

CAYUGA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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VILLAGE OF CAYUGA HEIGHTS

836 Hanshaw Road
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FULL TIME PERSONNEL
HEIGHTS SINCE

SERVING CAYUGA

Chief James M. Steinmetz	September 1994
Sergeant Jerry L. Wright	August 2002
Officer David C. Lanning Jr. (Retired 09/13)	November 1998
Officer James R. Manning	February 2004
Officer Chad W. Lansing	October 2007
Officer James Landon	February 2011
Officer Brandon Manheim	November 2013
Clerk Jaclyn D. Carr	September 2012

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
Officer Daniel A. Bechtold	August 2013
Part Time Clerk Jim Conlon	May 2011

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

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



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James M. Steinmetz
Chief of Police

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 2013.

The Police Department had personnel changes during the year stemming from Officer David Amaro transferring to another department and the retirement of Officer David Lanning Jr. In March we filled one of the vacant Officer's positions by hiring James S. Landon. James came to us with over 5 years of law enforcement experience and was already working for our department in a part-time police officer capacity. In November we filled the second vacant position by hiring Brandon S. Manheim. Brandon had 1 ½ years of experience with the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department. Daniel A. Bechtold was also hired to fill the part-time officer's position left vacant by Officer Landon's classification change. Daniel has over 6 year's law enforcement experience and is currently employed with Cornell University.

The data for 2013 showed an 8.5% increase in the number of calls for service. The actual number for criminal activity (Felony/Misdemeanors) and violations stayed the same or decreased. The increase reflected additional calls for incidents related to public services, property checks, medical calls, and hazardous conditions and such. Combined with last year's increase (11.5%) these numbers show a 19% increase over the last two years.

The number of non-vehicle & traffic arrest increased again this year by 30% making the total increase over the last 2 years above 70%. Vehicle & traffic criminal arrest (felony and misdemeanor) actually decreased this year by 26% along the total number of Uniformed Traffic Tickets (UTT) issued. The total number of UTTs fell from 996 to 985. Parking tickets issued increased by 35%, 157 to 216.

These numbers are consistent with national trends. The department continues to meet these increased demands while maintaining an effective enforcement level. We continue to supplement funding with programs such as Stop DWI and State Grants to help with vehicle and pedestrian safety.

The department has also seen some office workspace changes. As part of the Marcham Hall renovations the Chief of Police office was relocated and an Armory was added. There is now a designated place to safely store weapons and ammunition. We have also started reconfiguring our office space. An Interview Room and Women's Locker room have been added without increasing the footprint of the building.

The department remains committed to public safety and community relations being the highest priority. Some of the department's objectives for 2014 are; maintain our high level of community service, continue addressing pedestrian and vehicle safety concerns, utilizing social media to keep the public informed and addressing any training and/or professional development needs.

The members of the Cayuga Heights Police Department are honored to serve such a unique community and look forward to promising and safe 2014. Our door is always open and we encourage anyone with any questions, or concerns, to stop by or contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Steinmetz

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Chief of Police

TYPES OF COMPLAINTS HANDLED		
FELONIES	2012	2013
Burglary	13	15
Homicide	0	0
Fraud	0	0
Grand Larceny	5	2
Forgery	0	0
Rape/Sex Offense	0	0
Grand Larceny Auto	0	0
Robbery	1	1
Assault 2nd	0	0
	19	18
MISDEMEANORS		
Aggravated Harassment	0	0
Arson	0	0
Assault 3rd	2	0
Attempt to Commit a Crime	0	0
Bad Check	3	0
Counterfeit Currency	4	0
Criminal Contempt	0	0
Criminal Mischief	24	17
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance	0	0
Criminal Possession of Marihuana	0	0
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property	0	1
Criminal Tampering	2	0
Criminal Trespass	0	0
False Reporting an Incident	0	0
Forcibly Touching	0	0
Forgery	0	0
Fraud	10	7
Identity Theft	3	0
Internet Fraud	1	0
Menacing	0	0
Petit Larceny	34	50
Reckless Endangerment of Property	0	1
Scheme to Defraud	0	1
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	0	0
Unlawful Dealing with Child	0	0
	83	77

