

New York State University Police



2017

Annual Report

MISSION STATEMENT

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The State University of New York at New Paltz University Police Department is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and secure environment that is conducive to the educational mission of the college.

Guiding Principles

The University Police Department provides service by adhering to the following principles:

- Respect – Every individual will be treated with respect.
- Education – Every interaction is an educational opportunity.
- Diversity – Recognize and appreciate the values each individual brings to the campus.
- Commitment – To the mission of the college. Strive for personal and professional excellence.
- Participation – Be an integral part of and participate in the life of the college.
- Integrity – Do the right thing for the right reason when nobody is watching.

Vision and Goals

- Provide protection of persons and property through crime and loss prevention initiatives.
- Achieve voluntary compliance with rules, regulations, ordinances, and laws through equal application of enforcement.
- Establish a cohesive and supportive work environment – one that encourages innovation with an emphasis on the quality of service.
- Promote campus-wide awareness of safety issues.
- Continue to develop a University Police Department that is a forerunner in the field, widely respected and trusted.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

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On behalf of the dedicated men and women of The SUNY New Paltz University Police Department, I am pleased to present our annual report. This report highlights the activities and accomplishments of department during the 2017 calendar year.

The SUNY New Paltz University Police Department is comprised of an extraordinary contingent of men and women who dedicate themselves every day to upholding our mission of creating and maintaining a safe and secure environment that is conducive to the educational mission of the college.

As you read this report you will gain a better understanding of the professionalism in our service to you and the quality of work that is performed by each and every member of the University Police Department.

This report includes data relating to calls for service, crime reporting and special initiatives. Community participation and involvement has continued to be a cornerstone of our effectiveness in deterring criminal activity within our Campus Community.

We thank you for being an alert, aware and a contributing member to our campus and for welcoming us into your home away from home.

Stay safe SUNY New Paltz!

David Dugatkin
Chief of Police



ABOUT THE SUNY NEW PALTZ UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The University Police Headquarters is located in the Service Building on the south side of the campus along Route 32 South. University Police provide police services 24/7/365 days a year for our campus community. We can be reached around the clock by dialing (845)-257-2222 or 911 from any campus landline phone. We never close.



**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY
Call 911**

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Additionally, there are several additional methods of reaching the University Police Department;

- Our TTY phone number is: **(845) 257-3369**
- Our fax number is: **(845) 257-3334**
- You can email us at: **upd@newpaltz.edu**
- Leave us an anonymous tip on our tip line: **(845)-257-2230**
- Leave us an online tip at; **www.newpaltz.edu/police/forms/silentwitnessform**
- Call or text us through the college's free online safety app; Rave Guardian which can be downloaded through the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store

University Police Officers are vested with full law enforcement powers and have responsibilities and authority similar to local police in any community, including the authority to arrest. They are trained at a State Regional Academy for Police Training. They also receive specialized training in the area of law enforcement within an academic community, as well as NYS Penal, Criminal Procedure, and Vehicle & Traffic laws, AED/CPR, the use of deadly and non-deadly force, along with advanced communication skills, and crime prevention topics.

The jurisdiction of the agency is comprised of 214 acres including a wetland area, a three-acre pond and 60 buildings consisting of over 2 million square feet. Our fall 2017 student population is 7,628. Our weekday population can peak at over 10,000 with students, faculty, staff and visitors to the campus. We utilize foot, motor, bicycle and ATV patrols to safeguard the campus.

University Police looks at crime prevention through the eyes of Community Policing. We need the community to work with us as our partners, friends and colleagues.



UNIVERSITY POLICE COMMAND STAFF

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David Dugatkin

Chief of Police

845.257.3337

Serving since 2011

David Dugatkin was appointed as the chief of University Police in 2011. A 28-year police veteran and a 1985 SUNY New Paltz alumnus with a B.A. in English, Dugatkin previously served as detective sergeant in charge of the detective division in the Town of New Paltz Police Department.

Dugatkin joined the New Paltz Police Department in 1990 and was appointed supervisor of the detective division in 2003 and promoted to detective sergeant in 2008. He retired in 2011 to assume the role of University Police Chief here at New Paltz.

As University Police Chief, Dugatkin has overseen the construction and relocation of the University Police Department into a state-of-the-art facility. Dugatkin's concept of "Community Policing" includes positioning all his officers to not only be reactive, but proactive within our community. He has also launched the department's presence on social media including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as well as enlisting the college's digital media students to create safety videos for the entire campus.



Mary Ritayik

Deputy Chief of Police

845.257.3344

Serving since 1998

Deputy Chief Ritayik started with the NYS University Police in 1998 at SUNY Purchase. She attended the Westchester County Police Academy where she graduated with the Top Grade. After working at SUNY Purchase for two years, she transferred to SUNY New Paltz in 2000 to be closer to home. In 2003, she was promoted to University Police Investigator and held that position for ten years. In 2013, she filled the newly created position of Deputy Chief of Police. She has attended the FBI Executive Leadership School as well the IACLEA Executive Leadership Seminar. Each year, she gathers all the information for and writes the College's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report for SUNY New Paltz. She grew up in Dutchess County and currently lives in Ulster County with her husband, Lt. John Ritayik of UPD New Paltz and their two children. She has a B.A. in Sociology/Criminology from SUNY Cortland.

UNIVERSITY POLICE COMMAND STAFF CONT'D

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Juanta Carson

Investigator

845.257.3393

Serving since 2008

Investigator J. Carson graduated from John Jay College of Criminal Justice with a Bachelor of Science degree and graduated from the New York Police Department Academy. She has been a member of the New York State University Police since 2008.

