



2010 Annual Report



Colonie Police Department

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On The Cover:

On May 6, 2010 police officers and public safety dispatchers were recognized for performing a task in an exemplary manner and dedication to their profession at an annual awards ceremony held at the Public Safety Center. Pictured are the 2010 award recipients.



As I write this message, 2011 has proven to be a particularly dangerous year for law enforcement in terms of assaults against police officers. From January 1, 2011 to April 30, 2011, sixty-three officers have been killed in the line of duty, thirty-two of which were by gunfire and six of which happened in New York State. My administration, in hopes to avoid such a tragedy, has worked tirelessly to ensure that all police officers of the Colonie Police Department receive the most up to date training and are properly equipped to handle incidents that could turn violent.

In spite of increased violence towards police officers nationwide, I am pleased to say that the Town of Colonie was chosen for the second year in a row as the safest community in the United States based on statistics from the year 2009. While we always hope to remain number one, our ultimate goal is to consistently have positive interactions with the public and, with their support, ensure that we remain if not the safest, then one of the safest communities in the United States.

The department continues in the ongoing process of filling vacancies as a result of retirements. 2010 proved to be no different. After 32 years of dedicated service, Deputy Chief Joseph Fitzsimmons retired from the Colonie Police Department in the spring of 2010. Deputy Chief Fitzsimmons, who began his career with the police department in the fall of 1978, was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief in 2003. Taking his place in the administration as Deputy Chief of Police is Jonathan Teale, a 21-year veteran of the department. As a result of this and other retirements, several promotions took place during the year 2010. Michael Woods and John Archambault were both promoted to the position of lieutenant. Peter Gullinese and Henry Rosenzweig were promoted to the position of sergeant and John Santorio and Aaron Malinoski became investigators. Consequently, the department hired four new officers, two of which who came to the department from the Albany County Sheriff's Department.

All towns in New York State continue to face dire financial situations and our town and police department are no different. Through very creative thinking, the unwavering support of Supervisor Paula Mahan and the entire Town Board, and through the use of a team approach to spending issues, the Colonie Police Department is extremely proud of its efforts in controlling costs while still providing exemplary service through almost daily contact between our administration, the Supervisor's Office and the Town Comptroller. We collectively as a group have been able to continue to provide this service while attempting to have the least impact financially to our Town's citizens.



Executive Summary

- Chief Steven H. Heider

Deputy Chiefs of Police



Deputy Chief John M. Van Alstyne
Field Services Division



Deputy Chief Jonathan M. Teale
Administrative Services Division

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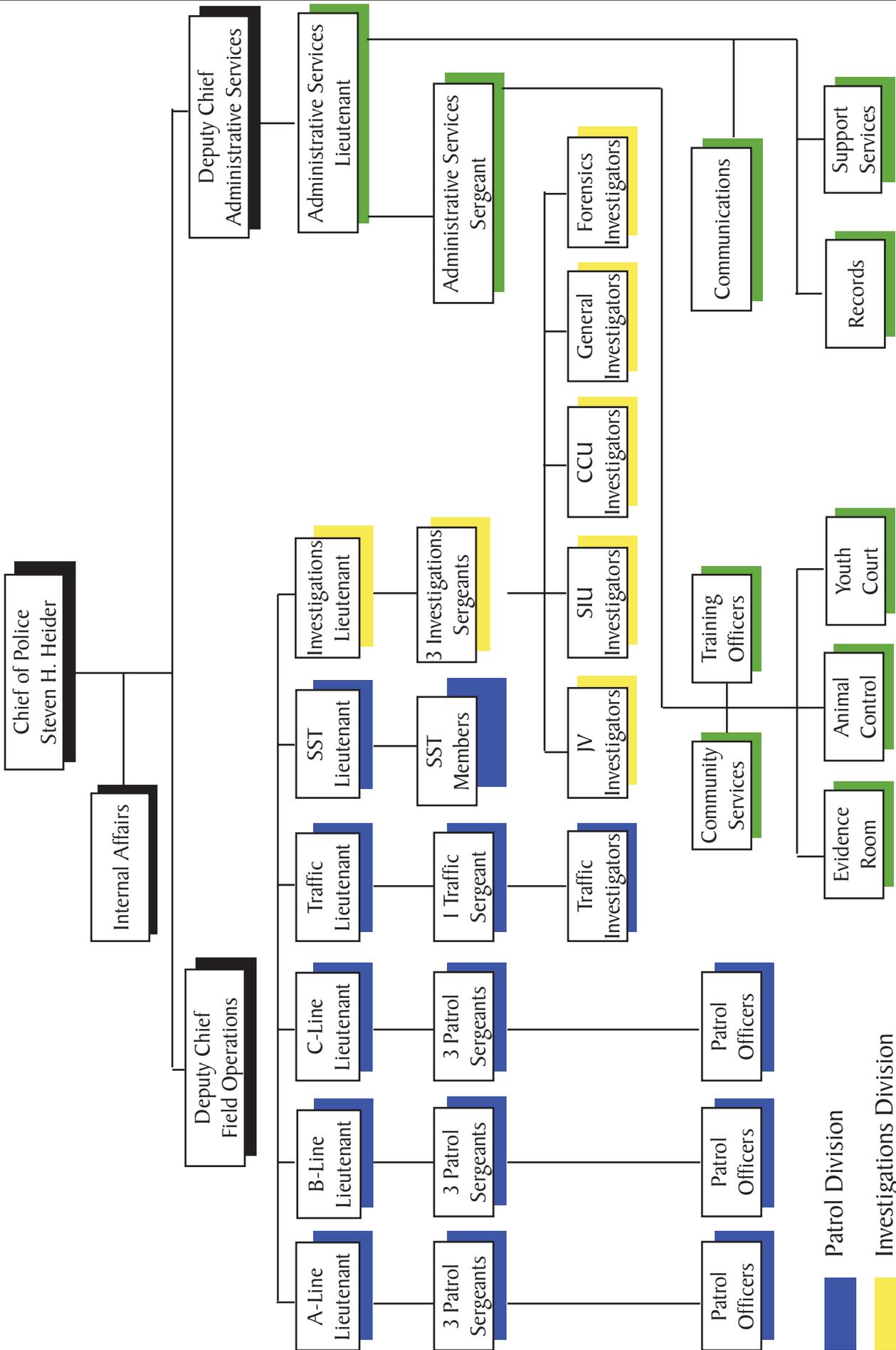
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School Resource Officer
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Fiscal Management
Statistical Analysis
Fleet Management
Grants Management
Candidate Processing
Animal Control
Evidence Room
Colonie Youth Court

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Colonie Police Department Organizational Chart



- Patrol Division
- Investigations Division
- Administrative Services Division

2010 Department Personnel

Chief of Police

Steven H. Heider

Deputy Chiefs of Police:

John M. Van Alstyne
Jonathan M. Teale

Lieutenants:

Paul L. Brannigan
Kenneth M. Pero
Stephen M. MacLasco
Robert H. Winn
John F. Archambault
Michael D. Woods

Administrative Services Sergeant:

Michael D. Franze

Detective Sergeants:

Kenneth M. Fuchs
Christopher P. Ruff
John E. O'Donnell

Traffic Safety Sergeant:

Robert S. Donnelly

Patrol Sergeants:

Robert W. Barrett
Jeffrey A. Hellkamp
David L. Leonardo
George Thomaides
John S. Vitale
Todd H. Weiss
James J. Gerace
Peter J. Gullinese
Henry J. Rosenzweig

SIU Investigators:

James D. Gerace
Stephen N. Donovan

Juvenile Investigators:

Robert J. Cazasta
Guy C. Jubert, Jr.
Steven M. Leonardo
Allan C. Secor
Christopher R. Smith

Forensics Investigators:

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Aaron J. Malinoski

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Frank D. Peris
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Israel J. Roman
Rebecca A. Ruecker
John G. Santorio
Michael P. Sbardella
Nicholas T. Sidoti
Chris A. Smith
James M. Splonskowski
Michael J. Tarbay
Jacques A. Tremblay
Janel L. Van Alstyne
Richard A. Villa
Robert M. Willey
Phillip J. Winglosky

Warrant Officer:

David J. Messmer

Community Services Officers:

Richard M. Barber
Patrick Germaine
Gregory L. Jensen
Sean M. McGee

K-9 Officers:

Gerald R. Shaw and K-9 Beny
Mark P. Mauro and K-9 Patriot

Training Officers:

Katy J. Herrington
Joseph A. Valiquette, Jr.