VIOLATIONS	2012	2013
Alcohol Possession under 21	2	0
Disorderly Conduct	6	8
Harassment	17	15
Unlawful Possession of Marihuana	4	7
Unlawful Possession of Fireworks	0	0
Unlawful Trespass	16	13
	45	43
LOCAL LAW VIOLATIONS		
Alcohol-Open container	1	0
Care and Mowing of Lawn	0	1
Dog Control	17	15
Illegal Dumping	1	0
In Park After Hours	12	12
Littering	0	0
Noise-All	44	25
Open Burning Violation	0	2
Solicitors and Peddlers	3	5
	78	60
VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS		
Driving While Intoxicated	7	7
Leaving Scene Motor Vehicle Accident	1	0
Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Laws	86	55
Parking	17	21
Speeding	108	86
	219	184
MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS	2012	2013
911 Hang up/Open Line	0	14
Accident Property Damage	91	58
Alarms/ Fire Incidents	23	7
Alarms/Intrusion	157	177
Animals	65	29
Assist Citizen	37	33
Assist Fire/EMS	84	119
Assist Other Agencies	94	85
Background Checks	59	71
Bike Accident	2	0
Check the Welfare	56	44
Civil	9	7
Clearance Letter Requests	1	3
Deer Incident		26
Death Investigations	2	1

Dispute	24	17
Doors/Windows Open	95	75
Drug	4	8
Family Problems/Domestic Incidents	28	18
Fingerprinting	0	0
Hazardous Conditions	35	43
Hazardous Materials	4	0
Illegal Dumping	2	1
Informational Report Only:	10	55
DPW Referral	(6)	11
Miss Numbered -Dispatch Error	(2)	17
Concern of Potential Threat	(2)	0
Intoxicated Person	11	7
Legal Notices Served	4	5
Medical Call	34	76
Mental Problems/Psychiatric	20	11
Missing Persons	7	14
Open Burn	0	0
Property Check	1797	2031
Public Relations	14	1
Public Safety	0	0
Reports of Found/Lost Property	46	38
Shots Fired	10	9
Solicitor Permit Requests	1	3
Special Detail (DARE)	20	12
Special Traffic Details/DWI Details	15	8
Surrender of Firearms	0	0
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles/Circumstances	93	89
Warrants	5	5
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	3222	3497
TOTAL OFFENSES OBSERVED	3402	3541

CRIMINAL ARRESTS (NON-V/T)		
FELONIES	2012	2013
Assault	1	0
Burglary	1	4
Conspiracy 4 th	0	1
Criminal Mischief 3rd	1	0
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	4	6
MISDEMEANORS		
Assault	0	0
Criminal Contempt	0	0
Criminal Impersonation	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	2
Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance	0	5
Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument	0	0
Criminal Possession of Marihuana	0	0
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property	1	3
Criminal Possession of a Weapon	1	1
Criminal Tampering	0	0
Criminal Trespass	0	0
Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia	2	0
Endangering the Welfare of a Child	0	0
Issuing a Bad Check	0	1
Menacing	0	0
Petit Larceny	1	1
Reckless Endangerment	0	1
Resisting Arrest	0	1
Scheme to Defraud	0	0
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	0	0
Unlawful Dealing with a Child	0	1
TOTAL MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	5	16
VIOLATIONS		
Alcohol/Open Container	0	0
Disorderly Conduct-Fight/Violence	0	1
Dog Control	1	3
Harassment	2	0
Noise- Social Gathering/Disorderly Conduct	6	3

Park After Hours	13	9
Possession of Alcohol under 21	2	0
Trespassing	0	0
Unlawful Possession/Use of Fireworks	0	0
Unlawful Possession of Marihuana	2	6
Unlawful Soliciting	0	1
TOTAL VIOLATION ARRESTS	26	23
MISCELLANEOUS	2012	2013
Village Court Bench Warrants	3	1
Arrest on Other Agency Warrants	2	4
TOTAL WARRANT ARRESTS	5	5
Taken Into Custody Mentally Ill	0	2
TOTAL ALL CRIMINAL ARRESTS	40	52
VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW ARRESTS		
FELONIES		
Aggravated Unlicensed	1	0
Driving While Intoxicated	0	0
	1	0
MISDEMEANORS		
Aggravated DWI	1	1
Aggravated Unlicensed 2nd	2	2
Aggravated Unlicensed 3rd	18	13
Driving While Intoxicated	7	5
Operating with Suspended Registration	6	4
More than .08% Blood Alcohol	4	3
	38	28
INFRACTIONS		
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device	220	279
Failure to Display Current License Plates/Tab	5	2
Failure to Keep Right	2	1
Failure to Yield Right of Way	6	5
Inadequate Lights/Equipment Defects	93	104
Miscellaneous Infractions	34	55
No Inspection Certificate	135	124
No Insurance	144	140
No Seat Belt	8	4

