



Annual Report 2024

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Geneseo Police Department - 2024

It is my pleasure to present the 2024 annual report for the Geneseo Police Department. It is difficult to measure and quantify everything performed by a police department, however, this annual report contains statistics and information about the activity of the police department to keep the public informed about public safety in the Village. The Village of Geneseo continues to be a safe place to live, raise a family or retire.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the officers of this police department for their extraordinary work, effort, and commitment to serving the citizens of our community. We will continue to strive to meet the present and future needs of the community. Excellent service continues to remain our focus.

Thank you for all your support, especially our Geneseo Village Board, as we continue to provide the best possible law enforcement services. I am proud to be your Police Chief, and I look forward to continuing to serve our community.

Sincerely,



Eric Osganian, Chief of Police

Mission Statement

The mission of the Geneseo Police Department is to maximize the quality of life of the citizens of the Village we serve; to uphold the law fairly and firmly; to prevent crime; to pursue and bring justice to those who violate the law; to keep the peace in the Village; to protect and help all people in the Village of Geneseo; to do all of this with integrity, common sense, and sound judgment.

We will strive to provide the best service we can in meeting the needs of this growing Village.

Department Staff

The full-time staffing of the police department was comprised of a police chief, two sergeants, five patrol officers, and a school resource officer. The department also utilized two part-time sworn police officers, and a part-time investigator. The police department operates without any clerical staff. It should be noted our full-time patrol staffing levels are equal to where they were in 1996.

The Village of Geneseo does not have a dog warden. Dog control enforcement responsibilities are handled by the police department with assistance from Livingston County Dog Control.

According to the U.S. Census website the Village of Geneseo is estimated to have approximately 7,731 people in residence as of July 1, 2023. This is an increase from the 2020 Census population report of 7,574. Over the years the Village has added numerous new high-density apartment buildings. The Village of Geneseo has the largest population of any incorporated Village within Livingston County.

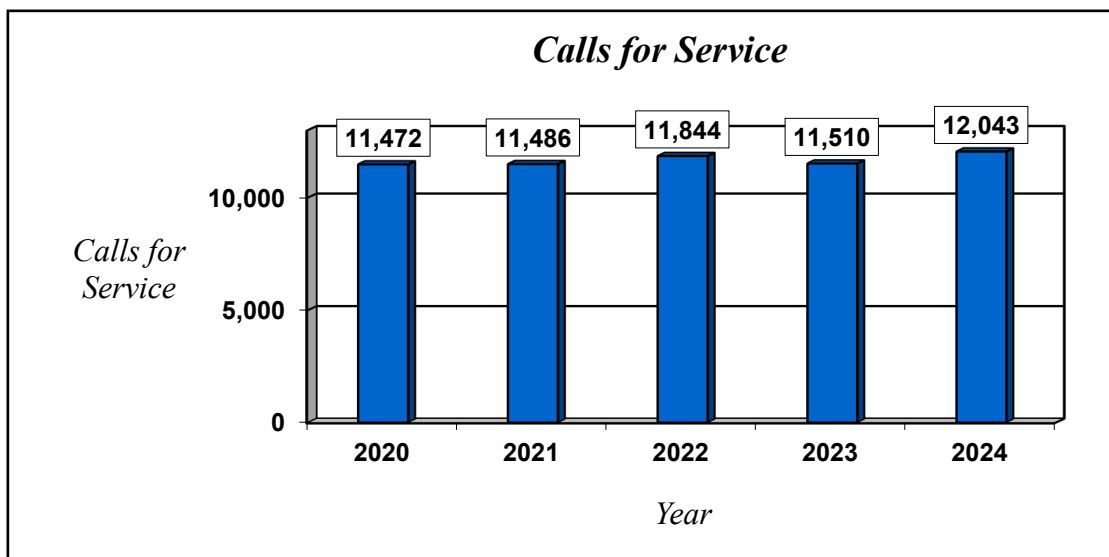
Calls for Service

“Call for Service” is what the police department refers to as a service call or complaint. Very broad, this work encompasses criminal complaints; disorderly person(s); lost property of all kinds; assisting a stranded motorist; medical complaints; traffic complaints; loud noise complaints; property checks and any other instance where citizens desire the services of the police department.

