

Guilderland Police Department

Annual Report 2013

Welcome to the Guilderland Police Department. Contained in these pages is a brief outline of the activities of your police department during 2013.

You will see that the Guilderland Police Department has continued to provide our community with a vast array of activities and services enhancing our partnership with the community.



MISSION STATEMENT

- Deter Crime and Apprehend Criminals
- Maintain strong police-community relations
- Continually enhance the training and expertise of each member



ADMINISTRATION

Chief Carol J. Lawlor
Captain Curtis A. Cox
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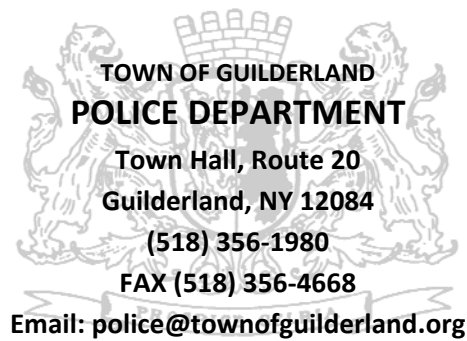
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COMMUNICATIONS (518) 356-1501 (NON-EMERGENCY)

EMERGENCY

DIAL 911



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A message from the Chief of Police

It is my privilege to present the Guilderland Police Department's 2013 Annual Report. This report provides information and statistics on a wide range of topics including crime, traffic, emergency medical services and animal control to name a few.

In spite of today's ongoing challenges present in every law enforcement agency nationwide, the Guilderland Police Department and Emergency Medical Services remain committed to serving our community through the best available resources.

You will see in this report our recent venture into social media with a new website, Facebook page and a Twitter account. We want to be bonded with our community in every way we can. Please take the time to look at the new website, visit our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter. There is always something new whether it's an animal up for adoption at our shelter, a traffic notification or an incident we feel our residents should be made aware of.

I am proud of the members of the Guilderland Police Department, Emergency Medical Services, and our support staff for their dedication and compassion towards those we serve. I also invite any resident or visitor to call or stop by my office with any concerns you may have.

Carol J. Lawlor

Chief of Police

Training

The Guilderland Police Department Training Division provides proactive, interactive, and comprehensive training to our members on a variety of topics to keep up with the every changing and challenging criminal justice field. We continue to aggressively train using current active shooter techniques and frequently have members attend training at the State Preparedness Training Center in Oriskany, New York. We have developed partnerships with the Guilderland Central School District and Crossgates Mall to conduct real life training within their facilities. This activity greatly improves our ability to provide a quick, effective, and organized response if an emergency situation should occur.



The average officer receives approximately 32 hours of mandatory training each year. This includes the review of New York State Laws, Departmental Rules and Regulations, and range qualifications. Each officer must qualify on all of our lethal and less than lethal duty weapons. These include the 45 Caliber hand gun, M-4 patrol Rifle, 12 gauge shotgun, TASER, OC spray, bean bag gun and baton. We also conduct ongoing mandatory training in the areas of Bloodborne Pathogens, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Right to Know Law, Automatic External Defibrillator Training, Handicap Parking, Emergency Vehicle Operation, and Use of Force.

The Guilderland Police Department continues to provide the latest techniques and theories to our specialized units. These specialized units include our Criminal Investigation Unit, Community Services Unit, Traffic Safety Unit, K-9 Team, Emergency Response Team, Fire Cause and Origin Team, Sex Offender Registry and Domestic Violence.



Often our members attend seminars and conferences from other agencies or affiliations pertaining to policing. In 2013 members attended the New York State Intelligence Summit and FBI Briefing, Initial Response to Active Shooters, RAD Instructor Training, M4/AR-15 Operator Familiarization Course, School Violence, Active Shooter Incident Awareness, Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment, Tactical Emergency Casualty Care, and many more.

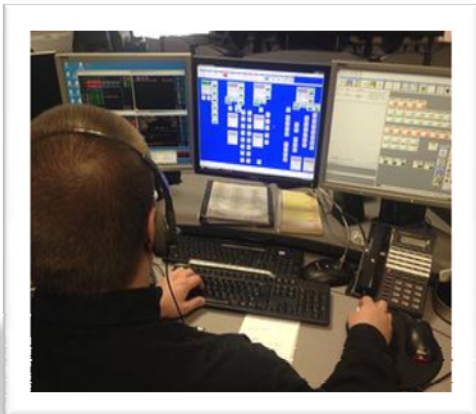
The Guilderland Police Department strives to maintain a safe community, in which our residents and visitors can enjoy an outstanding place to live, work and raise a family. We will continue to train our officers to overcome the very demanding and changing field of police work in order for our officers to deliver the highest quality of police service available.



Communications

The Guilderland Police Department Communications Division is staffed with certified **E 911** Telecommunicators. Enhanced **911** means that when you call **911**, the address you are calling from is automatically displayed on the Telecommunicator's screen. This is crucial in the event a person becomes unconscious before giving us the location or a crime in progress prevents the caller from giving the address. The Division is a 24-hour operation and is a vital link between the town's residents/businesses and emergency personnel in the field.

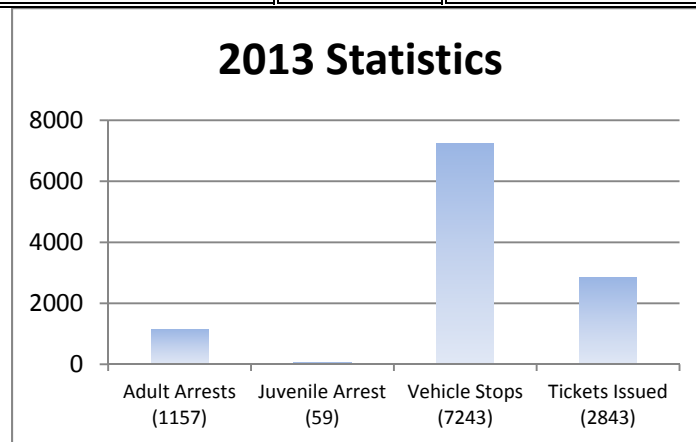
The Communications Division is equipped with three Watson consoles that are total-lift workstations where telecommunicators can raise or lower their desktop so they may be seated in a comfortable position. The consoles can also be raised to a standing position. The radio system is PC-based along with the phone, mapping and computer-aided dispatch systems.



In 2013, our Telecommunicators received over 13,000 **911** calls for service. Those **911** calls do not include non-emergency calls and transferred cellular **911** calls. 24,752 calls were taken for police, 4833 emergency medical services (EMS), and 997 fire calls were received for service. This brings the total to over 30,000 calls for service this year.

