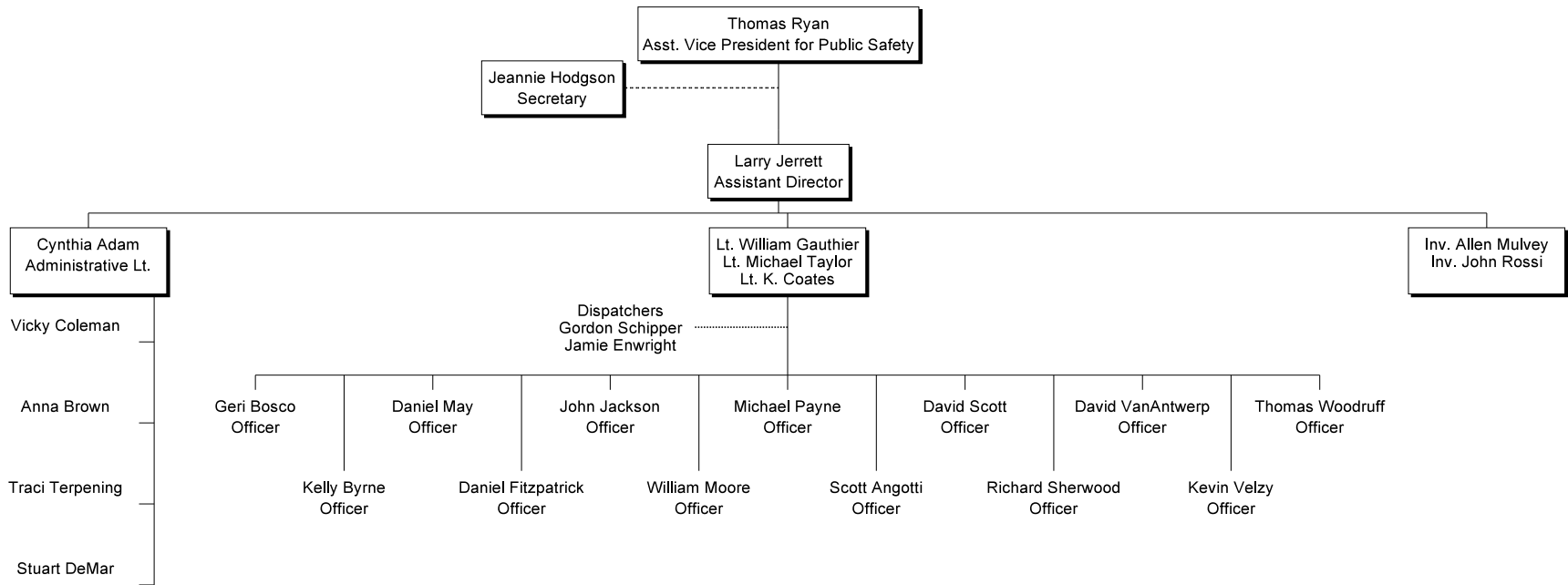


Public Safety
SUNY Oswego

Annual Report
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Public Safety Department 1996



Directors Report

As I reflect back on 1996, it was a year, not of new initiatives, but a year of tying up many loose ends on projects we started in previous years. As reported in last years report, I served as President of the New York State SUNY Public Safety Directors Association. My term ended in April of 1996 and I felt the time serving in this position was very beneficial to the Department of Public Safety at SUNY Oswego. I learned a lot about the other Departments throughout the state as I traveled around the campuses. In addition, I spent a lot of time in Albany and made many very important contacts that should prove valuable in the future. I also was fortunate to attend the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators in Charleston, South Carolina. At this conference, I was able to meet with Directors from all over the country and many of the meetings were extremely beneficial in learning new ways to make our campuses safe. The major activity I was involved in as President was in the design and implementation of our campus police legislation that has been long overdue in SUNY. The culmination of this effort occurred in November 1996 when the SUNY Board of Trustees voted in favor of supporting our legislation and sending it on to the Senate and Assembly. I have agreed to stay on board the Executive Board of the SUNY Public Safety Directors in 1997 as legislative representative to follow this legislation through the State Government.

I was very fortunate to serve on the Chancellors Task Force for Public Safety, a committee made up of administrators from throughout the state to look at how safe our campuses are and what we can do in the future to make them safer. Our actual work was completed in 1996 and we are anxiously awaiting the final report which is due out in early 1997. This committee assignment allowed us to take an in-depth look at what all of the campuses are doing and hopefully we will be able to adopt the more successful programs for our campus.

