



Vestal Police

2014

The Town of Vestal is located in Broome County, New York. It is bordered on the east by the City and Town of Binghamton, on the south by the State of Pennsylvania, to the west by Tioga County and on the north, the Susquehanna River. The major east-west commercial and commuter routes are State Route 17, State Route 434, and Vestal Road. The major north-south commuter routes are State Route 26 and State Route 201. The Vestal Police Department consists of 32 sworn officers, one dispatcher, two full time police clerks, and one part time police clerk. The Patrol Division is responsible for the handling of complaints, crime prevention, citizen safety, as well as all vehicular traffic within the town's fifty-three square miles. The department's detective division primarily conducts case investigations, assists patrols when needed, handles intelligence gathering, and evidence collection and processing.

In addition to the thoroughfares listed above, the town is primarily a suburban community with shopping areas including large shopping malls and smaller strip malls, restaurants, motels, and other major businesses. These businesses are located mainly along the Vestal Parkway East corridor. Within the Town of Vestal lies Binghamton University which has a population of approximately 17,000 students and 3,000 faculty and staff.

The town encompasses rural areas to heavily traveled commercial areas. Accordingly there is a strong demand for a variety of public safety services. Our priorities include efforts to increase traffic safety, active participation in community functions and activities, and assisting families and children at risk. Our department has developed a close liaison with our schools, both public and private, to ensure the safety of our youth. Included in the 32 sworn members is a School Resource Officer who works daily with the Vestal School district.

We make every effort to provide our employees with the best training because we recognize that quality training, that is both current and applicable to the functions of the department, will further our objective of making Vestal a safe place to live and visit. Officers of the Vestal Police Department use the enforcement of laws in a fair and consistent manner.

YEAR END REPORT 2014

➤ Department Workload

The department recorded 15,084 incident occurrences in 2014. 10,559 of these were numbered complaints deemed police incidents with an additional 4,525 “Quick Calls” recorded through the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. These “Quick Calls”, many of which are vehicle stops and officer initiated reports of suspicious behavior, represent patrol activity which does not require the filing of a written police report.

The department responded to 174 incidents in which a New York State Domestic Incident Report was completed. There were 25 adults and 2 juveniles arrested at these incidents. An additional 45 incidents were coded as domestics yet for various reasons no domestic report was filed. An additional 5 adults were arrested at these incidents.

➤ Detective Division Activity

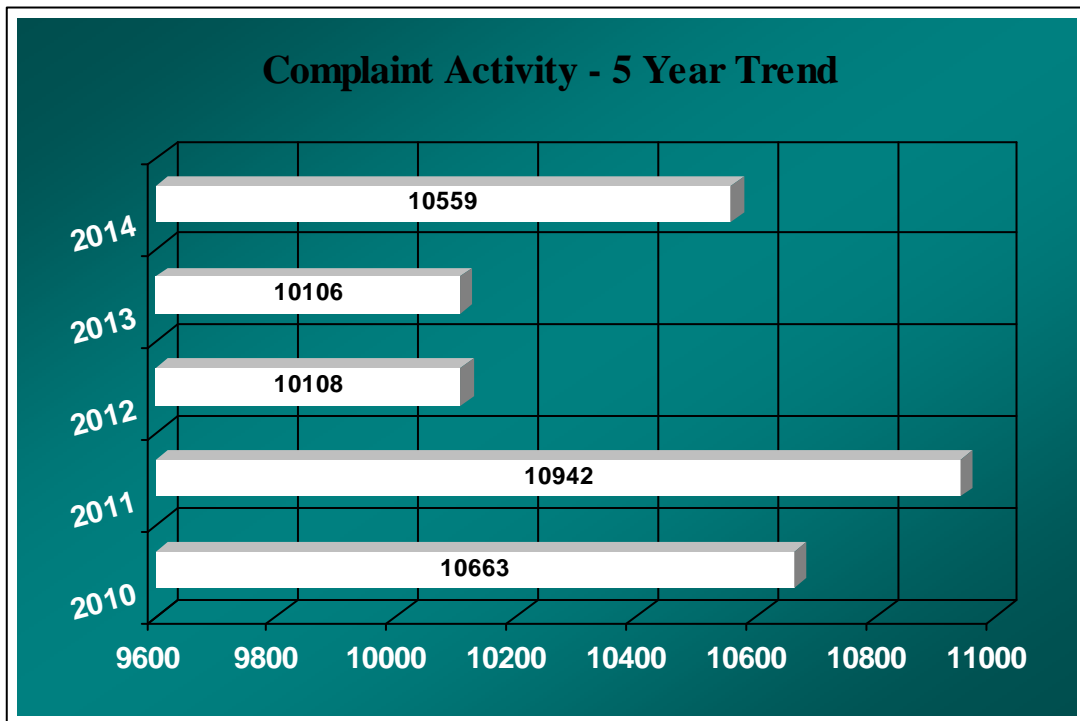
In addition to their investigative case load, the Detective Division is responsible for various other tasks. They are responsible for warrant control and maintenance. One hundred forty-five (145) new warrants were issued in 2014. One hundred sixty-seven (167) warrants were executed in 2014. This number includes all warrants executed, including those that were still open from years prior. Warrant maintenance consists of ensuring that all active warrants have been entered into the E-Justice Portal Information Network and that all leads are pursued in searching for persons with warrants for their arrest.