Police Calls for 2013			Police Calls for 2012	
CALL TYPE		Percent Change	CALL TYPE	
911 ACCIDENTAL CALL	473	3	911 ACCIDENTAL CALL	461
911 HANG-UP CALL	259	-15	911 HANG-UP CALL	306
911 NON-EMERGENCY /NUISANCE	34	-29	911 NON-EMERGENCY /NUISANCE	48
911 OPEN LINE	93	-20	911 OPEN LINE	116
ABANDONED VEHICLE	24	26	ABANDONED VEHICLE	19
ALARM DROP	41	46	ALARM DROP	28
ANIMAL CONTROL COMPLAINT	1114	4	ANIMAL CONTROL COMPLAINT	1070
ASSAULT	19	6	ASSAULT	18
ASSIST A PERSON	862	-1	ASSIST A PERSON	874
AUTO ACC PROP DAMAGE	1226	-7	AUTO ACC PROP DAMAGE	1317
AUTO ACCIDENT PERSONAL INJURY	76	7	AUTO ACCIDENT PERSONAL INJURY	71
AUTO ACCIDENT UNKNOWN	56	24	AUTO ACCIDENT UNKNOWN	45
			BOMB THREAT	1
BOY/GIRLFRIEND TROUBLE	8	-27	BOY/GIRLFRIEND TROUBLE	11
BURGLAR ALARM	1272	6	BURGLAR ALARM	1202
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	11	-31	BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	16
CAR BLOCKING	2	-50	CAR BLOCKING	4
CAR SEAT INSTALLATION	61	39	CAR SEAT INSTALLATION	44
CHECK A SUBJECT	1025	8	CHECK A SUBJECT	949
CHECK A TRAFFIC LIGHT	77	-1	CHECK A TRAFFIC LIGHT	78
CHECK FOR HUNTER	32	28	CHECK FOR HUNTER	25
COMMUNITY SERVICES EVENT	13	18	COMMUNITY SERVICES EVENT	11
COURT ORDER	33	-8	COURT ORDER	36
CROSSGATES MALL CLOSING DETAIL	1			
			CROSSGATES MALL CLOSING DETAIL	2
CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE	14	-39	CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE	23
DETAIL	49	-13	DETAIL	56
DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	479	3	DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	463
DMV REQUEST	2	0	DMV REQUEST	2
DOMESTIC CALL	248	10	DOMESTIC CALL	225
DRUNK ANNOYING	31	72	DRUNK ANNOYING	18
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	167	-10	EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	186
EMS (JUVENILE) CALL	11	120	EMS (JUVENILE) CALL	5
EMS CALL	544	12	EMS CALL	487
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	144	35	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	107
EXECUTING A WARRANT	59	195	EXECUTING A WARRANT	20
FIGHT	52	-7	FIGHT	56
FILE 1 CHECK	6	50	FILE 1 CHECK	4
FINGERPRINTS	185	4	FINGERPRINTS	178
FIRE CALL	218	27	FIRE CALL	172
FIREWORKS	35	-27	FIREWORK	48
FOUND PROPERTY	160	13	FOUND PROPERTY	142
GAS DRIVE OFF	16	14	GAS DRIVE OFF	14
GET A COMPLAINT	1358	-2	GET A COMPLAINT	1391
GET A REPORT	1612	12	GET A REPORT	1444
GROUP ANNOYING	4	-67	GROUP ANNOYING	12
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CALL	2	100	HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CALL	1
HOLD-UP ALARM	39	-30	HOLD-UP ALARM	56
JAIL RUN	11	0	JAIL RUN	11
JUVENILE INCIDENT	52	-4	JUVENILE INCIDENT	54
JUVENILE SHOPLIFTER	16	-66	JUVENILE SHOPLIFTER	47
K-9 ACTIVITY	78	-19	K-9 ACTIVITY	96
LANDLORD/TENANT TROUBLE	10	-44	LANDLORD/TENANT TROUBLE	18
LARCENY JUST OCCURRED	78	95	LARCENY JUST OCCURRED	40
LOCK OUT	112	1	LOCK OUT	111
LOUD MUSIC	45	-17	LOUD MUSIC	54

LOUD PARTY	34	-13	LOUD PARTY	39
MISSING PERSON	33	-39	MISSING PERSON	54
NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	40	48	NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	27
NOTIFICATION	326	57	NOTIFICATION	207
OFFICER(S) NEEDS ASSISTANCE	1			
OPEN WINDOW/DOOR	33	0	OPEN WINDOW/DOOR	33
OTHER	284	-36	OTHER	445
PERSON ACTING SUSPICIOUS	45	-54	PERSON ACTING SUSPICIOUS	97
PERSON ANNOYING	29	4	PERSON ANNOYING	28
PERSON ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	13	-13	PERSON ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	15
			PERSON DOWN	5
PERSON EXPOSING SELF	5	67	PERSON EXPOSING SELF	3
PERSON WITH A WEAPON	4	-82	PERSON WITH A WEAPON	22
PISTOL PERMIT	3	50	PISTOL PERMIT	2
POLICE COURT	67	18	POLICE COURT	57
POLICE INFORMATION	62	29	POLICE INFORMATION	48
POLICE WANTED UNKNOWN	20	-5	POLICE WANTED UNKNOWN	21
PROPERTY CHECK	1317	-44	PROPERTY CHECK	2342
PROWLER	19	-10	PROWLER	21
ROAD HAZARD	155	-14	ROAD HAZARD	181
ROBBERY	4	-56	ROBBERY	9
SCHOOL CROSSING	1			
SELLING DRUGS	1	-50	SELLING DRUGS	2
SHOPLIFTER	284	18	SHOPLIFTER	241
SHOTS FIRED	6	-45	SHOTS FIRED	11
SNOW EMERGENCY (BIRD)	5	150	SNOW EMERGENCY (BIRD)	2
SOMEONE IN BUILDING	6	50	SOMEONE IN BUILDING	4
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	281	-31	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	405
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	373	-25	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	495
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GUILD CTR	23	283	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GUILD CTR	6
TRAFFIC STOP	7243	24	TRAFFIC STOP	5819
TREE DOWN	60	62	TREE DOWN	37
TROUBLE WITH A CUSTOMER	81	42	TROUBLE WITH A CUSTOMER	57
VEHICLE ANNOYING	314	2	VEHICLE ANNOYING	308
VEHICLE IN VIOLATION	129	19	VEHICLE IN VIOLATION	108
VIOLENT DOMESTIC	1	-88	VIOLENT DOMESTIC	8
WARRANT	364	17	WARRANT	310
WATER BREAK	19	-10	WATER BREAK	21
WELFARE CHECK	151	15	WELFARE CHECK	131
WIRES DOWN/ARCING	35	0	WIRES DOWN/ARCING	35
Total	24520	2	Total	23949



Keeping Up With Technology



At the end of 2012, the Guilderland Police Department launched its own Facebook page. In addition to department news and events, the department is making notifications for traffic conditions that affect the town such as road closures due to construction, accidents or other emergencies. All department press releases are also posted.

After the successful launch of our Facebook page, we decided to expand our presence online by creating a Twitter page, going live on September 10, 2013. Twitter compliments the department's Facebook page and our Twitter account is linked directly to our Facebook page. This allows all "Tweets" to immediately appear on Facebook which enables us to reach more people at the same time.

