Criminal Investigations Division**

The Criminal Investigations Division consists of one Lieutenant and four Criminal Investigators who are responsible for investigating felony-level crimes including homicide, robbery, burglary, high level assaults, sex offenses, narcotics violations, and crimes against children. In addition to these investigations, they also collect and transport disposed medications from the drop-off bin located in the Public Safety Building lobby. Sheriff's Clerk Sam Pulliam now oversees the Sex Offender registry program and documented a total of 187 (51 Level I, 82 Level II, 52 Level III, 1 pending, 1 not assigned) registered sex offenders in Tompkins County.



To access the list of Sex Offenders in your area, scan the QR code to the left or go to:

[https://www.sheriffalerts.com/cap\\_main.php?office=56372](https://www.sheriffalerts.com/cap_main.php?office=56372)

### **2023 Major Cases:**

- ⇒ March 4, 2023—S23-03199 Suspicious/Shots Fired in the Town of Dryden. *3 arrested*
- ⇒ March 5, 2023—S23-03220 Homicide in the Town of Lansing. *1 arrested*
- ⇒ March 13, 2023—S23-23568 Sex Offense in the Town of Dryden. *1 arrested*
- ⇒ April 6, 2023—Grand Jury Indictment of Agava Stabbing case in 2020 (S20-02318). *Conviction upon guilty plea = 7 years prison, 5 years post release supervision*
- ⇒ April 14, 2023—Trial for 2021 Town of Lansing Shooting & Attempted Robbery (S21-12892). *Conviction and sentenced to 20 years prison*
- ⇒ April 16, 2023—S23-05213 Domestic/Shots Fired at Deputies in the Town of Newfield. *1 arrested*
- ⇒ June 29, 2023—S23-08902 Assault with a Vehicle in the Town of Ithaca. *2 arrested*
- ⇒ July 13, 2023—S23-09596 Burglary at the Trip Hotel in the Village of Lansing. *4 arrested*
- ⇒ September 5, 2023—S23-12319 Domestic that resulted in a stabbing in the Village of Lansing. *Victim survived and denied to press charges*
- ⇒ October 13, 2023— S23-14124 Fatal Car vs. Pedestrian MVA in the Town of Lansing. *Operator cooperative and found not at fault. No charges.*
- ⇒ November 24, 2023— S23-16147 Burglary in Progress in the Town of Newfield. *3 suspects charged. Pending results*
- ⇒ December 13, 2023—S23-17054 Assist Probation with search of a residence for a suspected weapon. *Suspect arrested on Probation Violations*

# SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIVISIONS

## Corrections Division

In September 2023, TCSO proudly passed re-accreditation for the Corrections Division by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Accreditation Council. The re-accreditation process is an abbreviated compliance audit process that samples the agency's program standards and is reviewed to verify ongoing adherence to those program standards.



### **Booked**

Male	Female
605	174

### **Released**

Male	Female
592	163

**Admission Charges 2020-2023**



## 2023 Booking and Release Statistics

With the incorporation of the Centralized Arraignment Program in 2022, the Corrections Division saw a significant increase in jail bookings and releases in the 2023 year. This is due to the availability for all local Law Enforcement Agencies to bring a person in custody to the central location of the Tompkins County Corrections Division. The Agency then is able to leave the person in custody under the supervision of the Corrections Division until the arraignment occurs. Arraignments occur 7 days a week from 8:00AM to 10:30AM and again from 8:00PM to 10:30PM.

## Jail Cleaning for Health Program

With the assistance from the New York State Sheriff's Association grant and program funds, TCSO was able to create the Cleaning for Health Program. Sergeant Case took the instructors course through the Cleaning Management Institute for this project and carried it through for the inmates incarcerated in the jail. Each incarcerated student who completes this 30 hour course receives a custodial technician certification from the Cleaning Management Institute. A certificate like this will assist people in the job market when they are released.



## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIVISIONS**

### **Corrections Division: Mental Health Services & Programs**

Incarcerated individuals have access to Mental Health Services in the Tompkins County Corrections Division. It is a priority that every intake meets with the Forensic Counselor for a Mental Health Assessment. The Forensic Counselor also hosts many Mental Health Programs such as meditation, art, and creative writing. Other programs are offered through outside sources such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, TASC (GED Program), Parenting Class, Golden Key, Hope and Recovery, and more.

New in 2023—additional programs offered on our inmate tablet system. Incarcerated individuals can now enroll in education programs and complete their school work through the use of the tablets. They can also earn certificates that provide them with future employment opportunities.



**THE REACH PROJECT, INC.**



### **Healthy Transition Bags**

In 2023, TCSO handed out 140 healthy transition bags that better help incarcerated individuals being released have a better chance of transitioning back into the community.

### **Corrections Division: Medical Services**

As part of the Medically Assisted Treatment (M.A.T.) program and OASAS (Office of Addiction Services and Supports) grant funding awarded annually, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office made beneficial additions in 2023. The M.A.T. program is used to treat incarcerated individuals addicted to opioids such as heroin and prescription pain relievers that contain opiates. The use of Suboxone pills and Sublocade injections gives incarcerated individuals a choice between monthly medication or monthly injection.

In addition to these medications, TCSO partnered with Cayuga Addiction Recover Services (C.A.R.S.) to add Methadone to that list of medications that help individuals with Opiate Use Disorder. Methadone is much like Suboxone and Sublocade as it is a long-acting agonist that reduces opioid craving and withdrawal and also blocks the effects of opioids.

Additionally, TCSO partnered with REACH Medical / The Reach Project, Inc. to provide telehealth services to incarcerated individuals at risk of or diagnosed with substance use disorder. The purpose of these meetings include education on treatment services offered, schedule intake appointments, review medications taken, and answer any questions prior to release. They also provide in-person meetings with a REACH Certified Recovery Peer Advocate and/or Outreach Registered Nurse who can invite the person to consider utilizing available peer support upon release.

# **SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIVISIONS**

*Incident-Based Reporting (IBR) is a streamlined way of submitting a police department's required crime reports. IBR replaces multiple reports with a single monthly computerized submission*

<b>Road Patrol</b>
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<b>Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Statistics IBR 2017-2022</b>								
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
09A	Murder and Non-Negligent Mnsl	1	0	2	0	2	1	0
100	Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	3	5	18	7	3
11A	Forcible Rape	3	9	3	0	0	3	3
11B	Forcible Sodomy	0	2	4	9	6	6	1
11C	Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
11D	Forcible Fondling	1	6	10	5	4	12	21
120	Robbery	3	4	7	0	8	13	0
13A	Aggravated Assault	12	12	17	28	46	40	42
13B	Simple Assault	27	158	175	195	193	168	215
13C	Intimidation	19	14	69	47	59	83	84
200	Arson	1	0	2	1	1	0	3
210	Extortion/Blackmail	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
220	Burglary/Breaking & Entering	16	57	54	28	61	77	55
23C	Shoplifting	9	45	62	36	24	49	22
23D	Theft from a Building	19	38	60	49	85	67	43
23E	Theft from a Coin-Operated Mac	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
23F	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	28	43	29	56	48	74	15
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts a	6	0	1	2	14	15	3
23H	All Other Larceny	114	174	150	141	170	273	265
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	23	13	13	22	16	30	18
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	8	11	13	8	9	18	23
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confid	0	3	1	0	2	2	0
26B	Credit Card/ATM Fraud	0	1	2	0	1	0	3
26C	Impersonation	4	19	33	25	99	40	13
26F	Identity Theft (new code)	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
26D	Welfare Fraud	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
270	Embezzlement	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
280	Stolen Property Offenses (Rece	14	33	21	23	38	30	13
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	34	99	123	134	157	179	137
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	68	91	92	128	58	49	97
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	14	8	4	14	2	9	11
36B	Statutory Rape	0	1	2	2	1	3	1
370	Pornography/Obscene Material	1	3	0	0	3	2	17
520	Weapon Law Violations	17	9	10	17	20	36	44
90A	Bad Checks	2	5	8	3	3	13	0
90C	Disorderly Conduct	8	9	10	14	15	19	9
90D	Driving Under the Influence	104	112	127	99	62	124	111
90E	Drunkenness	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
90F	Family Offenses, Non-violent	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
90G	Liquor Law Violation	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
90H	Surveillance	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
90J	Trespass of Real Property	2	29	30	24	46	73	39
90Z	All Other Offenses	940	791	853	832	533	1088	768