Her certifications include;

- NYPD Basic Police Officer Training Course
- NYS DCJS Evidence & Property Custodian
- NYS DCJS Crime Scene Technician
- DWI Detection & Standard Field Sobriety Testing
- NYS DCJS/ FBI Crime Scene Photography
- NYS Breath Analysis Operator
- Reid Associates Interview and Interrogation
- R.A.D. Certified Instructor
- Social Networking and Cellular Phone Investigations Search Warrants
- Trauma Informed Sexual Assault Investigation Narcotics Investigations
- NYSP Sexual Crimes Investigations



John Ritayik

Lieutenant

845.257.3657

Serving since 1998

Lieutenant John Ritayik started his law enforcement career working for the New York State University Police department in 1998 at Stony Brook University. He transferred to SUNY New Paltz in 2000 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2008. Lieutenant Ritayik is a Police General Topics Instructor and Police Firearms Instructor. He oversees the departments Firearms and Reality Based Training Programs. In 2017 Lieutenant Ritayik completed the FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute for Law Enforcement Executives. Lieutenant Ritayik is a United States Marine Corps Veteran and lives in Ulster County with his wife and two children.

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Johnny Coxum

Lieutenant

845.257.3340

Serving since 1998

Lt. Johnny Coxum has been with the SUNY New Paltz University Police Department for 19 years. He graduated from the Kingston Police Academy which is now the Ulster Law Enforcement Academy. He attended Mohawk Valley Community College where he received an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and SUNY Cortland where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. He is a veteran of the United States Navy. Lt. Coxum was a R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) instructor at SUNY New Paltz for 14 years. He is a certified Police General Topics Instructor and Evaluator, Physical Fitness Instructor, and Fair and Impartial Policing Instructor. He currently teaches Cultural Diversity/Sexual Harassment/Bias Related Crimes at the Ulster Police Academy. Before He is heavily involved in the SUNY New Paltz and Town of New Paltz community and would like to see better police/citizen relations. His hobbies are music, reading, and self-development.



Greg Thompson

Lieutenant

845.257.3661

Serving since 2000

Lieutenant Gregory Thompson is a Graduate of the Westchester County Police Academy 111th Session. Thompson began his law enforcement career in New York with the University Police at Maritime College, in New York City, and served during the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center. He earned an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts from Nassau Community College. Thompson received a certificate for Leadership in Police Organizations from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Thompson currently also serves as a Court Officer with the Town of Lloyd Justice Court, Highland NY. He has previous SUNY police experience with the University Police at Stony Brook and Old Westbury; and previous experience as a Sergeant with the College of Southern Nevada Police Department, Las Vegas.

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Ryan Williams

Lieutenant

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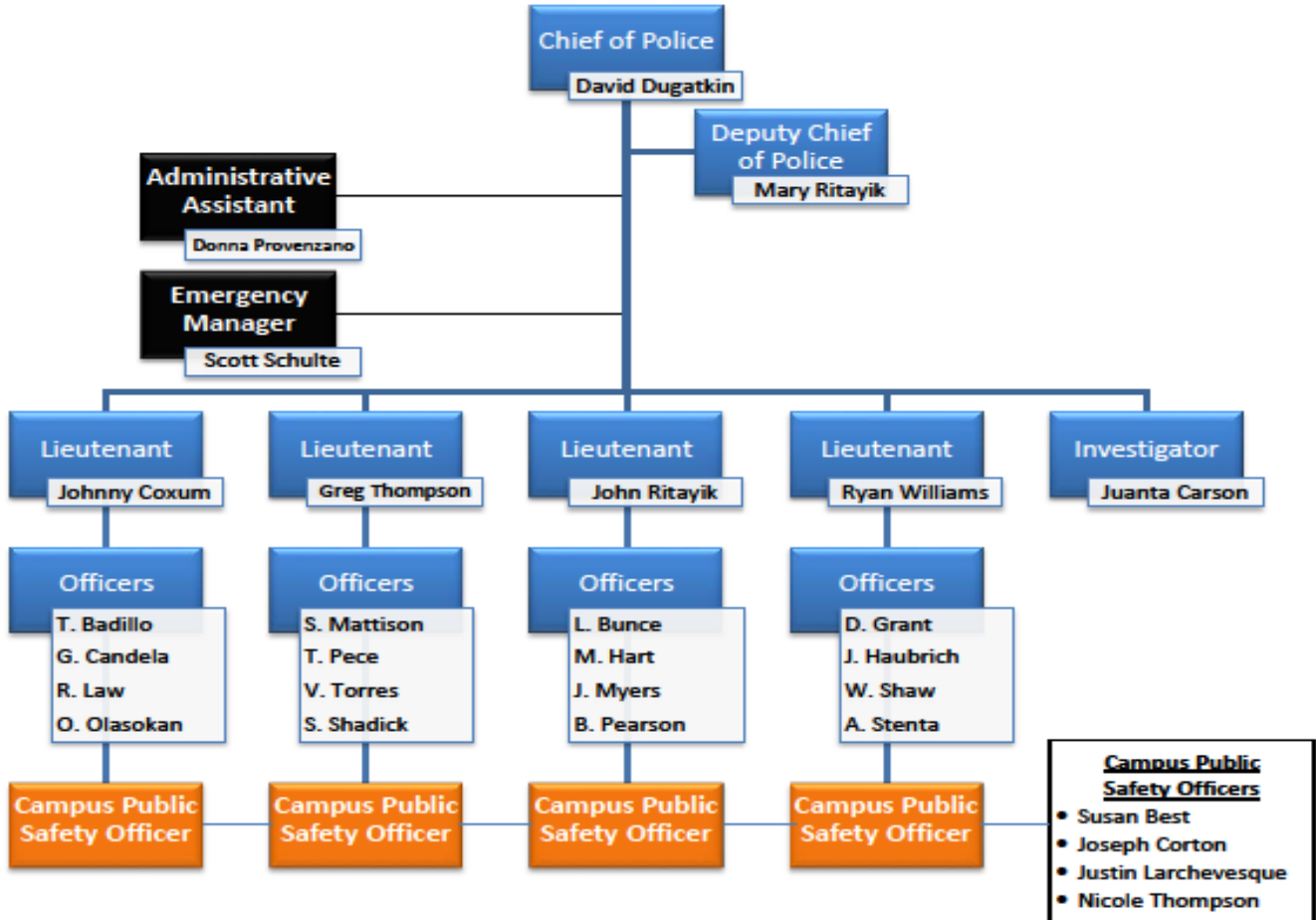
Serving since 2004

