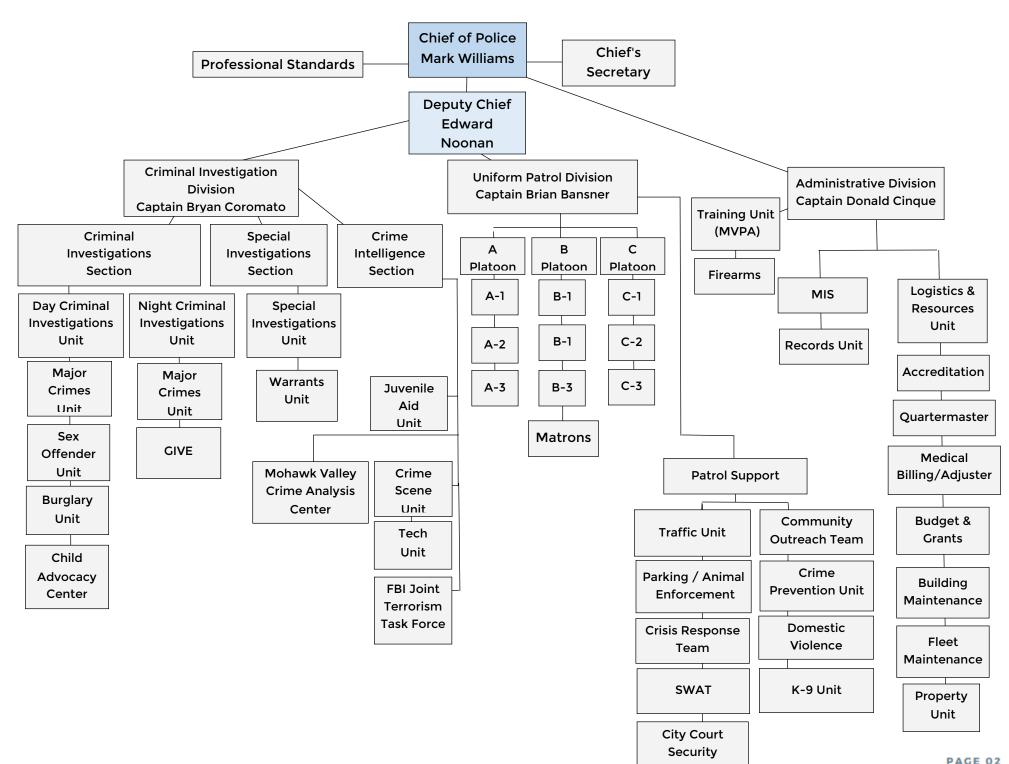


2021
UTICA POLICE
DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT

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CHIEF OF POLICE



Dear City of Utica Residents,

I am pleased to present you with the 2021 Utica Police Department Annual Report. The report provides information on crime data, service efforts and accomplishments, crime trends and budget information. The 2021 Utica Police Department annual report provides an overview of the activities of the members of the department. Numbers, graphs and charts cannot totally measure the dedicated effort of the members of the department in providing the best possible police services to the community. These statistics alone cannot measure the determination of the officers, their hours of preparation, or commitment to their duties. It would not be possible to fairly and accurately measure the total effort that a department provides 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

I would like to take the time to recognize and thank the men and women of the City of Utica Police Department who have dedicated their professional lives to protecting the citizens and visitors of our city. The year 2021 was a challenging one for law enforcement working through a global pandemic, adjusting to new state criminal and police reform mandates and a significant increase in gun violence in cities across this country. Despite these challenges, our police officers carried out their duties in a professional and dedicated manner. During the height of the pandemic, when many local government offices shut down, our police officers were on the front line providing public safety services and we were the most visible form of government the public saw. Our police officers adeptly handled new criminal and police reforms mandates due to proper training, policy changes and internal leadership. Lastly, while many cities across New York State saw significant increases in gun violence from the previous year, your Utica Police Department saw a .13% decrease of individuals who were assaulted or murdered by firearms and confiscated 74 illegally possessed handguns from known gun offenders.

As we move forward into the new year, the critical components to future success hinge on effective police-community partnerships. Effective partnerships involve the willingness of its residents to engage in constructive dialogue with the police. Through intentional efforts to build trust and collaboration, police and community members can act as catalysts and facilitators to reduce crime and increase our quality of life.