In addition, we were able to finalize and get President's Council approval for the SUNY Oswego Emergency Action Plan. This plan, many years in the making, will give us a sense of direction in the event of an emergency on campus. Practically every department on campus had some part in the design of this plan.

In the area of personnel, we had two officers leave the department in 1996. Pat Purtell left for other employment in the computer field in Rochester. Stuart Demar retired after 20+ years of service to SUNY Oswego. Stu has returned as a civilian employee in our parking office and his expertise in the area of parking will be greatly appreciated. Officer Scott Angotti was hired as a lateral transfer from SUNY Morrisville and Officer Dan May was hired as a lateral transfer from SUNY Canton. Both officers have adapted well to our campus and their professional demeanor and ability make them welcome additions to our staff.

In 1997, we anticipate continued work on the SUNY Police Officers Bill, finalizing the appointment of Assistant Director Larry Jerrett and Administrative Lieutenant Cindy Adam, our new "Adopt a Cop" program, further Bicycle Training schools for both our own officers and officers from other campuses and municipalities, and our move to new headquarters in Rich Hall.

Finally, 1996, while not a standout year in new development, solidified the excellent working relationship between Council 82, the officers union, and management. So much of our labor management time is spent now on bettering the department rather than on individual issues. Our new parking office in the former Chase Bank has enhanced our whole parking program and is working out very well. We now look forward to further progress in 1997.

Service and Regulatory Contacts Report

	1993	1994	1995	1996
Safety Maintenance:				
Accidental Fire Alarm	107	82	86	94
Small Fire	5	13	5	14
Major Fire	0	0	0	0
Flooding	1	7	4	2
Other	0	1	4	4
Order Maintenance:				
Crowd control-demonstrations	0	0	1	0
Injunctions	1	0	0	0
Crowd control-Sports events, graduation, concert	21	9	10	10
Disputes	21	20	29	25
Noise control-parties	10	1	4	5
Removing person	3	5	9	5
Suspicious Persons	25	13	29	21
Animals	6	4	10	7
Other (alcohol confiscation)	36	25	35	46
Aid and Assistance:				
Accidents-motor vehicle	53	57	72	62
Accidents-athletic	59	56	39	57
Accidents-job related	141	160	122	167
Accidents-classroom	7	6	13	6
Accidents-other*	79	55	83	72
Medical Emergency	31	28	16	28
Other	22	33	40	39
Calls for Assistance:				
Mechanical failure	28	28	34	31
Other	78	53	57	44

Escort Services:

Money runs	188	208	263	233
Protection of visitors	0	0	0	0
Pickup/delivery reports	13	8	20	24
Court appearances	7	15	7	7

Security at Disciplinary Proceedings:

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Miscellaneous:

Locating missing persons	7	4	11	8
Lost/ found	249	332	325	300
Miscellaneous	177	143	144	140

TOTAL	1375	1367	1476	1449
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* Personal injury accidents outside of above listed categories

Services Recorded from Daily Summary Report

	1993	1994	1995	1996
Calls for Assistance				
Lock-Out - Buildings	815	909	1001	1139
Lock-Out - Automobile	149	124	132	118
Automobile Assist	408	414	427	350
State Car Releases	147	109	108	159
Security Maintenance				
Gun Registrations	328	123	22	39
Security - unlocked areas				
Residence Halls	429	396	604	673
Academic/Business	682	620	955	1072
Art Galleries	146	119	120	109
Information				
Locating members of campus community to relay message	661	820	841	993
Miscellaneous				
Other Services	928	955	404	346
V&T Warnings	650	581	814	334
Building Security Checks	14482	13497	13396	12487
Campus Warnings	1239	*0	0*	0*
Vehicles Towed	194	173	134	183
Total	21258	18840	18958	18002

This service report represents services provided in 1996 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

For 1996, we showed a very slight decrease in overall crime on campus. In most cases, however, the numbers were so slight that it is impossible to show any kind of trend. Our number of crimes per person on campus continues to be lower than the surrounding community and very much reflects the nationwide trends of crime reporting.

Property crimes continue to be our major source of criminal behavior on campus. Petit Larceny, thefts under \$1000.00 rose from 149 incidents in 1995 to 197 in 1996. Harassment, which has been steadily declining in previous years went from 149 in 1995 to 180 in 1996. This may be a reflection of persons lowering tolerance toward harassing behavior and a willingness to report such incidents because of the college's response. The college has taken a very strong policy against harassing behavior of all people and the Department of Public Safety has investigated and followed up every incident reported to us.

