



TOWN OF SENECA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Respectfully submitted by:
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March 2, 2021

February “Snapshot”

In February 2021, members of the Seneca Falls Police Department documented 1599 duty-related events.

These events include: responding to 567 calls for service, conducting 849 property checks on both business and residential properties, and 164 traffic stops.

Ninety traffic tickets were issued consisting of 0 Felony, 19 Misdemeanors, and 71 Infractions. Out of these traffic tickets, officers arrested five individuals for Driving While Intoxicated.

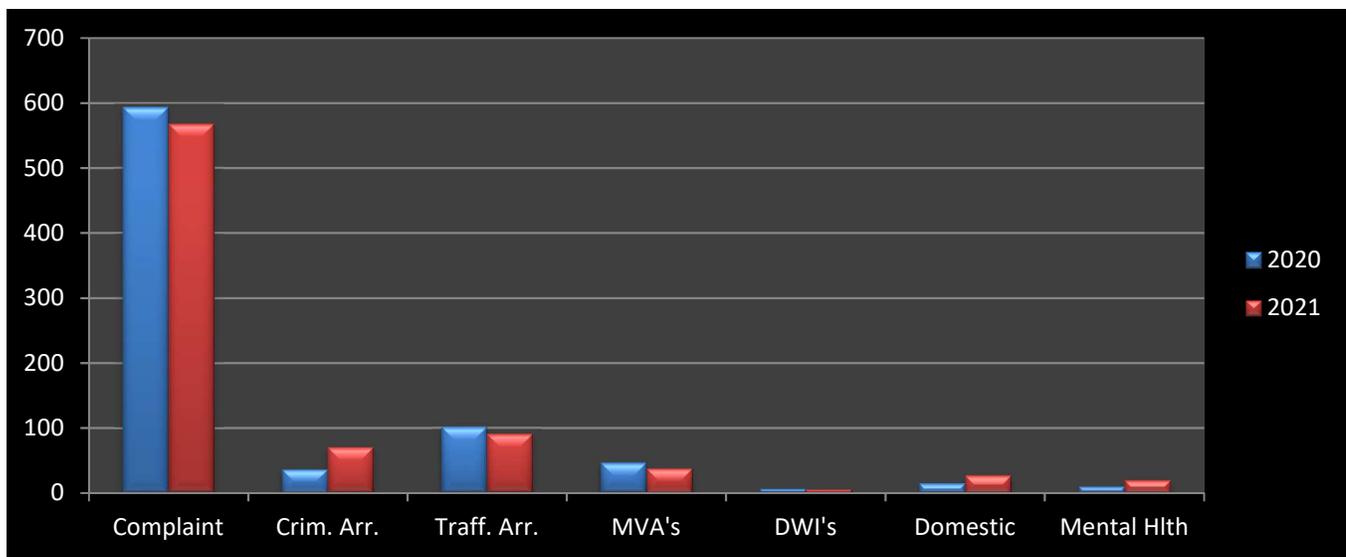
Thirty-Seven motor vehicle crashes were investigated in February, consisting of 2 personal injury and 35 property damage.

Forty One individuals were arrested, resulting in 70 Penal Law charges. These charges yielded the filing of 9 Felony, 30 Misdemeanor, and 31 Violations with Town Court. During these contacts, this agency recorded seven subject resistance report in February, resulting in 1 injury to a civilian and 1 injury to an officer.

The members of the Seneca Falls Police Department utilized the department iPad for remote mental health services 5 times. Of those 5 times, zero individuals required transportation to CPEP. (Clifton Springs Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program)

Members of the Seneca Falls Police Department completed a total of 56 hours of online training.

In comparing February 2020 to February 2021, calls for service were down 4% (593/567); criminal charges were up 94% (36/70); traffic tickets were down 10% (101/90); traffic accidents were down 19.5% (46/37). Domestic Disturbance was up 85% (14/26); Mental Health Incidents were up 90% (10/19); Driving While Intoxicated arrests were down 16% (6/5).



