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Administrative Services Division

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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.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



Colonie continues to be a great place to live, work and play and the dedicated men and women of the Colonie Police Department work tirelessly to ensure that everyone can safely enjoy our great Town. With the continued support of our residents, businesses and Supervisor Crummey and the Town Board we have the personnel and tools to accomplish whatever law enforcement tasks come our way.

In 2022 the department remained active in its service to the community by hosting or participating in over 150 unique community and/or training events with our partners in our school districts, faith-based groups/institutions and our businesses. These events encompassed community night out, child car seat installation and inspection for new and/or expecting parents, active shooter training, parades, chili cook-offs and countless other events throughout Colonie. Our officers truly serve and give back to the community both in and out of uniform. Nearly every day the department receives a note,

an email, or token of gratitude from a resident or person that experienced the compassion and dedication of duty of our officers.

The Colonie Police Department responded to 71,811 calls for service in 2022 and that represents a 5+% increase from 2021. Unfortunately, Colonie is not immune to some of the pressing nationwide concerns with regard to public safety. Fentanyl and opiate abuse and overdose have affected some in our community. All of our officers are trained and equipped with Narcan to reverse their potentially fatal consequences and we continue to not only educate our stakeholders, but aggressively interdict and investigate to limit the supply coming into our community. In the wake of continued active shooter incidents nationwide, every member of the Colonie Police Department has been trained in Active Attack Integrated Response. This training is designed to improve the safety and survivability of victims of active attack/shooter events and increase the effectiveness, coordination and resource integration between law enforcement, fire, EMS and telecommunication when responding to these events.

The Colonie Police Department worked throughout 2022 and have continued into 2023 with efforts to keep our officers highly trained in nationally recognized best practices and up to date with the best technology. A commitment to addressing those in mental health crisis and de-escalation techniques remain at the forefront of our efforts. A partnership with Lexipol has led to the near completion of a comprehensive update of our officer manual's policy and procedures. The department's Officer wellness programs continue to evolve and improve to keep our officers healthy, both physically and mentally.

2022 saw several retirements, promotions and new hires. A sincere thanks for their years of service to the newly retired officers: Kevin Terry, Allan Secor, Doug Hoeffner, and David Marra. A wish of continued success to our newly promoted officers are: Sergeant Eithne McCarthy and Sergeant Ty Bariteau. Welcome aboard to our new officers John Fouracre, Corey Friedman, Joshua Spenziero, Matthew Casey, Mark Egan, and Stephanie Miller.

Congratulations to all the retired, promoted, and new officers. Thank you to Supervisor Crummey and the entire Colonie Town Board for their unwavering support to public safety and to ensure that we are fully staffed to meet the current and future needs of the Colonie Police Department.

On behalf of myself, Deputy Chief Robert Winn and Deputy Chief James Gerace we continue to be honored to serve and are committed to providing the high-est level of law enforcement service to Colonie while maintaining the tenants of our mission statement to interact with all citizens with dignity, honor, empathy and respect.

#### DEPUTY CHIEFS OF POLICE



**Deputy Chief Robert Winn** *Field Operations* 



Deputy Chief James Gerace

Administrative Services



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 2022, the budget was approximately \$17 million which included 114 sworn officers, 53 civilian support personnel and over 60 vehicles in the police fleet. Starting Officer's salary has risen from \$400.00 to approximately \$58,000.00. 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 organized by role: Field Operations and Administrative Services. Field Operations is comprised of the Patrol Division, Investigations Division and the Traffic Safety Division. Administrative Services includes the Administrative Services Division which provides support functions such as Community Services, Training, Communications, Records and Support Services. Administrative Services is also responsible for Fiscal Management, Grant Management, Statistical Analysis, Accreditation, Emergency Management and Animal Control.



The Colonie Police Patrol Division consists of three lieutenants, nine sergeants and 63 patrol officers. 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 & Local laws, reporting and preliminary investigation of criminal complaints, crash investigations, response to non-criminal complaints as well as 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 patrol areas on a daily basis to direct their patrol activity and interact with the individuals and businesses they serve.

Patrol officers participate in special enforcement programs where officers are deployed 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.