One of the more frequent calls is the medical (EMS) call. This complaint can consist of anything from an individual not feeling well to an individual having a heart attack or experiencing a drug overdose. These complaints have increased over the years. Geneseo Police Officers responded to these types of complaints 713 times during 2024. Officers performed lifesaving CPR 8 times during the year, in which 7 of the individuals were brought back to life and were transported to a hospital. Officers also gave lifesaving Narcan to two individuals that had overdosed.

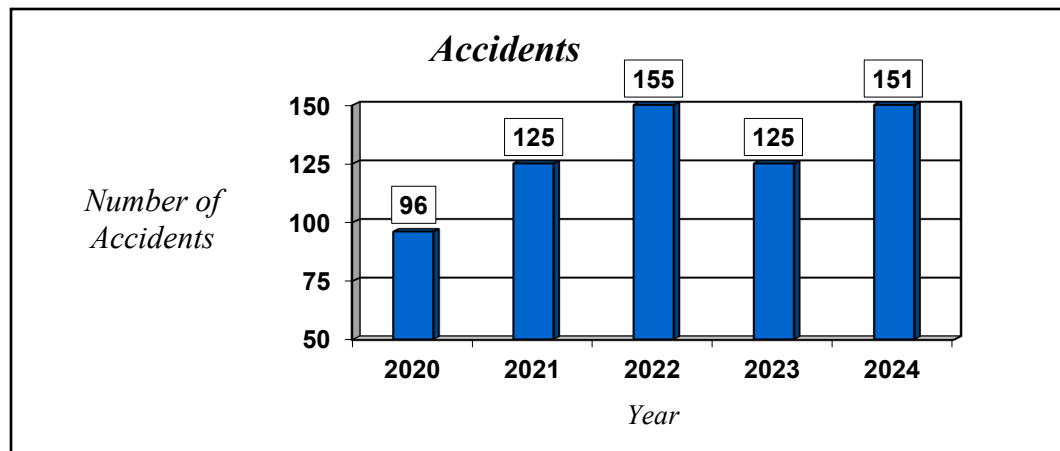
Seemingly a routine call, the call for service is often the most important call to the police. It provides contact between the public and the Geneseo Police Department. This contact continues to number in the thousands every year.

As you can see from the graph below, the Geneseo Police Department’s “Calls for Service” clearly show that Geneseo Police officers are busy every day.

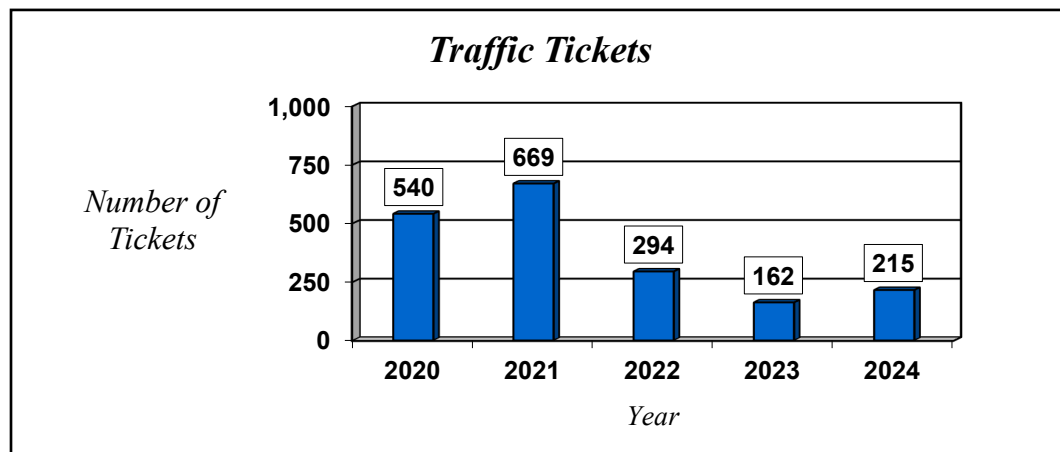


Traffic- Crashes & Citations

The Village of Geneseo has several state routes that cross its borders (Route 20A, Route 39, Route 63, and Route 942D), which contributes to the amount of traffic we have. The chart below shows the number of motor vehicle crashes for the past five years. The Covid-19 pandemic started in 2020.



