

## **OFFICER EARL LERGNER - East Rochester Police Department**

Officer Lergner has been employed by the East Rochester Police Department for approximately two years. During those years he has led the department in DWI arrests, just as he did the previous seven years while employed at the Macedon Police Department.

In the year of 2016 Officer Lergner made 53 DWI arrests and several DWAI-Drug arrests. The patrol jurisdiction for the East Rochester Police Department is only 1.4 miles. Officer Lergner is aggressive in his efforts to find hundreds of vehicles that violate the vehicle & traffic laws without having the benefit of multiple main roadways. He is admired for his work and his ability to always maintain a high level of professionalism, remaining calm and always treating people with respect.

Officer Lergner furthers his training by attending various classes such as A-RIDE, and Enhanced Intoxicated driving schools. He was interviewed, demonstrating the skills needed for such a course and was accepted into the Drug Recognition Expert School just held in March.

In 2015 Officer Lergner received the Monroe County Top Cop Award and in 2016 he received the STOP-DWI Coordinator Special Recognition Award, as well as a Commendation Award from the East Rochester Police Department. Congratulations Officer Lergner.

## **OFFICER BENJAMIN NIGHTINGALE – Town of Geddes Police Department.**

Officer Benjamin Nightingale first started with the Geddes Police Department Part Time in 2013 gaining Full Time Status in March of 2014. Officer Nightingale has taken a special interest in Traffic Enforcement, especially related to DWI's. Each year he has increased his DWI arrests; in 2014 he had 12 DWI Arrests, then in 2015 he had 22, and in 2016 his arrests increased again to 29 for the year. The Geddes PD does not have the manpower to permanently or routinely allow for Traffic Safety Patrols. Officer Nightingale has outperformed and surpassed other members of the police department in DWI Enforcement and does so while working his assigned shifts and while actively engaging in regular patrol activities during his shifts.

Being a leader in the department for DWI enforcement, his DWI Report writing has been replicated by other officers in the Geddes PD. He is well known to the Onondaga County Assistant District Attorney's responsible for Prosecuting DWI arrests and has positive comments regarding his work.

Officer Nightingale has the desire to further his career in Law Enforcement as it relates to DWI Enforcement. He plans to attend the upcoming A-RIDE Training in the fall of 2017 and thereafter apply for DRE Certification. Congratulations Officer Nightingale.

## **PATROLMAN PAUL J. STONE, III - Village of Menands Police Department.**

The Village of Menands has an area of 3 square miles and Menands Police Department has seven full-time Officers, four part-time Officers, and three full time Sergeants. Patrolman Paul Stone works the midnight shift since his employment at the end of 2014.

During his first year of employment, the department DWI arrests went from 15 arrests to 95 arrests. Patrolman Stone contributed 50 of those DWI arrests in 2015! Last year in 2016, the total for the department was 70 arrests; and Patrolman Stone made 55 of those arrests DWI arrests along with 1 Under 21 Zero Tolerance Arrest.

In addition to traffic safety enforcement Patrolman Stone also responds to calls for service, and patrols all areas of the Village. Patrolman Stone is dedicated to taking impaired drivers off of village streets, and has a good working relationship with the Albany County District Attorney's Office. Patrolman Stone was awarded the Guy J. Barringer Award at the Albany County Stop DWI awards in December of 2016. Congratulations Patrolman Paul Stone.

## **PATROLMAN RYAN AYLOR – Olean Police Department**

The City of Olean is approximately 5.93 square miles. The police department has 35 officers including the chief.

Patrolman Ryan Aylor is an all-around solid police officer who is a great asset to the department and community and has a passion for finding and arresting impaired drivers. With Ryan working the midnight shift, he is proactively vigilant and alert for impaired drivers. Recently Patrolman Aylor attended A-RIDE, which has enhanced his proficiency in recognizing impaired motorists.

Ryan has led the department in impaired driving arrest for several straight years. In 2016, the department arrested 82 people for impaired driving with Ryan arresting 36 of them, 44% of the department's total. Over the last three years, Ryan has accounted for 41% of the Olean Police Department's impaired driving arrests.

Ryan has developed into an outstanding officer and earned the much deserved respect from not only his fellow officers, but many of the officers, deputies, and troopers from other agencies. He has also gained a reputation of respect, with attorneys as well. And many realize when Ryan is the arresting officer that they will be trying to defend a rock solid case. Congratulations Officer Ryan Aylor.

