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Sheriff Releases 1st Quarter DWI Enforcement Numbers

On Wednesday, Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar released the results of the first quarter of targeted DWI response conducted by the BCSO Road Patrol across Broome County in 2025.

Broome County Sheriff's Office began administering the STOP-DWI Program in January of this year, and partnered with the Broome County District Attorney's Office to fund an additional patrol deputy specifically to target drivers under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

From January 1, 2025 – April 1, 2025, the DWI Enforcement Deputy charged 24 individuals with DWI 1192.3 misdemeanors, conducted 275 vehicle stops, made 44 arrests and issued 287 tickets. Countywide, DWI charges between all law enforcement agencies have increased by nearly 38% year-over-year for the 1st quarter, with 145 charges administered in the first three months of 2025 compared to 111 charges during the same time period in 2024, according to the Broome County District Attorney's Office.

Sheriff Fred Akshar said, "Our BCSO Road Patrol does an outstanding job keeping our community safe, but on busy nights, our regular patrols will frequently be responding to consecutive calls throughout their shift, with little time in between for DWI patrol and enforcement. Having an extra set of eyes and wheels specifically going after dangerous drunk and impaired drivers to get them off the road means our families will be safer as they make their way throughout the community. Each of those 24 individuals arrested for DWI over the past few months could very well have ended their own life or the lives of others. Thank you to the Broome County District Attorney's Office for their partnership and support in funding this additional patrol."

"Individuals who operate motor vehicles while intoxicated and or impaired jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of motorists and pedestrians in our community. As a result, our office is committed to aggressively assist with detection, enforcement, and prosecution of these operators. By financially supporting a full-time Broome County Sheriff's Deputy to patrol countywide to maintain the safety and security of our community has proven to be successful. We will continue to collaborate with local law enforcement agencies to achieve our goal of maintain the safety and security of all roadways." said District Attorney, F. Paul Battisti

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Background on the STOP DWI:

STOP-DWI stands for “Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Impaired”. The STOP-DWI Program was created by the New York State Legislature in 1981 to empower counties to coordinate local efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug related traffic crashes.

The Program functions as a financially self-sustaining alcohol and highway safety program. STOP-DWI efforts are funded entirely from fines paid by convicted drunken drivers, no tax dollars are used.

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