

**POLICE OFFICER BENJAMIN SWANSON** of the Geneseo Police Department:

Officer Swanson works our afternoon shift from 2pm until 10pm. He is not assigned specifically to traffic duties, but he takes the initiative to perform traffic safety during his routine patrol.

In 2016, Officer Swanson completed the Drug Recognition Expert training through New York State. He is a certified DRE and has continued with the DRE educational training. In 2017, Officer Swanson completed 10 drug recognition evaluations.

Officer Swanson has dedicated himself to DWI enforcement during his shift, when not taking complaints or following up on investigations. In 2017, he made 15 DWI arrests, which accounted for 36% of our total DWI production in 2017. This number does not count the times that he assisted with another officer's DWI arrest. He has been a major contributor to our DWI enforcement efforts. Over the past three years Officer Swanson has made 42 DWI arrests, which accounts for more than a third of our total DWI arrests. He is the busiest and most proactive police officer of the Geneseo Police Department.

Congratulations Officer Benjamin Swanson.

**OFFICER DENNIS BROWN of the Salamanca Police Department:**

Saying that Officer Dennis Brown has made significant contributions to reducing Driving While Intoxicated offenses is an understatement. Officer Brown recently broke the annual record of DWI arrests with 63 arrests in 2017, this being the most in the Department's 104 year history. Officer Brown's efforts and contributions in traffic enforcement have led to a sharp decrease in personal injury and leaving the scene of accidents. Officer Brown has a talent in the area of DWI detection and arrest, but more importantly, Officer Brown has also demonstrated ability in mastering the mountains of paperwork involved in DWI arrests as well. Officer Brown has somehow attained the skills of a talented veteran Officer accomplished in DWI; and, has done so in less than a year. He has also managed to find several felony DWI suspects. I have heard many defense attorneys comment on Officer Brown's arrests and he is held in a very high regard in the Courtroom, this is partially due to the fact that Officer Brown's DWI arrests lead to convictions. Officer Brown also made 19 drug arrests since Jan. 2017, many of which involved drivers who are regular users of controlled substances, thus removing them from motor vehicles they might otherwise be driving. Officer Brown discovered a mobile meth lab in a vehicle this year and during this arrest crystal meth, heroin, cocaine, fentanyl, and marijuana were also discovered. Officer Brown has 119 suspension/revocation-related arrests since Jan 1 2017 and has several last year as well. Many of the drivers, whom Officer Brown arrested for suspension/revocation-related matters, were suspended because they were at one time arrested, convicted, or refused to provide a breath sample during a DWI stop or arrest.

Congratulations Officer Dennis Brown.

## **SERGEANT COLIN REAGAN of the Wyoming County Sheriff's Office:**

Sgt. Reagan has almost 12 years of Service with the Wyoming County Sheriff's Office. In those twelve years he has made 369 DWI/DWAI Drug arrests. Wyoming County has a population of approximately 40 thousand people and about 624 square miles of area to patrol and adheres to the closest car concept and it really doesn't matter if you're a sergeant / deputy / trooper when officers are dispatched, it is the closest car.

Sgt. Reagan has been a DRE since March of 2011 and has been a strong advocate of the program and has pushed for officers to attend ARIDE Training. Sgt. Reagan has mentored his Officers and enhanced the DRE Program in Wyoming County. Sgt. Reagan has also worked with area schools teaching the staff signs of impairment and how to recognize if a student or parent seems to be impaired by drugs or alcohol.

One example of his commitment occurred on July 9th, 2017 when Sergeant Reagan was called out for a serious MVA where a vehicle collided with 2 motorcycles and the driver seemed to be impaired by drugs and one of the motorcyclists later died from her injuries. Sgt. Reagan responded from home and assisted with the impaired driver. Sergeant Reagan completed the needed paperwork to get a court ordered blood draw on the suspect and was a critical part of the investigation per Wyoming County District Attorney O'Geen. This suspect later pled guilty to the charges against him.

On top of running his shift, doing DRE evaluations and juggling everyday life, Colin made 18 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated and 22 arrests for Driving under the Influence of Drugs. He was also Awarded MADD Individual Officer Recognition Award in 2008. Sergeant Colin Reagan makes an incredible impact on DWI and Safety to all the residents of Wyoming County and the motoring public that drive through this county and he has shown a unique ability to be able to work with officers from all the different jurisdictions in the county and promote the DRE Program and help train officers on the signs of impaired driving and how to process and arrest for DWAI Drugs.