Below outlines the number of traffic tickets written over the past five years:

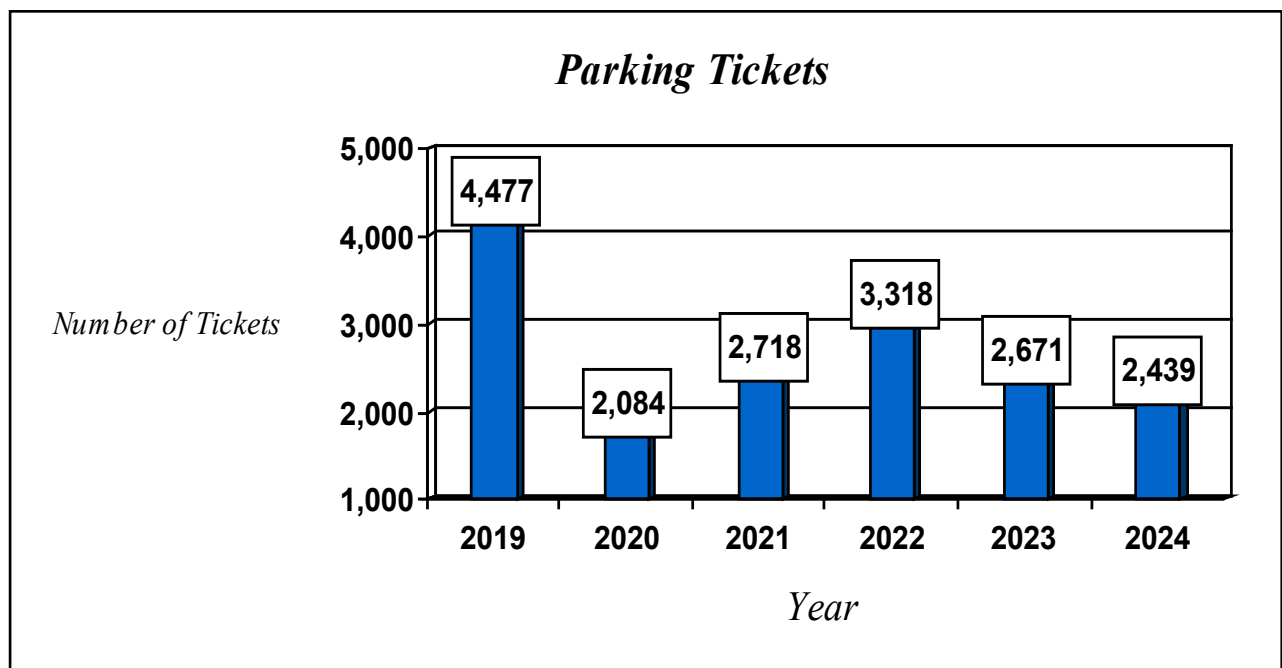


Officers performed 839 traffic stops for vehicle and traffic violations in 2024. This is an increase from the 395 traffic stops conducted in 2023. During these traffic stops, officers arrested 6 motorists for driving while intoxicated by either drugs or alcohol. Officers also stopped 5 motorists for passing a Geneseo School Bus, while the bus was stopped with its emergency lights on, either picking up or discharging students.

Parking Enforcement

A total of 2,439 parking tickets were issued in the Village in 2024. The part-time parking attendant handles the responsibility for parking tickets in the metered areas of the business district, as well as permit-only parking in the Municipal Lot and on University Drive.

During 2024, this position issued 1,978 parking tickets and police personnel issued 461 tickets during their patrols. The graph below shows the past six years of parking tickets that were issued in the Village. For 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic, the part-time parking attendant was not working for approximately half the year.



Fines from parking tickets help pay for the replacement and maintenance of the meters on Main Street and Center Street; the computerized parking software; costs to the company to manage the program; the portable parking ticket devices; the salary costs of the parking attendant; as well as the part of the salary costs for a clerk to administrate the parking program.

