

# **TIOGA COUNTY**

# **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## **2024 ANNUAL REPORT**



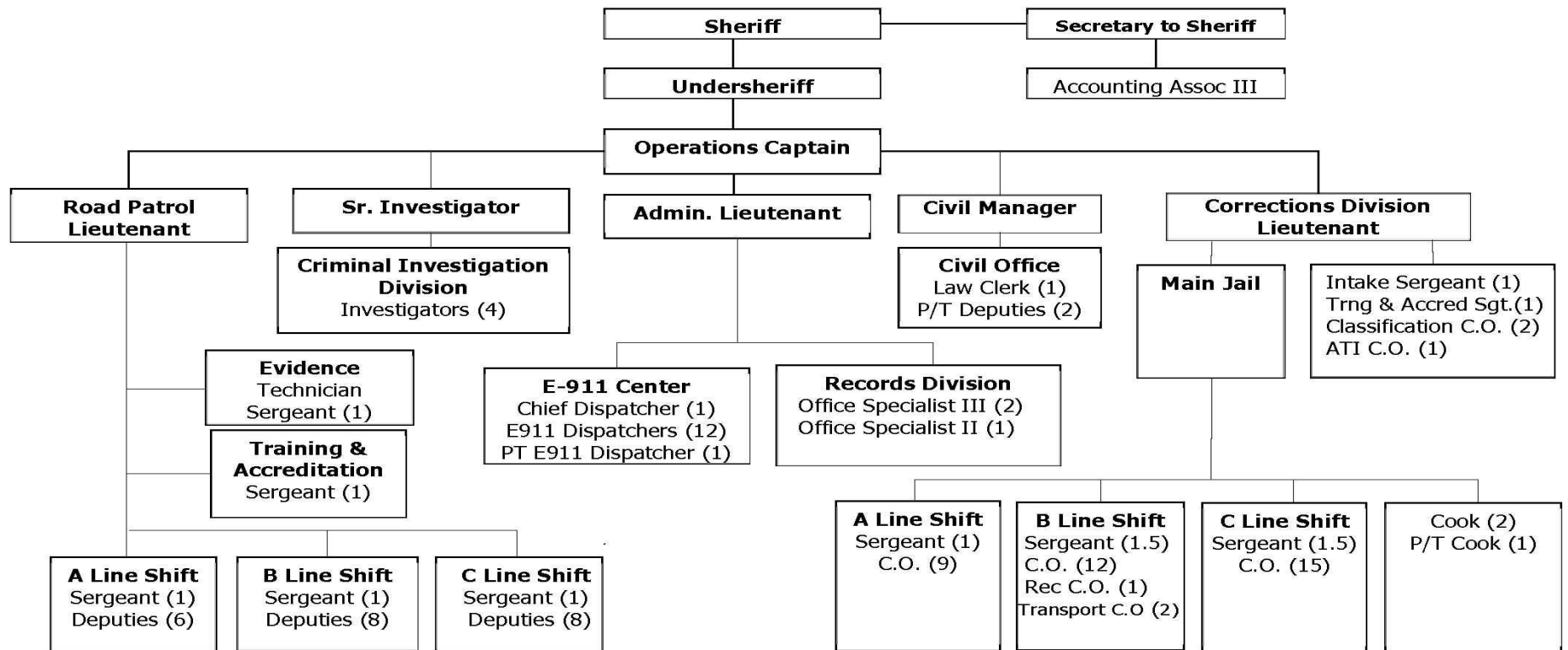
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# **TIOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## **Organizational Flow Chart**

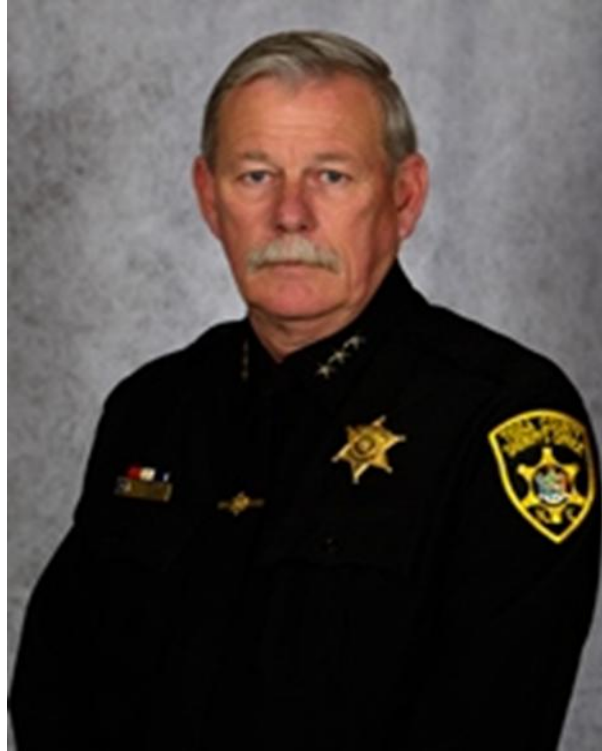
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# REMARKS

## *Sheriff Gary W. Howard*



As you review this report, you'll find a summary of statistics and narratives detailing the type and volume of work being performed by each Division of the Sheriff's Office, as well as a glimpse into the special programs created and provided for the public to use.