The Colonie Police Department currently has two Patrol K9 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 K9 team. When not working, they are on call for immediate response. The teams are trained in the following: tracking, building search, evidence recovery, handler protection, criminal apprehension, and advanced narcotics detection (which include, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy, and hashish). The teams are certified by The New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Working the streets in 2022 were two K9 teams. Officer Mike Clough and K9 Eddie (pictured right) worked together on the C-Line shift. Eddie, a German Shepherd, was named in honor of Colonie Police Investigator Ed Frank who passed away in 2005 after battling cancer. Officer Bob Lemerise and K9 Lock (pictured left ) worked on the A-Line shift. Lock, also a German Shepherd, was named in honor of Colonie Police Lt. William Lockart who passed away in 2004 after a battle with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

The team participates in at least 24 hours of specialized K9 training a month to meet the New York State requirement for certification. This team also takes part in local, state and national level training seminars to sharpen their skills. Also as part of their duties, this team participates in numerous public and private demonstrations to show why and how the canine is deployed as well as assists several other local police and government agencies.

#### 2022 K9 Utilizations:

Tracks - 23

(An increase of 109%)

Narcotic Searches - 12

(An increase of 0%)

Area/Building Searches - 8

(A decrease of 75%)

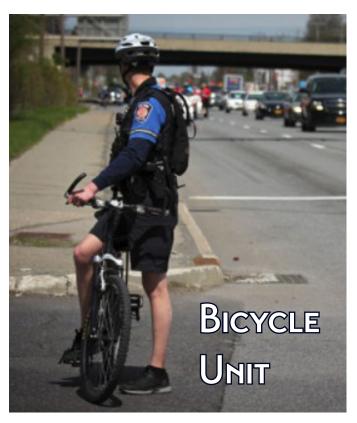
(A decrease of 33%)

Evidence Searches - 6

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The Motorcycle Unit of the Colonie Police Department was formed in 1990. It continues to be utilized five or six months each year during the warmer months for patrol and specialized duties. It consists of a sergeant and four officers who share the various details and responsibilities for the unit. All Motor officers are trained and certified through the Northwestern Traffic Institute at Northwestern University.

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, school properties and in heavy traffic conditions where traditional patrol vehicles cannot access. The Motorcylce 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.



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 a total of twenty-six officers in the department including four sergeants and three lieutenants that are all certified for bicycle patrols.

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



The Unmanned Aerial Systems Unit (UAS) is comprised of one lieutenant, one sergeant and six pilots and is currently equipped with multiple unmanned aerial systems capable of recording and transmitting live high definition and thermal images back to a command post. The units are equipped with 4k cameras, 180x zoom cameras and a high resolution thermal camera. Currently, unmanned aerial vehicles are deployed on all three shifts on patrol for rapid deployment and can be airborne in 2 minutes or less once on scene. The UAS Unit has been activated for numerous incidents including assisting Colonie Fire Services with active structure fires, cause and origin



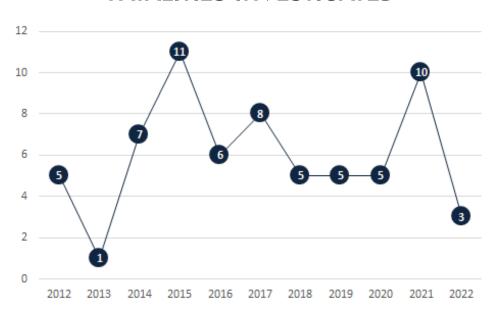
investigations, suspicious package incidents, crash reconstruction, barricaded/armed subject calls as well as missing person/suspect searches. Additionally the unit provides intelligence and reconnaissance for tactical team mission planning. The UAS unit allows the Police Department and Colonie Fire Services to operate more efficiently and effectively while increasing safety for officers and firefighters. The technology allows the department to search a large area in a fraction of the time for missing or wanted persons, allows fire services to monitor active HAZMAT or fire scenes from a safe location and proves an aerial perspective for command staff during large incidents/events.



The Traffic Safety 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 division 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 division supports and assists the efforts of the Town's Highway Safety Committee.

The Traffic Safety Division concentrated enforcement efforts in 2022 on certain problem spots using targeted enforcement. These special details are funded by grant money for enforcement provided by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. The western end of State Route 5 (Central Avenue) within the Town was of special concern due to

#### FATALITIES INVESTIGATED



recent high-speed crashes in the area. Speed details consisted of a spotter with a LIDAR (laser radar) instrument, typically a sergeant, and several chase cars to stop violators. Officers assigned to these details wrote over 100 speeding tickets and numerous other observed violations as well. Speeds of 60+ miles per hour in a 40-mile an hour zone were not uncommon and individual investigators continue to monitor this area to crack down on this motorist behavior.

