

AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Our VISION

To be a model of community policing that creates positive relationships with the citizens of Auburn and constantly evolves and adapts to changing community needs.

Our MISSION

To enhance the quality of life in the City of Auburn by working cooperatively with the citizenry to enforce the laws, preserve the peace, reduce fear, and provide a safe environment.

Our CORE VALUES

Respect
Excellence
Compassion
Integrity
Teamwork
Accountability

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEFS



Shawn I. Butler
Chief of Police



Roger J. Anthony
Deputy Chief of Police

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Auburn Police Department, Deputy Chief Roger Anthony and I are proud to present to you our 2018 Annual Report. We always look forward to providing our community with an inside look at our past accomplishments and future goals.

While policing continues to be a necessary and honorable profession, 2018 posed many hurdles for our rank and file officers both on a national level and here in Auburn, NY. One of the biggest challenges we are facing currently is our ability as an agency to attract and retain qualified applicants for the position of Police Officer. A National trend has suggested our profession no longer has the allure it once did and new generations of our young professionals are being attracted to safer careers with less public and media scrutiny.

Though we too are feeling the effects of this trend locally, with the continued support of our community as well as our elected officials, the Auburn Police Department is poised to take this challenge head on and find solutions that fit our City and assist us with filling our roster with the best and brightest people who have a desire to serve. Our City deserves nothing less!

We at the Auburn Police Department are committed to continuing our mission of enhancing the quality of life in the City of Auburn by working cooperatively with the citizenry to enforce the laws, preserve the peace, and provide for a safe environment all while adhering to our core values of **Respect, Excellence, Compassion, Integrity, Teamwork, and Accountability**. We understand that if we do not meet and exceed these values we cannot earn and maintain the trust from the community that we serve, which is an integral and vital part of practicing a community policing strategy. This is why we have continued to engage our community partners this past year in programs such as Coffee with a Cop, Neighborhood Walk and Talks, National Night Out, and Shop with a Cop. We've also expanded our local recruitment efforts by creating and sharing flyers through social media, and hosting civil service work-shops to answer questions or concerns which applicants may have.

Though partnering with the community we serve is an integral part of the equation to maintaining a safe city, we have developed hiring practices and training standards that will assure the citizens of Auburn that we will deliver quality and trustworthy police service. Our officers continue to proactively fight crime through prevention by deterrence and by aggressively pursuing violators who engage in criminal activity against members of our community. It is our goal to continue to serve our citizens at the highest possible standard, and to maintain meaningful partnerships throughout our City.



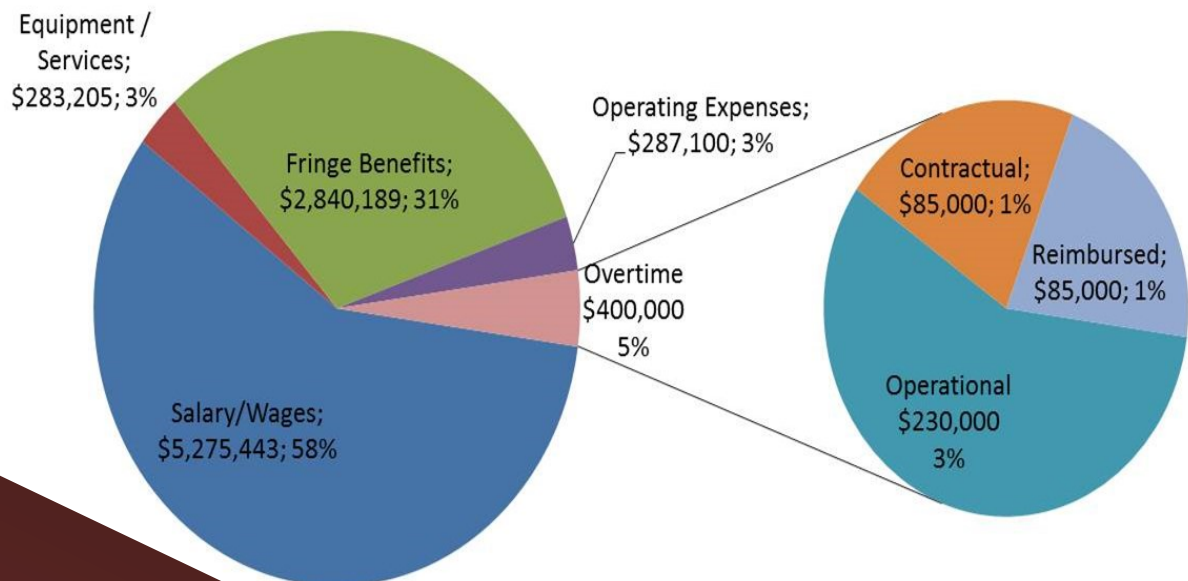
2018 EXPENDITURES

Our total budget of \$9,085,937 was broken down by the following pie chart. It increased by roughly 2.2% from the previous year's budget of \$8,889,954. The most noticeable difference this past budget year was an increase of more than \$200,000 in salaries and wages.

