

July 2021 / MONTHLYREPORT



# TOWN OF SENECA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# **July “Snapshot”**

In July 2021, members of the Seneca Falls Police Department documented 2074 duty-related events. These events include: responding to 862 calls for service, conducting 1031 property checks on both business and residential properties, and 161 traffic stops.

Sixty-Eight traffic tickets were issued consisting of 4 Felony, 16 Misdemeanor, and 48 Infractions. Out of these traffic tickets, officers arrested five individuals for Driving While Intoxicated.

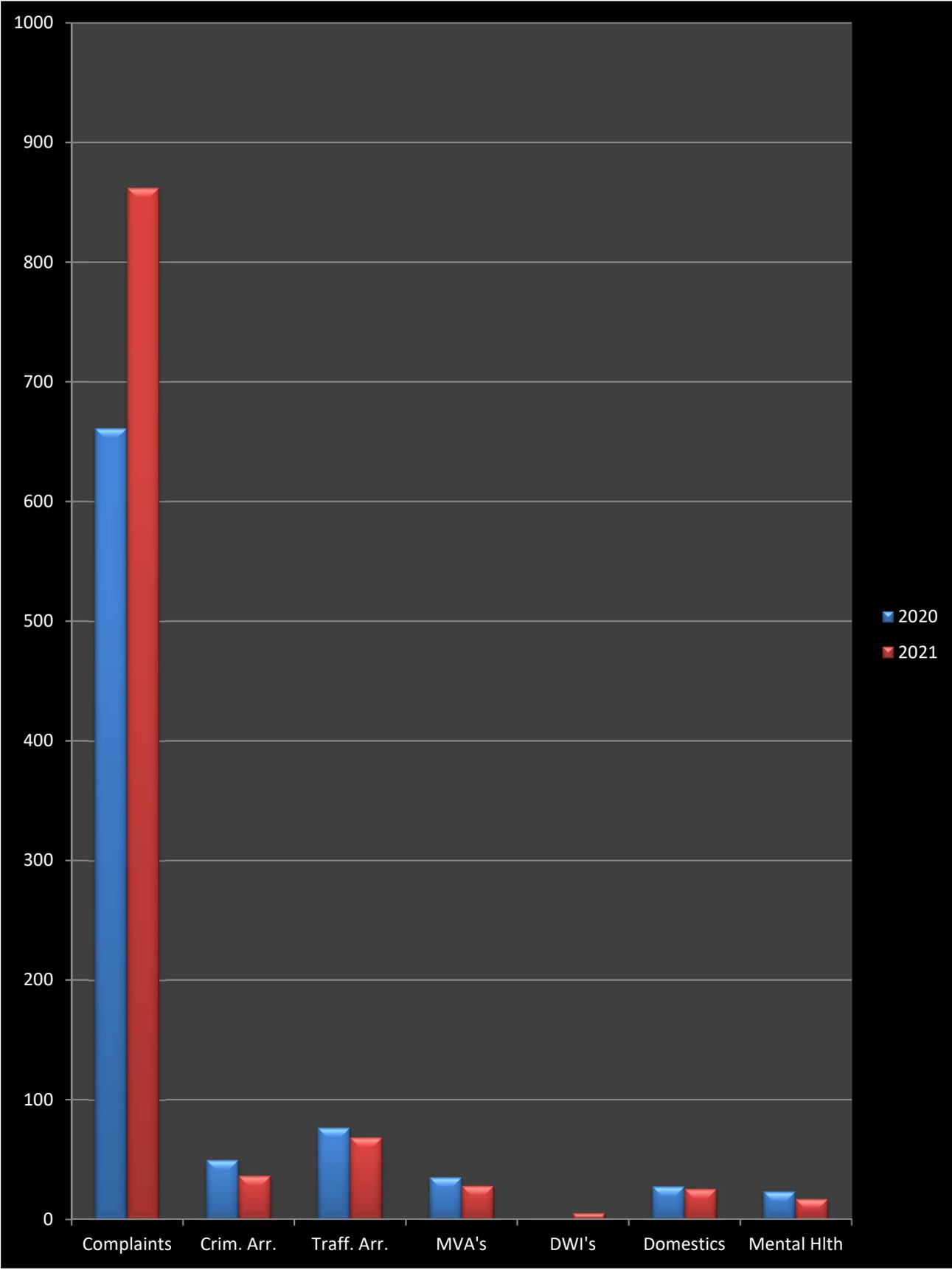
Twenty-Eight motor vehicle crashes were investigated in July, consisting of 4 personal injuries and 24 property damage.