Criminal Investigations

The chart below represents some of the crimes and incidents that were investigated over the past five years. Some of these crimes fall under the provisions of the New York State Executive Law. The Division of Criminal Services (DCJS) is the agency which is authorized to collect crime reporting data in New York State. All Village, Town, City, County and State law enforcement agencies are required to send crime statistics to DCJS.

Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Murder/Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	5	6	8	5	6
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	5	8	10	4	4
Burglary & Trespass	19	21	20	17	16
Larceny, Thefts	68	75	80	149	108
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	2	3	1	1
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Dangerous Weapons	1	1	2	2	2
Fraud, Forgery, Counterfeiting	8	80	17	19	17
Criminal Mischief, Damage Property	45	35	34	26	21
Disorderly Conduct	8	12	16	37	20
Drug Violations	17	7	3	5	3
Alcohol Violations	12	6	11	8	11
DWI Offenses	13	26	14	6	6
Family Offenses	80	68	87	81	103
Unattended Deaths	5	4	3	4	6
All Other Offenses (Harassment, etc.)	194	114	96	146	167
Total Cases Investigated	400	465	404	509	491

School Resource Officer

The Village of Geneseo, in partnership with the Geneseo Central School District, has been dedicated to fostering a safe and positive school environment through the presence of a School Resource Officer (SRO). This formal partnership began in 2016 and has continued annually, aiming to serve the school community.

The mission of the school resource officer program is to:

- **Creating a safe, secure, and uninterrupted learning environment** for students and staff at Geneseo Central School.
- **Reducing school-related crime** and addressing issues that may arise within the student body, thereby enhancing the safety and well-being of the entire school community.
- **Promoting respect** for individuals, property, and authority, both within and outside the school setting.
- **Bridging the gap** between students and law enforcement, fostering trust and understanding.
- **Educating students on crime prevention** and personal safety, empowering them with the knowledge to avoid becoming victims.

Meet Our School Resource Officer: Officer Joseph Hopper

Officer Joseph Hopper serves as our dedicated School Resource Officer. With a strong commitment to the school community, Officer Hopper participates in a variety of roles and responsibilities, from collaborating with school administrators on safety protocols to engaging with students and staff daily. His work plays a crucial role in strengthening the relationship between law enforcement and the students, faculty, and parents at Geneseo Central School.



Key Responsibilities of Officer Hopper:

- Assisting with the development and implementation of district safety plans.
- Providing support to teachers, school staff, and students in addressing issues related to safety and well-being.
- Educating students on topics such as self-awareness, crime prevention, and personal safety.
- Offering mentorship and serving as a positive role model for students.

Halloween Safety Initiative

Before Halloween, Officer Hopper distributed reflective Halloween bags and glow sticks to all elementary students. This initiative was designed to increase visibility and enhance safety during nighttime trick-or-treating. By promoting these simple but effective safety measures, Officer Hopper helped ensure that students could enjoy their Halloween experience while staying visible and safe.



Building Stronger Connections

Officer Hopper's regular presence within the school fosters positive interactions between students and law enforcement, breaking down barriers and building trust. These connections are crucial in ensuring that students view law enforcement officers as approachable figures who are there to help and protect.



Operation Safe Stop

On April 27, the Geneseo Police Department participated in the Operation Safe Stop initiative, a statewide event aimed at raising awareness of school bus safety. The event encourages both education and enforcement of laws related to stopping for school buses. Geneseo Police Officers are actively involved in monitoring bus routes during morning and afternoon runs to enforce laws against passing stopped school buses.



Shop With a Cop

The Geneseo Police Department launched this program in 2014 with the support of a grant from the Geneseo Walmart store. The event helps build connections between law enforcement and our community. The event occurs annually in December. Officer Hopper attends the event where he is able to take students shopping for Christmas.



Grants/Funding

The Geneseo Police Department was able to apply for several Federal, State and Local grants, totaling **\$87,563** in 2024. Some of this funding will carry over into 2025.

