

## STOP-DWI New York

*Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated*

### THIS ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS THE COUNTY 'LOCAL OPTION' PROGRAMS

New York State is recognized nationally as a leader in traffic safety and in particular for continual progress in reducing alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes and fatalities. New York's STOP-DWI program is the Nations' first and, to date, only self-sustaining impaired driving program. Other States have implemented components of self-sufficiency, but none to the degree of New York State.

New York's program empowers counties to coordinate local efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug related traffic crashes. Each County has a STOP-DWI Program that reflects the needs and priorities of its own communities. This "Local Option" allows for specially trained police units dedicated to DWI enforcement; special prosecutors and probation officers to handle the caseload; support rehabilitation services and public information and educational campaigns tailored to the communities within each county.

The Program functions as a financially self-sustaining alcohol and highway safety program. STOP-DWI efforts are funded entirely from fines paid by convicted drunken drivers, no tax dollars are used.

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## COUNTY BY COUNTY HAPPENINGS

### Allegany County

- ❖ The Dan Barkley Basketball Showcase was held on January 15-16 at Alfred University. Schools from Allegany and Steuben Counties played against each other to raise money for scholarships. Agencies from the two counties, including Partners for Prevention in Allegany County, a drug-free coalition, were present with educational information. The Allegany County STOP-DWI Program was present with the Prescription Drug Abuse Exhibit to raise awareness, and educational and giveaway items were available as well.



- ❖ The Allegany County Annual Top Cop Dinner was held on March 31 in Cuba, NY. Awards were presented to nine Top Cops, with Acting Sergeant P.J. Sherman of the Wellsville Police Department (along with Independence and Willing) receiving the top award. Also recognized were Tory Rounds (Alfred/Wellsville), Tyler Taylor (Bolivar), Dylan Burch (Alfred), Brad Howe (Cuba), Ryan Hughes (NYSP), Ryan McKee (Alfred), Justin Brackett (NYSP), and Michael Gregoire (NYSP). Victim Impact speakers were also recognized and they included Tpr. Chris Smith, David Edwards, Julie Wolfer, Tom Cannon, Paige Demick, Dana Guinnip, John Ellis, Jim Ryan, Norine Ryan, and Kimberli



## Albany County

Colin Patterson of the Voorheesville High School Digital Graphics class!!! Awesome job on the poster design that was made into a banner by Albany County STOP-DWI and displayed in front of the high school during graduation.

DRIVING DRUNK PUTS YOU  
ONE STEP CLOSER TO DEATH



## Chemung & Tompkins Counties



## Dutchess County

The Dutchess County STOP-DWI Planning Board today honored seven law enforcement officers as "TOP COPS" at the 21st Annual Dutchess County STOP-DWI Program's Law Enforcement Awards Luncheon held at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel in the City of Poughkeepsie. The event honors police officers from throughout Dutchess County for their commitment and contributions to the STOP-DWI Program's mission.

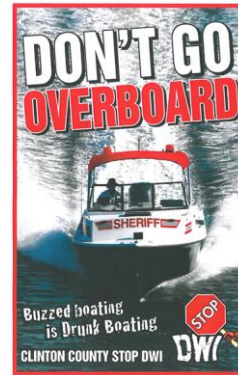
"These awards symbolize the dedication and vigilance our law enforcement officials continue to display to keep our local residents as safe as possible on the road – not just during the upcoming holiday season, but year-round," County Legislator Kenneth Roman said. "While this ceremony rightly brings attention to the enforcement efforts around Dutchess County, we must remember we all share in the responsibility to keep our roadways safe, making decisions that don't endanger other drivers or ourselves."

STOP-DWI's mission is to deter drunk/drugged driving through enhanced enforcement, prosecution, rehabilitation, and education services. The annual "TOP COP" awards honors officers for their strong

enforcement efforts in the detection and apprehension of impaired drivers.



