

# CAYUGA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



**PROTECT AND SERVE**

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

**2014**

**CAYUGA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**FULL TIME PERSONNEL**

**SERVING CAYUGA HEIGHTS SINCE**

Chief James M. Steinmetz	September 1994
Sergeant Jerry L. Wright	August 2002
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 Peter T. Hughes	May 2011
Officer Daniel A. Bechtold	August 2013
Officer Hillari M. Forney	March 2014
Part Time Clerk Jim Conlon	May 2011

**SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD**

Rose Morusty	September 2000
Patricia Manuel	September 2005
Valerie Caward	April 2011
Christopher Losinger	November 2014



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 2014.

The Police Department had personnel changes during the year. The Village Trustees approved a ninth part-time position and this was filled with the hiring on Hillari M. Forney in March. Hillari came to us with previous experience as a Military Police Officer, Federal Police Officer, and currently as a Police Officer at a local village police department. In November we filled a vacant School Crossing Guard position when we hired Christopher W. Losinger. Christopher works at the Cayuga Heights Elementary School and will be used in a substitute capacity to cover the other crossing guards.

The data for 2014 showed a 19% increase in the number of calls for service. The actual numbers for felony and misdemeanors increased while the number of violations decreased. There was also an increase in the number of local law incidents. The increase reflected a raise in property crimes and incidents related to fraud. The calls for service have continued to increase each year making it challenging to meet the needs of the community.

The number of non-vehicle & traffic arrest increased again this year by 14%. Vehicle & traffic criminal arrest (felony and misdemeanor) increased dramatically this year, nearly 270% by going from a total of 28 to 103. The total number of UTTs issued increased as well from a total of 985 to 1527, or 55%. Parking tickets issued decreased from 216 to 128.

The increased incidents of property crimes and fraud cases are consistent with other area law enforcement agencies. The department is continuing to meet these increased demands while trying to maintain 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 remains committed to public safety and community relations and always have these listed as annual objectives. Additional goals for the department in 2015 are; continue to learn and utilize the capabilities of our record management system, transfer the departments hard files to digital

data, establish a department web page, 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 2015. 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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<b>TYPES OF COMPLAINTS HANDLED</b>		
<b>FELONIES</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Burglary	15	22
Homicide	0	1
Fraud	0	0
Grand Larceny	2	1
Forgery	0	0
Rape/Sex Offense	0	0
Grand Larceny Auto	0	0
Robbery	1	3
Assault 2nd	0	0
	18	23
<b>MISDEMEANORS</b>		
Aggravated Harassment	0	0
Arson	0	0
Assault 3rd	0	0
Attempt to Commit a Crime	0	0
Bad Check	0	0
Counterfeit Currency	0	0
Criminal Contempt	0	0
Criminal Mischief	17	13
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance	0	3
Criminal Possession of Marihuana	0	0
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property	1	2
Criminal Tampering	0	0
Criminal Trespass	0	0
False Reporting an Incident	0	0
Forcibly Touching	0	0
Forgery	0	0
Fraud	7	25
Identity Theft	0	3
Internet Fraud	0	0
Menacing	0	0
Petit Larceny	50	30
Reckless Endangerment of Property	1	2
Scheme to Defraud	1	6
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	0	0
Unlawful Dealing with Child	0	0
	77	84

<b>VIOLATIONS</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Alcohol Possession under 21	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	8	5
Harassment	15	12
Unlawful Possession of Marihuana	7	11
Unlawful Possession of Fireworks	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	13	9
	43	38
<b>LOCAL LAW VIOLATIONS</b>		
Alcohol-Open container	0	1
Care and Mowing of Lawn	1	5
Dog Control	15	14
Illegal Dumping	0	8
In Park After Hours	12	10
Littering	0	0
Noise-All	25	23
Open Burning Violation	2	1
Solicitors and Peddlers	5	12
	60	74
<b>VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS</b>		
Driving While Intoxicated	7	20
Leaving Scene Motor Vehicle Accident	0	0
Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Laws	55	78
Parking	21	128
Speeding	86	134
<b>MISCELLANEOUS COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
911 Hang up/Open Line	14	11
Accident-All	58	88
Alarms/Intrusion	177	196
Animals	29	36
Assist Citizen	33	37
Assist Fire/EMS	119	112
Assist Other Agencies	85	120
Background Checks	71	200
Bike Accident	0	0
Check the Welfare	44	34
Civil	7	9
Clearance Letter Requests	3	3
Deer Incident	26	19
Death Investigations	1	2
Dispute	17	16

Doors/Windows Open	75	53
Drug	8	12
Family Problems/Domestic Incidents	18	15
Fingerprinting	0	0
Hazardous Conditions	43	55
Hazardous Materials	0	0
Illegal Dumping	1	5
Informational Report Only:	55	59
DPW Referral	11	52
Miss Numbered -Dispatch Error	17	13
Concern of Potential Threat	0	0
Intoxicated Person	7	2
Legal Notices Served	5	1
Medical Call	76	83
Mental Problems/Psychiatric	11	11
Missing Persons	14	1
Open Burn	0	1
Property Check	2031	2639
Public Relations	1	0
Public Safety	0	0
Reports of Found/Lost Property	38	41
Shots Fired	9	5
Solicitor Permit Requests	3	3
Special Detail (DARE)	12	0
Special Traffic Details/DWI Details	8	28
Surrender of Firearms	0	1
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles/Circumstances	89	131
Warrants	5	4
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	3497	4172
TOTAL OFFENSES OBSERVED	3541	4380

