



Vestal Police 2017

The Town of Vestal is located in Broome County, New York. It is bordered on the east by the City of Binghamton and the Town of Binghamton, on the south by the State of Pennsylvania, to the west by Tioga County and on the north border, the Susquehanna River separates the town from the Villages of Endicott and Johnson City. 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 34 sworn officers, one dispatcher and two police clerks. The 34 sworn officers are made up by the Chief of Police, a Patrol Lieutenant, an Administrative Lieutenant, 4 Patrol Sergeants, 1 Detective Sergeant, 3 Detectives, 22 patrol officers and a School Resource Officer.

During 2017 the department lost 2 members to retirement and hired 2 new patrol officers who transferred from local police departments.

In addition to the thoroughfares listed above, the town is primarily a suburban community with shopping areas that include large shopping malls, 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 17,300 students and 3,000 faculty and staff. Approximately 7,300 of those students live on campus while another 3,000 of those students live off-campus and in the town of Vestal. The opening of the new U-club residences in 2017 has added hundreds more students living off-campus in Vestal.

The town encompasses rural areas as well as heavily traveled commercial areas. Accordingly, there is a strong demand for a variety of public safety services. Our mission is to affirmatively promote a feeling of safety and security to the members of our community. We do this by providing high quality police services related to the protection of life and property, taking steps to prevent criminal activity, detecting and investigating criminal activity, the apprehension of offenders and the enforcement of criminal laws, recovering property, providing leadership in community involvement and awareness programs, keeping and maintaining records, training of personnel and maintaining high ethical standards. All officers of the Vestal Police Department use the enforcement of laws in a fair and consistent manner.

Year End Report 2017

➤ Department Workload

The department recorded 15,563 incident occurrences in 2017. These incidents include calls for service, walk-in reports, officer-initiated complaints and traffic stops. As a result of the 2016 implementation of Broome County's new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), 2017 was the first year that traffic stops were recorded as an incident in the system and added to the yearly statistics.

The department responded to 151 incidents in which a New York State Domestic Incident Report was completed. There were 50 adults and 4 juveniles arrested as a result of these incidents. An additional 79 incidents were coded as domestics yet for various reasons no domestic report was filed. An additional 6 adults and 1 juvenile were arrested related to these incidents.

All members of the Vestal Police Department are trained in the use of Naloxone Hydrochloride, which is administered to victims of an opioid overdose. During 2017, Vestal officers administered this opioid antagonist 6 times. In all of those instances the patients survived their overdose.

✚ Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the police department. They are the face and physical presence of the Vestal Police Department. They are responsible for responding to and the handling of complaints, crime prevention, citizen safety, and all vehicular traffic within the town's 53 square miles.

The Patrol Division is made up of 23 officers, including the School Resource Officer, that are distributed across 3 working shifts; 7:00am-3:00pm, 3:00pm-11:00pm and 11:00pm-7:00am. They are supervised by 4 sergeants and 1 lieutenant.

❖ 2017 Patrol Division Highlights

On *Tuesday February 21st*, detectives made patrol officers aware of reported drug activity at a Vestal residence. Officer Craig Angeline noticed a vehicle come to the residence, stay a short while and leave. He also knew that the operator of the vehicle had his driving privileges suspended and conducted a traffic stop. Officer Angeline was able to develop information from the traffic stop that gave detectives the ability to apply for and receive a search warrant for the residence. Once the search warrant was executed, several people in the residence were charged with drug possession and prostitution. This case is an excellent example of how the patrol and detective divisions can work together for the betterment of the town and its residents.

On *Tuesday June 30th* officers Christopher Cardarelli, Devin Mullins and Sergeant Jeff Helms responded to a mental health complaint. The subject had locked himself in his house and was reported to be suicidal. The officers gained entry to the house and found the male unresponsive in his bedroom. They administered Naloxone Hydrochloride and used other first-aid techniques

to revive him prior to EMS arrival. He was transported to the hospital and expected to make a full recovery. The officers were commended for their actions which saved the individuals life.

On **Monday July 24th** officers Craig Angeline and Nick Simonik responded to a motor vehicle accident with serious injuries on Rt. 26. With the assistance of bystanders, they were able to extricate the victim from the vehicle so that they could administer first-aid prior to EMS arrival. The victim did not have a pulse and they began CPR along with applying the department issued AED. The patient had a pulse when EMS arrived however he also had a life threatening laceration to his leg that was bleeding uncontrollably. The officers worked together to apply a “tactical” tourniquet so that EMS could provide other emergency medical treatment. The officers also worked with the EMS crew so that the victim could be transported to the UHS Trauma Center for further care. Their actions were later recognized by the Vestal Volunteer Emergency Squad and they were commended for their response and the treatment they provided to give the victim a fighting chance to survive.

On **Thursday September 28th**, a Vestal business owner and town resident called 911 to report that a former employee had just sent him a threatening video. The video was taken in front of the business owner’s residence and the suspect displayed a handgun in a black backpack. The former employee, who had recently been terminated for stealing from the business, threatened to shoot the man’s wife and family. The suspect was identified and a description was put out to all officers. A short time later, patrol officer Jordan Adams spotted a male matching the suspect’s description, carrying a black backpack. Officer Adams approached the male who then took off running onto the Rt. 201 Bridge into heavy traffic. The male discarded items as he ran and then threw the backpack off the bridge into the river. The male ran across 2 lanes of northbound traffic and then jumped the median into oncoming southbound traffic. He ran to the edge of the bridge and appeared to be contemplating jumping. After a brief conversation he was taken into custody without further incident or any injuries. The Johnson City Fire Department recovered the backpack from the river and a realistic looking BB gun was found inside.

Detective Division

The department’s Detective Division primarily conducts case investigations, assists patrols when needed, handles intelligence gathering, develops confidential informants, collects and processes evidence and supervises all registered sex offenders residing in the town. The Division is made up of 3 investigators and a sergeant and they are overseen by the administrative lieutenant.

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. During the year, 380 new case files were opened in the evidence program. As of December 31, 2017 the department held 1898 individual pieces of property and evidence (down from 2347 in 2016). In 2017 there were 1128 pieces of property and evidence submitted for various reasons and 1231 of the items in evidence storage were disposed of, destroyed, returned to its owner or sent to the crime lab for processing and analysis.

During 2017 the Detective Division also performed its yearly audit of the evidence room as is required through the New York State Accreditation Program.

Members of the Division are 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.

In addition to their investigative case load, the Detective Division is responsible for various other tasks including warrant control and maintenance. Warrant maintenance consists of ensuring that all active warrants have been entered into the New York State Integrated Justice Portal and that all leads are pursued in searching for persons with warrants for their arrest.

