

CAYUGA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

2012 ANNUAL REPORT



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**VILLAGE OF CAYUGA HEIGHTS
836 Hanshaw Road
Ithaca, New York 14850-1595
607-257-1011**

2012

CAYUGA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

FULL TIME PERSONNEL

SERVING CAYUGA HEIGHTS SINCE

Chief James M. Steinmetz	September 1994
Sgt. Jerry L. Wright	August 2002
Officer David C. Lanning Jr.	November 1998
Officer James R. Manning	February 2004
Officer Chad W. Lansing	October 2007
Officer David J. Amaro	August 2012
Clerk Jaclyn D. Carr	September 2012
Part Time Clerk Jim Conlon	May 2011

PART-TIME PERSONNEL

Officer Daniel Tier III	April 1986
Officer Michael H. Gray	January 1993
Officer Daniel Gonzalez	July 2004
Officer Michael J. Keegan	June 2007
Officer David M. Honan	April 2008
Officer Anthony G. Bellamy	February 2009
Officer James Landon	February 2011
Officer Peter T. Hughes	May 2011

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

Rose Morusty	September 2000
Patricia Manuel	September 2005
Valerie Caward	April 2011



James M. Steinmetz
Chief of Police

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To: The Honorable Kate Supron,
Members of the Board of Trustees,
Village of Cayuga Heights

I hereby submit the annual report of activities for the Cayuga Heights Police Department during the year of 2012.

The Police Department has endured major personnel changes during the year stemming from the retirement of Tom Boyce. Tom left the village in late January leaving the position of Chief of Police vacant. In mid-February the Village Board selected me to be elevated to the position of Chief of Police. This caused a ripple effect of; a vacant Patrol Officer position and the absence of someone working in the capacity of a Sergeant. In August we filled the vacant Officer's position by hiring David J. Amaro. David came to us with over 3 years of law enforcement experience, the last two being with the City of Ithaca Police Department. In September the department promoted Officer Jerry L. Wright, a 12 year veteran within our department, to the position of Sergeant. In addition to the changes within the ranks, our Police Clerk, Lisa J. Withrow resigned as her husband had a career change and the family relocated. We were very fortunate to hire Jaclyn D. Carr as our new Police Clerk. Jackie came to us from the Village of Dryden where she was employed for six years, three in the Village Clerk's office and the last three as the Police Department's Clerk.

The department continued to be challenged with increased demands as technology continues to change, reporting requirements, and other mandates are instated coupled with the administrative modifications that follow the hiring of a new administrator. The county wide "Spillman" system still shows us we will continue to learn and utilize its capabilities. We continued to perform special traffic details by utilizing state grant and county STOP D.W.I. funds. This allows the department to have an additional, dedicated officer on these details without the financial burden. The department will continue to research and apply for this additional funding.

The department personnel inspire me. As the statics for 2012 were analyzed, apparent was an increase for service in almost every category; felony, misdemeanor, local law and vehicle & traffic complaints; felony and violation arrest; total vehicle & traffic tickets issued. This is reflected in the 11.5% increase for "Calls for service" this year. These increases were endured while facing staffing shortages but in dissimilarity, were done with the reduction of additional man hours for the department.

The number of non-vehicle & traffic arrest increased by 40%. Vehicle & traffic criminal (felony and misdemeanor) arrest increased by 44% with the total number of Uniformed Traffic Tickets issued increasing by 40%. Parking tickets remained consistent with last year.

The department remains committed to providing the community with a police department that meets their needs and will continue offering service oriented programs. Some of the objectives for 2013 are utilizing the Spillman System to make construction of this annual report more efficient, continue identifying and addressing department training needs and establishing a quality assessment and career development program for the department. I am excited about the year 2013, with a full staffing contingent and the diverse capabilities of all; I think the department can prosper while continuing to grow meeting the best standards and practices for the department and ultimately the village.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Steinmetz

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Chief of Police

TYPES OF COMPLAINTS HANDLED		
FELONIES	2011	2012
Burglary	8	13
Homicide	0	0
Fraud	1	0
Grand Larceny	1	5
Forgery	0	0
Rape/Sex Offense	1	0
Grand Larceny Auto	0	0
Robbery	0	1
Assault 2nd	0	0
	11	19
MISDEMEANORS		
Aggravated Harassment	3	0
Arson	0	0
Assault 3rd	1	2
Attempt to Commit a Crime	0	0
Bad Check	3	3
Counterfeit Currency	1	4
Criminal Contempt	0	0
Criminal Mischief	9	24
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance	1	0
Criminal Possession of Marihuana	0	0
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property	0	0
Criminal Tampering	1	2
Criminal Trespass	1	0
False Reporting an Incident	0	0
Forcibly Touching	0	0
Forgery	0	0
Fraud	3	10
Identity Theft	6	3
Internet Fraud	0	1
Menacing	0	0
Petit Larceny	41	34
Reckless Endangerment of Property	0	0
Scheme to Defraud	4	0
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	0	0
Unlawful Dealing with Child	0	0
	74	83