Thirty-One individuals were arrested, resulting in 36 Penal Law charges. These charges yielded the filing of 2 Felony, 14 Misdemeanors, and 20 Violations with Town Court. This agency recorded one subject resistance report in July during these contacts, resulting in no injuries to civilians or officers. There were zero citizen/officer complaints filed and numerous citizen/officer compliments filed.

The Seneca Falls Police Department members utilized the department iPad for remote mental health services three times. Out of the three times, all three individuals were stabilized within their home, requiring no transports for further evaluation by Clifton Springs Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program.

In comparing July 2020 to July 2021, calls for service were up 30% (661/862); criminal charges were down 26.5% (49/36); traffic tickets were down 10.5% (76/68); traffic accidents were down 20% (35/28). Domestic Disturbance was down 7% (27/25); Mental Health Incidents were down 26% (23/17); Driving While Intoxicated arrests were up 400% (1/5).

***Comparison Bar Graph Chart located on page 3.***



# **Criminal Investigation Division**

During the Month of July 2021, the Criminal Investigation Division was assigned 12 new cases with 7 of them being closed by some form of closure. Four forensic interviews were observed at the child advocacy center and 1 search warrant was executed for narcotics which led to felony charges with the SCSO Narcotics Unit. Members continued to follow-up on previous months cases, including those left open by a former member of the unit. CID also worked with County IT with remote access to camera systems at other buildings.

## **Training**

Sgt Michael Poole attended and completed a week long DCJS Pilot Course for School Resource Officers. This course was held in Bath, NY and sponsored by the Steuben County Sheriff's Office. During this course, Sgt Poole gave a presentation on bicycle safety. Topics covered were Understanding the roles of the SRO, Understanding the Adolescent Brain, Threat Assessment, Bullying, Special Education and How to Develop a Safety Plan.

Sgt Eric Davids, and Officer Logan Burgdorf attended an 8 hr. DWI Documentation and Testimony Course, which was held at the Seneca County Sheriff's Office on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This course is designed to prepare police officers to be excellent witnesses in court, be aware of and able to avoid the most common defense traps and pitfalls and be confident while testifying at DWI trials. The topics covered were DWI forms, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing note card, DWI warnings, overview of DWI hearings, Pretrial preparation, Officer testimony, and Defense attorney cross examination of the officer.

# July Notable Case

On Saturday, July 10, 2021, at 5:45 pm the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested John A. Eagan Jr, age 56, of Auburn, New York following a personal injury crash on Bradley Ave. Eagan was eastbound on Bradley Avenue delivering mail for the U.S. Postal Service when he fell out of the vehicle while it was still moving. The vehicle continued traveling eastbound, driverless, crossing the roadway before coming to rest in a hedgerow. Eagan sustained several abrasions as a result of the accident. Eagan was checked over by North Seneca Ambulance but refused medical treatment. During the investigation it was determined that Eagan was operating the vehicle while intoxicated. Eagan was charged with driving while intoxicated, a class E Felony due to a prior DWI conviction in 2019, reckless driving, a misdemeanor, no seat belt and failed to give on half of the roadway, the latter two being violations. Eagan was processed and transported to the Seneca County Correctional Facility to await arraignment.

On Tuesday, July 13, 2021, the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Ford J. Petrie, age 21, of Romulus, New York and Thomas R. McNeill, age 30, of Seneca Falls, New York. On Monday, July 12, 2021, police were called to a business on State Route 414, where McNeill is employed, for a dispute in progress. The investigation determined that during the dispute McNeill confronted two individuals, Petrie and another male, while they were in a motor vehicle. During the confrontation McNeill began striking the vehicle with a pry bar causing damage. The vehicle, being operated by Petrie was placed in reverse and operated in a reckless manner, running over McNeill's foot and nearly striking another uninvolved person. It was also discovered that Petrie was operating the vehicle while his NYS driver's license was suspended. McNeill did not sustain any injuries during the incident and refused any medical treatment. Following the investigation McNeill was charged with one count of criminal mischief in the fourth degree, a class A misdemeanor. Petrie was charged with unlicensed operator, a violation, one count of reckless driving and one count of aggravated unlicensed operation in the third degree, both misdemeanors. Both were processed and released on an appearance ticket scheduling them to appear in the Town of Seneca Falls Court at a later date to answer the charges.