The Detective Division is also assigned to process individuals arrested by this department at the time that they appear in the Town of Vestal Court for arraignment if they were not processed at the time of their arrest. This processing includes the fingerprinting, photographing, and completion of any unfinished paperwork regarding the arrest.

The Detective Division also processes crime scenes by collecting evidence and taking photographs. In addition to the evidence collected at a crime scene, officers from the Patrol Division may also collect evidence or property which needs to be maintained or stored at the police department. As of December 31, 2014 the department held 2,680 individual pieces of property and evidence (up from 2,190 in 2013) which was secured for various reasons. In 2014 there were 1226 pieces of property and evidence submitted for various reasons. Seven hundred and sixty-three (763) of the items in storage were disposed of, destroyed, returned to its owner, or sent to the crime lab for processing and analysis. The Detective Division also performs a yearly audit of the evidence room.

➤ Training

The total number of training hours for the members of the Vestal Police Department in 2014 was 2,051 hours. Included in these hours were in-service training, recertification training, firearms training, tactical team training, K-9 training, and several other specialized trainings.



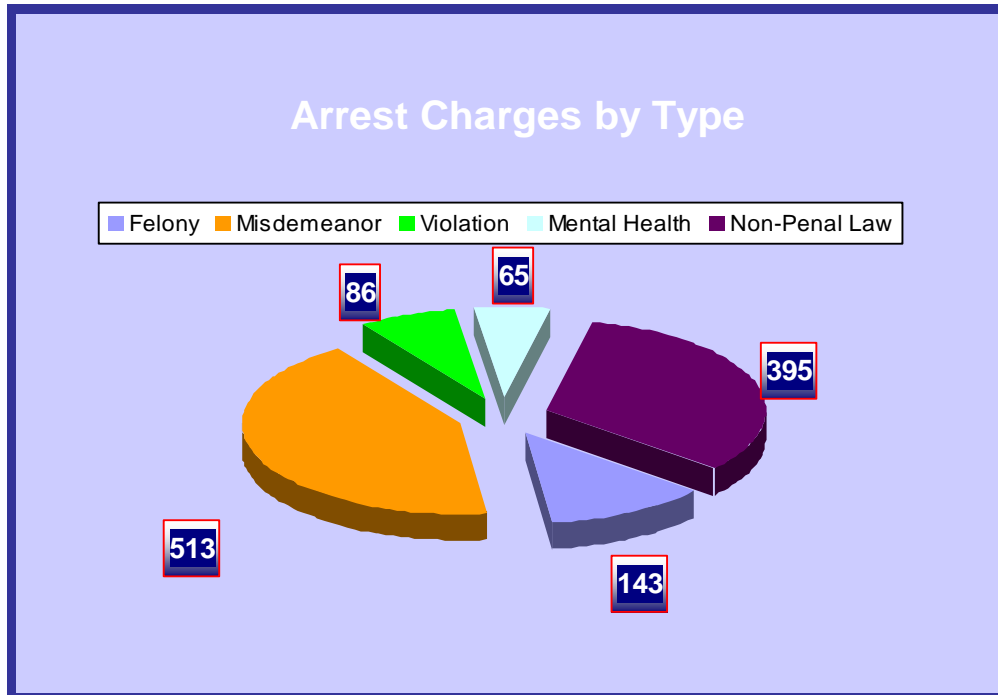
INCIDENT BASED REPORTING OFFENSES

OFFENSE	NUMBER REPORTED 2014	NUMBER REPORTED 2013	NUMBER REPORTED 2012
Murder	0	0	2
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape (forcible)	1	2	1
Robbery	1	7	1
Aggravated Assault	5	8	7
Simple Assault	94	82	111
Burglary	38	39	63
All Larceny	552	552	584
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	9	8
Criminal Impersonation	61	45	66
TOTAL	771	744	843

SOURCE: NYS DCJS INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

➤ **Adult Arrests (Non-Traffic)**

Members of the department made 845 arrests with 1137 charges for adult offenses. A breakdown of 2014 adult arrest charges is as follows: 143 Felony charges, 513 Misdemeanors, 86 Violations, and 395 Non-Penal Law Offenses including 65 Mental Hygiene Law Arrests.