❖ *2017 Detective Division Highlights*

On ***Wednesday March 22nd***, officers responded to a building fire on Vestal High School property. The fire destroyed an outbuilding and its contents causing approximately \$35,000 in damage. Multiple locations had been vandalized and physical evidence was located, identified and collected that gave Detectives the ability to link the crime scenes to one another. Detectives then worked with the SRO to piece together video from several different schools to confirm that the same suspects were responsible and also established their identity. Their suspicions were further reinforced by information from a patrol officer who had identified the two suspects together the night of the fire. The suspects were interviewed and eventually admitted to the vandalism and intentional setting of the fire.

On ***Tuesday October 17th***, the SRO was contacted regarding a 14 year old female Vestal High School student who was receiving unwanted and unsolicited messages of a sexual nature via social media. SRO Talbut collected the information and turned the case over to the detective division. Detectives utilized social media, electronic subpoenas, use of the police computer and interviews to determine the suspect's identity. The male suspect, age 38, was located at his residence in Binghamton and brought to the Vestal Police Department where he eventually admitted contacting females he knew to be underage and sending them unsolicited messages and photos of a sexual nature. He was arrested and remanded to jail.

On ***Saturday December 9th***, a town resident reported being robbed by a masked suspect while in her garage. The suspect was gone upon arrival of patrols. Detectives immediately began working the case and developed several suspects however did not have enough evidence to make an arrest. Two weeks later a knifepoint robbery took place at a business in Endicott and the Endicott Police were able to take a suspect into custody. That suspect was also one of the ones developed in the Vestal case. Over the course of the next several weeks, Vestal detectives conducted several interviews and executed several search warrants and as a result of their work were able to charge the Endicott suspect in the Vestal robbery.

➤ **Specialized Units/Enforcement**

Metro SWAT Team

The Vestal Police Department partners with the Johnson City Police Department and the Binghamton Police Department to make up the joint Metro SWAT Team. The team regularly trains bi-monthly with more specialized training occurring throughout the year. In 2017 the department added the School Resource Officer to the Metro SWAT Team. Officer Talbut's addition to the Team increases our commitment to Metro SWAT and provides even greater security for the students and faculty of the Vestal School District. Vestal PD now commits 4 members; (1 sergeant and 3 patrol officers) to the team who participate in addition to their regular patrol responsibilities.

The team can be called out for a variety of reasons including when the threat of a barricaded person with a gun reaches a stage where it presents a threat to police/civilian personnel or civilians in the area, anytime active shooter activity is confirmed or for a high risk drug or felony warrant entry. During 2017 there were 11 Metro SWAT Call-Outs in the greater Binghamton area (up from 6 in 2016) including 1 in Vestal.

Metro SWAT is one of less than ten SWAT Teams in New York State who have been certified by the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

The New York State Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC) and DCJS have an extensive set of certification standards. The standards cover a range of law enforcement disciplines, including command and control, physical fitness, firearm qualifications, team and individual equipment requirements and high-intensity training.

Training required for the certification includes, but is not limited to: four-week SWAT school for all new members, advanced sniper school, and U.S. Department of Homeland Security and incident command schools.

Crisis Negotiation

The Vestal Police Department has 3 specially trained Crisis Negotiators who often work in conjunction with the Metro SWAT Team. They may also be called to assist in a variety of incidents such as barricaded subjects, suicidal subjects, non-compliant individuals, individuals suffering from issues of mental illness or whenever deemed necessary.

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)/DWI Patrol

Vestal patrol officer Steven Will has been a certified Drug Recognition Expert or (DRE) since 2013. Officer Will remains the only local police officer with this certification and 1 of only 4 such officers working in Broome County. These officers are selected and prepared through extensive training to make a positive impact on drugged driving deterrence in New York State.

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) police officers have been trained to observe the signs of drug and or alcohol impairment. DRE officers participate in training that has been approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the International Association of

Chiefs of Police (IACP). After successfully completing the training, all DRE officers are certified for two years and are expected to meet certain requirements to be considered for re-certification at the end of this period.

In addition to the 10 DRE evaluations he conducted in Vestal during 2017 (up from 5 in 2016), Officer Will assisted other area police agencies by conducting 24 combined evaluations for other local police departments including the New York State Police, Broome County Sheriff's Office, Binghamton Police Department, Tioga County Sheriff's Office and the Owego Police Department.

In May, Officer Will was made a full-time DWI officer. He works the evening and early morning hours, specifically targeting impaired drivers. He made 38 DWI arrests and 6 DWAI arrests in the town of Vestal in 2017.

✚ School Resource Officer (SRO)

Our department has developed a close liaison with our schools, both public and private, to ensure the safety of our youth. Among the 34 sworn members is a School Resource Officer (SRO) who works daily in the Vestal School District. Through an agreement with the Vestal School District, the Vestal Police Department dedicates a full-time police officer to the School. Between his office in the high school and regular visits to each school in the district, Officer Conor Talbut provides both the staff and students with training, support and if necessary, law enforcement. Officer Talbut's presence helps to provide a safe environment to all students and staff in the Vestal School District. In addition to the Vestal public schools, officer Talbut regularly visits the private schools in Vestal and provides support and security advice to them as well. The addition of Officer Talbut to the Metro SWAT Team brings an even greater level of safety and security to the students, faculty and visitors of the Vestal School District.



SRO Talbut reading to Vestal student's on Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Child Passenger Safety Technician

Patrol officer Brian Thorick has been a federally certified Child Passenger Safety Technician since 2008 and regularly participates in events or programs to educate the public in the proper installment and use of child safety seats. In May of 2017 we added another certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. Officer Joshua Carman and Officer Thorick worked together through the year and conducted 34 seat inspections/installations in Vestal and as a part of the program provided 9 child safety seats for those in need. Both officers regularly participate in Child Seat Safety Checks both in and out of the town of Vestal. In 2017 we also dedicated a phone extension specifically for the Safety Seat Technicians so that they could respond to inspection requests in a more efficient manner. Citizens may now call (607)754-2386 x481 and leave a message for our technicians any time day or night.



➤ **Crime Prevention & Community Service**

The Vestal Police Department takes pride in being a community-oriented police department. Throughout the year we organize and participate in several community outreach programs with the many residents and visitors to the town of Vestal. During 2017 members of our department attended and participated in such events as Stranger Danger for Pre-K children, Fire Expo, Touch-a-Truck, Olum's Kid's Day, Breakfast with Santa, Prescription Drug Take Back Day and multiple Police Station Tours for various groups of children and their families. Members of the department volunteered for several fund raisers such as the Red Robin Tip-A-Cop, the Special Olympics Torch Run and Broome County Toys for Tots. In October we held our first Coffee with a Cop event open to the public.



