

# SARATOGA SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



## ***“GOOD TO KNOW...”***

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### **(POLICE BLOTTER INFORMATION- Dec. 2009)**

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#### **STATISTICAL DATA:**

In 2009, the Saratoga Springs Police Department has handled a total of **9,633** offenses (5,156 total cases).

The Department handled: **831** offenses in Dec. 2009. (**337**- in 2008; **330**- in 2007); a **41%** annual increase.

The Department currently has **14 Patrol/Administrative Officers**, and **2 Animal Control/Code Enforcement officers**, actively patrolling Saratoga Springs. Each officer works various shifts, providing the residents 24/7-365 coverage; with police supervision round-the-clock.

The Department currently has **3 sworn Investigators**. They are assigned in-house, and at the Westlake High School. **2** part-time “Uniformed” Investigators also assist the Investigations Division via the Patrol Division. Investigations have been assigned **155 active** cases, for **December 2009**. They have an approximate clearance and/or solvability rate of: **53%**. To date, Investigations has written **10** search and/or arrest warrants, and has provided numerous school presentations (WLHS, and elementary schools). These presentations have included: a Safety Fair, Career Fair, and presentation for Red Ribbon Week, and NOVA.

#### **DEPARTMENT OUTREACH:**

The Saratoga Springs Police Department also provides local services, handled in-house, which benefit the residents of the City. These services include:

**\* One Part-time & two volunteer Crime Victim Advocates (two add'l. pending); \*Neighborhood Outreach (weekly meetings); \*Neighborhood Watch; \*Citizens Assisting Police Services (CAPS); \*Explorers (Youth); \*SWAT (Utah County Metro); \*Reserve Police Officers; \*SRT Team (Special Response Team- SSPD operated); \*RAD Kids; \*NOVA (6<sup>th</sup> grade); \*Part-time Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector; \*Vacation Patrols; \*Citizen’s Academy; \*Crisis Intervention Team (CIT); School Resource Officer; K9 Officer.**

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### CASE SAMPLING:

#### **#1- EMBIBING WITH STOLEN GOODS**

Officers responded to the Wal-Mart on the report of two juvenile boys that had stolen various snack foods and had retired to the Men's room to consume stolen beer. The beer was taken from the Top-Stop, and was carried by one of the boys' back-packs into the store. Both boys had allegedly consumed enough alcohol to exceed the Utah legal limit (.08BrAC); one boy nearly twice the limit. Both young men were transported to the Youth Detention Center.

#### **#2- FIREARM ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE**

A resident in the Stillwater subdivision had accidentally partially shot his pinky-finger, while cleaning his .45 caliber handgun inside the residence. Officers and medics from the Saratoga Springs Fire Department responded to the home, and treated him for his minor injuries.

#### **#3- SUICIDE ATTEMPT**

A concerned friend of a Harvest Hills resident had contacted the Utah Valley Dispatch Center, in regards to concerning comments being made by the resident on the other line. The young lady had been contemplating suicide, and had told her friend the same. The patient allegedly stated that she wanted to commit suicide, and that's when officers responded. The patient did not respond to the officers' knocks at the door. The SSPD officers, concerned for her welfare, and also by receiving real-time information from the friend on the other line; they forcibly entered the residence. She was treated for superficial wounds, and was transported to an area hospital for observation.

#### **#4- AMERICAN FORK WANTED DRUG USERS**

An alert SSPD officer located a vehicle that was wanted by American Fork Police, which was traveling through Saratoga Springs. The initial call received was that of a possible driver and passenger sharing marijuana. The vehicle was located and a traffic stop was conducted; the driver admitting to having a "bag of dope" and rolling papers in his possession. Both the driver and passenger were arrested on-scene.

#### **#5- LIFE SAVER**

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, an SSPD officer responded to the Wal-Mart on the report of a woman who'd collapsed inside the store's vestibule area. The woman, who was leaving the store, collapsed. She did not have a pulse or any vital signs. CPR was initiated by the officer, and several bystanders. During the life-saving measures, the woman regained consciousness. Medics arrived and continued Advanced Life Support techniques, and transported her to an area hospital. She has since recovered from the incident.

#### **#6- DRUGS, LIES, AND SHOPLIFTERS**

Wal-Mart Asset Protection officers requested that SSPD officers respond to their store on suspicion of an alleged shoplifting case. When the officers arrived, they met with four people (one of which was a juvenile). They were accused of stealing several boxes of Zantac and Pepcid AC antacids. The suspects provided false names, dates of birth, and personal information to the officers. After each was interviewed separately, it was determined that the thefts were pre-planned, and one acted as a look-out for the others. None of the arrestees reside within the City, and were all taken to the Utah County Jail or Youth Detention, respectively.

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### **#7- FISHERMEN WITH WARRANTS**

An officer, while on foot patrol, was conducting fishing license checks at the Inlet Park area. He stopped to talk with two of the fishermen. While in conversation with the two men, it was discovered that one of them had outstanding arrest warrants. He was wanted for Child Abuse, Assault, and a myriad of other charges. He was taken into custody and booked into jail.

### **#8- WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL**

Detective Hilliard, the School Resource Officer assigned to Westlake High School, handled several criminal investigations during the month of December. Among those include, at least: one (1) case of Disorderly Conduct by a student; one (1) Assault involving a student striking another with a chain; one (1) Theft, where the victim used an Ipod Nano as "bait" to catch the thief; and four (4) Illegal Drugs arrests. Three of these cases involved possession; the other was dealing.

### **#9- SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM- (Search Warrant)**

Members of the SSPD SRT (Special Response Team) conducted a search warrant service at a Lake Mountain-South subdivision residence. This was an early morning warrant service, and the Team arrested two (2) occupants of the home after discovering the male resident, a convicted felon, was in possession of a loaded firearm, stolen property, and illegal drugs. Both occupants were transported to the Utah County Jail.

### **PIO MESSAGE OF THE MONTH-**

We would like to remind Saratoga Springs residents that any mail or packages awaiting pick-up or drop-off should be monitored and watched. There have been several instances of mail theft in the recent past. Various delivery services (ie- UPS, FedEx), have been delivering medication, important documents, and other items of value, to area residents. After these companies leave the delivered goods on the door-step, the homeowner discovers the items have been stolen. Or, after notifying a company that a pick-up has been ordered, the homeowner leaves the package on the porch; it's then taken while being left unattended.

The SSPD Team would like to encourage community members to always be vigilant in watching-out for one another. You should never leave anything of value unattended on your porch or outside of your home. After arranging for a pick-up, it would be advised to have the driver personally contact you for the pick-up of your specially mailed items. If you are expecting a shipment, it would likewise make sense to be home to accept it. If you cannot, you should arrange a neighbor or alternate location to receive it.

Happy New Year! Have a great January 2010.

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