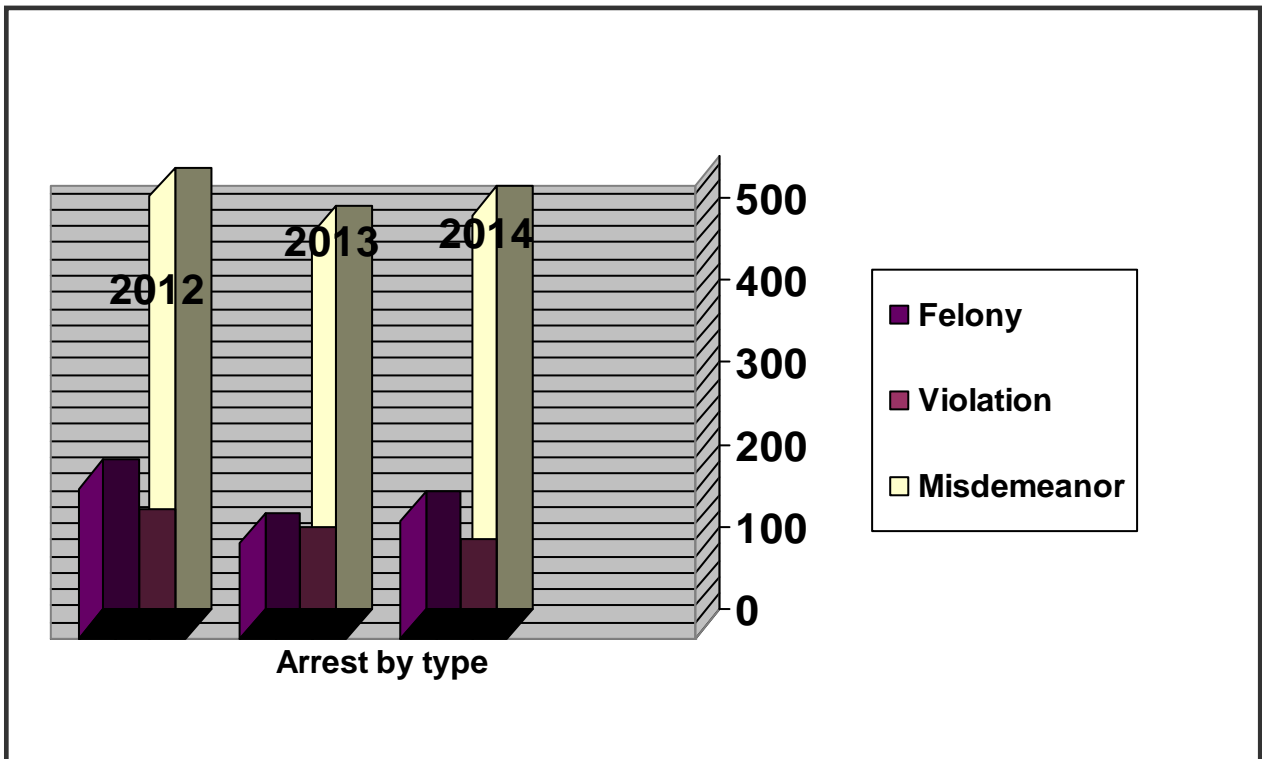


**ALL ADULT CHARGES FILED 5 YEAR TREND
(INCLUDES AGGRAVATED UNLICENSED AND DWI ARREST)**

2010	1349
2011	1287
2012	1352
2013	1186
2014	1137

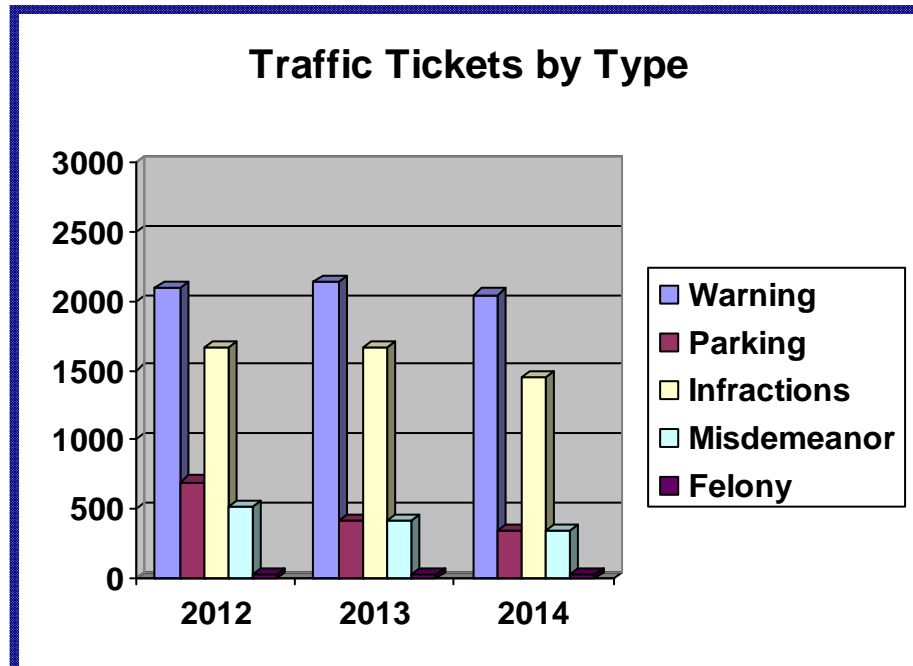
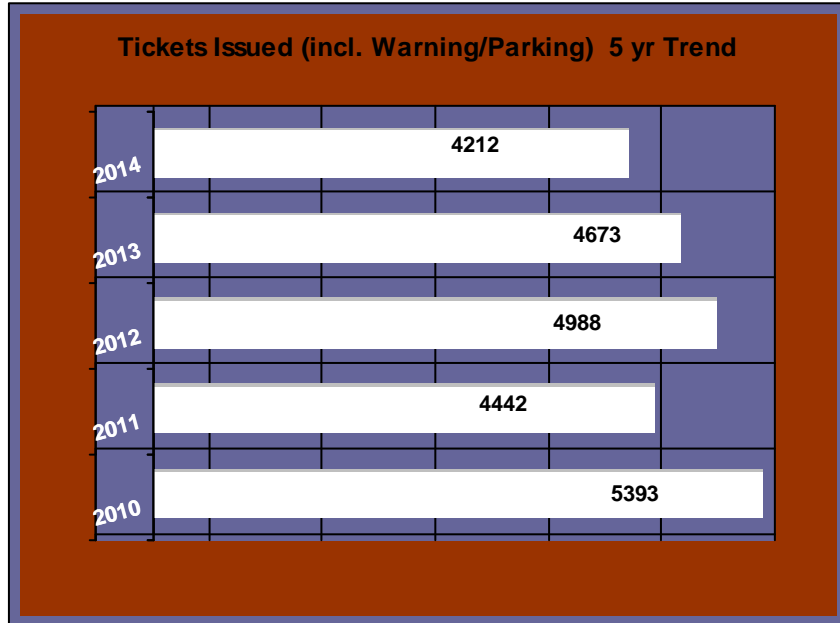
NON PENAL LAW ADULT ARRESTS IN 2014

ARREST TYPE	NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2013	NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2014	CHANGE FROM 2013
Town/County Ordinance Violations	10	2	-8
Mental Hygiene Law	85	65	-20
Alcohol & Beverage Control Law	3	2	-1
