



Annual Report

2021

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Geneseo Police Department - 2021

It is my pleasure to present the 2021 annual report for the Geneseo Police Department. It is not possible to measure and quantify everything performed by a police department. However, this annual report contains statistics and information about the performance of the police department to keep the public informed about public safety in the Village. The Village of Geneseo continues to be a safe place to live, raise a family or retire.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the officers of this police department for their extraordinary work effort and commitment to serving the citizens of our community. We will continue to strive to meet the present and future needs of the community. Excellent service continues to remain our focus.

Thank you for all your support, especially our Village Board, as we will continue to provide the best possible law enforcement services to the Village. I am proud to be your Police Chief and I look forward to serving our community.

Sincerely,



Eric Osganian, Chief of Police

Mission Statement

The mission of the Geneseo Police Department is to maximize the quality of life of the citizens of the Village we serve; to uphold the law fairly and firmly; to prevent crime; to pursue and bring justice to those who violate the law; to keep the peace in the Village; to protect and help all people in the Village of Geneseo; to do all of this with integrity, common sense, and sound judgment.

We will strive to provide the best service we can in meeting the needs of this growing Village.

Department Staff

The full-time staffing of the police department was comprised of a police chief, a sergeant, six patrol officers, and a school resource officer. The department also utilized three part-time sworn police officers, a part-time investigator, and a part-time training officer. The department operated without any clerical staff. Our full-time patrol staffing levels are equal to where they were in 1996.

The Village of Geneseo does not have a dog warden. Dog control enforcement responsibilities are now handled by the police department with assistance from Livingston County Dog Control.

According to U.S. Census, the Village of Geneseo has approximately 7,574 people in residence. This is a 5.69% decrease compared to 8,031 recorded in 2010, despite the increases in new apartment complexes in the Village over the past ten years. The Village of Geneseo has the largest population of any incorporated Village in Livingston County.

Accreditation

In 2016, the Geneseo Police Department received the status of being an accredited police agency, per the New York State Accreditation Council. Since then, the police department undergoes annual compliance checks, overseen by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). The Accreditation Council reassesses the police department every five years to determine if we have met the high standards to remain an accredited agency.

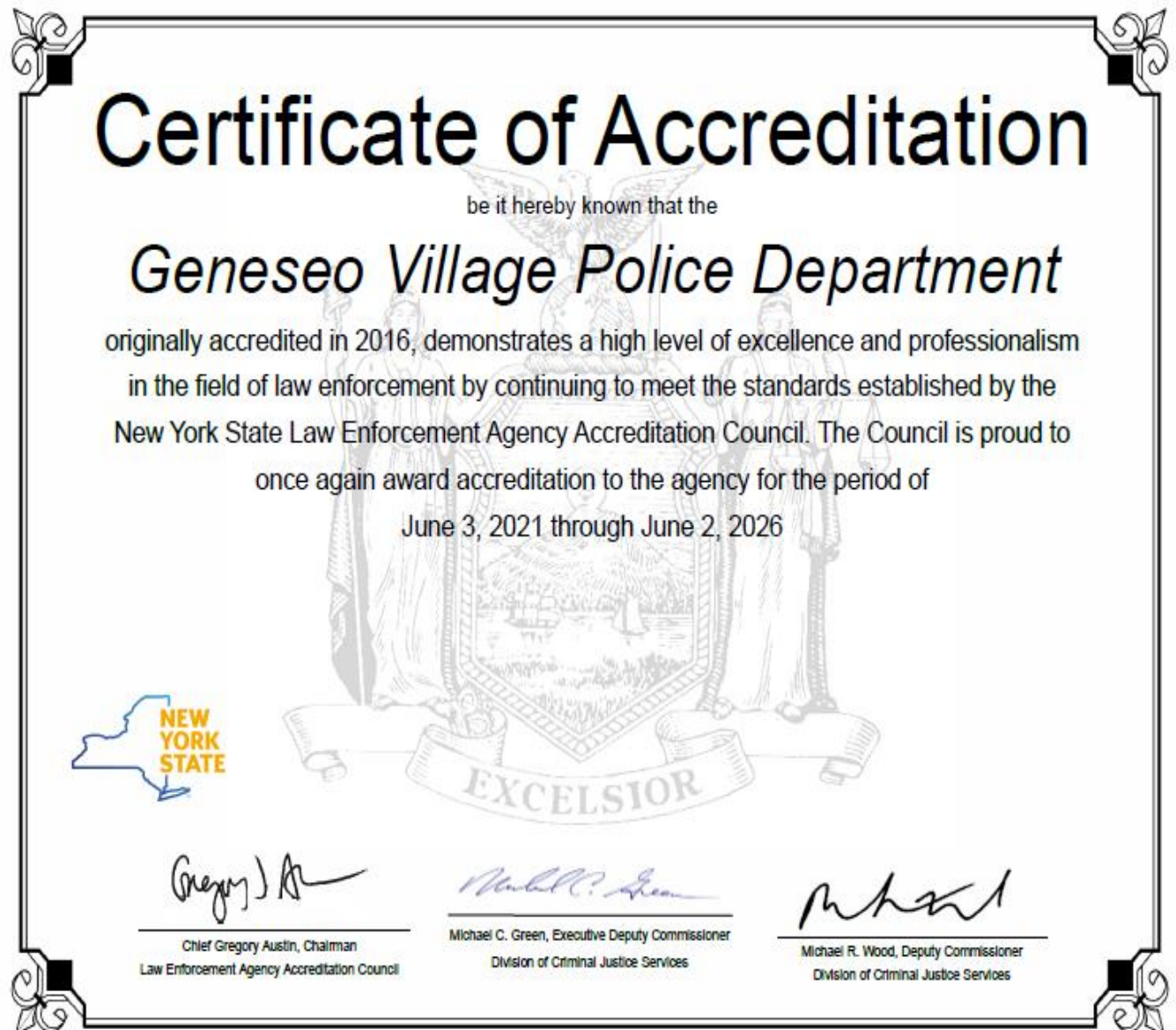
Accreditation is a progressive and contemporary way of helping police agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. It provides formal recognition that an organization meets or exceeds general expectations of quality in the field, and acknowledges the implementation of policies that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