I hope that you will take notice of the volume of work being performed by my dedicated and professional staff. The trend of increasing workloads and unfunded mandates continue, but as I've previously stated, I believe that we are capable and talented enough to meet these challenges.

As always, I want to encourage all citizens to be proactive in crime prevention and in helping to keep our communities safe.

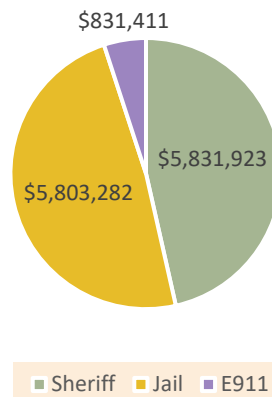
I am proud to serve as your Sheriff and will continue to work hard in leading a professional and effective Sheriffs' Office.

# ADMINISTRATION

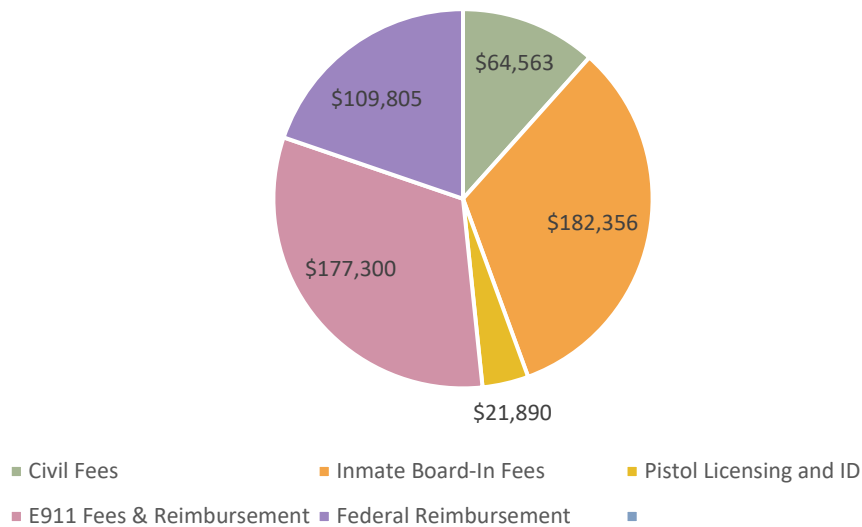
## BUDGET

Three budget components create the overall Sheriff's Office Operational Budget:  
Sheriff's Operations, Jail Operations and E911 Operations

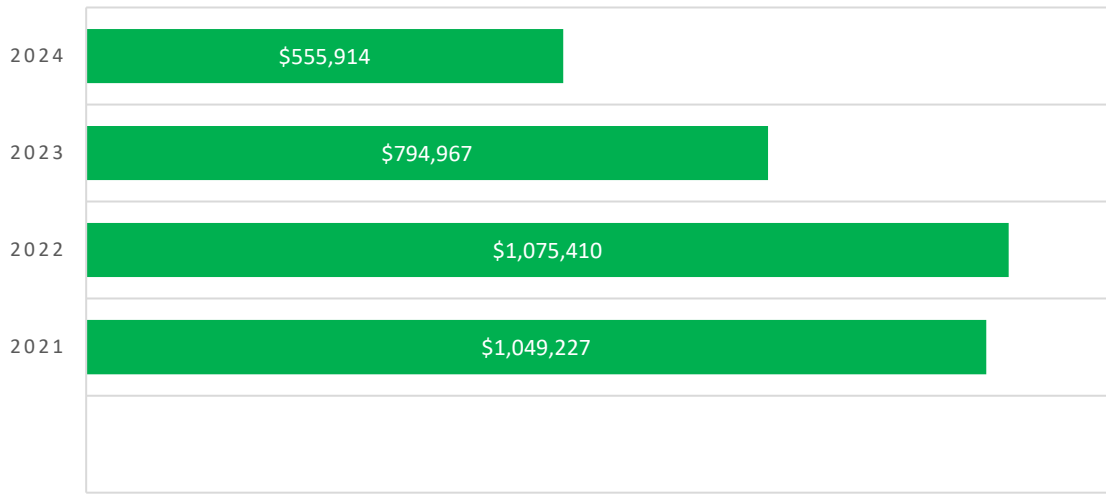
2024 Sheriff's Office Budget  
(\$12,537,374)



2024 Sheriff's Office Revenue



## SHERIFF'S OFFICE REVENUE (COMPARISON BY YEAR)



## Grants

State and Federal grant funding continues to be a priority and is an important objective in meeting our goal of providing cost effective services.

Federal and NYS Homeland Security Grant monies continue to provide for essential equipment and information technology upgrades for emergency services and public safety.

In 2024, the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Council provided a grant for \$12,540 for traffic enforcement and NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services provided \$20,913. The NYS E911 Expedited Funding for the Public Safety Answering Point was \$109,805.