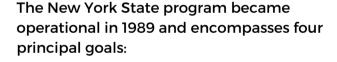
I would like to thank Mayor Palmieri, our city council members, city department heads and our community for all of your support last year. We look forward to serving our community in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark W. Williams
Chief of Police

CURRENT STATISTICS

The Utica Police Department covers an area of 16.76 square miles and serves a population of approximately 59,750. Mayor Robert Palmieri was elected into office in 2011 and continued to serve through 2021.

The Utica Police Department is an accredited agency and subject to regular reviews by the New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program. Accreditation is a progressive and contemporary way of helping police agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. It provides formal recognition that an organization meets or exceeds general expectations of quality in the field. Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.



- 1.To increase the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies utilizing existing personnel, equipment and facilities to the fullest extent possible.
- 2.To promote increased cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies and other agencies of the criminal justice services.
- 3. To ensure the appropriate training of law enforcement personnel.
- 4.To promote public confidence in law enforcement agencies.



The Accreditation Program is comprised of a set of standards developed to further enhance the capabilities of an agency, and is divided into three categories: Administrative, Training, and Operations Standards.

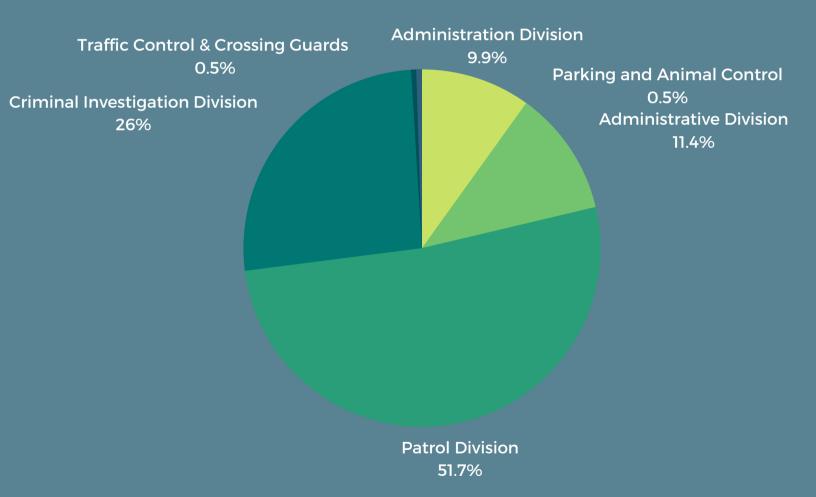
- Administrative standards have provisions for such topics as agency organization, fiscal management, personnel practices, and records management.
- Training standards encompass basic and in-service instruction, as well as training for supervisors and specialized or technical assignments.
- Operations standards deal with such critical and litigious topics as high-speed pursuits, roadblocks, patrol and unusual occurrences.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

THE UTICA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S APRIL 2021-MARCH 2022 BUDGET IS

\$18,859,754.00

April 2021-March 2022 Operating Budget



2021 Grant Awards

2021 Grant Awards	Equipment Purchased	Funds Received	
JAG20	Crime Scene NAS	\$9,497.51	
Tactical Team Grant 2018	SWAT Cold Weather Gear	\$3,588.20	

Additional Grants Currently Managed:

- FY19 Tactical Team Grant Program
- FY22 Selective STOP-DWI Crackdown Grant
- FY22 STOP- DWI Grant
- FY21 Bulletproof Vest Partnership
- FY22 New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force
- FY19 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
- FY20 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
- FY21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
- FY21 STOP Violence Against Women
- GIVE VIII Initiative
- DASNY-Pole Cameras
- FY21 JTTF-FBI Task Force
- FY21 Delinquency Prevention Grant
- FY21 Police Reform Initiative
- FY22 CPS Grant
- FY22 PTS Grant
- FY21 Pathways To Justice Careers

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Administrative Division Units

MIS

 Computer systems maintenance, software and hardware updates, upgrades and repairs.

Records

• Maintenance of all police records and files and servicing of public requests for information.

Training

 Provide up-to-date training on current law enforcement trends and updates from the Municipal Police Training Counsel.

Logistics & Resources

 Management of employee services and building/equipment maintenance.

Accreditation

 Responsible for maintaining standards set forth for the accreditation process.

Budget & Grants

 Management of department's fiscal resources, and application/report management of departmental grants.