VIOLATIONS	2011	2012
Alcohol Possession under 21	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	34	6
Harassment	5	17
Unlawful Possession of Marihuana	3	4
Unlawful Possession of Fireworks	0	0
Unlawful Trespass	13	16
	55	45
LOCAL LAW VIOLATIONS		
Alcohol-Open container	0	1
Care and Mowing of Lawn	0	0
Dog Control	29	17
Illegal Dumping	2	1
In Park After Hours	4	12
Littering	1	0
Noise-All	0	44
Open Burning Violation	1	0
Solicitors and Peddlers	1	3
	38	78
VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS		
Abandoned Vehicle	0	0
Driving While Intoxicated	5	7
Leaving Scene Motor Vehicle Accident	0	1
Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Laws	45	86
Parking	18	17
Speeding	113	108
	181	219
MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS	2011	2012
911 Hang up/Open Line	13	0
Accidental Property Damage	92	91
Alarms/ Fire Incidents	12	23
Alarms/Intrusion	106	157
Animals	75	65
Assist Citizen	0	37
Assist Fire/EMS	66	84
Assist Other Agencies	191	94
Background Checks	106	59
Bike Accident	0	2
Check the Welfare	16	56
Civil	4	9
Clearance Letter Requests	0	0
Death Investigations	2	2

Dispute	0	24
Doors/Windows Open	54	95
Drug	0	4
Family Problems/Domestic Incidents	25	28
Fingerprinting	5	0
Hazardous Conditions	34	35
Hazardous Materials	0	4
Illegal Dumping	2	2
Informational Report Only:	20	10
DPW Referral	0	(6)
Miss Numbered -Dispatch Error	0	(2)
Concern of Potential Threat	0	(2)
Intoxicated Person	7	11
Legal Notices Served	0	4
Medical Call	0	34
Mental Problems	8	20
Missing Persons	4	7
Open Burn	0	0
Property Check	1539	1797
Public Relations	20	14
Public Safety	39	0
Record Checks	211	0
Reports of Found/Lost Property	40	46
Request for Assistance	64	0
Shots Fired	2	10
Solicitor Permit Requests	3	1
Special Detail (DARE)	36	20
Special Traffic Details/DWI Details	49	15
Surrender of Firearms	0	0
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles/Circumstances	54	93
Warrants	6	5
	2905	2958
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	2880	3222
TOTAL OFFENSES OBSERVED	3264	3402

CRIMINAL ARRESTS (NON-V/T)		
FELONIES	2011	2012
Assault	0	1
Burglary	0	1
Criminal Mischief 3rd	0	1
Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument	0	0
Forgery	0	0
Grand Larceny	1	1
Murder	0	0
Probation Violation	0	0
Unlawful Imprisonment	0	0
TOTAL FELONY ARRESTS	1	4
MISDEMEANORS		
Assault	1	0
Criminal Contempt	0	0
Criminal Impersonation	0	0
Criminal Mischief	1	0
Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance	1	0
Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument	0	0
Criminal Possession of Marihuana	2	0
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property	0	1
Criminal Possession of a Weapon	0	1
Criminal Tampering	0	0
Criminal Trespass	0	0
Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia	0	2
Endangering the Welfare of a Child	0	0
Issuing a Bad Check	1	0
Menacing	0	0
Petit Larceny	2	1
Reckless Endangerment	0	0
Resisting Arrest	0	0
Scheme to Defraud	0	0
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	0	0
Unlawful Dealing with a Child	0	0
TOTAL MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	8	5
VIOLATIONS		
Alcohol/Open Container	2	0
Dog Control	0	1
Harassment	1	2
Noise- Social Gathering/Disorderly Conduct	1	6
Park After Hours	2	13
Possession of Alcohol under 21	2	2

