

Public Safety SUNY Oswego

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Director's Report

It is always exciting to reflect on the previous year when making out the annual report. The year 1995 has proven to be an exceptional year in the progress of the Department of Public Safety at SUNY Oswego. The most significant improvement was in the development of a more concise chain of command within the department. Lieutenant Larry Jerrett was promoted to Assistant Director for the department and remained in charge of the Law Enforcement Division. His professional demeanor as well as his ability to lead the department has proven invaluable. Lieutenant Cindy Adam was promoted to Administrative Lieutenant in charge of the Parking Division and her changes and improvements to the parking division in a year of transition is self-evident. I served as President of the NYS Public Safety Director's Association in 1995 and my time spent in Albany on legislative issues was possible due to the commitment and dedication of these two leaders. Additionally, Officer John Rossi was promoted to Investigator and his ability to solve crime became readily apparent. With Investigator Rossi's promotion, Investigator Al Mulvey was able to devote the majority of his time to the continued development of our computer capabilities.

The big change to the Department of Public Safety was the acquisition of the former Chase Lincoln Bank site on Route 104 near the entrance to the college. A new parking and information center has been developed and the image of Public Safety at SUNY Oswego has been greatly enhanced. While the site is excellent in providing service to the campus community and the visitors to our campus, the more significant fact is that Public Safety has moved from a basement area in an academic building to the front door of campus. This presents an image that our community feels that safety is indeed an important issue and that the Department of Public Safety is an important part of our community. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Bernie Henderson for negotiating the acquisition with Chase Bank and to Interim President Deborah Stanley for guiding us through this successful transition. It is their forward looking spirit that continues to make SUNY Oswego the best value in a college education.

Ms. Traci Terpening was hired to develop the new information center under the guidance of Lieutenant Adam and she has proven to be an innovative and dedicated person in this role.

Several new training initiatives have been started with other law enforcement agencies in Oswego County and we look forward to having good local training with a minimum of cost. We are able to provide more training at less cost due to less travel and this will prove to further enhance the department's professionalism.

The department, as well as all Public Safety Departments in New York, continues to press for the necessary legislation that will allow us to investigate crimes off campus when the persons victimizing our students are not physically on our campus. With this needed legislation, we will be able to provide a greater service to the campus community. Again, Interim President Stanley has been a supporter of this legislation and has assisted the department with her support in Albany.

The bicycle patrol, under the direction of Lieutenant Kirk Coates, has continued to develop and we have begun training other Law Enforcement agencies in the surrounding communities. This spirit of working with and training other Law Enforcement agencies speaks well for the college and in the level of professionalism of the officers of the Department of Public Safety.

Our other campus patrols also continued to observe and prevent crime throughout the year. A total of 101,466 miles was logged on patrol cars, and foot patrols were consistently present.

Service and Regulatory Contacts Report

	1992	1993	1994	1995
Safety Maintenance:				
Accidental Fire Alarm	69	107	82	86
Small Fire	5	5	13	5
Major Fire	0	0	0	0
Flooding	0	1	7	4
Other	0	0	1	4

Order Maintenance:

Crowd control-demonstrations	2	0	0	1
Injunctions	0	1	0	0
Crowd control-Sports events, graduation, concert	26	21	9	10
Disputes	30	21	20	29
Noise control-parties	5	10	1	4
Removing person	1	3	5	9
Suspicious Persons	17	25	13	29
Animals	5	6	4	10
Other (alcohol confiscation)	30	36	25	35

Aid and Assistance:

Accidents-motor vehicle	39	53	57	72
Accidents-athletic	95	59	56	39
Accidents-job related	145	141	160	122
Accidents-classroom	5	7	6	13
Accidents-other*	79	79	55	83
Medical Emergency	17	31	28	16
Other	19	22	33	40

Calls for Assistance:

Mechanical failure	26	28	28	34
Other	37	78	53	57

Escort Services:

Money runs	217	188	208	263
Protection of visitors	0	0	0	0
Pickup/delivery reports	9	13	8	20
Court appearances	4	7	15	7

Security at Disciplinary Proceedings:

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Miscellaneous:

Locating missing persons	1	7	4	11
Lost/found	328	249	332	325
Miscellaneous	173	177	143	144
TOTAL	1420	1375	1367	1476

* Personal injury accidents outside of above listed categories

Services Recorded from Daily Summary Report

	1992	1993	1994	1995
Calls for Assistance				
Lock-Out - Buildings	1023	815	909	1001
Lock-Out - Automobile	149	149	124	132
Automobile Assist	314	408	414	427
State Car Releases	131	147	109	108
Security Maintenance				
Gun Registrations	354	328	123	22
Security - unlocked areas				
Residence Halls	456	429	396	604
Academic/Business	615	682	620	955
Art Galleries	139	146	119	120
Information				
Locating members of campus community to relay message	547	661	820	841
Miscellaneous				
Other Services	1320	928	955	404
V&T Warnings	648	650	581	814
Building Security Checks	13762	14482	13497	13396
Campus Warnings	4738	1239	*0	0*
Vehicles Towed	167	194	173	134
Total	24363	21258	18840	18958

This service report represents services provided in 1995 which are not recorded on crime or other service reports. Statistics are derived from a daily report filed by each officer at the end of a tour of duty.

