# Tompkins County Sheriff's Office

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### **Contact Information**



Emergencies: 911 Non-Emergency Dispatch: (607) 272-2444 Sheriff's Administrative Office: (607) 257-1345 Corrections Division: (607) 257-5316 Anonymous Tip Line: (607) 266-5420

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office is mandated by the State of New York to be structured by three specific divisions. These divisions include:

- 1. Civil/Records Division
- 2. Road Patrol Division
- 3. Corrections Division

Tompkins County encompasses 492 square miles and had a residential population of approximately 105,162 people in 2022. It is the 28th most populated county in the state of New York out of 62 counties. Tompkins County consists of one city, nine towns, and six villages—all of which the Sheriff's Office has jurisdiction of. This also includes assisting the Ithaca Police Department and four village Police Departments when needed. In 2022, the Sheriff's Office was called 1,161 times to assist other agencies.





Dear Community Members,

Four years ago I committed myself to creating a Sheriff's Office that serves everyone, one that we could all be proud of. Today, I would hold my agency up against any in New York State. As long as I'm Sheriff, my team will seek constant improvement and strive to be a model for others to follow.

We started with simple acts such as demilitarizing our uniforms, and doing away with blacked-out and unmarked patrol cars. Our agency now has a professional looking fleet that is easily recognizable, and contains the equipment necessary for our deputies to do their jobs efficiently and effectively.

I have installed a leadership team that has helped me create my vision, something that I simply could not achieve alone. Through the involvement of stakeholders, we've revamped all our policies and procedures. Policies that do not just dictate operational procedures, but those that seek to build trust and accountability. Our training has doubled, moving away from just tactical response and towards building cultural competency. Training in de-escalation, crisis intervention and trauma informed interview techniques to name just a few.

We've diversified our hiring practices, and improved our background investigation process to ensure only the best candidates are hired. I strongly support my employees, while also instilling in them the expectations of not just me, but those of our community. Our culture includes not just enforcing laws, but active engagement with the people we serve to build relationships and trust.

We've created alternative response methods that seek to better align services for those that do not need an armed response, and we've added a Professional Standards unit to better streamline our growth. In 2023, we plan to create our first-ever co-response team, which will pair a non-uniformed deputy and a social worker to better serve those in crisis. What has occurred at the Sheriff's Office has not come from just my own independent thinking, but from listening to the people of Tompkins County.

In 2022, I was re-elected to my second term and was proud to receive endorsements from both the Democratic and Republican parties. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

### **Mission Statement**

### "Honor, Pride, Integrity"

Our motto is more than just a saying.

These words describe how we have decided to represent ourselves

In the performance of our duties.

These words hold so much value to us

That we have chosen to wear them on our sleeve.

They provide reassurance to those that come into our presence,

And serve as a constant reminder for us.

Honor involves loyalty to our agency, and to the public We have been called to protect. It requires a servant's humility and a just and merciful heart. It is being self-sacrificial rather than self-serving. It involves an unrelenting commitment to excellence.

Pride describes a feeling that comes from our sense of duty. It does not represent a feeling of self-righteousness or superiority. Rather, it comes from the recognition of the utter importance of our purpose And respect for the authority bestowed upon us. It grows over time as a result of shared experience and increasing trust.

> Integrity is what we are expected to possess. It involves living by a higher standard. It is holding us accountable To each other and to the public. It comes from being guided not only by what is legal, But what is moral, right, and just.

> > These words are our promise to you.

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### 2022 Goals & Objectives

- Law Enforcement Accreditation Program
  - $\Rightarrow$  Continue the pursuit of Accreditation in preparation for an assessment in 2022
- Formation of the Professional Standards Unit
  - $\Rightarrow$  Establish the job duties and schedules of the two Sergeants
  - $\Rightarrow$  Conduct interviews and promote
  - $\Rightarrow$  Implement and evaluate responsibilities to be handled
- Formation of the Civilian Response Unit
  - $\Rightarrow$  Establish the job description and schedules for the Sheriff's Clerk positions
  - $\Rightarrow$  Recruit and hire two civilians as Sheriff's Clerks
  - $\Rightarrow$  Work with H.R. to call for and hold the necessary Civil Service Exam
  - $\Rightarrow$  Develop an F.T.O. program for the Sheriff's Clerks
  - $\Rightarrow$  Implement and evaluate call types to be handled

### • Formation of the Centralized Arraignment Part (CAP) Court

- $\Rightarrow$  Receive the official administrative order signed by Chief Admin Judge Marks
- $\Rightarrow$  Finalize the space identified to hold C.A.P. arraignments
- $\Rightarrow$  Create a C.A.P. General order and distribute to the participating agencies
- $\Rightarrow$  Provide training to the Corrections Officers on expectations/procedures
- $\Rightarrow$  Provide training to the Judges on expectations/procedures
- $\Rightarrow$  Evaluate what is working and what needs improvement

### • Establish a Newfield Satellite Office

- $\Rightarrow$  Identify a space in consultation with the Town Supervisor
- $\Rightarrow$  Finalize a lease agreement
- $\Rightarrow$  Outfit the space with necessary furniture/equipment
- $\Rightarrow$  Establish expectations with Patrol on assignments to the satellite office
- Establish a Continual Learning Training Track for First-Line Supervisors & Investigators
  - $\Rightarrow$  Identify supervisory training organizations
  - $\Rightarrow \ \ \text{Identify investigator training organizations}$
  - $\Rightarrow$  Evaluate the training programs identified
  - $\Rightarrow$  Establish an ongoing training schedule for supervisors and investigators