Fugitive From Justice	1	4	+3
Fail to Register Sex Offender Law	0	1	+1
Ag. & Markets	2	6	+4
Public Health Law	1	0	-1
Total	102	80	-22



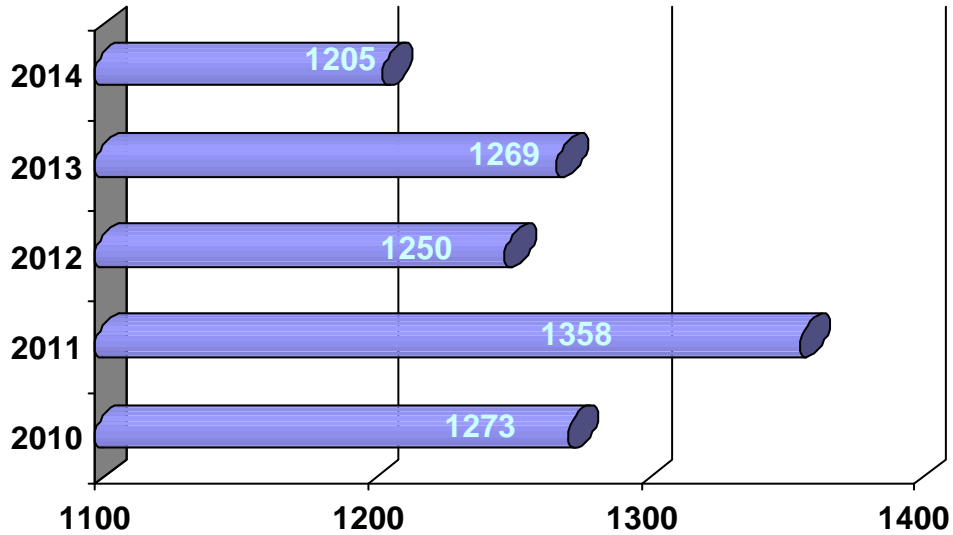
Vehicle & Traffic Enforcement

Members of the Department issued 1,825 Uniform Traffic Tickets in 2014. There were 31 felonies, 344 misdemeanors and 1,450 traffic infractions of the Vehicle & Traffic Law, Transportation, and Tax Laws. Officers also issued 342 parking tickets during the year. An additional 2,045 Warning Tickets were also issued to motorists.