We saw a dramatic decrease in the area of sex crimes in 1997, however, again the numbers of incidents reported is so slight that it is impossible to draw any conclusions at this point. Hopefully, this trend will continue as the college continues its educational programming regarding sex crimes on campus.

Arrests associated with reported crime continues to be on the increase. Again, we attribute this to the diligence, not only of our investigative staff, but in the officers on road patrol. All of the officers have shown an increased dedication to bringing cases to successful closure and it is reflected in our clearance rate.

For 1997, we plan to continue our education programs with our campus community and increase our presence in the residence halls in an attempt to deter criminal activity against our students.

Criminal Investigation Report

	1993	1994	1995	1996
Death:				
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Attempted Suicide	5	6	5	2
Sex Crimes:				
Rape	2	4	3	0
Sodomy	0	2	0	0
Sexual Abuse	0	5	1	3
Public Lewdness	5	4	2	1
Sexual Misconduct	1	0	1	0
Robbery:				
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Burglary:				
Burglary	25	11	21	19
Poss. of Burglar Tools	0	0	0	1
Assault:				
Assault	4	7	5	6
Endangering Conduct:				
Arson	0	0	0	2
Reckless Endangerment	2	4	2	3
Threatening Conduct:				
False Fire Alarm	10	18	44	39
False Bomb Threat	1	0	1	0
Menacing	1	0	0	3
Harassment	191	165	149	180
Coercion	0	0	0	0
other	3	0	0	0
Larceny:				
Grand Larceny	9	16	38	11
Grand Larceny - Auto	1	1	0	0
Petit Larceny	159	172	147	197
Bicycle	15	13	12	0
Poss. of Stolen Property	13	11	8	14
Theft of Services	14	12	20	8
Unauthorized Use of MV	1	2	0	0
other	0	4	0	0

Fraud:

Slugs	0	0	0	1
Bad Checks	1	7	15	6
Impersonation	0	2	0	3
Forgery	9	13	19	3
other	3	0	1	2

Destruction of Property:

Criminal Mischief	178	188	231	189
Tampering	2	9	13	11

Contraband:

Firearms	4	2	0	1
Drugs	15	24	37	36
Knives	0	2	0	0
other dangerous weapons	7	5	5	8

Unbecoming Conduct:

Obstruction	0	0	0	3
Trespass	16	15	17	16
Disorderly Conduct	25	41	32	39
Resisting Arrest	0	0	0	1
Escape	0	0	0	0
False Report of Crime	8	10	3	3
Loitering	0	2	1	0
other	6	42	25	25

Miscellaneous:

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Other Laws:

V&T - DWI	23	22	19	20
Leaving Scene of Accident	17	21	23	28
Other V&T	15	18	10	7
Mental Hygiene	0	1	2	0
Environmental	1	2	0	0
ABC	3	10	9	25
other	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	804	894	923	919

Breakdown of Criminal Arrest

Persons Arrested 146

Students	104
Faculty/staff	1
Other	41

Charges

Aggravated Harassment	5
Assault	3
Burglary	3
Conspiracy	1
Criminal Contempt	1
Criminal Impersonation	1
Criminal Mischief	7
Criminal Nuisance	4
Criminal Possession Stolen Prop.	15
Criminal Tampering	2
Criminal Trespass	7
Disorderly Conduct	6
Driving While Intoxicated	19
Driving While Impaired	1
Endangered Health	4
False Exam	1
False Written Statement	1
Harassment	8
Issuing Bad Check	6
Illegal Use of Telephone Access	7
Loitering	3
Making Graffiti	2
Obstructing Govt. Admin.	3
Petit Larceny	2
Possession of Forged Instrument	4
Reckless Endangerment	2
Resisting Arrest	8
Unlawfully Dealing with Fireworks	1
Unlawful Poss. Alcohol under 21	17
Unlawful Poss. of Marijuana	21
Unlawful Poss. of Noxious Matter	3
Unlawful Poss. of Weapon	4

Total Arrests 171

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

Training

Throughout the year members of the department received update and recertification training in a number of areas. To expand skills within the department many officers also received training in new areas. Some of these courses were attended as a result of new mandated training. Other courses were sought out as an opportunity to improve the Department's overall service to the college community.

Officers Scott Angotti and Daniel May transferred to the Department during the year. Having already received Basic Academy training, both officers needed only campus orientation training, NYSPIN training, and for Officer Angotti, basic firearms training, to meet our minimum training levels for new officers. Training time received for this training, not including orientation, totaled ninety six hours.