The goals of the accreditation program are to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the law enforcement agency by utilizing existing personnel, equipment and facilities to the extent possible. It is also to promote increased cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies and other agencies in the criminal justice services, and to ensure the appropriate training of law enforcement personnel, as well as to promote public confidence in a law enforcement agency.

The Geneseo Police Department participated in our first reaccreditation assessment in 2021. This assessment was done by the DCJS. The reaccreditation assessment started in February and continued through April. The assessment was very thorough. It included reviews of topics such as agency organization, fiscal management, personnel practices, evidence management, records management, and training requirements. It also included reviews of critical and litigious policy topics such as high-speed pursuits, roadblocks, patrol practices, and unusual occurrences.

On June 3, the department was invited to a meeting held by the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Council. At this meeting the Accreditation Council voted unanimously to grant us reaccreditation status until 2026.

Approximately 25% of the police departments in New York State are accredited. Of those accredited less than 1% are small police agencies with less than 10 full-time officers, like the Geneseo Police Department.



School Resource Officer

The Village of Geneseo, in cooperation with the Geneseo Central School, has an officer in the school district serving as a school resource officer. This formal partnership started in 2016 and has continued every year since.

The mission of the school resource officer program is:

- To maintain a safe, secure and uninterrupted learning environment for the staff and students at the Geneseo Central School.
- To make the Geneseo Central School District safer for all children and staff by reducing school-related crime and by dealing with problems and issues identified in the student population.
- To promote respect for people and property.
- To bridge the gap between police officers and young people.
- To teach students how to avoid becoming a victim through self-awareness and crime prevention.

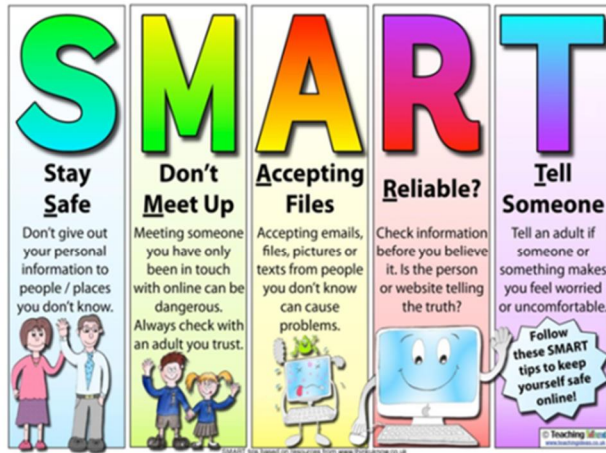
Officer Katelyn Brado was our school resource officer for 2021.