We will also be using these social media outlets to seek help in finding missing persons or help in identifying persons or vehicles that may have been involved in crimes. The public can "follow" us on Twitter at @guilderlandpd, and "like" our page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/guilderlandpolice.

We would also like to make the public aware the Guilderland Animal Shelter is also now on Facebook. The shelter posts pictures of animals that are available for adoption in an effort to find good homes. Adoption notices are also posted when our shelter residents find their forever home. Those interested can "like" the Guilderland Shelter Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/guilderlandanimalshelter

At the end of 2013, the Guilderland Police Department's website was re-designed. The website can be accessed directly at www.guilderlandpd.org. There is also a link on the Town of Guilderland website. Our new website has a browser version and a mobile version optimized for phones. They are two different versions. We hope to continue to expand our presence online to get news and updates to our town residents on a timely basis.

If you happen to be shopping at Crossgates Mall, stop by the Customer Service desk next to the police sub-station. The Guilderland Police Department has installed a public service video screen offering safe shopping tips and notifying residents about police programs in our community.



When a person is arrested part of the booking process is to fingerprint and photograph the defendant. During 2013 The Town of Guilderland Police Department received a grant from the Division of Criminal Justice Services for a new live scan program to be used at the sub-station located at Crossgates Mall.

Biometrics4ALL is a leading biometrics technology company specializing in FBI Certified Live Scan and related products and services for Applicant Background Check, Criminal Booking, and Biometrics Identity Management.



Town of Guilderland Sex Offenders

About the New York State Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA)

The Sex Offender Registration Act ([Correction Law Article 6-C](#)), known as SORA, established a Sex Offender Registry within the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. SORA was enacted to assist local law enforcement agencies and to protect communities by: 1) requiring sex offenders to register with the State; and, 2) providing information to the public about certain sex offenders living in their communities. SORA took effect on January 21, 1996.

Sex offenders are classified as:

- Level 1 (low risk of repeat offense), or
- Level 2 (moderate risk of repeat offense), or
- Level 3 (high risk of repeat offense and a threat to public safety exists).. Level 1 offenders are required to register for a minimum of 20 years and Level 2 and 3 offenders for life.

The Guilderland Police Department utilizes OffenderWatch® to manage and monitor the whereabouts, conduct and compliance status of the registered offenders in Guilderland. OffenderWatch® is the nation's leading registered sex offender management and community notification tool with hundreds of leading agencies in dozens of states using it.



The image is a screenshot of the Guilderland Police Department's OffenderWatch website. At the top is a banner with the police department's name and a photo of Chief Carol J. Lawlor. Below the banner are navigation links: 'Search for Offenders in your area', 'Register for Email Alerts', 'Safety Tips', 'Links', and 'Contact'. A 'Welcome' message follows, explaining the purpose of OffenderWatch and how it is updated. It also mentions that offenders move frequently and that the system provides real-time information. Below this, there is a section for a 'Presentation' about the program, with 'View' and 'Download' buttons. At the bottom, there are 'Quick Tips' and a 'Tell A Friend' section with a form to share the information. The footer contains contact information for the community awareness program.

Patrol Division

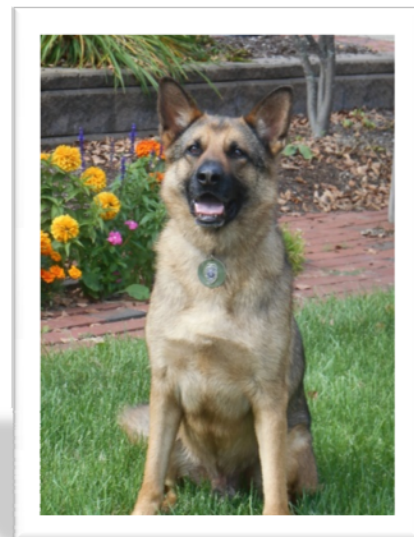
Special Assignment – Police K9

In October of 2007, the Guilderland Police Department obtained a puppy in an effort to continue its K-9 program after K-9 Niko passed away in August 2007. The two-month old Sable German shepherd was donated to the Guilderland Police Department by Dr. David Wolfe of Shaker Veterinary Hospital and Tony and Kris Vogt of Westmere. The puppy was chosen from a litter of ten puppies reared from Wolfe's male and Vogt's female shepherd. The puppy was named "Rocky" by students at the GAPS (Guilderland Animal Protection Society) program at Farnsworth Middle School. Officer Donald Jones has continued in the role of K-9 handler with the department. In January 2009, Rocky completed training and certification in criminal apprehension, handler protection, building and area search, and tracking and narcotics detection.



K-9 Rocky is issued a badge and a ballistic vest like any other police officer on the force and Rocky patrols the Town of Guilderland alongside Officer Jones in a specially outfitted patrol vehicle. K-9 Rocky is always on call and can respond to any incident within the town or surrounding towns if necessary. K-9 Rocky loves to interact with the public and he has conducted numerous demonstrations to show off what he is trained to do.

K-9 Rocky has assisted the Guilderland Police Department in the apprehension of numerous criminals including a suspect who robbed the Bank of America at 1791 Western Ave. The suspect is currently serving 4 to 6 years in state prison. K-9 Rocky tracked a suspect who attempted to break into a house and fled on foot. During the course of the track, K-9 Rocky located evidence, which had been worn by the suspect that was subsequently used to help solve the case. This resulted in a term of imprisonment of 1 to 3 years.



Traffic Safety Unit

The Guilderland Police Department is dedicated to keeping our roads safe through the strict enforcement of Vehicle and Traffic Laws as well as deterrence and public education efforts. In 2013 members of the Guilderland Police Department conducted 7,452 vehicle stops and issued 2,953 traffic citations. This is a 28% increase in citations and a 48% increase in traffic stops. This high level of enforcement effort serves the residents well because many times these vehicle stops result in arrests. In 2013 there were 132 DWI arrests, 10 DWAI arrests, 14 DWAI Drug arrests, and 200 Aggravated Unlicensed Operation arrests.

In 2013 Officer Joseph Turoski was the recipient of the Guy J. Barringer Community Service Award at the Albany County Stop DWI Awards Breakfast. This award was earned by Officer Turoski due to his unyielding dedication to increasing public safety through education and enforcement of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Laws, in particular his vigilant enforcement of DWI laws. Officer Turoski leads the Guilderland Police Department in DWI arrests with a total of 36 in 2013.



The Traffic Safety Unit is actively involved in the Albany County Stop DWI program and continues to host the Stop DWI Victim's Impact Panel six times per year. The Guilderland Police Department also participates in Buckle Up New York, Operation Safe Stop Education and Enforcement Day, and STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) which is the aggressive enforcement of such violations as aggressive driving, speeding, and driver distraction such as



cellular phone use. As an active member of the Albany County Traffic Safety Awareness Committee we also participate in the annual Awareness weekend held at Crossgates Mall which is an opportunity to further educate the public as to the importance of traffic safety.