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIVISIONS**

### **Road Patrol**

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office responded to 17,797 incidents in 2023. Of the 17,797 calls 1,038 arrests were made. These arrests included 60 Violations, 740 Misdemeanors, 144 Felonies, and 94 Driving While Intoxicated arrests.

<b>Tompkins County Sheriff's Office</b>	
Total Incidents	17,797
Total Arrests	1,038
Violation	60
Misdemeanor	740
Felony	144
DWI	94

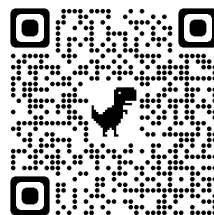
### **Transparency Hub**

In 2023, the idea of a transparency hub was brought forth for the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office with the goal of building the hub further in 2024. Transparency in our work is of utmost importance as it serves to increase communication, transparency, and accountability. Without basic information on how our activity impacts the lives of our community members, it is difficult to build a trusting relationship between the Sheriff's Office and the community we are sworn to protect and serve. The purpose of the dashboard is to provide the public with complete data on our activities and their associated outcomes. The dashboard presents data that is collected by TCSO, with the intent to expand upon it throughout the 2024 year.

In 2023, the Sheriff's Office released the C.A.R.E. Team and Defensive Action Report dashboards on the Transparency Hub.

To access the hub, please scan the QR code below or go to:

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# Countywide Crashes

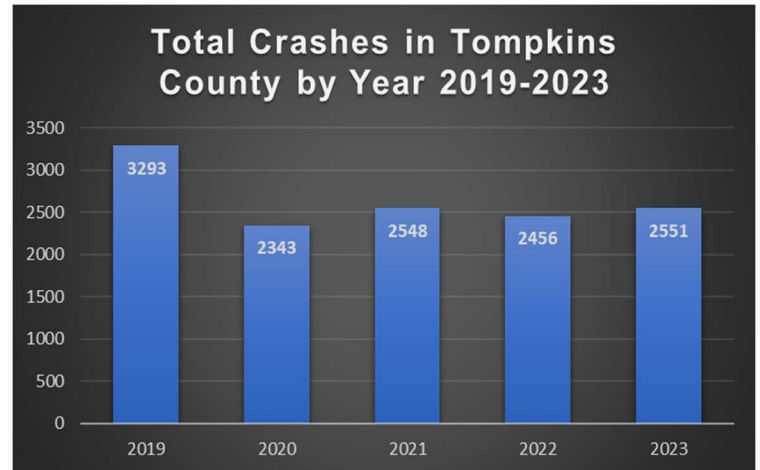
Tompkins County Averages\*:

**2,638** Total

**7** Fatal

**325** Personal Injury

\*Based on 2019-2023 reportable data.



Between 2019 and 2023, the average number of crashes per year in Tompkins County was 2,638. The average number of fatal crashes was 7, and the average number of personal injury crashes was 325. These fatal and PI crashes resulted in a total of 35 deaths and 2,074 injuries over the course of the last five years in Tompkins County.

Top Crash Days\*:

**Friday**  
Avg: 450

**Wednesday**  
Avg: 418

\*Based on 2019-2023 reportable crash averages.

Top Crash Times\*:

**3-6pm**  
Avg: 627

**Noon-3pm**  
Avg: 497

\*Based on 2019-2023 reportable crash averages.

On average, between 2019 and 2023, crashes in Tompkins County most commonly occurred on Fridays and Wednesdays, and in the early to late afternoon hours.



# Top Crash Contributing Factors



**18%**  
Animal's Action



**11%**  
Following Too Closely



**10%**  
Driver Inattention/  
Distraction

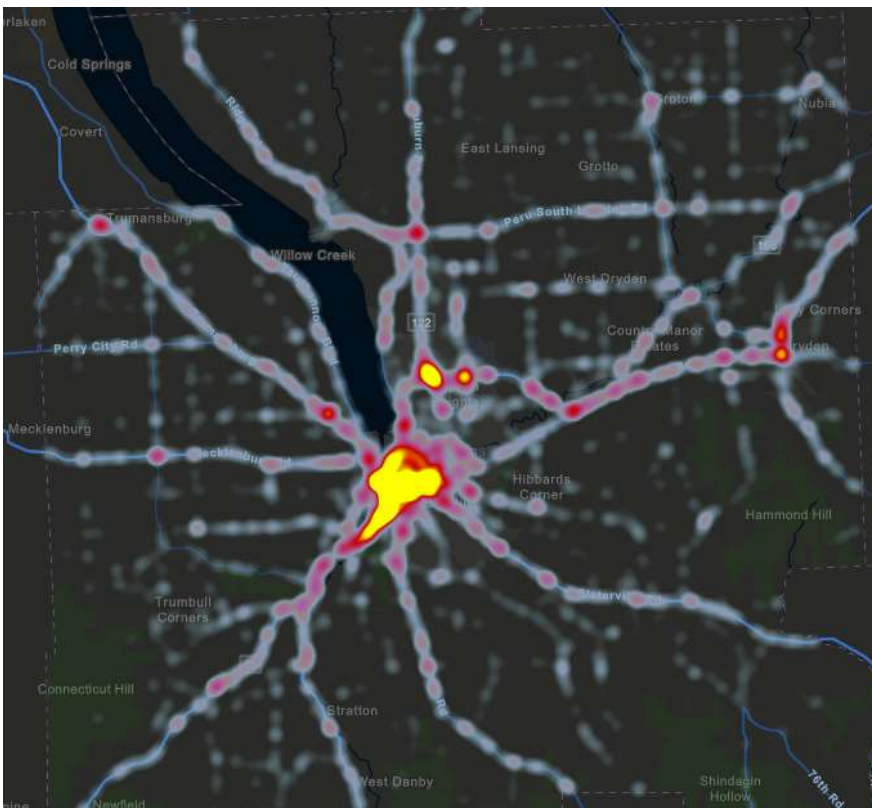


**9%**  
Failure To Yield ROW



**7%**  
Pavement Slippery

# Crash Locations – 2019-2023



Crashes in Tompkins County between 2019 and 2023 were most numerous in Ithaca, particularly where routes 79 and 13 intersect. There were also less prominent hotspots in Lansing near the intersection of routes 13 and 122, and in the center of Dryden.