On July 22nd 2021 at 7:37 pm the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Jerry Arsenault, age 66, of Seneca Falls following a domestic dispute on Leland Drive in the Town of Seneca Falls. Arsenault was accused of using his hands to strike the female victim in the face during a domestic dispute. Arsenault was charged with harassment in the second degree. He was transported to the Seneca County Law Enforcement Center to await arraignment in the Seneca County Centralized Arraignment Court.

## **July Notable Case – Continued from page 5**

On Wednesday July 21, 2021 at 1:07 PM, the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Samuel A. Luyando, age 31, of Lyons, New York and Christian Lormil, age 30, of Lyons, New York. The arrests stem from an investigation into a verbal dispute which occurred on July 12th, 2021 in the Tops parking lot located at 1963 RTE 5 & 20 in the Town of Seneca Falls. Following the investigation, it was determined that Luyando and Lormil damaged a vehicle belonging to the victim. Luyando and Lormil were both charged with one count of Criminal Mischief in the 4th Degree, a class A misdemeanor. Luyando and Lormil were issued appearance tickets and are scheduled to appear before the Town of Seneca Falls Court at a later date.

On Wednesday, July 21st, 2021, at 9:34 PM, the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Lori J. Patterson, age 50, of Seneca Falls, New York following a domestic dispute. During the dispute, Patterson was observed to be intoxicated, while also being the sole caretaker of her children. Patterson was charged with two counts of endangering the welfare of a child, a class A misdemeanor. Patterson was processed and transported to the Seneca County Correctional Facility to await arraignment in the Seneca County Centralized Arraignment Part Court.

On July 19th 2021, at 3:17 P.M. the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Darnell Daniels, age 23, of Seneca Falls for harassment in the second degree, disorderly conduct, Reckless Driving, Unregistered motor vehicle, Unlicensed operator, Uninspected motor vehicle, and Operating with no Front/rear bumper. The arrest stems from a 911 call for a property damage accident where Daniels drove his vehicle into someone else's vehicle and then got into a verbal argument with and struck the female victim. Daniels was secured at the Seneca County Correctional Facility to await arraignment in the Seneca County Centralized Arraignment Part Court.

On July 23, 2021, at 4:24 pm the Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Eric B Warbelton, age 35, a Nebraska native, who is homeless. The arrest stems from an incident where Warbelton stole a boat moored at dock on Cowing Street. Warbelton traveled westbound on the Canal in the stolen boat with police tracking his movement. Warbleton continued down the canal until it entered the locks in the Village of Waterloo, where Warbelton was taken into custody. Warbelton was charged with one count of Grand Larceny in the second degree, a Felony. Warbelton was transported to the Seneca County Correctional Facility for arraignment. Warbelton was released and is to appear in the Seneca Falls Town Court at a later date to answer this charge.

## **July Notable Case – Continued from page 6**

On July 28th 2021, at 11:01 pm The Town of Seneca Falls Police Department arrested Jordan Day, age 24, of Seneca Falls for 2 counts of criminal obstruction of breathing or blood circulation, criminal mischief in the fourth degree, unlawful imprisonment in the second degree, and harassment in the second degree following a domestic dispute.

Police responded to a local residence for the report of an altercation; during the investigation, it was determined that Day subjected the victim to unwanted physical contact and also choked the victim. Day also restrained the victim and took the victim's phone from her so that she could not call 911. Day was transported to the Seneca County Law Enforcement Center to await arraignment in the Seneca County Centralized Arraignment Court.