STOPDWI Funding provides for Special DWI Patrols, as well as equipment in support of DWI enforcement.



## Public Service Programs



The Sheriff's Office continues to be an active partner with the NYS Child Passenger Safety Program. Tioga County residents can make a reservation to have their child safety seat inspected as well as be instructed on the proper method for installing a child safety seat.

In collaboration with the Tioga County Department of Health, Deputy Kaden Siang continues to actively participate in several Car Seat installation events during the calendar year.

### Offender Watch®

*Sex Offender Registration and  
Notification System  
CriminalJustice.ny.gov  
1-800-262-3257*

A free on-line service which provides citizens with the information needed to protect their loved ones. The service allows you to view known registered offenders and predators in your area. Knowing who these people are provides you with your best defense to protect your family – awareness. The service also allows for instant e-mail notifications which alert you if a registered sex offender moves within proximity to your home.

### Operation Safe Child

Using equipment that contains the latest digital fingerprinting technology and high resolution photography, the Tioga County Sheriff's Office provides SAFE CHILD cards for parents and guardians. In the event a child is lost or reported missing, these cards would serve as critical identification for law enforcement. The program is staffed by Corrections Officers who travel to schools and special events throughout the county during the year to process these specialized identification cards for children ages 3 through 15 years of age. In 2024, staff completed one Operation Safe Child event. Unfortunately, weather cancelled several other events.



In partnership with the NYS Sheriffs' Association, citizens can access the NYS VINELink which is an online resource that allows you to search for information regarding an offender incarcerated in State Prison or the 60 County Correctional facilities throughout NYS. This service is provided to assist victims of crime who have a right to know about their offender's custody status and when they are being released from incarceration. If you want to be notified of any offender's release, you can register to be notified by phone call, text message, in app, TTY or E-mail. In 2024, 1,694 notifications were sent out.





Tioga County residents can obtain a Sheriff's Personal I.D. Card. Utilizing state of the art digital equipment, Sheriff's personnel can produce a high-grade personal identification card embedded with an embossed hologram. This service is available during business hours, Monday- Friday, for a fee of \$15 for children and adults. \$10 for Senior Citizens. Cash is the only form of payment for this service. See the Tioga County website at [www.tiogacountysheriff.com](http://www.tiogacountysheriff.com) for required documentation to obtain an ID.



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The official website for the Sheriff's Office provides visitors with an array of information about operations and special programs. Press releases and special advisories are made available to the public, as well as useful links to other public safety related websites and organizations.

A confidential 'Tip Line' has provided hundreds of valuable leads which have resulted in the successful investigation and prosecution of drug dealers and other criminal activity.



# **Law Enforcement** **Operations**



## **Road Patrol Division**

The Road Patrol Division is the primary law enforcement component of the Sheriff's Office. It is comprised of 27 deputy positions.

Their jurisdiction includes all of Tioga County, which covers 524 sq. miles with 1,089 miles of highway.

### **Primary Mission**

- Traffic enforcement
- Criminal investigation and apprehension
- Keeper of the peace
- Crash investigation
- Prisoner transports
- Service of civil processes
- Deter criminal activity

## **Criminal Investigation Division**

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is staffed by 5 Investigators. Each investigator has extensive law enforcement experience and has received specialized training for conducting criminal investigations of serious crimes.

### **Primary Mission**

- Investigation of all serious crimes and death scenes
- Identification, apprehension, and prosecution of criminals
- Crime scene ID and management
- Evidence and recovered property management
- Conduct background investigations
- Manage sex offender registration program.

# 2024 Law Enforcement Statistics

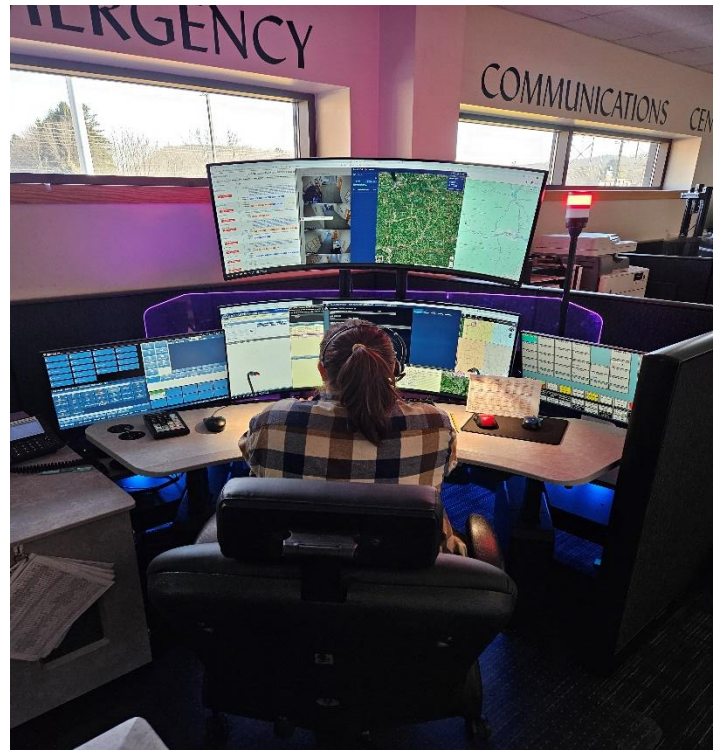
The Road Patrol Division handled 9,122 calls for service and drove a total of 420,059 miles. As a result of their investigations, they made 148 felony arrests, 299 misdemeanor arrests and 37 violation arrests. Additionally, the deputies conducted 3,082 traffic stops resulting in the issuance of 2,272 Uniform Traffic Tickets and making 32 DWI arrests.