Criminal Investigation Division

During the month of February 2021 members of the Criminal Investigation Division arrested four males filing a total of 7 felony charges and 14 misdemeanor charges. These arrests stem from a January 2021 Sex Abuse investigation and an October 2020 Trespass/Auto Theft investigation. CID was assigned or assisted on 10 new cases in February 2021 with 6 being closed by some form of closure. Members assisted the NYSP with a search warrant that yielded evidence and the recovery of stolen property that allowed patrol to close a recent Burglary with an arrest.

February Notable Case

On Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 2:44 pm the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Chelsea N. Ticer, age 31, of Seneca Falls, New York. The arrest stems from a child abuse report that was received reporting Ticer under the influence of drugs while caring for a child. During the investigation it was determined that Ticer was caring for the child in a location where activity involving controlled substances and marijuana was being used. Ticer was charged with unlawfully dealing with a child in the first degree, endangering the welfare of a child in the second degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree and unlawful possession of marijuana. She was processed and transported to the Seneca County Correctional Facility to await arraignment. The 11-month-old female child had no visible injuries. Seneca County Child Protective Services were contacted, and the child was turned over to a family member. Ticer will be due back in the Town of Seneca Falls Court at a later date to answer the charges.

On Monday, February 8, 2021, at 7:01 am the Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Timothy R. Brown, age 35, of Waterloo, New York, following a welfare check. Upon arrival police located a male and female on scene within the room that Brown stated he was in. Brown was located inside of a bathroom at which time he was determined to be under the influence of an unknown illegal narcotic. Following the investigation on scene, Brown was found to be in possession of more than one controlled substance as well as material suitable for the packaging of narcotic drugs. As a result of this investigation Brown was charged with two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree and one count of criminally using drug paraphernalia in the second degree. Brown was processed and transported to the Seneca County Correctional Facility to await arraignment. In addition to the listed charges, Brown also violated the terms and conditions of his parole and will be held without bail.

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On Friday, February 12, 2021, at 10:25 pm the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Steven J. Picchi, age 35, of Seneca Falls, New York. Police were initially called to a home on Barker Street for a third-party call reporting a domestic disturbance. While investigating the incident, Picchi exited his residence yelling profanity and aggressively challenging the police officers. Picchi failed to comply with orders to back away resulting in a physical altercation between Picchi and police. He was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrested, obstructing governmental administration, and harassment in the second degree. Picchi was processed and released on an appearance ticket scheduling him to appear in the Town of Seneca Falls Court at a later date to answer the charges.

On Friday, February 12, 2021, at 9:50 pm the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Clinton L. Pelt, age 44, of Rochester, New York following a traffic stop on State Route 5. Police stopped the motor vehicle that Pelt was a passenger of following a moving violation. During the traffic stop, Pelt exited the vehicle and became uncompliant with police. Pelt threatened police that he was going to fight and kill them, then made aggressive movements towards police. Pelt was told he was under arrest which he resisted. Pelt was taken into custody without any further incident. He was charged with disorderly conduct, harassment in the second degree, resisting arrest and obstruction of governmental administration. Pelt was processed and released on an appearance ticket scheduling him to appear in the Town of Seneca Falls Court at a later date to answer the charges.

On Sunday, February 14, 2021, at 12:55 pm the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Stephen L. Rapini, age 58, of Waterloo, New York. Police were called to an address on State Street for a third-party call reporting an in-progress domestic dispute. Upon arrival police made contact with the individuals. During the investigation it was discovered that Rapini was in possession of another subject's prescription medication container and medication. As a result, Rapini was charged with one count of criminal diversion of prescription medication in the fourth degree, a class A misdemeanor. Rapini was processed and released on an appearance ticket scheduling him to appear in the Town of Seneca Falls Court at a later date to answer the charge.