Accident investigations and reconstructions are also conducted by members of the Guilderland Police Department Traffic Safety Unit. In 2013 there was 1 fatal motor vehicle accident and only 2 serious physical injury crashes investigated by this unit.

Community Services Unit

The Guilderland Police Department Community Services Unit consistently strives to enhance the service it provides to the town's residents, businesses, and visitors. In addition to its focus on service, the unit provides top quality programs that are cutting edge and second to none. The 2013 calendar year proved to be a banner year for the unit and there were many new, innovative, and exciting accomplishments.

Youth Services

The primary focus of Youth Services this year was to improve our school's security. Officer Nick Ingle, the Department's School Resource Officer (SRO), worked extensively with the Guilderland Central School District on this issue and, although there were many obstacles, there were many notable achievements such as:



- Locks on classroom doors which lock on both sides.
- Increased number of district wide drills (Intruder, Weather, Evacuation, etc.) and revamp response to bomb threats
- GPD security systems integrated with GCSD security systems and Security Mirrors in stairwells
- GPD having the ability to access all schools 24 hours a day
- Exterior & Interior Doors labeled to enhance emergency response
- Signage used on exterior/interior of schools to notify visitors that CCTV is in use
- K9 searches of lockers
- Nurses trained in mass casualty incident (MCI) triage
- Monitors trained in Screening of Persons through Observational Technique (SPOT), and visitor management system (work in progress)

Although the aforementioned list is not an all inclusive list, it does capture the essence of what the unit was able to achieve in such a short period of time.

Crime Prevention

The Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) was extremely busy in 2013 and the officers in the unit were presented with many challenges. One of the biggest challenges they faced was the overwhelming demand for law enforcement presence in schools due to the Sandy Hook tragedy. In response to the increased demand, the unit went to work and developed the Cops & Kids Lunch program.

The Cops & Kids Lunch program is a multi faceted program and was designed to serve a dual purpose. First, it allows for an on-duty uniformed police officer, when able to do so, to go to an elementary school or middle school and have lunch with the students. The interaction between the officer and the students is not only fun for all but vital to the community policing effort of the Guilderland Police Department. Secondly, the program increases safety and security by having a law enforcement presence.

In 2013 the Town of Guilderland experienced a rash of bank alarms/robberies. Due to the high number of bank-related incidents, the CPU deployed and began working with all the banks on reviewing and updating their policies and procedures. This effort was headed up by Officer Patti Stallmer.



Officer Matt Hanzalik broke out the shorts, tuned up the Department bicycles, and revived the Bike Patrol Unit (BPU). The goal of the BPU is to provide our residents and visitors, by making themselves more approachable and accessible to the citizens of our community. The Bike Officer's primary responsibility is to facilitate positive police / civilian relations by interfacing with the general public throughout the town on an as-needed basis. BPU members also host bicycle rodeos and promote bicycle safety by conducting bicycle and helmet inspections.

One of the biggest, but least recognized duties of the CPU, is to provide traffic control at community events. The use of traffic control officers at large events is key in providing safety, fluidity of traffic, and interaction with the community. In 2013, the "Share & Celebrate" event at Lynwood Elementary School was added to the long list of our events.



The CPU attended the 2013 Hannaford Supermarket Customer Appreciation day which was held at the Hannaford Supermarket on Western Ave. The unit was on hand to share safety and security information with the community and to support Hannaford's appreciation efforts.

R.A.D.

The CPU also conducts classes in Rape Aggression Defense (RAD). The RAD class is a comprehensive 12 hour self defense course that is only for women. In addition to offering the classes to the public, the Guilderland Central School District has incorporated the RAD class into their curriculum and they hosted several classes last year which involved the senior girls.



Explorer Post 0155



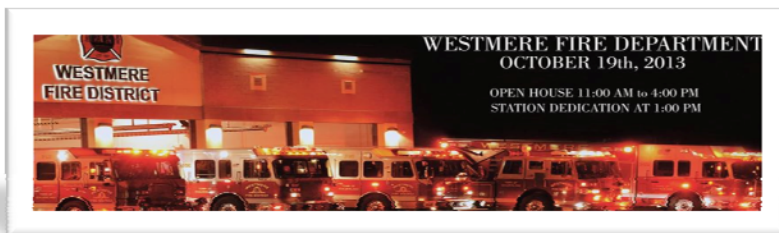
The Guilderland Police Explorers had a very exciting year in 2013. In addition to their usual meetings, drills, training, and inspections, their calls for service saw a dramatic increase.

Their year began with providing a color guard for the swearing in ceremony of the town's newly elected officials and officers. The Guilderland Police Explorers constantly train to help them increase their knowledge for future career in law enforcement if they choose to pursue it. The type of training they receive is dependent upon many variables and is ultimately approved by the Chief of Police, CSU supervisor, and the Post's lead advisor. This year the Post added several new types of training which consisted of CPR, Defensive Tactics, and Neighborhood Notifications. As if their own training weren't enough, the explorers graciously participated in the bi-annual police officers departmental training.



As with any unit in the CSD, the explorers are expected to assist with traffic control and parking at major events being held in the town. In 2013, the post worked traffic details at the Rodino Family fundraiser, opening day of Little League baseball, DWI impact panels, National Night Out

(NNO), Mud Mania held at Tawasentha Park, and the grand opening of the newly renovated Westmere Fire Dept.



Operation Safe Child

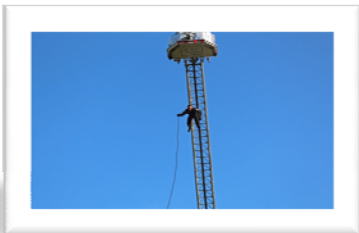


Operation Safe Child began as a Division of Criminal Justice System (DCJS) effort to maintain child pedigree information, including an up to date picture in the event the child goes missing or is abducted. In an effort to continue this initiative, the Explorer post hosts several opportunities for the community to participate in this wonderful program. The program was hosted at St. Madaline Sophie Church,

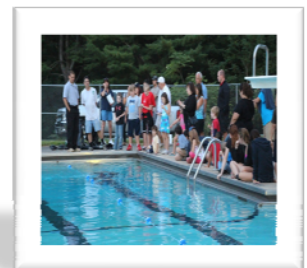
Westmere Fire Department, and the Rodino Family fundraiser. The explorers once again attended two of their biggest events of the year which were High Stress Scenario day and the Police Explorer Academy.

National Night Out

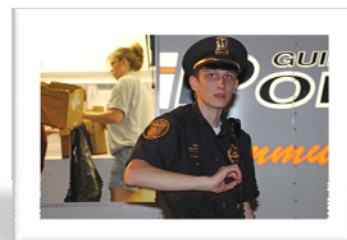
On August 6th, 2013 the CSD put on its grand event of the year, National Night Out. This single night event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts. Our event also offers fun for the whole family and the opportunity to spend a little quality time with the people in our community. The event drew an estimated 3500 people and was considered our largest event ever. The Target department store gave our Police Department an award for hosting one of the best events in the nation.