Congratulations Sergeant Colin Reagan.

**DEPUTY AARON CHASE of the Wyoming County Sheriff's Office:**

Deputy Aaron Chase has been a full time deputy for a little more than four years. During that time he has made an effort to arrest subjects Driving Under the influence of alcohol and drugs. In October of 2015 he became a certified Drug Recognition Expert.

Deputy Chase is assigned to the 3pm – 11 pm shift as a complaint car. Wyoming County does not have a dedicated traffic unit.

During 2017, Deputy Chase completed 80 DRE evaluations for County / State and local police officers who requested a DRE. Many of these resulted in Deputy Chase being called in to work at all times of the day and night. Along with this Deputy Chase made 37 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated and 32 arrests for Driving While Impaired by Drugs by himself. This made 149 cases for DWI or DWAI that Deputy Chase worked on in 2017.

In addition to this Deputy Chase was near the top in tickets issued and complaints handled. This dedication to Law Enforcement makes him a great asset to the Wyoming County Sheriff's Office.

Congratulations Deputy Aaron Chase

**DEPUTY NATHAN BAIDEME of the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office:**

Deputy Baideme is an extremely dedicated, hardworking, professional who works hard to improve the public safety of the county. He works diligently to remove intoxicated and impaired drivers from the highways and has become an expert in the field of impaired driving enforcement and has testified numerous times in court.

In addition to his enforcement duties, Deputy Baideme is involved with prevention education. He is active with the County Mock DWI presentations. Annually, we present a high impact program to area schools. This involves a "mock" crash with response from police, fire and EMS. We also include our medevac helicopter in the events. Deputy Baideme makes an assembly style presentation to the schools and is a very effective presenter.

Congratulations Deputy Nathan Baideme

**DEPUTY ANTHONY AGRESTA of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office:**

Deputy Agresta made 36 DWI arrests for 2017. This Deputy has regular patrol responsibilities and obviously puts a value on his patrol time in enforcing traffic Safety and DWI enforcement. He has continually shown an effort above and beyond normal patrol activities and continues to work at keeping our roadways safe from impaired drivers.

Congratulations Deputy Anthony Agresta

**OFFICER JASON LATHROP of the Rochester Police Department:**

Officer Lathrop remains aggressive in his campaign to make the streets of the City of Rochester safer. In addition to his normal duties as a Traffic Enforcement Officer, Officer Lathrop is a certified trainer for the Rochester Police Department in DWI related courses. He is also a certified DRE for the department. In 2017 Officer Lathrop made 173 DWI arrests and issued 812 citations. He is also a regular participant to facilitate Monroe Counties Victim Impact Panel.

Congratulations Officer Jason Lathrop

**OFFICER ALBERT WEECH of the Rochester Police Department:**

Officer Weech remains aggressive in his campaign to make the streets of the City of Rochester safer. In addition to his normal duties as a Traffic Enforcement Officer, Officer Weech is a trainer for the Rochester Police Department in DWI related courses. He is also a DRE for the department and made 172 DWI arrests in 2017 and issued 777 citations.

Congratulations Officer Albert Weech

## **TROOPER JORDON DARRAH of the New York State Police Troop B**

Trooper Darrah works road patrol at SP Plattsburgh. He is highly proactive in his quest to remove impaired drivers from New York State roadways. This is evident in his statistics for 2017. Trooper Darrah made 41 DWI arrests in 2017, including 9 arrests for DWAI-Drugs. In addition to his arrests for intoxicated and drug impaired drivers, Trooper Darrah also made 34 drug arrests.

Trooper Darrah has made presentations at local schools and organizations in the community, regarding intoxicated/impaired driving, highway traffic safety and crime prevention. As a Field Training Officer, he coaches, teaches and mentors Probationary Troopers. Trooper Darrah is a SFST Instructor and will be attending the DRE School February 05-16, 2018.

As a result of his hard work and dedication he has previously received a Letter of Recognition from Clinton County STOP-DWI in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017; Troop B, Troop Commander's Letter of Recognition for Outstanding DWI Enforcement in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 and also Troop B, Troop Commander's Letter of Recognition for Outstanding VTL Enforcement in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Trooper Darrah continuously strives to enforce the laws of New York State, in order to make our highways and communities safer.

