

SARATOGA SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



“GOOD TO KNOW...”

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STATISTICAL DATA:

Year-to-date, the Saratoga Springs Police Department has handled a total of **8,752** offenses (4,677 total cases).

The Department handled: **877** offenses in Nov. 2009. (**364-** in 2008; **349-** in 2007); a **42%** 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 assists the Investigations Division via the Patrol Division. Investigations have been assigned **159 active** cases, for **November 2009**. They have an approximate clearance and/or solvability rate of: **32%**. In 2009, Investigations have written **4** search and/or arrest warrants, and have provided **0** school presentations (WLHS, and elementary schools). These presentations have included: a Safety Fair, Career Fair, and presentation for Red Ribbon Week.

DEPARTMENT OUTREACH:

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

***Part-time Crime Victim Advocate; *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).**

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CASE SAMPLING:

#1- PARTY CRASHERS

Officers took a Criminal Mischief report, following a party that involved alcohol, juveniles, and a party, in the Sunrise Meadows subdivision. Apparently, an invited 17 year-old male guest, decided to crash the party after becoming intoxicated. He allegedly fought with party-goers and created a mess in the basement during the scuffle.

#2- LOCK IT UP!

Officers received a report of a man who had his vehicle burglarized in the Lake Mountain South Subdivision. The victim said that his unlocked car was parked outside on the street. At some point around 3am, their dogs began barking. Later that morning, he looked inside his vehicle and noticed that his wallet had been taken from the center console, and the inside of the vehicle was rummaged through. Nothing else was taken except the wallet. He looked outside the car, and found his wallet down the street: all the contents intact. Remember- never leave personal belongings inside a vehicle, and don't forget to lock it up!

#3- WHO WANTS TO BE A NIGERIAN MILLIONAIRE?!

A concerned citizen contacted our department regarding a "strange" phone call she received. The woman said that a man with a "heavy African accent" informed her that she'd won \$1,000,000. She would first need to wire \$400 cash via Western Union to Nigeria, in order to claim her prize. Remember, there are no free lunches; nor are there free millionaires. Never play into their schemes.

#4- MISSING PERSON

Officers responded to the Saratoga Hills subdivision on the report of a 32 year-old man who suddenly went missing. He'd left home one morning, and never showed-up. He was listed on the national computer (NCIC) for those who are being sought in Missing Persons cases. He eventually returned home after a few days.

#5- FAUX SEIZURE

On Nov. 4, SSPD Officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic offense on SR73. The 46 year-old woman had a suspended driver license, and was not insured. The woman also had two outstanding arrest warrants. The driver decided to not only lie about not "bringing her license" with her; she also became combative with the officers. She started "shaking" and complaining about going into a seizure. Medical crews determined that it was all made-up. She was, however, taken to a REAL jail to recover.

#6- SHOTS FIRED!

Officers arrested an adult man who shot a 12 gauge shotgun toward two fishermen, near the Inlet Park fishing bay. Two men called the police and said that they were nearly hit with the stray pellets. After an investigation was completed, it was determined that the discharge of the shotgun was intentional. The man who fired the round was arrested on scene.

#7- FAMILY FIGHT

Officers responded to the Harvest Hills subdivision on the report of a family fight on November 7th. When they arrived, they noticed an undressed male hiding underneath a pile of clothing. It was determined that

the man had been drinking. As a result, he'd become angry with his wife and three daughters. During the fight, he broke many of the lights in the home, and locked-out his wife and children on the porch. He was arrested.

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#8- DRUGS N' DRIVIN'...

SSPD officers stopped a vehicle being occupied by two women. The stop was a result of a call by one of the woman's mothers calling to report her vehicle as missing. The officers determined that the women did not have permission to have the vehicle. In addition, both women were acting strangely at the scene. After routine field sobriety tests, it was discovered that both women were allegedly under the influence of illegal narcotics. One of the women arrested is nearly five months pregnant. Both were taken into custody and transported to the Utah County Jail.

#9- ...AND YOUR LITTLE DOG TOO??!

Officers responded to the Loch Lomond subdivision, on a report of a quarrel between a boyfriend and girlfriend. The woman called the police and said that her boyfriend had kicked her out of the house, along with her two dogs. The boyfriend said that he just wanted her "out", but she said she didn't have any place to go. The boyfriend had been drinking, and also threw out many of her personal items out on the lawn. During the investigation, it was discovered that the woman had several outstanding warrants. She was arrested on-scene and taken to jail. The beau was cited for the broken property.

#10- A WOMAN SCORNED

The SSPD Investigations Unit was able to put a close to several long-standing burglary cases. Recently, a woman and her estranged husband were involved in an argument in their Eagle Mountain home. After the argument, the wife contacted authorities about several thefts and burglaries in which her husband was allegedly suspected of committing. Burglaries span thirteen cities, three counties, and four states. There was even property that was used in the Saratoga Springs thefts that was disposed of in the Jordan River. The man, who is being investigated for these crimes has a lengthy criminal history, and is allegedly involved with gang activity with a White Supremacist organization.

PIO MESSAGE OF THE MONTH-

We would like to extend a formal invitation to any and all residents of the City, to join with us in our efforts to become involved with our Neighborhood Outreach programs. We are asking residents to open their homes to their neighbors, in an effort to resolve various issues and concerns which affect their own neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Outreach encompasses: Neighborhood Watch, Emergency Preparedness, Neighborhood Patrols, Vacation/Property Checks, Female Predator Awareness Training, and other "awareness" issues that involve your own neighborhoods.

We must be more aware of our surroundings, and our environments. The most crucial component to keeping our City safe is the participation of EVERY citizen in their own awareness campaign. That means, when something doesn't look right, feel right, sound right, or if it's suspicious- please report it! But the better idea is to contact our SSPD Neighborhood Outreach Coordinators to arrange complimentary training in your neighborhood!

From our family to yours, we wish each of you a happy holiday season, and a safe new year! Here's to 2009!