(L)The crowd looks on as member of the Dept. of Corrections SWAT team repells off an extended platform from a Guilderland Fire Dept. ladder truck. ® A crowd observes a member of the NYSP dive team operating below the surface.



Capt. Christopher Cox of the Guilderland PD Explorer Post directing his team during clean up operations.



Halloween Activities

Halloween is a very special time in the Town of Guilderland and there are many events that the CSD offers the community. The 2013 Halloween season began with an incredible haunted house that came to life at the Altamont Apple Festival. The house was manufactured, haunted, and run by the police explorers. After the Apple Festival, the decorations were moved to the town hall for the Halloween Extravaganza.



The Halloween Extravaganza was held on the last weekend of October and dazzled all who came by. There was a puppet show, food, games, give-aways and more fun than anyone could have imagined.

From the past.....

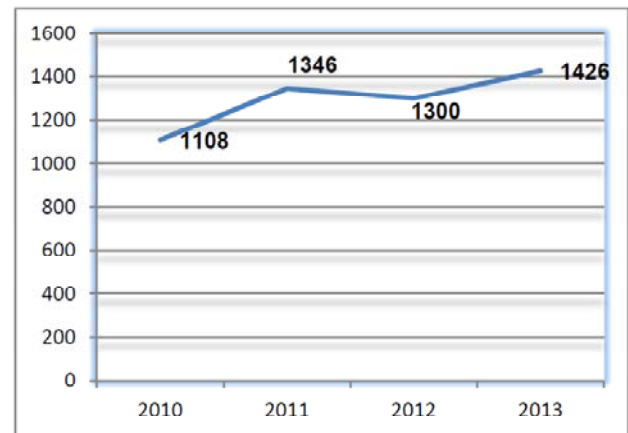


Officer Russell Carson (Ret.) in a c.1974 Juvenile Aid Bureau program presenting bicycle safety with his friend "Ben the Talking Bicycle".

Criminal Investigation Unit

The Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) handles a wide variety of cases within the Police Department. Members of the CIU carry a case load, work on assigned tasks and assist the Patrol Unit when needed. The CIU primarily handles felony cases. The CIU is staffed by two investigators supervised by a Sr. Investigator. Each investigator is forensically trained to process crime scenes. Some of the CIU's additional functions are: evidence and property room supervision, accident investigation, issuing warrants, compiling photo arrays, processing of pistol permit applications, performing employee background checks, and the investigations of professional standards, bad checks, as well as criminal and drug investigations.

In January of 2013 Officer Brian Leach was promoted from the Patrol Unit to Investigator. Investigator Leach had been previously working part time in the CIU on special assignments for 3 years. Investigator Leach was instrumental in implementation of the BEAST evidence program and continues to adjust the system to best address the property and evidence needs of the Guilderland Police Department. Investigator Leach will take over handling the property and evidence room. He will be the primary evidence technician, producing photo arrays, executing warrants, assisting the Accident Investigations Unit and taking overflow criminal investigations.



Evidence/Property collected by year

Criminals tend to cross town boundaries making it necessary for the CIU to work closely with area agencies to have a successful conclusion to cases assigned to the unit. These outside agencies include the United States Secret Service, DEA, FBI, Capital District Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, New York State Police, New York State Narcotics Enforcement, Albany County Sheriffs, Probation/Parole and other area police agencies. In addition the CIU works with the Town fire departments, ambulance services and Paramedics.

The following are examples of significant cases handled by the CIU in 2013:

In January of 2013 the CIU was called to process the scene of a bank robbery at Berkshire Bank in 20 Mall that had been committed by two white males. Both suspects passed demand notes to the tellers and implied they had a firearm but none was displayed. The suspects fled the bank on foot in an unknown direction with the proceeds.



On February 13th 2013 the same suspects entered the Trustco Bank in Star Plaza. One of the suspects approached the teller, handed her a demand note and implied he had a firearm but none was displayed. The suspects fled the bank on foot into the parking lot of the strip mall with the proceeds. Both bank robberies were similar to incidents in DeWitt and Oneida, NY. Investigators traveled to DeWitt to attend a meeting at the DeWitt Police Department with additional agencies to identify the suspects. The bank surveillance footage showed the suspects were responsible for six New York State bank robberies and one in Chicopee, MA. A task force was set up to identify and arrest the suspects. With the assistance of the FBI, NYS Police, DeWitt Police Department and Oneida County Sheriff's Dept., the suspects were identified and arrested. They were prosecuted in Federal Court in Syracuse. Both admitted guilt and are serving several years in Federal prison.

In January of 2013 a woman walked into the station with her two friends to report she was raped by an acquaintance. The two friends stated the acquaintance was following them in his car looking for the victim and they were afraid he would hurt her. Statements were secured and a phone call was made by the victim to meet the acquaintance at an apartment complex in Guilderland. Members of the Guilderland Police and CIU intercepted the suspect and he was brought to the station for interview. The suspect was arrested and transferred to the Albany County Correctional Facility. The suspect later pled guilty in Albany County Court and was sentenced to 7 years in State Prison.

In January of 2013 the CIU became involved in a case where a large amount of money was stolen from the Pine Bush Little League and travel baseball team accounts. A suspect was identified and an investigation into the suspect's background followed. The suspect was confronted by Pine Bush Little League officials and admitted taking the money. The suspect made full restitution for the stolen money and the case was closed.

In April of 2013 members of the Guilderland Police responded to Crossgates Mall for two women passing fraudulent American Express travelers checks. One woman was stopped in a store with a fraudulent travelers check in her hand while purchasing merchandise. She was brought to the Guilderland Police Substation in the mall for interview. During the interview she produced a NYS Drivers license and told different accounts of how she received the travelers' checks. The US Secret Service was called and responded to verify if traveler's checks were fraudulent. The checks were confirmed fraudulent and the suspect was brought to the main police station for arrest. During the arrest process a woman identifying herself as a friend came to the station to pick up the suspect. The friend matched the description of the second suspect passing fraudulent travelers checks and was interviewed. Through surveillance footage the friend was identified as the second suspect in this case and arrested. Through information provided during the interview it was determined the first suspect had given a false name and provided the identification of her cousin. The case was transferred to Albany County Court where both suspects pled guilty. The first suspect was sentenced to 1 year in jail and the second suspect received probation.



In April of 2013 members of the Guilderland Police and CIU responded to North Eastern Fine Jewelers for the theft of a diamond ring worth over \$30,000.00. A suspect asked to see the ring, grabbed it from the sales person and ran out of the store getting into a waiting vehicle in the parking lot. The vehicle fled the parking lot west on Western Ave and was later seen pulling into an area school parking lot where a male exited the vehicle. The male matched the description of the suspect that grabbed the ring and was picked up a short time later. He was brought to the Guilderland Police Station for interview. The suspect was arrested and later pled guilty in Albany County Court. He is currently serving 3 years in State Prison.