Lieutenant Ryan Williams joined University Police in 2002 starting as a Campus Public Safety Officer and worked mostly in dispatch after serving four years in the United States Army. In December 2004, he was hired as a University Police Officer and attended the Police academy in Dutchess County. Since the academy he has been certified as a police instructor in the following areas; General Topics, Firearms, Taser, Active Shooter Response, and Narcan. Lt. Williams enjoys training other officers because he says Law Enforcement is always changing and constant training is necessary. Law Enforcement takes team work and he feels that by training he is adding to the overall success of that team. He also enjoys community programs for students as he believes they are a fantastic way to overcome barriers which normally separate Police Officers and their community. In January of 2017 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.



UNIVERSITY POLICE PERSONNEL/CHAIN OF COMMAND

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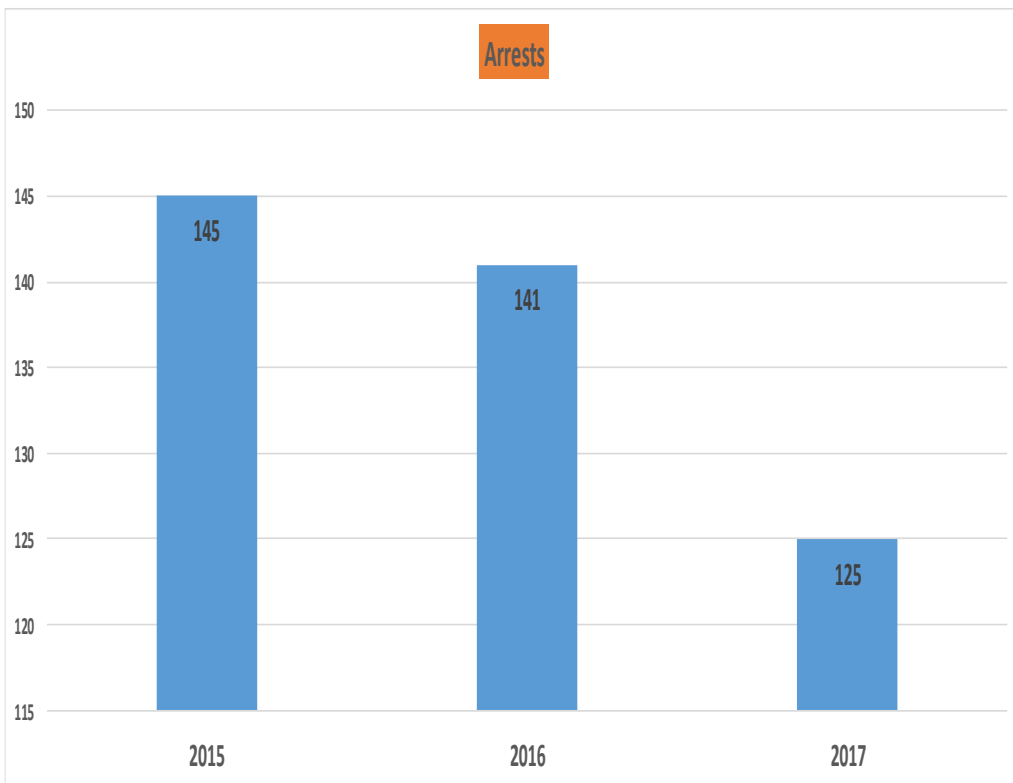
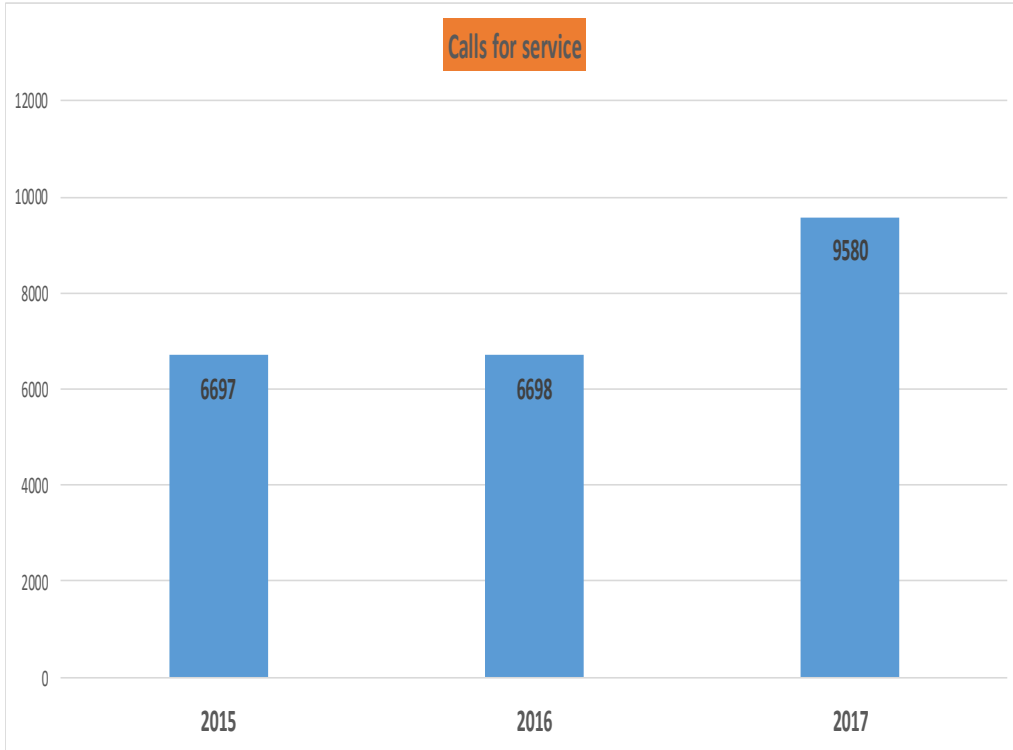