Overtime, operating expenditures, equipment/services and fringe benefit budgets remained fairly stable.

Our salary and wages / fringe benefits represented nearly 90% of our budget. Overtime represented 5%, while Equipment/Services and Operating Expenses each utilized 3%.

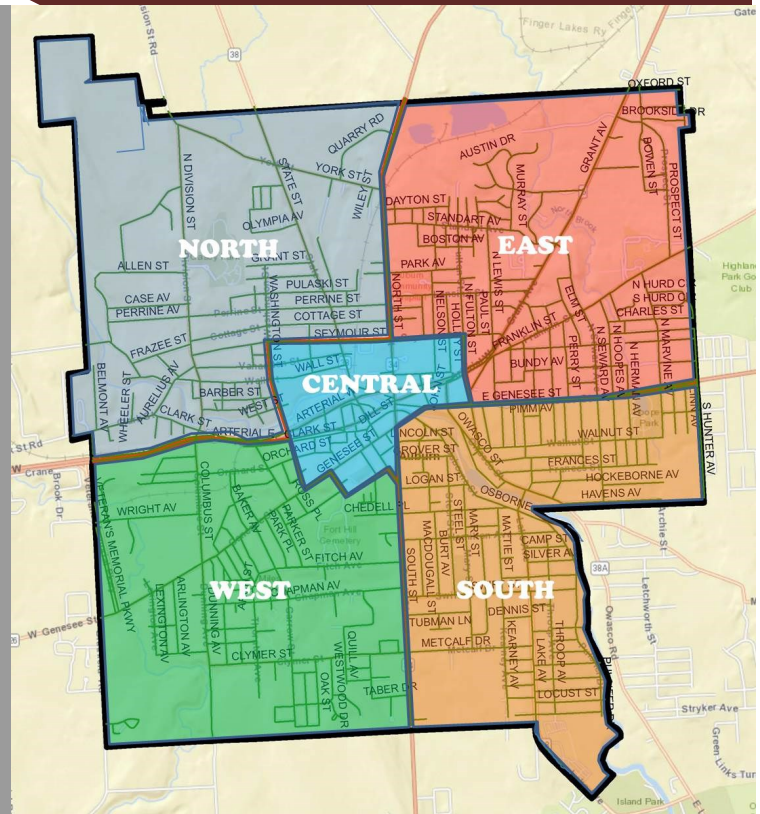
During 2018, Auburn Police generated \$143,271 in traffic fines, and \$9,882 in criminal fines, through Auburn City Court. In addition, we generated \$183,270 in parking ticket revenue, through the 11,888 tickets written.



DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



The Auburn Police Department is proud to serve over 26,000 residents in the City of Auburn. To ensure complete coverage of the over eight square miles of the city, five sections, or “beats” are patrolled 24/7 by at least one officer. When enough manpower exists, additional cruiser vehicles patrol the whole city, and are not assigned to a specific beat.



While the majority of incidents are handled at the patrol level, many which are deemed serious are forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation and analysis. This ensures patrol officers are back on the road as soon as possible, available to answer other calls for service.

Over the last several years, it has been a priority for the Auburn Police Department to build relationships and become more involved in the community. We believe the foundation of successful policing starts with confidence and trust in the citizens we serve.

2018 STATISTICS

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| Adult Arrests | 1,044 |
| Juvenile Arrests | 38 |
| Alarms | 417 |
| Burglaries | 117 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 1,016 |
| Domestic Violence | 1,308 |
| Larcenies | 589 |
| MVAs | 1,149 |
| Overdoses | 120 |
| Parking Complaints | 1,191 |
| Parking Tickets | 11,888 |
| Traffic Stops | 3,586 |
| Traffic Tickets | 2,048 |
| Warrants Executed | 410 |



OUR DIVISIONS



PATROL DIVISION

Typically the only form of police contact the public will ever meet, the patrol division makes up the largest unit of the Auburn Police Department. Patrol handles routine calls, including motor vehicle accidents, traffic enforcement, disorderly conduct calls and emergencies. In addition, they also proactively patrol the city, looking for suspicious activity and to create a presence to discourage criminal activity and help the public feel safe in their neighborhoods. As of the end of the year, the Auburn Police Department patrol division was comprised of 48 patrol officers, 6 sergeants, 2 lieutenants, and 1 captain.