Congratulations Trooper Jordon Darrah

## **TROOPER BRENDAN D. FILLI of the New York State Police Troop T**

Trooper Filli is an outstanding Trooper. He is the top producer in DWI enforcement for the New York State Police Troop T, Zone 2 (Albany area). During the calendar year 2017 he improved on his previous year, Trooper Filli made 141 DWI arrests, issued 932 tickets, and made 42 penal law arrests. He is a consummate professional, who researches trends in traffic patterns, follows local events to know where and when impaired operators are most likely to be driving. His enthusiasm for this extremely important aspect of Law Enforcement is contagious to his co-workers. He works from the moment his shift starts until the end, as his numbers would attest. In addition to his patrol efforts, he also instructs new Recruit Troopers at the New York State Police Academy as a Standardized Field Sobriety Tests instructor. He also is a breath test instructor whose duties include re-certification for Troopers in the field and instruction at the Academy. Trooper Filli is also a trained Drug Recognition Expert, so in addition to his own patrol efforts he also assists other Troopers in DWI arrests. Trooper Filli has testified numerous DWI cases and is constantly in court, many times at great personal sacrifice. His efforts and commitment to DWI enforcement directly save lives in New York State.

Congratulations Trooper Brendan Filli

## **TROOPER BRANDON BARCOMB of the New York State Police Troop G**

Trooper Brandon M. Barcomb is a five-year patrol Trooper working out of SP Greenwich. SP Greenwich patrol area is a rural area that has limited traffic. Despite the limited traffic flow, Trooper Barcomb has become a real force in DWI enforcement in the Washington County-Saratoga County region. He often patrols on the overnight shift and has effectively been able to enforce DWI laws, arresting 81 motorists for DWI in 2017 alone. In conjunction with the DWI arrest he has made 501 vehicle and traffic arrests for various vehicle and traffic violation, including 34 for safety restraint. His enforcement efforts should be recognized by all citizens of NY State. There are surely people with their families today that would not be there without the efforts of Trooper Barcomb and other officers like him.

Congratulations Trooper Brandon Barcomb

## **GENESEO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Geneseo Police Department is comprised of 7 full time sworn officers, including the chief and a sergeant. The department also employs a school resource officer and 4 part time patrol officers. The Geneseo Police Department provides service to the Village of Geneseo, with a population of 8,173 residents. This population does not include the on-campus population of the SUNY Geneseo College, which resides within the jurisdiction.

The Geneseo Police Department has increased its training, awareness and enforcement efforts over the past several years, which has made a dramatic difference in our DWI and underage drinking efforts. In 2017, the police department made 41 DWI arrests, which is an increase of 36% from 2016. Out of the 41 DWI arrests in 2017, 9 were for DWI-Drugs, 2 were felony arrests and 1 was for Leandra's Law. In total, over the past three years, the police department has made 118 DWI arrests.

The Geneseo Police Department has increased its DWI enforcement by using saturation patrols during the week and weekends. Due to their small size and limited fiscal budget, the police department uses its STOP-DWI funding as an overtime budget for DWI enforcement. This provides for additional enforcement patrols during the week and weekends.

Their increase in DWI arrests shows that the officers are motivated and committed to taking the impaired drivers off our roadways to make our streets safer. The police department also participates in the Safe and Sober Campaigns during the year.

The Geneseo Police Department has also seen a decrease with regard to our personal injury motor vehicle crashes. They have been able to lower our personal injury crashes to 5 in 2017, compared to 9 in 2016. This is almost a 50% reduction. They did not have any fatal motor vehicle crashes in 2017, unlike years past. They have also seen our total number of motor vehicle crashes decline over the years. In 2014 they had a total of 162 crashes, compared to 145 in 2017. Consistent with the decline in crashes, the department only had 1 motor vehicle crash related to a DWI arrest in 2017. Their increase in traffic safety enforcement has brought about a decrease in motor vehicle crashes.

## **GENESEO POLICE DEPARTMENT - continued**

The Geneseo Police Department is committed to training its officers in DWI enforcement. All officers have received traffic safety training, specifically training on conducting vehicle & traffic stops, standard field sobriety test (SFST) training, fictitious/fraudulent document training, advanced roadside impairment driving enforcement (ARIDE) training, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training, child safety seat training, interview & interrogation training, Leandra's Law training, and court testimony in DWI training.