On Wednesday, February 18, 2021, at 10:38 pm the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Darnell A. Daniels, age 23, of Auburn, New York. The arrest stems from a domestic disturbance call that was received on State Route 5. While investigating the incident police found Daniels to be in possession of a methamphetamine substance. Daniels was subsequently charged with one count of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, a class A misdemeanor. He was processed and released on an appearance ticket scheduling him to appear in the Town of Seneca Falls Court at a later date to answer the charge.

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On Thursday, 18, 2021, the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Steven J. Picchi, age 35, of Seneca Falls, New York on an arrest warrant. The arrest stems from the incident that occurred on Friday, February 12th, 2021 in which Picchi failed to comply with orders to back away resulting in a physical altercation between Picchi and police. As a result of the confrontation, Picchi was initially charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrested, obstructing governmental administration, and harassment in the second degree, and released on an appearance ticket. Upon further investigation into the incident, a warrant was issued for Picchi's arrest for additional charges of felony attempted assault on a police officer and criminal obstruction of breathing. Picchi was brought to Central Arraignment Court to be arraigned on all charges.

On 02/18/21 at 11:22 a.m. the Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Bryndyn L. Neel, age 31, of Seneca Falls following a police investigation that began in January of this year. He is accused of forcibly engaging in non-consensual sexual intercourse with a female under the age of seventeen. The female victim reported no injuries as a result of this incident. At the conclusion of the investigation, Neel was charged with the following offenses:

- Rape in the First Degree
- Rape in the Third Degree
- Unlawful Imprisonment in the First Degree
- Reckless Endangerment in the Second Degree
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child

Neel was transported to the Seneca County Correctional Facility to await arraignment on these charges at Seneca County CAP Court.

On February 21st, 2021 at 7:09 pm the Town of Seneca Falls Police arrested Philip Vanscoter, age 56, of Seneca Falls for a Sex Offender Registry Violation w/ previous conviction, a Class D Felony. The arrest stems from an investigation into a property damage crash that occurred on January 23rd, 2021 at 5:47 am where it was found that Vanscoter had registered a vehicle in his name and had moved residence without reporting it to the Sex Offender Registry. Vanscoter had a prior conviction of the same charge in 2008. Vanscoter was transported to the Seneca County Law Enforcement Center for arraignment.

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On Friday, February 26, 2021, at 2:01 pm the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Scott G. Champlin, age 27, of Seneca Falls, New York. The arrest stems from a theft complaint at a local agricultural facility on February 12, 2021. While conducting this investigation and communicating with the New York State Police it was determined that Champlin was a suspect in multiple burglaries within Seneca County. As a result of the multi-agency investigation, it was verified that Champlin unlawfully gained entry into the facility and stole several items belonging to the agricultural service warehouse. Champlin was placed into custody and processed. Champlin was charged with one count of burglary in the third degree, a felony, and one count of petit larceny, a misdemeanor. Champlin was processed and released after being issued an appearance ticket. Champlin is due back in the Town of Seneca Falls Court at a later date to answer the charges.

On Friday February 27th, 2021 at about 2:30pm the Seneca Falls Police Department arrested two individuals following the investigation into the theft of three trucks from an auto lot in the Town of Seneca Falls. On October 3rd, 2020 the suspects used the stolen vehicles to drive through a closed fence gate causing over \$12,000 worth of damage. All three stolen vehicles were recovered.

Police charged Aldomond Whitfield, age 19, of W. River St, Waterloo, NY with Criminal Mischief 3rd, Conspiracy 4th, 3cts of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Petit Larceny and Criminal Trespass 3rd. Whitfield was released on an Appearance Ticket to appear in Seneca Falls Town Court on May 12th, 2021.

Additionally, police charged a 17-year-old youth and will be charging a 15-year-old youth with Criminal Mischief 3rd, Conspiracy 5th, 3cts of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Petit Larceny and Criminal Trespass 3rd. Their names are being withheld due to their age.

Investigators were assisted by members of the Waterloo Police Department during the investigation.