Motor Officers:

Robert J. Laliberte, Jr.
Todd Martinovich
Thomas McLaughlin
Michael J. Torrey

Communications Co-Directors:

Thomas R. Bortle
Michael G. Haller

Senior Dispatchers:

Michael Hennessey, Jr.
Lori A. Kunker
John J. Miller
David M. Ray
Roy D. Stiles

Dispatchers:

Neil C. Blanchard
David P. Danish
Robert Davis
Paul L. DiNuzzo
Scott C. Dilcher
Robert J. Elsner
Derek J. Ewing
Glenn V. Falzo
David R. Haller
Pieri Hayes
Keith R. Herrington
Gregory J. Hirsch
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Patrick F. O'Connor
Matthew Peterson
Stephen D. Waite
James Warren
Kristopher Winne

Victim Services Specialist:

Patrice S. Lockart

Evidence Technician:

Elise Fronk

Youth Court Director:

Violet Colydas

Assistant Youth Court Director:

Javier-Luis Martinez

Principal Records Clerk:

Kathleen J. Nash

Administrative Aide:

Mary Ellen Laurin

Principal Account Clerk:

Deborah C. Grauly

Information Support Clerk:

Melissa L. Shaw

Personnel Clerk:

Diana L. Blake

Typists:

Michelle L. Ainscoe
Kathleen D. Bianca
Beverly Buff
Maura K. Pilla
Dorothy C. Schultz
Nakia Tonic

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Daniel J. Rourk

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Animal Control Officers:

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Mary O. Garwood
David Miller
Ronald Notar

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Penny A. Oreshan
Kiki A. Perkins
Luane D. Quinn
Therese Roberts

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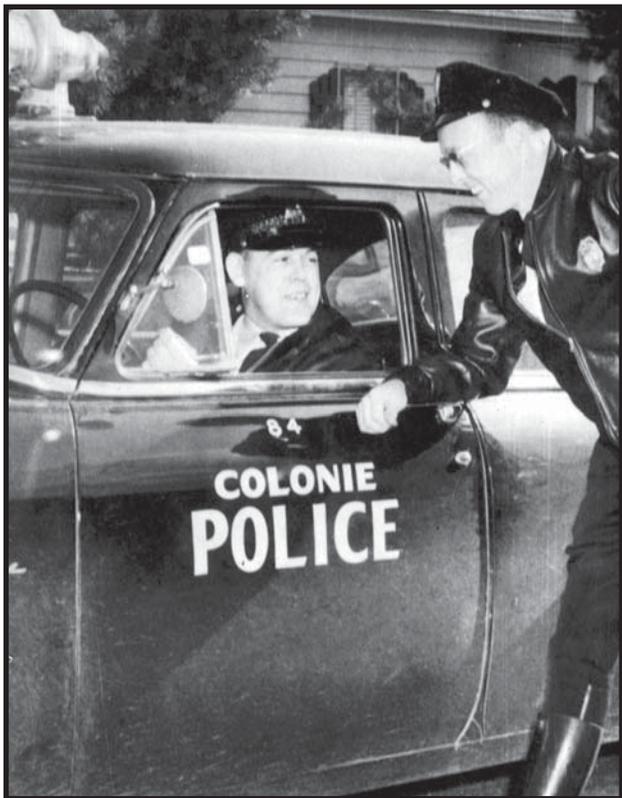
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Michelle L. Cleveland
Lillian Connor
Karen Croteau
Diana LaQue
Margie Mallory
John Ratzel
Susan Yelle

** Department Roster as of
January 1, 2011.*

Overview and History of the Department

The Colonie Police Department is a New York State accredited, full-service police agency serving the Town of Colonie, New York.

The Colonie Police Department was formed by a Town Board resolution on January 2, 1934. This resolution authorized the Police Department to hire a Chief and two Patrolmen – total budget \$2,500.00.



In 2010, the budget was approximately \$14 million.

There were 106 sworn officers, 64 civilian support personnel and over 60 vehicles in the police fleet. Starting Officer's salary has risen from \$400.00 to approximately \$48,000.00. Although the population and related growth of the Town and the Police Department have both grown substantially, the Police Department maintains contact with citizens by promoting a Community Policing policy throughout the agency.

The Police Department is structured into two main divisions. The Field Operations Division includes Patrol, Investigations and Traffic Safety. The Administrative Services Division provides support functions such as Communications, Records, Training, Personnel and Community Services. Administrative Services is also responsible for Fiscal Management, Grant Management, Statistical Analysis, Accreditation, Emergency Management and Animal Control.

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Colonie Police Department Mission Statement:

The mission of the Colonie Police Department is to interact with all citizens with dignity, honor and respect; to preserve life; to protect and maintain human and constitutional rights; to protect property; and to promote individual responsibility and community commitment to high quality standards of living.

The Colonie Police Department will perform this mission in partnership with the community it serves. The police department will foster and promote mutual education, respect, and problem solving with the community. All members of the police department have been empowered to be an agent for this partnership and the positive interaction it will bring.

PATROL DIVISION

The Colonie Police Patrol Division consists of three lieutenants, nine sergeants and 63 patrol officers. Part of the Patrol Division is the Traffic Safety Unit which consists of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant and four Traffic Investigators. These officers are deployed throughout eight patrol zones, 24 hours per day.



Officers assigned to the Patrol Division work one of three shifts:

- A-Line - 11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.
- B-Line - 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- C-Line - 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Thirty marked and unmarked vehicles are assigned for use by the Patrol Division.

Members of the Patrol Division duties include, but are not limited to:

- Proactive police patrol and crime prevention
- Enforcement of appropriate Federal, State and Local laws.
- Crash investigation
- Reporting and preliminary investigation of criminal complaints

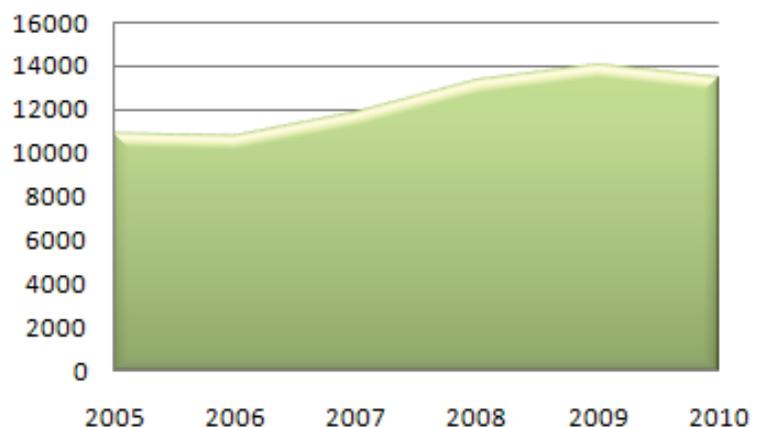
- Response to non-criminal complaints
- Response to calls for service

Additionally, members of the Patrol Division are at the forefront of the community policing initiative. Patrol officers are assigned to the same patrol areas on a daily basis to become familiar with the individuals and businesses they serve.

Patrol officers participate in special enforcement programs such as “Operation Mainstreet,” where officers are deployed in plainclothes and unmarked cars to take a proactive approach against drugs and criminal activity on Colonie’s streets. These officers also actively participate in many highway safety programs including Buckle Up New York and Stop DWI. Both programs focus on reducing injuries and eliminating fatalities on our roadways through aggressive enforcement activities.

In 2010, members of the Patrol Division issued 13,422 tickets. This is a 4% decrease from 2009.

Number of Citations Issued 2005 - 2010



Patrol Specialty Units

K-9 Unit

The Colonie Police Department has two Patrol K-9 teams, consisting of a dog and its handler. The canine is assigned to a specific officer, and the animal goes home with the officer/ handler, and becomes an integral part of the officer's family. These teams are a normal patrol unit and respond to routine calls for service as well as perform their specialized duties as a K-9 team. When not working, these teams are on call for immediate response. Both teams are trained in the following areas: tracking, building search, evidence recovery, handler protection, criminal apprehension, and advanced narcotics detection (which include, marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, and hashish). The teams are certified by The NYS Dept. of Criminal Justice Services.

Working the streets today are K-9 Beny and K-9 Patriot. Beny is a nine year old German Shepherd who has been working as a police K-9 since 2003. Beny and his partner, Officer Jerry Shaw, currently work the midnight shift. Patriot is an eight year old German Shepherd and is the first female canine to work for the Colonie Police Department. She is the partner of Officer Mark Mauro. Patriot and Officer Mauro currently work the afternoon shift.

Both teams participate in at least 24 hours of specialized K-9 training a month to meet the New York State requirement for certification. These teams also take part in local, state and national level training seminars to sharpen their skills. Also as part of their duties, these teams participate in numerous public and private demonstrations to show why and how the canine is deployed.