The Geneseo Police Department also participates in community awareness on the importance of not driving drunk/impaired, as well as underage drinking efforts. This is done through visible enforcement, as well as through having the officers participating in the community. The department participates in doing DWI and underage drinking presentations at the health classes at the Geneseo Central School. The officers use vision goggles during the presentations. The department also received a grant to conduct alcohol compliance checks, fake license details, and party patrols for underage drinking. In 2017, the police department conducted 16 separate compliance checks. The police department sent in 3 alcohol referrals into the New York State Liquor Authority, due to establishments selling alcohol to an undercover youth during their compliance checks. The department also completes public service announcements through the media advising them of the results of the enforcement details. The police department was also vital in enacting a social host law that the Village of Geneseo adopted in 2015 to assist with underage drinking activities.

The Geneseo Police Department takes drunk/drugged driving and underage drinking very seriously and has been recognized with awards in 2004 and 2005 for DWI and underage drinking efforts.

Congratulations to the members of the Geneseo Police Department

## **SARATOGA SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The City of Saratoga Springs is a 29 square mile city that has become a year-round tourist destination for dozens of special events. Saratoga Springs boasts a thriving downtown not to mention hosts the premiere summer event of the northeast, the Saratoga Race Course. The Saratoga Springs Police Department has committed to making DWI Enforcement a priority for its officers. Through Sobriety Checkpoints, dedicated DWI Patrols and Holiday Crackdown details, the police department made 310 DWI and DWAI-Drug arrests in 2017. This was up significantly from 250 in 2016. Utilizing DWI grant funding in 2016 along with offsetting the cost balance from the Police Department's own budget, the department purchased a dedicated STOP-DWI Patrol Vehicle. This vehicle was assigned to the 4th Shift and was dedicated to DWI Patrol seven nights a week. The police department continues to use social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Nixle and the Police Department's website to spread the message of Saratoga Springs Police Department's DWI enforcement initiatives and zero tolerance for this dangerous driving behavior. The Saratoga Springs Police Department worked very hard in 2017 to reach its goal to increase DWI enforcement as well as Sobriety Checkpoints. The Saratoga Springs Police Department conducted 13 multi-agency Sobriety Checkpoints in 2017.

Congratulations to the members of the Saratoga Springs Police Department

## **SARATOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

The Saratoga County Sheriff's Office always puts on several extra patrols during busy times in various venues in the county. There is always dedicated participation during all crackdown efforts and the department maintains a consistent concentration on DWI detection and apprehension.

In addition to patrol duties, educational efforts include victim impact panel participation and involvement in school programs. Each year 3 Sheriff Deputies are assigned to all schools with demonstrations including impaired driving simulation, an educational hands-on approach for the students.

The members of the Sheriff's Office contributed to total DWI arrests in Saratoga County with 210. The continued efforts in both enforcement and education in regards to DWI put the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office at the top for STOP-DWI awareness.

Congratulations to the members of the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office

## **NIAGARA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

The Niagara County Sheriff's Office has continued its DWI enforcement efforts in 2017 by conducting their Annual Niagara County Traffic Safety Fair, Saturation DWI Patrols, Underage Enforcement Details, and Educational Outreach to schools across Niagara County.

In 2017, the 22nd annual Niagara County Traffic Safety fair was held at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County in the Town of Lockport. Approximately 2,800 students from four counties across Western New York attended the eight day event. This event had students watching a short movie on drinking and driving, listening to a Victim Impact speaker relating to a tragedy involving drinking and driving or distracted driving and presentations from the participating agencies concerning different safety issues, such as wearing a seatbelt, texting while driving, etc. New in 2017 was the addition of two pedal cars that students could operate through a coned course wearing goggles that simulated intoxication. Students who possess a learner permit or driver's license are able to utilize the Niagara County Sheriff's Office Driving Simulator, a 28 foot mobile classroom with two place system.

There were several driving while intoxicated saturation patrols and sobriety check points in 2017. The Niagara County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies deployed DWI enforcement cars during the summer concert series and almost every weekend throughout the year during peak hours to detect those who choose to drive under the influence of alcohol and drugs. For the Sheriff's Office efforts in Traffic Safety, they were presented the Platinum award from AAA's Community Traffic Safety in November of 2017 and in 2013 awarded a NYS STOP-DWI and MADD Award.