# **Administration**



Jennifer K. Olin Undersheriff



Lieutenant J. Zigenfus Civil/Records Division



Lieutenant K. Koskinen Road Patrol Division



Lieutenant K. Field Criminal Investigations Division



Captain R. Bunce Corrections Division



Megan Cook Executive Assistant to Sheriff

# **Civil Division**



**Marcie Manning** 

**Senior Civil Clerk** 



April Emeno Civil Clerk

**Criminal Investigations Division** 



Makenzie Morgan Civil Clerk



M. Sotir

Deputy



M. Lansing Deputy



J. Pier

Investigator



M. Skeval

Investigator



S. Sovocool

Investigator



S. Walters

Investigator



D. Caulkins

Deputy



K. Davenport

Sergeant



**M.** Federation

Sergeant



J. Manning





M. Ninivaggi

Sergeant



**R. Slocum** Sergeant



**R. Smith** 

Sergeant



S. Tostanoski Sergeant



J. Vann Sergeant



### Dep. D. Baker



### Dep. J. Baker



### Dep. Barber



# Dep. Bowers

Dep. Haselman



Dep. Cole



Dep. Eastman



### Dep. Gatch



Dep. Gombas

# Dep. Gunn





# Dep. Jolly



# **Road Patrol Division Continued**













Dep. Kenney

Dep. Leach

Dep. Manuel

Dep. Messmer

Dep. Miller

Dep. Montesano













Dep. Murray

Dep. Policay

Dep. Prior

Dep. Rolfe

Dep. Rumsey

Dep. Shipman











Dep. Street

Dep. Terwilliger

K9 Laker

# **Sheriff Clerk**



S. Pulliam



T. Richardson



**R. Butcher** 

Sergeant



**D.** Bomysoad

Sergeant



S. Case

Sergeant



S. Hogan

Sergeant



K. Rainbow

Sergeant









C.O. Alpert

C.O. Barrett

C.O. Bellinger

C.O. Bowers



C.O. Bowles

C.O. Bradley



C.O. DeJesus

C.O. English

C.O. Ganascioli

C.O. Gunn



C.O. Haney

C.O. Lansdowne



C.O. Lavore



C.O. McMahon



C.O. Nelson







**C.O** Powers



# C.O. J. Potter

C.O. S. Potter

# **Corrections Division Continued**













C.O. Pyhtila

C.O. Rider

C.O. Riley

C.O. Schlee

C.O. R. Schramm C.O. K. Schramm







CO.TPSUS







C.O. Schulze

C.O. Sornberger

C.O. Talcott

C.O. Thomas

6 C.O. Tompkins

C.O Turpo



C.O. Victor

C.O. Yon

M. Ike (Head Cook) C. Kellogg (PT Cook) R. Vanderzee (PT Cook)

# **Corrections Medical Team**



B. Towner

**Registered Nurse** 



J. Pietrasz Forensic Counselor



A. Hoover

**Forensic Counselor Trainee** 



J. Bezirganian

### **Retirements, New Hires, & Special Assignments**



### **RETIREMENTS**

Corrections Officer Robert Babcock—04/01/2022 Investigator John Federation—07/15/2022 Corrections Sergeant Graydon Haines—08/29/2022 Deputy Nathan Humble—10/22/2022 Deputy Pete Walker—11/1/2022 Corrections Sergeant Matthew DeMatteo—11/25/2022

### **NEW HIRES**

Deputy Isaiah Prior—03/07/2022 Deputy Damon Baker—03/07/2022 Corrections Officer Nathan Bowers—03/07/2022 Deputy Bryce Eastman—03/21/2022 Deputy Jacob Gombas—03/21/2022 Deputy Debra Barber—07/25/2022 Cook Rodney Vanderzee—11/7/2022 Mental Health Trainee Andrew Hoover— 11/14/2022



### **SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Deputy Zach Messmer—CNT Corrections Officer Tamara Victor—CNT Deputy Cody Street—SRT Corrections Officer Graden Alpert—Honor Guard Corrections Officer Frank Lavore—Honor Guard Corrections Officer Yem Yon—Honor Guard Deputy Debra Barber—Crisis Co-Response Team Deputy Makenzi Alling—Civil Deputy Deputy Kiana Manuel—Newfield Satellite Station



### **Promotions**



### Investigator Steve Sovocool. Est. 02/20/2022

Investigator Sovocool became a police officer in 2011 for Groton Police Department. He was then hired by TCSO in 2013 where he became a member of the Honor Guard and Marine Patrol Unit. In 2018, he was a recipient of the Department's Medal of Valor Award and the Distinguished Medal of Service Award in 2019.



### Road Patrol Sergeant Matthew Federation. Est. 03/06/2022

Sergeant Federation began his career as a police officer for Cortland City in April of 2017. He was then hired by TCSO in late 2018. During his time with TCSO he has become a Field Training Officer, Marine Patrol Unit Officer, Crisis Intervention Trained Officer, and has earned many Patrol Achievement Awards and the Educational Achievement Award.



### Road Patrol Sergeant Steve Tostanoski. Est. 04/03/2022

Sergeant Tostanoski began his law enforcement career in 1996 with the NYS Parks Police. He transferred to TCSO in 2002. During his time with TCSO, he became a Field Training Officer, General Topics Instructor, Bike Patrol Officer, and has achieved several other specialty certificates.



### Corrections Sergeant Seth Case. Est. 04/03/2022

Sergeant Case began his career as a Corrections Officer with TCSO in 2016. During his time, he became a Field Training Officer, General Topics Instructor, and OC Spray Instructor. Sergeant Case also is an integral part of the Project Lifesaver Team and received the Sheriff's Office Letter of Commendation in 2019.



### Investigator Scott Walters. Est. 10/31/2022

Investigator Walters began his law enforcement career in 2010 with the TC3 Campus Police. He transferred to TCSO in 2012 where he became a Field Training Officer, General Topics Instructor, Honor Guard, Marine Patrol, Snowmobile Patrol, and Project Lifesaver Team. Investigator Walters also earned many Patrol Achievement Awards including Kiwanis Officer of the Month and Distinguished Service Medal.

# New York State Sheriff's Camp

The Sheriff's Summer Camp Program was established in 1977 to provide a positive interaction between economically challenged children and Deputy Sheriffs. The Sheriff's Summer camp is located on Keuka Lake, just south of Penn Yan, New York—in the heart of the Finger Lakes Region. The camp, which consists of 1,200 feet of lake front and 35 acres is owned and maintained by the Sheriffs' Institute. Currently, the Sheriffs' Camp runs for six (6) one week sessions. Campers arrive on Sunday afternoon and return home the following Saturday. Over 20,000 economically challenged children have attended the camp since its inception.

Each county Sheriff's Office is given an allocation of "camper slots" for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 12. There is no cost for the campers to attend, which includes transportation. The camp is funded by the support of the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute honorary members.

Activities at camp are centered around the waterfront—swimming and boating (sailing, kayaking, canoeing, rowing and paddle boats) - but also include sport activities, bicycle safety, and arts and crafts. Each day there is a community service hour where campers and counselors make the camp property a better place. Each activity is used to get campers to establish a goal and fulfill that goal. In addition, seminars are conducted by Deputy Sheriff/School Resource Officers on the danger of illicit drugs and other pitfalls that will deter kids from responsible conduct as they move into their teenage years.