* - Campus Warnings are no longer kept as a category for recordkeeping purposes due to new parking regulations.

Criminal Incidents

The year 1995 showed a slight increase in reported crime at SUNY Oswego. While lower than the national trend, it once again reflects our similarity to the rest of society. We continued to show a decrease in harassment and other crimes against persons. This trend, hopefully, is beginning to show a more tolerant society and a move toward people showing more respect for one another. Crimes of theft and the taking of another's property continue to rise which may, once again, reflect what is happening in society in general. As economic times become more difficult, we expect that larceny type crimes will increase. Criminal mischief, or crimes against property continues its four year trend of increases. It is difficult to explain this phenomenon other than to realize that people are more willing to report these types of incidents to Public Safety. As in past years, most of the incidents of criminal mischief are related to alcohol abuse. False alarms, such as fire alarms, continue to be a problem, however, a very proactive stance by Residence Life and Housing has begun to abate this problem.

Arrests associated with reported crime increased dramatically in 1995. We feel this is a result of several factors. The appointment of John Rossi to Investigator in 1995 gave us another person who was able to devote full-time to solving criminal incidents. His statistics for 1995 bear out the success of this venture. Drug arrests, as well as reported incidents, showed a major increase in 1995. In 1996, the Department of Public Safety will devote a major effort to drug investigations on campus.

The ratio of students arrested on campus as opposed to non students also rose dramatically. Again, this may be a result of the difficult economic times and on the willingness of the campus community to report crime to the Department of Public Safety.

Criminal Investigation Report

	1992	1993	1994	1995
Death:				
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Attempted Suicide	3	5	6	5
Sex Crimes:				
Rape	5	2	4	3
Sodomy	0	0	2	0
Sexual Abuse	4	0	5	1
Public Lewdness	2	5	4	2
Sexual Misconduct	0	1	0	1
Robbery:				
Robbery	1	0	0	0
Burglary:				
Burglary	22	25	11	21
Poss. of Burglar Tools	0	0	0	0
Assault:				
Assault	3	4	7	5
Endangering Conduct:				
Arson	2	0	0	0
Reckless Endangerment	0	2	4	2
Threatening Conduct:				
False Fire Alarm	8	10	18	44
False Bomb Threat	3	1	0	1
Menacing	2	1	0	0
Harassment	168	191	165	149
Coercion	0	0	0	0
other	4	3	0	0

Larceny:

Grand Larceny	15	9	16	38
Grand Larceny - Auto	0	1	1	0
Petit Larceny	213	159	172	147
Bicycle	7	15	13	12
Poss. of Stolen Property	16	13	11	8
Theft of Services	8	14	12	20
Unauthorized Use of MV	4	1	2	0
other	0	0	4	0

Fraud:

Slugs	0	0	0	0
Bad Checks	5	1	7	15
Impersonation	2	0	2	0
Forgery	11	9	13	19
other	0	3	0	1

Destruction of Property:

Criminal Mischief	129	178	188	231
Tampering	5	2	9	13

Contraband:

Firearms	2	4	2	0
Drugs	13	15	24	37
Knives	0	0	2	0
other dangerous weapons	3	7	5	5

Unbecoming Conduct:

Obstruction	0	0	0	0
Trespass	31	16	15	17
Disorderly Conduct	26	25	41	32
Resisting Arrest	0	0	0	0
Escape	0	0	0	0
False Report of Crime	11	8	10	3
Loitering	2	0	2	1
other	7	6	42	25

Miscellaneous:

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Other Laws:

V&T - DWI	38	23	22	19
Leaving Scene of Accident	13	17	21	23
Other V&T	12	15	18	10
Mental Hygiene	3	0	1	2
Environmental	0	1	2	0
ABC	6	3	10	9
other	1	2	0	0
TOTAL	813	804	894	923