A breakdown of the funding is as follows:

- Police Traffic Services (PTS) grant for \$12,540. This grant pays for overtime costs for traffic enforcement. The goal of this grant is to reduce the number of motor vehicle crashes during the year. This grant targets aggressive driving violations, cell phone violations, and seat belt violations.
- STOP-DWI funding in the amount of \$1,795 to pay for equipment (new alcohol sensor units), for DWI enforcement.
- A grant in the amount of \$1,850 from the US Department of Justice to purchase new bullet-proof vests for the officers.
- Specialized STOP-DWI holiday crackdown funding from Livingston County in the amount of \$3,182. This funding was used to reimburse wages associated with DWI enforcement around the holidays.
- Law Enforcement Technology grant from New York State in the amount of \$54,420 to support updated technology improvements.
- Funding from the Livingston County District Attorney's Office for computer equipment to support NYS Discovery guidelines in the amount of \$8,776.
- A Wal-Mart community grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the "Shop with a Cop" program. This program benefits children in Livingston County. The event was held on December 7.

The police department has been able to obtain a total of approximately **\$1,060,070** in funding since January of 2004.

Training

The Geneseo Police Department continued to keep its police force trained and knowledgeable, by exceeding the amount of training required by accreditation standards. Increased training has assisted the department in accommodating the growing needs and requirements of the Village community. Below is a breakdown of some of the training courses officers attended in 2024:

- ✓ Article 35- Use of Force
- ✓ Police Anti-Bias training
- ✓ Bloodborne Pathogens training for law enforcement
- ✓ Buckle Up New York training
- ✓ Community Policing for Law Enforcement
- ✓ De-Escalation for Law Enforcement
- ✓ Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) training
- ✓ Workplace Violence
- ✓ NYS Harassment training
- ✓ Pedestrian Safety training
- ✓ Situational Awareness & Ambush training
- ✓ Stress Management for law enforcement
- ✓ Use of Force- Community Policing & Perceptions
- ✓ Use of Force- Division of Criminal Justice Services
- ✓ Taser refresher training
- ✓ Field Training Officer (FTO)
- ✓ Criminal Debriefing training
- ✓ Harassment Prevention for Law Enforcement Supervisors
- ✓ Documenting Discipline training
- ✓ Equal Employment Opportunity training
- ✓ Workplace Investigations

- ✓ Stop Stick training
- ✓ ID Procedures training
- ✓ Annual Range Qualification
- ✓ Disaster Preparedness training
- ✓ Enhancing School Safety
- ✓ Adult Protective Services Investigations
- ✓ Child Abuse Investigations
- ✓ Buckle Up Roll Call training
- ✓ Responding to & Investigating Bomb Threats and Swatting
- ✓ Use of Force Training
- ✓ School Resource Officer training
- ✓ Distracted Driver training
- ✓ Reasonable Suspicion for Alcohol & Drugs
- ✓ Best Practices in Suicide-Death Investigations

Shop with a Cop

We held our annual Shop with a Cop event on December 7, at the Walmart supercenter. This was our 10th year leading this program with Walmart, which started in 2014. Since then, we have expanded the program to reach all the public schools in Livingston County and their school resource officers/deputies.

We were successful in applying for a \$5,000 community grant from Walmart. These funds are used to purchase gift cards for the children to shop for Christmas presents. Children are chosen by area school districts that may have had a traumatic event, are in need, or their families may have a hard time buying Christmas presents. The children shop with a law enforcement officer in the store. This year's program helped more than 110 children.

Below is a group picture of some of the law enforcement officers and Walmart personnel that helped with the event.