In 2022, the Traffic Safety Division investigated 3 fatal crashes (70% decrease from 2021) and handled 314 case files (a 22% increase).



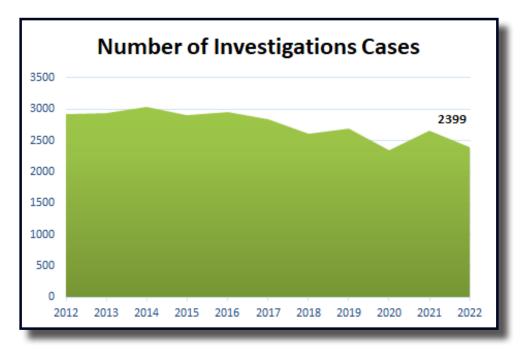
The Colonie Police Department has a team of 19 highly trained police officers known as the Special Services Team (S.S.T.). In addition to the training provided to all officers in the department, these officers receive specialized training in many areas including high risk traffic stops, barricaded subjects, 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. Members of the Special Services Team operate jointly with members of the Crisis Negotiation Unit, Tactical Dispatchers and the Unmanned Aerial Systems Unit to enhance each unit's capabilities and provide the greatest likelihood of success for incidents in which they respond. Additionally, five Colonie EMS Paramedics train with the team and are prepared to be utilized in the event of a team deployment.

The Special Services Team maintains and operates Unit 301, a Lenco BearCat armored vehicle, which can be used as protection to officers during highly volatile incidents. It is also the most capable vehicle available to our Agency for both civilian and officer rescue. 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 dynamic situations, such as high risk vehicle stops, building searches and suicidal suspects. These vehicles and on-duty members of the Special Services Team are utilized routinely by the Patrol and Investigations Division to maximize the department's tactical capability through both awareness and enhanced personal protective equipment.

Since 2017, the Special Services Team has achieved and maintained the standards required to be recognized as a Dept. of Criminal Justice Services Certified SWAT Team. The Colonie Police's Special Services Team regularly trains with and supports operations with Capital Region Tactical Teams. Operators and Team Leadership instruct and participate in training courses at the NY State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' State Preparedness Training Center. This state of the art facility provides cutting edge training to tactical operators across the state. The Special Services Team had 16 activations in 2022.



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. The Investigations Division is comprised of 18 investigators, four sergeants, one Warrant Officer and one lieutenant.



#### 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 2,399 cases in 2022. This is in addition to hundreds of cases worked on by Investigators on their respective DEA, FBI and CCU task forces.

#### 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 Unit continues to work closely with local, state and federal agencies as well as local task forces. Money seized was used to buy new equipment such as ruggedized computer tablets, etc. for use by officers.

#### FORENSIC UNIT

The Forensic Unit is made up of two investigators specially trained in evidence handling and photography. These investigators receive and process evidence gathered by officers of this department during the course of an investigation. Investigators examine physical evidence including fingerprints and DNA samples which may be submitted to 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.

# 2022 Forensics Stats Items of Evidence Received 17,650 (An increase of 1%) Total # of Items Processed 470 In 2022, 196 fingerprint submissions were made to the New York State lab. Of these 62 submissions were identified. (31%) 330 DNA submissions were made to the New York State lab. Of these 45

submissions were identified. (13%)

#### YOUTH AND SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

The Youth and Special Victims Unit (YSVU) is a specialized unit within the Investigations Division that investigates crimes against children, the elderly, and vulnerable people. This unit also investigates incidents regarding domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, missing persons, and other crimes where children are the victims and/or offenders. The YSVU is tasked with investigating crimes of an extremely sensitive nature. Many of the incidents are of a sexual nature. The Investigators assigned to the YSVU are highly trained and professional, and they work closely with the District Attorney's Office, the local Child Advocacy Centers, and multiple local branches of Child Protective Services (CPS).

#### 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 Child Exploitation Human Trafficking Task Force and New York State Police Internet Crimes Against Children. Our Investigators work side by side with the FBI, NYSP and the other member agencies to proactively investigate any case involving the use of computers or other technology to victimize children. These cases range from cyber bullying to child pornography to luring a child. These affiliations have broadened our investigative ability and fostered successful prosecutions in our jurisdiction and nationwide.

There continues to be an increase in the need for forensic analysis of computer materials. The Colonie Police Department works with local, state and federal municipalities to provide forensic analysis in computer crime investigations. 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 as well as 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 2022, the Colonie Police Department issued 54 releases.



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 and the department's website.

