

SARATOGA SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



“GOOD TO KNOW...”

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STATISTICAL DATA:

In 2010, the Saratoga Springs Police Department has handled a total of **554** offenses. (Year-to-date)

The Department handled: **433** reported incidents in Jan. 2010. (**344**- in 2009; **355**- in 2008); a **26%** 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. **1** part-time “Uniformed” Investigators also assist the Investigations Division via the Patrol Division. Investigations have been working **150 active** cases, for **January 2009**. They have an approximate clearance and/or solvability rate of: **45%**. To date, Investigations has written **3** search and/or arrest warrants, and has provided numerous school presentations (WLHS, and elementary schools). These presentations have included: NOVA, and RAD Kids.

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 (6th 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- DRUGS, DVD'S, AND DOGS

Officers responded to the Sunrise Meadows subdivision at the request of a resident. They contacted the homeowner who requested that the police officers and a police K-9 unit check the house for drugs. Marijuana, various paraphernalia items, and a hard-core pornographic DVD were located in the teenager's bedroom. There were other drug items also located in a backyard shed. There were two teenager arrests made.

#2- CHILD OUT OF CONTROL

Officers responded to a Saratoga Springs elementary school on the report of a twelve year-old boy who had assaulted a faculty member. Officers took the boy into custody at the school, and cited him for hitting, kicking, biting, and head-butting the teacher. The boy's parents were summoned to the school, and the boy was released to them.

#3- QUARTERS LEAD TO QUESTIONS

An observant employee of the Chevron Top-Stop in Saratoga Springs, noticed a suspicious vehicle parked near the outside vacuum machine. The employee noticed what appeared to be a man attempting to gain entry into the secured coin box on the side of the vacuum. The box was eventually compromised and entered. The man, along with two female accomplices admitted to having taken several dollars worth of coins. They left the Top-Stop, and were located by alert SSPD officers at the Lehi Maverick, where they were purchasing fuel with the stolen loot. All three were arrested and taken to the Utah County Jail for Theft charges, and outstanding warrants.

#4- FAMILY FIGHT

SSPD Officers responded to a Domestic Violence detail in the Jacob's Ranch subdivision. The response came after a 911 hang-up was reported to the Dispatch center. When officers arrived, it was discovered that a couple were engaged in a heated argument. During the argument, the male suspect had allegedly struck the female victim multiple times, and threw her to the ground. There were also several children present during the altercation. The male was arrested and booked into the Utah County Jail.

#5- SEX OFFENSE

On January 10th, an SSPD officer responded to the Harvest Hills subdivision on the report of a juvenile sex offense. It was reported that a female child had allegedly been the victim of a sexual assault. The suspect was being reported as an adolescent teenaged relative.

#6- SMITH'S DRUGS

An SSPD officer conducted a routine traffic stop at the Smith's parking lot on January 11th. As a result of the traffic stop, the officer noticed suspicious and elusive behavior coming from the driver. After standardized field sobriety testing, it was determined that the driver was possibly under the influence of a controlled narcotic substance. Further investigation also determined that the driver was in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The driver also attempted to fight against the officer during the arrest. He was subsequently taken to jail, and booked on multiple charges.

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#7- HOME BURGLARY

SSPD Officers responded to the Aspen Hills subdivision on the report of a residential burglary that occurred during the day, while the homeowner was at work. When he returned home later that evening, he found the garage door open. A set of keys were taken from the Master Bedroom. The victim also reported a theft that had occurred earlier in December, in which an Apple I-pod and cordless drill were taken.

#8- BOYS STEALING BEER WHILE SKIPPING SCHOOL

Officers were requested to respond to the Chevron Top-Stop. They met with the store manager, who said there were four high school-aged boys that were acting suspiciously. After a preliminary investigation, it was discovered that the boys had stolen beer and stuffed it inside their backpacks. They concealed the items while hiding inside the restroom. They were all cited for the theft and taken back to Westlake High School, where they were met by school administration.

#9- FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE

At the request of the Saratoga Springs Fire Department, SSPD Officers responded to the IHC Insta-care facility on the report of a possible hazardous materials exposure of one of their patients. The patient, who later succumbed to his sudden illness, was reported to having possibly inhaled an unknown substance while at his place of employment in Payson. Police officers responded to assist HazMat teams in securing the IHC facility and the residence of the patient. After decontamination protocols were enacted, the affected areas were able to be re-opened.

#10- WARRANTS

While on neighborhood patrol, an SSPD Officer discovered that the resident at an SSD home was wanted on nearly \$14,000 of arrest warrants. The officer stopped-by the house, and spoke with an employee of the homeowner. The employee told the officer that the woman that was being sought was actually shopping at a nearby store. The officer drove to the store, located the resident and placed her into custody. She was taken to the Utah County Jail without incident.

As a reminder, be sure to check out the Saratoga Springs Police Department's Crime Prevention Newsletter. This new feature is being provided as a community resource in order to better inform our residents of basic tips and tools in preventing crime, upcoming events, and other community policing resources. You can find the newsletter by connecting to: <<http://www.saratoga-springs.net/departments/publicsafety/police/>> and click the 'Crime Prevention Newsletter' link, which is found along the left-hand column.

Have a safe month!

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