New York State Sheriffs' Association  
March 2024

## **NEW YORK STATE STOP-DWI**

### **STOP DWI**

The New York State STOP-DWI Program is a self-sustaining impaired driving program that is enforced by the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office and other local agencies. Undersheriff Olin serves as the County STOP DWI Coordinator. The purpose of this program is to reduce the number of persons killed or injured in alcohol and other drug-related traffic crashes. Throughout the year, High Visibility Engagement Campaigns are coordinated and deployed within Tompkins County. Below are statistics from each special detail:

<b>2022-2023 HVEC ACTIVITY</b>												
<b>COUNTY &amp; CRACK-DOWN</b>	<b># Agencies</b>	<b>DWI</b>	<b>DWAI-Drug</b>	<b>Other Arrests</b>	<b>Safety Belts</b>	<b>Other V&amp;T</b>	<b>Vehicles Stopped or Checked</b>	<b>Vehicles Detained for Screening</b>	<b>DRE Evaluations</b>	<b>Underage Arrests</b>	<b>Activity Totals</b>	<b>Total Detail Hours</b>
Tompkins Halloween	2	1	0	2	0	14	40	1	0	0	58	23.5
Tompkins Thanksgiving	1	0	1	2	0	10	14	1	0	0	28	20.5
Tompkins Holiday	4	1	0	5	0	10	66	3	0	0	85	66.5
Tompkins Super Bowl	1	0	0	4	0	16	24	0	0	0	44	12
Tompkins St. Patrick's Day	1	0	0	4	0	10	27	1	0	0	42	21
Tompkins 4/20	1	1	0	4	0	11	24	1	0	0	41	23
Tompkins Memorial Day	1	0	0	2	0	13	22	1	0	0	38	24
Tompkins 100 Days June	1	2	0	5	0	21	39	4	0	0	71	30.5
Tompkins Fourth of July	1	0	0	4	0	12	31	0	0	0	47	20
Tompkins July 10 Drug	1	0	0	0	0	6	7	0	0	0	13	8
Tompkins 100 Days July	1	0	0	2	0	6	21	0	0	0	29	12
Tompkins 100 Days August	1	1	0	6	0	8	11	2	0	0	28	12.5
Tompkins Labor Day	2	2	0	6	0	61	107	4	0	0	180	56.75
<b>Tompkins Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>330.25</b>

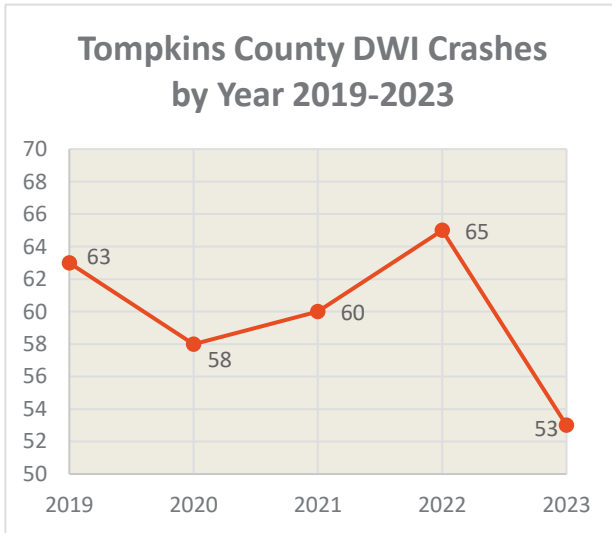




# DWI Crashes in Tompkins County

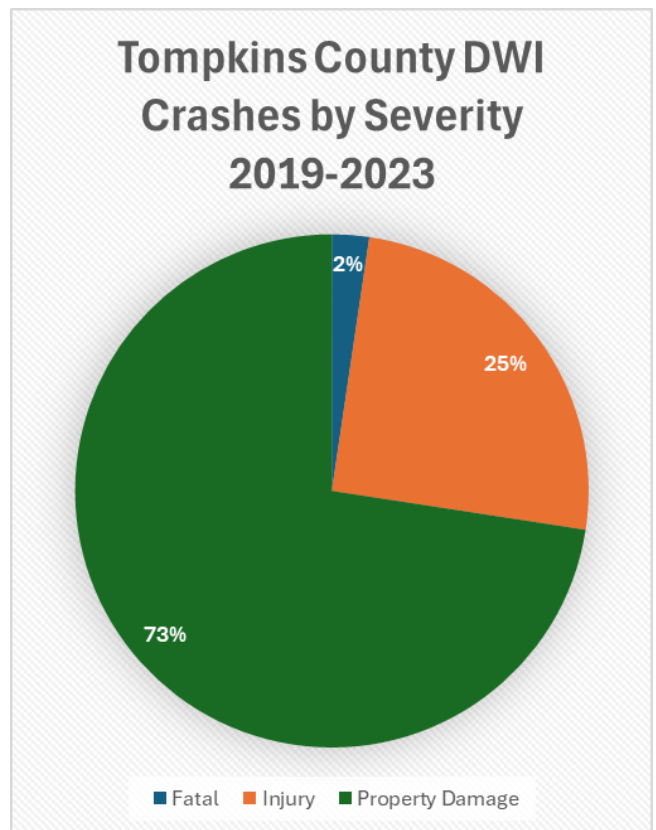
## 2019 – 2023

Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2023, there were a total of 299 alcohol- and drug-related crashes in Tompkins County. The highest number of DWI crashes occurred in 2022, with 65 crashes occurring that year. In 2023, the total number of DWI crashes was about 18% lower than in 2022. The average number of DWI crashes per year in Tompkins County during this timeframe was 60.



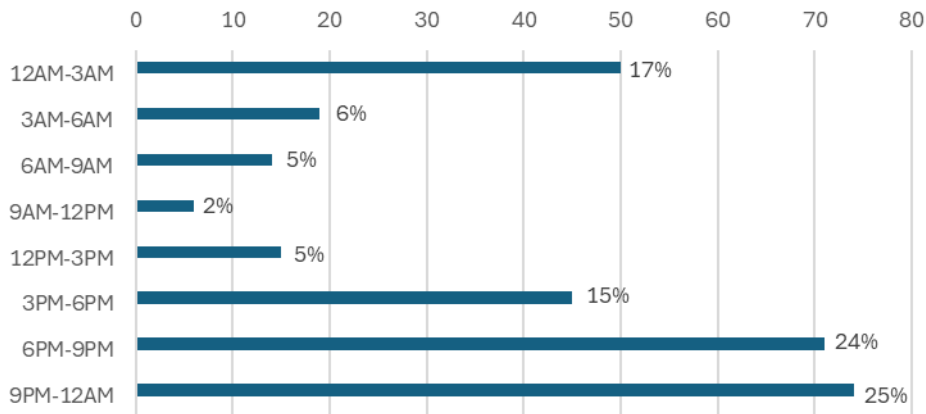
	Fatalities	Injuries	Total Crashes
<b>2019</b>	2	23	63
<b>2020</b>	2	16	58
<b>2021</b>	2	24	60
<b>2022</b>	0	23	65
<b>2023</b>	1	15	53
<b>Avg.</b>	1	20	60
<b>Total</b>	7	101	299

DWI crashes in Tompkins County between 2019 and 2023 mainly resulted in property damage (73%), but there were also numerous crashes that caused injuries (25%), and 7 fatal crashes (2%). From these crashes, there were a total of 101 injuries and 7 fatalities, for an average of 20 injuries and 1 death related to drugs and/or alcohol per year in the county.