The Criminal Investigation Division took on 509 new cases in 2024. Seventy-five percent of the cases consisted of the following case types: Arson, Assault, Burglary, Child Abuse, Drug Investigations, Fraud, Larcenies, Search Warrants, Sex Abuse cases, Death Investigations and Sex Offender Management/Violation cases. They are responsible for investigating most felony cases and in 2024 they charged 53 defendants with a total of 97 Penal Law charges. Additionally, they assisted the Road Patrol Division as well as other outside local, State and Federal agencies with investigations including drug and sex abuse investigations.



**The Sheriff's Law Enforcement Division (Road Patrol and Criminal Investigations) has been awarded re-certification from the NYS Sheriffs' Association – Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. The program is designed to establish and promote standards which are widely considered to be prudent and effective for operating a Law Enforcement Agency. It provides formal recognition that the law enforcement component meets or exceeds all 110 of the accreditation quality standards. The Law Enforcement Division has been accredited since 1998.**

# E911 Emergency Communications Center



**The E911 Emergency Communications Center is the sole PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) for all of Tioga County and serves as the communications hub for all emergency services.**

**The center is staffed with 13-E911 Dispatchers and operates around the clock every day of the year.**

## **Primary Mission**

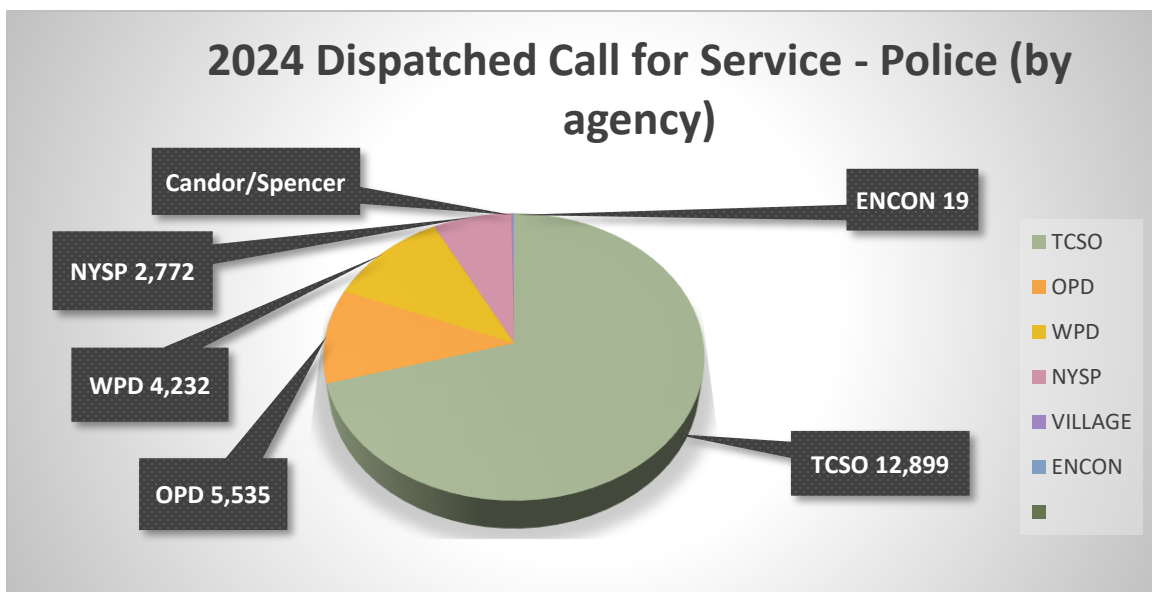
- E911 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) -
- Public Safety emergency response dispatching -
- Law Enforcement call taking and dispatching -
- Information retrieval from public safety data banks and DMV -
  - Law Enforcement database inputs -
- Public Health and Mental Hygiene On-Call notifications -
  - Tioga County Fire and EMS Dispatching -

## Center Statistics

Phone calls received	96,967
Total Calls for Service (Fire/EMS/Law)	35,644
E-911 calls	25,508
Radio transmissions	203,760

Agency	2022	2023	2024	3 yr. avg.
<b>Tioga County Sheriff</b>	<b>16,681</b>	<b>14,474</b>	<b>12,899</b>	<b>14,685</b>
<b>Owego Police Dept.</b>	<b>4,757</b>	<b>5,385</b>	<b>5,535</b>	<b>5,226</b>
<b>Waverly Police Dept.</b>	<b>3,416</b>	<b>3,536</b>	<b>4,232</b>	<b>3,728</b>
<b>New York State Police</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>2,375</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>2,457</b>
<b>P/T Village Police (Candor/Spencer)</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Environmental Cons. Police</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Total calls</b>	<b>27,170</b>	<b>25,914</b>	<b>25,516</b>	<b>26,200</b>

\* In August 2024, the Tioga County Emergency Communications Center received a major facelift consisting of new dispatch consoles, monitors and computers. This upgrade also included new operating systems, programs and interfaces that will help to ensure that the dispatchers are able to best serve the citizens of Tioga County.