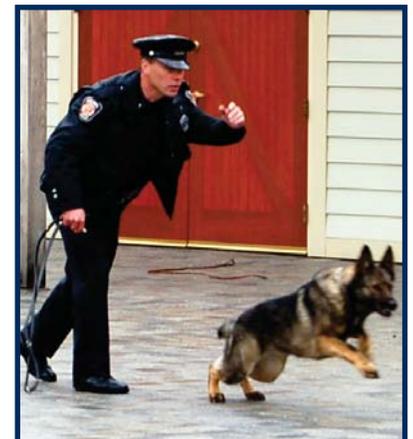
In 2010, the K-9 Unit was deployed:

- 49 times for tracking (*a decrease of 11%*)
- 14 times for area/building searches (*an increase of 17%*)
- 47 times for narcotic detection (*a decrease of 4%*)

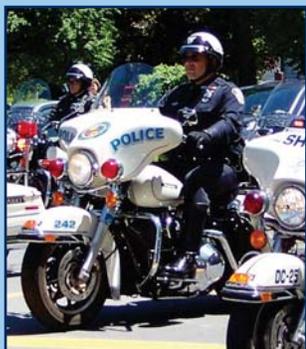
The unit also assisted Albany PD, Menands PD, NYSP, Niskayuna PD, Watervliet PD and US Probation. Additionally, on two separate cases, a K-9 team located a burglary suspect in a building.



*K-9 Officer Jerry Shaw
& K-9 Beny.*



*K-9 Officer Mark Mauro
& K-9 Patriot.*



Motorcycle Unit

The Motorcycle Unit consists of five officers and their Harley Davidson motorcycles. Officers assigned to the Motorcycle Unit handle all patrol functions as well as special events such as parades, escorts and funeral details. They offer the additional benefit of being able to patrol the Town bike path and other locations traditional patrol vehicles cannot access. Additionally, the Motorcycle Unit serves as the upstate New York escorts for the Patriot Flight, a national effort to provide World War II veterans free transportation to the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C.

Pictured: Motor Officer Todd Martinovich

Traffic Safety Unit

The Traffic Safety Unit, as a component of the Patrol Division, is comprised of four uniformed investigators, one sergeant and one lieutenant who are specially trained in several areas of traffic services including, but not limited to traffic enforcement, crash investigation and reconstruction, motor carrier safety regulations and hazardous materials incident management. This unit has the responsibility of investigating all collisions involving a fatality, life threatening physical injury or crashes involving Town owned vehicles. In addition, they collect and analyze crash and enforcement data, then develop and implement countermeasure programs that address identified highway safety problems. These investigators respond to the community's concerns involving traffic issues that include complaints of traffic volume, signage and vehicle traffic violations. This unit supports and assists the efforts of the Town's Highway Safety Committee.



Members of this unit are responsible for the maintenance and calibration of all of the department's speed measuring devices and breath testing instruments. The Traffic Safety Unit utilizes the Electronic Total Work Station. This computerized mapping instrument is an invaluable tool in precisely documenting a crime or crash scene. In 2010, the Traffic Safety Unit investigated 7 fatal crashes (*a 30% decrease*) and handled 334 case files (*a 10% increase*).

2010 Traffic Safety Grants:

In 2010, the Colonie Police Department Traffic Safety Unit received:

- A \$31,000 grant from STOP DWI for the funding of eight county wide DWI sweeps. The grant also provided training and equipment for the Traffic Safety Unit.
- A \$16,679.46 grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Council for Seatbelt Enforcement.

- A \$44,351.95 grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Council for "Selected Traffic" Enforcement.

On March 6, 2010, two young friends apparently trying to race one another home in their vehicles, collided at the intersection of Oak Street and Washington Avenue. The force of the collision sent one car into a house on the corner. The driver of that car, Bryan Coss, 23 was killed as a result of the crash. The Colonie Police Traffic Safety Unit determined through their investigation that the other driver, Russell Frost, 24, was driving under the influence of marijuana when he drove through a stop sign and hit Cross' car. Frost was charged with DWAI Drugs and Criminally Negligent Homicide as a result of the investigation. Frost eventually plead guilty to the charges and was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in state prison by Albany County Court Judge Thomas Breslin.



March 6, 2010
Motor Vehicle Accident

Bicycle Unit

In 2005, the Colonie Police Department debuted a Bicycle Patrol with the intention of giving the police department more latitude in patrolling the various parts of the Town and to provide more options in keeping with our Community Policing Initiatives. The objective of bicycle patrols is to reduce crime by enforcing laws through proactive policing and to better communicate with our residents by being more approachable than in a patrol car. Currently there are eight patrol officers as well as a sergeant assigned to the Bicycle Unit.

Bicycles are available for deployment on every shift for every day patrol from October to April. Additionally they are utilized at several community services events during this time. The bicycles were a common sight at Town and Village sponsored events at The Crossings Park, Cook Park and the Pruyn House.



Officer David Hornberger

- A fifth patrol bicycle was added to the fleet with the help of a grant from the Target corporation which covered approximately 90% of the cost to completely outfit the bicycle for patrol.
- A high profile case in the department was solved by an officer in the Bicycle Unit when without detection, he was able to observe approach an individual and subsequently interview him regarding a burglary and rape investigation. An investigation revealed that this individual was responsible for the rape and multiple burglaries in the neighborhood and he was arrested.

Special Services Team

The Colonie Police Department has a team of eighteen highly trained police officers known as the Special Services Team (S.S.T.). In addition to the training provided to all officers in the department, these officers receive specialized training in many areas including high risk traffic stops, barricaded subjects, hostage situations, vehicle assaults and the execution of high risk search warrants. The team members train a minimum of twice monthly in order to maintain the high level of proficiency that is expected of them. Each member of the team has a specified role within the Police Department's day to day operations. When needed, the team can be quickly assembled and mobilized for a high risk assignment.

The team members also have access to a specially outfitted marked patrol SUV that is operated by team members and deployed for regular patrol duties. This SUV has tactical equipment to aid in the resolution of high risk situations and when utilized

by the on-duty team members was instrumental in the successful resolution of approximately 15 various situations ranging from high risk traffic stops to suicidal subjects.

The Colonie SST was deployed as a full team one time in 2010. In June, the Special Services Team was requested by the Drug Enforcement Administration for the execution of a federal search and arrest warrant at a Walsh Place residence in Latham. The search warrant was part of a large scale investigation into the distribution of cocaine, heroin, crack and marijuana in the Capital Region. The Special Services Team conducted an early morning raid and successfully apprehended the individual named in the warrant.



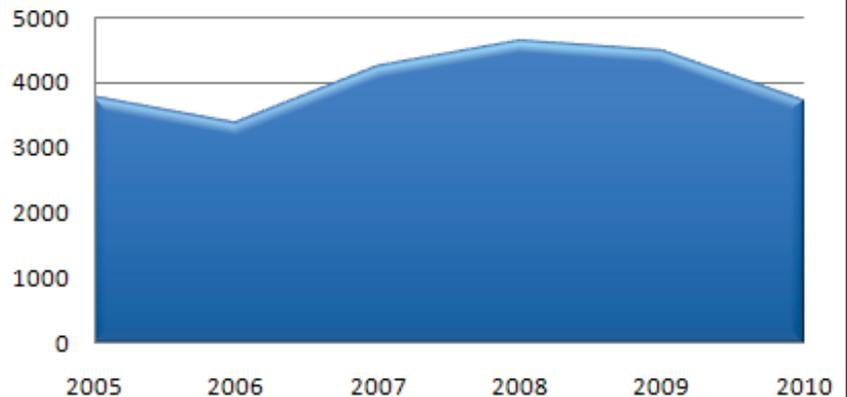
INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division is responsible for investigating crimes committed within the Town of Colonie. To meet the needs and demands of investigating various crime types, the Colonie Police Department Investigations Division has several units and sub-specialties.

Investigations Unit

The Investigations Unit is responsible for cases involving crimes against persons and property. This includes, but is not limited to, assault, robbery, burglary, and other penal law statutes. The Investigations Division handled 3,730 cases in 2010. This is a 17% decrease from 2009.

**Number of Investigations Cases
2005 - 2010**



Change In NYS Penal Law Proving To Be Effective Tool

Additions to the New York State

Penal Law in regards to strangulation has proven to be an effective tool for law enforcement particularly in the fight against domestic violence. Three offenses added on Nov. 11, 2010 include criminal obstruction of breathing or blood circulation (Class A misdemeanor), second-degree strangulation (Class D felony) and first-degree strangulation (Class C felony). Prior to the law, it was difficult to arrest or prosecute individuals accused of strangling their victims because in the vast majority of those cases, there was no visible physical injury, even if the victim temporarily lost consciousness. As a result, the only charge individuals often faced was second-degree harassment, a violation. More than 2,000 individuals statewide have been charged in the 15 weeks since the law went into effect including 5 within the Town of Colonie.