## **DEPUTY BRANDAN FLICKNER – Livingston County Sheriff's Office**

Deputy Brandan Flickner is currently assigned to the Livingston County STOP DWI Unit, and he has excelled in this position. In 2016, Deputy Flickner worked diligently to improve the safety on the highways of Livingston County by making 56 arrests for DWI or DWAI offenses. Over the course of his career at the Livingston County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Flickner has made 176 arrests for DWI or DWAI offenses.

However, his efforts have not stopped there. Brandan is certified in SFST, A-RIDE, and DRE, and is currently serving as an A-RIDE and DRE instructor across New York State. Additionally, Brandan has recently taken on the responsibility of coordinating the Victim's Impact Panel in Livingston County.

Deputy Flickner's efforts in enforcement, along with the education of officers and offenders, will make a definite Impact on traffic safety, not only in Livingston County, but across the State of New York. Congratulations Deputy Brandan Flickner.

## **POLICE OFFICER JASON BEHAR – Port Chester Police Department**

One page seems an inadequate amount of space to describe the contributions to traffic safety made by Officer Jason Behar. With over 140 licensed liquor establishments in the confines of the village, alcohol impairment tends to be involved in most every serious auto accident. Jason recognized the danger posed by intoxicated and impaired drivers. He took the Initiative and began a directed enforcement effort aimed at controlling this scourge. During the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, Officer Behar affected 128 arrests for driving while intoxicated. This is a total greater than that of the collective efforts of many of our neighboring police agencies.

Officer Behar is also quick to impart his expertise and encouragement to less experienced officers. His efforts have had a ripple effect, motivating fellow members to improve their DWI enforcement efforts. Jason has continued his training by attaining his A-RIDE certification and has been recommended by the department with the hopes of being accepted into the DRE program. The Department, the residents, and those who travel the roadways of the Village of Port Chester are greatly indebted to Officer Behar for his hard work and dedication.

Congratulations Officer Jason Behar.

## **POLICE OFFICER CAITLIN FRESHWATER – Saratoga Springs Police Department**

With only two short years under her belt, Officer Caitlin Freshwater led the department taking in 45 intoxicated drivers off the roadways in 2016. Caitlin, who was a Corrections Officer for six years prior to becoming a Police Officer, never hesitates to sign-up for extra Holiday Crackdown DWI Patrols or Sobriety Checkpoint details.

Outside of her police work, Caitlin helped found and establish Protect & Vest NYKQs, Inc., which is a 501(c)(3) that was formed for the purpose of fundraising for procuring protective vests and other safety equipment used for K9s in law enforcement and military. She has served as the secretary, the Vice President and is now currently working as the President of the organization.

DWI enforcement has been a passion of Caitlin's since she was hired by the Police Department. Officer Freshwater will continue to grow and develop new skills related to alcohol related offenses and hopes to teach SFST and become a DRE in the future.

Congratulations Officer Caitlin Freshwater.

## **OFFICER MARK MILLER – Greece Police Department**

With only 2 ½ years of service with the Greece Police Department, Officer Miller is and remains committed to DWI enforcement and patrol. He led the department in 2016 with 75 DWI arrests.

Officer Miller is certified in SFST and makes traffic safety a priority during his shifts in addition to answering calls for service.

Congratulations Officer Mark Miller.



## **POLICE OFFICER JOSHUA D. VANSKIVER – Elmira Police Dept.**

Since the beginning of his career at the Elmira Police Department in 2008, Officer Joshua VanSkiver has focused his efforts and energy on enforcing DWI related offenses and having an effect on reducing their impact on our community through both enforcement and education. In 2011, Josh was appointed the STOP-DWI Officer for the Elmira Police Department and has exceeded everyone's expectations for performance and commits his life to DWI enforcement and prevention.

In 2016, Officer VanSkiver made a total of 87 DWI arrests and in addition to the DWI enforcement. He also spends a considerable amount of time doing DWI prevention and awareness training, participating in the Victims Impact Panel, conducting educational meetings with the public, and speaking to the students in local high schools about the effects, dangers and results of driving while intoxicated.