## Dispatched Calls for Service – Fire/EMS (by agency)

Agency	2022	2023	2024	3 yr. avg.
Apalachin Fire	1,077	932	1,076	1,028
Berkshire Fire/EMS	66	43	59	56
Campville Fire/EMS	1,186	1,164	1,289	1,213
Candor Fire	151	148	146	148
Candor Squad	734	754	812	767
Halsey Valley Fire/EMS	21	14	31	22
Maine EMS	653	566	667	629
Newark Valley Fire	118	110	138	122
Nichols Fire/EMS	413	357	368	379
Owego EMS	1,659	1,733	1,702	1,698
Owego Fire	276	264	334	291
Richford Fire	85	49	81	72
Southside Fire/EMS	123	90	83	99
Spencer Fire/EMS	356	312	357	342
Spencer Squad	366	349	346	354
Tioga Center Fire/EMS	450	290	266	335
Waverly/Barton Fire	208	254	309	257
Weltonville Fire/EMS	70	86	89	82
Lockwood Fire/EMS	97	93	90	93
Greater Valley EMS	1,683	1,704	1,826	1,738
Tioga County C.I.S.M.	1	1	0	1
Air Med Helicopter	11	18	14	17
Search and Rescue	2	1	0	1
Fire Investigation Team	31	36	41	36
Hazmat Team	4	4	3	4



# ***THE IMPACT OF THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC ON TIOGA COUNTY***

In addition to tracking calls for service for the various police, fire and EMS agencies within Tioga County, the Communications Division also tracks the number of overdoses that occur within Tioga County. These overdose numbers include cases where non-opiates were involved as well.

In 2024, Tioga County experienced a total of 59 drug overdoses that police, fire and EMS agencies responded to. Of those calls, 28 were opioid related, 31 were non-opioid related and 2 were fatal overdoses. NARCAN was administered a total of 17 times.

## **2024 Overdoses – by location**

<b>Town/Village</b>	<b>Opioid</b>	<b>Non-opioid</b>
<b>Town of Barton</b>	0	1
<b>Town of Berkshire</b>	0	0
<b>Town of Candor</b>	4	2
<b>Town of Newark Valley</b>	0	4
<b>Town of Nichols</b>	8	0
<b>Town of Owego</b>	3	3
<b>Town of Richford</b>	0	1
<b>Town of Spencer</b>	1	2
<b>Town of Tioga</b>	4	1
<b>Village of Owego</b>	4	11
<b>Village of Waverly</b>	4	6



**The Tioga County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center services 19 Fire/EMS departments, 7 police agencies and numerous other specialty agencies/divisions within Tioga County. The center also works closely with the Tioga County Office of Emergency Services as well as numerous other local, state, regional and federal agencies to ensure the safety of the life and property of the citizens of Tioga County.**



**The E911 Emergency Communications Center was awarded re-certification from the NYS Sheriffs' Association – Public Safety Answering Point Accreditation Program. The program is designed to establish and promote standards which are widely considered to be prudent and effective for operating an Emergency Communications Center. It provides formal recognition that an organization meets or exceeds all 71 of these quality standards, which cover four major areas of the organization: Administration, Training, Technology and Operations. The center has been accredited since 2008.**

# TIOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY



The Corrections Division is the largest component of the Sheriff's Office, consisting of 49 full time staff members. The facility operates within the statutory guidelines of the NYS Commission of Corrections and the NYS Corrections Law. The jail is a maximum-security facility authorized to hold 103 incarcerated individuals. Sentenced and non-sentenced male and female incarcerated individuals aged 18 or older are permitted to be confined in the facility. In addition to housing local incarcerated individuals, the jail is authorized and frequently houses incarcerated individuals from other counties, Federal inmates, NYS Parole Violators, Military, and civilly confined individuals.

## Primary Mission

- Provide safety and security for incarcerated individuals & staff
- Provide for the everyday needs of incarcerated individuals
- Incarcerated individual processing
- Court appearances - virtual or transport to court
- Medical appointments
- Discharge planning for successful re-entry into the community

A total of 487 incarcerated individuals were processed into the Tioga County Jail in 2024. Of the 487 processed, 330 arrestees were for the CAP court (Centralized Arraignment Part). This represents 68% of the jail's Intake process. Out of the 330 arrestees, 226 were released after the CAP court process. This represents 68% of arrestees that participate in CAP court were released.