Patrol hosted a variety of presentations, and participated in numerous community involvement activities, which are highlighted throughout this report. Goals for patrol include maintaining their positive image to the community, increased training to build and maintain skills, continuing on-going efforts to educate the public on a variety of issues, and working on the execution of the over 400 outstanding warrants we currently have.



Patrol Statistics

Calls for Service: 38,991

Traffic Stops: 3,586

Traffic Tickets Issued: 2,048

DWI Arrests: 48

Property Checks: 5050

Overdoses: 120



INVESTIGATIONS



YEAR-END TOTALS 2018

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| Cases Assigned | 308 |
| Cases Closed | 314 |
| Arrests | 43 |
| Felonies Charged | 48 |
| Misdemeanors Charged | 38 |
| Warrant Applications | 32 |

In 2018, the Detective Bureau directed the Domestic Violence follow-up program in collaboration with the Cayuga Seneca Action Agency as part of the Risk Reduction Enhanced Response Program. The goal of the program is to identify those domestic violence victims that are at high risk of lethality and to provide them with services to keep them safe. The team conducted 57 follow-ups in 2018, which resulted in 22 victims receiving domestic violence services. It also resulted in 2 arrests being made.

The Identification Bureau, within the Detective Bureau, collaborated with the U.S. Marshals Service in conducting a sex offender program. The program targeted the sex offenders registered within our city. Officers were deployed in teams to go in the field and make contact with the offenders to verify their address. The team was able to make contact with all registered sex offenders (approximately 135) in a four week time period.

The Detective Bureau is currently exploring options to make their investigations more efficient and comprehensive. They are seeking to replace their outdated photo evidence management software with something quicker and more reliable. They would also like to purchase tablets for the detectives to be utilized in the field to take scene photos, notes, and have internet capability for their investigations. Finally, they are pursuing a digital forensic tool to extract data from electronic devices, which will assist in gathering pertinent data and information during their investigations.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer program handled 1,374 incidents during the 2017-18 school year, in and around school buildings which required intervention by school officers. The incidents included criminal cases, fighting, bullying and other disruptive behavior. There were 23 arrests made for the year concerning school related incidents, which included seven adults and sixteen juveniles.

SROs conducted unannounced “lockdown” safety drills in every school in the Auburn School District, as well as K9 searches at Auburn High School and Auburn Junior High School. They also assisted with the planning and implementation of the new “Raptor” Visitor Management System, which should be in place in all schools in the district by the beginning of the 2019-20 school year.

The program gave back to the students by hosting a “Student Appreciation Day” at Falcon Lanes for elementary students who showed positive work ethic and good behavior. Students selected were treated to bowling, pizza and prizes, compliments of and APD and APD Local 195.

The SRO program seeks more training in 2019, including active shooter refreshment courses, and in the ever- changing areas of social media and drug trends. Additionally, they strive to maintain their relationships with students, parents, and staff, and to continue to serve as positive role models who promote a safe school environment.

Officer Merkley and Officer Morrissey graduated from DARE instructor certification school early last year. Officers taught the “Keepin’ It Real” DARE curriculum to 255 5th grade students in the Auburn School

District, including St. Joseph’s Catholic School during the 2017-18 school year. The program seeks to attract additional officers to become DARE officer certified, to promote the curriculum allow more flexibility in scheduling classes.



NARCOTICS BUREAU

The Auburn Police Department's Narcotics Bureau is a member of the Finger Lakes Drug Task Force (FLDTF), a regional drug task force which includes members from the Auburn Police Department, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the New York State Attorney General's Office. This unit is responsible for investigating and combating the illegal possession and distribution of narcotics in the Finger Lakes region.

The FLDTF seized more than 1,392 grams of marihuana, 159 grams of cocaine, 2 grams of heroin, 2 grams of "Molly", 150 dosage units of prescription medication, as well as over 400 THC vape cartridges. Cocaine and prescription medication, including opioids continue to be the top-most drugs the FLDTF encounters, however, marihuana has again become prevalent. The FLDTF is seeing an increase in the sales of "Molly" and synthetic "Molly". This latest trend can be difficult to deal with due to the inconsistencies in the manufacturing of the Molly and the "legal" definition in NYS.