One of our largest and most popular community events is the Annual Cruise In and Cook Out for National Night Out (NNO). National Night Out is an annual community-building event that culminates across the nation every year on the first Tuesday in August. Last year the Vestal Police, in conjunction with Target, held our 20th Annual Cruise In & Cook Out. This event is well attended by the community and annually raises money for the Broome County Crime Victims Center (CVAC) while also collecting non-perishable food items for Broome County CHOW.



National Night Out Photos courtesy of J. Kreider Photography

Last year we held our 4th annual Citizen's Police Academy. Adult participants from the community attended the program which was presented in 2 hour blocks, one evening a week for ten weeks. During this free program the participants are exposed to multiple aspects of policing and various topics relevant to our community. Some of the topics covered regularly include Patrol, Use of Force, Criminal Investigations, DWI enforcement, The Role of the Bystander, Drug Recognition, Self Defense, Firearm Safety, Personal Safety, Shoot/Don't Shoot Scenarios, Active Shooters and SWAT. The training also included presentations by members of The Vestal Emergency Squad and the Vestal Volunteer Fire Department.

During the summer we held our 6th annual Youth Police Academy for students of the Vestal School District. The Youth Academy is organized by the School Resource Officer and held at the Vestal High School. As with the Citizens Academy, the students are exposed to various aspects of police work and are presented information on such topics as Crime Scene Investigation, Self Defense, Physical Training, Courtroom Procedures (including a mock trial), Drug Awareness, DWI, Undercover Work, SWAT, First-Aid & CPR, Safe Driving, Traffic Stops and Firearm Safety. In 2017 42 students participated in the Academy and we have now graduated 192 students through the Youth Academy.



The 2017 Youth Academy Class with SRO Talbut, Sgt. Kintner and Town Board Member Sue Messina.

➤ Training

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 therefore we make every effort to provide our employees with the best training available.

In 2017 our officers attended and participated in a variety of training programs and classes; ranging from our annual In-Service and Firearms training to more specialized training programs. 30 members attended in excess of 30 additional training opportunities that included topics such as SWAT and Hostage Negotiation, Force Science, Emerging Drug Trends, Responding to Emotional Crisis, Elder Abuse, Traffic Incident Management, Infant Death Investigation, Officer Survival, Active Shooter, Defensive Tactics, Mental Health First Aid, Advanced Crisis Negotiations, Realistic De-escalation and many others.

The annual In-Service training is often conducted in joint training sessions with other local police departments in Broome County. During this training, officers are presented with mandatory updates on Legal Issues, First Aid and Use of Force issues.

Many of our officers are certified law enforcement instructors and participate in the presenting of training to various audiences. Our officers regularly participate as presenters and instructors at the Broome County Law Enforcement Academy, the Broome County Government Security Academy, the Broome County Police Supervisors School, the Broome County Corrections Academy, the Vestal Police Citizens Academy and the Vestal Youth Academy.

In 2017 our members were involved in the presenting and instruction of more specialized training and presentations such as Responding to Reports of Child Abuse, Safety for Seniors, Emergency Medical Service for First Responders and Civilian Response to an Active Shooter.

In November, two of our members became certified instructors to present the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events course (CRASE) developed at Texas State University. In 2017, the program was presented to members of several local houses of worship.

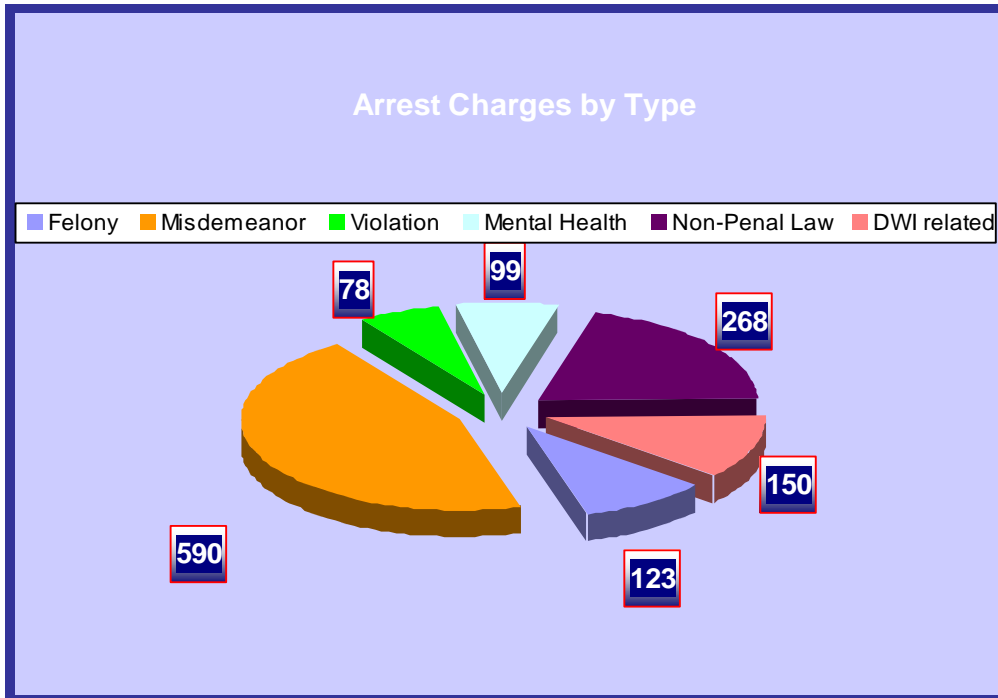
The CRASE presentation is available upon request for local groups and businesses and will be offered to the public going forward.



ADULT ARRESTS

In 2017, members of the department made 935 arrests with 1158 charges for adult offenses. A breakdown of 2017 adult arrest charges is as follows: 123 Felony charges, 590 Misdemeanors, 78 Violations, and 367 other Non-Penal Law Offenses including 99 Mental Hygiene Law Arrests.