Katelyn provided weekly safety information to students and staff during the year.

Below are two of her weekly safety bulletins:

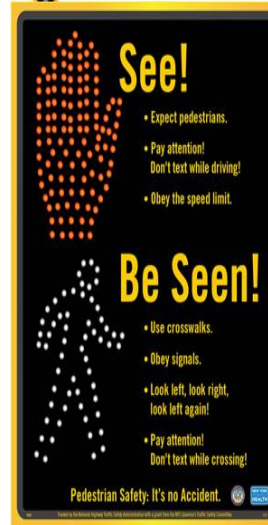
Officer Brado's Weekly Safety Education:



Online Safety Tips for the New Year



Officer Brado's Weekly Safety Education:



The weather is getting nice out, just a reminder to Be Safe, Be Seen.



In September, Officer Brado went out on leave. During this time Officer Joseph Hopper filled in for her from September through November. Officer Hopper is pictured to the right reading to students. Officer Jeffery Szczesniak also helped serve as the school resource officer in November until Officer Brado returned.



To the right is a picture of the reflective Halloween bags that were given out to all of the elementary students. We also provided students with glows sticks. With safety in mind, we wanted our students to be visible and safe when they were trick-or-treating at night.



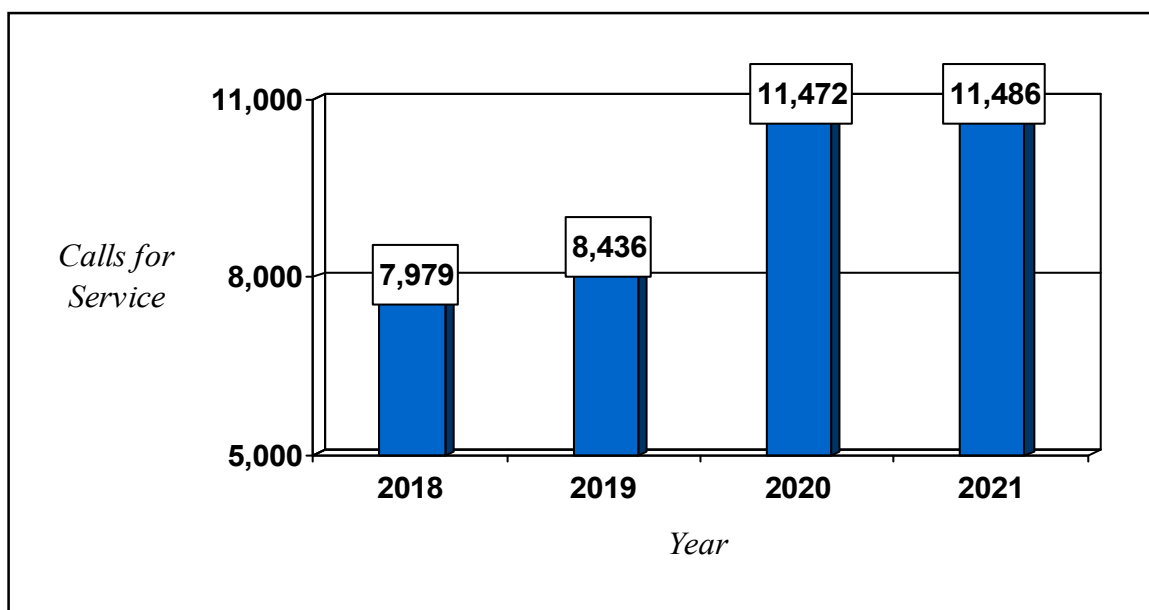
Calls for Service

“Call for Service” is what the police department refers to as a service call or complaint. Very broad, this work encompasses criminal complaints; disorderly person(s); lost property of all kinds; assisting a stranded motorist; medical complaints; traffic complaints; loud noise complaints; property checks and any other instance where citizens desire the services of the police department.

One of the more frequent occurrences is the “welfare check”. A welfare check complaint can consist of anything from a person dialing 911 and hanging up or a request to check on an individual that may want to harm themselves. These complaints have increased over the years. Geneseo Police Officers responded to these types of complaints 449 times during 2021.