Courts within Tioga County remanded 221 individuals accounting for 85% of the jail's population. This represents a 12% decrease from 2023. The other 15% account for board-ins. The average daily population was 46 incarcerated individuals from all sources.

Individuals incarcerated within the Tioga County Jail are held following commitments ordered by Courts of Jurisdiction. In 2024, the jail held 138 individuals on felony charges, 48 on misdemeanor charges and 69 on other charges such as Family Court matters and others. Of the total incarcerated individuals for the year, 195 were male and 66 were female.

## 2024 Jail Population – Daily Average – 46 **Incarcerated Individuals**

Daily Average Breakdown			
<u>County</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Board-ins</u>	<u>Weekenders</u>
<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>

## **Medication Assisted Treatment**

The Jail division provides Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) to incarcerated individuals prior to release as well as post-release referrals and transition for inmates diagnosed with opiate use disorder and alcohol disorder. In 2024, 39 incarcerated individuals participated in the MAT program. The jail collaborates with CASA Trinity to provide a full-time substance abuse counselor on site. The counselor provides programs, referrals, and ongoing treatments to incarcerated individuals that choose to participate. Incarcerated individuals are provided discharge planning for re-entry such as in/outpatient rehabilitation, programs and continue MAT. If an incarcerated individual chooses to, they can participate in training how to administer Narcan and receive a Narcan kit upon re-entry into the community.

## **Incarcerated Individuals Medical Care**

A private contractor manages incarcerated individual medical services. CBH, P.C. provides in-house medical care, including dental and mental health services. These services are provided to incarcerated individuals by onsite staff. Medical, mental health and Trinity staff coordinate all discharge planning for incarcerated individuals to have a successful re-entry back into the community. This involves collaborating with community agencies to provide educational opportunities such as life skills and self-help to assist them in becoming productive members of society.

CBH staff utilize the Jail's medical examination room, and a full dental suite. A certified RN provides sick calls and care to incarcerated individuals' 16 hours a day and a full-time mental health counselor is on staff to provide counseling and make treatment referrals. The supervising physician is always on call and visits the facility once a week to provide treatment. Total operating costs for medical services in 2024 was \$825,713.

## **Alternatives to Incarceration**

The Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Program has been operating in Tioga County since 1986 and provides the criminal courts with a sentencing alternative using community service. Eligible offenders are identified by the probation department and are recommended to the courts. The courts sentence the offender to the program for a predetermined amount of time. Once in the program, the offenders report to the Sheriff's Office each Saturday and Sunday to perform community service work. In 2024, 23 individuals participated and provided 880 hours of work to a variety of government and non-profit organizations.

## **Programs**

The Tioga County Jail offers TASC (Test Assessing Secondary Completion). The Owego - Apalachin School District has provided tablets for incarcerated individuals that participate. With these tablets, the individuals will have the ability to take them to their cells to continue educational activities. A variety of self-help courses that incarcerated individuals can participate in such as, communication skills, relapse prevention, goal setting, anger control, forgiveness/boundaries and substance abuse counseling are available. Churches and institutional ministries visit the facility regularly to minister and counsel those incarcerated individuals who show an interest in attending. Religious advisors are on call to assist with inmate needs.

## MEDICAL STATS FOR 2024

<b>1 Hospital Admissions</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>a. Number of Days</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>2. Outside Consultations</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>3. Emergency Room Visits</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>4. Off-Site Dialysis Treatments</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5. Off-Site Radiology</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>6. In-house X-Rays</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>7. In-house EKG's</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>8. Inmates Seen By Physician</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>9. Inmates Seen By Physician Assistant</b>	<b>284</b>
<b>10. Inmates Seen By Dentist</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>a. # of extractions</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>b. # of fillings</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>c. # of refusals</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>d. # of Dental Exams</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>11. Inmates Seen by Psychiatrist:</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>a. Full Evaluations</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>b. Follow-up evaluations</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>12. Inmates Seen by LMSW</b>	<b>493</b>
<b>13. Classes Attended by inmates</b>	<b>788</b>
<b>14. Inmates on Psychotropic Medications</b>	<b>293</b>
<b>15. Inmates on Constant Watches</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>16. Inmate MH Intake Screenings</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>17. Discharge Plans Completed</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>18. Inmates, visits to Staff</b>	<b>2207</b>
<b>a. Intake Screenings</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>b. Nurse's Sick Call</b>	<b>1837</b>
<b>19. Number of Positive PPD's</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>a. Number in Treatment</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>b. Number of Active Cases</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>20. Inmates Seen by STD Clinic</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>a. Number of Treated STD's</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>21. Pregnancies</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>22. Chronic Care Clinics</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>a. Pulmonary</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>b. Diabetes</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>c. Cardiovascular</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>d. General Medicine</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>e. Neurology</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>23. Grievances</b>	<b>37</b>



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# Civil Office

Under the NYS Constitution, each Sheriff's Office must operate a Civil Office. The Sheriff is a designated enforcement officer of the Supreme Court of New York and is responsible for enforcing lower court mandates.