Four Arrested In Forged Credit Card Scheme

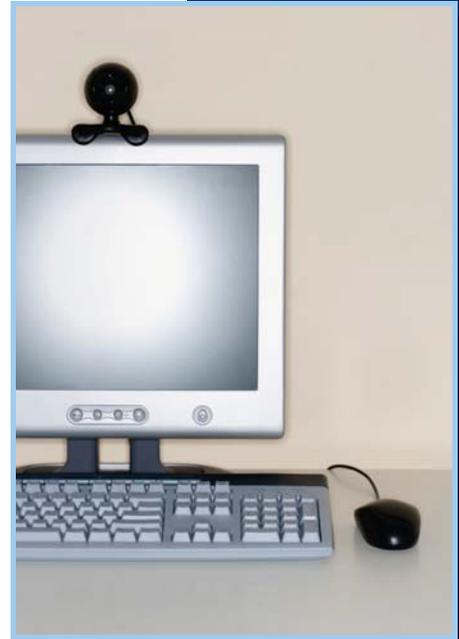
On January 24, 2011 the Colonie Police Department received a call from a Sherman Oaks, California resident reporting that fraudulent purchases were made on her credit card in Latham. The victim was checking her account online and noticed these transactions had just been made at the Red Robin Restaurant at 880 Loudon Road and the La Quinta Inn at 835 Loudon Road. Officers were able to determine that four individuals were staying at the La Quinta Inn who were suspected of using the victim's credit information. All four were taken into custody without incident. The defendants were found to be in possession of numerous gift cards as well as a credit card scanning device that had the capability of retrieving credit card information and also imparting credit card data onto gift cards. Fifteen victims have been located whose credit card information was being used by these individuals. An investigation revealed that these individuals paid a fee to an online service based out of Europe to obtain the credit card information. It is not known how the victims' credit card information was first compromised. Four individuals were arrested and faced felony charges. Two of the individuals pled guilty and are serving time and the remaining two are awaiting trial.

Computer Crime Unit

The Computer Crime Unit continues to adhere to its mandate to investigate online criminal activity, conduct undercover online investigations and provide forensic analysis of digital materials. The unit's role of proactively working in an undercover capacity has expanded with member affiliation in the FBI Innocent Image Program. This Innocent Image Task Force consists of six officers from capital district police agencies in partnership with members of the FBI Cyber Crime Unit to conduct undercover online investigations. Membership in this program has fostered investigations and networking information on a national level.

There continues to be an increase in the need for forensic analysis of computer materials. The Colonie Police Department is the only capital district municipal police agency to provide forensic analysis of computer medium. Providing these services to agencies throughout the capital district, the unit has investigated cases ranging from simple harassment to forgery, embezzlement, identity theft, missing persons, child abuse and exploitation. In each case, the capabilities of the unit to examine computer media and recover evidence have proven extremely valuable to both investigators and prosecutors.

Members of the Computer Crime Unit continue to conduct community programs for parents, teachers and students on internet safety. The unit also provides training on computer investigations to recruits at the regional Police Academy.



Public Information Officer



Throughout the year, the department issues scores of press releases that not only announce the commission of crimes or the arrest of offenders but also for the purpose of disseminating vital information to the public. In addition to the Chief's Office, responsibility for this falls to the Investigations Commander as well as to the appropriate division heads as necessitated.

In the year 2010, the Colonie Police Department issued 50 official releases.

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigates all illegal drug and vice-related crimes in the Town. They also assist and support the Investigation Unit in investigating crimes against persons and property. The Special Investigation continues to work closely with local, state and federal agencies as well as local task forces.

2010 Figures
*Seizure of Assets
and/or Property*
\$80,878
A decrease of 42%

Forensic Unit:

The Forensic Unit receives and processes evidence gathered by officers of this department during the course of an investigation. Investigators examine physical evidence including fingerprints which may be submitted to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, the New York State Police or the Federal Bureau of Investigations laboratories for analysis and possible identification.



The Colonie Police Forensic Unit was one of the first specialty forensic units in the Capital District. The science of crime scene processing and evidence recovery plays a crucial role in the prosecution of criminal cases. Investigators in this unit receive detailed and ongoing training in the latest forensic trends.

*Forensics Investigator
Sam Criscione*

2010 Figures

Items of Evidence Received

4,064

An increase of 26%

Total # of Items Processed

279

An increase of 77%

In 2010, 96 fingerprint submissions were made to the New York State lab. Of these 15 submissions were identified.

In 2010, 207 DNA submissions were made to the New York State lab. Of these 22 submissions were identified.

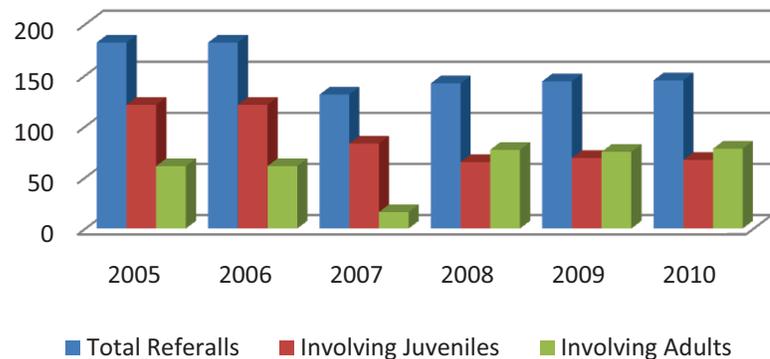
Juvenile Unit

The Juvenile (JV) Unit investigates incidents involving crimes committed by or against youths (under 16 years of age). Incidents may range from minor offenses to all other crime classifications.

A valuable support member included in the Investigation Division Juvenile Unit is a non-sworn member, Victim Services Specialist Patrice Lockart. Ms. Lockart assists investigators in cases involving victims of crimes and works with vulnerable populations including youth, elderly, mentally ill persons, victims of sexual assault and domestic violence as well as their families. Referrals to Ms. Lockart are initiated by police, families, victims and community members. Assessments and referrals to appropriate community support agencies are made from this office.

In 2010, Ms. Lockart worked on 145 referrals of which 67 were for children under the age of 16 and the remaining 78 involved the adult population.

Victim Services Referrals 2005 - 2010



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

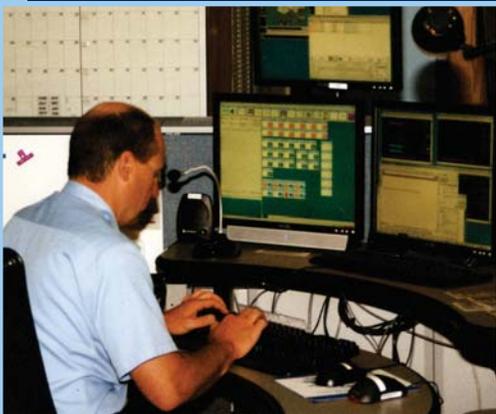
The Administrative Services Division is comprised of both sworn and civilian personnel. Personnel assigned to this division are responsible for all department support services including:

- Communications
- Community Services
- Records
- Fiscal Management
- Statistical Analysis
- Training
- Fleet Management
- Grant Management
- Accreditation
- Animal Control
- Colonie Youth Court
- Web Site

Communications:

Communications is responsible for all public safety communications in the Town of Colonie. It is a twenty-four hour operation and is staffed by two Public Safety Communications Supervisors, five Senior Dispatchers, and 22 full-time Public Safety Dispatchers. Communications receives requests and information that must be processed and prioritized, then dispatch Police, Fire and Emergency Medical units via a computer aided dispatch system.

In 2008, the radio system in communications was updated to a Motorola Astro 25 Digital Radio System replacing the former analog system, which had been in place for more than 15 years. Now that the upgrade is complete, the Town of Colonie has one of the most advanced two-way public safety and public service radio systems in the area. The change has improved radio communications throughout the Town as well as having software that will allow for future expansion.



This division also maintains and operates a mobile Field Operations van that provides communication functions in a command post setting. This vehicle is also utilized for backup dispatching services in the event of technical or mechanical failures in the 911 center.