Color Code:

- Blue: Sworn Police Officers
- Orange: Non-sworn/fall into chain of command
- Black: Non-sworn/do not fall into chain of command

UNIVERSITY POLICE 2015, 2016, 2017 STATISTICS OVERVIEW

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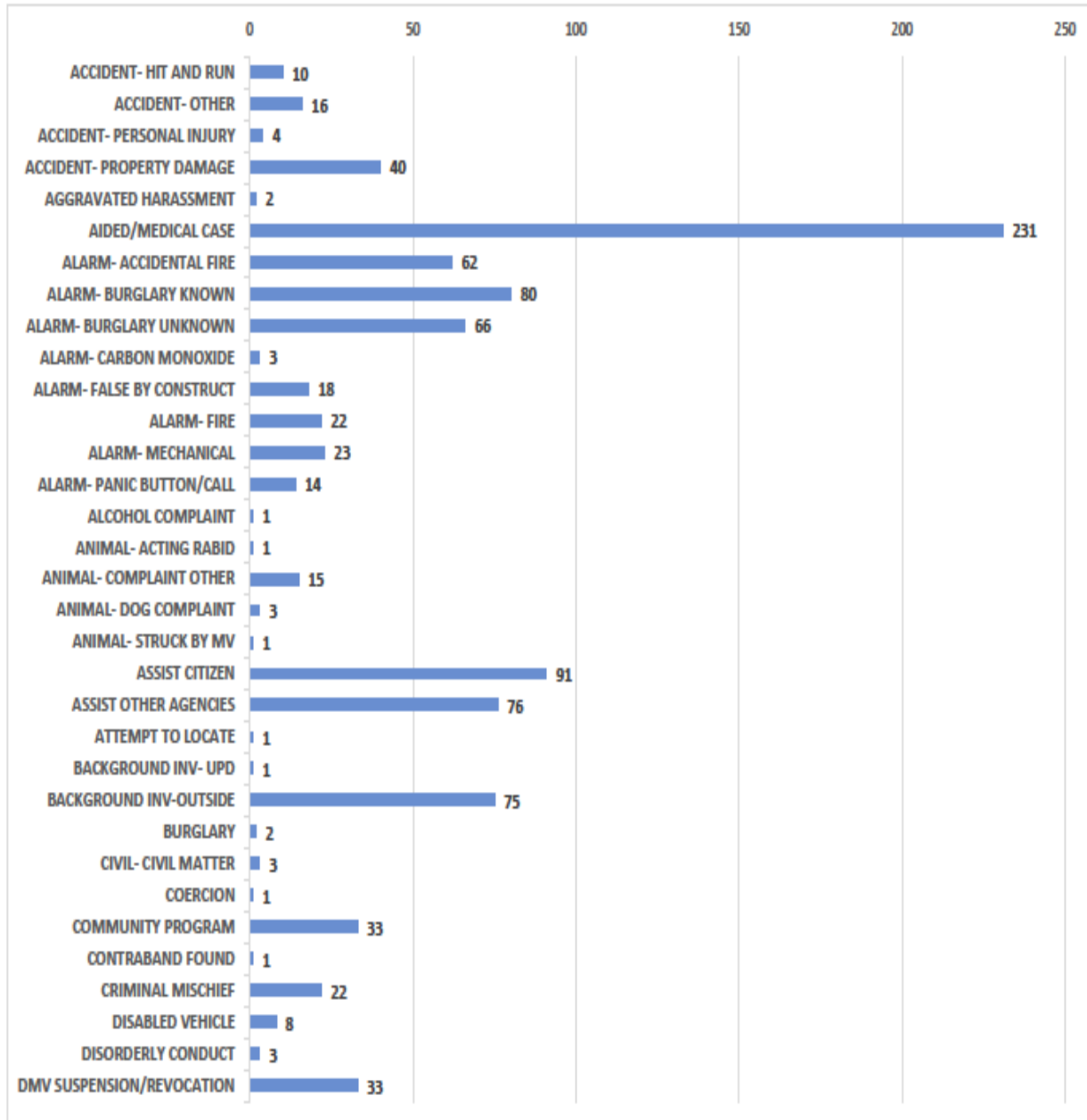
MONTHLY STATISTIC REPORT

