

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 **1669** offenses. (Year-to-date)

The Department handled: **494** reported incidents in March 2010. (**409**- in 3/09; **351**- in 3/08); an overall **30%** average annual increase in incidents over the past two years.

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 working **147 active** cases, for **March 2010**. They had an approximate clearance and/or solvability rate of: **59%**. This month, Investigators have written **6** search and/or arrest warrants, and have provided nearly **37** school presentations (WLHS, and elementary schools). These presentations have included: NOVA, and RADKids, and gang awareness education.

DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS:

The Saratoga Springs Police Department recently was awarded the contract for providing policing services to the City of Bluffdale. Members of the SSPD Team are excited to be a part of an exciting new opportunity to serve the residents of Bluffdale. Chief Hicken and the SSPD team have begun preparations to assume the police responsibilities; replacing the Unified Police Department. The change-over is expected to occur on July 1, 2010.

The SSPD is anticipating the addition of four new Patrol Officers, a part-time records clerk, and one Police Supervisor. These new additions will serve the City of Bluffdale, at their city offices. They will wear similar uniforms, badges, and equipment as the SSPD officers. They will also drive vehicles that will appear similar to the Saratoga Springs Police Department, however will be marked with “Bluffdale” on the side.

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CASE SAMPLING:

#1- DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Officers responded to an area retailer. A male customer was acting suspiciously; he was taking photos of female shoppers and images of females in magazines. The store's loss prevention team contacted us, and asked that we personally contact the man. After a brief interview, it was determined that the man was photographing women shoppers, in an effort to satiate his addiction to pornography. He said that he had a "problem with pornography", and is trying to get help through church counseling. He was ticketed for creating an alarm and being disorderly in his conduct.

#2- DRUNK DRIVER (#138- to date)

An alert SSPD officer stopped a vehicle near the Crossroads that had committed a traffic violation. When he approached the vehicle, he discovered three juvenile female occupants. After asking the driver about the violation, he noticed a smell of alcohol coming from the driver. The young lady performed Field Sobriety Testing and was placed into custody. Another minor female passenger was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

#3- PRESCRIPTION DRUG INGESTED

A student approached the School Resource Officer of an area school. The student complained about feeling sick and "weird". The student said that he'd been vomiting and was feeling dizzy. He told the officer that he'd been given a pill, which was later determined to be Morphine. After a brief investigation, it was determined that the student was provided the pill by another student. That student is prescribed the drug. Sharing a controlled substance, on school grounds, is a 2nd degree Felony. Charges are expected to be filed.

#4- ARREST WARRANT

While on routine patrol, a night-shift Saratoga Springs Police Officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, near the Harvest Hills subdivision entrance. Upon approach, the driver immediately began verbally attacking the officer in attempt to let him leave the scene. After a brief verbal confrontation, the officer asked the driver for his driver license. A computer check was performed, and it was discovered that the driver had nearly \$17,000 in outstanding arrest warrants. He was arrested on-scene, his vehicle impounded, and he was transported to jail and booked.

#5- CAR KEYED

On March 6th, SSPD officers responded to the parking lot of a local business. The officer met with an employee. She said that someone had keyed her car, while she was working inside the store. Officers conducted an investigation and interviews at that time. The parking lot was also being recorded with closed-circuit video at the time of the incident. A recently terminated employee was also interviewed regarding the damage. She denied involvement, however stated that her mother "could have" had some involvement. The investigation is on-going.

#6- DRUGS & ALCOHOL: HOT-TUBBING GONE BAD

Four juveniles had a party at a home in the City. The party involved alcohol and drugs. The kids ranged in age from 14-17. One of the female juveniles had ingested alcohol, marijuana, and an unidentified pill. After a short time, the girl passed-out. Medical crews transported the young woman to an area hospital's Intensive Care Unit in serious condition. She has since recovered. The juveniles will likely face charges of possession and consumption of alcohol and marijuana.

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For more information or public safety tips, be sure to check out the Saratoga Springs Police Department's Crime Prevention Newsletter. This 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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