### **STOP DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaigns**

New York's STOP-DWI program is the first and only self-sustaining impaired driving program. STOP-DWI stands for "Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated". The mission of this program is to reduce the number of persons killed or injured in alcohol and other drug-related traffic crashes. The New York State STOP-DWI Program is available in all counties and provides local programs to meet the goals of reducing alcohol/drug-related driving injuries and fatalities.



Several years ago, the New York State STOP-DWI Association, Inc. launched the "STOP-DWI Crackdown Weekends". The theory behind this initiative is that by better coordinating and promoting count efforts we can achieve greater visibility of DWI enforcement activities in New York State. Researched findings demonstrate that highly visible, publicized efforts like the STOP-DWI crackdowns can further reduce the incidence of DWI. In May of 2021 the campaigns were renamed the "High Visibility Engagement Campaigns". The High Visibility Engagement Campaigns are locally driven programs. STOP-DWI coordinators work with their municipal, county sheriff, and state police agencies to coordinate enforcement activities while distributing and posting educational materials to the public.

County & Crackdown	# of Agencies	DWI	DWAI-Drug	Other Arrests	Safety Belts	Other V&T	Vehicles Stopped or Checked	Vehicles Detained for screening	DRE Evaluations	Underage Arrests	Activity Totals	Total Detail Hours
Tompkins Halloween	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	2
Tompkins Thanksgiving	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	3
Tompkins Holiday	2	0	0	0	0	14	26	0	0	0	40	35
Tompkins Super Bowl	2	0	0	2	0	16	52	2	0	0	72	24
Tompkins St. Patrick's Day	4	3	2	5	1	31	90	9	2	0	143	65.5
Tompkins Memorial Day	2	1	0	1	0	15	28	1	0	0	46	20
Tompkins July 4th	2	1	0	2	0	9	9	1	0	0	22	36
Tompkins Labor Day	3	3	0	7	1	46	97	7	0	0	161	102.5
Tompkins Totals	17	8	2	17	2	134	310	20	2	0	495	288

### DWI Crashes in Tompkins County 2018-2022

Between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2022, there were a total of 330 alcohol and drug-related crashes in Tompkins County. The highest number of DWI crashes occurred in 2018, with 84 crashes occurring that year. In 2022, the total number of DWI crashes was 23% lower than in 2018. The average number of DWI crashes per year in Tompkins County during this timeframe was 66.



	Fatalities	Injuries	Total Crashes
2018	0	40	84
2019	2	23	63
2020	2	16	58
2021	2	24	60
2022	0	23	65
Avg.	1	25	66
Total	6	126	330

DWI crashes in Tompkins County between 2018 and 2022 mainly resulted in property damage (68%), but there were also numerous crashes that caused injuries (30%), and 6 fatal crashes (2%). From these crashes, there were a total of 126 injuries and 6 fatalities, for an average of 25 injuries and 1 death related to drugs and/or alcohol per year in the county.

Tompkins County DWI Crashes by Severity 2018-2022

	Fatal	Injury	Property Damage
2018	0	34	50
2019	2	16	45
2020	2	12	44
2021	2	16	42
2022	0	20	45
Avg	1	20	45
Total	6	98	226



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Crashes related to drugs and alcohol in Tompkins County since 2018 have primarily occurred later in the evening hours: 146 of 330, or 44% of all DWI crashes happened between the hours of 6pm and midnight.

DWI crashes have also most often taken place on weekends in the last 5 years, with 185 of 330, or 56% of all DWI crashes in Tompkins County occurring on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

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# **DWI Crashes in Tompkins County 2018-2022**

Contributing Factors	Total Crashes
Alcohol Involvement	287
Unsafe Speed	67
Drugs (Illegal)	47
Failure To Keep Right	36
Passing Or Lane Use Improper	32
Unsafe Lane Change	32
Driver Inattention	15
Fell Asleep	15
Trffic Ctrl Devices Disregarded	15
All Other	78



DWI crashes in Tompkins County between 2018 and 2022 could primarily be attributed to alcohol (46%) and drugs (8%); however, speeding (11%), failure to keep right (6%), and improper lane use (5%) were also top contributing factors to these crashes. The "all other" category includes crashes that listed "not applicable," "not entered," or "unknown" as the contributing factor, as well as any that caused fewer than 15 crashes.

# Tickets

Municipality	Total Tickets	%
City of Ithaca	308	22
Town of Ithaca	205	15
Town of Dryden	194	14
Town of Lansing	131	9
Village of Lansing	81	6
Town of Newfield	65	5
Village of Dryden	58	4
Town of Ulysses	53	4
Town of Caroline	36	3
All Other	253	18

Between 2018 and 2022, a total of 1,384 impaired tickets were written in Tompkins County. The majority were alcohol-related. Most of these tickets were written in the City of Ithaca (22%), the Town of Ithaca (15%), and the Town of Dryden (14%). State Police, county, and local agencies issued impaired tickets at nearly equal rates.



Issuing Agency	Total Tickets	Avg 2018-2022	%
State Police	478	96	35
County	473	95	34
Other Local	431	86	31

# **DWI Crash Locations in Tompkins County 2018-2022**



Between 2018 and 2022, DWI crash hotspots in Tompkins County were primarily located in the City of Ithaca, especially near the intersection between routes 79 and 13. There were also less prominent hotspots along the main roads in Trumansburg and in the center of Dryden.

# DWI Crash Locations by Municipality 2018-2022

Municipality	Total DWI Crashes	Injuries	Fatalities
Ithaca (City & Town)	127	39	2
Dryden	61	26	1
Lansing	40	18	0
Newfield	25	15	0
Caroline	17	7	1
Danby	17	8	0
Groton	13	5	1
Ulysses	11	3	1
Cayuga Heights	6	0	0
Trumansburg	6	2	0
Enfield	5	1	0
Freeville	2	2	0



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Incident-Based Reporting (IBR) is a streamlined way of submitting a police department's required crime reports. IBR replaces multiple reports with a single monthly computerized submission.

	Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Statistics IBR 2017-2022							
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
09A	Murder and Non-Negligent Mnsl	1	0	2	0	2	1	
100	Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	3	5	18	7	
11A	Forcible Rape	3	9	3	0	0	3	
11B	Forcible Sodomy	0	2	4	9	6	6	
11C	Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0	0	0	1	0	
11D	Forcible Fondling	1	6	10	5	4	12	
120	Robbery	3	4	7	0	8	13	
13A	Aggravated Assault	12	12	17	28	46	40	
13B	Simple Assault	27	158	175	195	193	168	
13C	Intimidation	19	14	69	47	59	83	
200	Arson	1	0	2	1	1	0	
210	Extortion/Blackmail	0	1	0	0	0	2	
220	Burglary/Breaking & Entering	16	57	54	28	61	77	
23C	Shoplifting	9	45	62	36	24	49	
23D	Theft from a Building	19	38	60	49	85	67	
23E	Theft from a Coin-Operated Mac	1	0	0	1	0	0	
23F	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	28	43	29	56	48	74	
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts a	6	0	1	2	14	15	
23H	All Other Larceny	114	174	150	141	170	273	
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	23	13	13	22	16	30	
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	8	11	13	8	9	18	
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confid	0	3	1	0	2	2	
26B	Credit Card/ATM Fraud	0	1	2	0	1	0	
26C	Impersonation	4	19	33	25	99	40	
26D	Welfare Fraud	1	1	1	0	0	0	
270	Embezzlement	0	1	0	0	0	0	
280	Stolen Property Offenses (Rece	14	33	21	23	38	30	
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	34	99	123	134	157	179	
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	68	91	92	128	58	49	
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	14	8	4	14	2	9	
36B	Statutory Rape	0	1	2	2	1	3	
370	Pornography/Obscene Material	1	3	0	0	3	2	
520	Weapon Law Violations	17	9	10	17	20	36	
90A	Bad Checks	2	5	8	3	3	13	
90C	Disorderly Conduct	8	9	10	14	15	19	
90D	Driving Under the Influence	104	112	127	99	62	124	
90E	Drunkenness	1	0	0	1	0	0	
90F	Family Offenses, Non-violent	0	0	0	1	0	1	
90G	Liquor Law Violation	2	0	0	0	0	0	
90H	Surveillance	0	0	0	0	1	0	
90J	Trespass of Real Property	2	29	30	24	46	73	
90Z	All Other Offenses	940	791	853	832	533	1088	

# **Countywide Crashes**



Between 2018 and 2022, the average number of crashes per year in Tompkins County was 2,810. The average number of fatal crashes was 6, and the average number of personal injury crashes was 359. These fatal and PI crashes resulted in a total of 29 deaths and 2,297 injuries over the course of the last five years in Tompkins County.



On average, between 2018 and 2022, crashes in Tompkins County most commonly occurred on Fridays and Wednesdays, and in the early to late afternoon hours.

# **Top Crash Contributing Factors**



# Crash Locations - 2018-2022



Crashes in Tompkins County between 2018 and 2022 were most numerous in Ithaca, particularly where routes 79 and 13 intersect. There were also less prominent hotspots in Lansing near the intersection of routes 13 and 122, and in the center of Dryden.

# **Civil / Records Division**



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Civil and Records Division
Tompkins County
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Ithaca, NY 14850
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The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Civil Division is a state mandated function that is responsible for the preparation and service of all civil processes. This includes enforcing court decisions by serving warrants, eviction notices, divorce notices, orders of protection, and other notices of appearance. Not only is our Civil Division tasked with those duties , they also process all pistol permit related paperwork and process wage garnishments due to FOIL requests, Seal Orders, Background Checks, Crime Reports, and so much more.

	Account	Amount		Count
	Card Conversion	\$	6,640.00	421
	Card Fee	\$	4,070.00	790
Revenue Remitted to County:	Firearm Acquired	\$	1,857.00	739
\$ 88,417.03	Firearm Disposed	\$	192.00	137
\$ 88,417.03	Permit Application	\$	181.00	177
	Permit Dealer New	\$	13.00	1
	Permit Dealer Renewal	\$	10.00	1
Funds Received & Processed:	Permit New	\$	1,586.00	122
\$ 709,380.60	Background Check	\$	300.00	30
	Records Fee	\$	457.80	1,831
	Rifle Endorsement Fee	\$	774.00	109
	Sheriff's ID	\$	700.00	47
	TOTAL	\$	16,780.80	4,405

	Services	Attempts	Total Trips
Civil Process	807	663	1,470
Eviction	241	336	577
Income and Property Execution	343	53	396
Notice of Petition & Petition	4	16	20
Order of Seizure	1	0	1
Orders (Citations) & Mandates	308	339	647

On August 25, 2022, the Division of Criminal Justice Services and New York State Police released their minimum standards for firearm safety training that took effect on September 1, 2022. Those minimum standards can be found at <a href="https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/files2/sheriff/Minimum%20Standards%20For%20Firearm%20Safety%20Training%202022.pdf">https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/files2/sheriff/Minimum%20Standards%20For%20Firearm%20Safety%20Training%202022.pdf</a>

# Use of Force and/or Show of Force

- TCSO Policy—General Order 900: Use of Force
  - The main responsibility of the Sheriff's Office is to protect the life and property of civilians. In compliance with applicable law, officers shall use only the amount of force necessary and reasonable to accomplish lawful objectives and to control a situation, effect an arrest, overcome resistance to arrest, or defend themselves or others from harm. When force is necessary, the degree of force employed should be in direct relationships to the amount of resistance exerted, or the immediate threat to the officers or others. There is a compelling public interest that officers authorized to exercise the use of force do so in an objectively reasonable manner and in a way that does not violate the civil rights guaranteed by our Constitution and applicable law. Officers who use excessive or unjustified force degrade the confidence of the community that they serve, undermine the legitimacy of police officer's authority, and hinder the Office's ability to provide effective law enforcement services to the community.
  - Show of Force Definition: Presentation of an office approved less-lethal force option or firearm in an effort to gain compliance.
  - **Use of Force Definition:** Use of an office approved hands-on technique or deployment of a less lethal force option to gain compliance.