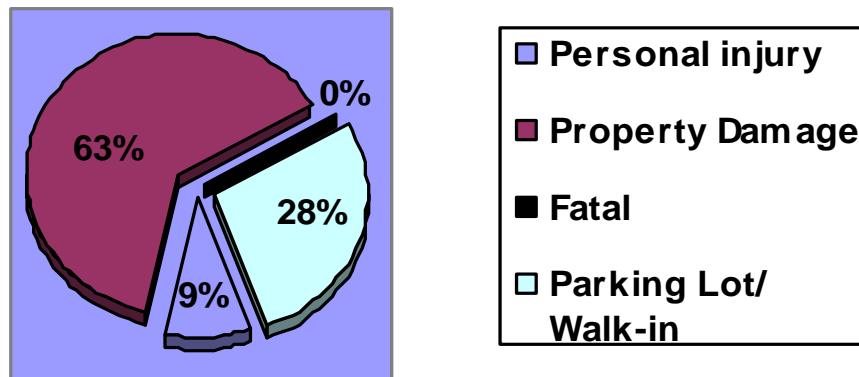
➤ **Motor Vehicle Accidents**

Overall, 1,205 accidents were reported to the department in 2014. These accidents, after investigation and classification, consisted of: 112 Personal Injury Accidents, 759 Property Damage Accidents, 334 Parking Lot/Walk-in accidents, and no fatal accidents.



REPORTED ACCIDENTS - 5 YEAR TREND

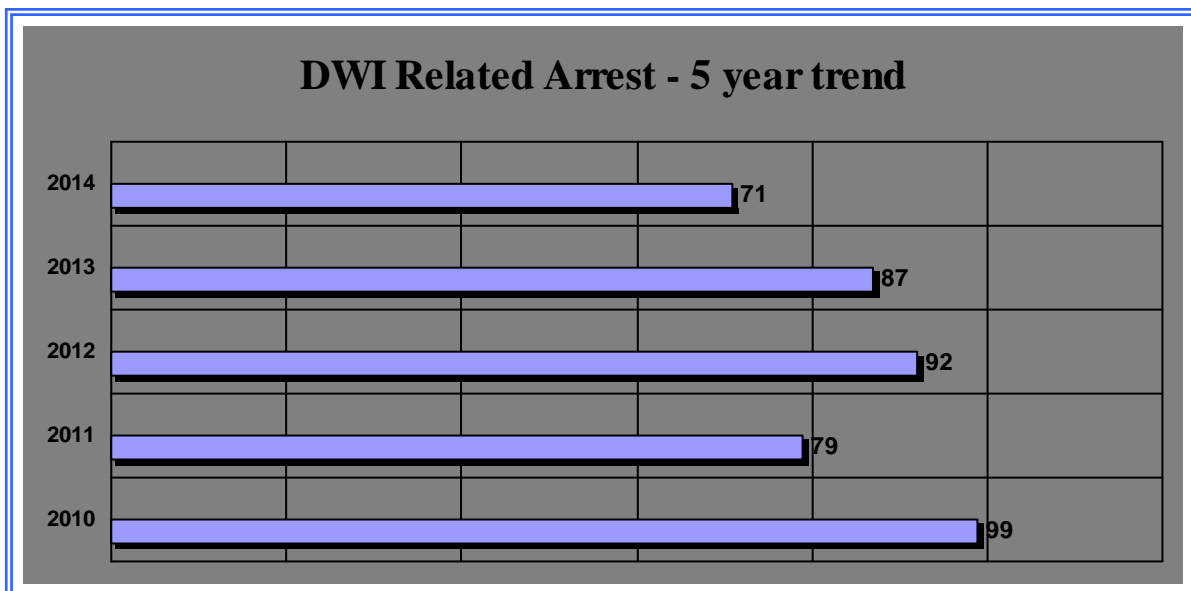
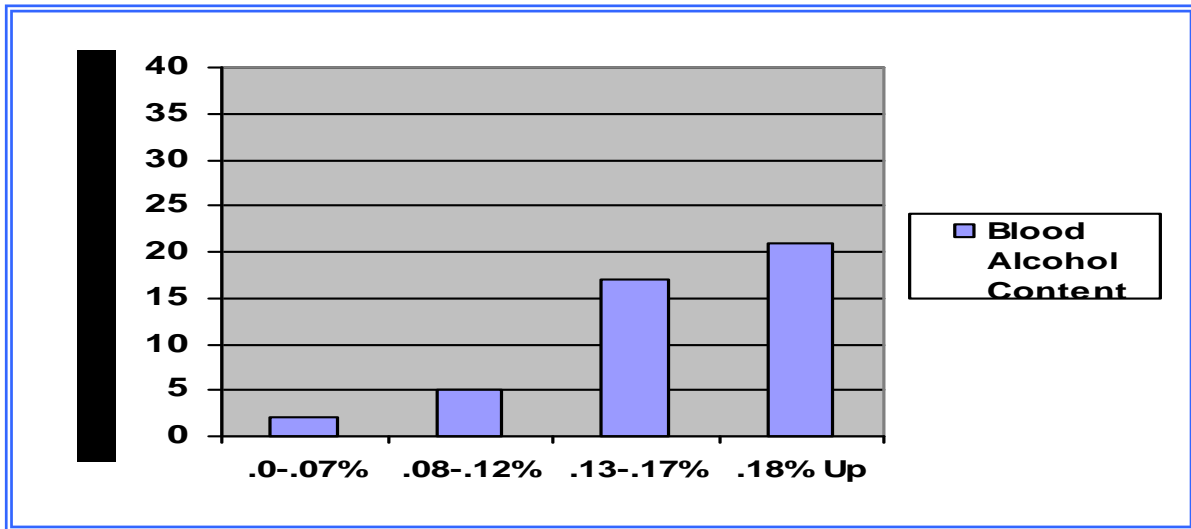
Motor Vehicle Accidents by Type