Activity From 01/01/2017 Thru 12/31/2017

Type of Activity	MTD		YTD	
Arrests	125		125	
Sex- Male - MTD:	96	YTD:	96	
Female - MTD:	29	YTD:	29	
Unknown- MTD:	0	YTD:	0	
Class- Felony- MTD:	9	YTD:	9	
Misd - MTD:	70	YTD:	70	
Violat- MTD:	43	YTD:	43	
Blotters	9580		9580	
Cases	209		209	
Class- Felony- MTD:	21	YTD:	21	
Misd - MTD:	116	YTD:	116	
Violat- MTD:	66	YTD:	66	
Citations	4397		4397	
Type- Parking- MTD:	4390	YTD:	4390	
Traffic- MTD:	547	YTD:	547	
Juveniles	0		0	
Sex- Male - MTD:	0	YTD:	0	
Female - MTD:	0	YTD:	0	
Unknown- MTD:	0	YTD:	0	
Class- Felony- MTD:	0	YTD:	0	
Misd - MTD:	0	YTD:	0	
Violat- MTD:	0	YTD:	0	
Medical Aided	250		250	
Traffic Accidents	21		21	
Type- Fatal- MTD:	0	YTD:	0	
Injury- MTD:	1	YTD:	1	
Other- MTD:	20	YTD:	20	