## Town of Seneca Falls Police Department

Training Report- July 2021

Training Course	Name	Total Hours
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	PO. Josef Shaffer	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	SGT. Sebastiano Gentile	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	PO. Eric MaClean	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	PO. Andrew Hilker	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	PO. Bethany Kidd	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	PO. Logan Fleming	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	SGT. Marty Rotz	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	SGT. Eric Davids	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	Clerk Linda Wolcott	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	SGT. Michael Poole	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	Clerk Alice Capacci	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	PO. Logan Burgdorf	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	Inv. Christopher Denny	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	SGT. Thomas Cleere	1
2021 MPTC "What is De-escalation"?	Chief Stuart Peenstra	1
2021 DCJS DV Fatality Review Team: DV Cases and Role of LE.	PO. Joseph Shaffer	1.5
2021 DCJS DV Fatality Review Team: DV Cases and Role of LE	PO. Jacob DeChick	1.5
2021 DCJS DV Fatality Review Team: DV Cases and Role of LE	PO. Eric MaClean	1.5
2021 Ejustice Portal Certification	PO. Logan Burgdorf	1
2021 Ejustice Portal Certification	PO. Matthew Mix	1
2021 Ejustice Portal Certification	PO. Logan Fleming	1
2021 Ejustice Portal Certification	SGT. Sebastiano Gentile	1
2021 Ejustice Portal Certification	SGT. Michael Poole	1
2021 DWI Documentation and Testimony	SGT. Eric Davids	8
2021 DWI Documentation and Testimony	PO. Logan Burgdorf	8
2021 DWI Documentation and Testimony	PO. Bethany Kidd	4
2021 DCJS Pilot Basic School for School Resource Officer	SGT. Michael Poole	40
2021 Basic Incident Response to Digital Evidence	Inv. Christopher Denny	24
2021 DCJS Open Source and Online Resources for Missing Person's Investigations	PO. Logan Burgdorf	1.5
2021 Initial Firearm's Qualifications-New hire	PO. Matthew Mix	4.5
	<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>114.5</b>



# Seneca Falls Police Department

## Law Total Incident Report, by Nature of Incident

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<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
(Not Defined)	1
911 HANG UP	6
911 OPEN LINE	3
911 WRONG NUMBER	1
AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT	5
POLICE ALARM	11
ANIMAL BITES ANY TYPE	1
ANIMAL CRUELTY	7
ANIMAL PROBLEM	19
AGENCY ENTITY OR PERSON	53
BOAT COMPLAINT	1
BURGLARY	1
CELLAR PUMP	1
CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT	2
CHILD SAFETY SEAT	2
CIVIL COMPLAINTS	8
CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	11
DISABLED VEHICLE	12
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4
DISPUTE OR FIGHT IN PROGRESS	7
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	15
DRUGS NARCOTICS MARIJUANA	5
DWI /DWAI	1
ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS - ANY	3
ESCORT	4
FAMILY PROBLEMS	10
FIRE ALARM	20
FIRE OUTSIDE OF STRUCTURE	1
FIRE STRUCTURE	2
FIREWORKS	17
FRAUD	7
GOOD INTENT	1
HARASSMENT	17
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL	2
INFORMATION REPORT	28
JUVENILE	9
LANDLORD/TENANT	2
LOCAL LAW VIOLATION	1
LOCK OUT VEHICLE / RESIDENTIAL	11
MEDICAL EMERGENCY	102
MENTAL HEALTH INCIDENT	17
MISSING PERSON	1
NEIGHBOR PROBLEMS	14

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<u>Nature of Incident</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Noise Cmplt (Not Defined)	1
NOISE COMPLAINT	10
NOTIFICATIONS	18
ODOR INVESTIGATION	2
ORDER OF PROTECTION VIOLATION	2
OPEN DOOR / WINDOW	16
OVERDOSE POISONING INGESTION	2
PARKING PROBLEM OR COMPLAINT	8
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WITH DAMAGE	24
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WITH INJURIES	4
PROBATION CHECK	1
PROPERTY CHECK ALL TYPES	1031
PROPERTY FOUND	6
PROPERTY CMLPT LOST	12
PROPERTY RETRIEVAL	14
PROPERTY STOLEN	1
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPLAINT	2
REPOSSESSED	4
ROAD HAZARD	28
SEX OFFENDER CONTACT	12
SEX OFFENSE	5
SHOTS FIRED SHOTS IN AREA	1
SOLICITING	1
SPECIAL DETAIL	85
SUSPICIOUS PERSON / VEHICLE	65
Suspicious Pers (Not Defined)	1
THEFT OR LARCENY	19
ALL TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS	20
TRAFFIC STOP	161
TRANSPORT-LAW	11
TRESPASSING	21
WARRANTS ALL TYPES	9
WEAPONS FOR SAFE KEEPING	1
CHECK THE WELFARE	28
WIRES DOWN	1

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Total reported: 2074

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