### 2022 Use of Force Statistics

Total Incidents = 16,906

Total Arrests = 767

Use of Force vs. Show of Force: 43 vs. 26 = 69 total

Use of Force and/or Show of Force was utilized during **0.41 percent** of all documented incidents Use of Force and/or Show of Force was utilized during **9.11 percent** of arrests

Uses of Force were utilized during 0.25 percent of all documented incidents / 5.68 percent of arrests

# Use of Force 2022





\*Same individual may be represented multiple times if force occurred during different incident dates\*

# Use of Force 2022

	Gender	Race/Ethnicity	Level of Force	Circumstance
1	Male	White	Escort/Empty hand control technique	Executing Arrest/Domestic
2	Female	White	Escort/Empty hand control technique	Medical, MH, Welfare
3	Female	White	OC discharged	Executing Arrest - Disorderly Conduct/Harassment
4	Male	Black	Escort/leg strikes	Executing Arrest - Grand Larceny/Drugs
5	Female	White	Escort	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.41
6	Male	White	Escort	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity/Domestic/MHL 9.41
7	Male	Black	SRT Activation by IPD	Service of a Warrant (Weapons Charges)
8	Female	White	Empty hand control technique/Pressure Point	Exeucting Arrest - DWI
9	Male	White/Hispanic	Escort/take down	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity/Domestic/MHL 9.41
10	Male	Black	Escort	Executing Arrest - Disorderly Conduct/MHL 9.41
11	Female	White	Escort	Executing Arrest - Disorderly Conduct
12	Male	White	Escort	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity/Domestic/Endangering
13	Male	White	Taser discharged	Executing Arrest - Domestic Incident
14	Female	White	Escort/Empty hand control technique	Executing Arrest - Domestic
15	Male	White	Escort	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.41
16	Male	White	Escort/Empty hand control technique	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.41
17	Male	American Indiar	Empty Hand Control Technique	Service of a Court Order - Assisted other agency w/ MHL 9.45
18	Male	White	Empty Hand Control Technique	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.41/22.09
19	Female	Black	Escort/Empty hand control technique	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.41
20	Male	White	Escort/Empty hand control technique	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.41
21	Female	White	Escort	Executing Arrest - Domestic/Endangering
22	Male	Black	Escort/Empty hand control technique/Joint Locks	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.41/22.09
23	Male	White	Less Lethal shotgun discharged	Executing Arrest - Fled from armed home invasion
24	Female	White	Escort/empty hand control technique	Property Damage Accidents - Warrants
25	Male	White	Empty Hand Control Technique	Disorderly Conduct - Menacing
26	Male	White	Escort/Take down	Dispute - MHL 22.09
27	Male	White	Empty Hand Control Technique	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.41/22.09
28	Male	White	Taser Discharged	Exeucting Arrest - Domestic
29	Male	White	Empty Hand Control Technique	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.41/22.09
30	Male	Black	Take Down	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity - Shots fired
	Male	Black	Escort/Take down	Executing Arrest - Domestic
32	Male	White	Escort/Empty hand control technique	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.41/22.09
33	Male	White	SRT Activation by IPD	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity - MHL 9.45 TC MH
34	Male	White	Escort/Take down	Medical, MH, Welfare
35	Male	White	Escort/Empty hand control technique	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity - Disorderly Conduct
36	Male	White	Escort/Empty hand control technique	Service of Warrant - Assault/Criminal Mischief
37	Male	White	OC discharged	Executing Arrest - Disorderly Conduct / Harassment
38	Male	White	Escort/Empty hand control technique	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 22.09
39	Male	White	Take down	Traffic Complaint - Warrants
40	Male	White	OC discharged	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.45
41	Male	Black	Take down/Empty hand control technique	Traffic Stop - Fled, Weapons, & Drugs
42	Male	White	Take down	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity - DWI
43	Male	White	Escort/Take down	Service of Warrant - Felonies

# Show of Force 2022





\*Same individual may be represented multiple times if force occurred during different incident dates\*

# Show of Force 2022

	Gender	Race/Ethnicity	Level of Force	Circumstance
1	Male	White	Firearm Display	Service of Warrant (Domestic Violence Charges)
2	Male	Black	Firearm Display	High Risk Traffic Stop of Stolen Vehicle
3	Male	Black	Taser Display	Executing Arrest - Trespassing/Disorderly Con- duct/Obstruction
4	Male	White	Firearm Display	Service of Warrant (Domestic Violence Charges)
5	Male	Black	Firearm Display	Domestic Incident w/ Weapons
6	Male	White	Firearm/Less Lethal Shotgun Display	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity/ Homicidal Statements
7	Male	White	Firearm/Taser Display	Service of Warrant - Domestic Charges
8	Female	White	Firearm Display	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity - Stolen Vehicle
9	Male	White	Firearm Display	Executing Arrest - Burglary in Progress
10	Male	White	Taser Display	Executing Arrest - Burglary in Progress
11	Male	White	Firearm Display	Service of a Warrant - Felonies
12	Male	White	Firearm/Less Lethal Shotgun Display	Executing Arrest - Burglary in Progress
13	Male	White	Firearm Display	Executing Arrest - Vehicle Pursuit/Drugs
14	Male	White	Firearm Display	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity - Possession of Firearm
15	Male	White	Taser Display	Executing Arrest - Domestic
16	Male	Black	Taser Display	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity - Trespass in Progress
17	Male	White	Taser Display	Traffic Stop - Fled/Drugs
18	Male	Black	Firearm/Taser Display	Traffic Stop - Fled
19	Male	Black	Taser Display	Domestic - Service of Warrant - Felony
20	Male	White	Firearm Display	Traffic Stop - Fled - Service of Warrant - Felo- nies
21	Male	White	Taser Display	Medical, MH, Welfare - MHL 9.41/22.09
22	Male	Black	Firearm Display	Executing Arrest - Domestic
23	Male	Black	Firearm Display	Response to Unlawful or Suspicious Activity - Shooting
24	Male	White	Taser Display	Service of Warrant - Assault
25	Male	White	Taser Display	Executing Arrest - Felony DWI Warrant
26	Male	Black	Firearm Display	High Risk Traffic Stop of Stolen Vehicle

### **Criminal Investigations Division**

### Major Cases

- March 19th, 2023—S22-03674 Fatal Crash
  - ♦ 1 arrest made & Conviction of Manslaughter
- March 20th, 2023—S22-03749 Fatal Crash (UTT's Issued)
  - Output Output
- May 22nd, 2023—S22-06430 Missing Child
  - ◊ Found safe
- May 22nd, 2023—S22-06335 Rape at Gun Point
  - Suspects identified, victim declined to participate
- June 1st, 2023—S22-07002 School Threat
  - 1 arrest made
- June 7th, 2023—S22-07307 School Threat
  - 2 arrests made
- August 10th, 2023—S22-10264 Burglary in Progress
  - ♦ 2 arrests made & Conviction of Burglary 1st and sentenced to 8 years each
- October 24th, 2023—S22-13770 Shooting
  - 1 arrest made
- October 29th, 2023—S22-14031 School Threat
  - 1 arrest made
- November 16th, 2023—S22-14984 Burglary over multiple nights and jurisdictions
  - Suspect identified and 1 arrest made
- December 28th, 2023—S22-16819 Shooting
  - 1 warrant issued
- December 28th, 2023—S22-16828 Robbery
  - 3 juvenile arrests made

\*An indictment and/or criminal complaint merely contains allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.