The Communications Division is one of six E-911 answering points in Albany County answering both land line and wireless 911 calls for service as well as several other administrative lines. In 2010, the Communications Division answered 12,935 land line 911 calls and 14,862 wireless 911 calls. Of this total, 94.5% were answered within 8

seconds and 99% were answered within 12 seconds. These numbers are well within the guidelines set by the New York State 911 Board of 90% within 10 seconds.

2010 Figures

Police Calls

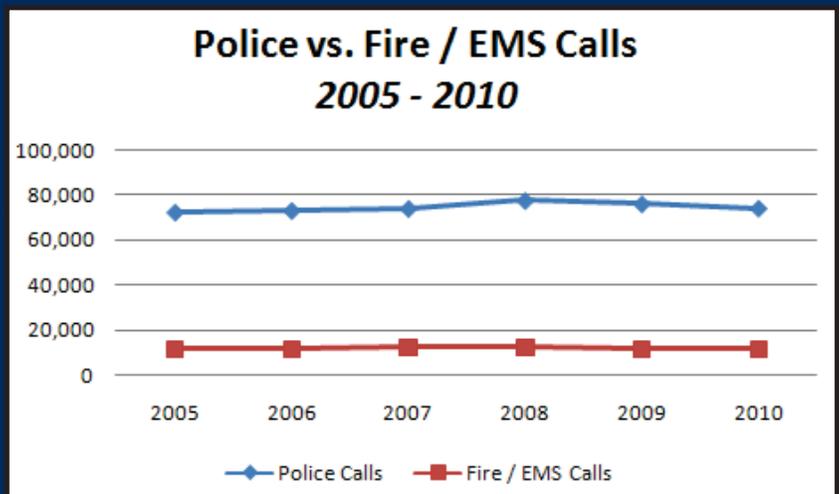
74,285

A decrease of 3%.

Fire/EMS Calls

11,654

A decrease of 1%.



Community Services Unit:

The Colonie Police Department Community Services Unit is comprised of four patrol officers. These officers work closely with citizens and businesses of the Town providing information about personal safety, security of property and methods to reduce criminal activities. In addition, two of our officers are New York State Certified Crime Prevention Specialists.

Members of this unit assist neighborhood groups by facilitating neighborhood watch programs, conducting crime prevention security surveys, attending neighborhood gatherings or meetings and addressing any specific neighborhood crime prevention needs. These officers serve on many committees and boards of local civic and school programs such as:

- School Crisis Intervention Teams
- Senior Citizen Committees
- Safe Schools Committees
- NYS Special Olympics
- Special Education Committees
- New York State Safe Kids

One officer is assigned to work closely with the Town of Colonie Senior Resources Department and the growing senior citizen population.

The four Community Services Officers offer the citizens, schools, colleges, civic organizations and businesses of the Town of Colonie approximately sixty different programs and services.

In a proactive approach to the growing threat of violence in the schools, the Community Services Unit continued its program in 2010 working with the local schools by assessing their security needs. In addition, Officer Rich Barber serves as the School Resource Officer at Colonie Central High School providing a consistent police presence within the facility.

As part of the department's SAFE Schools Initiative members of the Community Services Unit provide "tabletop" training for school Crisis Response Team members. This training involves the use of scenarios in which school personnel are placed under stressful conditions in an attempt to deal with a mock crisis. Members of the police department, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services are also present during this training and work with the school personnel while attempting to deal with the problem. In addition to the tabletop training, members of the Community Services Unit also provide classroom instruction on School Violence / Crisis Response to teachers.

Law Enforcement Torch Run For Special Olympics

The mission of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is to raise funds and awareness of the Special Olympics movement worldwide. Law enforcement officers from every state and over thirty countries carry the Flame of Hope in honor of the Special Olympics athletes in their area and around the world. 2010 was the 28th year for the Torch Run.



The 2010 Colonie Police Department Torch Run participants.

Project **D.A.R.E.**

In September of 1992 the Colonie Police Department in cooperation with the Town's two school districts and representatives of various private and parochial schools inaugurated the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program. D.A.R.E. provides the children of our community with the skills needed to deal with the dangers of drug abuse, alcohol abuse and violence. It also provides them with the guidance they need to make the right decisions for their health and future. D.A.R.E. is targeted for school children in the fifth and sixth grades.

This unit, now in its eighteenth full year of operation includes three fully trained D.A.R.E. officers. Additionally, one D.A.R.E. officer has been trained in the D.A.R.E. parent component program.

In 2010, these officers presented D.A.R.E. programs to approximately 2,500 students in the fifth, sixth and eighth grades in 18 schools and in 82 individual classrooms. Presentations and visitations to the kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms in 11 schools continue, which enable the officers to interact with an additional 4,500 children. This interaction provides students with safety skills for use at both home and school.

A high school program for the ninth through twelfth grades was developed to reduce the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs among our community's high school students. Students discuss the risks and consequences of underage drinking, experience hands-on demonstrations using fatal vision goggles and the risks and consequences of drinking, driving and riding with intoxicated drivers. In 2010, this program was presented to approximately 1,500 high school students in 55 classrooms.

In addition to the K-12 buildings, our officers also visit with many of our pre-kindergarten child care centers throughout the Town of Colonie talking with them about safety and letting them know that officers are their friends.

To help further our anti-drug programs our police department has instituted the "TARGET" Program (Teenage Alcohol Related Gathering Enforcement Team). This program is designed to reduce the use of alcohol among our community's youth.



Annual D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament

The Annual D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament not only provides an enjoyable day of friendship but also serves as a great fundraiser for the D.A.R.E. Program as businesses in the community assume the role as sponsors. In 2010, the event was held at the Schuyler Meadows Club where 120 golfers competed.



Child Car Safety Seat Inspections

Three certified Colonie Police Officers provide the service of checking child car safety seats to ensure that their installations are safe and proper. In 2010, 189 safety seats were examined (A decrease of 13% from 2009).

Training Unit:

The Training Unit staff includes two police officers and one sergeant on a full-time basis. This unit develops, implements and evaluates mandated in-service training as well as providing selective topical training. Twice a year this unit conducts practical exercise and classroom instruction that all of our officers attend. Officers also attend numerous local training sessions held throughout the region on various topics.

Training this year included instruction on the use of force, legal updates, EMS protocol and a full day of defensive tactics training. Additional in-service training consisted of two days of firearms training.

The department also continued its "Roll Call Training" in which officers receive ten minute training sessions during their daily briefing. In addition to their traditional instructional roles, these officers also have responsibilities in the following areas:

- Field Training Officer Program
- Police Officer Candidate Processing
- Internship Educational Program
- Department Armorers
- Quartermaster Duties
- Public Safety Dispatcher Candidate Processing

The unit is also responsible for the acquisition, deployment and maintenance of the department fleet and associated equipment. In 2010, over one million miles were driven on department vehicles. When no longer usable for police service, department vehicles are transferred to other Town agencies or sold at auction.

Grant Management

Grant Management, requires the preparing, budgeting, accounting and fiscal reporting related to grant awards. These awards are received from Local, State and Federal sources.

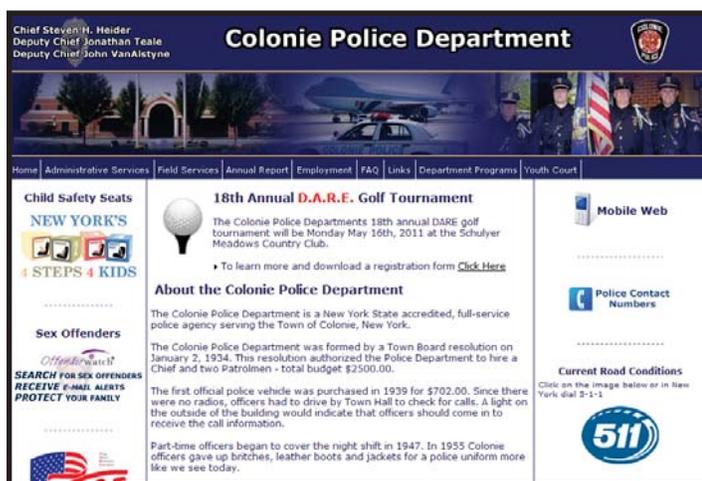


Programs funded by grant monies include Stop DWI, Target, Campaign Safe and Sober and Buckle Up New York. Grant managers are also responsible for acquiring new technology for use by all department members.



In 2010, the Colonie Police Department was awarded approximately \$92,000 in grants.