The Civil Office is responsible for receiving, docketing, and serving civil processes issued by courts within and outside of New York and providing appropriate proofs of service. Their responsibility includes executing court orders, including warrants of eviction, writs of assistance, civil arrest warrants, orders of seizure, orders of attachment, and orders directing the conveyance of real property.

The Civil Office enforces judgments through enforcement of Income and Property Executions, directing the garnishment of wages, delivery of real property and the sale of real property at public Sheriff's sales. The proceeds of these enforcement procedures are collected and disbursed to the judgment creditors monthly. Sheriff's fees received for the service and enforcement of civil processes and mandates are collected pursuant to law and remitted to the County Treasurer.

The office is staffed by a Civil Manager and a Law Clerk and is in operation during business hours, Monday through Friday. Two part-time Deputy Sheriffs are assigned to provide personal service of processes.

## 2024 Civil Division Statistics

### Service of Process – 697

- *(includes 44 enforced evictions)*

### Executions

- Income executions 182
- Property executions 3

Civil Office - Statistical Comparison			
Year	Processes	Receipts	Revenue
2018	887	\$794,757	\$85,603
2019	710	\$904,333	\$83,615
2020	501	\$803,754	\$64,131
2021	611	\$780,349	\$68,698
2022	655	\$718,752	\$76,358
2023	786	\$571,642	\$64,095
2024	882	\$530,669	\$64,563

**Bail monies received and disbursed (to local criminal courts) \$117,801**

**2024 Civil Division – Receipts/Revenues – (breakdown by month)**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>	<u>Remitted to Treasurer</u>
January	\$50,582.08	\$5,988.60
February	\$48,029.55	\$2,100.00
March	\$36,784.72	\$5,501.00
April	\$34,795.05	\$5,268.64
May	\$39,255.05	\$5,705.84
June	\$36,922.17	\$6,072.47
July	\$52,443.30	\$6,577.84
August	\$42,780.98	\$5,780.16
September	\$50,747.80	\$5,193.82
October	\$48,987.20	\$6,600.87
November	\$42,891.59	\$5,245.06
December	\$46,649.90	\$4,528.68
Totals	\$530,669.39	\$64,562.98 (poundage & fees)



The Sheriff's Civil Office was inspected and approved for Accreditation by the NYS Sheriffs' Association – Civil Office Accreditation Program. The program is designed to establish and promote standards which are widely considered to be prudent and effective for operating a Civil Office within New York State. It provides formal recognition that the Civil Office component meets or exceeds all 121 of the accreditation quality standards.

# Records Division and Pistol Permit Office

The Records office is responsible for managing all legal documents generated by the Sheriff's Law Enforcement and Corrections operations. In addition to the traditional archival duties, this office interacts with the public and a variety of private and government organizations.

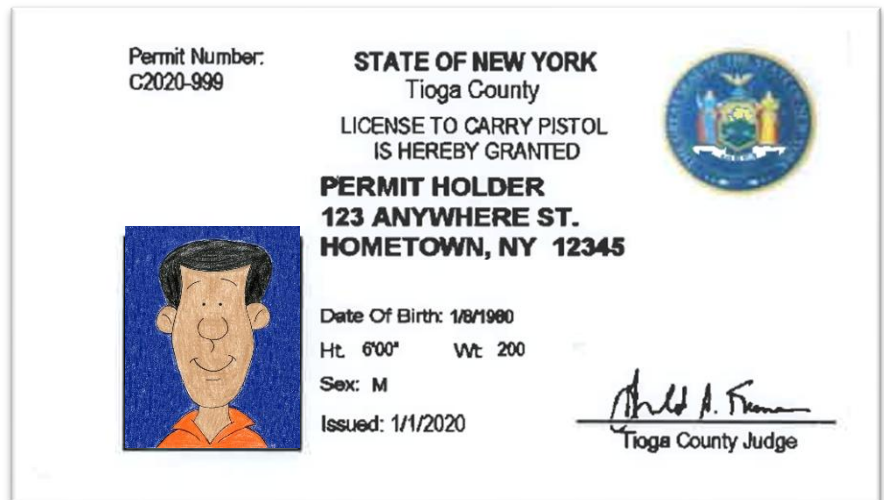
Dissemination of records and information are routinely performed for such agencies as: Insurance Companies; Dept. of Social Services; Dept. of Health; U.S. Military; Private Attorneys; Local, State, and Federal courts.

The office is staffed by three civilian employees and operates during regular business hours.

## Pistol Permits

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for processing and managing all Tioga County Pistol Permits, Gun Dealer, and Gun Smith Licenses. The issuing authority for all permits and gun licenses is Tioga County Judge Adam Schumacher.

The Sheriff's Office supports Judge Schumacher by performing all administrative duties and background investigations. The Sheriff has authority to issue an official recommendation for granting or denying a license or a permit. To help defray some of the operating costs in performing these duties, the Sheriff's Office is permitted to charge a predetermined fee for each type of transaction.