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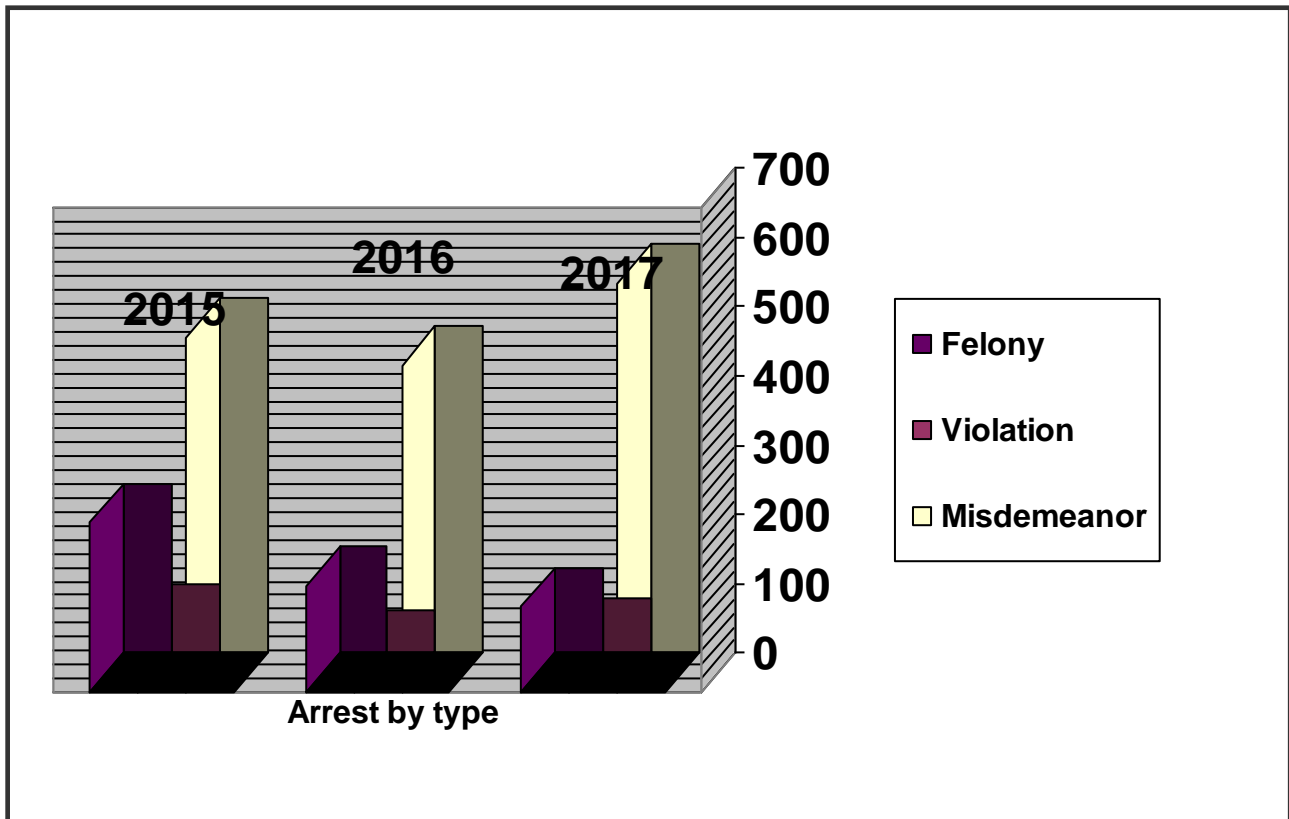


ADULT CHARGES FILED 5 YEAR TREND **(INCLUDES AGGRAVATED UNLICENSED AND DWI ARREST)**

2013	1186
2014	1137
2015	1279
2016	1101
2017	1158

NON PENAL LAW ADULT ARRESTS IN 2017

ARREST TYPE	NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2017	NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2016	CHANGE FROM 2015
Town/County Ordinance Violations	3	0	+3
Mental Hygiene Law	99	65	+34
Alcohol & Beverage Control Law	0	2	-2
Fugitive From Justice	1	2	-1
Fail to Register Sex Offender Law	0	2	-2
Ag. & Markets	0	0	0
Public Health Law	1	2	-1
Total	104	73	+31



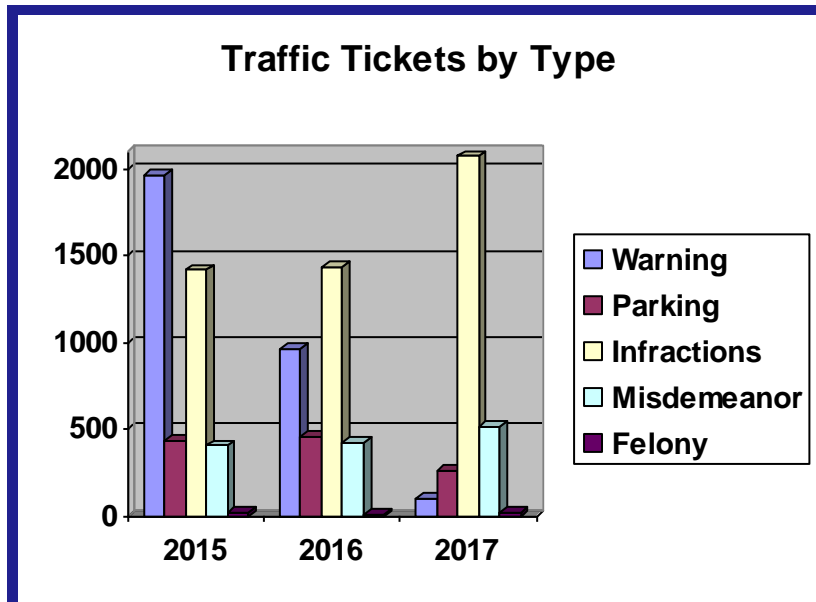
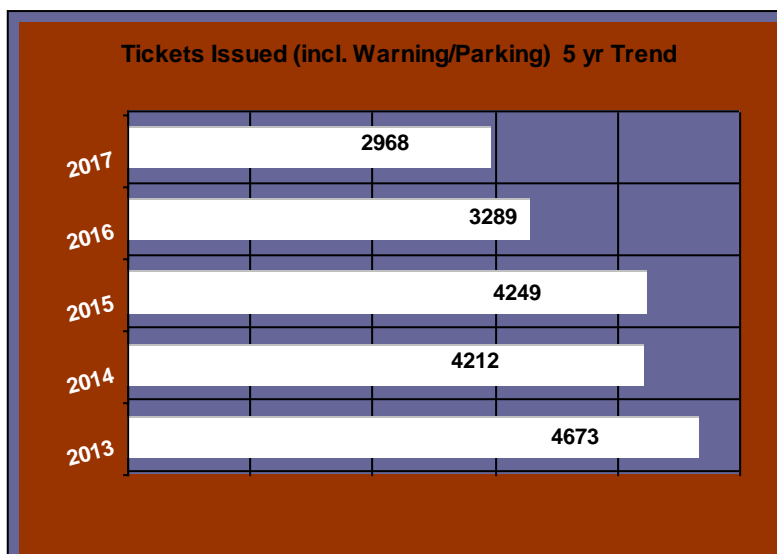
INCIDENT BASED REPORTING OFFENSES