Passed No Passing Zone	0	0
Stop Sign	10	13
Speeding	108	86
Speed Not Reasonable & Prudent	0	0
Speed School Zone	23	20
Unlicensed Operator	22	30
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	41	35
Use of Cell Phone/Portable Electronic Device While Driving	106	57
TOTAL VEHICLE & TRAFFIC LAW ARRESTS	996	985
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	2012	2013
Between 2am – 6am	88	135
Block driveway/Angled Street/Blocked Main Traveled Road	0	1
Fire Hydrant	0	0
Handicapped Zone	0	0
Left Side of Roadway	27	35
No Inspection	2	1
No Parking Zone	29	33
On Sidewalk	11	4
Parking 12 inches from curb	0	0
Parking at intersection	0	0
Parking on Highway	0	7
TOTAL PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	157	216
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION		
Vehicle Checks Without Arrests	2,988	
Property Checks Completed	1797	2031
Street Lights Reported Out	17	19
Court Hours	312	
Village Property Lost or Stolen	\$11,510.78	\$53,136.46
Village Property Recovered	\$4,438.69	\$1,897.31
Property Recovered for Other Departments	\$0	\$0
DARE (Cayuga Heights & Northeast Elem.) Complete Curriculum	2	2

REPORTABLE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	2010	2011	2012	2013
SUMMARY				
Property Damage Accidents	62	54	72	44
Personal Injury Accidents	8	7	7	2
Fatal Accidents	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	70	61	79	46
Cars Involved	99	86	68	65
Persons Injured	10	8	7	2
Persons Killed	0	0	0	0
Accident Arrests	0	1	4	0
Ambulance Required	5	3	2	0
MONTH				
January	9	8	6	4
February	9	7	6	9
March	5	6	3	6
April	5	4	9	2
May	6	6	8	3
June	4	5	7	5
July	6	6	8	3
August	3	2	5	2
September	4	2	5	0
October	6	6	9	2
November	8	5	9	2
December	5	4	6	8
DAY OF WEEK				
Sunday	6	8	6	7
Monday	14	14	12	3
Tuesday	13	7	9	10
Wednesday	9	5	12	3
Thursday	8	10	14	8
Friday	14	7	15	12
Saturday	6	10	11	1
LOCATION				
At Intersection	10	15	9	10
Not at Intersection	59	46	16	22
Highway	19	14	14	15
Non-Highway	51	47	12	7
Parking Lot	14	7	6	2

HOUR OF DAY				
12am	1	0	0	1
1am	0	1	2	1
2am	1	0	1	0
3am	3	0	0	0
4am	0	1	3	0
5am	1	0	0	1
6am	3	1	2	0
7am	5	2	3	3
8am	2	4	3	2
9am	3	4	8	3
10am	1	2	2	1
11am	2	3	9	2
12n	8	7	4	0
1pm	7	5	6	3
2pm	8	2	2	3
3pm	4	4	2	4
4pm	2	6	4	7
5pm	7	4	6	4
6pm	4	6	7	2
7pm	2	1	5	2
8pm	3	3	5	1
9pm	0	3	4	0
10pm	2	0	0	3
11pm	2	1	1	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
AGE OF DRIVER				
20 & under	11	12	3	6
21 – 24	12	10	5	7
25 – 39	22	16	23	15
40 – 59	32	24	23	15
60 & over	18	15	21	11
Unknown	0	0	3	2
TYPE OF ACCIDENT				
Pedestrian	1	0	0	0
Other Motor Vehicle	30	23	24	21
Bicycle	0	0	2	0
Fixed Object	13	12	5	8
Other Object	1	1	4	5
Animal/Deer	23	21	17	12
Ran off Roadway	2	3	1	0

TRAFFIC CONTROL				
None	58	46	40	32
Stop Sign	8	10	5	6
Other	1	0	1	6
No Pass Zone	3	5	2	2
WEATHER CONDITION				
Clear	26	17	24	12
Rain	6	4	2	4
Fog	0	0	0	0
Snow/Ice	13	13	3	11
Cloudy	28	29	13	17
Unknown	1	1	2	2