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Looking Back and to the Future of Public Safety in Broome County

by Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar

After two years proudly serving the people of Broome County alongside the men and women of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, we couldn't be more proud to provide a brief report on our progress so far and look ahead in our collective efforts to building a stronger, safer community by putting this Community F.I.R.S.T.:

Fiscal Responsibility

Budgetary effectiveness goes beyond short-term cost cutting, and into smart investments that deliver the biggest positive impact on our taxpayers and residents. Not only did we help save taxpayers \$250,000 through internal contract audits in 2023, but over the past two years, we've secured over \$1.5 Million in outside law enforcement grants to help reduce the tax burden on Broome residents, while making important investments in additional patrols and public safety technology like the new county-wide license plate reader network.

Integrated Community Policing

In 2023, our new Community Engagement Team hit the ground running at 93 different community events and presentations at schools, senior centers and more. In 2024, they nearly doubled those numbers at 179 and performed an additional 157 school and park checkups to help create safer environments and build better relationships with our youngest citizens.

Responsible Reentry

Our work to improve conditions at the Broome County Correctional Facility has grown quickly and steadily as we prioritized addressing a slew of issues that plagued the jail for years, including staffing shortages, food quality, medical treatment, grievance system and the lack of programming and education opportunities. More improvements will come in 2025, including pipelines toward employment for our incarcerated individuals.

Safety and Security

Our new Strategic Response Group has had an incredible start since activating in June 2024, securing 354 total arrests, including 83 narcotics, 23 weapons, 75 warrant and 118 Vehicle and Traffic arrests on top of our regular patrol activities. SRG also completed 929 traffic stops, issuing 827 violations. Their flexibility and versatility have made an unquestionably substantial, positive impact on public safety. Combined with our License Plate Reader Network's integration with our Regional Crime Analysis Center, our local law enforcement partnerships will be better equipped to serve and protect our community than ever before.

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Transparency

From Day One, we've sought to make the BCSO more transparent than ever, installing more cameras inside our patrol cars and in the jail, while quadrupling our public communication, from press releases and bodycam footage to information on investigations and up-to-the minute public safety updates. Going forward, we will continue expanding the ways we provide our residents with information and perspective on the phenomenal job being done every day by our BCSO Family.

In closing, I wish to thank the community for allowing me to serve as Broome County's 58th Sheriff and thank the County Executive, the Broome County Legislature's Chair and all their members for being great partners in our efforts.

It's important to occasionally look back on our progress, but we are by no means finished. We pledge to continue working every day to build on the good work we've accomplished, and we are just getting started.

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