Police Department Web Page



The Department's webmaster is responsible for the development and maintenance of our web site which offers information on department services such as child safety seat inspections and the Civilian Police Academy as well as updates on department activities and promotions. Online forms are also available and include a House/Property Check Form that notifies the department when you will be on vacation and your house will be vacant, an Alarm / Emergency contact card that informs the department who to contact in the event of an alarm drop or emergency at your home, a Home Security Survey and a Contract For Teen Drivers.

www.colonie.org/police

Records

The Records Division is responsible for data entry, as well as the processing and maintaining of information pertaining to official reports and arrest records. All Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests are received and processed by Records personnel. This unit reviews all Police Officer documented reports for content, clarity and completeness.



2010 Figures

<i>Investigations Cases</i>	<i>Accident Investigations</i>
3,730	3,979
<i>A decrease of 17%</i>	<i>A decrease of 2%</i>
<i>Field Interviews</i>	<i>Citations</i>
2,794	13,422
<i>An increase of 3%</i>	<i>An increase of 1%</i>

Statistical Analysis

Monthly, quarterly and yearly reports compiling various statistics and data charts are produced for use by Field and Administrative personnel. Mandated Federal and New York State reports, including Uniform Crime Reports are produced by this office.



Animal Control:

Colonie's Animal Control officers focus on the enforcement of state and local laws in relation to dogs and other animals. The intention is to promote health, safety, and general welfare of the people of the Town of Colonie. Specifically, Animal Control enforces provisions of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and Town local laws.

The philosophy of the unit is to remove animals in a safe and humane manner. They interact with the public by providing information on local and state laws before actual enforcement becomes necessary.

Duties of Colonie Animal Control Officers include: the seizure of lost dogs, impoundment, investigations of barking dog complaints, removing sick or injured animals, investigation of animal bites, removing deceased dogs and cats from highways, occasional trapping of wildlife found in homes, transporting possible rabid animals for testing, and investigating cruelty complaints.

Responsibilities consist of the service of legal processes related to criminal or civil proceedings including: appearance tickets, impounding dogs found at large, transporting dogs to the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, notifying the owner of its whereabouts and transporting stray dogs and cats to veterinarians for immediate medical treatment if necessary.

In 2010, Animal Control Officers answered 3,230 animal control complaints. This was a 19% increase from 2009.

Accreditation:

The Colonie Police Department participates in an accreditation process which involves a critique and review by outside independent assessors of all department policies and procedures to ensure that they are in compliance with the standards set by New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. While a self-assessment of the agency is an ongoing responsibility of department members, preparation for the critique that takes place every five years is an arduous one and involves nearly full time work for over one year by department staff. During the year 2009, the department participated in its fourth accreditation process and as a result of this review, the Colonie Police Department successfully met or exceeded the criteria required for re-accreditation through October, 2014.

The accreditation program has long been recognized as a means of maintaining the highest standards of professionalism thus establishing confidence in the department by Town residents and department employees alike. Originally accredited in 1994, the Colonie Police Department is one of a small number of police departments in the state of New York that have been accredited for the past sixteen years.

Colonie Youth Court



James Fox, a Colonie Youth Court member, presents his opening argument.

October 26, 2010.

New York State Bar Foundation, Albany, NY

On April 8, 2010, the NYS Bar Foundation in Albany NY hosted a state-wide summit, where youth court practitioners convened for a day long event with former

Chief Judge Judith Kaye. Judge Kaye, a strong supporter of youth courts, created and chaired a special committee on youth courts with the goal of strengthening and expanding these types of programs around the state.

Further discussion from the committee ensued on exploring the creation of a much needed youth court in the city of Albany school district. After months of hard work and preparation, the capital district expansion project kick-off event took place on October 26, 2010. Members of the Colonie Youth Court program prepared and presented a mock trial at the NYS Bar Foundation for Judge Kaye and many other interested members of the community supporting the creation of an Albany program. The event received much support and has successfully worked on implementing a city of Albany school based youth court to open in 2011. The Colonie Youth Court program has assisted many local programs in development and creation. Violet Colydas, Director of CYC, serves on the NYS Association of Youth Courts, Inc. Board of Directors since 2000, and also serves as a National Trustee on the National Association of Youth Courts, Inc. as well.

In 2010, the Colonie Youth Court program saw a 15% increase in the number of cases heard. A total of 83 cases were referred by Colonie Police officers, Justice Department, and the

Albany County Probation Department. Of those, 82 youth were eligible for the program. The program achieved a 98% success rate among its program offenders that year. As with the previous year, the program has seen an increase with female offenders. The program consistently receives petit larcenies cases as the number one offense handled since its inception. In 2010, while petit larcenies still remained the top offense, it saw a decrease in the overall number of larceny cases, and an increase in multiple offense cases, which included a few more carefully screened low level felony related cases.

The gender, race, crime committed and community service hours performed is as follows: 50% males and 50% females, 78% - Caucasians, 19% - African Americans, and 3% - Other. The cases were composed of 43% theft related crimes, 11% marijuana related, 1% unlawfully dealing with a child, 15% multiple offenses, 7% trespass, and the remaining 23% were composed of mischief, criminal tampering, harassment, assault, and traffic related offenses. The total number of community service hours performed in 2010 was 3,175 hours in the Town of Colonie, approximately 600 more hours than 2009.

Colonie Youth Court is an early intervention diversion program for young people who have been arrested for the first time for a minor crime. Each defendant in youth court needs to meet general criteria which includes: under age 18, a crime of misdemeanor or violation, admission of guilt, and a first time offender. In youth court, a youth must explain their actions to a jury of his/her peers, and accept a sentence of community service hours deemed appropriate by a young jury. Our jurors are town residents in grades 7-12 who wish to volunteer their time and listen to an actual case. Youth Court volunteer members are high school students in grades 9-12 who undergo an extensive 8 week law related course of instruction. Youth Court member roles include: Judge, Prosecutor, Defender, Jury Foreperson, Clerk and Victim Advocate.

Fiscal Management:



The Fiscal Management office has the responsibility of preparing, managing and administering the annual Town Board approved line-item budget. The 2010 Police Department budget was \$13,784,259 of which approximately 78% was appropriated for personnel costs, including salaries and benefits. The remaining 22% accounted for the day to day operating budget. Fiscal Management personnel act as the liaison with the Town Comptrollers office and the Office of General Services. Functions of this office include:

- Procurement of merchandise and services
- Payroll preparation
- Billing and accounting
- Personnel schedules

EXPLORER POST 185



The Colonie Police Explorer Post 185 is comprised of individuals from 14 to 21 years of age who have an active interest in Law Enforcement as a potential career. The Explorers program is chartered by the Boy Scouts of America and is sponsored by the Colonie Police Department. Membership within the Post has grown to 24 active members under the supervision of Lt. John Archambault and the Post Advisors who include Sgt. Todd Weiss, Investigator Aaron Malinoski, Investigator Jason DePaulo and Officers David Mink, Anthony Riccitelli, Daniel Belles, and Nicholas Sidoti.

The Explorers program is designed to give youth in the community an opportunity to learn first-hand the knowledge and skills required in the field of law enforcement. During their bi-monthly meetings, Explorers are exposed to Law Enforcement related topics such as Officer Safety, Interview Techniques, Domestic Violence, Vehicle and Traffic Law, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Crime Scene Investigation and Building Search. Explorers also have an opportunity to put their knowledge to the test by competing against other Police Explorer Posts in scenario based competitions at Stations Day and by attending a week-long, multi-phase Explorer Academy in Connecticut.

In addition to the training they receive, Explorers provide the Town of Colonie with valuable Community Service. During 2010 alone, Explorers donated over 2,300 hours of their time while providing services at functions such as the CP Telethon, Concerts in the Barn at the Pruyn House and various events at the Crossings Town Park.



Members must be at least 14 years of age and completed the 8th grade, must maintain an 80 average in school and be in good standing in your community. For more information regarding the Explorer Post, contact Officer David Mink at 518-783-2744.

Pictured Left to Right are Explorer Post 185 Advisors: Officer Daniel Belles, Officer Nicholas Sidoti, Investigator Aaron Malinoski, Sergeant Todd Weiss, Traffic Investigator Jason DePaulo, Officer Anthony Riccitelli and Officer David Mink.

2010 Awards Ceremony

On the evening of May 6, 2010, the Colonie Police Department hosted our Annual Awards Ceremony where department members joined with officers' families and friends at the Town of Colonie Public Safety Center in this recognition event.



2010 Award Recipients

Civilian Award

A Certificate of Community Service may be awarded to a civilian who has rendered assistance to the Police Department in an emergency, or who by action or deed, has contributed to a better police-community relationship. In 2010, a Civilian Award was presented to Mr. Dennis R. Connelly.

Command Recognition Awards

The Command Recognition Award may be awarded to a member, who in the line of police duty performs a task in an exemplary manner thereby displaying alertness, efficiency and dedication to duty.