	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage
<b>2019</b>	2	16	45
<b>2020</b>	2	12	44
<b>2021</b>	2	16	42
<b>2022</b>	0	20	45
<b>2023</b>	1	11	41
<b>Avg.</b>	1	15	43
<b>Total</b>	7	75	217

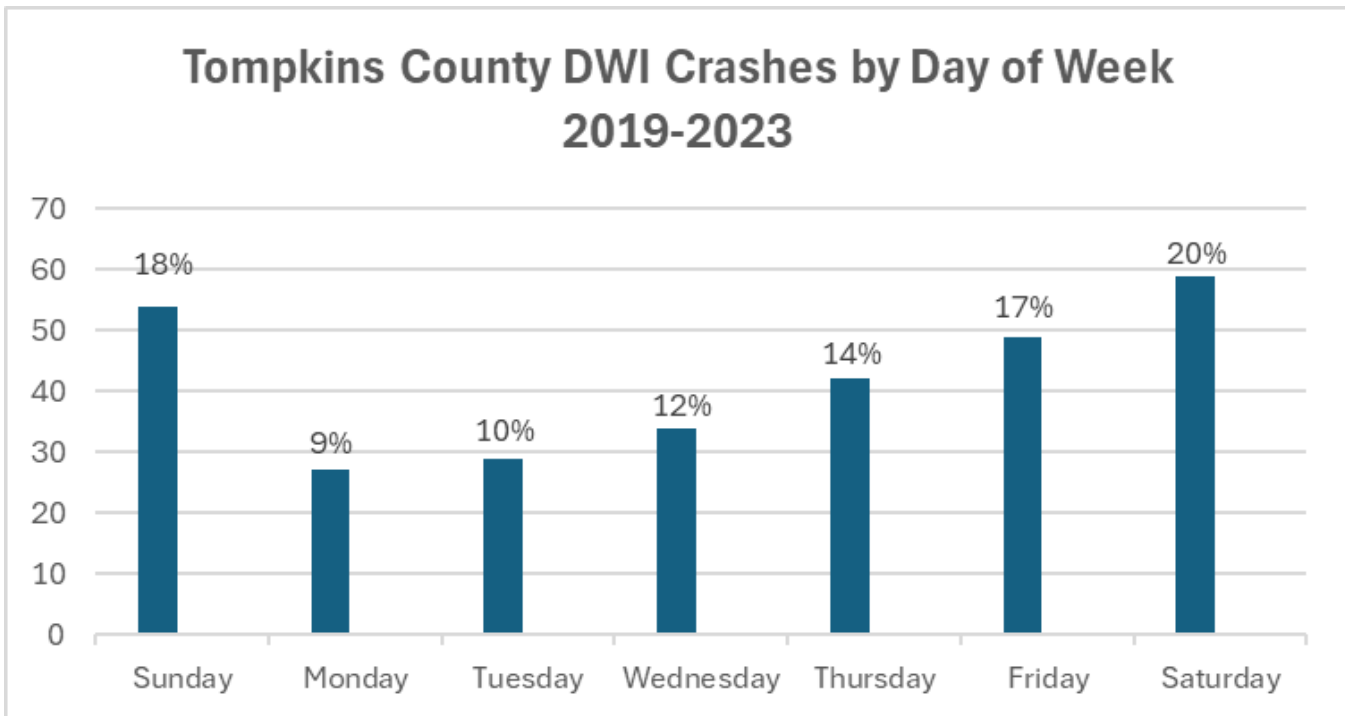
### Tompkins County DWI Crashes by Hour of Day 2019-2023



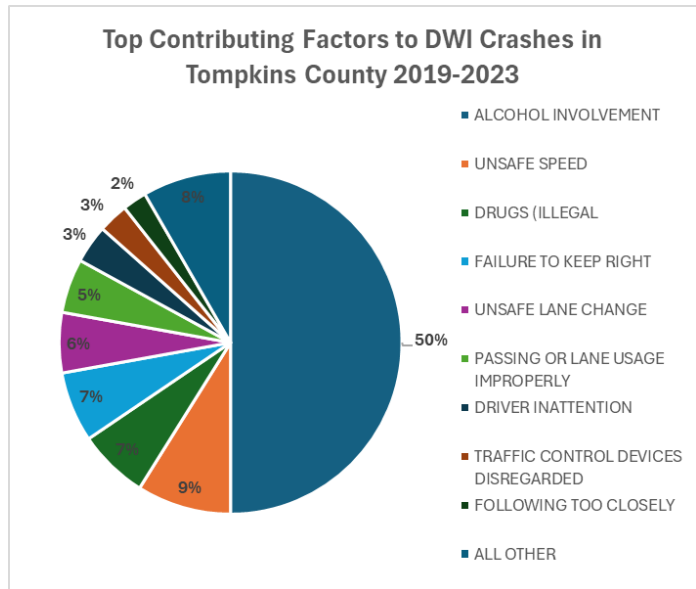
Crashes related to drugs and alcohol in Tompkins County since 2019 have primarily occurred later in the evening hours: 49% of all DWI crashes happened between the hours of 6pm and Midnight.

DWI crashes have also most often taken place on weekends in the last 5 years, with 55% of all DWI crashes in Tompkins County occurring on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

### Tompkins County DWI Crashes by Day of Week 2019-2023



Contributing Factor	Total Crashes
ALCOHOL INVOLVEMENT	264
UNSAFE SPEED	47
DRUGS (ILLEGAL)	35
FAILURE TO KEEP RIGHT	35
UNSAFE LANE CHANGE	30
PASSING OR LANE USAGE IMPROPERLY	27
DRIVER INATTENTION	19
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES DISREGARDED	15
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	12
ALL OTHER	44

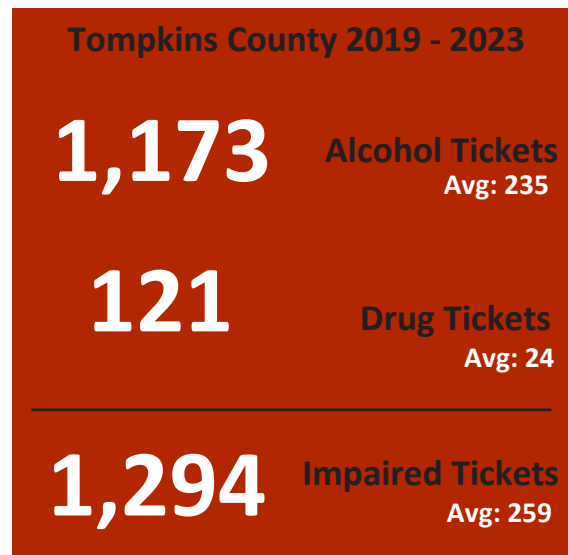


DWI crashes in Tompkins County between 2019 and 2023 could primarily be attributed to alcohol (50%) and drugs (7%); however, speeding (9%), failure to keep right (7%), and improper lane use (5%) were also top contributing factors to these crashes. The “all other” category includes crashes that listed “not applicable,” “not entered,” or “unknown” as the contributing factor, as well as any that caused fewer than 15 crashes.