OFFENSE	NUMBER REPORTED 2017	NUMBER REPORTED 2016	NUMBER REPORTED 2015	NUMBER REPORTED 2014
Murder	0	0	1	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	0	0
Rape (forcible)	3	1	2	1
Robbery	2	6	8	1
Aggravated Assault	7	5	6	5
Simple Assault	106	84	97	94
Burglary	34	34	62	38
All Larceny	548	515	566	552
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	7	13	19
Criminal Impersonation	51	48	70	61
TOTAL	770	701	825	771

SOURCE: NYS DCJS INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

VEHICLE & TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

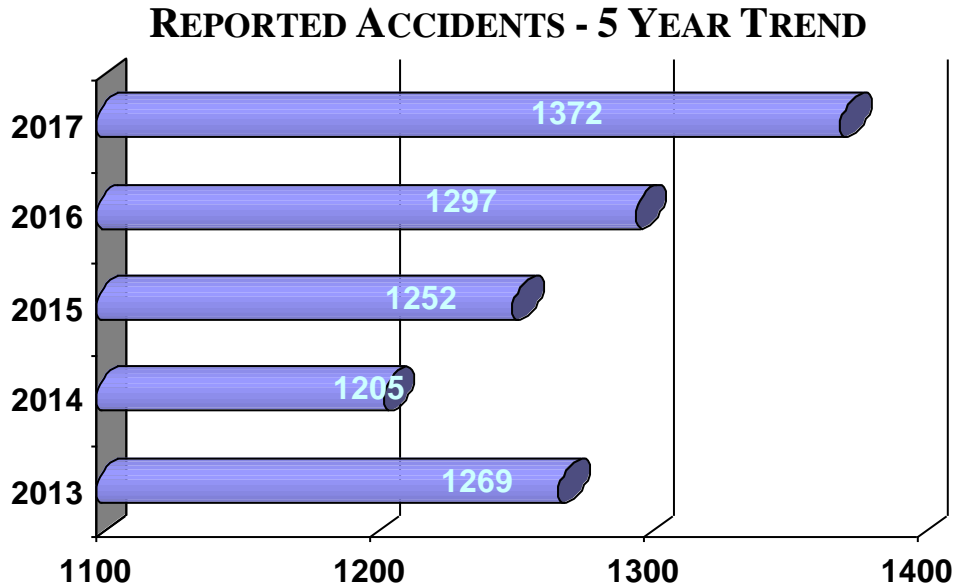
Members of the Department issued 2609 Uniform Traffic Tickets in 2017. There were 22 felonies, 511 misdemeanors and 2076 traffic infractions of the Vehicle & Traffic Law. Officers also issued 259 parking tickets during the year. An additional 100 Warning Tickets were also issued to motorists.



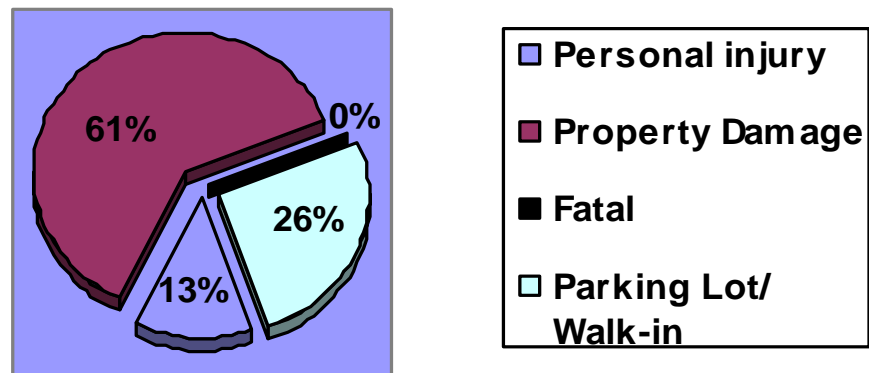
The implementation of Broome County's new dispatching system in 2016 allows officers to make a computerized record of a verbal warning to a traffic violator rather than by a hand-written ticket issued to the offender. As a result, while the number of actual warnings given to violators has no significant change, the number of hand-written paper warnings has decreased significantly.

➤ Motor Vehicle Accidents

Overall, 1372 accidents were reported to the department in 2017. These accidents, after investigation and classification, consisted of: 175 Personal Injury Accidents, 846 Property Damage Accidents, 351 Parking Lot/Walk-in accidents.