As a result of new legislation, all officers received training in the new laws and procedures dealing with domestic violence. Although most of the residents of the campus are not residing with other family members, the potential for domestic disputes and violence on campus is increasing. This is due to the increased number of married students attending classes, the presence of day care centers on the campus, and the increased number of students holding Orders of Protection from family members.

All officers received retraining this year in Blood Borne Pathogens, Weapons/Use of Force, Radiation Safety, and Right-to-Know. Most department personnel also received retraining in CPR.

In the area of retraining, the Oswego County District Attorney's Office initiated a series of in-service training seminars to update law enforcement personnel throughout the county. The seminars were attended by a significant number of Department personnel, and consisted of training in Police Stress, Search and Seizure, Breathalyzer Operator Court Testimony, and Crime Scenes and Major Disasters.

Various officers also completed training in the areas of Instructor Development, Police Supervision, Defensive Tactics Instruction, Infectious Disease Response, Asset Forfeiture, Narcotics Investigation, and Standard Field Sobriety Testing. Certification was received by Lieutenant Taylor as Defensive Tactics Instructor, and Lieutenant Coates and Officer Woodruff received certification as General Topics Instructors as well as Police Bicycle Instructors. To help maintain the Department's information systems, Investigator Mulvey completed training in the areas of IBM PC troubleshooting and Microsoft Access software.

Department instructors trained a number of Department, and non-Department personnel during 1996. Three Basic Firearms courses, NYSPIN training, Weapons retraining, Police Bicycle Patrol, Penal Law, Vehicle and Traffic Law, EMS First Responder, and Breathalyzer Operator Retraining courses were conducted for a total of 592 instruction hours. In addition, Officer David Scott, as Field Training Officer, did an excellent job conducting the orientation training of our two newest officers.

Training Received by Public Safety Officers - 1996

Aids Training		Domestic Violence	
All Officers	3/96	All Officers	1/96
Asset Forfeiture Seminar		Executive Skills Development	
John Rossi	3/28/96	Larry Jerrett	6/ 6/96
CPR Retrain		Financial Investigations	
Daniel Fitzpatrick	4/22/96	John Rossi	3/28/96
Thomas Woodruff	4/22/96		
Jeanie Hodgson	4/25/96	Firearms Training - Basic	
Anna Brown	4/26/96	Scott Angotti	7/12/96
David VanAntwerp	4/24/96		
John Jackson	4/26/96	First-Line Effective Police Supervision	
Kevin Velzy	4/24/96	Kirk Coates	10/16/96
Stuart DeMar	4/23/96		
Geri Bosco	4/26/96	In-Service Orientation Program	
John Rossi	4/23/96	Daniel May	10/30/96
Richard Sherwood	4/24/96	Scott Angotti	5/22/96
David Scott	4/23/96		
Michael Taylor	4/22/96	Infectious Disease Response Course	
Kirk Coates	4/23/96	Michael Payne	1/28/96
Allen Mulvey	4/25/96		
William Gauthier	4/24/96	Instructor Development Course	
Kelly Byrne	4/22/96	Thomas Woodruff	11/8/96
		Kirk Coates	11/8/96
DA Seminar - BTO Testimony Update		Microsoft Access 2.0	
Michael Payne	4/17/96	Allen Mulvey	3/29/96
David VanAntwerp	3/13/96		
Larry Jerrett	3/13/96	Narcotics Investigator Course - Basic	
Michael Taylor	4/17/96	Kelly Byrne	12/12/96
DA Seminar - Police Stress/Searches		NYSPIN Basic School	
Michael Payne	6/ 3/96	Daniel May	11/22/96
Kevin Velzy	6/ 3/96	Scott Angotti	5/22/96
John Rossi	6/ 3/96		
Kelly Byrne	6/ 3/96	Radiation Safety Training	
DA Seminar, Crime Scenes Major Disasters		All Officers	6/96
Michael Payne	4/ 1/96	Semi-annual Weapons Retraining	
Thomas Woodruff	4/ 1/96	All officers	5/96, 10/96
Cynthia Adam	4/ 1/96		
David VanAntwerp	4/ 1/96	Standardized Field Sobriety Testing	
Kevin Velzy	4/ 1/96	Kelly Byrne	5/17/96
Geri Bosco	4/ 1/96		
John Rossi	4/ 1/96	Troubleshooting & Maint. of IBM PC's	
Richard Sherwood	4/ 1/96	Allen Mulvey	
Larry Jerrett	4/ 1/96	10/29/96	
David Scott	4/ 1/96		
Michael Taylor	4/ 1/96		
Defensive Tactics Instructor School			
Michael Taylor	8/ 9/96		

Parking Program Report

The parking program at SUNY Oswego continues to fine-tune and professionalize our parking enforcement operations to achieve our mission to "safeguard the general welfare of the college community members and guests and to promote order and ease of movement on the campus...."