## Tickets

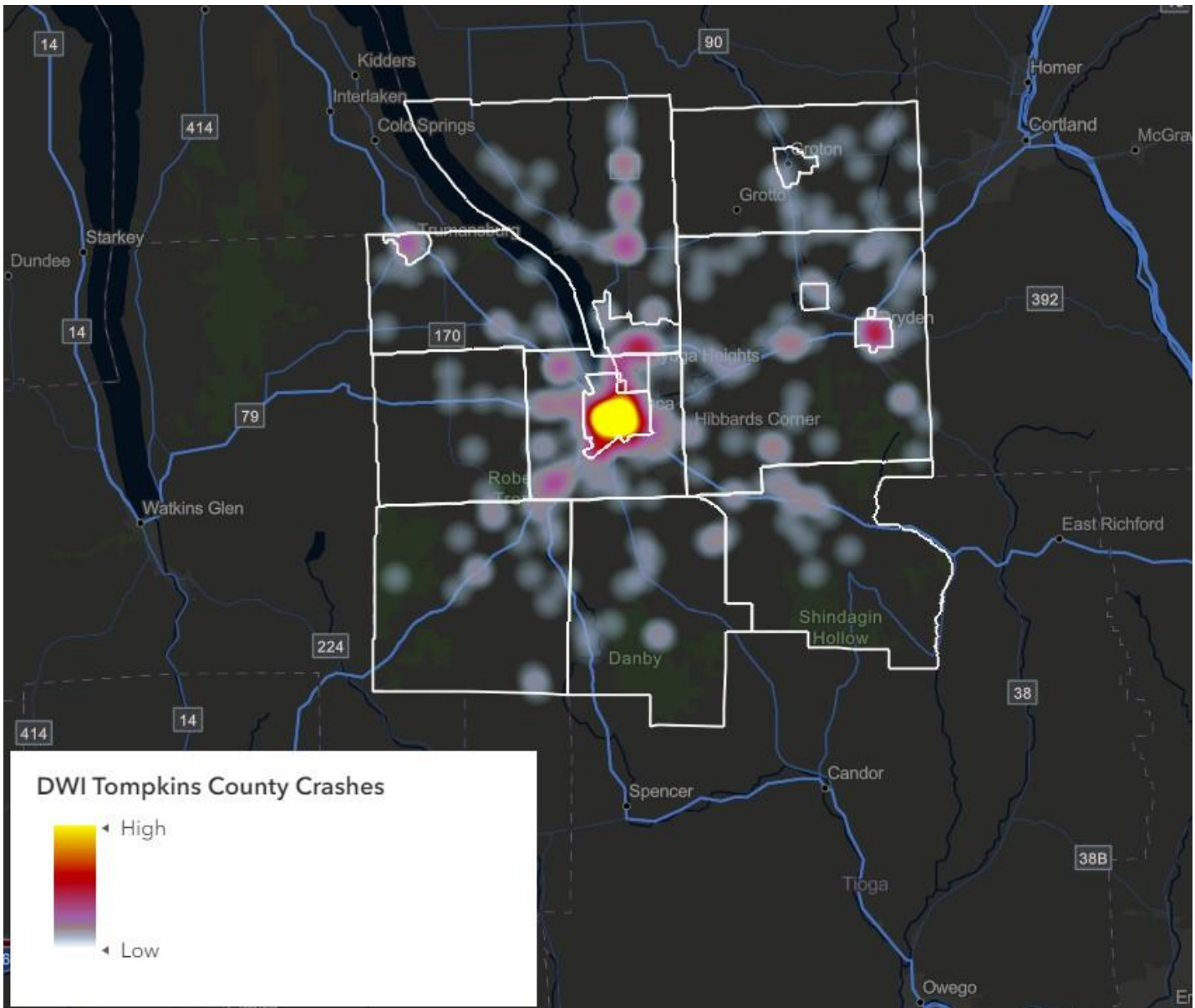
Between 2019 and 2023, a total of 1,294 impaired tickets were written in Tompkins County. The majority were alcohol-related. Most of these tickets were written in the City of Ithaca (21%), the Town of Dryden (15%), and the Town of Ithaca (14%). State Police and county issued impaired tickets at nearly equal rates while local agencies issued less.

Municipality	Total Tickets	%
CITY OF ITHACA	278	21%
TOWN OF DRYDEN	198	15%
TOWN OF ITHACA	181	14%
TOWN OF LANSING	135	10%
VILLAGE OF LANSING	68	5%
TOWN OF NEWFIELD	67	5%
VILLAGE OF DRYDEN	47	4%
TOWN OF ULYSSES	43	3%
TOWN OF GROTON	39	3%
ALL OTHER	238	18%



Issuing Agency	Total Tickets	Avg 2019-2023	%
State Police	452	90	35%
County	474	95	37%
Other Local	368	74	28%