#### 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 2019, the department participated in its sixth 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, 2024.

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 twenty-nine years.

#### 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.

#### 2022 Figures

Investigations Cases 2,399

A decrease of 10%

1,065 An increase of 12%

Field Interviews

Accident Investigations 3,896

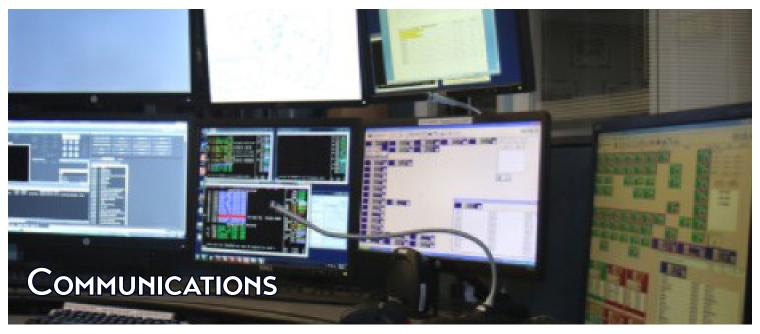
4,598

An increase of 5% An increase of 28%

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#### FISCAL MANAGEMENT

The 2022 Police Department budget was \$17,021,836 of which approximately 91.8% was appropriated for personnel costs, including salaries and benefits. The remaining 8.2% 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, billing and accounting, payroll preparation and personnel schedules.



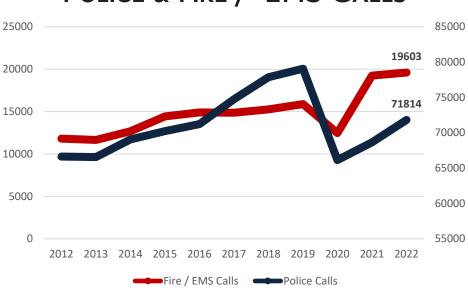
Colonie Police Communications is one of six E-911 answering points (PSAP) in Albany County. The division is staffed by a Communications Supervisor, 5 Senior Dispatchers, and 23 dispatchers, all of which are trained to dispatch police, fire, and EMS. Communications answers both land line and wireless 911 calls for service, as well as 8 administrative phone lines. The Communications Division also greets the public at the front desk of the Public Safety Building. There are 5 administrative phone lines that are answered there (these phone lines are not included in the stat's below). The dispatchers receives requests and information that they must process and prioritize, then dispatch the appropriate services. All dispatchers undergo approximately 6 months of training which includes, but is not limited to, a 40 hour Basic Telecommunicators Course, CPR training, Emergency Medical Dispatch training, and National Emergency Management System (NIMS). They are required to maintain and renew their numerous certifications through yearly continuing education.

In 2022, the Town of Colonie Public Safety Dispatchers answered 135,385 phone calls in 2022. Of those, 8,475 were land line/VOIP 911 calls, 29,402 cell 911 calls, and 97,508 administrative lines which can be emergency or non-emergency.

In 2014, the Town of Colonie, the City of Albany and The Albany County Sheriff's Department embarked on a shared radio system, allowing the 3 agencies to communicate with one another as needed. The Town of Colonie and

the City of Albany utilize the Metro Cell. The Albany County Sheriff's utilizes the County Cell. All agencies utilize a Motorola MCC 7500 Elite Digital Radio System which is one of the most advanced two-way public safety and public service radio systems in the area. Over the years we have expanded interoperability to include Saratoga County and Schenectady County. In the very near future, Rensselaer County will also be included. This will allow the police department, EMS department, or any of the 12 fire departments to seamlessly speak to an agency in another county.

#### POLICE & FIRE / EMS CALLS





The Colonie Police Department Community Services Unit is comprised of five 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, one of our officers is a NYS Certified Crime Prevention Specialist.

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 and New York State Safe Kids. The five Community Services Officers offer the citizens, schools, colleges, civic organizations and businesses of the Town of Colonie approximately sixty different programs and services. One officer is assigned to work closely with the Town of Colonie Senior Resources Department and the growing senior citizen population.

In a proactive approach to the growing threat of violence in the schools, the Community Services Unit continued its program in 2022 working with the local schools by assessing their security needs. In addition, Officer Pat Germaine serves as the School Resource Officer at Colonie Central High School providing a consistent police presence within the facility. Similarly, Officer Brianna Pierce serves as the School Resource Officer at Shaker High School.

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.