➤ **DWI Enforcement**

Members of the department made 71 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) offenses in 2014. Of these 71 arrests, 24 were Felonies which means that the person arrested has a prior conviction for DWI in the past ten years or may have had a child in the vehicle. Of the 71 DWI arrests, 21 persons were found to have a blood alcohol content of over 0.18% and were additionally charged with the section of 1192-2a “Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated.” The department also made 11 arrests for driving while ability impaired by drugs.

The first Chart below compares the number of persons arrested who gave a breath sample and the range into which their blood alcohol content lies.



FIVE YEAR AVERAGE FOR DWI RELATED ARRESTS – 86 PER YEAR

➤ **Juvenile Offenses**

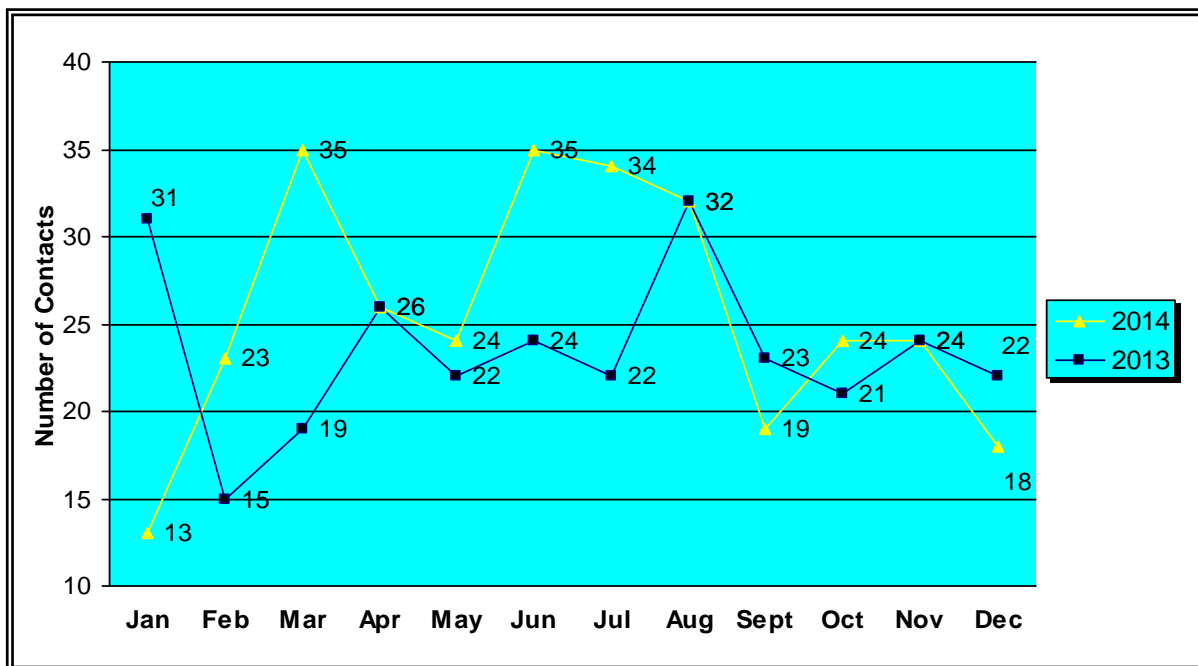
In 2014 the department had a greater amount than 2013 for the number of juveniles contacted. The months of March and June saw the largest number of officer contacts with persons under 16. During 2014 the department filed 34 Juvenile Delinquency Petitions and of those petitions four (4) of the offenses were felonies.