Trespassing	1	0
Unlawful Possession/Use of Fireworks	0	0
Unlawful Possession of Marihuana	5	2
Unlawful Soliciting	0	0
TOTAL VIOLATION ARRESTS	13	26
MISCELLANEOUS	2011	2012
Village Court Bench Warrants	2	3
Arrest on Other Agency Warrants	4	2
TOTAL WARRANT ARRESTS	6	5
TOTAL ALL CRIMINAL ARRESTS	28	40
VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW ARRESTS		
FELONIES		
Aggravated Unlicensed	1	1
Driving While Intoxicated	2	0
	3	1
MISDEMEANORS		
Aggravated DWI	0	1
Aggravated Unlicensed 2nd	0	2
Aggravated Unlicensed 3rd	15	18
Driving While Intoxicated	4	7
Operating with Suspended Registration	1	6
More than .08% Blood Alcohol	4	4
	24	38
INFRACTIONS		
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device	138	220
Failure to Display Current License Plates/Tab	2	5
Failure to Keep Right	4	2
Failure to Yield Right of Way	5	6
Inadequate Lights/Equipment Defects	81	93
Miscellaneous Infractions	28	34
No Inspection Certificate	101	135
No Insurance	105	144
No Seat Belt	11	8
Passed No Passing Zone	2	0
Stop Sign	7	10
Speeding	89	108
Speed Not Reasonable & Prudent	11	0

Speed School Zone	12	23
Unlicensed Operator	19	22
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	10	41
Use of Cell Phone/Portable Electronic Device While Driving	60	106
TOTAL VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW ARRESTS	712	996
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	2011	2012
Between 2am – 6am	104	88
Block driveway/Angled Street/Blocked Main Traveled Road	5	0
Fire Hydrant	0	0
Handicapped Zone	1	0
Left Side of Roadway	15	27
No Inspection	3	2
No Parking Zone	18	29
On Sidewalk	7	11
Parking 12 inches from curb	0	0
Parking at intersection	0	0
Parking on Highway	0	0
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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION		
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Property Checks Completed	1,539	1797
Street Lights Reported Out	14	17
Court Hours	208	312
Village Property Lost or Stolen	\$64,878	0
Village Property Recovered	\$294	0
Property Recovered for Other Departments	0	0
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MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	2009	2010	2011	2012
SUMMARY				
Property Damage Accidents	42	62	54	72
Personal Injury Accidents	6	8	7	7
Fatal Accidents	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	48	70	61	79
Cars Involved	69	99	86	68
Persons Injured	7	10	8	7
Persons Killed	0	0	0	0
Accident Arrests	9	0	1	4
Ambulance Required	5	5	3	2
MONTH				
January	5	9	8	6
February	4	9	7	6
March	3	5	6	3
April	3	5	4	9
May	5	6	6	8
June	0	4	5	7
July	2	6	6	8
August	2	3	2	5
September	2	4	2	5
October	10	6	6	9
November	5	8	5	9
December	7	5	4	6

DAY OF WEEK				
Sunday	8	6	8	6
Monday	9	14	14	12
Tuesday	8	13	7	9
Wednesday	9	9	5	12
Thursday	6	8	10	14
Friday	4	14	7	15
Saturday	4	6	10	11
LOCATION				
At Intersection	11	10	15	9
Not at Intersection	27	59	46	16
Highway	33	19	14	14
Non-Highway	14	51	47	12
Parking Lot	2	14	7	6
HOUR OF DAY				
12am	0	1	0	0
1am	0	0	1	2
2am	0	1	0	1
3am	2	3	0	0
4am	0	0	1	3
5am	0	1	0	0
6am	2	3	1	2
7am	3	5	2	3
8am	6	2	4	3
9am	5	3	4	8
10am	2	1	2	2
11am	0	2	3	9
12n	1	8	7	4
1pm	3	7	5	6
2pm	3	8	2	2
3pm	1	4	4	2
4pm	3	2	6	4
5pm	8	7	4	6
6pm	3	4	6	7
7pm	3	2	1	5
8pm	0	3	3	5
9pm	0	0	3	4
10pm	1	2	0	0
11pm	2	2	1	1

Unknown	0	0	0	0
AGE OF DRIVER				
20 & under	7	11	12	3
21 – 24	4	12	10	5
25 – 39	23	22	16	23
40 – 59	19	32	24	23
60 & over	12	18	15	21
Unknown	1	0	0	3
TYPE OF ACCIDENT				
Pedestrian	0	1	0	0
Other Motor Vehicle	20	30	23	24
Bicycle	0	0	0	2
Fixed Object	7	13	12	5
Other Object	0	1	1	4
Animal/Deer	20	23	21	17
Ran off Roadway	1	2	3	1
TRAFFIC CONTROL				
None	39	58	46	40
Stop Sign	5	8	10	5
Other	1	1	0	1
No Pass Zone	3	3	5	2
WEATHER CONDITION				
Clear	16	26	17	24
Rain	2	6	4	2
Fog	0	0	0	0
Snow/Ice	3	13	13	3
Cloudy	27	28	29	13
Unknown	0	1	1	2