Four certified Colonie Police Officers provide the service of checking child car safety seats to ensure that their installations are safe and proper. In 2022, 106 safety seats were examined. (An increase of 49% from 2021.)

The Community Services Unit held approximately 115 unique community events in 2022 and additionally assisted in 100 active shooter response trainings conducted in the Town. Among the events was the popular Community Night Out

which provides families a fun evening of activities, food and a chance to meet many of our officers.





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 knowledge and tools to make safe and responible choices. It 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 thirtieth 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 2022, these officers presented D.A.R.E. programs to approximately 1,000 students in the fifth grade throughout the Town. Additionally the officers provide continuing education to students in the sixth and eighth grades in classrooms in public and private schools throughout the Town.

Officers meet students in the kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms which provides students with safety skills for use at both home and school and establishes positive relationships between the community and officers at an early age. 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 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.

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 2022, the event was held at Schuyler Meadows Club where 192 golfers competed.

#### 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. Grant managers are also responsible for acquiring new technology for use by all department members. In 2022, the Colonie Police Department received the following:

- A \$35,442 grant from the Governor's Traffic Safety Council for "Selected Traffic" Enforcement.
- A \$22,333 grant from Albany County STOP DWI for impaired driving enforcement.

#### 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.



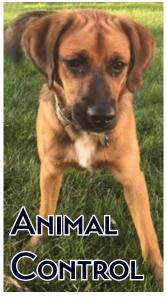
The Training Unit staff includes three police officers and one sergeant on a full-time basis. This unit develops, implements and evaluates mandated in-service training as well as providing selective topical training. Six times a year this unit conducts practical exercise and classroom instruction that 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 de-escalation, use of force, legal updates, EMS protocol and a full day of defensive tactics training. Additional in-service training consisted of reality based scenarios to induce real life stress on the officer to simulate what happens on a real

call as well as 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 are responsible for the field training officer program, police officer candidate processing, educational internships and serve as department armorers.

The unit is also responsible for the acquisition, deployment and maintenance of the department fleet and associated equipment. When no longer usable for police service, department vehicles are transferred to other Town agencies or sold at auction.

In 2022, all members of the Training Unit became certified instructors of CRASE or Civilian Response To Active Shooter Events. With this certification, the unit provided over 100 active shooter and /or security related trainings to schools, churches and businesses in the Town to provide attendees a plan to survive an active attack event.



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 2022, Animal Control Officers answered 2,258 animal control complaints which was a 15% increase from 2021.

#### **COLONIE YOUTH COURT**

Colonie Youth Court heard its first case on January 19, 1995 and began its community service program that same month. To date, the program has heard over 1,600 offender cases and they have completed a combined total of over 62,000 hours of community service hours to the Town of Colonie. In its 28 years of operating, there have been over 1,100 volunteer members who served the 6 different courtroom roles of youth court and over 2,500 volunteer jurors have served.



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 must meet general criteria which includes: age 19 and under, have committed a misdemeanor or violation, admission of guilt, and be 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 serve on 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.

During the 2022 Fall membership training program, there were 15 new students trained over 8 weeks. The youth court received 30% more cases in 2022 when compared to 2021. Of the cases that were received, 100% of offenders successfully completed the required sanctions imposed upon them. The program continues to maintain an overall 98.5% offender successful completion rate since hearing its first case in 1995. The gender, race, offense(s) committed, and community service hours performed is as follows: 70% males and 30% females, 85% - Caucasians, 0% - African Americans, and 15% - Other. The cases were composed of 10% - theft related crimes, and 15% - Assault, 15% - Criminal Trespass, 15% - Criminal Mischief, 10% - Making a False Written Statement, 15% - Traffic related, and 20% - Multiple Offenses. Overall, the program participants have performed over 62,000 hours of service in the last 28 years.

In addition, three senior youth court members were awarded college scholarships in 2022. The 1st place winner of the 2022 Robert M. Auld College Scholarship was youth court member, Maaz Hussain. Maaz is attending The University of Michigan. Youth Court member, Kathryn Taleporos was the recipient of the 2022 Honorable Nicholas J. Greisler Jr. College Scholarship. Kathryn is attending the University At Albany. The 1st place winner of the 2022 South Colonie Dollars for Scholars Scholarship was youth court member, Mallory Pinkans. Mallory is attending Roger Williams University.

For more information on the Colonie Youth Court program, please contact the Director, Violet Palombo at 518-782-2638.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBPAGE

The Colonie Police Department has a webpage which offers information on department services such as child safety seat inspections as well as the ability to search for sex offenders in your area using Offender Watch.