A total of 11 juveniles were arrested under the Mental Hygiene Law and were transported to the Crisis Center at Binghamton General Hospital for evaluation. The criteria for such an arrest are that the person is deemed to be harmful to themselves or others and are in need of immediate crisis intervention.

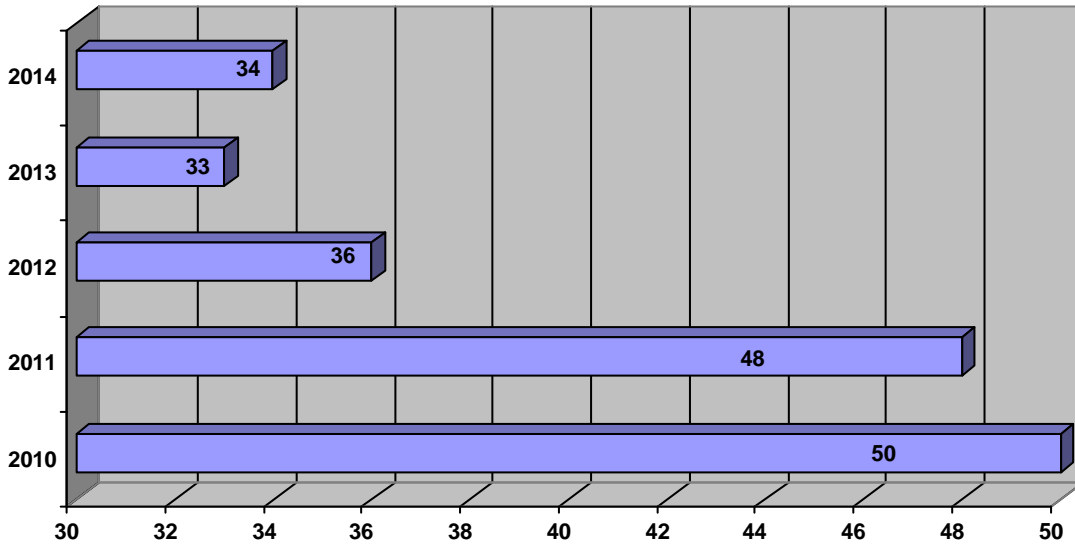
The Juvenile Office continues to maintain a strong working relationship with the Vestal Senior High School administration and the School Resource Officer. Additionally, the juvenile officer maintains ties with Broome County Probation, Broome County Attorney's Office, The Child Advocacy Center of Broome County, and other local police department's juvenile divisions.

JUVENILE CONTACTS - BY MONTH 2013 v. 2014

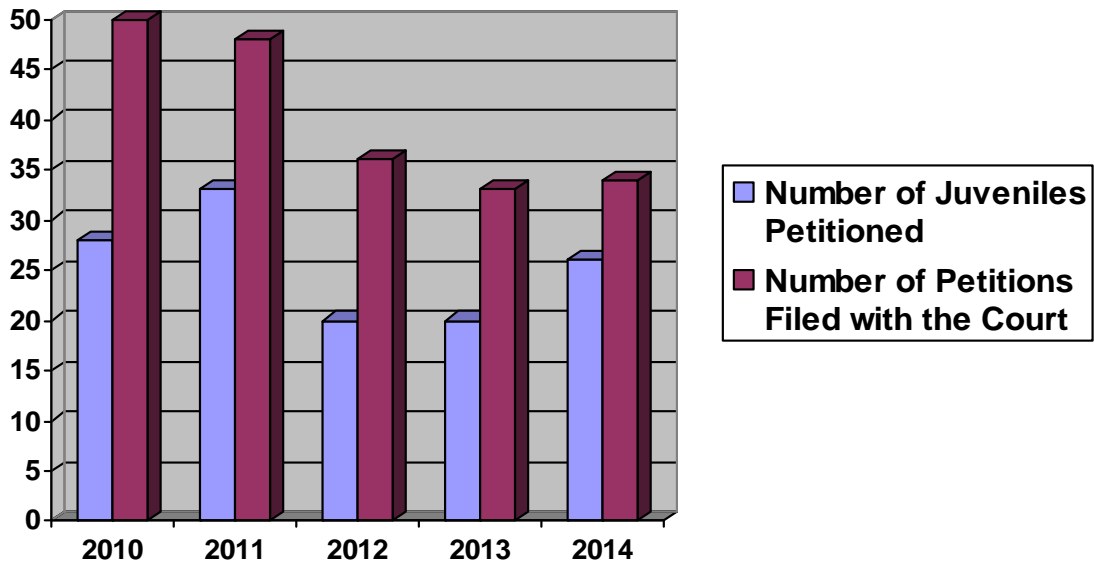
Total number of Juvenile contacts for 2014 = 307
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Total number of Juvenile contacts for 2013 = 281