# DWI Crash Locations in Tompkins County 2019 – 2023

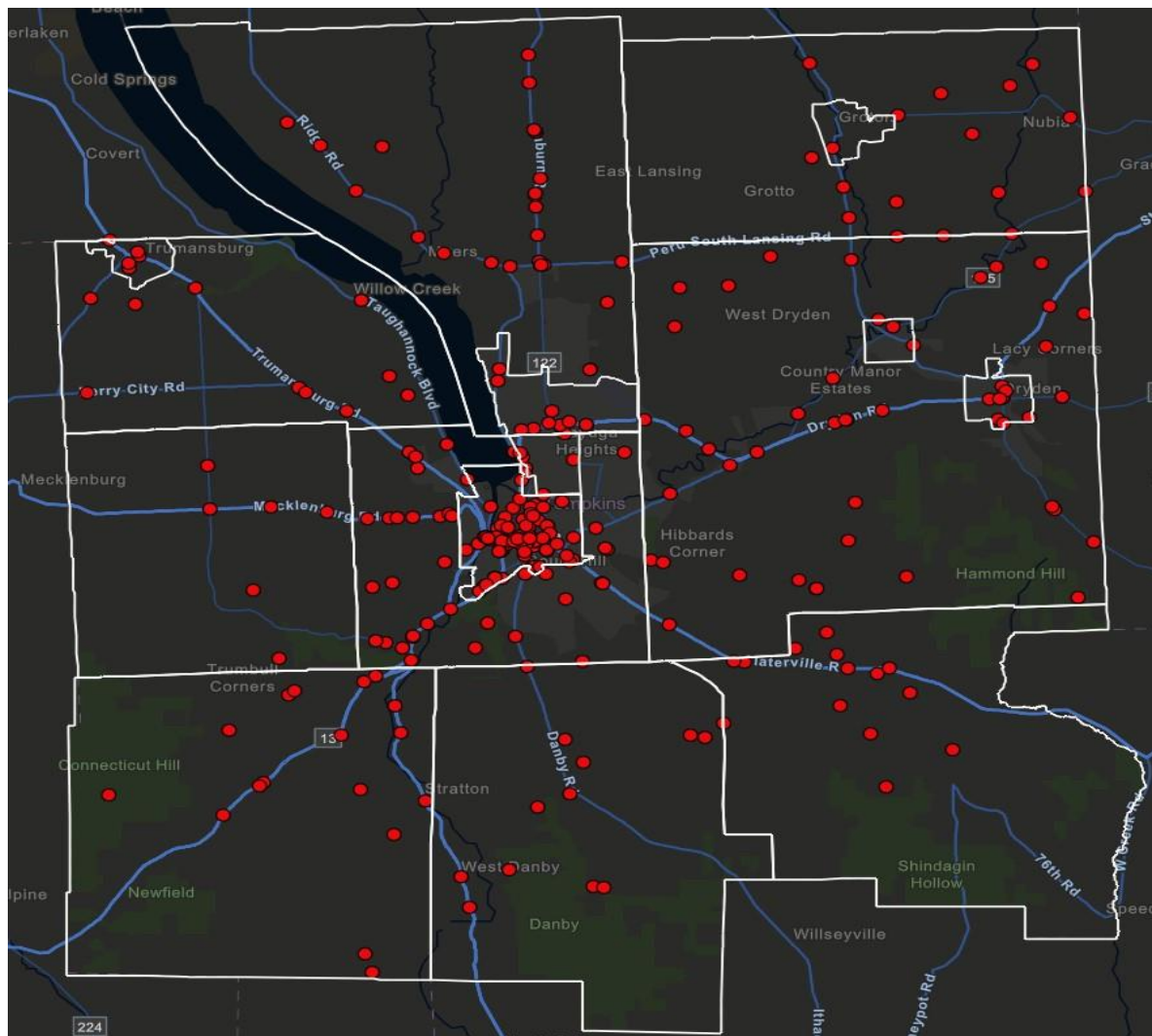


Between 2019 and 2023, DWI crash hotspots in Tompkins County were primarily located in the City of Ithaca, especially near the intersections where 89 and 79 meet 13. There were also less prominent hotspots along the main roads in the center of Dryden and in Lansing just north of Ithaca.

# DWI Crash Locations by Municipality

## Tompkins County 2019 – 2023

Municipality	Total DWI Crashes	Injuries	Fatalities
Ithaca (City + Town)	121	34	2
Dryden	53	23	2
Lansing	37	17	0
Newfield	17	6	0
Caroline	13	4	1
Danby	13	7	0
Groton	13	3	1
Ulysses	11	4	1
Cayuga Heights	5	2	0
Trumansburg	4	1	0
Enfield	6	1	0
Freeville	1	1	0



NYSSA/GTSC – March 2024

## **USE OF FORCE & SHOW OF FORCE**

### Overview:

The main responsibility of the Sheriff’s Office is to protect the life and property of civilians. In compliance with applicable law, officers shall use only the amount of force necessary and reasonable to accomplish lawful objectives and to control a situation, effect an arrest, overcome resistance to arrest, or defend themselves or others from harm. When force is necessary, the degree of force employed should be in direct relationships to the amount of resistance exerted, or the immediate threat to the officer or others. (G.O. 900 Use of Force)

A use of force reporting system allows for the effective review and analysis of all Office use of force incidents. The reporting system is designed to help identify trends, improve training and officer safety, and provide timely and accurate information to the Office. Officers shall complete the appropriate Office Defensive Action Report whenever they use force against a subject above un-resisted handcuffing. This includes the display of and/or use of OC spray, impact weapon, TASER, firearm, or any action that results in or is alleged to have resulted in, injury to or the death of another person.

You can access our transparency hub at:

<https://tompkins-county-sheriffs-office-tompkinscounty.hub.arcgis.com/>

Year	# Defensive Actions	% Total incidents	Total# Incidents
2022	76	0.45%	16,906
2023	65	0.37%	17,796

### **Show of Force**

*Presentation of an office approved less-lethal force option or firearm in an effort to gain compliance*

### **Use of Force**

*Use of an office approved hands-on technique or deployment of a less lethal force option to gain compliance*

### **The Sheriff’s Office General Orders**

Can be found on the Sheriff’s Office webpage at:

<https://tompkinscountyny.gov/sheriff/rpofficepolicies>

- ⇒ G.O. 900 Use of Force—General
- ⇒ G.O. 902 Use of Less Lethal Impact Weapons (Baton) - TCSO does not currently issue or authorize the use of batons
- ⇒ G.O. 903 Use of Less Lethal Impact Munitions
- ⇒ G.O. 904 Use of Less Lethal Chemical Agents
- ⇒ G.O. 905 Use of Conducted Electrical Weapons
- ⇒ G.O. 311 Duty to Intervene

## USE OF FORCE & SHOW OF FORCE

### Show of Force

TCSO had a total of 24 Show of Force Actions in 2023 which equates to 0.13% of total incidents

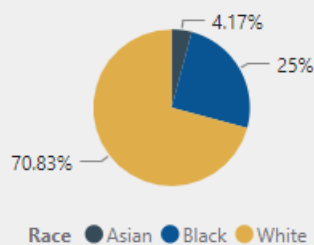
### Circumstances

Traffic Stop	37.50%
Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity	20.83%
Executing arrest	16.67%
Service of a warrant	12.50%
SRT Activation by IPD	8.33%
Medical, MH, Welfare – MHL 9.41	4.17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

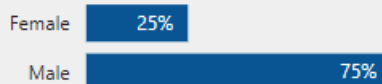
### Description of Force

Firearm Display	58.33%
Firearm Display, Taser Display	20.83%
SRT Activation by IPD	8.33%
Taser Display	12.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

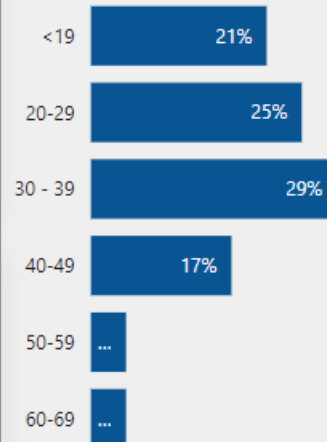
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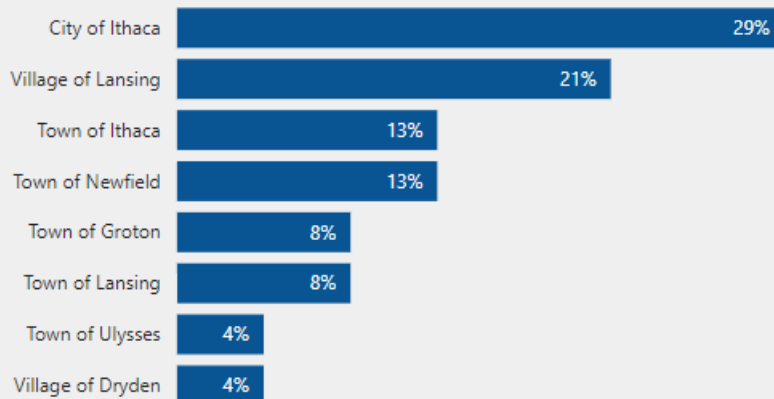
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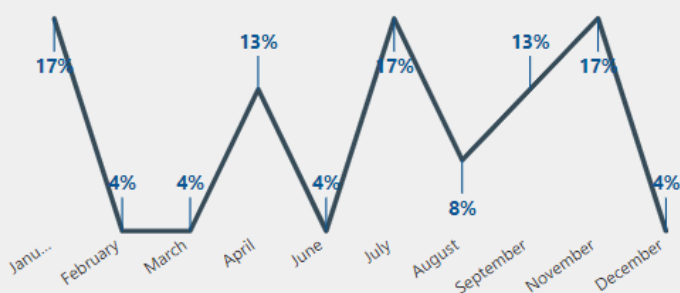
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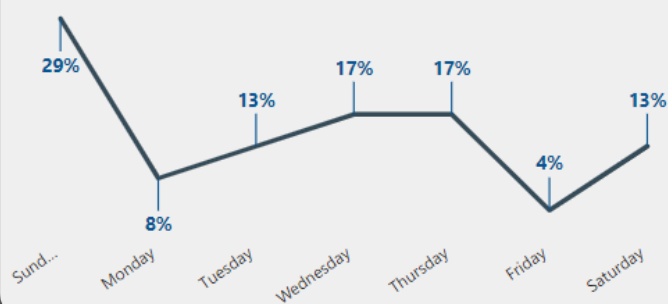
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### Show of force incidents by month