Motor Vehicle Accidents by Type

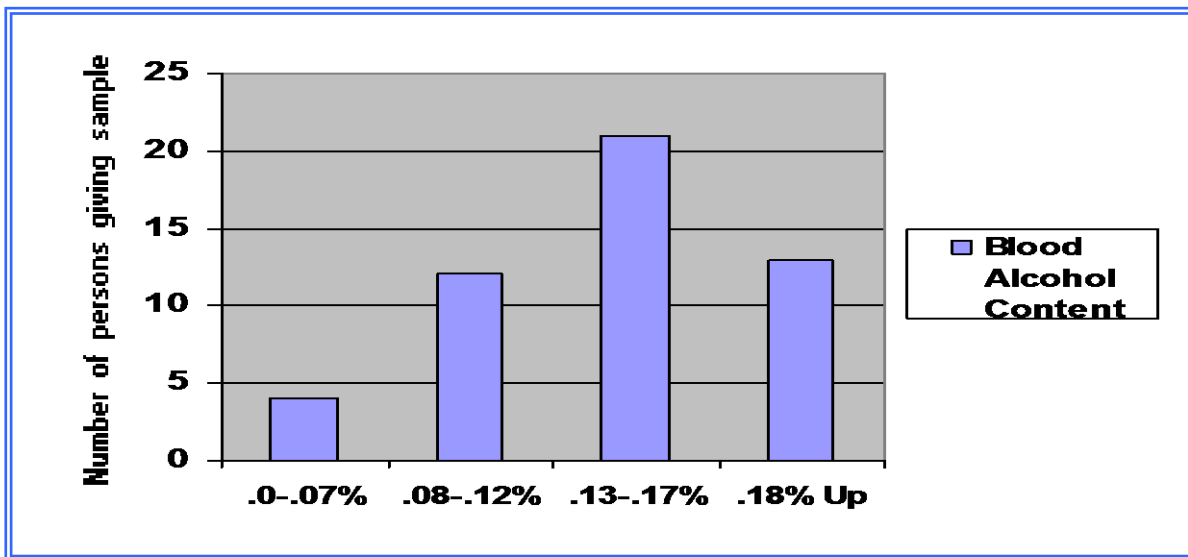


➤ **DWI Enforcement**

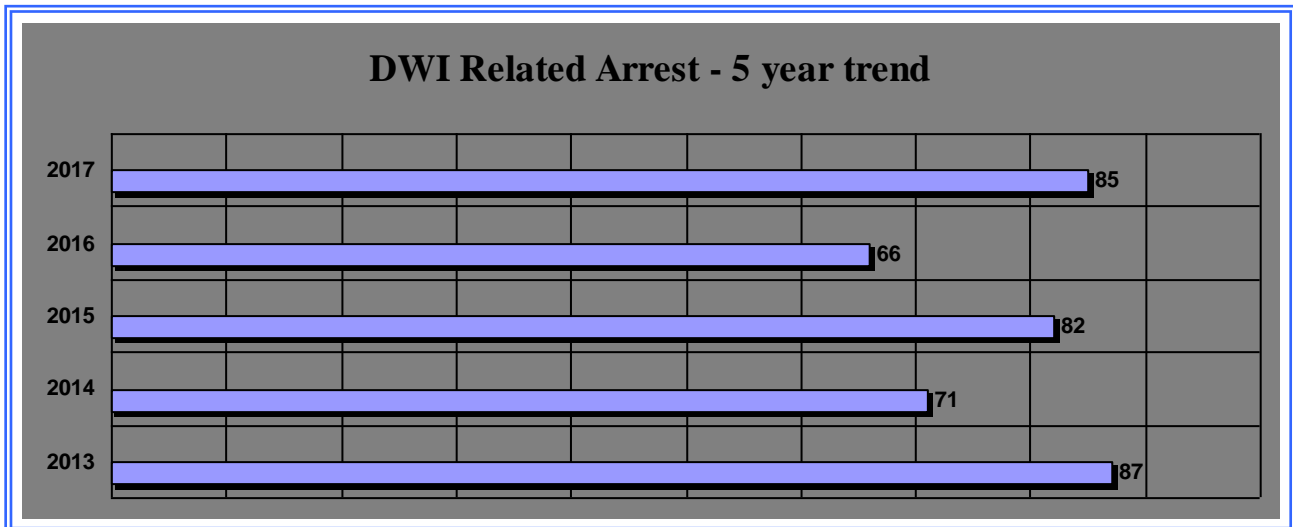
Members of the department made a total of 85 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) offenses in 2017. Of these 85 arrests, 9 were Felonies which means that the person arrested has a prior conviction for DWI in the past ten years or may have had a child in the vehicle. Of the 85 DWI arrests, 13 persons were found to have a blood alcohol content of 0.18% and over and were additionally charged with the section of 1192-2a(a) “Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated.” The department also made 8 arrests for driving while ability impaired by drugs.

In May 2017 the Vestal Police dedicated an officer to full-time DWI patrol. The DWI officer works the evening and early morning hours and is also a certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). The DWI Officer made 38 DWI arrests and 6 DWAI arrests in 2017.

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



FIVE YEAR AVERAGE FOR DWI RELATED ARRESTS – 78 PER YEAR



➤ Juvenile Offenses

During 2017 the department filed 12 Juvenile Delinquency Petitions and of those petitions two (2) of the offenses were felonies.

A total of 10 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.

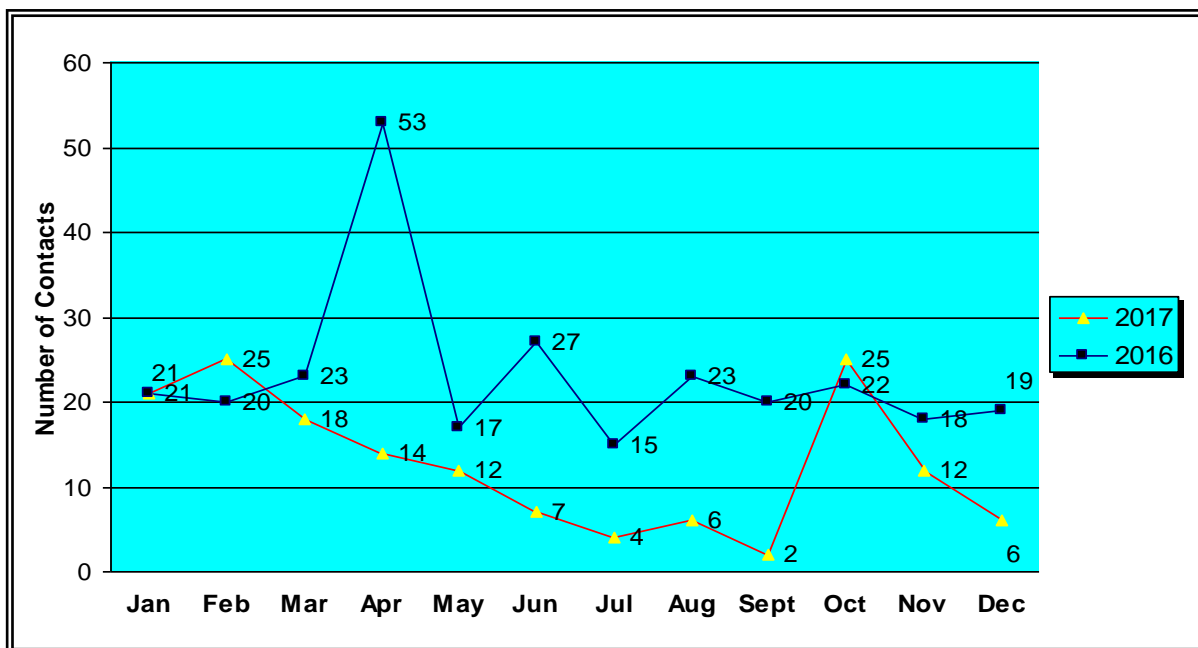
Due to pending changes in New York State Law concerning juveniles, the Vestal Police Department has expanded responsibilities for dealing with Juvenile Offenders to the entire Detective Division. Our detectives are receiving continual training in regards to the pending law change and the best ways to deal with juveniles. In 2017, one detective and the School Resource Officer attended a week-long training to become certified as Forensic Child Interviewers. Along with two other previously trained members of the department these individuals are specifically trained to interview children who have been the victim of crime. The Vestal Police Department Detective Division continues to maintain a strong working relationship with the Vestal School District's administration and the School Resource Officer. Additionally, they maintain ties with Broome County Probation, the Broome County Attorney's Office, The Child Advocacy Center of Broome County, and other local police department's juvenile divisions.