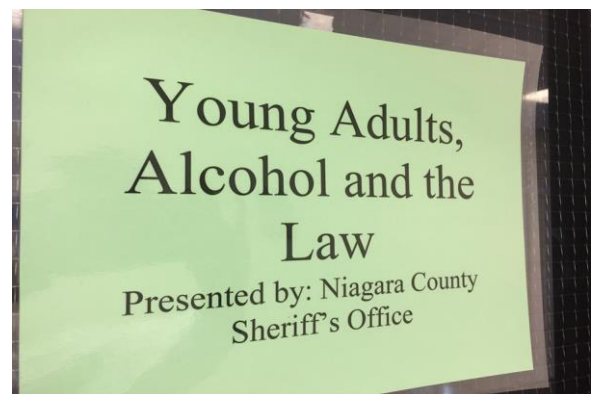
## Clinton County



## Niagara County

Niagara County Sheriff James R. Voutour was the keynote speaker on January 8, 2016 at the Police Youth and Community Relations Seminar held at Niagara County Community College. Area high school students participated in multiple breakout sessions throughout the day. One of the topics students could choose to attend was "Alcohol and the Law" presented by members of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office.

This event was sponsored by the Niagara County Sheriff's Office and Niagara County Youth Bureau.





### Franklin County

Congratulations to Casey O'Connor, winner of the Tupper Lake High School S.A.D.D./Franklin County Stop DWI Impaired Driving Prevention Poster Contest (Again). Casey's work was outstanding again this year. Thanks to all who took the time to enter the contest. Photograph: S.A.D.D. Advisor Wendy Cross, contest winner Casey O'Connor, S.A.D.D. President Sidney Kulzer and Tupper Lake Principal Matt Southwick and Casey O'Connor's winning entry.



### Herkimer County

On March 23 we had our 8 annual breakfast honoring those Officers nominated by their agency for their efforts with the DWI enforcement. Each Officer nominated received an award. The Officer who attained the most DWI arrests for the year is Awarded the Ryan Parks Memorial Award. This award is in memory of fallen Ilion Police Officer Ryan Parks who while off duty was killed by a drunk driver. Officer Parks Family attend each year. His children are always present and hand out the award. Each year one of the children speaks touching everyone in the room with their story on how losing their father to a drunk driver has affected their life. We also give out a Community Service award to a person or organization who promotes the efforts to keep our roadways safe particularly from drunk drivers.



### Livingston County



### Monroe County

December 2, 2015, Monroe County STOP-DWI Program hosted our 2015 Victims Impact Panel (VIP) Appreciation Dinner. It is always an honor to say thank you to our twenty-three volunteers for speaking at our VIP's throughout the year.



### Ontario County

For years now, the Ontario County Stop DWI Committee has remembered victims of drunk driving crashes with memorials. Until this year that meant a simple stick, with a ribbon and a name. Victims are now remembered with a personalized monument, made by students at Finger Lakes Technical Center.



### Westchester County

4/20 is recognized by many as Marijuana Day – a day to smoke and get high. Here in Westchester, we choose to celebrate 4/20 as Marijuana Prevention Day. We reclaimed the day and declared it - Healthy Teen Brain Day. The Westchester County Executive, Rob Astorino, along with 26 local coalitions and municipalities, joined together to declare 4/20 Healthy Teen Brain Day in Westchester. The coalitions and municipalities gathered together on the steps of the Westchester County Center at 4:20p to celebrate the proclamations.



**2015-2016 NEW YORK  
STATE STOP-DWI  
ENFORCEMENT CRACKDOWNS**

**HALLOWEEN:** OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 1, 2015

**THANKSGIVING:** NOVEMBER 25 – 29, 2015

**HOLIDAY SEASON (NATIONAL):**

December 18, 2015 – January 3, 2016

**SUPER BOWL:** FEBRUARY 5 – 8, 2016

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY:** MARCH 17 – 20, 2016

**MEMORIAL DAY:** MAY 27 – 31, 2016

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>:** JULY 1 - 5, 2016

**LABOR DAY:** AUGUST 19 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2016

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**COMINGS AND GOINGS**

**WELCOME TO THE NEW STOP-DWI  
COORDINATORS STATEWIDE**

Albany County – Sheriff Craig Apple

Cortland County – Sheriff Mark Helms

Essex County – Dan Sadowski

Orleans County – Sheriff Randall Bower

Saratoga County – Wes Carr

Seneca County – Sheriff Tim Luce

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