### Show of force incidents by day of week

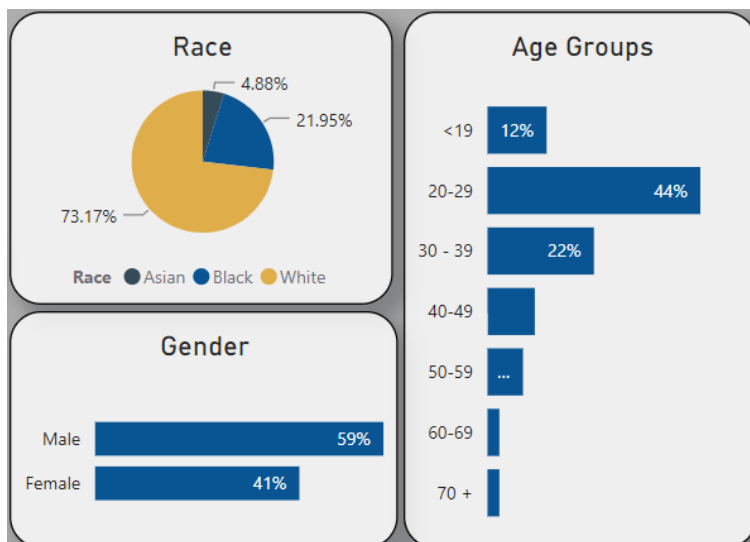


## USE OF FORCE & SHOW OF FORCE

### Use of Force

TCSO had a total of 41 Use of Force Actions in 2023 which equates to 0.23% of total incidents

Municipality	% Responses
Town of Ithaca	21.95%
Village of Lansing	19.51%
Town of Dryden	14.63%
Town of Lansing	7.32%
Village of Groton	7.32%
Town of Caroline	4.88%
Town of Newfield	4.88%
Village of Dryden	4.88%
City of Ithaca	2.44%
Town of Danby	2.44%
Town of Enfield	2.44%
Town of Groton	2.44%
Town of Ulysses	2.44%
Village of Cayuga Heights	2.44%

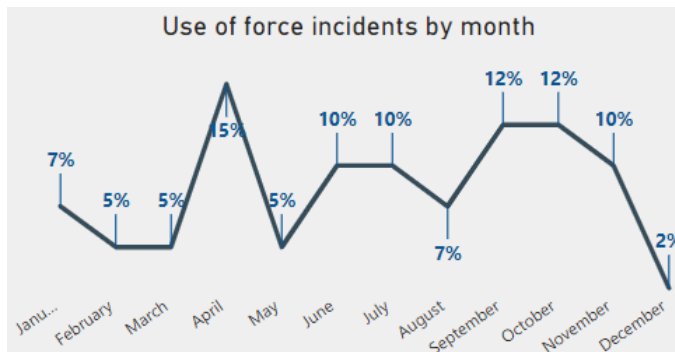
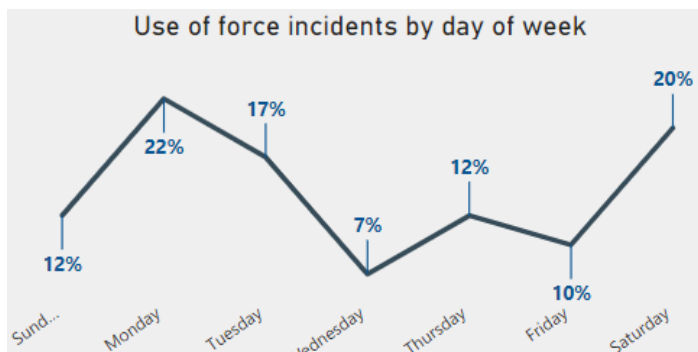


### Circumstances

⊕ Executing arrest	29.27%
⊕ Medical, MH, Welfare – MHL 9.41	17.07%
⊕ Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity	12.20%
⊕ Medical, MH, Welfare – MHL 9.45	9.76%
⊕ Service of a warrant	9.76%
⊕ Transporting/Holding Arrestees	9.76%
⊕ Medical, MH, Welfare – MHL 9.41/22.09	7.32%
⊕ Medical, MH, Welfare – MHL 22.09	4.88%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Description of Force

Empty Hand Control Techniques	29.27%
Escort, Empty Hand Control Techniques	29.27%
Takedown , Empty Hand Control Techniques	24.39%
Escort	4.88%
Takedown	4.88%
Taser Discharge	4.88%
Empty Hand Control Techniques, Pressure Points	2.44%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>





## **TRAINING**

### **January**

Critical Incident Response Training  
Course in Police Supervision  
Background Investigations for Police Applicants  
Glock Armorer Course  
Interview & Interrogation  
Creating Safer Communities  
Crisis Intervention Response

### **February**

Course in Police Supervision  
Course in Corrections Supervision  
New York Case Law That All Cops Need to Know

### **March**

Post Critical Incident Seminar  
Instructor Development & Field Training Officer Courses  
Identifying, Investigating, and Combating Elder Abuse

### **April**

Advanced Crisis Negotiation Course  
Civil School Phase I  
K9 Tracking School

### **May**

Defensive Tactics Instructor Course  
CIT Train-The-Trainer  
Unmanned Aircraft Systems Night Flight Course  
Empire State Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Conference

### **June**

School Resource Officer Basic School  
Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement  
Homicide Investigation & Crime Scene Management  
Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety

### **July**

Effective Fitness Combatives  
Wellness Symposium

### **August**

Basic Course for Police Officers  
Child Passenger Safety Course  
Train-The-Trainer Cleaning for Health Program  
Commercial Vehicle Awareness  
Problem-Oriented Policing Course

### **September**

Project Lifesaver Initial Certification  
Basic Corrections Academy

### **October**

Preventing Targeted Violence Symposium  
Constitutional Framework of Public Safety  
Basic Threat Evaluation and Reporting Course  
Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operator Course  
Civil Refresher Course

### **November**

Reimagine Crisis Focus Track  
Taser Instructor Recertification

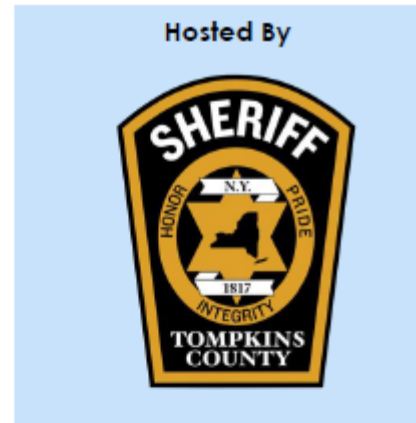
### **December**

Supervisor Liability Training

## HOSTED TRAININGS

### October 16-17, 2023: Verbal Judo De-Escalation Workshop

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office hosted the Verbal Judo Institute De-Escalation Workshop at Ithaca College. There were over 45 people in attendance from 6 different local law enforcement agencies, including an additional 28 TCSO employees.



The mission of the Verbal Judo Institute is to create a S.A.F.E.R. world by delivering practical and easy to learn strategies which empower people to effectively de-escalate conflict and potential violence.