JUVENILE CONTACTS - BY MONTH 2016 v. 2017

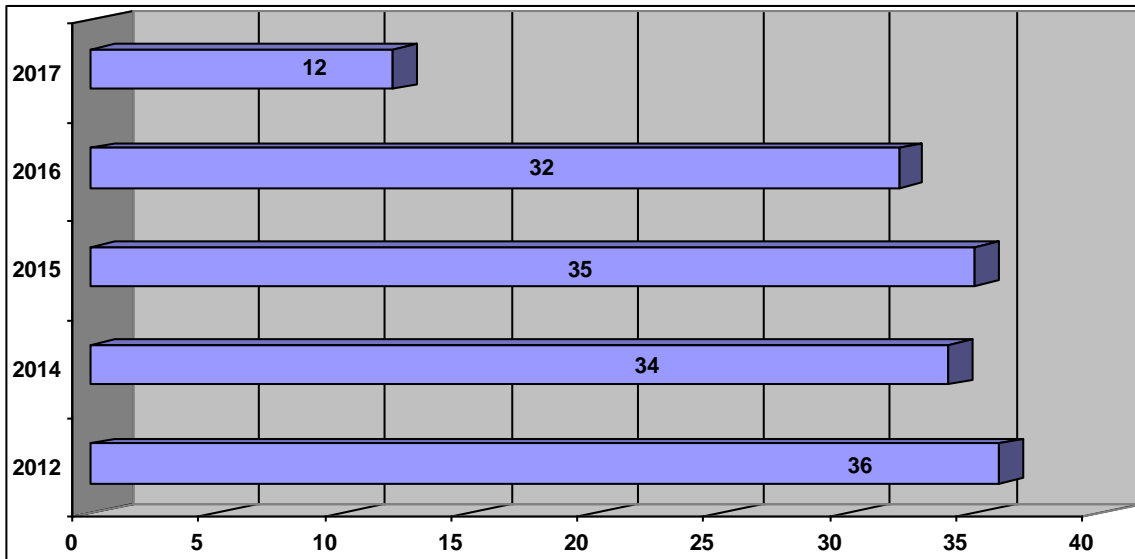
Total number of Juvenile contacts for 2016 = 247

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Total number of Juvenile contacts for 2017 = 152

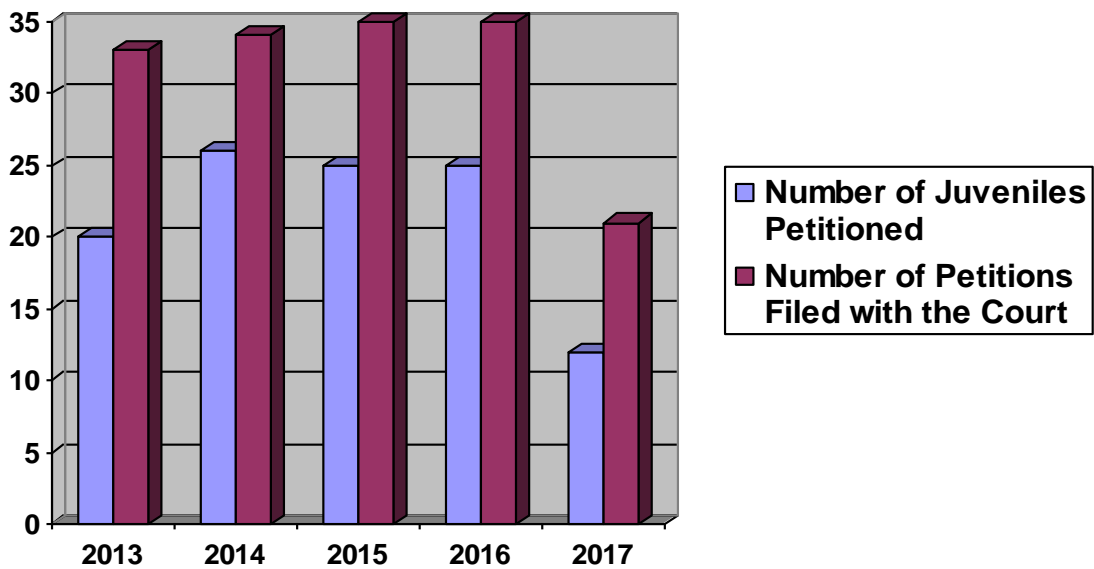


Juvenile Petitions - 5 Year Trend



JUVENILE PETITIONS - BY PENAL LAW SECTION

Juveniles Petitioned v. Number of Petitions Filed



PENAL LAW SECTION

DEGREE OF CRIME

PETITIONS

Petit Larceny

“A” Misdemeanor

6

Mental Health Law 9.41 arrest

N/A

9

Mental Health Law 9.45 arrest

N/A

1

Criminal Mischief in the 4th degree

“A” Misdemeanor

2

Criminal Mischief in the 3rd degree

“E” Felony

2

Resisting Arrest

“A” Misdemeanor

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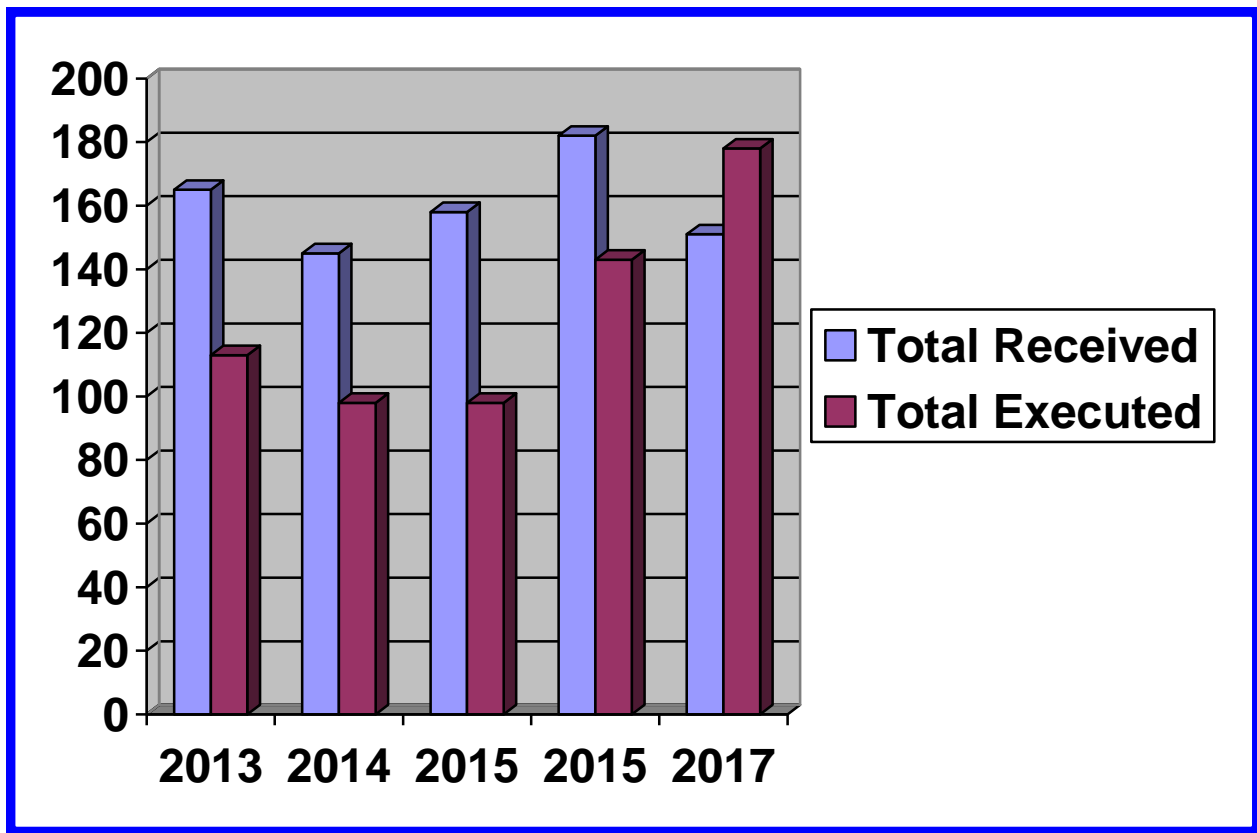
Total of Juvenile arrests in 2017 = 21