### **Criminal Investigations Division**

On October 29th, 2022 TCSO participated in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This specific day results in collecting unused medications or expired medications that may have been disposed of improperly. Members of the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office hosted the drop-off site at the Kinney Drugs in the Triphammer Marketplace to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing prescription drugs. In addition to the drop-off site, there is also a drop-off box in the Public Safety Building that is maintained year-round by the Criminal Investigations Division. A total of 145 boxes were collected in the 2022 year which, when weighed, totaled 3,170lbs.



### Sex Offender Watch Program

The Sex Offender Watch Program is maintained by the Sheriff's Clerk, Sam Pulliam who regularly schedules appointments with these offenders to change their address or register them initially. Sam also uses the Offender Watch Network which is the only sex offender registry management tool that generates alerts across jurisdictions based on an offender's home, work, or school address. This further promotes collaboration among agencies on a single offender record.

As of December 31, 2022 there were 190 registered sex offenders in Tompkins County. Of that total, there were 48 Level Three offenders, 78 Level Two offenders, and 64 Level One offenders.

To access the list of Sex Offenders in your area, please go to: https://offenderwatch.com/

The Tompkins County Corrections Division is an 82 bed facility with 40 Corrections Officers on staff. The jail is operated in accordance with State and Federal Jail Standards and the rulings of State and Federal Courts. The legal obligation of the Sheriff is to provide a safe, sanitary, and secure place of detention for all persons committed to the facility. The Sheriff must protect the community by securely detaining persons held here as well as protecting both the incarcerated persons and staff who work inside. In 2022, there was a total of 41 Board-Outs which equaled to 1,462 days.

Jail Admissions 2022					
Male		573			
Female		134			
	TOTAL	707			



# Inmate Average Daily Counts 2020 - 2022

### 2022 Jail Statistics

### Felony Incarcerations = 328

Misdemeanor Incarcerations = 307

Inmates Released = 1,213

Inmates Transported to State Prison = 53

Inmates Transported to Rehab = 48

Total Transports = 970

### Inmate Services

The Tompkins County Corrections Division offers a variety of services to incarcerated individuals such as Substance Abuse (NA & AA), Group Therapy, Re-Entry, Parenting Class, Pet Therapy, Art Therapy, Financial Group, Garden Program, Meditation Program, Ultimate Re-Entry Opportunities, Know Your Rights Program, Readers Theater (Book Talk), Poetry Group, Golden Key, Liberty Behind Bars, and Adult GED services through BOCES.

Mental Health Service	Attendance
Meditation	46
Art	486
Creative Writing	55
Mental Health Assessment	90
Church	172
Financial	109
Movie	48

### **Medical Services**

The medical staff for the Tompkins County Corrections Division consists of 1 full time Registered Nurse, 1 full time Forensic Counselor, 1 contracted Psychiatrist, 1 contracted Nurse Practitioner and 1 contracted Doctor. Services provided include inmate pregnancies, X-rays, EKG's, Emergency Room visits, doctor's appointments, dental services, inmate physicals, and inmate medical education. TCSO also has a Medically Assisted Treatment Program (M.A.T.) that is used to treat the incarcerated individuals addicted to opioids such as heroin and prescription pain relievers that contain opiates. The use of Sublocade (an injectable form of buprenorphine) and Suboxone (oral strip form of buprenorphine) gives incarcerated persons a choice between daily medication or a monthly injection. This program not only treats the disorders, but also prevents overdose and sustains recovery.

Board Out Costs						
Total Days (1 day per inmate board out)		1,462				
Total Costs (base cost 1 day per inmate)	\$	57,920.00				

### New Initiatives

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Tompkins County Mental Health Department, was able to secure grant funding through OASAS to assist with Medically Assisted Treatment efforts in our correctional facility. We have been providing MAT service for several years now so we were ahead of the game and were able to get creative with the grant funding. We worked closely with REACH medical and developed two initiatives.

The first being, the implementation of tele-med services offered through REACH medical. The thought behind this was to give incarcerated individuals the opportunity to virtually meet with medical providers at REACH and become familiar with the services they offer prior to release in an effort to increase their likelihood of a successful transition.

This leads to the second initiative, healthy transition packets. As a group we identified items that would immediately assist someone recently released from jail have a better chance of transitioning back into the community. Each person released from the Tompkins County Correctional Division, starting on October 7th, received a healthy transition bag which includes the following items:

- Black Draw String Bag
- Narcan
- Fentanyl Test Strips
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hand Sanitizer
- Socks

- Winter Hat
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Feminine Products
- 1 Day Buss Pass
- \$10 Aldi Gift Card
- Literature on Resources Available



# Sheriff's Clerk Pilot Program

This new pilot program was established by the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office in 2022. This program falls under the Tompkins County Reimagining Public Safety plan, and allows trained, unarmed representatives from the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office to handle certain calls. The unarmed responses may be handled via telephone or in-person at the Public Safety Building depending on the nature of the call.



The program is designed to both assess the effectiveness and outcomes of unarmed responses to certain call types and free up time for Sheriff's Deputies to respond to emergency calls, complete investigations, and build more relationships with members of the community. This program also took over the Sex Offender Registry Program and handled a total of 151 calls during the 2022 year.


### **Project Lifesaver**

In 2022, TCSO received a \$3,000 donation to the Project Lifesaver program from The Ithaca Elks 636 Club in honor of a previous PLS client. This program is vital to the community because it is designed to protect wandering individuals while also bringing peace of mind to families and caregivers.

Each officer involved in this program attends a training session that specializes in tracking devices and battery changes. A trained tracker is responsible for responding to the last known location of a missing individual. Special tracking equipment is then used to track the individual up to about 1/2 mile in each direction (TCSO has multiple trained trackers who team up in the case of needing a larger search area).