#### Join over a million people

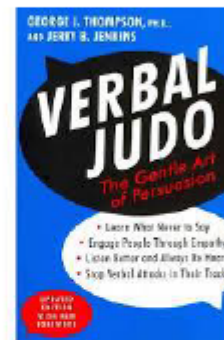
For 40 years, the Verbal Judo Institute has been teaching organizations all over the world how to de-escalate tense encounters verbally. We show our students how to safely and efficiently gain voluntary compliance with poise and professionalism. Our program can defuse verbal conflict thereby decreasing the likelihood of negative encounters.

Mike "Ziggy" Siegfried is a dynamic speaker who focuses on class involvement and adult learning concepts. Mike delivers the tried-and-true concepts of Verbal Judo in an exciting and insightful manner. Mike spent 26 years working as a full-time peace officer prior to becoming the Chief Operating Officer (C.O.O) of the Verbal Judo Institute. He is a court recognized use of force expert. Mike is a published author in Police Magazine, the FBI National Academy Associate Magazine, Police Recruit Magazine, and Campus Security Magazine. He lives in Spirit Lake, Idaho

**Date** October 16 & 17, 2023

**Course location:** Ithaca College; 953 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850

**Time:** 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.



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# HOSTED TRAININGS

## December 4-5 & 6-7, 2024: Principles and Practice De-Escalation Training Program

The Center for Advanced Policing at the University of New Haven has been awarded a \$1 million grant from the DOJ COPS office to deliver de-escalation training to police officers at no cost to the agencies. This training is the only level-3 de-escalation training currently available in the United States and it is an approved training by the Department of Justice. The Tompkins County Sheriff’s Office partnered with the Center for Advanced Policing at the University of New Haven to offer two—two day training sessions. Each two-day session delivers best practices in de-escalation including procedural justice, correct de-escalation language, officer adjustments for varying threat stages and environments, body language, conflict management, recognizing mental health and disability issues, and means to adjust interactions based upon rapid personality identification. Also included were de-escalation and prevention of escalation while maintaining professionalism, respectfulness, and self-control, particularly if insulting or disrespectful language and behavior are present. Numerous participatory scenarios and examples of proper officer behavior and responses were included.

COPS Award Number: 15JCOPS-22-GK-03552-PPSE



## DE-ESCALATION TRAINING PROGRAM

### WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

This project was made possible with a grant from the US DOJ COPS Office to the University of New Haven, grant #15JCOPS-22-GK-03552-PPSE. This federally funded program will promote de-escalation tactics within law enforcement. The primary goal is to deliver the most advanced de-escalation training curated by research, innovation, and implementation of best practices.



### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

You will attend a free, two-day training program that will deliver best practices in de-escalation including procedural justice, correct de-escalation language, officer adjustments for varying threat stages and environments, body language, conflict management, recognizing mental health and disability issues, and means to adjust interactions based upon rapid personality identification.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This is only open to the first 20 currently sworn law enforcement officials that register using the registration QR code below.
  - The form must be completed in its entirety.
- Materials will be provided.

Date	Time	Location	Cost
December 4, 2023 - December 5, 2023	8:00 AM- 4:00 PM	Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Crash, Fire, Rescue building located at 72 Brown Rd., Ithaca, NY	Free

### REGISTER HERE!



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### NEWS ARTICLES



Lisa Dadio - Director of the National De-escalation Training Center - Northeast Region, Retired Police Lieutenant

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## IN-SERVICE TRAINING

### Spring & Fall Firearms Training

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office holds bi-annual firearms training for all in-house Law Enforcement Officers. This includes Deputies, Investigators, Officers in Administration, and Corrections Officers. Firearms training consists of review of policy/procedure, introduction to new tactics, live-fire courses (daytime & nighttime), qualification courses, and reality-based training scenarios. Our seven in-house Firearm Instructors work together to create a lesson plan that is focused on preparing our officers for real-life situations.



### Taser Training

Taser training is held annually to ensure that Deputies receive a refresher course on Case Law, Use of Force, Show of Force, live-fire, and reality-based scenarios. Our four in-house Taser Instructors are required to recertify every two-years so that they are up-to-date with these topics. They then work together to create lesson plans and instruct Taser training for our office.

### Less-Lethal Training

Less-lethal weapons play a crucial role in law enforcement. Training with these weapons provides alternatives to more lethal force options. The purpose of using less-lethal options is to minimize the risk of death or serious injury when deployed. TCSO not only uses tasers as less-lethal options but also shotguns with bean bag rounds and OC spray. Bean bag rounds are shotgun-fired projectiles filled with small lead pellets or fabric bags. OC Spray is a widely used less-lethal option that irritates the eyes and skin, temporarily incapacitating individuals.



## **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

### **Road Patrol Achievements**

- ⇒ Calls for Service—774 Deputy Eastman
- ⇒ Most DWI Arrests—8 Deputy Manuel
- ⇒ Most UTT's— 1,045 Deputy Kenney
- ⇒ Most Arrests—236 Deputy Kenney



### **Medals**

- ⇒ Distinguished Service—Deputy Barber for help with development of the Crisis Alternative Response & Engagement (C.A.R.E.) Team
- ⇒ Distinguished Service— Sergeant Vann, Deputy Kenney, Deputy D. Baker, and Deputy Manuel for their assignment and collaborated efforts with the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (G.I.V.E.) Program
- ⇒ Distinguished Service—Officer Schramm for developing methods that increased the efficiency of administrative procedures as Records Officer in the Corrections Division.

### **Awards**

- ⇒ Life Saving Award—Sergeant Butcher, Sergeant Schulze, Officer Haney, Officer DeJesus
- ⇒ Letter of Recognition—Forensic Counselor Joanne Pietrasz, Nurse Towner, Officer DeJesus, Officer Bowles, Officer Bellinger, Officer Haney
- ⇒ Kiwanis Officer of the Month—Deputy Caulkins (now retired)
- ⇒ FBI LEEDA Award—Sergeant Ninivaggi, Sergeant Rainbow



## **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

### Special Service Ribbons

### Years of Service

⇒ Instructor Development—Deputy Rumsey, Deputy Prior, Deputy D. Baker, Deputy Terwilliger, Officer Victor, Officer Schramm

⇒ 5 Years Service—Sergeant Federation, Deputy Montesano, Deputy Shipman, Deputy Jolly, Deputy Manuel, Deputy Murray

⇒ Field Training Officer—Deputy D. Baker, Deputy Prior, Deputy Rumsey, Deputy Manuel, Deputy Shipman, Office Victor

⇒ 10 Years Service—Sergeant Ninivaggi, Investigator Sovocool, Deputy Lansing,

⇒ Defensive Tactics—Deputy Terwilliger, Deputy Rumsey, Deputy Shipman

⇒ 15 Years Service—Deputy Haselman, Deputy Barber (19 Years total)

⇒ Academic Excellence—Deputy Norman, Deputy K. Manning, Deputy A. Frost, Officer Victor, Officer Schramm, Captain Bunce, Officer Talcott



⇒ Drone Operator—Deputy Walters, Deputy Kenney



⇒ Mental Health Officer—Deputy Barber



⇒ Honor Guard—Officer Alpert



⇒ EMT—Officer Bellinger



⇒ Crisis Negotiations Team – Officer Victor, Sergeant Schulze



NOT PICTURED: Defensive Tactics Instructor

⇒ Military—Officer Tinker

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