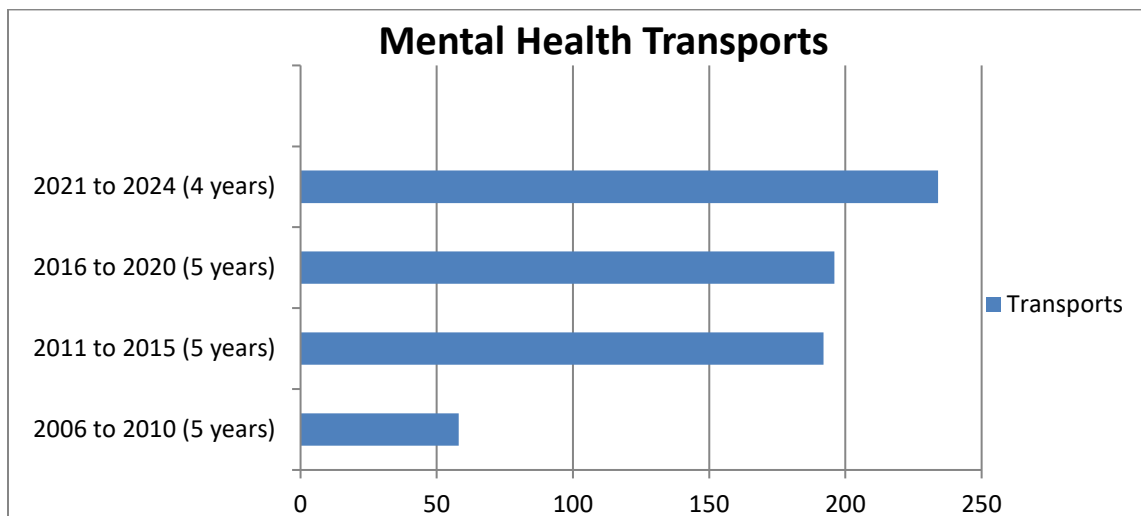


Year in Review

Our overall calls for service increased compared to last year. Like in past years, most of our activity involved complaints at the numerous apartment complexes, rental properties, and the Walmart supercenter. We saw a slight decrease in our total number of investigations for 2024. This is mostly due to adjustments made with the Walmart supercenter, where most of our theft calls occur. We also saw an increase in family issues/domestic calls, which were mostly concentrated at our apartment complexes. Our arrests decreased from last year, from 204 in 2023 to 160 in 2024. This is mostly reflective of the decrease in theft calls at the Walmart store.

Our motor vehicle crashes increased this year compared to last year. Our traffic ticket enforcement also increased as officers spent more time addressing complaints of speeding on numerous Village streets.

A continued increase in our activity is our response to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. The chart below contains the number of mental health transports, grouped in 5-year increments. These calls continue to increase. In 2024, we transported 52 individuals to a mental health facility.



2021 to 2024 (4 years)	234 transports for mental health issues
2016 to 2020 (5 years)	196 transports for mental health issues
2011 to 2015 (5 years)	192 transports for mental health issues
2006 to 2010 (5 years)	58 transports for mental health issues

Accomplishments in 2024

Using the goals set at the end of last year we were able to accomplish several initiatives in 2024.

- ✓ We were able to replace a video camera in a patrol car. Car 535's dash camera was replaced with an updated unit. We still have another camera that is slated to be replaced due to its age.
- ✓ We were able to replace two laptops in our patrol cars, due to their age.
- ✓ With the assistance of a New York State grant we were able to purchase new body cameras to replace the current cameras. The cameras currently in use are no longer being manufactured and repairs to them are being phased out.
- ✓ With the assistance of a New York State grant we were able to install security cameras at several Village locations. The locations picked were based on protection of Village assets, water and sewer plants, as well as the Fire Department and Village Park. Other locations centered on traffic safety issues.
- ✓ We were able to remodel the police office with new paint, flooring, and furniture. The office has not been updated for over 30 years.
- ✓ The Village purchased (3) speed signs to be placed on Village streets to assist in lowering vehicle speeds. The devices can also be used to record data on speeds and counts of vehicles. These devices will assist us in traffic safety.
- ✓ We were able to renew the school resource officer agreement with the Geneseo Central School for the 2024-2025 school year.
- ✓ We met our in-service training requirements for our accreditation standards and our police reform mandates.

Goals & Objectives for 2025

Below are the goals and objectives for 2024. Some are initiatives that were not accomplished this past year.

- Replace two patrol cars. The current patrol fleet is aging. We have two patrol cars that are 9 years old.
- Replace another video camera in a patrol car. The dash camera is over 10 years old.
- Our motor vehicle crashes increased in 2024. We hope to limit the number of motor vehicle crashes to under 140 crashes in 2025.
- Scanning old arrest folders into an electronic format. These records are all paper based. Placing them on an electronic format will be more efficient and would secure the records indefinitely.
- Renew the school resource officer agreement with the Geneseo Central School (GCS) for 2025-2026, to continue our relationship with the Geneseo Central School.
- Exceed the training requirements required by the Accreditation Council and the requirements from the police reform resolution.
- We hope the payroll program for the Village staff is updated in 2025, which will give us an on-line scheduling app to use.