Training Unit

- Coordinates and administers departmental training programs.
- · Administers training to police officers from outside agencies.
- Plans and develops departmental training standards and programs.
- Monitors training methods and identifies training necessary for adherence to state and federal laws, and department policies.
- Prepares and distributes training bulletins.
- · Maintains records of training, standards, programs and lesson plans.
- Administers in-service and field officer training programs, firearms training and qualifications and police academy programs.

3,123 Regional Training Hours

To Include:

- SWAT In-Service
- Spit Restraint Instructor
- Daigle UOF Summit
- Crash Management Series
- Background Investigations
- CIT Conference
- Henry Williams Homicide
 School
- CTS Instructor
- Crypto Currency
- Basic SWAT Operator
- FEMA Mobile Field Force
- FTO School
- Tactical Team Leadership

- Sniper Observer
- DRE Interview
- Practical De-Escalation
- CPTED
- DUTY to Intervene Web
- Police Mt. Bike School
- Reid Interview Interrogation
- BCPO
- K9 Certification
- Explosive Breaching
- Post Critical Incident Debrief
- IAPRO Conference
- NYSIC Conference
- ZETX

- IDC
- DT Instructor
- Supervisor School
- Intro to Vehicle Concealment
- Implicit Bias Train the Trainer
- Force Science BWC
- NYSACOP Conference
- MK-9 Supervisor Training
- UTV Operator
- EVOC Instructor
- Court Room Testimony

GRADUATING CLASS

In 2021, the Utica Police Department began the process of hiring officers to fill several vacancies within their ranks. After a rigorous hiring process that included physical agility testing, background investigation, polygraph and psychological evaluation, several individuals were chosen to attend the Mohawk Valley Police Academy in June 2021.

In April 2022, the following officers will graduate from MVPA after completing six months of academy training and 12 weeks of field training:

Class 2022-1:

- Matthew Cross
- Myles Felton
- Leby Gonzalez
- Kyle Kuty



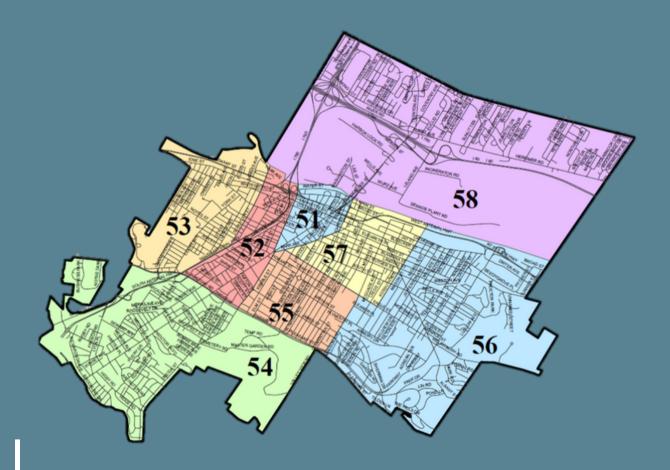
The Patrol Division is responsible for providing direct police services to the public. Its primary responsibility is to provide continuous patrol coverage and traffic control.

In order to provide for continuous patrol coverage, patrol is divided into three "platoons" (8.25 hour tours of duty) based on department needs. A lieutenant commands each of the three platoons (designated as the A, B and C platoons) further subdivided into three squads (i.e. A1, A2 and A3). Subordinate supervisory officers assigned to each squad are accountable to their respective platoon commander.

Officers have responded to over 44,000 CAD and 911 calls during the 2021 calendar year. This does not include other incidents such as motor vehicle stops, premise checks, or other self-initiated investigations.

Units

- A Platoon
- B Platoon
 - Matrons
- C Platoon
- Patrol Support
 - Traffic Unit
 - Community Outreach Team
 - Parking / Animal Enforcement
 - Crisis Response Team
 - Crime Prevention Unit
 - Domestic Violence Unit
 - SWAT
 - K9 Unit
 - City Court Security



K9 Unit

PO Piersall / K9 Dak: 15 total utilizations

• Narcotic Searches: 8

• Tracking: 3

• Patrol Assists: 1

• Building Searches: 3

PO Castilla / K9 Varick: 33 total utilizations

• Narcotic Searches: 4

• Public Relations: 29

PO Bubnis / K9 Wolf: 6 total utilizations

• Explosive Detection Sweeps: 2

• Suspicious Packages: 4

PO Jordan Dodge / K9 Brophy: 26 total utilizations

• Explosive Detection Sweep: 18

• Suspicious Packages: 3

• Patrol Assists: 2

• Building Searches: 3



Traffic Unit

The Utica Police Department Traffic Unit is a 2 officer unit that plans and coordinates large events that impact traffic flow throughout the City of Utica. The Traffic Unit also conducts traffic surveys and researches, reviews and writes traffic legislation.