In May of 2013 the Guilderland Police received reports of burglaries to occupied residences in the West Lydius St. area of the Town. Similar burglary patterns were reported in the towns of Rotterdam and Niskayuna. Investigators compared case notes looking for suspect leads. A Burglary detail was set up to stop people and vehicles that were in the area of the burglaries during the overnight hours. The CIU followed up on leads but weren't able to identify the suspects or recover any of the property before the burglaries stopped in all the Towns with this burglary pattern.

In June of 2013 the CIU took a report for the theft of jewelry, money and credit cards from a resident at the Omni Senior Living Center. Through investigation a family member, who was a heroin addict, was identified as the suspect. The suspect was interviewed and admitted to the theft. The suspect was arrested, pled guilty in Albany County Court and was referred to drug court.

In July of 2013 members of the Guilderland Police received calls from local businesses in the State Route 155/20 area reporting broken windows to their buildings. The windows had been broken by rocks or metal poles. The CIU responded and processed evidence located at the scene. A latent fingerprint was developed and submitted to the Division of Criminal Justice. There was a match on file which identified a suspect. Through investigation the suspect was found to be incarcerated in a county jail in the State of North Carolina. He had an extensive arrest record in several states and North Carolina officials were going to extend his sentence for the crimes committed in New York State.



In August of 2013 the CIU assisted the Drug Enforcement Agency with a drug buy at Crossgates Mall. Members of the Guilderland Police and DEA task force intercepted the delivery of several pounds of marijuana in the parking lot of the Mall. The marijuana was intended for distribution in the New York City area. Recovered in this case were the suspect's

vehicle, 87 pounds of marijuana and about \$30,000.00 in cash. The case is pending at this time.

In August of 2013 the CIU investigated the rape of a woman by a family member attending a house party. Through investigation statements, critical evidence was secured which led to the arrest of the suspect. The suspect pled guilty in Albany County Court and was sentenced to 10 years in State Prison.

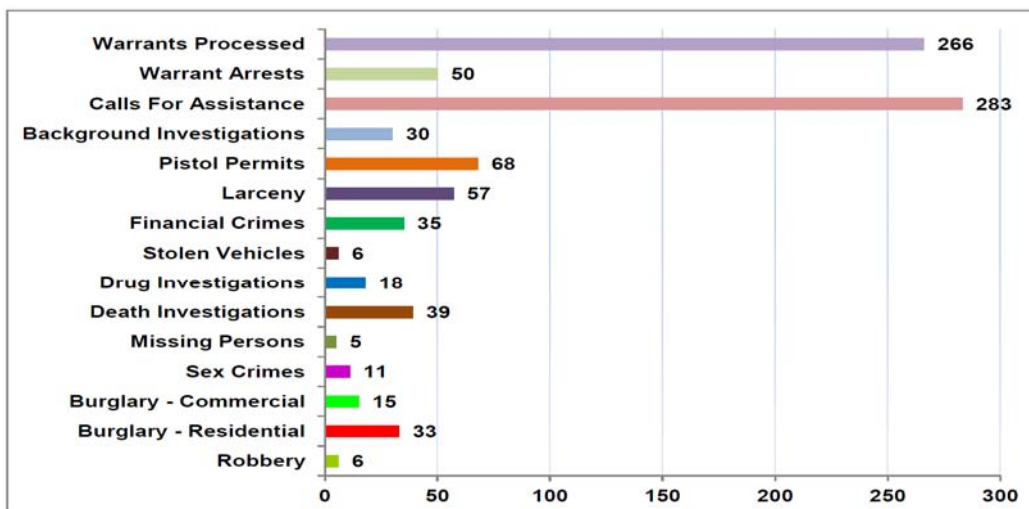
In September of 2013 the CIU investigated a case where a local contractor told NBT Bank Officials he had been scammed out of more than \$10,000.00 which caused a shortage in his bank account with them. The investigation showed the contractor was scamming the NBT bank. The contractor made restitution to the bank for their loss and the case was closed.

In September of 2013 the CIU was contacted by the New York City Midtown North Detective Squad for assistance in locating a fugitive from justice in a domestic violence case. The suspect was located working at Lids in Crossgates Mall during surveillance by members of the CIU. The fugitive was taken into custody without incident and transferred to members of the Midtown North Detective Squad to be arraigned in a New York City Court.

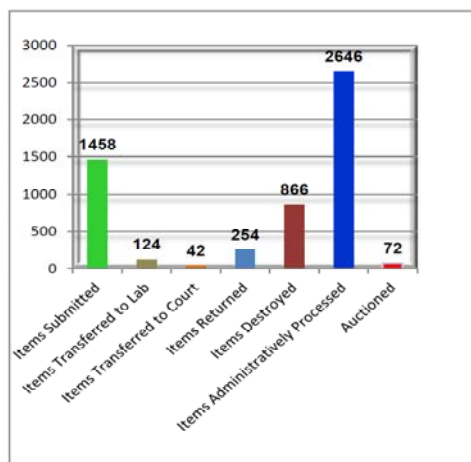
In October of 2013 an alert taxi cab driver called the Guilderland Police to report a suspicious fare. The taxi cab was at the Price Chopper 20 Mall waiting for a fare to return to the vehicle. The suspicious person was an older male and was inside the store exchanging coins from a jar. The taxi cab driver had previously taken the man to a residence near Albany Country Club where he went inside and returned to the cab with the jar of coins. The man asked to be taken to Price Chopper and wanted the taxi to wait. The man ran when he saw Police speaking to the driver but was apprehended in Price Chopper. The cab driver took Investigators to the previous location near the Albany County Club. The homeowner stated a man he recognized from church broke into his home and took a coin jar that was on his kitchen counter. The man was identified and arrested. The suspect pled guilty in Albany County Court and was sentenced to 4 years in State Prison.

In November of 2013 members of the Guilderland Police were called by the owner of a Touch of Country Florists reporting a burglary in progress. The suspect forcibly entered the store and when he saw the owner inside, the suspect fled through the door he previously entered. Patrols responded to the Hamilton Square Plaza and were able to establish a perimeter. A suspect, matching the description given to 911 operators by the store owner, was located in the back of the plaza near the new construction. The suspect was identified by the owner of the florist as the person who broke into his store. Investigators responded to process the scene for evidence. The CIU had been working with the State Police, several local police agencies and the Albany County Crime Analysis Center since the beginning of the summer on a series of commercial burglaries which had the same burglary pattern. The suspect was linked to around 30 of the area cases. The suspect was arrested and pled guilty in Albany County Court and was sentenced to 5 ½-11 years in State Prison. The CIU was able to close 8 additional commercial burglaries through this arrest.