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, and a Home Security Survey.

Additionally, the Colonie Police Department is now on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, which allows the department to better inform the community on incidents and programs as well as receive assistance from the public with identifying suspects.



#### **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. Currently we have 14 Explorers in our post under the supervision of Lt. Robert Donnelly and Sergeant Michael Warner as well as the Post Advisors who include Traffic Investigators Brian Curran and Ryan Leonardo as well as Officers Ryan Berkery, Michael Tarbay, Taylor Carey, Brandon Mueller and Conor Anson.

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 2022 alone, Explorers donated over 1,700 hours of their time while providing, services at functions such as the Concerts in the Barn at the Pruyn House and various events at The Crossings of Colonie.

Members must be at least 14 years of age and completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, must maintain an 80 average in school and be in good standing in your community.

# 2022 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

On the evening of October 18, 2022, the Colonie Police Department hosted their annual Awards Ceremony where department members joined with family and friends in this recognition event.

Civilian Award Dr. David Wagoner
Michael O'Connor

Special Service Award Sergeant John Santorio

#### Command Recognition Award

Sergeant James Herbst
Sergeant John Santorio
Sergeant Guy Jubert
Sergeant John Rockwell
Sergeant Jason Orkwis
Investigator Aaron Malinoski
Investigator Christopher R. Smith
Investigator Matthew Overocker
Investigator Matthew Garrigan

Investigator James Splonskowski Investigator Robert Willey Investigator Nicholas Sidoti Investigator Janel Lawrence Investigator David Mink Officer Casey Ogden Officer Frank Peris Officer Evan Alaxanian Officer Jacques Tremblay
Officer Michael Clough
Officer Shane Robichaud
Officer Daniel Kutny
Officer William Purtell
Officer Christopher Hooks
Officer Jason Tusch
Dispatcher Keith Herrington

#### Life Saving Award

Investigator Nicholas Burns Investigator Aaron Malinoski Officer Patrick Fennelly Officer Michael Clough

Chief's Partnership In Policing Award The Capital Region Crime Analysis Center

**Esposito / Russo Memorial Award** Officer Frank Peris

Distinguished Service Awards

Officer of the Year

Investigator Aaron Malinoski

Dispatcher of The Year

Public Safety Dispatcher Dominick DiBenedetto

**Explorer of The Year** 

Explorer Captain Tyler Schwank

#### 2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE

	2021	2022	Change
911 Accidental Call	5,487	3,811	-31%
911 Hang-Up Call	2,298	2,020	-12%
911 Non-Emergency/ Nuisance	265	212	-20%
911 Transfer	5,439	5,627	+3%
Abandoned Vehicle	188	238	+27%
Alarm Drop	117	116	-1%
Animal Control Complaint	1,969	2,258	+15%
Assault	73	69	-5%
Assist A Person	1,292	1,277	-1%
Auto Accident Property Damage	3,140	3,400	+8%
Auto Accident Personal Injury	561	507	-10%
Bomb Threat	6	1	-83%
Boy / Girlfriend Trouble	58	35	-40%
Burglar Alarm	3,854	3,730	-3%
Burglary In Progress	34	43	+26%
Car Blocking	141	121	-14%
Check A Subject	3,080	3,295	+7%
Check A Traffic Light	305	268	-12%
Community Services Event	273	377	+38%
Custodial Interference	119	91	-24%
Disabled Motor Vehicle	751	919	+22%
Domestic Call	1,826	1,831	+0.2%
DRE	11	9	-18%
Drone Request	31	29	-6%
Drunk Annoying	67	80	+19%
Emotionally Distressed Person	766	801	+5%
EMS Call	1,396	1,549	+10%
Fight	403	542	+34%
Fire Call	712	579	-19%
Fireworks	174	122	-30%
Found Property	322	374	+16%
Get A Complaint	989	1,037	+5%
Get A Report	4,930	4,985	+1%
Group Annoying	190	228	+20%
Hazardous Material Call	8	8	+0%
Hold-Up Alarm	308	290	-6%
Jail Run	14	74	+429%
Juvenile Incident	157	200	+27%
K-9 Search	38	48	+26%
Landlord / Tenant Trouble	131	106	-19%
Larceny From A Vehicle	223	280	+26%
Larceny Just Occurred	365	566	+55%
Lock Out	133	140	+5%

