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Broome Sheriff Updates Community on SRG's Targeted Public Safety Initiative

(DICKINSON, NY) Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar released the latest results of the Broome County Sheriff's Office Strategic Response Group (SRG) public safety and crime response initiative.

Since the SRG's full-time activation in mid-June, their targeted crime response has yielded a grand total of 71 arrests, which ranged from Narcotics charges to fugitives with outstanding Arrest Warrants, to Vehicle and Traffic arrests, which included driving on a suspended or revoked license, DWI, suspended registration and other charges.

"Our Strategic Response Group is off to an excellent start, utilizing the latest technology, data and community partnerships to fulfill and uphold our unwavering commitment to the safety of our residents," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "The SRG team's versatility and flexibility not only allows us to adequately reprioritize and respond to persistent issues while serving the people of Broome County, but it also reduces the calls for service for traditional zone patrol deputies, lightening the load and allowing them to handle criminal complaints, 911 calls and to reduce response time to emergencies."

The latest round of targeted crime response is in preparation for the creation of a full-time Strategic Response Group, aimed at targeting quality of life issues and crime trends in communities across Broome County.

Full results of the Strategic Response Group's Targeted Public Safety and Crime Response Initiative:

- 16 Narcotics Arrests
- 23 Warrant Arrests
- 27 Vehicle and Traffic Arrests
- 227 Traffic Violations Issued (318 Traffic Stops Conducted)

"Regardless of where you are in Broome County, you deserve to feel safe," said Sheriff Akshar.

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Background on the SRG:

Activated in June 2024, the Broome County Sheriff's Office Strategic Response Group is comprised of a versatile team of deputies charged with targeting quality-of-life concerns and safety needs of communities across Broome County. The team primarily focuses on concerns that may not be adequately addressed or not addressed in a timely manner due to high volume of calls for service for normal patrol deputies.

Utilizing statistical and crime-mapping data from the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center in Binghamton, the SRG is able to identify and respond to reoccurring issues and activity, or "hot spots" in communities throughout Broome County.

These quality-of-life issues include, but are not limited to:

- Areas with a high numbers of speeding vehicles or repeat traffic complaints;
- Frequent or repeated narcotic activities (vehicle and foot traffic in particular areas);
- Persistent or complex calls for service that require greater intervention and solutions;
- Susceptible facility or building checks to prevent property crimes;
- Intervention techniques with persistent criminal offenders;
- Collaboration with community partners to intervene with individuals with substance use disorders;
- Engagement with homeless persons and connecting with services; and
- Targeted enforcement of high crime areas, especially those experiencing gun and gang-related violence.

In addition to statistical crime data, SRG utilizes input from community members, collaboration with community partners, and tips from the community to deploy resources efficiently and effectively to address these issues through a variety of techniques, intervention, and enforcement. Through flexible scheduling, the SRG operates at different times of day depending on community needs.

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