It is the policy of the Utica Police Department to provide for the safe and orderly flow of traffic by encouraging public compliance with traffic laws through both discretionary and mandatory enforcement.

The department shall promote traffic safety through the effective use of its resources and provide information to the public and appropriate traffic engineering authorities to assist in identifying and remedying the causes of motor vehicle accidents and other traffic problems as necessary.

Beyond traffic enforcement and traffic control for special events, the UPD Traffic Unit conducts regular traffic studies to keep the city roads safe for all.

- 38 DWI ARRESTS
- 543 HIT & RUN ACCIDENTS
- 1,802 PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS
- 368 PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS

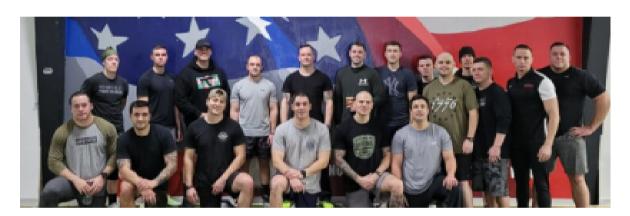


SWAT

METRO SWAT is a New York State DCJS certified Tier 2 SWAT team comprised of members from the Utica Police Department, the New Hartford Police Department, and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. It is a regional team that serves the entire County of Oneida. Currently, there are 21 members on the team, 10 from Utica, 4 from New Hartford, 7 from the Sheriff's Office and 5 additional Utica Police Snipers.

2021 Statistics:

- 192 hours of training completed
- 25 operations conducted



Mobile Field Force - Riot Control Team

The Mobile Field Force - Riot Control Team is made up of 26 Utica Police Department members and 26 Oneida County Sheriff's Office members. This team was formed to supplement police response to riots, protests and issues of civil unrest. The team completed 48 hours of training in 2021.

Domestic Violence Unit

It is the policy of the Utica Police Department to respond to every domestic incident as a serious call for service. Department members shall consistently seek to enhance the safety of victims and their children through a combination of law enforcement and referral to domestic violence service providers. The Department will further promote officer safety by ensuring that officers are fully prepared to respond to and effectively deal with domestic violence calls for service.

The Utica Police Department partners with the YWCA of the Mohawk Valley in order to provide victims of domestic violence with advocacy and services. These services include shelter, court advocacy, hotline advocacy and counseling. A YWCA employee works directly in the Utica Police Department with the assigned domestic violence officer.

2,799 Domestic Reports



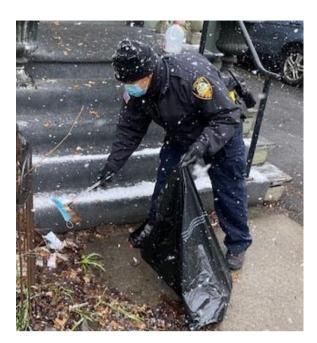
1,815 Victims Served



Community Outreach Team

The Utica Police Department Community
Outreach Team is responsible for numerous tasks
dealing with quality of life complaints and
improving the relationship between the police
and the community we serve. The officers
participated in over 100 events/programs in 2021,
both in person and virtually due to Covid-19.
These events included:

- Common Council Meetings
- Health and Wellness Fairs
- City of Utica Weekly Quality of Life Sweeps
- Community Safety Presentations
- Police Community Athletic League
- Career Fairs and Career Speaker Events
- Youth Empowerment Summit
- First Responder Events
- Office for New Americans Meetings
- 9/11 Ceremony
- Pop-Up Community BBQ Events
- Covid-19 Community Awareness -Campaign/Mask Distribution/Advisals
- Movies in the Park
- School Outreach
- Hoops and Dreams
- Latino Softball League







Criminal Investigation Division

It is the policy of the Utica Police Department to place case responsibility upon CID for certain crimes. Examples of these crimes include felony crimes, some misdemeanor crimes against persons and property, serious or unusual incidents, homicides and suspicious deaths and any other cases assigned by the Chief of Police. Personnel and cases shall be assigned within the division on the basis of expertise. Police officers assigned to conduct criminal investigations shall be titled investigators.