There were 30 active clients in 2022. Each client has a small transmitter band installed by our trained officers on their wrist or ankle while each caregiver is given a battery tester to make sure the battery is working correctly. Every 60 days, the batteries are changed by our officers via appointment. These can be done at the client's current residence, schools, or our office building.

If you or a loved one are interested in joining the program, please call the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office and ask for an application. Once the application is complete and returned, our trained officers will call to make an appointment for the initial transmitter install.







#### **Specialized Response Team**



Photo: Dave Burbank Photography

The Ithaca-Specialized Response Team is composed of 19 members, of which 5 are officers from the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office. These members are normally performing their original duties but are made available for SRT calls when needed. Every month, they have training days that compose of rigorous physical and mental training to make sure they are prepared for any situation. The purpose of SRT is to resolve dangerous situations with minimum loss of life or injury. This team has been an extremely valuable asset to this county has continuously proved to be effective. The following are SRT statistics for the 2022 year:

Total Call Outs 2022		
High Risk Warrant	1	
High Risk Arrest Warrant	1	
Under Cover Operation (Tac Support)	1	
Armed Barricade	2 (1 In County)	
Total Call Outs	5 (1 In County)	

SRT Assist with Equipment/Skills		
40 Millimeter Less-Than Lethal	13	
Pole Camera	2	
Night Vision/Forward Looking Infrared	8	
Ballistic Shield	3	
Long Range Acoustical Device	1	
Other Equipment	2	
Total Assists	29	

## **Specialized Units**



#### Marine Patrol Unit

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Unit operates on the southeastern part of Cayuga Lake and is dedicated to the protection of Cayuga Lake and its users. In 2022, the patrol season began on May 29th and ran through September 30th which resulted in a total of 606 hours dedicated to Marine Law Enforce-

ment.







#### ATV/UTV/Snowmobile Unit

All-terrain vehicles (ATV), utility terrain vehicles (UTV) and snowmobiles provide a police presence and enforcement in areas otherwise inaccessible to standard police practices and provide the ability to respond to and support special events and calls for service.







#### **Bike Patrol Unit**

Bicycle patrols provide optimum mobility and high visibility to aid in the reduction of crime in specific locations and encourage contact with the public to improve community relations and improve the effectiveness of patrol activities.





## K9 Unit

February 19, 2022 marked K9 Laker's second year serving the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office. K9 Laker is certified by the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association, Eastern Police Canin Association (Police Bomb Dog I), and NYS DCJS Certification all for explosive detection. Laker and his handler, Deputy Montesano, were busy in the 2022 year responding to the following calls, deployments, trainings, and special details:

Deployments	Date
Bomb Threat @ Local High School	2/7/2022
Property Check of Ithaca Airport	3/11/2022
Property Check of Ithaca Airport	4/9/2022
Assist Groton Police Department with locating a handgun	4/22/2022
Bomb Threat @ Local College	8/5/2022
Bomb Threat @ Local College	8/5/2022
Property Check of Ithaca Airport	10/8/2022
Locating a handgun with Tompkins County Sheriff's Office	10/24/2022
Locating a handgun/casings with Tompkins County Sheriff's Office	12/28/2022
Special Details	Date
K9 Demonstration at TST Boces	5/5/2022
Rhubarb Festival in Enfield	5/21/2022
Cornell Commencement	5/28/2022
Ithaca Festival Parade	6/2/2022
K9 Demonstration at Dryden Elementary	6/3/2022
Going for the Gold Special Olympics at Ithaca College	6/24/2022
K9 Demonstration at TST Boces	8/4/2022
Cortland Pumpkin Festival with Sean's K9	10/1/2022
Dryden Fire Department Open House	10/15/2022
Trumansburg Fire Department Open House	10/26/2022
K9 Demonstration at TST Boces	10/26/2022
K9 Demonstration at TC3 Children's Center	10/27/2022







### **Airport Security**

The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office provides 16 hour daily coverage to the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport. This is a requirement that was set forth by the Department of Homeland Security to assign Sheriff's Deputies to assist the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) with security. In 2022, there was a total of 24 airport incidents that TCSO Deputies responded to.





In 2022, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office introduced a new fully-electric Ford Mustang Mach-E to the fleet. This was part of the county and office's move to a greener fleet – an initiative that began a few years ago when TCSO received six hybrid vehicles. The vehicle was purchased with the County's Green Fleet Capital fund that was designated to help pilot new electric vehicles for County Departments. They received an additional \$7,500 from New York State as part of their Municipal Zero Emissions Vehicle Rebate Program. Operating costs for this vehicle are limited as there are no oil changes or other associated internal combustion engine changes. The Mach-E was assigned to the Airport Division of the Sheriff's Office and is not utilized for general patrol.

# Training

nent Trainings
Conflict Resolution, Mitigation, & De-Escalation: A Crash Course in Tactics and Skills for the Modern Police Officer
Suicide Prevention in County Jails and Police Lockups: Instructor Level Course
FBI-LEEDA Command Leadership Institute
FBI-LEEDA Executive Leadership Institute
FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute
Jail Time Credit and Calculation Training
First Responder Awareness Training for Autism & Other Disabilities
NABLEO - Justice Reform: Changing the Paradigm of Community Policing
Daigle Law Group: Use of Force Summit 2022
New York Women in Law Enforcement: 2022 Annual Conference
Heart Saver/CPR/AED/First Aid Training
NYTOA Less Lethal, FSDD, Chemical Agent Instructor Cer- tification
Tactical Explosive Breacher Certification
New York Case Law That All Cops Need to Know
Field Training Officer Course
Marine Law Enforcement Training Program & Marine Patrol Vessel Operator Course
Instructor Development Course
Law Enforcement Disability Awareness Training
FBI Improvised Explosives Familiarization
Officer Wellness Toolbox Training
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Awareness Course
FBI National Academy Session 282
New York Law Enforcement Officers and the Law Prac- ticed and Procedures
Police Mountain Bike School
Offender Watch Training
Course in Police Supervision
Breath Analysis Operator Student Course
Suicide Prevention, Trauma, & PTSD for Law Enforce- ment

## Training



On June 9th, 2022 Undersheriff Olin graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The 282nd session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 47 states and the District of Columbia. In addition, the class included member of law enforcement agencies from 26 countries, four military organizations, and nine federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provided the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits many of the courses offered.