In December of 2013 the Police were called to the Atria Senior Living Center by staff members for an attempted homicide/attempted suicide involving a couple that resided there. The couple was married and the wife was bed ridden. Her husband had been recently diagnosed with a terminal disease. It was alleged the husband hurt his wife in an attempt to end her life and then took a large amount of medication to end his life. The couple was transported to the hospital for treatment. The scene was processed, the case was reviewed with the Albany County District Attorney's Office and both were arrested under the Mental Hygiene Law.



CIU Cases handled in 2013



Items handled by the Property Room in 2013

Guilderland Emergency Medical Services

In 2013 the Town of Guilderland Paramedic Division continued to provide residents, business owners, and visitors with the finest advanced emergency care in the area. In addition to responding in the Town of Guilderland, our paramedics are the primary advanced life support responders to the Town of Knox, a portion of the SUNY Albany Campus, and the NYS Thruway. Over the course of the year, we responded to 5,181 emergency calls. Seven of the 41 cardiac related calls survived and had a return of spontaneous circulation upon arrival at the hospital. Thousands of town residents and visitors were treated for emergencies ranging from bleeding and shock to alleviating pain and suffering. Every patient requiring Emergency Medical Services in the Town of Guilderland was evaluated by a paramedic. After an initial assessment, patients requiring advanced life support were transported in a local ambulance under the care of the town paramedic. If advanced life support was not required, the patient would be turned over to one of the basic life support ambulances for transport to a local hospital. The paramedic would then go back in service to cover the town and prepare for the next response.



The Department

Staff – The Paramedic Division is comprised of twenty paramedics, inclusive of a Senior Paramedic Supervisor and five Field Supervisors. Police Lieutenant Daniel McNally provides general oversight and direction to the entire unit. Of the twenty paramedics, 16 are full time and 4 are part time. The paramedic unit is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The unit provides training and support to the local Fire, Police and community organizations. Guilderland EMS is an American Heart Association Training Center and is very active in community outreach.

Medical Control – The paramedic unit provides Advanced Life Support under the medical direction of Dr. Donald Doynow. Dr. Doynow is an emergency room physician at St. Peters Hospital in Albany and Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. In addition, he is the Medical Director for both Hudson Valley Community College and SUNY Cobleskill's Paramedic programs. Dr. Doynow is also a member of the Regional Emergency Medical Organization which provides medical oversight for a six-county area in New York State. He is a vital part of the system and his guidance has ensured the success of the unit.

Vehicles- Sport Utility Vehicles (ranging in year from 2001 to 2013) are used by paramedics and the Medical Director to respond to emergency calls.

Initial Care- The Town of Guilderland Communications Division answers all 911 calls received for the town and dispatches the Emergency Medical Calls for the Paramedic Division. The paramedic may receive a dispatch for a non-emergency call in the town to assist the Police Department in drawing bloods samples on subjects with possible substance abuse. A non-emergency call may consist of a welfare check on a senior citizen living in the community, or a request for a paramedic to standby for a fire department call. In addition, several large events held in the town are provided one or more paramedics to remain on-site and provide advanced medical care.

AHA/NYS Continuing Medical Education

In 2013, the Guilderland EMS American Heart Association Training Center provided training to the community and the emergency services staff of the Town of Guilderland. In addition, the Training Center organized and trained a total of 175 students in the various disciplines (Healthcare Provider CPR, Heart Saver CPR and Heart Saver CPR with First Aid).

In February 2013, the Town of Guilderland participated in the Albany County Heart Month Initiative to teach “Hands Only” CPR to the public. This initiative was developed by the Albany County Executive’s Office in conjunction with the Albany County Department of Health and the American Heart Association. This public access information event was held throughout the Albany County Region. The goal of the event was to provide rapid training to the public in the use of “Hands Only CPR” and calling 911. This event was implemented to improve the chances of survival when a person experiences cardiac arrest. The Guilderland Training Center organized two events in the town to provide instruction and information. The events were held at Crossgates Mall and the Guilderland YMCA. Our participation resulted in the training of 269 citizens and was considered a resounding success.

In the summer of 2013, the Training center participated in “National Night Out”, an annual event sponsored by the Guilderland Police Department. The National Night Out venue enabled the training center to continue with the “Hands Only CPR” initiative. During the event, “Hands Only CPR” was demonstrated and the importance of activating 911 was stressed. In addition, it enabled the Training Center to review signs and symptoms of stroke. This activity resulted in the training of an additional 50 people in “Hands Only CPR”. It also brought Stroke Awareness to the public.

New York State

Guilderland EMS has NYS Certified Instructor Coordinators at the paramedic level on staff, which allows the Town to be able to provide all the required national, state, and regional continuing medical education requirements for the entire unit. This training allows the Town to be able to voucher New York State \$500 per paramedic upon renewal of their certification. The Paramedics continue their education throughout the year (minimum 24 hours per paramedic) to maintain their skills and increase their medical knowledge.

Accomplishments

Western Turnpike Rescue Squad - After contracting with the Certified Ambulance Group (CAG), an EMS billing company, the Town changed its billing vendor to the Western Turnpike Rescue Squad. This change has substantially increased the recovery rate of billing revenue nearly to projected goals. The Town generates extra revenue by billing private insurance companies separately from Medicare and Medicaid. The Western Turnpike Rescue Squad and the Altamont Rescue Squad continue to bill Medicare and Medicaid for Guilderland's advanced life support service which is required by federal law.

EMS Charts - In 2013 Guilderland EMS continued to use electronic patient care reporting. This charting system complies with New York States national reporting standards and allows agencies across the nation to share key elements of their data that measures and improves patient care. The system also allows for greater data extraction and improves the Town's billing recovery.

Equipment Upgrades- In an effort to reduce work related injuries the Town upgraded its equipment carrying bags. Stat Packs (back pack) and carbon O₂ tanks were purchased which greatly reduced the weight and configuration of equipment that paramedics are required to carry. This upgrade not only decreases the weight of each bag, but also changes the way the existing equipment is carried. This places less stress on backs, shoulders, joints and greatly increases the paramedic's mobility while gaining access to the patient. The fleet was upgraded with new 2013 Dodge Durango (SUV).

2013 Community Outreach Program

In 2013, the Guilderland Community Outreach program continued to provide educational events for the residents in the community. The goal of the Community Outreach Program is to educate the public about the Emergency Services provided in the town and to teach school aged children the importance of 911. Over the course of the year, the Outreach Program has attended the Town of Guilderland National Night Out, Tawasentha Park Summer Camp and the YMCA Healthy Kids Day. The paramedics provide valuable information on health issues as well

as stroke and heart disease awareness. In addition, coloring books and games are provided to school-aged children to encourage the recognition of an emergency and 911 activation. Useful information is provided to parents and the public on the emergency services provided by the town. This has always been a valuable program in promoting the Emergency Services Unit as well as providing valuable information on public health concerns (Flu Vaccines, Stroke Awareness, Hands Only CPR, Pool Safety, Helmet use, etc.).