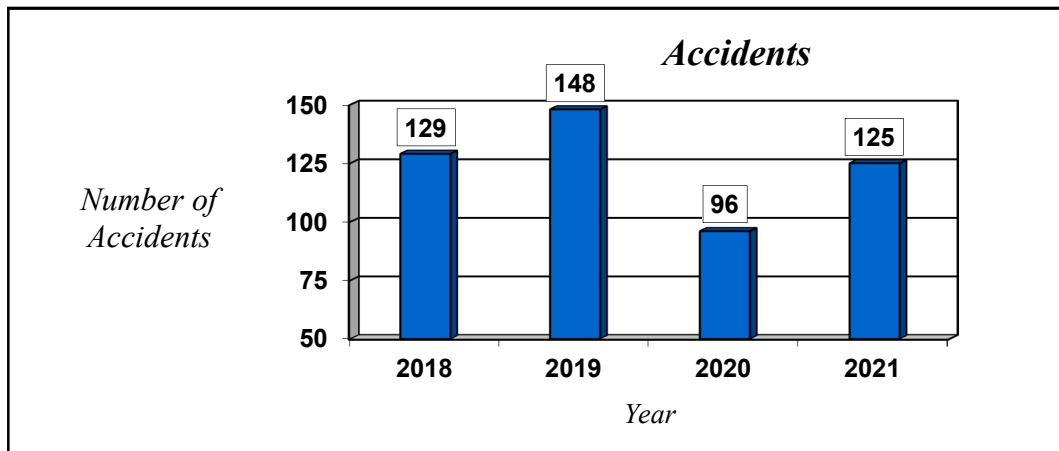
Seemingly a routine call, the call for service is often the most important call to the police. It provides contact between the public and the Geneseo Police Department. This contact continues to number in the thousands every year.

As you can see from the graph below, the Geneseo Police Department’s “Calls for Service” clearly show that Geneseo Police officers are busy every day.

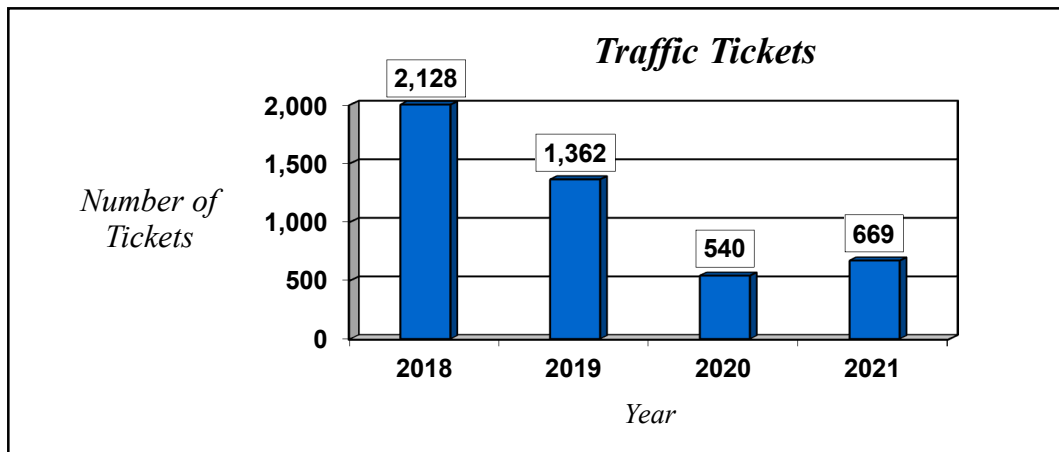


Traffic

The chart below shows the number of motor vehicle crashes for the past four years. The Covid-19 pandemic started here in 2020, which lowered the number of crashes due to fewer cars being on our roadways. The Village of Geneseo has several state routes that cross its borders (Routes 20A, 39, 942D, and 63).



Below outlines the number of traffic tickets written over the past four years:

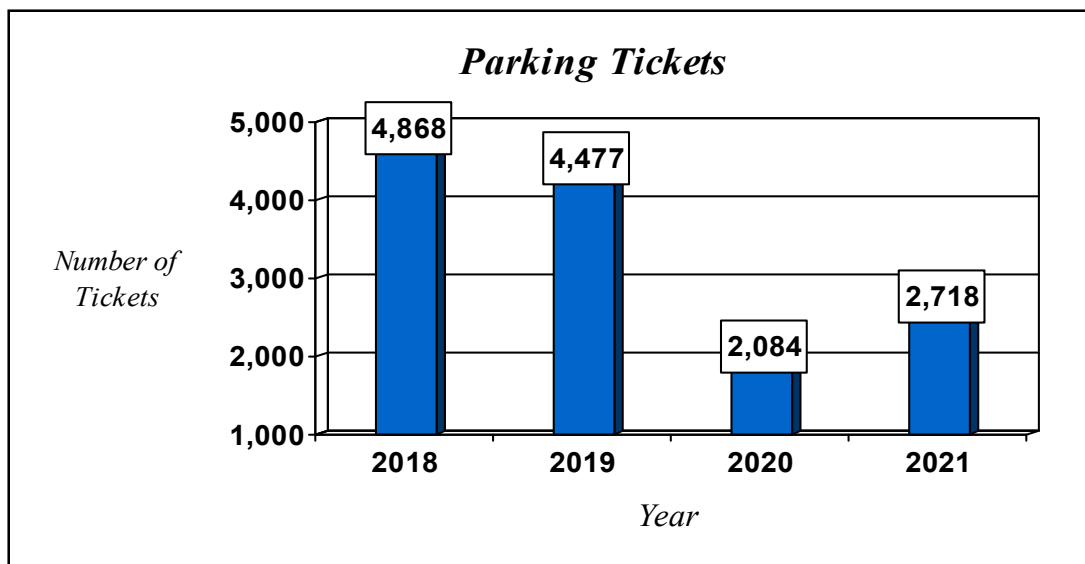


Officers performed 1,421 traffic stops for vehicle and traffic violations in 2021. During these traffic stops, officers arrested 26 motorists for driving while intoxicated by either drugs or alcohol. This compares to 13 arrests in 2020. Officers also stopped 16 motorists for passing a Geneseo School Bus, while the bus was stopped with its emergency lights on, either picking up or discharging students. This compares to 5 in 2020.

Parking Enforcement

A total of 2,718 parking tickets were issued in the Village in 2021. The Village's part-time parking attendant handles the responsibility for the parking tickets in the metered areas of the business district of the Village, as well as permit only parking in the Municipal Lot and on University Drive. This position became vacant in November.

During 2021, this position issued 2,028 parking tickets and police personnel issued 690 tickets during their patrols. The graph below shows the past four years of parking tickets that were issued in the Village. For 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic, the part-time parking attendant was not working for approximately half the year.



Fines from parking tickets help pay for the replacement and maintenance of the meters on Main Street and Center Street; the computerized parking software; costs to the company to manage the program; the portable parking ticket devices; the salary costs of the parking attendant; as well as the part of the salary costs for a clerk to administrate the parking program.

Criminal Investigations

The chart below represents some of the crimes and incidents that were investigated over the past four years. Some of these crimes fall under the provisions of the New York State Executive Law. The Division of Criminal Services (DCJS) is the agency which is authorized to collect crime reporting data in New York State. All Village, Town, City, County and State law enforcement agencies are required to send crime statistics to DCJS.

Category	2018	2019	2020	2021
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	9	9	5	6
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Assault	7	6	5	8
Burglary & Trespass	20	16	19	21
Larceny, Thefts	78	80	68	75
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	0	0	2
Arson	1	1	0	0
Dangerous Weapons	1	1	1	1
Fraud, Forgery, Counterfeiting	40	30	8	80
Criminal Mischief, Damage Property	23	28	45	35
Disorderly Conduct	13	9	8	12
Drug Violations	70	37	17	7
Alcohol Violations	34	24	12	6
DWI Offenses	36	22	13	26
Family Offenses	51	59	80	68
Unattended Deaths	6	8	5	4
All Other Offenses (Harassment, etc.)	297	212	194	114
Total Cases Investigated	639	483	400	465

Grants/Funding

The Geneseo Police Department was able to apply for several Federal, State and Local grants, totaling **\$25,488.56** in 2021. Some of the funding will carry over into 2022.

A breakdown of the funding is as follows:

- Police Traffic Services (PTS) grant for \$11,400. This grant pays for overtime costs for traffic enforcement. The goal of this grant is to reduce the number of motor vehicle crashes during the year. This grant targets aggressive driving violations, cell phone violations, and seat belt violations.
- STOP-DWI funding in the amount of \$4,000 to pay for wages associated with DWI enforcement.
- A grant in the amount of \$800 from the US Department of Justice to purchase new bullet-proof vests for the officers.
- Office equipment received by the Livingston County District Attorney's Office to assist us with uploading and storing data in compliance with the new rules of law enforcement discovery. The total amount of the equipment received was \$890.80.
- Specialized STOP-DWI holiday crackdown funding from Livingston County in the amount of \$3,297.76. This funding was used for wages associated with DWI enforcement around the holidays.
- A Wal-Mart community grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the "Shop with a Cop" program. This program benefits children in the County. The event was held on December 11.