➤ Warrant Control

In addition to their investigative case load, the Detective Division is responsible for various other tasks including warrant control and maintenance. Warrant maintenance consists of ensuring that all active warrants have been entered into the New York State Integrated Justice Portal and that all leads are pursued in searching for persons with warrants for their arrest.

During the year **151** new warrants were issued. Of these, **85** were Arrest Warrants, **59** were Bench Warrants and **7** were listed as 'Other'.

During 2017, **178** warrants in the Vestal Police Department files were either executed by members of the department or canceled by the court. This number includes ALL warrants executed, including those that were still open from years prior.



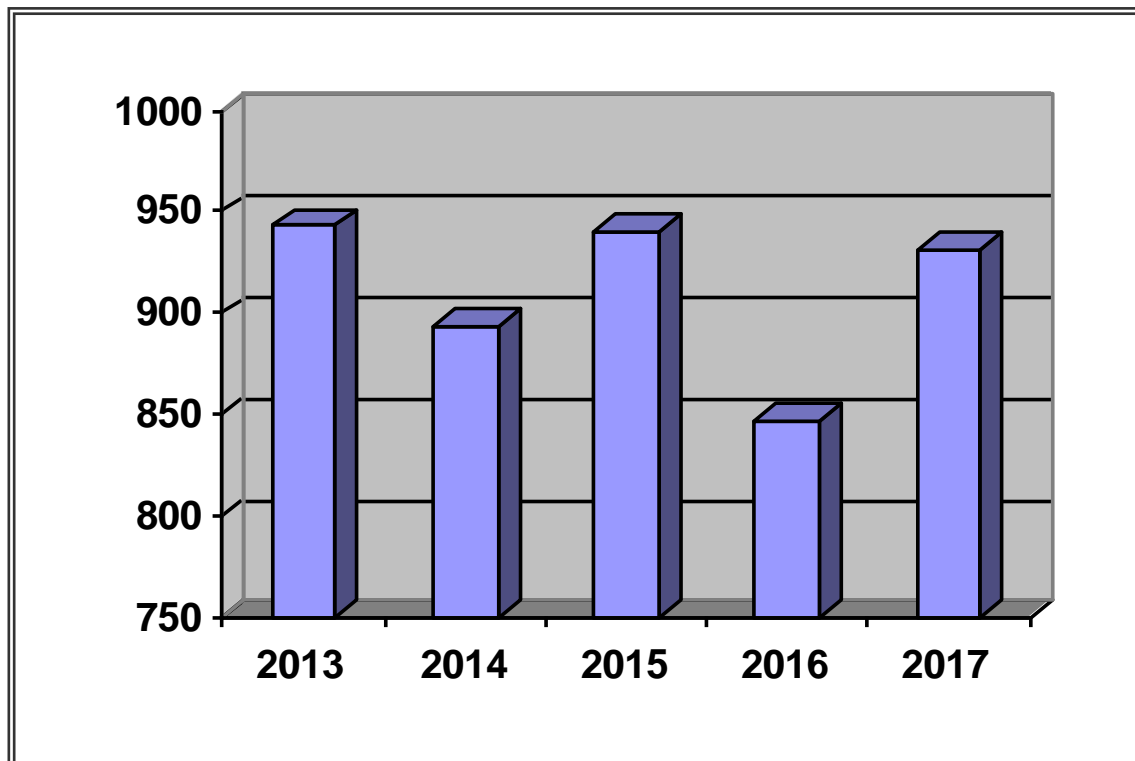
➤ Response to Alarms

In 2017, Vestal Police Department Patrols responded to 932 police related alarms. These alarms consisted of 650 business alarms, 275 residential alarms, and 7 deemed as “other”. The 932 responses to alarms is an increase of 85 alarm responses from the 847 in 2016.

This does not take into account additional Fire Alarms, Medical Alert Alarms, and Car Alarms that patrols may respond to. In 2017 Vestal Police Patrols handled a total of 15,563 calls for service with approximately 6 % of these calls being alarms. This is about a 4% decrease in the percentage from 2016.

The department regularly communicates with owners of residences and local businesses when we experience problems with repeated false alarms. During the year numerous personal contacts were made with these individuals to educate them regarding the law and our procedures. This is done in an effort to work together to help bring them into compliance with the town ordinance regarding repeated false alarms. In repeated cases, a homeowner or business owner/manager could face an arrest for a violation of the town code. As new businesses open in the town, these educational contacts are made in an effort to avoid such violations.

5 Year Alarm Response Trends



➤ Department Accreditation

New York was the first state in the country to sponsor a law enforcement accreditation program and in 1992 the Vestal Police Department was one of the first departments accredited in New York State.

The accreditation program has had a significant impact on law enforcement in the years since its inception. Insurance benefits, enhanced community support, and a greater overall standard of professionalism are just a few of the many tangible benefits that accredited agencies enjoy.

Since our initial Accreditation in 1992 we have successfully been reaccredited during each 5 year reassessment period. The most recent being the fall of 2016 during which time members of the state's Accreditation Council conducted an intense compliance audit of our policies and procedures ensuring our adherence to the current minimum standards of New York State Accreditation.

To date there are 150 accredited agencies in New York which is only 27.5% of the eligible law enforcement agencies in the state.

The Accreditation Program continues to provide a comprehensive blueprint for effective, professional law enforcement.



Accreditation Chairperson Chief Marvin Fischer, Vestal Police Chief John Butler, Lt. Christopher Streno and DCJS Commissioner Michael Green at the 2016 Reaccreditation Ceremony in Albany on December 8th.