Officer VanSkiver's conduct, performance, professionalism and dedication towards the STOP-DWI program are second to none. While he has endured injuries and pain from a motor vehicle collision, he continues his dedication to the success of the program. Josh has created a reputation of zero-tolerance toward impaired driving, leading to a significant deterrence for members of the Elmira community. Congratulations Officer Joshua VanSkiver.

**POLICE OFFICER RYAN CADY – NYS Park Police, Hudson Valley District, Saratoga Zone.**

Officer Ryan Cady is a member of the Park Police in a zone with only 18 people. With only 4 years of service, Officer Cady leads in DWI arrests. In 2015, he had 3 DWI arrests; and in 2016, he increased that by over 700% with a total of 23 DWI's and 2 DWAI – drugs arrests. His focus on eliminating impaired drivers was all done during his regular patrol hours. Congratulations Officer Ryan Cady.

## **OFFICER RICHARD CHU- Albany Police Department**

Officer Richard Chu, an eleven-year veteran of the Albany Police Department, serves as an exemplary example of the type of Police Officer all officers strive for in their careers. Throughout 2016, Officer Chu had 101 arrests for DWI and DWAI-Drugs. Officer Chu has taken upon himself to make the eradication of Impaired Driving his mission and purpose.

Officer Chu has completed all four levels of DCJS crash Investigation along with Advanced Crash Reconstruction and the Leica Forensic Crash Investigation Course. He is a Certified Drug Recognition Expert, SFST Instructor, A-RIDE Certified and a Breath Test Operator. Officer Chu teaches all aspects of Impaired Driving Investigation and Prosecution at the Albany Police Academy and has attended numerous training sessions on DWI Prosecution conducted by various District Attorney Offices around the state.

Officer Chu is constantly seeking out further educational opportunities to expand his depth of knowledge and level of expertise on the subject of impaired driving and serves as an outstanding example for his fellow officers. Congratulations Officer Richard Chu.

**POLICE OFFICER JAMES RUSSELL – Rockland County Sheriff's Office**

Officer Russell has 3 ½ years of service with the Rockland County Sheriff's Office. He has been assigned to the midnight squad for the past 3 years and in 2016 made 53 DWI arrests, which included several aggravated DWI and DWAI drug arrests.

He is certified in SFST and A-RIDE. Congratulations Officer James Russell.

## **DEPUTY SHERIFF RYAN BUTTLES – Monroe County Sheriff's Office**

Deputy Ryan Buttles is in his second year of assignment in the night time Traffic Enforcement Unit where the focus is on drunk driving. His productivity in 2016 is a direct reflection on his commitment to traffic safety in Monroe County.

In 2016, Deputy Buttles made 63 DWI arrests, 16 V&T Felony Arrests, and 165 V&T Misdemeanor Arrests. Additionally, Deputy Buttles assisted his supervisors by performing administrative duties throughout the year. He was also an integral part of the Victim Impact Panel on several occasions in 2016.

Congratulations Deputy Ryan Buttles.

## **DEPUTY SHERIFF DAVID ZAMOREK – Erie County Sheriff's Office**

With only 4 years of service, Deputy David Zamorek made 40 DWI arrests in 2016. In addition to his normal patrol responsibilities, he has dedicated himself to enforcing the vehicle and traffic law, specifically impaired driving offenses.

Deputy Zamorek successfully completed the DRE program during the summer of 2016. And in the couple months of 2016 that he was a certified DRE, he conducted 13 evaluations. The overwhelming majority of those evaluations were conducted for other agencies. Congratulations Deputy David Zamorek.

## **TROOPER ANTHONY CORDICK – New York State Police, Troop B**

Trooper Anthony Cordick works road patrol at SP Plattsburgh and has seven years of combined prior police experience with the New York State Park Police, Clinton County Sheriff's Department and the Plattsburgh Police Department.

Tpr. Cordick is an outstanding Trooper and is fervent in his quest to remove intoxicated and impaired drivers from NYS roadways. This is evident in his statistics for 2016. In 2016, while answering 259 calls for service, he made the most DWI arrests in Troop B, as well as Division wide with 77. In addition to his DWI arrests, Tpr. Cordick also made 45 drug arrests and conducted over 52 DRE evaluations.

