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**Seneca Falls Police
October 2014
Monthly Report**

**Town of Seneca Falls
Board Meeting
November 5, 2014**

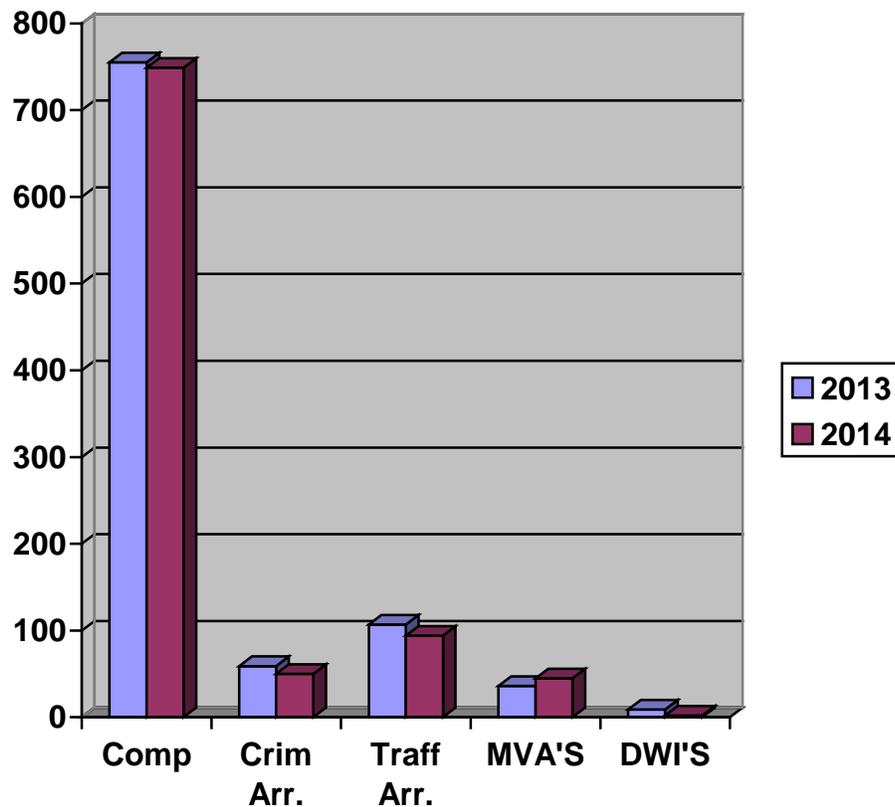
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October Statistics

In the month of October 2014, the Seneca Falls Police Department handled 749 calls for service. Of these 749 calls for service, 50 resulted in criminal arrests. The Seneca Falls Police Department responded to 45 traffic accidents. SFPD also conducted 225 traffic stops for the month of October with 93 traffic tickets issued and 2 Driving While Intoxicated arrests.

In comparing October 2013 to October of 2014, calls for service were down .07% (755/749); criminal arrests were down 15% (59/50); traffic arrests were down 12% (107/94); traffic accidents were up 25% (36/45); and Driving While Intoxicated arrests were down 77% (9/2).

The Seneca Falls Police Department was assisted by outside law enforcement agencies on 30 calls for service and assisted other outside law enforcement agencies on 14 calls for service in the month of October 2014.



Criminal Investigation Division

During the month of October 2014, the Criminal Investigation Division of the Seneca Falls Police Department arrested 3 individuals on a total of 9 felony charges and 4 misdemeanor charges. This closed 5 open CID cases.

CID was assigned or assisted with 25 new cases in October of 2014. Thirteen of these cases are already closed by either arrest or some other form of closure / clearance. Three of these cases were assisting other agencies which resulted in (3) individuals being arrested BOA on numerous charges including felonies. This also included the search warrant on a Town of Seneca Falls residence that was the source of drug related complaints. The search warrant was executed by the SCSD NU with SFPD CID and road patrol assistance.

CID worked jointly on a child abuse investigation with Seneca County Division of Human Services during October of 2014. This investigation will carry over into November of 2014 as a polygraph examination has been scheduled.