Juvenile Petitions - 5 Year Trend



Juveniles Petitioned v. Number of Petitions Filed



JUVENILE PETITIONS - BY PENAL LAW SECTION

<u>PENAL LAW SECTION</u>	<u>DEGREE OF CRIME</u>	<u>PETITIONS</u>
Burglary 2 nd	“C” Felony	2
Criminal Mischief 2 nd	“D” Felony	1
Sexual Abuse 1 st	“D” Felony	2
Criminal Mischief 3 rd	“E” Felony	1
Arson 5 th	“A” Misdemeanor	2
Criminal Possession Weapon 4 th	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Forcible Touching	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Endanger the Welfare of a Child	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Possession Stolen Property 5 th	“A” Misdemeanor	3
Criminal Mischief 4 th	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Impersonation 2 nd	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Aggravated Harassment 2 nd	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Growing Cannabis	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Petit Larceny	“A” Misdemeanor	5
Mental Health Law 9.41 arrest	N/A	11

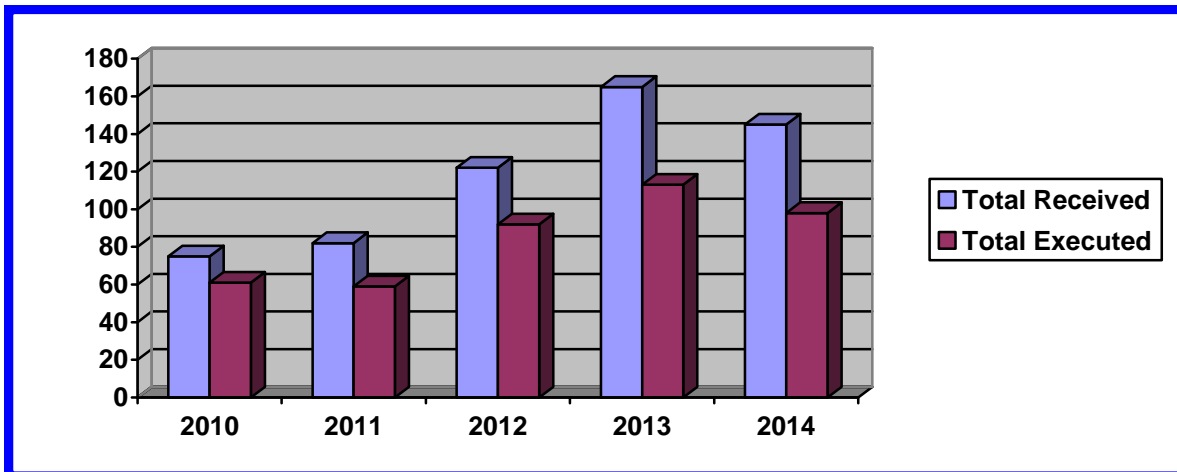
➤ **Warrant Control**

During the year 145 new warrants were received from the Town of Vestal Court. Sixty-two (62) of these were arrest warrants and 53 were bench warrants and 30 other entered warrants. Of these 145 warrants 98 were either executed or canceled with 47 remaining open at the end of the year.

One hundred sixty-seven (167) of the total number of warrants (this includes warrants that are still open from prior years) in the Vestal Police Department files were either executed by members of the department or canceled by the court during 2014. As of December 31, 2014 the Department still had a total of 144 active warrants from all years.

WARRANTS RECEIVED IN 2014

Type	Category	Issued	Executed/ Recalled	Total Open
<u>Arrest</u>	Felony	15	14	1
	Misdemeanor	46	30	16
	Violation	1	1	0
	Total Arrest Warrants	62	45	17
<u>Bench</u>	Felony	0	0	0
	Misdemeanor	49	31	18
	Violation	4	2	2
	Total Bench Warrants	53	33	20
<u>Probation/other</u>		30	20	10
<u>Total</u>		145	98	47



RESPONSE TO ALARMS

In 2014 The Vestal Police Department Patrols responded to 894 police related alarms. These alarms consisted of 603 business alarms, 280 residential alarms, and 11 deemed as “other”. The 894 alarms is a decrease of 49 alarms from the 943 in 2013.

This however does not take into account Fire Alarms, Medical Alert Alarms, and Car Alarms that patrols may respond to. In 2014 Vestal Police Patrols handled a total of 10,559 calls for service with approximately 8% of these calls being alarms which is slightly below the percentage in 2013.

The department sends warning letters to owners of residences and local establishments where we have experienced problems with repeated false alarms. During the year numerous personal contacts were also made with these same people to educate them regarding the law and our procedures in the hopes of bringing them voluntarily into compliance prior to an arrest.

5 Year Alarm Response Trends