In addition to public events, the community outreach program attends the annual Pine Bush Little League coaches' meeting. This meeting allows for the coaches and parents to learn about the location and use of Public Access Defibrillation and the importance of contacting 911 with the proper information needed in an emergency. This event, held every year, has enhanced the Emergency Dispatch Center and Emergency Services response to an incident at Little League activities.

In the summer of 2013, the Community Outreach Program attended the Altamont Fair and provided information on CPR and 911 accesses. In addition, children were provided with educational coloring books and game scenarios on the proper response to an emergency. Parents were encouraged to participate and they were provided information on stroke and heart attack recognition.

Reflection of 2013 Goals



In 2013, the Town of Guilderland Paramedic Division continued to provide the highest level of advanced care to the residents and visitors of the Town of Guilderland. The Guilderland Paramedic Unit is rapidly becoming the benchmark in the standard of care, equipment and operational responsiveness among the agencies in the Regional Emergency Medical Organizations borders.

2014 Goals

In the coming year, Guilderland EMS will continue to strive for excellence in patient care under the guidance of Dr. Donald Doynow. We will also strive to educate, train, and equip the paramedic unit to the highest standards, which ultimately gives the patient the greatest chance to survive from an acute emergency event.

The unit will continue the American Heart Association's courses for its staff, emergency responders, and the public. We will continue to expand our instructor base and expand the courses offered.

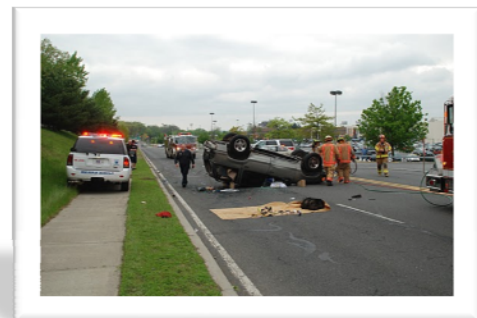
2013 Call Statistics by type of dispatch response

-Heart/Breathing Related	784
- Medical Emergency	2577
-Falls/Fractures	809
-Bleeding	37
-Maternity	10
-Overdose	26
-Psychiatric	86
-Mutual Aid	496
-Personal Injury Auto	94



Fire Service related response

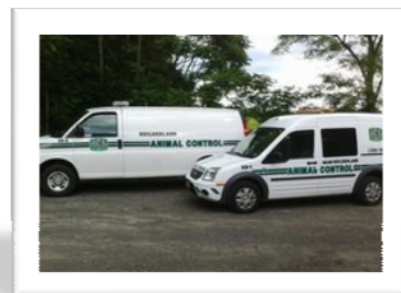
-Rescue Call	45
-Hazardous Condition	159
-Hazardous Material	19



Total 5,181

Animal Services

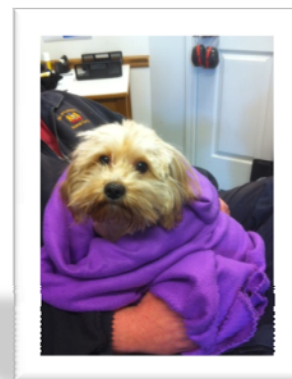
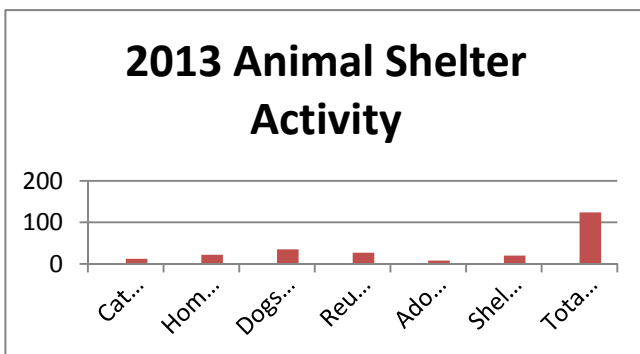
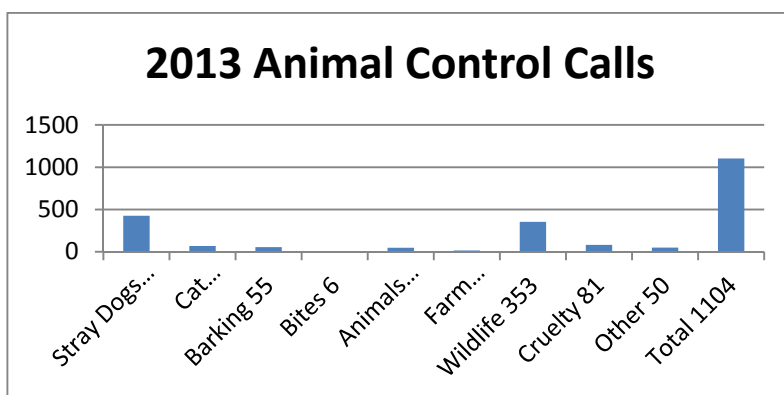
The Animal Control Division conducts its operations from the Richard Murray Animal Shelter at 6363 Frenches Mill Road in Guilderland Center. In 2013 the town hired a new full time shelter employee. This provided our town residents increased access to the shelter. Our new hours are Monday thru Friday 10am to 6 pm and Saturday and Sunday 9am to 1pm. Please feel free to visit the shelter or give us a call at 861-6855. Visit our new Facebook page and see the animals that are in need of a home.



The department is responsible for a number of duties within the Town of Guilderland, including:

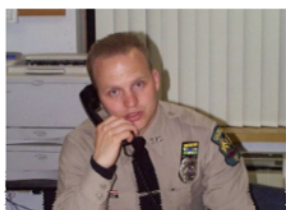


- Insuring pets are appropriately licensed and vaccinated
- Guarding the public against animals running loose within the town
- Taking care of injured animals, domestic or wild
- Working proactively to reunite lost pets with their owners
- Enforcing all relevant sections of the towns local law as well as New York State Agriculture and Markets law article 7.
- Securing well-screened loving homes for our orphaned animals
- Maintaining a modern and humane animal shelter



Milestones

RETIREMENT



Officer David Romano retired on August 20, 2013, completing a 20 year career with the police department. Officer Romano served in the patrol division, traffic safety unit and criminal investigation unit.

PROMOTION

On May 20, 2013 Officer Michael Minette was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned as the supervisor of the Traffic Safety Unit. Sergeant Minette has been employed by the Guilderland Police Department for 13 years.



NEW ASSIGNMENT



On January 1, 2013 Officer Brian Leach was assigned to the position of Investigator in the Criminal Investigation Unit. Along with his investigative responsibilities, Investigator Leach manages the evidence and property room. Investigator Leach has been a member of the department since 2001.

NEW HIRE

Officer Slavco (Stan) Lenic was sworn in on September 4, 2013 as the Guilderland Police Department's newest member. Officer Lenic was a lateral transfer from the Albany County Sheriff's Department where he had been employed as a Deputy Sheriff for six years.