The police department has been able to obtain a total of approximately **\$909,214** in funding since January of 2004.

Training

The Geneseo Police Department continued to keep its police force trained and knowledgeable, by exceeding the amount of training required by accreditation standards. Officers logged over 500 hours of training. Increased training has assisted the department in accommodating the growing needs and requirements of the Village community. Below is a breakdown of some of the training courses officers attended in 2021:

- Disaster Preparedness
- How We Find Them- Missing Person Investigations
- Confidentiality of Information
- Police Anti-Bias training, part 1
- Police Anti-Bias training, part 2
- Blood borne Pathogens training for Law Enforcement
- Community Policing, part 1
- Community Policing, part 2
- De-Escalation and Communication, part 1
- De-Escalation and Communication, part 2
- NYS Sexual Harassment Training
- Law Enforcement Use of Force training
- Workplace Violence Prevention training
- Discipline and Termination: Documenting Discipline
- False Arrest and Arrests Liability for Law Enforcement
- Harassment Prevention for Supervisors
- Performance Evaluation training
- Slower is Faster: Survival for Law Enforcement Officers
- Mental Health Overview: Awareness and Response for Law Enforcement
- The Importance of Research

- Working with individuals in Distress & Ways to increase officer wellness
- NYS Accreditation Assessor training
- Helping those who help others
- Procedural Justice for Law Enforcement Executives
- Use of Force: Policy or Tactics
- Law Enforcement Disability Awareness training
- Missing Persons Training- Where to Look
- Response to People in Crises
- CPR recertification
- Engaging Local Communities in Traffic Safety
- The Role Training - or Lack of Training - in Poor Decisions
- FEMA Non-Emergency Grant Training
- Street drugs and driving, what you need to know
- Range Qualification and Article 35 training
- The New Cannabis Law: Considerations for Towns and Villages
- De-escalation training
- E-Justice Portal recertification
- The 4-2-0 on the MRTA, Training on the New Marijuana Law
- Traffic Safety with an Eye on Equity
- Legal Updates- legislative changes
- Annual Drug Recognition Expert training
- Recognizing the Cannabis Impaired Motorist
- Cyber Awareness
- Less than lethal training

Police Reform

The Village of Geneseo complied with New York State Executive Order 203 and organized a stakeholder's group to work on police reform. This executive order mandated all local municipalities to adopt a resolution complying with the order on police reform or the municipality will not be able to obtain any funding from New York State. The executive order was only directed at local municipalities (County, Town, and Village). The order was not directed towards state agencies, such as the State Police, State Park Police, or State University Police.

A stakeholder's group was developed according to the guidelines outlined in the executive order and information provided by New York State. The stakeholder's group had numerous meetings and also developed a public survey to ask the community certain questions that would help in developing a police reform plan. The stakeholder discussions were very productive, and the public survey offered positive feedback.

The stakeholders group developed a police reform plan that was presented to the Village Board on February 8, 2021. This was an open meeting that was available to the public, to gather public comments. After a thorough discussion of the plan, and hearing from the public, the Village Board voted unanimously to adopt the police reform plan.

The Village of Geneseo police reform plan is noted on the next three pages:

VILLAGE OF GENESEO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 8, 2021
Regular Meeting & Police Reform Plan
Public Information Meeting
via Zoom Meetings – ID# 835 2006 6502

Present:

Margaret Duff, Mayor
Leah Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
Chris Ivers, Trustee
Eddie Lee, Trustee
Katarina Woods, Trustee

Other Village Representatives Present:

Aprile S. Mack, Clerk/Treasurer
Eric Osganian, Police Chief
Sarah Wright, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
David Woods, Planning Board Chair
Ben Swanson, Police Sergeant
Julie Molisani, Village Court Clerk
Janna O'Brien, Village Assistant Court Clerk

Stakeholders Group Present (excluding Village Representatives Present):

Greg McCaffrey – Livingston County District Attorney
Awab Shawkat – SUNY Student & Village Resident
Pastor Mike Smith – Christ Community Church

Public Present:

Kaitlin Miron – SUNY Geneseo Student Senate, Geneseo Community Representative

Matt Leader – Livingston County News

Tim L. (TBL)

Jake Clarke

Ron Palmer

Megan Miller

Taylor D'Agostino

Nicole Acquavella

Madeline Dunn

Kaitlin Brill

Taylor Swartz

Melissa Kaplan

Mallaigh Ashton

Laura Klein

Jenna Murray

Emily Salvemmi

Carmen Martinez

Cyn Hicks

Karissa Michel

Christine Merrilees

Taylor Presutti

Jess Rivera

Isabella Higgins

Amy Osganian

Olivia Smith

Mathews

Azulmar Escalera

Georgia VanDerwater

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Trustee Lee Offered the following resolution on Police Reform and the resolution which was seconded by Deputy Mayor Fletcher:

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo wishes to comply with New York State Executive Order No. 203, New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaboration, signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo on June 12, 2020;

Whereas, Executive Order No. 203 states that immediate action is needed to eliminate racial inequities in policing, to modify and modernize policing strategies, policies, procedures, and practices, and to develop practices to better address the particular needs of communities of color to promote public safety, improve community engagement, and foster trust;

Whereas, government has a responsibility to ensure that all citizens are treated equally, fairly, and justly before the law;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo has an operating police agency with police officers as defined under 1.20 of the criminal procedure law;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo's Police Department has body worn cameras for its officers and the department is a New York State accredited police agency, through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, which acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

Whereas, the chief executive of the Village of Geneseo has met with stakeholders in the community including membership and the leadership of the local police force; members of the community; interested non-profits and faith-based community groups; the local office of the district attorney; the public defender; and local elected officials;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo has performed a review of current police force policies, procedures, and practices, and has made modifications to improve such policies, procedures, practices, accountability and transparency for the purpose of addressing the particular needs of the Village of Geneseo community and to promote community engagement to foster greater trust, fairness, and legitimacy, and to address any racial bias and disproportionate policing of communities of color;

Whereas, the community stakeholders in order to engage the community for input on police reform created and sent out an extensive public survey to the community. This survey offered community input relative to this police reform process and the information from that public survey was used for this reform plan;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo has created a plan to adopt and implement the recommendations resulting from its review and consultation with the stakeholders and the community, tailored to the specific needs of the Geneseo Village community and general promotion of improved police and community relationships based on trust, fairness, accountability, and transparency, and which seek to reduce any racial disparities in policing;

Whereas, said plan was offered for public comment to all citizens in the Village of Geneseo on February 8, 2021, and after consideration of such comments was presented to the Geneseo Village Board;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo will have a policy explicitly prohibiting racial profiling by its police officers;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo will have an evidence-based police policy to address use of force by its police officers and that use of force incidents shall be documented. The police chief or his designee will inform the Geneseo Village Board of any use of force incidents within 24 hours of occurrence;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo will provide annual training to its police officers, specifically consisting of anti-bias police training, de-escalation training, and use of force trainings;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo will use evidence-based police policies, strategies, and guidelines promulgated by the New York Municipal Police Training Council and the standards promulgated by the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo will annually review its police force policies, procedures, and practices to make adjustments as needed;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo will continue to meet with members of the community to address policing concerns to foster greater trust, fairness, accountability, and transparency through a commitment to making police policies readily accessible to the community;

Whereas, the Village of Geneseo received input from the public survey to enhance community engagement by using foot patrols and bicycle patrols;

Whereas, through our community stakeholder meetings and input gleaned from the community survey, it is evident that there is a tremendous need to have mental health counselors immediately available to respond with our local law enforcement when individuals are having a mental health crisis. This non-legal burden is currently being placed on our local law enforcement officers. Due to our limited financial resources, the Village of Geneseo cannot hire full-time counselors ourselves and seeks assistance from New York State to help accomplish this goal. The Village of Geneseo is also looking at opportunities to work with other municipalities in Livingston County to provide this service to our wider community.

The Vote was as follows:

Mayor Duff – Aye

Deputy Mayor Fletcher – Aye

Trustee Lee – Aye

Trustee Woods – Aye

Trustee Ivers – Had left the meeting prior to Board vote.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Geneseo has adopted this police reform plan by Board resolution.

I certify that this is a true copy of the minutes of the Village Board of Trustees meeting held on February 8, 2021 via Zoom Meeting ID #: 835 2006 6502.