Breakdown of Criminal Arrest

Persons Arrested 137

Students	97
Faculty/staff	0
Other	40

Charges

ABC Violations	1
Aggravated Harassment	4
Assault	3
Burglary	4
Criminal Mischief	12
Criminal Nuisance	1
Criminal Possession Controlled Sub.	1
Criminal Possession Forged Inst.	10
Criminal Possession Marijuana	27
Criminal Possession Stolen Prop.	7
Criminal Possession of Weapon	6
Criminal Trespass	4
Disorderly Conduct	2
Driving While Intoxicated	30
Driving While Impaired	2
Endangered Health	5
False Exam	2
False Fire Alarm	1
False Written Statement	3
Falsely Reporting Incident	2
Forgery	1
Grand Larceny	3
Harassment	2
Issuing Bad Check	4
Loitering	1
Petit Larceny	5
Reckless Endangerment	3
Theft of Services	17
Unlawfully Dealing with a Child	1
Unlawful Possession of Fireworks	2
Total Charges	166

Total charges is higher as some persons arrested were charged with more than one offense.

Training

Throughout 1995, members of the department received a variety of training. Much of it, as in past years, dealt with annual refresher training, such as firearms qualification, radiation safety training, breathalyzer operator recertification, and other retraining areas. One new officer came on board, requiring basic training and orientation. And, in-service training was obtained in a number of new areas for several members.

A new officer to our department, William Moore, completed the fourteen week basic academy in Albany, as well as firearms, NYSPIN, and orientation training. Not including orientation training, Officer Moore received 632 hours in basic training areas in 1995.

New areas of in-service training included courses in Community Oriented Policing, Executive Skills Development, Identi Kit, Sudden In-Custody Death, Sex Offenses, Police Radar and Crime Scene Specialist. Also attended was instructor training in the areas of firearms, impact devices, domestic violence, instructor evaluation, and field training.

Instructors within the department also provided training to a variety of other law enforcement agencies throughout the year. Two weeks of firearms training was conducted here for the SUNY Public Safety Basic Academy. Three additional weeks of firearms training for other SUNY Public Safety departments were also completed. Department instructors also taught Breathalyzer Operator recertification, EMS First Responder courses, NYSPIN, and Vehicle and Traffic Law. A total of 756 hours of instruction was provided.

In 1995, the department also joined other law enforcement agencies in Oswego County in creating the Oswego County Law Enforcement Training Cooperative (OCLETC). The cooperative will have a number of advantages for this department. Pooling and sharing facilities, equipment, instructor resources, and various expertise, is expected to enhance the quality of training, as well as its cost effectiveness. Working together to develop and conduct training, plus trainee interaction in the classroom should foster a better understanding and cooperation between the members of the participating agencies. As a larger group, the cooperative is also more able to invite quality instruction and expertise from sources outside the county. We are looking forward to a number of benefits in the coming years from our association with OCLETC.

Training Received by Public Safety Officers - 1995

Armorer's Course - Glock

Kevin Velzy 6/21/95
Larry Jerrett 6/21/95

Basic Training Academy - SUNY

William Moore 10/27/95

Breathalyzer Operator Retrain

Cynthia Adam 10/10/95
David VanAntwerp 10/10/95
John Rossi 10/10/95
Larry Jerrett 10/10/95
William Gauthier 10/10/95

Community Oriented Policing

Kevin Velzy 10/ 3/95

Crime Scene Specialist

John Rossi 11/10/95

Domestic Violence

John Rossi 10/25/95
Larry Jerrett 10/25/95

Executive Skills Development

Cynthia Adam 4/27/95
Larry Jerrett 4/27/95
Kirk Coates 4/27/95

Field Training Officer School

David Scott 9/ 5/95

Firearms Instructor Course

Michael Taylor 8/18/95

Firearms Training - Basic

William Moore 9/29/95

Identi Kit Training

John Rossi 5/ 4/95
Kirk Coates 5/ 4/95

Impact Device Instructor

Kevin Velzy 6/16/95

Impact Device Instructor Retr.