The Niagara County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the New York State Police and New York State Liquor Authority conducted three Underage Enforcement Details in 2017. During these details both "on premise" (bars) and "off premise" (convenience/liquor stores) were checked for compliance. In total, 31 businesses were checked with seven selling to minors and being arrested for unlawful dealing with minor and prohibited sales to a minor.

Congratulations to the members of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office

## **NEW YORK STATE POLICE TROOP A**

The New York State Police in Troop "A" covers the Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming counties in western New York. During the calendar year 2017, the personnel assigned to Troop "A" have been scheduled to both police and participate in events where large numbers of persons are known to consume alcoholic beverages, such as the Buffalo Auto Show, Taste of Buffalo, NHL Buffalo Sabres home games, NFL Buffalo Bills home games, area music concerts at the Darien Lake Amphitheatre and Artpark, Canalside Auto and Boat Show, beach traffic on the shores of Lake Erie and the Erie County Fair.

In 2017, Troop "A" conducted 175 DWI Dedicated patrol details and held 26 DWI fixed checkpoints. Troop "A" has a trooper assigned to serve as a school and community outreach advocate to work with younger drivers. In May of 2017 Troop "A" troopers were assigned to the Niagara County Traffic Safety Fair which reaches over 2500 driving age students who participate in a myriad of programs design to promote highway safety. During the summer of 2017 the traffic section attended several large events which included the Taste of Buffalo, Erie County Fair and Canalside Auto and Boat Show which reached thousands of motorists who were educated on highway and passenger safety through both display and hands on demos. In 2017 The State Police celebrated 100 years of existence and held several open house events throughout the troop in all four zones. At these events the troopers provided traffic outreach in the form of DWI goggle/pedal cart demonstrations in addition to the use of the seat belt convincer and roll-over simulator.

Throughout 2017, troopers and members of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation worked hand in hand with State Liquor Authority and DMV Investigators to conduct periodic details that target underage drinking and the unlawful sale of liquor. The Troop "A" Public Information Officer, along with the Traffic Supervisor, routinely appear on local television and cable programs prior to peak holiday drive time to reinforce a highway safety message to the public and help educate drivers on new programs.

Congratulations to the members of the New York State Police Troop A

## **THEODORE A. BRENNER, Niagara County Assistant District Attorney**

I could not imagine anyone more deserving of recognition for his commitment to traffic safety than Theodore "Ted" Brenner. Ted was hired as a Niagara County Assistant District Attorney on November 9, 1992, and will be retiring in June 2018 after 25 1/2 years of service primarily prosecuting DWI and vehicular crimes. Ted came to our office after graduating Summa Cum Laude from the State University of New York at Buffalo and Harvard Law School. He honorably served for the United States Marine Corps as a Judge Advocate and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and then Captain before completing his commitment to the armed services.

Ted rose through the ranks to become the DWI and Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief, served as one of three Deputy District Attorneys and from March 22, 2016 through December 31, 2016, served as Acting District Attorney after the position was left vacant. He has been a vital member of our staff and his expertise in the area of DWI's and vehicular crimes is unmatched as he has often been referred to as a "walking Vehicle and Traffic Law." Ted is an expert in his field in every way and makes himself available to assistant district attorneys and law enforcement personnel at all times of the day or night. He has handled one of the most difficult jobs in the office, prosecuting vehicular homicides, with expertise and passion.

Ted has received many letters of praise in his career. He has been described by law enforcement as a "hardworking professional," "dedicated," "knowledgeable," "well-prepared," a prosecutor with an "extreme amount of enthusiasm" and one that raises the morale of the police department. Parents of victims in DWI fatalities have written our office consistently through the years expressing Ted's exemplary service as a prosecutor. One parent wrote that Ted "put his whole heart into proving the case, extended himself to our family, was sensitive and caring throughout a terrible time, was understanding, knowledgeable and patient." Another wrote, "Ted made every effort to know our son even though they were never able to meet in his life." A victim advocate for our county wrote that Ted has "concern and compassion for victim's family and brings a human dimension to the criminal justice system."

**THEODORE A. BRENNER, Niagara County Assistant District Attorney - continued**

Since 2013 Ted volunteered to participate in Niagara County Veteran's Court. This innovative court is designed to evaluate and treat veterans who have committed non-violent crimes while suffering from substance abuse, alcohol dependency and/or post-traumatic stress disorder. It is a remarkable court where veterans work with peer mentors for 18-24 months before graduating with great success. Ted has been an integral part of the court from inception and is well respected and revered for his military background and tough love.