The United States Constitution guarantees every citizen certain rights and protections, i.e. the right to legal counsel, protection against self-incrimination, protection against unlawful search and seizure, the right to privacy, etc. Every member of the department bears a strict liability to comply with and safeguard those constitutional obligations. Members of the Criminal Investigation Division, by virtue of the nature of their specific duties, must be keenly aware of these obligations and keep current with any court decisions that may affect these rights.

Major Crimes Unit

The Major Crimes Unit is comprised of 5 investigators. Their primary role is to investigate homicides, shooting assaults, bank robberies, and other serious crimes or investigations assigned at the discretion of the CID Commanding Officer.

City of Utica Part I Crimes

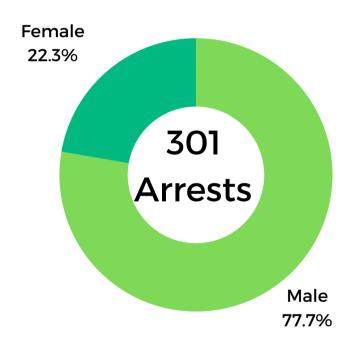
Crime Type	5YA	2020	2021	Last Year % Change	5YA % Change
Homicide	6	11	8	-27%	33%
Rape	18	19	17	-11%	-6%
Robbery	98	74	91	23%	-7%
Agg Assault	218	211	210	0%	-4%
Burglary	336	281	239	-15%	-29%
Larceny	1,668	1,764	1,603	-9%	-4%
MV Theft	90	118	217	84%	141%
Violent Crime	340	315	326	3%	-4%
Property Crime	2,094	2,163	2,059	-5%	-2%
Overall Index Crime	2,434	2,478	2,385	-4%	-2%

Juvenile Aid Unit

The Juvenile Aid Unit is comprised of 3 investigators who deal specifically with the problems of young people. Although they are members of a municipal police department, juvenile officers are set apart from other police personnel by their emphasis on youth. The primary objective of the Juvenile Aid Unit is to prevent juvenile delinquency and provide services that will have a positive impact on juvenile behavior.

The Juvenile Aid Unit has the added responsibility of assisting guardians with juveniles in need of supervision, even if their activity does not amount to criminal conduct. The Juvenile Aid Unit investigates, processes and refers juveniles who engage in criminal acts and offenses against the community. It maintains all juvenile records, independent from the normal records keeping function of the department's Records Unit. The unit is also responsible for investigating all missing persons cases, both adults and juveniles.

169 Missing Persons Investigations



Special Investigations Section

The Special Investigations Section is made up of the Special Investigations Unit and the Warrants Unit. Special Investigations is responsible for such things as street-level drug interdiction, mid-level narcotics investigations and quality of life complaints.

The Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit investigates street to mid-level narcotic activity and short-term to mid-term investigations. They are responsible for the department's narcotic testing and provide supporting documentation for local/county prosecution.



Warrants Unit

The Warrants Unit is responsible for recording and enforcing all Utica City Court warrants and assisting any outside agency requesting information or resources.

The Warrants Unit is staffed by 2 investigators and a Warrants Specialist. The unit also works in collaboration with the United States Marshals Service.



Crime Scene Unit - Mobile Forensic Investigation Center

In 2021 The Crime Scene Unit responded to 7 homicides, 6 serious physical injury/fatal injury motor vehicle collisions, numerous non-fatal shootings, serious assaults and several unattended death investigations. These call-outs, coupled with the squad evidence technicians work made for a busy 2021.

The Collison Reconstruction Unit was able to add 3 more trained members in 2021.

The Mobile Forensic Investigation Center had its busiest year to date, assisting many members of local, state and federal law enforcement. The unit was able to add two newly trained members, with the goal of evening out the caseload. The MFIC will continue to grow every year, as we add new technology and Investigators. We are always carefully planning and anticipating for the future.



Mohawk Valley Crime Analysis Center

During the 2021 calendar year, the Mohawk Valley Crime Analysis Center (MVCAC) faced challenges with staff changes and new technology additions. The MVCAC obtained a new operations supervisor and a new Oneida County Sheriff's Sergeant. This transition created more responsibilities for staff but also helped the staff better understand the workings of the crime analysis center.