	2021	2022	Change
Neighbor Trouble	258	230	-11%
Noise Complaint	417	338	-19%
Notification	669	849	+27%
Officer Needs Assistance	178	163	-8%
Open Window / Door	87	82	-6%
POP (Police Oriented Policing)	9	20	+122%
Pan Handlers	208	180	-13%
Person Acting Suspicious	269	218	-19%
Person Annoying	743	883	+19%
Person Attempting Suicide	19	38	+100%
Person Down	56	72	+29%
Person Exposing Self	24	15	-38%
Person With A Weapon	61	78	+28%
Police Wanted Unknown	24	0	-100%
Property Check	6,415	5253	-18%
Prowler	37	39	+5%
Road Hazard	344	441	+28%
Robbery	17	21	+24%
School Crossing	95	152	+60%
Selling Drugs	18	20	+11%
Shoplifter	116	103	-11%
Shots Fired	46	29	-37%
Someone In Building	22	26	+18%
Traffic Enforcement Details	487	337	-31%
Traffic Stop	7,030	11,288	+61%
Tree Down	104	59	-43%
Trouble With A Customer	764	732	-4%
Vehicle Annoying	1,471	1,447	-2%
Vehicle In Violation	87	117	+34%
Warrant	78	679	+771%
Water Break	121	151	+25%
Wires Down / Arching	132	146	+11%
All Other Call Types	5,411	5,003	-8%
Totals:	67,640	71,811	+6%

### Uniform Crime Report (UCR) Part 1 Offenses

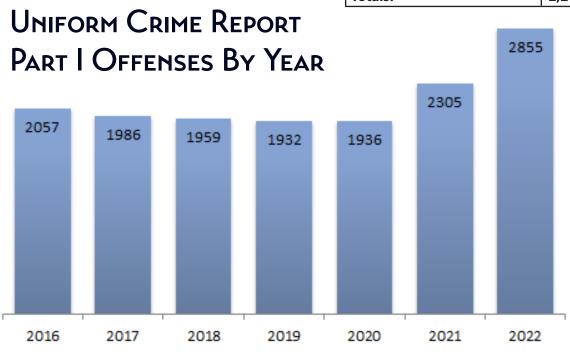
	2021	2022	Change
Murder	2	3	+50%
Rape	4	1	-75%
Robbery	21	45	+114%
Assault	47	73	+55%
Burglary	161	188	+17%
Larceny	1,987	2,444	+23%
Motor Vehicle Theft	83	101	+22%
Totals:	2,305	2,855	+24%

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for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the
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and archives these statistics from nearly
17,000 law enforcement agencies across
the United States.

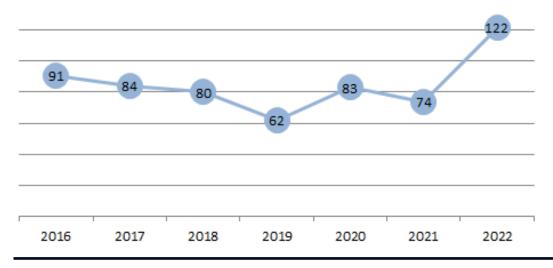
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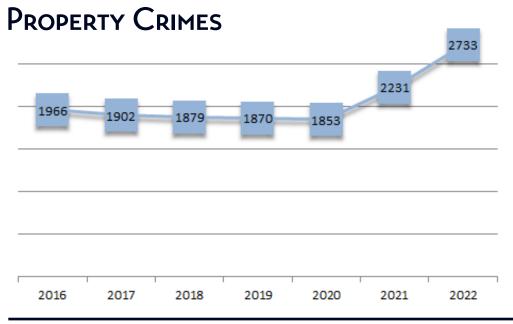
	2021	2022	Change
Arson	2	0	-100%
Kidnapping	11	5	-55%
Controlled Substances	86	67	-22%
Dangerous Weapons	17	22	+29%
Sex Offenses	19	20	+5%
Extortion	17	8	-53%
Forgery / Counterfeiting	25	22	-12%
Stolen Property Possession	23	46	+100%
Prostitution & Vice	0	0	+0%
Coercion	1	0	-100%
Criminal Mischief	335	320	-4%
Fraud	646	228	-65%
Gambling	0	0	+0%
Offenses Against Public Order	1	0	-100%
Embezzlement	1	2	+100%
Simple Assault	509	621	+22%
Offenses Against Family	0	1	+100%
Driving Under Influence	77	111	+45%
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	43	53	+23%
Possession of Burglary Tools	1	0	-100%
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	+0%
Disorderly Conduct	3	5	+67%
Loitering	1	0	-100%
All Other Offenses	391	252	-36%
Totals:	2,209	1,916	-13%