The parking program continued to expand and improve this year in exciting new ways. The Parking Office, located at the "front door" of the college, at the intersection of Route 104 and New Street, adjacent to the main entrance to SUNY Oswego, is settled in and has been very well received by both members of our campus community and visitors to the campus. The professional appearance of our new facilities has greatly improved customer satisfaction. Staff, students, and visitors alike resoundingly approve of the convenience and accessibility of the site. Having an officer on site to listen to concerns and ideas has fostered an improved relationship with the community that we serve.

The Parking Office and Information Center focused on creating more efficient communications with our community to continually update and apprise the college and the larger community of parking policies and initiatives. These contacts also served to provide information to us in an on-going way as to upcoming events which supplemented the channels of communication. The Information Center is developing a large network and database of upcoming events and users of our campus facilities. This database has assisted in creating an event history file which makes planning events much simpler.

This year brought continued improvements and repairs to campus lots and roadways. The new lot #19 east of the Mackin Complex provides approximately 140 new spots. This project was a joint effort of the College, the City of Oswego, and Niagara Mohawk and is very cost effective for our community. A large number of parking and roadway signs were replaced as we continue to upgrade our facilities. Reserved areas and maintenance areas that were not being fully utilized have been opened up for medical and handicapped parking. A concerted effort has been made to educate our student population about our newly leased parking facilities on the outskirts of campus to provide for better utilization of these areas. As a result of an amendment to the parking regulations, the orientation phase for parking was streamlined from 10 to 5 days, resulting in improved communications for our users and a faster period in the beginning of the semester in acclimating the community to our parking needs.

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 95-96 increased somewhat. The actual number of residential student vehicles decreased while the number of commuter vehicles increased. This is a reflection of our changing population on campus and we expect this trend to continue. The parking program is now in it's fourth year and with some fine-tuning is progressing very well.

Vehicle Registrations	93-94	94-95	95-96
Employee Vehicles	2241	2304	2311
Resident Students	1943	2041	1816
Commuter Students	4180	4867	5207
Service Permits	292	286	124
Temporary Permits			12,121

Campus Parking Tickets Issued

Total number of tickets	16411	11377	14,279
Total number appealed	1300	1242	1379

Appeals

Found Guilty	527	685	678
Not Guilty	113	26	49
Guilty/fine waived	498	386	483
Did not appear	161	145	168

Annual Traffic Ticket Report

A total of 312 New York State Uniform Traffic Tickets (TSLEDS) were issued by the Department of Public Safety in 1996. This was a reduction of 80 tickets from 1995. Thirty-eight percent or 117 of these tickets were for speeding on campus roadways. These motor vehicle operators charged with speeding average 39 miles per hour, 19 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. This was a reduction of one mile per hour from 1995.

Fifteen persons were arrested for Driving while Intoxicated in 1996, four fewer than 1995. The average blood alcohol content on the violators was .14 percent, the same average blood-alcohol content as 1995. The legal limit for the blood-alcohol content of a DWI offender is .10 percent. Approximately \$6,100.00 in fines were collected for Oswego County's Stop DWI program, through the arrest and subsequent conviction of DWI offenders on campus. Funds generated from alcohol related vehicle and traffic offenses support the county's STOP-DWI program. These funds are, in turn, used to provide equipment, training, and personnel for all county law enforcement agencies for detection and prevention of DWI. It is interesting to note that half of these arrests were persons who had no connection to the campus or any reason to be on campus when arrested. Once again, we feel that our STOP-DWI enforcement is instrumental in preventing other crimes from possibly occurring on campus. The Department of Public Safety is committed to the enforcement of our states drunk driving laws. This is supported by the fact that there have been no alcohol related traffic accidents on campus since 1989. Education and strict enforcement of traffic laws has resulted in fewer violations of DWI and continues to make our campus roads and highways safe.

The continued reduction in the number of issued traffic tickets is due to the Department of Public Safety's dedicated commitment to traffic safety. The Department of Public Safety will continue to provide educational programs to our college community in an effort to stop alcohol related offenses and to make our campus roads safe.

TSLEDS	1993	1994	1995	1996
Issued	516	539	392	312
Convicted	350	313	301	277
Dismissed	65	72	57	35