2019 looks to be a promising year with continued training and growth. The FLDTF will be looking to create a training program for new investigators as well as road patrol officers who are willing to assist in drug investigations. Through partnerships with the DEA, the Army National Guard's Counterdrug Task Force, the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office and the NYS Police, the FLDTF strives to continue to conduct quality investigations and hold the drug dealers of Auburn and Cayuga County accountable to the community.

NARCOTICS SUMMARY

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| Cases Assigned | 108 |
| Arrests | 23 |
| Felony Charges Filed | 75 |
| Search Warrants Executed | 8 |
| Firearms Seized | 5 |
| Vehicles Seized | 2 |



TRAFFIC DIVISION

The Traffic Division purchased a new Mobile Evidence Response Vehicle in 2018. This 2018 Ford Transit van is fully equipped to respond to any type of crime scene that we may investigate in the City of Auburn, allowing our highly trained evidence technicians to have all the equipment they need in one location as well as a mobile office to label and secure collected evidence according to strict regulations and guidelines.



Grant funding was once again secured in 2018 from a variety of sources. As part of the Police Traffic Services Grant, funded by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, we received \$21,996 in funding. This total continues to increase each year, as our productivity does as well. Out of this total, \$19,604 was used for aggressive driving details, which yielded 798 uniformed traffic tickets, while the remaining \$2,392 was utilized for Buckle-Up initiatives, which yielded 49 seatbelt violations. As part of the STOP DWI program, we received \$33,000, utilized for 4 DWI checkpoints over the course of the year. All court appearances, and associated costs (\$882.48) regarding DWI Refusal Hearings were also reimbursed by the Cayuga County STOP DWI Committee. Finally, we received \$23,200 in grant money to assist with updating our body armor, which should be replaced every five years.

Six vehicles were purchased in 2018 as part of our 5 year plan to minimize maintenance costs and to turn over vehicles with less mileage/wear and tear to other departments. Four vehicles were purchased for patrol, and two went to the detective bureau.

One crossing guard post was added at the YMCA, increasing the total number of crossing guards to 14. We also currently have one full-time Parking Meter Attendant who works during the day, and one part-time Enforcement Officer who works in the evening. 11,888 parking tickets were written during the year, resulting in \$183,270 in parking fees generated. We would like to add a part-time Meter



Attendant to the day shift to assist with enforcement, weekly collections, maintenance on the meters, and coverage when the other attendant isn't working.



TRAINING

The importance of knowledge and training cannot be overstated in our field. The Auburn Police Department ensures our officers are compliant and well-versed with our in-house, online and state mandated training. The knowledge and skills obtained will continue to assist our officers in making the best decisions they can, while serving our community. In 2018, officers received a combined 12,727.5 hours of training.

Officers are trained in-house by our certified instructors, through our PoliceOne Academy online training portal, or off-site. Any course that can be taken in-house or online, without sacrificing quality, is. This saves time and money, in course costs, travel time, and overtime.

Officers participated in a variety of training, including: Active Shooter, Narcan Nasal Spray, Firearms Training , Range Qualification., Taser, K9, and ERT Training.

In 2018, Officer Spinelli and Officer Turner completed 2,288 combined training hours within the police academy. They both graduated the academy, successfully completed their field training evaluation requirements, and are counted for manpower.



The department hired four officers in 2018, with three graduating from the academy. A combined 3,448 hours were completed. The fourth was injured while at the academy, and is hopeful to go back and finish in the near future. The three recruit officers are currently in their Field Training Evaluation Program, and if successful, will count as manpower at the end of April.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- New Mobile Evidence Response Vehicle deployed
- Worked in conjunction with Mayor & City Council / State Representatives and Congressman Katko for the progression of Red Flag laws
- Assisted in multiple drug raids throughout the city
- Successful negotiation of robbery suspect yielding knife on roof
- Burglary suspects apprehended after car accident/pursuit, with multiple stolen guns recovered
- Investigated and arrested numerous persons involved in counterfeit bill passing
- Collected 172.52 lbs of prescription drugs from two drug take back events
- Initiation of Accreditation Process
- Community events, new and renewed
- Detective Bureau bathroom renovation
- Cupola repaired
- Sixth consecutive year with no homicides



FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY



Police Chief Shawn Butler graduated from the FBI National Academy held in Quantico, Virginia in December 2018.

The 11 week course consisted of advanced leadership and communication training, along with an intensive fitness regimen.

Less than 1 percent of all law enforcement executives complete the course.

Chief Butler will be utilizing his new skills and ideas, and applying them to our agency.