Undersheriff Olin took all graduate level courses and earned a graduate certificate in Criminal Justice Education. She is only the second member of the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office to graduate from the FBI National Academy. The first being Sheriff Osborne, a member of FBINA session 231. There are very few Sheriff's Offices in the country where both the current Sheriff and Undersheriff have been selected and successfully graduated from the FBI National Academy.



## Training (One Mind Pledge)

In 2022, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office completed the One Mind Pledge. The One Mind Campaign seeks to ensure successful interactions between law enforcement and persons with mental health conditions and intellectual/developmental disabilities. The agencies that demonstrate a serious commitment to implementing all four required strategies in a timely fashion will become publicly recognized members of the One Mind Campaign.

- Establish a clearly defined and sustainable partnership with one or more community health organizations
- Develop and implement a model policy addressing law enforcement response to individuals with mental health conditions
- Train and certify 100 percent of sworn officers (and selected non-sworn staff, such as dispatchers) in mental health awareness courses by:
  - Providing CIT or equivalent crisis response training to a minimum of 20 percent of sworn officers (and selected non-sworn staff); and
  - Providing Mental Health First Aid training or equivalent to the remaining 80 percent of officers (and selected non-sworn staff).

International Association of Chiefs of Police		
Shaping the Future of the Policing Profession*		
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION		
Tompkins County Sheriff's Office		
For Fulfilling the Goals of the One Mind Campaign Pledge		
January 5, 2022 Date	Vincent Talucci, CAE Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer	
	Executive Director/Cruej Executive Ojjicer	

# **Training (Firearms)**

In 2022, Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Deputies and Corrections Officers participated in our biannual firearms training. Officers and Deputies not only train in live-fire courses, but also participate in reality-based training scenarios to better prepare them for real-life situations.

















# Training (Taser)

Annually, Tompkins County Sheriff's Office Deputies participate in taser training. Deputies receive a refresher course on Case Law, Use of Force, Show of Force, live-fire, and reality-based scenarios.









#### Awards & Recognition

#### **Kiwanis Officer of the Month**

Deputy James Rolfe — Deputy Rolfe received the award for his life-saving effort on the afternoon of April 22, 2022. Deputy Rolfe was assigned to Airport Duty when a male subject suffered a cardiac incident and became unconscious within airport property. Deputy Rolfe took prompt and immediate action by administering a shock using an AED device until other medical responders could respond and take over. The male subject subsequently regained consciousness and was transported to a medical facility

Sergeant Marc Ninivaggi — In the early morning hours of July 25, 2020, Sergeant Ninivaggi responded to a report of a female that had been stabbed by her boyfriend. Sergeant Ninivaggi was the first person to arrive on scene and located a female victim laying on her back covered from head to toe in blood. Sergeant Ninivaggi noticed that the female had multiple stab wounds and without hesitation ran to his patrol vehicle to retrieve his medical bag. ergeant Ninivaggi began bandaging and applying pressure to multiple stab wounds to prevent any more blood loss. The female victim was in and out of consciousness and Sergeant Ninivaggi continued dialogue with the female to keep her awake. While awaiting the arrival of EMS, Sergeant Ninivaggi was able to obtain the identity of the suspect that stabbed the female victim. In December of 2021, Tyler W. Rodkey was convicted of Assault in the First Degree (Class B Felony). Rodkey has been sentenced to fifteen (15) years in State Prison. The conviction of Rodkey was a result of Sergeant Ninivaggi's quick response to the scene and identifying Rodkey as the suspect. The female victim is still alive today due to life saving measures provided by Sergeant Ninivaggi.

**Corrections Officer Graden Alpert**—Officer Alpert received the award for his life-saving effort on the evening of April 22, 2022. An incarcerated person at the Tompkins County Jail had made the decision to attempt suicide. Officer Alpert walked into the housing unit just seconds after the incarcerated person put their plan into action. Officer Alpert immediately called for back up and began life saving efforts to prevent the suicide. Officer Alpert's actions on that evening were an example of diligence and profession-alism. The ability to use his training and maintain a calm demeanor helped save this person's life.







### Awards & Recognition



#### **2022 Patrol Achievements**

Calls for Service—763 Deputy Gunn (excludes traffic stops and property checks) Most DWI Arrests—12 Deputy Manuel Most UTT's—808 Deputy Kenney Most Arrests—207 Deputy Kenney

#### **Medals**

Live Saving—Deputy James Rolfe

#### 2022 Special Service Ribbons

Instructor Development—Deputy Kenney, Deputy Barber

Field Training Officer—Deputy Kenney, Deputy Haselman, Deputy Murray, Deputy Barber

Marine School—Deputy Rumsey, Deputy Haselman, Investigator Walters

Bike School—Deputy Prior, Deputy Miller, Deputy Baker, Deputy Leach, Deputy Barber

Academic Excellence—Deputy Terwilliger, Deputy Barber, Deputy Baker

Life Saving—Deputy Rolfe

Military—Deputy Gombas

SRT—Sergeant Federation, Deputy Street

FBINA—Undersheriff Olin

## **Raising Awareness**



Every year, TCSO displays awareness badges for Autism Acceptance Month (April) and Domestic Violence/Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October). The puzzle-piece badge represents the Autism Acceptance Month and the pink/purple badge represents Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer Awareness month.





The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office is offering free disabilityalert stickers. People with disabilities can alert first responders of their status by using the new disability decals being offered free through this office. The bright yellow stickers give first responders the information they need before they approach, and they will give people the security of knowing their situation is known. Information is key. The more we know about the status of an individual, the better position we are in to help.

## Cops, Kids, & Toys

Cops, Kids, & Toys is a Tompkins County community volunteer program designed to help families in need during the winter holidays. Throughout each year, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office participates in fundraising events such as "Fill the Trunk" and collecting donation bins. TCSO also assists with packaging and organizing the toys that go to each family. In 2022, Cops, Kids, & Toys served over 425 families and more than 900 children in Tompkins County.













# Helping Our Community (Easter, Halloween, Christmas)

Holidays aren't always easy for everyone in the community. As a result, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office (with the help of community member donations) began creating Easter baskets, stockings, and candy buckets for families in need. Easter baskets and stockings are delivered to families being housed in our local shelters. Buckets of candy are handed out during trick-or-treat community events. In 2022, TCSO donated 42 Easter baskets, 32 stockings, and used about 10 large bags of candy at the Trunk-Or-Treat events.













# **Community Engagement**



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# Thank you for the continued support of the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office



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