#### **VIOLENT CRIMES**

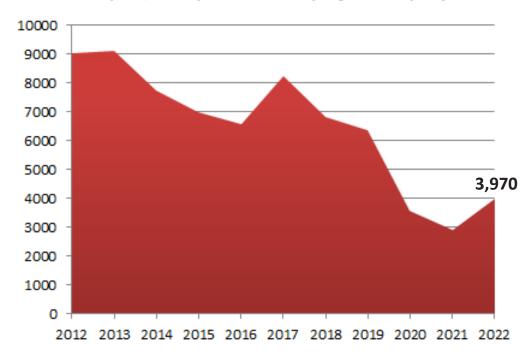


Following a 11% decrease in 2021 of Part I Violent Crimes (Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault incidents), that number jumped in 2022 by 65%. Robberies more than doubled and assaults incresed by 55%.

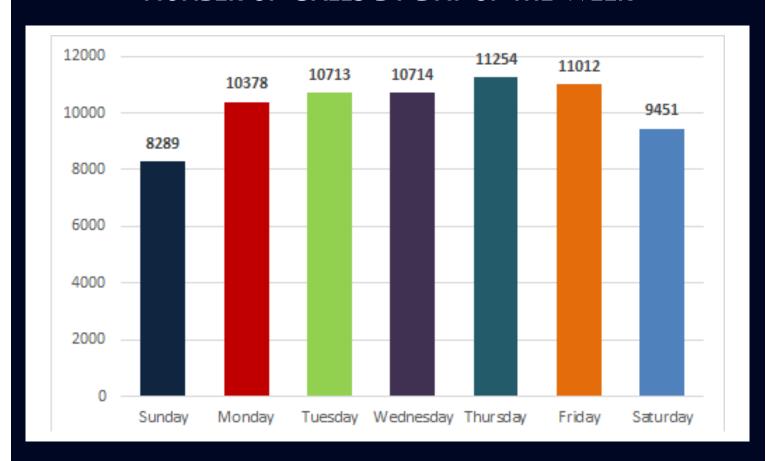


The number of Property Crimes (Burglary, Larceny and MV Theft incidents) had been on the decline until 2021 when it jumped 20%. In 2022, the number of property crimes rose once again to 2,733 incidents, a 23% increase from 2021.

#### Number of traffic Citations



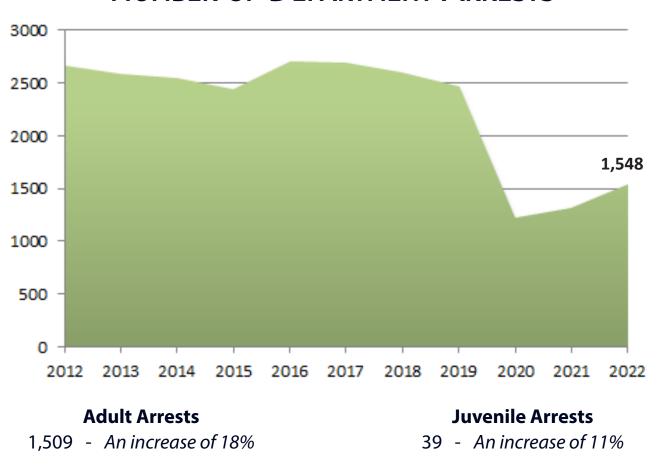
#### NUMBER OF CALLS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



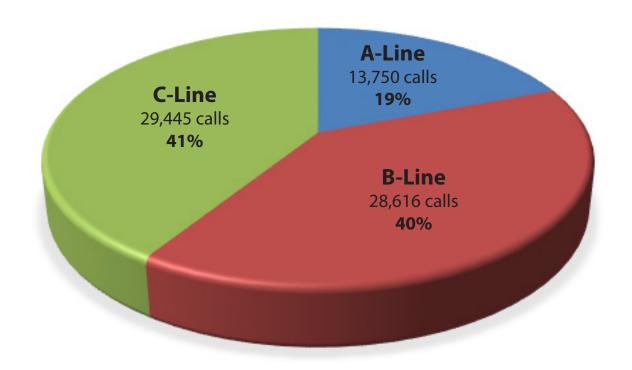
#### Number of Calls By Hour of the Day



#### Number of Department Arrests



#### PERCENTAGE OF CALLS BY SHIFT





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