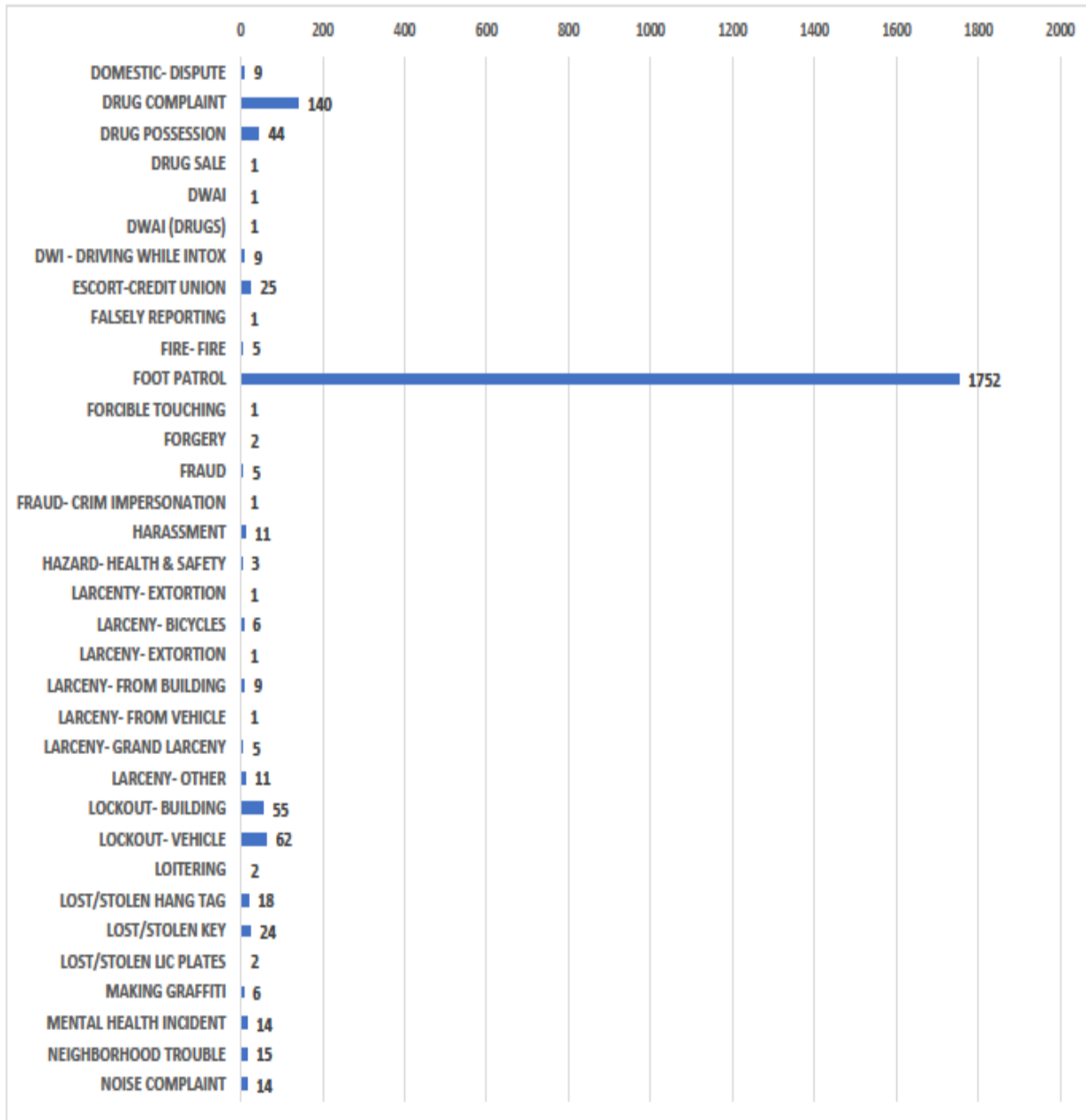
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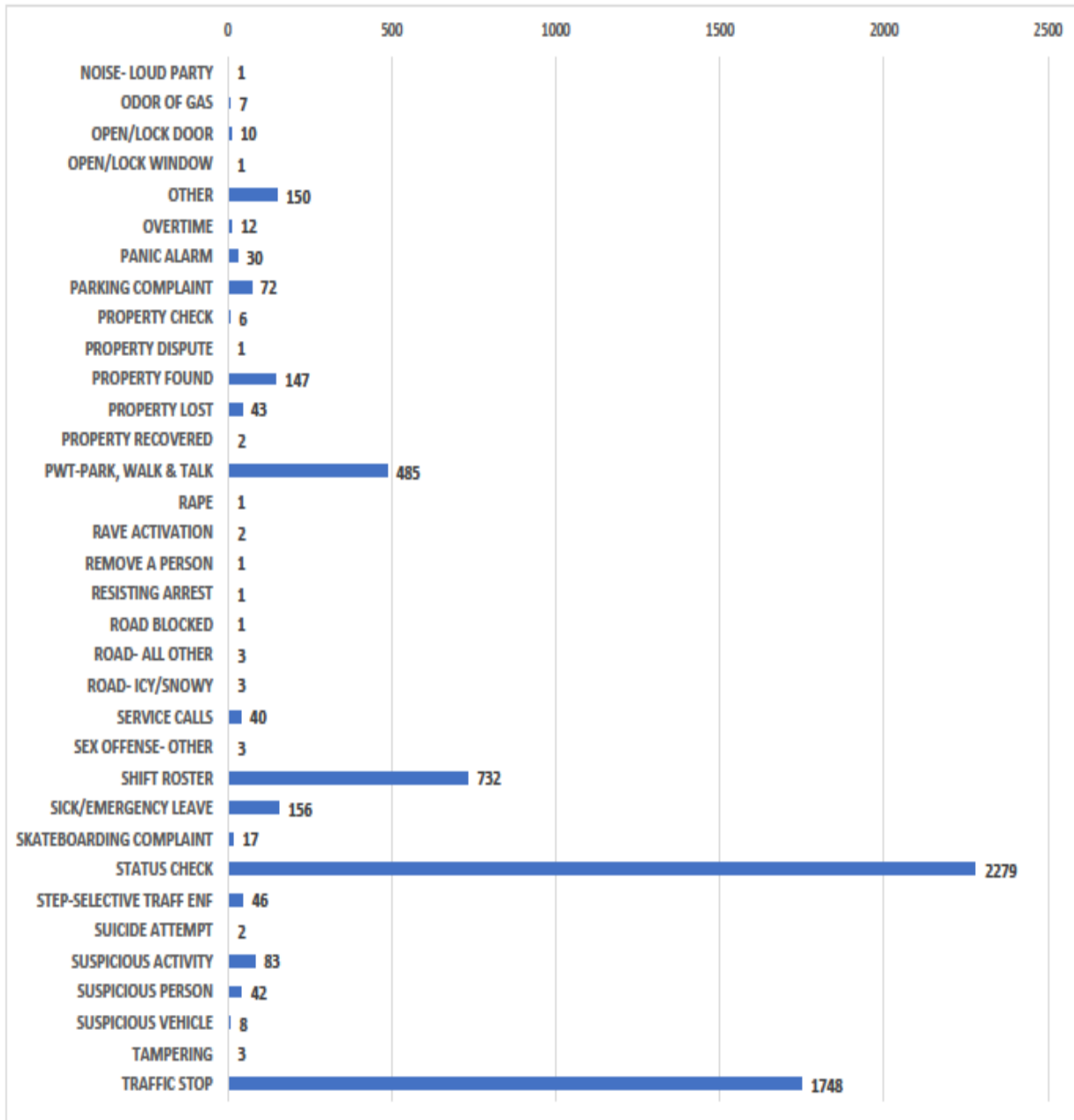
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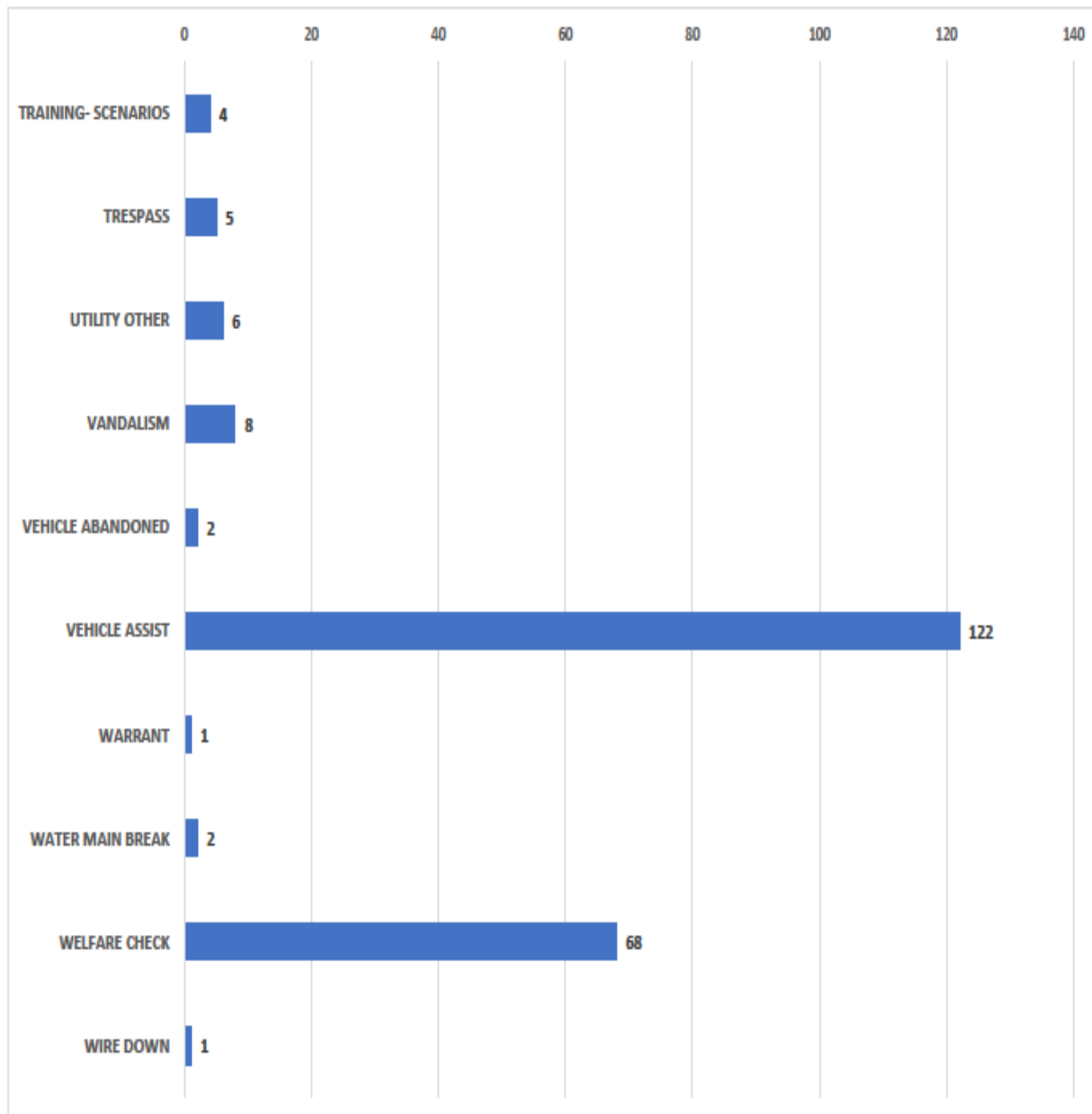
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UNIVERSITY POLICE 2017 TRAINING