Lieutenant Alexander M. Rinaldi
Sergeant Todd H. Weiss
Sergeant George Thomaides
Officer Daniel P. Grebert
Officer Thomas P. Breslin

Officer Rebecca A. Ruecker
Officer James V. Herbst
Officer Louis N. DiNuzzo
Officer Tracy L. Dwyer
Officer Daniel J. Belles

Life Saving Award

The Life Saving Award is presented to a member, who in the performance of their duty, renders medical first aid of a distinguished or unusually creditable nature to a person whose life is in immediate jeopardy, and does so in a manner that most certainly sustains the person and enables such person to be delivered alive to a medical facility.

The 2010 Life Saving Award recipients were Officers Daniel Belles, Brian Curran, Joseph Parker, Louis DiNuzzo and Public Safety Dispatcher Thomas J. Neil.



Esposito/Russo Memorial Award

The Esposito/Russo Memorial Award is given to the officer for aggressive anti-DWI efforts throughout the year. The 2010 award recipient was Officer Louis DiNuzzo for his outstanding efforts in the field of impaired driving enforcement. Officer DiNuzzo is pictured with Chief Heider and Ms. Anna Russo.

Distinguished Service Awards



Officer of the Year
Investigator
John Santorio

Explorer of the Year
Explorer Lieutenant
David Markes



**Public Safety
 Dispatcher of the Year**
Public Safety Dispatcher
Robert Davis

The Distinguished Service Award is given to a member of the department who in the course of their duties and while interacting with their peers, supervisors and the public, displays exceptional dedication to their profession and to the department. This award is given to the explorer, communicator and police officer of the year.

Civilian Police Academy

Civilian Police Academy (CPA) students are exposed to all areas of police operations from administration, patrol, investigation, traffic, forensics, the court system and more. The classes are held in three hour sessions for nine weeks. Class sessions are taught by carefully selected officers who specialize in the topic being covered. Students are also given the opportunity to attend optional sessions including a ride-along. A graduation ceremony is held at the completion of the program.

The ultimate goal of a CPA is to reduce crime through a strong bond between the citizens and their police department. This is in keeping with the philosophy of community policing.

Objectives of the Academy:

- Foster cooperation between police and CPA students.
- Showcase the education, capabilities, and talents of the members of the Colonie Police Department.
- Dispel misconceptions of how the police department operates by explaining why police act as they do.
- Create “neighborhood ambassadors” who will take information from the CPA and spread positive information to their neighbors.



For more information on the Civilian Police Academy visit www.colonie.org/police or call 782-2662.

Promotions, Reassignments, Appointments & Retirements

Promotions:

Jonathan M. Teale
*Administrative Services Lieutenant
to Deputy Chief of Police*

Michael Woods
*Administrative Services Sergeant
to Administrative Services Lieutenant*

John Archambault
*Detective Sergeant to
Patrol Lieutenant*

Peter Gullinese
Patrol Officer to Patrol Sergeant

Henry Rosenzweig
Investigator to Patrol Sergeant

John Santorio
Patrol Officer to Investigator

Aaron Malinoski
Patrol Officer to Forensics Investigator



Pictured above are newly promoted or reassigned officers: Deputy Chief Jonathan Teale, Lieutenant John Archambault, Lieutenant Michael Woods, Sergeant Peter Gullinese, Sergeant Henry Rosenzweig, Detective Sergeant John O'Donnell and Investigator John Santorio.

Reassignments:

Michael D. Franze
Patrol Sergeant to Administrative Services Sergeant

John O'Donnell
Patrol Sergeant to Detective Sergeant



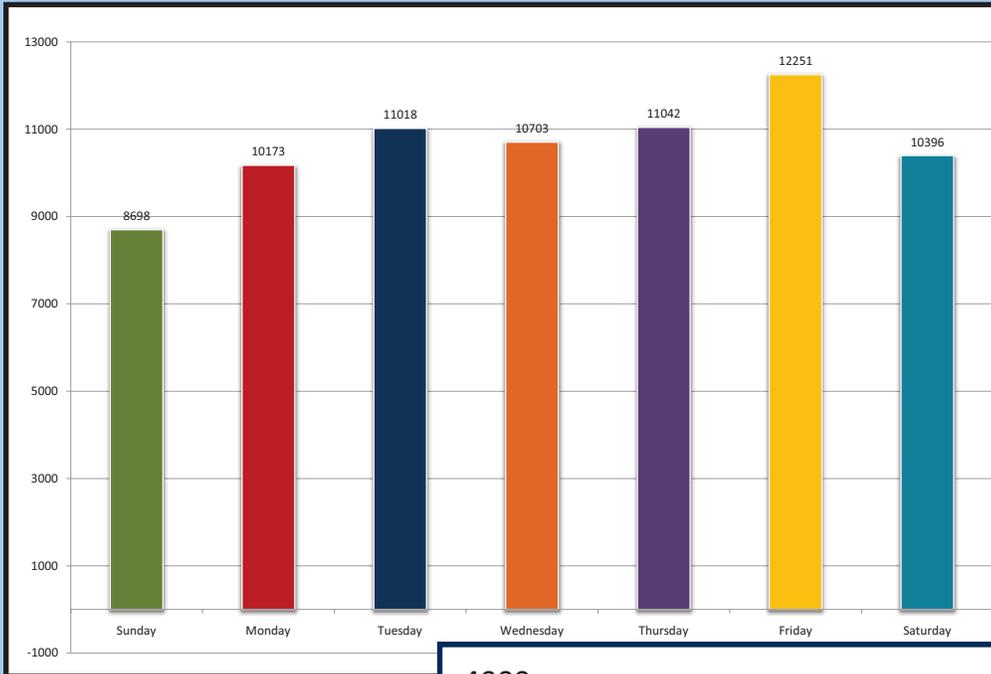
Retirements:

Deputy Chief Joseph Fitzsimmons
Lieutenant Alexander Rinaldi
Investigator Richard DiGiulio
Patrol Officer Dennis Keane
Patrol Officer Felice Trifaro
Patrol Officer Shelly Whitelaw

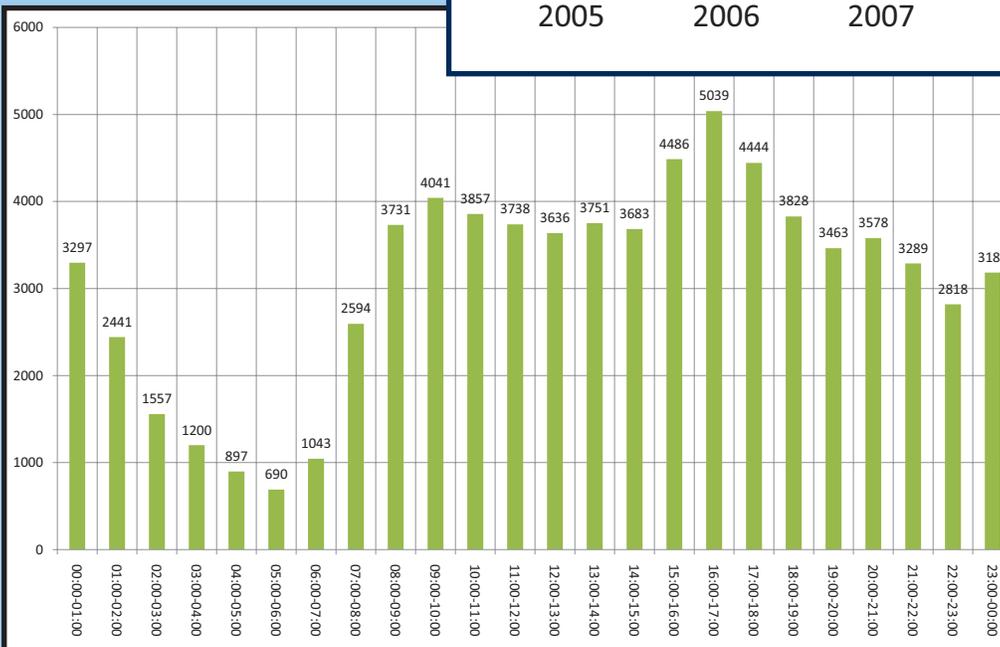
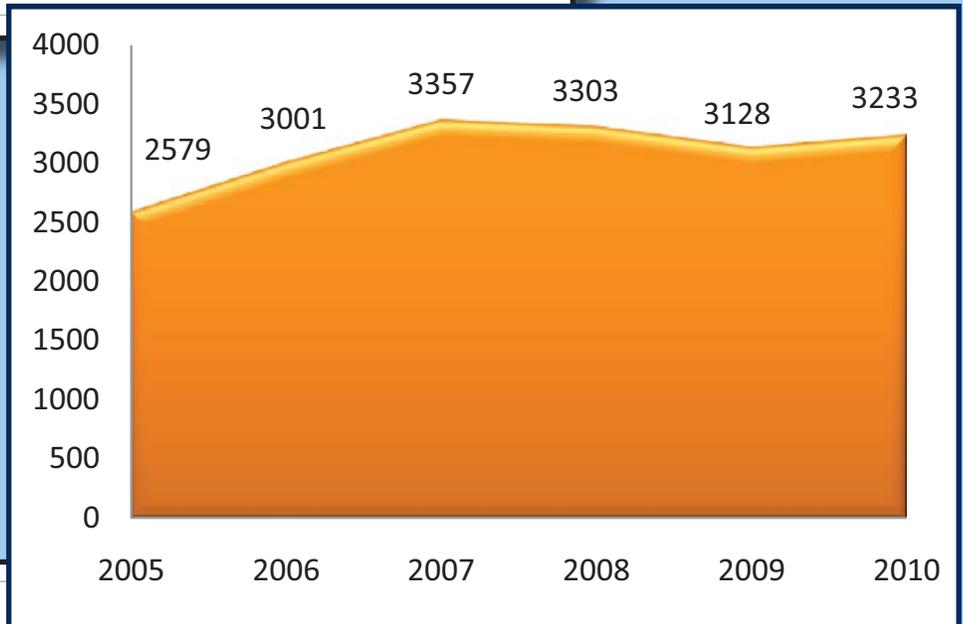
Appointments:

(Pictured left to right)
Patrol Officer Janel Van Alstyne
Patrol Officer Philip Gerwitz
Patrol Officer Eric Montijo
Patrol Officer Robert Willey

Number of Calls By Day of the Week



Number of Department Arrests 2005 - 2010



Number of Calls By Hour of the Day

2010 Calls For Service

	2009	2010	Change
911 Accidental Call	2,981	3,239	+9%
911 Hang-Up Call	2,193	2,132	-3%
911 Non-Emergency/ Nuisance	503	400	-20%
Abandoned Vehicle	243	218	-10%
Alarm Drop	873	762	-13%
Animal Control Complaint	2,711	3,230	+19%
Assault	103	82	-20%
Assist A Person	987	949	-4%
Auto Accident Property Damage	3,937	3,866	-2%
Auto Accident Personal Injury	543	556	+2%
Auto Accident Unknown	109	90	-17%
Bomb Threat	2	3	+50%
Boy / Girlfriend Trouble	92	139	+51%
Burglar Alarm	5,259	5,183	-1%
Burglary In Progress	60	45	-25%
Car Blocking	190	151	-21%
Check A Subject	3,355	3,272	-2%
Community Services Event	427	463	+8%
Custodial Interference	77	78	+1%
Disabled Motor Vehicle	1,407	1,393	-1%
Domestic Call	1,623	1,473	-9%
Drunk Annoying	99	111	+12%
Emotionally Disturbed Person	397	426	+7%
EMS Call	1,232	1,259	+2%
Executing A Warrant	31	19	-39%
Fight	246	321	+30%
Fire Call	302	331	+10%
Fireworks	126	119	-6%
Found Property	336	321	-4%
Get A Complaint	1,196	1,198	+0.1%
Get A Report	5,107	5,018	-2%
Group Annoying	548	660	+20%
Hazardous Material Call	10	7	-30%
Hold-Up Alarm	237	194	-18%
Jail Run	75	67	-11%
Juvenile Incident	118	111	-6%
Landlord / Tenant Trouble	60	72	+20%

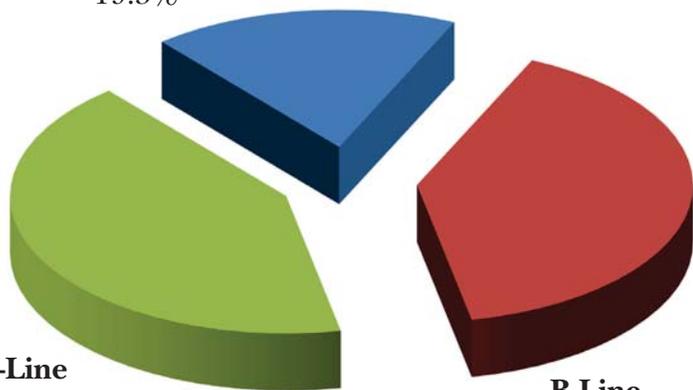
	2009	2010	Change
Larceny Just Occurred	179	164	-8%
Lock Out	133	134	+1%
Malfunctioning Traffic Light	321	270	-16%
Neighbor Trouble	254	240	-6%
Noise Complaint	262	326	+24%
Notification	1,810	727	-60%
Officer Needs Assistance	158	115	-27%
Open Window / Door	146	135	-8%
POP (Police Oriented Policing)	424	10	-98%
Person Acting Suspicious	408	432	+6%
Person Annoying	620	586	-5%
Person Attempting Suicide	67	43	-36%
Person Down	25	27	+8%
Person Exposing Self	15	13	-13%
Person With A Weapon	39	34	-13%
Police Wanted Unknown	68	47	-31%
Property Check	2,370	2,784	+17%
Prowler	87	62	-29%
Road Hazard	523	511	-2%
Robbery	24	26	+8%
School Crossing	-	6	+600%
Selling Drugs	9	6	-33%
Shooting	1	1	-
Shoplifter	460	548	+19%
Shots Fired	48	39	-19%
Someone In Building	20	17	-15%
Traffic Enforcement Details	268	401	+50%
Traffic Stop	20,166	18,602	-8%
Tree Down	41	48	+17%
Trouble With A Customer	279	327	+17%
Vehicle Annoying	1,669	1,512	-9%
Vehicle In Violation	404	353	-13%
Warrant	685	729	+6%
Water Break	114	83	-27%
Wires Down / Arching	138	204	+48%
All Other Call Types	6,800	6,761	-1%
Totals:	76,219	74,285	-3%

Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 1 Offenses

	2009	2010	Change
Murder	0	0	-
Rape	1	3	+200%
Robbery	29	31	+7%
Assault	31	20	-35%
Burglary	205	228	+11%
Larceny	2,037	1,988	-2%
Vehicle Theft	42	43	+2%
Totals:	2,345	2,313	-1%

Percentage of Calls By Shift

A-Line
14,309 calls
19.3%



C-Line
30,945 calls
41.7%

B-Line
29,031 calls
39%

Custodial Arrests In 2010

Adults
3,067

Juveniles
166

An increase of 2% An increase of 24%

Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 2 Offenses

	2009	2010	Change
Arson	9	3	-67%
Kidnapping	1	0	-100%
Controlled Substances	293	277	-5%
Dangerous Weapons	22	21	-5%
Sex Offenses	9	6	-33%
Extortion	0	0	-
Forgery / Counterfeiting	112	98	-13%
Stolen Property	70	53	-24%
Prostitution & Vice	9	7	-22%
Coercion	0	0	-
Criminal Mischief	661	728	+10%
Fraud	252	271	+8%
Gambling	0	0	-
Offenses Against Public Order	0	0	-
Embezzlement	1	0	-100%
Simple Assault	150	136	-9%
Offenses Against Family	196	218	+12%
Driving Under Influence	323	322	-0.3%
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	3	4	+33%
Possession of Burglar Tools	2	1	-50%
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	-
Disorderly Conduct	520	521	+0.1%
Loitering	4	0	-400%
All Other Offenses	538	429	-20%
Totals:	3,175	3,095	-3%

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program was conceived to meet a need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. The FBI collects, publishes and archives these statistics from nearly 17,000 law enforcement agencies across the United States.

The Town of Colonie:



The Safest Community In the United States For 2nd Year

Chief Steven Heider and Town Supervisor Paula Mahan were pleased to learn that for second year in a row, the Town of Colonie was named the Safest Community in the United States for the year 2009. This selection was realized with the release of City Crime Rankings 2010-2011: Crime in Metropolitan America, from CQ Press.

The rankings were calculated based on the occurrence of more violent crimes such as murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft in the community. Colonie, with a total of 61 of these crimes, was the lowest of all 400 cities in the study. The Town of Colonie has been among the top fifteen safest communities in each of the past twelve years, ten of which were in the top ten. This is the second number one ranking for the Town.

The Town of Colonie, New York Governmental Leadership



Supervisor Paula A. Mahan

Town Board:

Nancy Hernandez
Robert Becker
William Carl



Daniel Dustin
Daniel Hornick
Linda Murphy