He has made numerous presentations to local schools and organizations in the community, regarding drugged driving, highway traffic safety and crime prevention. He is utilized as a lead SFST instructor and as a breath test instructor for State Police Basic School academy classes. He also assists with training at the Zone 9 Police Academy. As a Field Training Officer, he coaches, teaches, and mentors Probationary Troopers.

In 2015, he was selected as the Zone 1 Trooper of the Year and in 2016 was the recipient of the Superintendent's Traffic Safety Award. Congratulations Trooper Anthony Cordick

## **NEW YORK STATE PARK POLICE – HUDSON VALLEY DISTRICT, SARATOGA ZONE**

The Saratoga Zone of the Hudson Valley District Park Police covers Albany, Schoharie, Greene, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties and has 18 full time members.

In 2016, the New York State Park Police Saratoga Zone changed focus and allocated more patrols towards STOP-DWI enforcement. The New York State Park Police Saratoga Zone finished 2016 with 65 DWI arrests and 12 DWAI Drugs arrests for a total of 77 arrests. This was a 305% increase over 2015, which saw only 19 DWI arrests. Congratulations to the men and women of the New York State Park Police – Hudson Valley District, Saratoga Zone.



## **PORT CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Port Chester is a 2.2 Square mile village in southeastern Westchester County. With a world class concert venue and dozens of popular International restaurants, cafes and bars, the village has become a bustling nighttime destination.

In 2016, our partnership with STOP-DWI allowed the department to dedicate officers to directly confront DWI offenses. We participated in every joint agency DWI enforcement detail available and utilized annual funds from STOP-DWI to coordinate enforcement teams throughout the year. The department has one daytime traffic officer and does not have a dedicated safety or traffic team. Most DWI arrests were made by officers assigned to patrol sectors that are responsible for calls of service throughout their shifts.

The Port Chester Police Department made 248 DWI/DWI Drugs arrests in 2016. This represents a 230% increase from 2015. We attribute this increase to the partnership with STOP-DWI and the vigilant efforts of our officers, particularly the core group that participated in the many DWI enforcement details.

Congratulations to the men and women of the Port Chester Police Department.

## **NEW YORK STATE POLICE – TROOP K**

Troop K is one of the four original Troops, and covers a 2,100 square mile area that serves Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester Counties.

Troop K has 468 sworn and civilian employees who provide police services to nine cities, 37 villages, and 62 towns. Among the most distinguishing characteristics of the Troop is its diverse population density, which varies from more than 2,000 persons per square mile in Westchester County, to about 100 per square mile in rural Columbia County. Troopers patrol in urban, suburban, and rural communities, and encounter a large population of weekend residents and transient traffic. The Taconic State Parkway, one of the country's most scenic highways, runs the entire length of the Troop.

As a result of its proximity to New York City, the southern half of the Troop experiences a great deal of daily heavy commuter traffic. The combination of heavily traveled roads, variegated geography and a highly diverse population presents members assigned to Troop K with a demanding law enforcement mission. During 2016, members of Troop K responded to 69,147 calls for service, conducted 8,299 collision investigations and made 1,686 DWI arrests. Congratulations to the men and women of the New York State Police, Troop K.

**KATHERINE J. DEMARTINO – Assistant District Attorney for  
Saratoga County**

Katherine DeMartino joined the Saratoga County District Attorney's Office in 2014 shortly after her admission to the NYS Bar and was immediately assigned to the DWI Bureau and has remained primarily responsible for the prosecution of DWI and vehicular crimes. Katie has been responsible for bringing hundreds of intoxicated and impaired drivers to justice every year. Despite the large number of DWI cases that she prosecutes, Katie's work ethic, organization and attention to the details of each and every case is without equal. Katie's legal research and writing skills are incredible. Within weeks of joining the District Attorney's Office, Katie was taking on her own DWI cases and roiling through motions and hearings like a savvy veteran.

Throughout the course of 2016, Katie was responsible for prosecuting the highest number of DWI-related offenses in the office. Moreover, in addition to her own heavy caseload, Katie took on the added responsibility of covering the cases and court appearances of her colleagues while they were in the midst of preparing for and trying cases.

In early 2016, she was assigned a very legally complicated and emotionally challenging vehicular crime. Throughout the course of the year, Katie not only steered the case through its investigatory and preparatory phases but also established a true trust and

connection with the devastated family of the victim. The case garnered a significant amount of publicity and attention, and Katie showed true professionalism and poise. In late November the case finally went to trial - Katie's first trial. She guided the jury through the facts and complexities of the case, held strong against the challenges of the defense and ultimately brought justice to the victim's family with a guilty verdict against the defendant.