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In 2017, University Police Officers spent a total of **2,538** hours in training classes to help enhance their skills and have a better understanding of situations they may encounter on the job.

Highlights of the year's training include;

- LGBTQ Awareness, Current Trends and Issues
- Suicide Prevention
- Opioid Overdose
- DWI Court Testimony
- Law Enforcement Bicycle Operations Course Training
- FBI LEEDA Lieutenant's Supervision Training
- Narcotics Investigations Trainings
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Training
- Field Training Officer Certification Course
- Instructor Development Course
- Reality Based Training (includes real life scenarios and active shooter training)
- Interacting With The Mentally Ill
- CPR/AED recertification
- Firearms recertification
- Ambush Awareness Training
- De-escalation And Minimal Use Of Force Training
- Title IX Updates
- Understanding Excited Delirium Calls
- Proper DWI Documentation And Courtroom Testimony

UNIVERSITY POLICE 2017 NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS

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2017 was a busy hiring year for University Police. We were fortunate to hire six highly qualified individuals, several of which came to us as certified police officers and others we sent to the Police Academy.



From left to right, we brought on;

- UPO Janae Myers
- UPO Tyler Pece
- UPO Steven Shadick
- UPO Greg Candela
- UPO Antonio Stenta

Welcome to the family!



UPOs Candela, Stenta and Shadick on their Police Academy Graduation day.

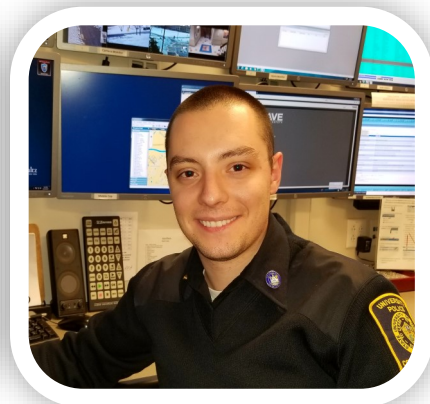
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Also hired in 2017 were:



UPO Matthew Hart



CPSO Justin Larchvesque



Promoted in 2017 was Ryan Williams, center, from UPO to Lieutenant. We like to get the entire family involved! At right is Lt. Williams' daughter pinning on his bars.

UNIVERSITY POLICE 2017 CAMPUS-WIDE SURVEY

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In the fall of 2017, the University Police Department conducted a campus-wide survey seeking the opinions of those who have recently called and needed police services. The survey provided valuable feedback and information to our department and serves as a “report card” in determining customer satisfaction, feelings of safety, and quality of police services. Here are the results;

What is your gender identity?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Male	29%	83
2	Female	54%	153
3	Other (please specify)	2%	7
4	I prefer not to respond	14%	41
	Total	100%	284

What is your age?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	17 or under	2%	7
2	18-24	61%	173
3	25-35	11%	30
4	36-50	9%	26
5	50-65	14%	40
6	65+	3%	8
	Total	100%	284

**UNIVERSITY POLICE 2017
CAMPUS-WIDE SURVEY CONT'D**

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I am;

#	Answer	%	Count
1	A SUNY New Paltz student living on campus	38%	107
2	A SUNY New Paltz student living off campus	24%	68
3	A parent of a SUNY New Paltz student	1%	4
4	An employee of SUNY New Paltz	31%	87
6	A visitor to the campus	3%	9
7	Other:	1%	4
	Total	100%	279

My most recent contact with University Police consisted of;

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Victim of crime/incident	8%	35
2	Witness to crime/incident	6%	26
3	Suspect in crime/incident	5%	24
4	Visiting the UPD website	8%	36
5	Safety escort	1%	4
6	Alarm response	5%	24
7	Request for information	9%	38
8	Lock out assistance	5%	23

UNIVERSITY POLICE 2017 CAMPUS-WIDE SURVEY CONT'D

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How would you rate the ease or difficulty of doing business with the SUNY New Paltz University Police Department?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Extremely easy	28%	80
3	Slightly easy	21%	61
4	Neither easy nor difficult	18%	52
5	Slightly difficult	15%	42
7	Extremely difficult	19%	54
	Total	100%	289

How would you rate the response time of the officer(s) who came to handle your incident?