<b>CRIMINAL ARRESTS (NON-V/T)</b>		
<b>FELONIES</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Assault	0	0
Burglary	4	0
Conspiracy 4 <sup>th</sup>	1	0
Criminal Mischief 3rd	0	0
Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument	0	0
Forgery	0	0
Grand Larceny	1	0
Murder	0	1
Probation Violation	0	0
Unlawful Imprisonment	0	0
<b>TOTAL FELONY ARRESTS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>MISDEMEANORS</b>		
Assault	0	0
Criminal Contempt	0	0
Criminal Impersonation	0	0
Criminal Mischief	2	0
Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance	5	3
Criminal Possession of Forged Instrument	0	0
Criminal Possession of Marihuana	0	0
Criminal Possession of Stolen Property	3	2
Criminal Possession of a Weapon	1	2
Criminal Tampering	0	0
Criminal Trespass	0	0
Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia	0	0
Endangering the Welfare of a Child	0	0
Issuing a Bad Check	1	0
Menacing	0	0
Petit Larceny	1	0
Reckless Endangerment	1	2
Resisting Arrest	1	0
Scheme to Defraud	0	0
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	0	0
Unlawful Dealing with a Child	1	0
<b>TOTAL MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>VIOLATIONS</b>		
Alcohol/Open Container	0	1
Disorderly Conduct-Fight/Violence	1	0
Dog Control	3	2
Harassment	0	0
Noise- Social Gathering/Disorderly Conduct	3	2

Park After Hours	9	14
Possession of Alcohol under 21	0	1
Trespassing	0	0
Unlawful Possession/Use of Fireworks	0	0
Unlawful Possession of Marihuana	6	11
Unlawful Soliciting	1	6
<b>TOTAL VIOLATION ARRESTS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Village Court Bench Warrants	1	2
Arrest on Other Agency Warrants	4	2
<b>TOTAL WARRANT ARRESTS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
Taken Into Custody Mentally Ill	2	9
<b>TOTAL ALL CRIMINAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>VEHICLE &amp; TRAFFIC LAW ARRESTS</b>		
<b>FELONIES</b>		
Aggravated Unlicensed	0	2
Driving While Intoxicated	0	4
	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>MISDEMEANORS</b>		
Aggravated DWI	1	6
Aggravated Unlicensed 2nd	2	5
Aggravated Unlicensed 3rd	13	14
Driving While Intoxicated	5	19
Operating with Suspended Registration	4	38
More than .08% Blood Alcohol	3	15
	<b>28</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>INFRACTIONS</b>		
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device	279	389
Failure to Display Current License Plates/Tab	2	0
Failure to Keep Right	1	11
Failure to Yield Right of Way	5	6
Inadequate Lights/Equipment Defects	104	199
Miscellaneous Infractions	55	78
No Inspection Certificate	124	250
No Insurance	140	200
No Seat Belt	4	10

Passed No Passing Zone	0	0
Stop Sign	13	10
Speeding	86	132
Speed Not Reasonable & Prudent	0	0
Speed School Zone	20	2
Unlicensed Operator	30	34
Unregistered Motor Vehicle	35	60
Use of Cell Phone/Portable Electronic Device While Driving	57	39
<b>TOTAL VEHICLE &amp; TRAFFIC LAW ARRESTS</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1527</b>
<b>PARKING TICKETS ISSUED</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Between 2am – 6am	135	92
Block driveway/Angled Street/Blocked Main Traveled Road	1	0
Fire Hydrant	0	0
Handicapped Zone	0	1
Left Side of Roadway	35	9
No Inspection	1	1
No Parking Zone	33	24
On Sidewalk	4	0
Parking 12 inches from curb	0	0
Parking at intersection	0	0
Parking on Highway	7	1
<b>TOTAL PARKING TICKETS ISSUED</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION</b>		
Vehicle Checks Without Arrests	2888	4280
Property Checks Completed	2031	2639
Street Lights Reported Out	19	11
Court Hours	346	402
Village Property Lost or Stolen	\$53,136.46	\$78,983.02
Village Property Recovered	\$1,897.31	\$1,560.00
Property Recovered for Other Departments	\$0	\$0
DARE (Cayuga Heights & Northeast Elem.) Complete Curriculum	2	0

<b>REPORTABLE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>				
Property Damage Accidents	54	72	44	47
Personal Injury Accidents	7	7	2	4
Fatal Accidents	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>51</b>
Cars Involved	86	68	65	77
Persons Injured	8	7	2	4
Persons Killed	0	0	0	0
Accident Arrests	1	4	0	3
Ambulance Required	3	2	0	2
<b>MONTH</b>				
January	8	6	4	3
February	7	6	9	3
March	6	3	6	9
April	4	9	2	1
May	6	8	3	3
June	5	7	5	3
July	6	8	3	4
August	2	5	2	5
September	2	5	0	4
October	6	9	2	5
November	5	9	2	5
December	4	6	8	6
<b>DAY OF WEEK</b>				
Sunday	8	6	7	11
Monday	14	12	3	5
Tuesday	7	9	10	4
Wednesday	5	12	3	13
Thursday	10	14	8	6
Friday	7	15	12	8
Saturday	10	11	1	4
<b>LOCATION</b>				
At Intersection	15	9	10	8
Not at Intersection	46	16	22	34
Highway	14	14	15	28
Non-Highway	47	12	7	20
Parking Lot	7	6	2	3

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

<b>TRAFFIC CONTROL</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
None	46	40	32	40
Stop Sign	10	5	6	6
Other	0	1	6	1
No Pass Zone	5	2	2	4
<b>WEATHER CONDITION</b>				
Clear	17	24	12	19
Rain	4	2	4	7
Fog	0	0	0	0
Snow/Ice	13	3	11	8
Cloudy	29	13	17	17
Unknown	1	2	2	0