Katie is an invaluable resource not just to her colleagues at the Saratoga County District Attorney's Office, but to members of law enforcement. Katie regularly assists colleagues with questions and participates in several law enforcement training opportunities each year. She also attends trainings to stay current on the most recent DWI and prosecutorial trends, and meets with members of law enforcement to learn about the techniques and equipment essential to DWI prosecution. In addition to her prosecutorial responsibilities, Katie is also a regular speaker at the Saratoga County Victim Impact Panels. Congratulations Assistant District Attorney Katherine DeMartino.

## **MATT DUDDY, VICE PRESIDENT/TERRITORY MANAGER – Lamar Advertising Company**

Lamar Advertising has been posting STOP-DWI and Drug Impaired messaging on billboards in NYS for nearly two decades. In addition to the grant funded postings on static billboards all across NYS and digital billboards in the Capital District, Lamar Advertising extends the length of the paid digital campaign and runs GTSC anti impaired driving artwork when digital space is unsold. Because of their generosity and belief in highway safety, the anti DWI messaging is seen by millions of motorists annually at no cost to NYS.

In addition, Matt Duddy from Lamar Advertising began a tremendously successful program in 2001. Matt took it upon himself to partner up with the graphic art students at two Capital District High Schools in a way that blends teen traffic safety with learning. The art students (over 100) annually spend weeks developing their own STOP DWI billboard messaging. In addition to the artwork, the students must present their concept and design to their fellow students, administrators and DWI victim advocates. Each spring, Lamar Advertising graciously donates one of their static billboards to publicly display the winning design in a secret reveal roadside in front of fellow students, the media, local politicians, state officials and victim advocates. At the conclusion of the reveal, Lamar provides a nice lunch for the students.

Not only does this program result in a billboard that resonates with motorists as to the real life dangers of driving impaired, but it also educates the students who take part in the competition and many of the students are forever moved by the experience after conducting their research and learning of the devastating consequences of impaired driving. Congratulation to Matt Duddy and the Lamar Advertising Company.

## **CHIEF JOSEPH SNYDER – New Paltz Police Department**

Chief Joseph Snyder has been a patrolman, detective, D.A.R.E. officer, and since 2009, Chief for a total of 28 years of service in the college community of New Paltz, NY.

For the past 14 years, he has been a T.I.P.S. trainer and was spotlighted in the October 2016 TIPS Newsletter for his dedication. Instrumental in the creation of the New Paltz Bar and Tavern Owners Agreement, he meets quarterly with the Association members and other stakeholders to encourage tavern customers to engage in the responsible and legal use of alcohol, while conducting themselves in a respectful manner. The taverns post "Respectful Community" signs to remind customers to act with courtesy toward their fellow community members and "Think Before That Last Drink" posters.

In collaboration with the SUNY New Paltz Police Department, Chief Snyder "holds students accountable for their actions within the community and provides opportunities to identify students who may have a substance use disorder" (Phoenix Kawamoto, Town of New Paltz Community Education Specialist).

Additionally, the local high school benefits from his outreach efforts speaking at various forums. Throughout the year, Chief Snyder participates in numerous compliance checks to ensure local businesses are not in violation of NYS ABC Laws.

A "Secure your Meds" campaign was held locally, and Chief Snyder worked with the sellers of OTC products that contain Dextromethorphan to make them less accessible, and for sellers to be more diligent in checking ID's to be in compliance with age requirements to purchase these items. Since 2013, the station has housed a Drug Return Box collecting between 750-1000 pounds of medications per year.

Chief Snyder has worked on multiple teams addressing underage drinking, medication abuse, and other behavioral issues. In July, he was invited to Washington, DC to attend a briefing with Senior White House Administration Officials on the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing Initiatives.

He is a member of the Underage Substance Use Prevention Team, UC Police Chiefs Association, and supports Operation Safe Stop. He promotes continuing education for his officers and since 2014, all officers are trained in the use of Narcan and several lives have been saved through its use.

Chief Snyder's community pride is evident in his willingness to support community groups. Congratulations Chief Joseph Snyder.