NYS ACCREDITATION

- Several members of APD are actively working toward getting the department NYS accredited.
- Accreditation involves picking apart and revamping most of our policies and procedures to become compliant with NYS accreditation standards.
- APD's goal is to operate under best practice standards, and to increase our transparency and our level of trust within the community.
- Process will take upward of three years, as the team only meets for a few hours per week.
- Team utilizing policy management software, Lexipol, a comprehensive tool that allows us to store policy and procedure, training content, and is used as a database to meet or exceed our accreditation standards.



GOALS FOR 2019



- Maintain positive public relationships through continued community events and involvements.
- Attract new police officers to our agency and initiate job retention strategies.
- Keep current employees engaged and satisfied through career development, increased recognition and continued collaboration efforts while maintaining positive morale.
- Increase proactive policing efforts to help stop crime before it happens.
- Develop and release both public and employee satisfaction surveys to gauge identified areas improved and areas where work needs to continue.
- Upgrade body armor, such as bullet-proof vests, to enhance the safety of our officers.
- Continue to be transparent and communicate police-related information and community events through our multiple social media avenues.



IN THE COMMUNITY



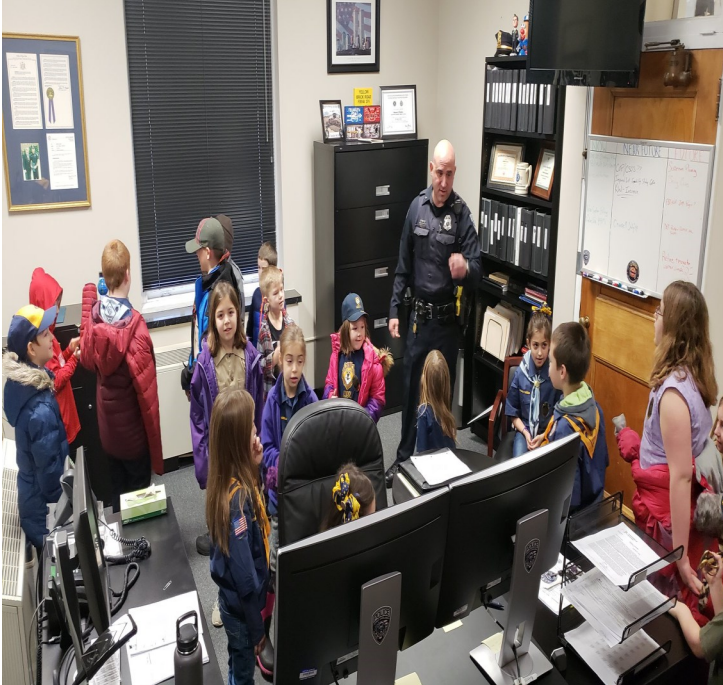
The Auburn Police Department was involved in a variety of community events in 2018, with some of the events occurring for the first time, including Cops on Top and National Night Out. The department is committed to building trust and partnerships, and engaging with the community it serves.



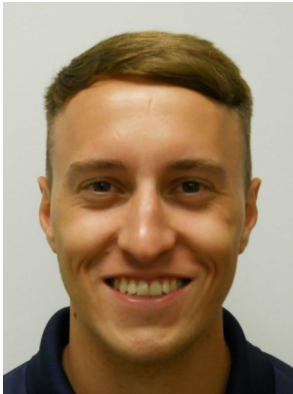
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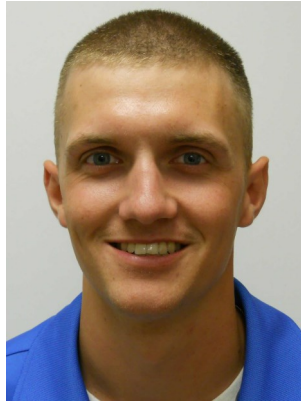
- National Night Out
- APD vs. AFD Charity Softball
- Career Shadow Day
- Scout Troop Tour
- Student Appreciation Day
- Story Time With a Cop
- Police vs. Fire Food Drive
- Shop With a Cop
- Casey Park Build Week
- National Drug Take Back
- Cub Scouts Forensic Demo
- Cops on Top



NEW HIRES AND RETIRES



Officer Austin McDeid
07/05/2018



Officer Andrew Young
07/05/2018



Officer Jacob White
07/05/2018



Officer Paul Martin (ret)
28 years of service



Officer Andrew Skardinski (ret)
20 years of service



Officer Michael Roden (ret)
18 years of service