Ted has also been an integral part of the Victim Impact Panel in our county. He helps schedule the program, arrange the speakers and runs every panel. Ted is the perfect balance of strength and compassion.

Congratulations Assistant District Attorney Ted Brenner

## **SERGEANT/STATION COMMANDER JOHN E. LA PLANTE, NYSP Troop G**

Sergeant/Station Commander John E. La Plante has demonstrated a strong commitment to alcohol and drug impaired driving enforcement throughout his 29-year career with the New York State Police. Sergeant La Plante currently supervises two line sergeants and 23 troopers at SP Latham. He demonstrates strong leadership in the area of impaired driving enforcement, chemical testing and standardized field sobriety testing, holding his subordinates to high standards. Troopers under his direct supervision arrested 194 individuals for alcohol or drug impaired driving charges in 2017.

As a trooper on patrol 25 years, Sergeant La Plante was a perennial leader in DWI enforcement and was personally involved in over 500 DWI/DWAI drug arrests, either as the arresting officer or assisting his partner. He is a Drug Recognition Expert and he can always be counted on to respond for an evaluation, on or off-duty. Sergeant La Plante has conducted 134 evaluations as a DRE in his career.

Sergeant La Plante has been a Lead Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor since 2003 and has provided instruction for both New York State Police and municipal training academies. He was assigned full time as a SFST Instructor for six State Police Academy classes and has also been a Breath Test Operator Instructor since 1992. In 2003, Sergeant La Plante was assigned to the New York State Police Public Information Office at Division Headquarters for 15 months as a Technical Sergeant where, amongst other duties, he assisted with drafting alcohol and drug impaired driving public information and education messages.

In 2017, Sergeant La Plante was assigned, in addition to his regular duties, as the Troop G DWI Checkpoint Coordinator, as a direct result of his expertise, strong leadership and commitment to impaired driving enforcement. He is responsible for scheduling and conducting DWI checkpoints throughout Troop G and regularly mentors junior sergeants at these details. Under his leadership, DWI and criminal arrests have significantly increased at Troop G checkpoints.

Congratulations Sergeant John La Plante

## **CHRIS MARION, STOP-DWI New York**

Many of us volunteer at various levels. Chris Marion has expanded the definition of ‘volunteer’ to a new level. As the volunteer chair of the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation, Chris spearheaded projects that challenged teams to produce exceptional products. In 2017 Chris developed an idea to transform traffic safety statistics into stories that would change people’s behavior. The Foundation worked with a vendor that took the idea and developed several social media clips that provided statistical information on the cost of an impaired driving conviction, the effects of driving under the influence of prescription medications, and details about the “Have a Plan” mobile app. All of which had a fresh and modern look that made the materials stand out to a younger audience. Chris had the vision, and led a team that developed these tedious statistics into a format that is easy to watch yet provides vital information to the public. Chris’ creativity and hard work has always been focused on the effort to reduce the number of impaired driving related crashes, injuries, and fatalities and with these video clips many people are exposed to new information in an effort to change their behavior relating to impaired driving.

In 2016 Chris was awarded the William T. Smith Award for his time and energy to education and training efforts, legislative agenda and the development of the STOP-DWI “Have A Plan” mobile app.

Congratulations Chris Marion

## **DISTRICT ATTORNEY R. MICHAEL TANTILLO- Retired Ontario County District Attorney**

R. Michael Tantillo retired earlier this year after over thirty years of service to Ontario County in the District Attorney's Office. During his time as the District Attorney, DA Tantillo made the prosecution of DWIs a priority with his "zero tolerance" policy. As a result, Ontario County was rated #1 in DWI conviction ratings for all but one in the past thirty years.

D.A. Tantillo believed that prosecuting a DWI was as important as the prosecution of any other crime in his office. After working with victims of DWI crashes, he saw the need for a zero tolerance policy. He also encouraged regular training of officers and prosecutors to keep their knowledge fresh and up to date. He felt that the issue of DWI needed to be a team approach; from law enforcement through to Probation.

Because of District Attorney Tantillo's tough policies, Ontario County highways and streets are safer. R. Michael Tantillo's stance on DWI prosecution has been and will continue to be a role model for other counties.

Congratulations Retired District Attorney Mike Tantillo