April S. Mack, Village Clerk/Treasurer

Shop with a Cop

We held our annual Shop with a Cop event on December 11, at the Walmart supercenter. This was our 7th year leading this program with Walmart, which started in 2014. Since then, we have expanded the program to reach all the public schools in Livingston County and their school resource officers/deputies.

We were successful in applying for a \$5,000 community grant from Walmart. These funds are used to purchase gift cards for young children to use to shop for Christmas. Children are picked by area school districts that may have had a traumatic event during the year or are in need and their families may have a hard time buying Christmas presents. The children shop with a law enforcement officer in the store. This year's program helped more than 150 children.

Below is a group picture of some of the law enforcement officers and Walmart personnel that helped with the event.



Year in Review

Our calls for service remained the same compared to 2020. Similar to the year before, most of our activity involved complaints at the numerous apartment complexes, rental properties, and the Walmart Supercenter. For 2021, we saw an increase in our overall number of investigations, with specific increases to frauds related to unemployment scams.

Our motor vehicle crashes increased as more motorists took to the roadways compared to 2020. It should be noted that during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, there were shutdowns, which resulted in fewer vehicles on our roadways.

Consistent with the year before, the police department was called upon to respond to numerous medical calls. Officers responded to 560 calls for medical services in 2021.

On these calls our officers are normally the first responders on the scene to assist the person in need. Officers were also tasked with doing lifesaving CPR or administering Narcan/naloxone, which reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. In 2021, officers and emergency medical personnel were called to respond to a total of four drug overdoses in the Village. These are incidents where the individual is unconscious and



not breathing due to a drug overdose. Officers and medical professionals successfully administered Narcan/naloxone to everyone who had overdosed. This resulted in all four lives being saved by the actions of our officers and medical professions that arrived on scene.

In 2020, we assisted in saving six individuals who had overdosed. In 2019, we assisted in saving four individuals that overdosed, unfortunately there were three individuals who died during a drug overdose that year.

Accomplishments in 2021

Obtaining law enforcement accreditation has been a big accomplishment for this police department. We received our initial law enforcement accreditation certification in 2016. During 2021, the police department was reassessed and granted reaccreditation status by the Accreditation Council. Since so few smaller agencies are accredited, this is a nice achievement.

We followed through on our police reform discussions and develop a reform plan prior to the April 1, 2021, deadline established by New York State. A reform plan was developed and approved by the Village Board on February 8, 2021.

During our budget discussions in 2021, it was decided to place funding in an account to have the patrol cars replaced in more of a timely fashion and to establish a regular car replacement cycle for our aging fleet of patrol cars. Two of the last three patrol cars needed a street sign to be welded to the floor on the driver's side, since the floor was rotting out. We currently have only one patrol car that is covered by a factory warranty.

The police department was able to replace an aging video/audio camera in one of our patrol cars. The older cameras have grainy video, and the new cameras are high definition.

We transitioned our record management system over to an incident-based reporting system to meet the requirements of New York State. There has been a learning process with the new system, and currently there is an issue with formatting the files being sent to New York State. The incident-based reporting (IBR) system is more comprehensive in reporting certain data, compared to the unified crime reporting (UCR) system. We hope to have this resolved in 2022.

Goals & Objectives for 2022

Several equipment items dominate our goals for 2022. We would like to replace another video camera in a patrol car. We still have several cameras that need to be replaced, as they are over 10 years old. We would also like to replace a radar unit in a patrol car. We have several laptop computers that still use Windows 7, which is now outdated and unsupported. Lastly, we hope to replace another patrol car. The next patrol car in line to be replaced currently has over 100,000 miles and is 7 years old.

We hope to continue to scan old arrest folders into an electronic format. The older computer software system did not have the ability to scan documents into the case files. We have to manually scan these older records that date back to the 1970s.

Our school resource officer agreement with the Geneseo Central School (GCS) will be up for renewal in 2022. We hope to maintain this program and our relationship with GCS going into 2022-2023 school year. This program has been very beneficial.

With the addition of the police reform resolution the police department has additional mandated training requirements that must be met every year. Our goal in 2022 is to exceed this requirement.

The Village saw an increase in motor vehicle crashes in 2021. This was coming off a low for motor vehicle crashes in 2020. Our goal in 2022 is to try and lower the number of motor vehicle crashes, compared to 2021.

We also hope to finalize the issue with the new police software system regarding incident-based reports being sent into New York State.