#	Answer	%	Count
5	Excellent	33%	93
4	Above average	18%	49
3	Average	33%	92
2	Below average	4%	11
1	Poor	12%	33
	Total	100%	278

UNIVERSITY POLICE 2017 CAMPUS-WIDE SURVEY CONT'D

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How would you rate the attitude and behavior of the officer(s) during your recent experience?

#	Answer	%	Count
5	Excellent	30%	83
4	Above average	17%	47
3	Average	23%	64
2	Below Average	11%	30
1	Poor	20%	57
	Total	100%	281

How would you rate the competency of the officer(s) during your recent experience?

#	Answer	%	Count
5	Excellent	30%	85
4	Above average	18%	51
3	Average	25%	71
2	Below average	11%	31
1	Poor	15%	43
	Total	100%	281

UNIVERSITY POLICE 2017 CAMPUS-WIDE SURVEY CONT'D

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How would you rate the follow-up services provided by the SUNY New Paltz University Police Department?

#	Answer	%	Count
5	Excellent	24%	43
4	Above average	10%	17
3	Average	33%	59
2	Below average	11%	19
1	Poor	22%	40
	Total	100%	178

Overall, I feel safe on the SUNY New Paltz campus.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly agree	37%	105
2	Agree	35%	100
4	Neither agree nor disagree	13%	38
6	Disagree	5%	15
7	Strongly disagree	9%	24
	Total	100%	282

UNIVERSITY POLICE 2017 CAMPUS-WIDE SURVEY CONT'D

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Overall, I have trust and confidence in the SUNY New Paltz University Police Department.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly agree	27%	78
2	Agree	30%	86
4	Neither agree nor disagree	14%	39
6	Disagree	10%	29
7	Strongly disagree	18%	52
	Total	100%	284

Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the SUNY New Paltz University Police Department?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	extremely satisfied	30%	85
3	slightly satisfied	20%	55
4	neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	21%	59
5	slightly dissatisfied	10%	29
7	extremely dissatisfied	18%	51
	Total	100%	279

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PRESENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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As our Facebook presence continued to thrive since its launch several years ago, 2017 was a year of great growth on other social media sites. As we were out and about on the campus we asked students, faculty and staff which social media sites they wanted to see UPD on. Overwhelmingly, the choices were Instagram and Twitter.

Our UPD website has also become more useful in terms of videos, pertinent safety tips and up to date information on the department.

We use our social media sites as platforms to inform the community about events that are going on in the area such as accidents that delay traffic, road and sidewalk closures, and alerts that affect the day to day activity of the campus community. We also love to throw in photos of our officers interacting with students, faculty and staff!

You can find us here;



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/newpaltzuniversitypolice>



Instagram

Instagram: [updnewpaltz](https://www.instagram.com/updnewpaltz)



Twitter: [@NewPaltzUPD](https://twitter.com/NewPaltzUPD)



Website: www.newpaltz.edu/police





2017 was also a busy year on our “to do” list. Here are some of the accomplishments we are quite proud of; *(none of which could have been done without the never-ending support of the college administration.)*

- We launched our very first customer satisfaction survey on University Police *(see highlights on page 20-25)*
- We dramatically increased our presence on social media *(see page 26)*
- We hired the Consulting Firm of Dolores Stafford and Associates to come in and perform an assessment of our department to help us in better defining the needs of the college and UPD. This resulted in several upgrades and the completion of a strategic plan for the department.
- We completed and met all 110 state-wide standards/requirements to be Accredited by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Service in early 2018
- We successfully completed our first ever “Lockdown drill” drill on campus using Wooster Hall as our test case as we prepare to hold a full campus-wide lockdown drill in the fall of 2018.
- We hired six new police officers in turn giving the department a new “face.” *(See pages 18-19)*
- We upgraded officer body armor and added heavy duty ballistic protection in each patrol car.
- Increased supervisor training sending our Lieutenants to state and nationally recognized training to enhance their supervisory skills.
- Thanks to our friends in Telecommunications, added additional technology that allows UPD to broadcast emergency messages over the campus phone system.
- Adopted an Immigration Enforcement Policy that supports all students, faculty and staff who are on our campus.
- Held our first “Coffee with a Cop” day with help from our friends at Starbucks. It was just coffee and talk. No agendas, no politics. Just a day to come out and get to know us.



This report was easy to write. In fact, it pretty much wrote itself. It's not that hard when you have a dedicated group of men and women working 24/7 to keep this campus safe, informed and educated. My thanks go out to each and every one of them who continue to spend time away from their families during holidays, inclement weather and even the occasional baseball or football game.

But, University Police is only a part of it. Each and every member of our SUNY New Paltz campus community should be proud of the work they put in here on a daily basis. You are our eyes and ears and if you see something, you most certainly say something. That's the way it should be. Community Policing at its truest sense involves all of us.

As a certified police department, we sometimes see the worst in people, that's our job, we knew that signing up. But at the same time, we've seen the best in people. SUNY New Paltz holds a special place in people's hearts. That what make us a community. That's what makes this a very special place.

As the University Police Department continues to evolve and adapt to the changes a campus community rightfully deserves, rest assured we are here, we are listening to you, we are engaging with you and will always have your back.

Stay Safe SUNY New Paltz!

David Dugatkin

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