David Scott 5/23/95

Instructor Evaluator Course

Cynthia Adam 10/12/95
Michael Taylor 10/12/95

NYSPIN Basic School

William Moore 4/ 5/95

Radar Operator Course

Thomas Woodruff 3/23/95

Radar Operator Retrain

Kevin Velzy 4/26/95

Radiation Safety Training

All Officers 6/23/95

Semi-annual Weapons Retraining

All Officers

Sex Offense Seminar

Richard Sherwood 4/28/95

Sudden In-Custody Death Syndrome Seminar

Michael Taylor 6/ 7/95

Supervisor Update School

Kirk Coates 6/ 8/95

Parking Report

The parking program continues to be a major part of our operation at SUNY Oswego. As the attached numbers indicate, we showed an increase in all categories of registered vehicles. While it is difficult to understand this increase in light of a slightly declining overall population, it is believed that the increase in parking fines to \$15.00 has prompted more people to register their vehicles when driving and parking on campus. This is also reflected in the major decrease in tickets issued from 16411 in 1993-1994 to 11377 in 1994-1995. It is interesting to note that the number of appealed tickets decreased slightly, as well, which indicates that people receiving tickets did not question their authenticity as much. Most of the ticketing in 1994-1995 was done by student ticket writers employed by the Department of Public Safety. This year we employed both student ticket writers and student helpers in the Parking Office and have had very good success with these willing workers.

The most significant change in the parking program, as mentioned earlier, was the acquisition of the former Chase Lincoln Bank on Route 104 near the campus entrance. This highly visible site makes it easier for our visitors and community members to access campus and get information as well as a parking permit. Lt. Cindy Adam, as head of the parking office, has done a remarkable job of making a smooth transition and move and the clerical staff of Anna Brown and Vicky Coleman have partnered to make our parking program one of the best in the state system. Additionally, Traci Terpening is an excellent addition to our staff in developing our visitor information center and in processing requests for conference permits.

Projects on the drawing board continue to be the Sixth Avenue parking project which is now slated to begin during the summer of 1996. We are also starting the planning process for the western residence hall parking program which is tentatively slated for the 1997 construction season. Again, due to budgetary constraints and a changing population, the strategy for the parking program is not creating large new parking areas but in fine-tuning our present areas with an eye toward meeting students needs based on scheduling.

The parking committee, under the direction of Vice President Wassenaar, continues to advise us on the needs of the community and issues which otherwise would escape our attention. Projects completed in 1994-1995 were a connecting driveway between Lots 11 and 13. This makes it easier for students using these lots to find a parking space when one of the lots is full. In addition, we purchased a new John Deere tractor for the grounds crew to assist in plowing snow in the smaller, more restricted areas. Lots 11 and 13 were resurfaced this past summer and this should add to their useful life.

Vehicle Registration Information

The vehicle registration information is based on the fiscal year (July 1 - June 30). The number of vehicles registered on campus in 94-95 increased somewhat, leading to more numerous complaints about lack of adequate parking. Much of this was alleviated due to better scheduling of classes and utilizing more of the working day. More enlightening was the significant decrease in tickets issued for violations. The reason was believed to be two-fold, the increase in the price of tickets to \$15.00 and a better compliance by our campus constituency.

Vehicle Registrations	92-93	93-94	94-95
Employee Vehicles	2211	2241	2304
Resident Students	1993	1943	2041
Commuter Students	4183	4180	4867
Service Permits	328	292	286

Campus Parking Tickets Issued

Total number of tickets	12325	16411	11377
Total number appealed	1214	1300	1242

Appeals

Found Guilty	426	527	685
Not Guilty	450	113	26
Guilty/fine waived	188	498	386
Did not appear	150	161	145
Void		1	1

Uniform Traffic Ticket Report

A total of 392 state uniform traffic tickets (TSLED) were issued in 1995, 147 less than were issued in 1994. Forty-one percent (or 159) of these tickets were for speeding. Motor vehicle operators charged with speeding averaged 40 miles per hour, 20 miles over the posted speed limit on campus. There was no increase in violator speed from 1994.

Nineteen persons were arrested for Driving While Intoxicated in 1995, 3 less than in 1994. The average blood-alcohol content of the violators was .14 percent. This is a decrease of .01 percent from 1994. The blood-alcohol content of an offender charged with DWI must be at least .10 percent. About \$7,700 in fines were collected by the Oswego County Stop -DWI program as a result of arrests, and subsequent convictions, for DWI by the Department of Public Safety. Revenues generated from DWI and other alcohol related convictions are used by all Oswego County Law Enforcement Agencies, to reduce DWI through education, dedicated patrols, and updated equipment. The Department of Public Safety's commitment to enforcing New York State's tough drunk driving laws has resulted in virtually no alcohol related traffic accidents in six years. The constant reduction in DWI arrests is a direct result of education and strict enforcement of traffic safety on our campus roads.

The reduction in Uniform Traffic Tickets issued in 1995 is a residual effect of the high number issued in 1994. The Department Of Public Safety is proud of it's record in highway safety, and the many educational and alcohol awareness programs we continue to provide to the college community.

TSLED	1992	1993	1994	1995
Issued	413	516	539	392
Dispositions				
Convicted	326	350	313	401
Dismissed	70	65	72	57