Seneca Falls Police Reform and Reinvention Plan

The Town of Seneca Falls and the Seneca Falls Police Department, on behalf of the residents and other stakeholders in the town, are pleased to submit a response to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s Executive Order 203 – New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaboration. The Seneca Falls Police Department enthusiastically embraces Executive Order 203 as a method to continue striving for excellence in police work and increase community involvement.

In fulfilling Executive Order 203, the Seneca Falls Police Department performed a comprehensive review of current police force deployments, strategies, policies, procedures, and practices. Upon inspection of these policies and procedures, all were found to be compliant with current federal and state laws and model policies as promulgated by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council. The Seneca Falls Police Department has been an accredited law enforcement agency with the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services since 2014 and was successfully re-accredited in August of 2019.

In Seneca Falls, we are very proud of the collaborative effort made in developing our response to Executive Order 203. Every effort was made to conduct outreach and engagement in the communities highlighted in the Governor’s order, which are highlighted in detail. It should be highlighted that question #2 of the survey asked: “Have you had contact with your local or other law enforcement agency in the past three years?” Question #3 asked: “If yes, were you treated professionally, with dignity and respect?” The community response to question #3 was: “91.3% Yes”.

We hope that the plan submitted to New York State is just the beginning of an ongoing dialogue with the community stakeholders towards a common goal of establishing a model for community policing in our great town.



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ONLINE TRAINING REPORT

February-21

BREAKDOWN BY MEMBER				
MEMBER	SUPERVISOR TOPICS TOTAL	GENERAL TOPICS TOTAL	OVERALL MONTH TOTAL	YEAR TOTAL
Stuart W. Peenstra	2.00	3.00	3.00	6.00
Timothy A. Snyder	2.00	3.00	3.00	6.00
Michael C. Poole	2.00	3.00	3.00	6.00
Angela M. Anderson				
Sebastiano R. Gentile				
Eric A. Davids	2.00	3.00	3.00	6.00
Martin D. Rotz	2.00	3.00	3.00	6.00
Michael L. Petrocci	2.00	3.00	3.00	6.00
Christopher J. Denny		3.00	3.00	4.00
Linda W. Sherman				
Alice M. Capacci		3.00	3.00	4.00
Thomas B. P. Cleere		3.00	1.00	4.00
Bethany J. Kidd		3.00	1.00	4.00
Andrew T. Hilker		4.00	4.00	4.00
Jacob L. DeChick		4.00	4.00	4.00
Josef S. Shaffer		4.00	4.00	4.00
Logan R. Burgdorf		4.00	4.00	4.00
Logan M. Fleming		3.00	1.00	4.00
Eric M. Maclean		3.00	1.00	4.00
Sue M. Pluretti		4.00	4.00	4.00

TOTAL HOURS CREDITED - SUPERVISOR:	12.00	AVERAGE:	2.00
TOTAL HOURS CREDITED - GENERAL:	56.00	AVERAGE:	3.29

ASSIGNED TRAINING TOPICS		
1	2021 Hazmat First Responder (FRA) Level 1	10
2	2021 Airborne and Bloodborn Pathogens	11
3		12
4		13
5		14