CID members, SCSD members, and Seneca County Probation members completed an IMPACT detail during October of 2014 targeting nuisance locations within the Town of Seneca Falls and the County.

Training

On October 8th, 2014 PO Cleere and PTO Kidd attended SFST Refresher Course, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, which was held at the Seneca County Law Enforcement Center. This course reviewed different testing to determine sobriety of drivers operating on NYS Highways.

On October 14th, 2014 PO Denny and PO Burlew attended Gracie Survival Tactics which was held at the United Martial Arts Center in Victor, NY and taught by Canandaigua Police Chief Jon Welch. The course covered topics associated with survival tactics for Police Officers.

On October 23rd and 24th, 2014, Chief Peenstra and Sgt/Inv Petrocci attended Linstar Users Conference which was held in Hamilton, NY. Linstar is the chosen vendor for the video and audio equipment purchase for the Police Departments interview and interrogation room. Equipment and installation was paid for through a NYS grant.

On October 30th, 2014, Chief Peenstra and Sgt Snyder attended DCJS Accreditation Program Manager Training at the State Preparedness Center in Oneida County. This training was designed primarily for agency program managers and others who will have a lead role in the accreditation of their agency. Instruction focused on the day-to-day tasks that will lead to accreditation and provide basic information on maintaining that status.

Staffing

I (Chief) am recommending that the Town Board approve hiring Martin D. Rotz, Jr. from 3 Seneca Place, Seneca Falls as a Part-Time Police Officer with the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department. Mr. Rotz has successfully completed all phases of his background investigation, minus a pending Polygraph Test scheduled for Friday November 7th.

Mr. Rotz was hired by the SCSD and graduated the Finger Lakes Law Enforcement Academy on July 30th 2014. Mr. Rotz has successfully completed Seneca County's field training program. After successful completion of field training, Mr. Rotz has primarily been assigned to security at the county court building or office building. Mr. Rotz will need to successfully complete field training with our department before he is released on his own.

Mr. Rotz has committed to being readily available for shifts when needed. This vacant position would bring our current part-time staff up to 6. (7 approved by board)

DCJS Grant

On September 26, 2014 Senator Michael Nozzolio made a request to the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for a special, one-time \$10,000 grant for the Seneca Falls Police Department.

Description of the Project consists of: Funding for equipment and programs to assist with anti-drug and anti-crime efforts.

On October 27th DCJS approved the full funding of the grant application. The Seneca Falls Police Department has up to one year to spend this money on equipment for anti-drug and anti-crime efforts.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC **RELATIONS ACTIVITIES**

PTO Roller Skating Party for Stanton and Frank Night Buildings

At the end of the 2013/14 school year the Seneca Falls Police Department was contacted by Karen Wylie from the PTO for both Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Frank Knight Schools regarding students wearing worn, damaged or improper helmets during the schools roller-skating parties and asked if the police department could assist.

On October 1st, 2014 PO Thomas Cleere was assigned to assist the PTO for the 5th and 2nd grade skating parties. PO Cleere provided a total of 17 students with new, properly fitted helmets to either replace or provide to those that did not own a helmet. Members of the Seneca Falls Police Department have received very positive feedback from the PTO, faculty and parents for the participation and specifically PO Cleere's involvement and interaction with the students. The PTO is looking forward to our continued participation in the November activities.

OPERATION: SAFE CHILD EVENTS

On October 9th, 2014 the Seneca Falls Police Department provided "Operation Safe Child Program" at the Fire Prevention Week Open House sponsored by the Seneca Falls Volunteer Fire Department. This has been an annual event for several years and is attended by hundreds of school aged children and their families. Police Officer Bethany Kidd and Sgt./Inv. Petrocci were assigned to the event and provided Safe Child ID cards to 53 children over the course of the evening.

On October 11th, 2014 the police department provided the same program at the annual Saint Anthony's Italian Festival on Ovid Street. Safe Child ID cards were provided to 12 children during the event.