## 2024 Sheriff's ID & F.O.I.L. Report

Service	# of Transactions
Sheriff's ID	56
Senior ID	13
F.O.I.L.	1538

## 2024 Pistol Permit Activity Report

Transaction Type	# of Transactions
New Permit	140
Duplicate Permits (lost/paper to plastic)	28
Transfer Out	41
Transfer In	32
Amendment - Other	950
Dealer/Gunsmith – New	1
Dealer/Gunsmith – Renewal	1

# **Professional Development & Training**

Training is a vital component of the Sheriff's Office mission. With changing trends, expectations and responsibilities, the need to teach new techniques and provide updated information is critical to the safety of the officers as well as the success of the Sheriff's Office.

## **Minimum Basic Training** *(Sworn Officers)*

**Road Patrol Deputy**  
Police Officer Certification  
Six-month Academy  
Eight weeks Field Training

**Corrections Officer**  
Peace Officer Certification  
Eight week Academy  
Six weeks Field Training

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**Public Safety Dispatcher**  
12 weeks Field Training plus APCO/EMD and CPR/AED Certification and Public Safety Dispatcher Course 1

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During the year, Sheriff's personnel attended both "in-house" training such as Police Firearms Qualification Course, Pepper Spray training, TASER and Policy and Procedure reviews, as well as mandated and elective training.

Personnel attended numerous trainings in 2024. Below is a list of just some of those trainings:

Crash Management Series - Drug Recognition Expert – Field Training Officer - Instructor Development Course – Leadership Tioga – Basic Investigative Photography – Annual Taser Training – O.C. Instructor Course – ARIDE (Advances Roadside inv.) – Evidence Technician – Property Room Management – ASP Instructor Course – Computer Voice Stress Analysis Course – Project Lifesaver Certification Course – Taser Instructor Course – Firearms Instructor Course – Comprehensive Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Investigations Course – Defensive Tactics Instructor Course – Reality Based Training Instructor – Assisting Individuals In Crisis – Notary Public Certification – Basic Corrections Academy – AMBER Alerts training – Incident Tactical Dispatcher Course – Emergency Medical Dispatching course – Communicating With the Mentally Ill for Dispatchers

# **Employee Recognition**

Each year in September, the Sheriff's Office holds an awards ceremony to recognize the work and achievements of Sheriff's Office employees. Officers and civilian employees are selected by command staff to receive commendations for outstanding work or achievement during the preceding year.

Awards and commendations are presented to employees for various achievements including but not limited to their work in drug and DWI enforcement, critical incidents, unit citations for large scale incidents, actions taken in life saving situations, long term in depth criminal investigations as well as for other actions taken that are above and beyond the normal course of business.

Each year, the Sheriff's Office also recognizes those individuals who have reached service milestones of 5-year intervals. Below is a list of individuals who have reached their respective milestones in 2024.

<b>Five Year Service Ribbon</b>	<b>Ten Year Service Ribbon</b>	<b>Fifteen Year Service Ribbon</b>
C.O. Justin King Dep. Jaren Moss Dep. Jolene Payne	Sgt. Ryan Longo Dep. Kaden Siang C.O. Steve Wasko	C.O. Anthony Birtch Sgt. Keith Spangenburg
<b>Twenty Year Service Ribbon</b>	<b>Twenty-five Year Service Ribbon</b>	<b>Thirty Year Service Ribbon</b>
C.O. Sean Bevilaqua Sgt. Brenda Yaeger Conf. Sec. to Sheriff Diane Rockwell	C.O. Tina Kidney C.O. David Russell	Public Safety Dispatcher Shellianna Decker



# Community Out-Reach

## NYS Sheriff's Summer Camp Iroquois

The Summer Camp Program, founded in 1977, was established by NYS Sheriffs to aid and enhance the development of the state's youth. In 2024, eleven children from Tioga County were selected to participate in the program, with all expenses being paid by the NYS Sheriff's Association. The camp also employed two counselors from Tioga County.

The children are selected with the help and input of area school officials and youth advocates who identify eligible children who they believe will benefit most from the experience.

The program is designed to foster a stronger relationship between the children and law enforcement and to give children a chance for a summer camp experience.



Located on the shores of Keuka Lake, outdoor learning activities, with professional instruction, are the cornerstone of the camp's recreational program. Team sports are also emphasized as a vehicle to teach comradery and discipline.

Sheriffs' Offices from across the state volunteer staff to supplement the professional staff. The volunteers spend a great deal of time with the kids, with many of them conducting demonstrations in the fields of archery, boating, water safety, and police dog exercise.

Deputy Lukas Brown directed our program, and we thank him for volunteering to act as a mentor to the kids while at camp. Many volunteers from each school district are instrumental in helping to recruit eligible children and to complete a wide variety of prerequisite tasks needed for the children to attend the camp. These individuals have made our participation in the camp a success. The Sheriff's Office handled transportation to get the children to and from camp and thanks to generous donations by the community and the Tioga County Law Enforcement Association, our campers were provided food and beverages.