RESET FORM

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ACTIVITY REPORT

OFFICER SUBMITTING REPORT:	Michael C. Poole, Sergeant	MONTH:	February 2021			
FULL DAYS	HALF DAYS	TOTAL # OF EVENTS/FUNCTIONS	TOTAL # OF SFPD CR #S CREATED			
13	00	00	19			
EVENT ACTIVITY BREAKDOWN						
STUDENT CONTACTS			772			
PARENT CONTACTS			62			
COUNSELING SESSIONS WITH STUDENTS			09			
COUNSELING SESSIONS WITH STUDENTS/PARENTS			00			
STUDENT ARRIVAL, LUNCH, DISMISSAL			DAILY AS PERMITTED			
CLASSROOM LECTURES, PARTICIPATION, D.A.R.E.			07			
MEETINGS ATTENDED (Community, school, etc.)			09			
OUTSIDE FAMILY – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & CUSTODY RELATED ISSUES			01			
INTER-SCHOOL, OUTSIDE AGENCY STUDENT ISSUES			00			
ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY			00			
ASSIST ROAD PATROL/CID			02			
ASSIST SFSCD TRANSPORTATION			00			
ASSIST DISTRICT OFFICE			00			
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS, TRAFFIC & PARKING RELATED ISSUES			01			
EMERGENCY DRILLS			00			
TRAINING COMPLETED (by hours)			10.5			
COURT APPEARANCE/SUPERINTENDENT HEARINGS			00			
LOST PROPERTY			01			
BREAKDOWN BY SCHOOL			HS	MS	CS	FK
ASSIST LOCATING STUDENT NOT ACCOUNTED FOR			01	-	-	-
ASSIST WITH DISORDERLY STUDENT, HALL OR CLASSROOM DISTURBANCE			-	-	-	-
ASSIST SCHOOL PERSONNEL (Teachers, counselors, etc.)			01	02	03	02
HOME VISITS / SAFETY CHECKS			03	05	-	01
VIOLATION LEVEL OFFENSES			-	-	-	-
MISDEMEANOR LEVEL OFFENSES			-	-	-	-
FELONY LEVEL OFFENSES			-	-	-	-
MENTAL HEALTH INCIDENTS			-	-	01	-
ARREST BREAKDOWN BY SCHOOL			HS	MS	CS	FK
VIOLATION LEVEL OFFENSES			-	-	-	-
MISDEMEANOR LEVEL OFFENSES			-	-	-	-
FELONY LEVEL OFFENSES			-	-	-	-
MENTAL HEALTH INCIDENTS			-	-	01	-



Seneca Falls Police Department

Law Total Incident Report, by Nature of Incident

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
911 HANG UP	7
911 OPEN LINE	5
AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT	3
ALARM	2
POLICE ALARM	13
ANIMAL PROBLEM	10
ASSAULT	1
AGENCY ENTITY OR PERSON	51
BURGLARY	1
CALL FROM CALL BOX	1
CARDIAC RESPIRATORY ARREST	1
CELLAR PUMP	4
CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT	2
CIVIL COMPLAINTS	7
CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1
DEAD BODY	3
DISABLED VEHICLE	7
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	3
DISPUTE OR FIGHT IN PROGRESS	6
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	23
DRUGS NARCOTICS MARIJUANA	4
DWI /DWAI	2
ESCORT	1
FAMILY PROBLEMS	3
FIRE ALARM	5
FIRE OUTSIDE OF STRUCTURE	1
FRAUD	15
HARASSMENT	8
INFORMATION REPORT	27
JUVENILE	9
LANDLORD/TENANT	2
LOCK OUT VEHICLE / RESIDENTIAL	21
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	94
MENTAL HEALTH INCIDENT	19
MISSING PERSON	2
NEIGHBOR PROBLEMS	4
NOISE COMPLAINT	4
NOTIFICATIONS	2
ODOR INVESTIGATION	2
ORDER OF PROTECTION VIOLATION	1
OPEN DOOR / WINDOW	1
PARKING PROBLEM OR COMPLAINT	13
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WITH DAMAGE	35

<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	2
PROPERTY CHECK ALL TYPES	849
PROPERTY FOUND	4
PROPERTY CMLPNT LOST	6
PROPERTY RETRIEVAL	10
PROPERTY STOLEN	1
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPLAINT	1
REPOSSESSED	6
ROAD CLOSURE	1
ROAD HAZARD	10
SEX OFFENDER CONTACT	6
SEX OFFENSE	1
SMOKE INVESTIGATION	1
SPECIAL DETAIL	14
SUSPICIOUS PERSON / VEHICLE	25
THEFT OR LARCENY	15
ALL TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS	13
TRAFFIC STOP	164
TRANSPORT-LAW	12
TRESPASSING	7
WARRANTS ALL TYPES	5
CHECK THE WELFARE	19

Total reported: 1599