In 2021, staff at the MVCAC and the Utica Police Department met with individuals at City Hall to develop 80 new camera locations in the City of Utica. Members walked the streets to determine where the cameras would be placed to obtain the best view of the area. Six new locations are currently operational. The center also received five new Data Management Platforms from the Division of Criminal Justice Services to be disbursed to partnering law enforcement agencies. In 2022, we plan to build relationships with other law enforcement agencies and help our partner agencies link up to a statewide information sharing portal called Force Point.

Burglary Unit

The Burglary Unit consists of 2 investigators solely assigned to the investigation of burglary complaints.

2021 Burglary Incidents



Sex Offender Unit

It is the policy of the Utica Police Department to use all reasonable means to assist in the investigation of non-compliant sex offenders, to educate the public about personal safety precautions and to train designated law enforcement personnel on registration, notification, verification and community education procedures.

This department recognizes that sex offenders can pose a significant risk to the community and that community fear may be fueled by confusing sex offender laws and lack of understanding of law enforcement efforts to hold sex offenders accountable. This department is guided by federal and state laws regarding the registration, public notification and verification of convicted sex offenders to enforce compliance and to prevent future victimization. This department also recognizes that law enforcement agencies are responsible for maintaining registration files, verifying compliance with registration laws, investigating violations of such laws and new offenses, and locating non-compliant or absconded offenders. The Sex Offender Unit is staffed by a single investigator from the agency who is responsible for over 300 registered sex offenders residing in the City of Utica.





The Oneida County Child Advocacy Center

The Oneida County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is comprised of members of the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, Rome Police, Utica Police, and New York State Police, as well as victim advocates from the YWCA Mohawk Valley, Mental Health Counselors from the Oneida County Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS), the YWCA Mohawk Valley, the Center for Family Life and Recovery (CFLR) and the Neighborhood Center. Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworkers are also assigned to the CAC. Medical personnel work at the CAC on an on-call basis to serve victims as well. The CAC is also the designated agency to investigate cases of child sex trafficking, and has a specialized counselor to deal exclusively with victims of sex trafficking, and high-risk youth. The CAC is also a member of ICAC, which stands for Internet Crimes against Children. As part of ICAC the CAC is involved in child pornography investigations in conjunction with the NY State Police. Sheriff's Office investigators assigned to the CAC also monitor approximately 250 registered sex offenders countywide.

Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente Jr., Sheriff Robert Maciol, District Attorney Scott McNamara, DFCS Commissioner Colleen Fahy-Box and other partners in the CAC have designated the Oneida County Sheriff's Office to manage the operations of the center.

897
Cases
Investigated

862 Children Served

Counseling
Provided to
210
Children

Medical
Exams
Provided to
43 Children



GIVE

The goal of the Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative is the elimination of shootings and homicides, or aggravated assaults, through the integrated use of evidence-based strategies that are incorporated into the four core elements of GIVE: People, Places, Alignment and Engagement.

GIVE is a DCJS funded project that allots one full-time GIVE funded officer position and one part-time GIVE funded officer position at the Utica Police Department. The initiative is a joint venture involving the Utica Police Department, the Oneida County District Attorney's Office, Oneida County Probation and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office.

74

Guns Recovered 266

Arrests in Designated
GIVE Hot Spot Areas

181

Outreach Contacts





USE OF FORCE STATISTICS

2021 Use of Force Statistics

Force Used	Count	
Pepper Spray	2	
Empty Hand Control/Come Along	76	
Firearm Discharge	0	
Hard Hand Strike	14	
Point Handgun	11	
Takedown	36	
Taser Announced	10	
Taser Deployed	11	
TOTAL	160	

Gender:

Male: 110 Female: 50

Race:

Asian: 7 Black: 81

Black Hispanic: 2 Unknown: 2 White: 63

White Hispanic: 5

Age:

Under 20: 34 20-29: 43 30-39: 41 40-49: 28 50 plus: 11 Unknown: 3

3,590 Criminal Arrests

Force Used in **3.7%** of Arrests

719 MHL Arrests

Force Used in **3.3%** of Arrests

In 2021 during Use of Force Incidents, there were 14 suspects and 10 officers injured.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

The Professional Standards Unit is made up of 1 supervisor and 1 investigator. They work at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Their primary responsibility is to record, register and maintain staff control of all internal investigations involving police personnel. These investigations include, but are not limited to, the evaluation of use of force, civilian complaints and inquiries related to alleged police misconduct. They are also responsible for completing background investigations on both sworn and non-sworn employees. Conducting any necessary audits in relation to police property and evidence is also part of their responsibilities.

Complaints/Allegations Received in 2021

Finding	Count	
Sustained	10	
Not Sustained	3	
Unfounded	12	
Exonerated	6	
Not Sustained w/Ancillary	1	
Policy Violation w/Ancillary	4	
Within Policy	4	
TOTAL	40	

WHAT'S NEW?

Crisis Response Team

The Crisis Response Team (CRT) is a combined effort of a UPD police officer and the MCAT Crisis Counselor who are partnered together and co-respond together in the field.

- CRT responds to real time requests for in field crisis response after initial UPD patrol triage
- Complete field outreach to high utilizers in the community
- Review MHL calls daily for new opportunities to outreach and connect with individuals with mental health struggles
- CRT works with local service providers, police, probation, mental health court, Oneida County Mental Health, MVHS, etc.



Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) is a specialized policing unit that focuses on crime prevention, deterrence and proactive policing.

- The unit consists of 1 sergeant and 5 patrol officers
- CPU has a flexible work schedule that is based on crime analysis, crime trends and the needs of the department
- In 2021 CPU seized 48 handguns, made multiple narcotics arrests, made several arrests of homicide/attempted homicide suspects and seized \$116,177 in US currency

Underwater Search and Rescue Team

The Underwater Search and Rescue Team is a specialized unit run by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. Members are trained in underwater investigation, search and recovery skills. In 2021, 2 UPD members joined the team.

2021 Statistics:

- 44 training hours
- 1 deployment

WHAT'S NEW?

Crime Scene Van

In 2021 the Utica Police Department purchased a new Mobile Forensic Crime Scene Unit Van. The van provides a space for evidence to be safely processed while deployed on major crime scenes.





Pole Cameras

6 new pole cameras were added to the city's camera network in 2021.

Police Reform Report

In February Mayor Robert Palmieri unveiled the City of Utica's Police Reform Report in accordance with Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order last summer.

The report was developed by an advisory committee comprised of 17 individuals in our community with diverse backgrounds and experiences. The committee explored and discussed key topic categories including use of force related issues, crime prevention and engagement, justice administration and officer accountability.

After 12 meetings and careful deliberation, the committee recommended a total of 14 reforms, 9 of which have been completed so far. The reforms are as follows:

- Establishment of a Crisis Intervention Team
- Increase and Enhance Implicit Bias Training
- Familiarize Recruits with City Neighborhoods
- Mandatory Community Service Events Following a Hire
- Rotate Officers Through Community Outreach
- Develop Comprehensive Recruiting and Preparation Program
- Training to Resolve Language Barriers for Non-English Speakers and Individuals Who Are Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing
- Work to Establish "Blue Light" Districts
- Add Adherence to Procedural Justice Policies to Body Cam Audits
- Increase Peer Support for Officer Wellness
- Increase Transparency with Citizen Complaints
- Establish Citizen Public Safety Board and Auditor
- 911 Call Diversion Program
- Add Body-Worn Cameras to SWAT Operations

2021 EVENTS

Summer 2021

Movies in the Park in partnership with the Bank of Utica and the Thomas Lindsey Foundation. Movies were shown on a projector in the park, food was also provided.

Summer 2021

PCAL (Police & Community Athletic League) on Wednesday nights throughout the summer UPD members played kickball with the community youth.

June 2021

The Utica Police Department partnered with the Center for Family Life and Recovery for a men's and women's personal hygiene kit giveaway.

Summer 2021

Pathways to Justice Careers ran a paid Youth Police and Fire Academy this summer for 11th and 12th grade Utica residents who are between 16-21 years old. Participants worked with the Utica Police Department, Utica Fire Department, Oneida County Sheriffs Department, and Oneida County Probation to learn about what it is like to be a public safety professional. Participants had the opportunity to be matched with a mentor, receive their CPR/AED and First Aid Certification, and earn 3 college credits.

September 2021

Child Safety Seat Installation/Evaluation.

November 2021

The No Shave November fundraiser raised money that was donated to local families in need.

December 2021

Holiday gift card drive. Members of UPD raised money for gift cards to donate to families in need during the holiday season.









