

## **2014 REPORT OF THE DETECITVE DIVISION**

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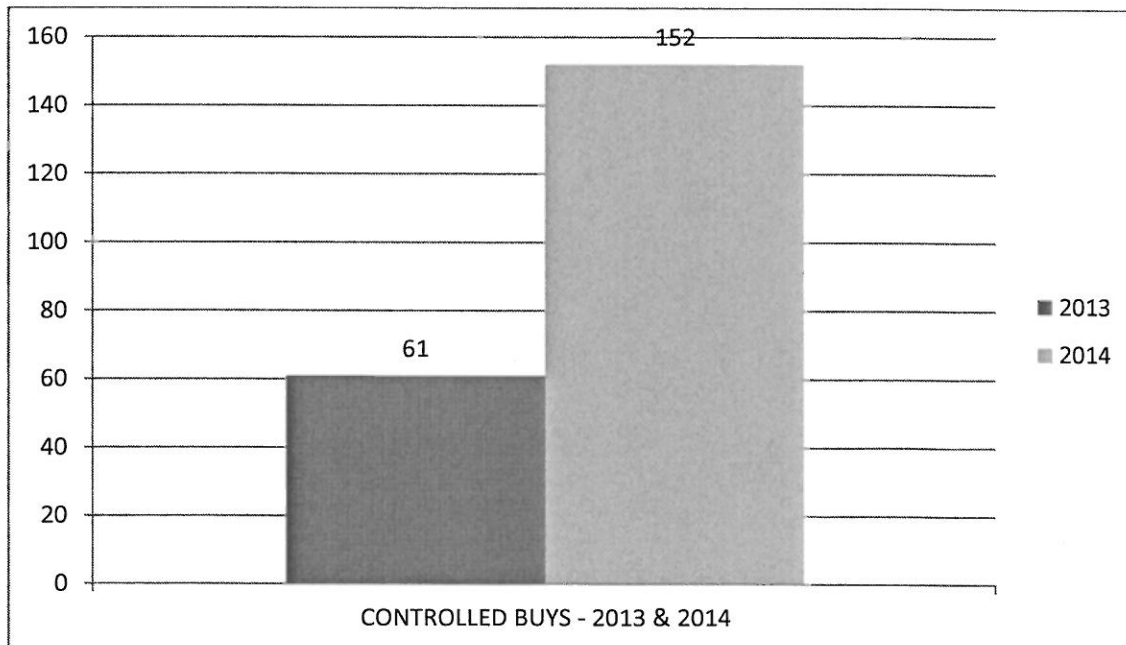
## SUMMARY

2014 was a busy, productive year for the detective division. In addition to carrying a full caseload of criminal investigations, into offenses including burglary, theft, sex crimes, and robbery, the division increased its efforts to combat the illicit trade of narcotics in Port Jervis. Thus, the 2014 report is largely focused upon the narcotics enforcement efforts of the division.

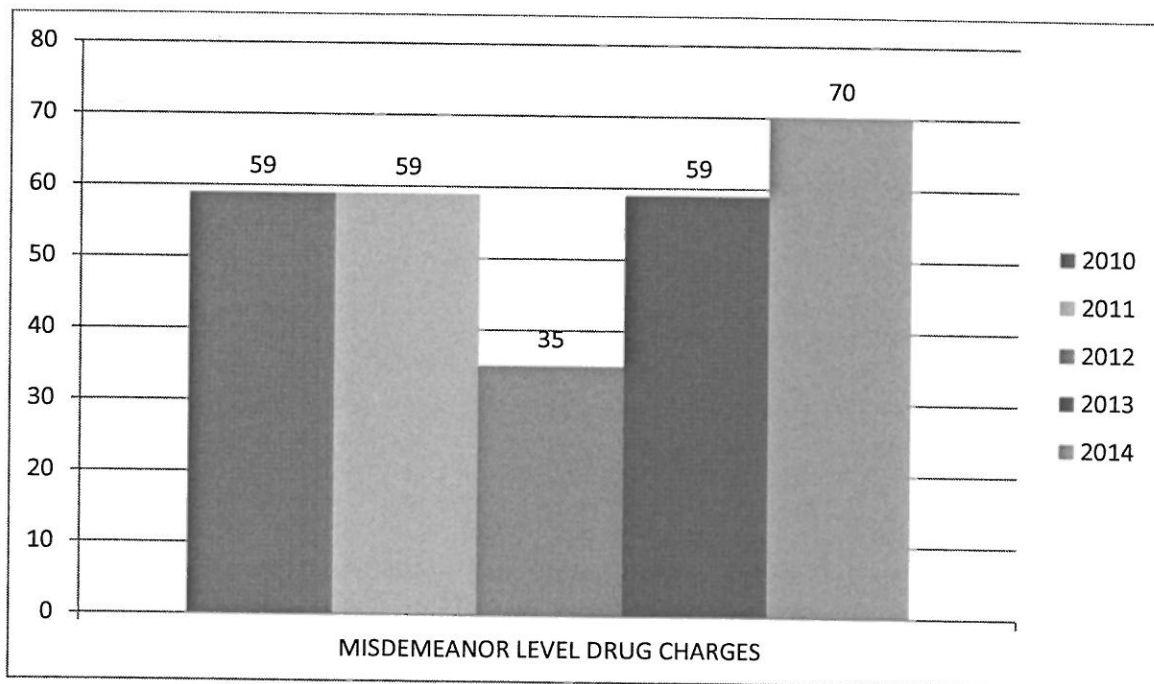
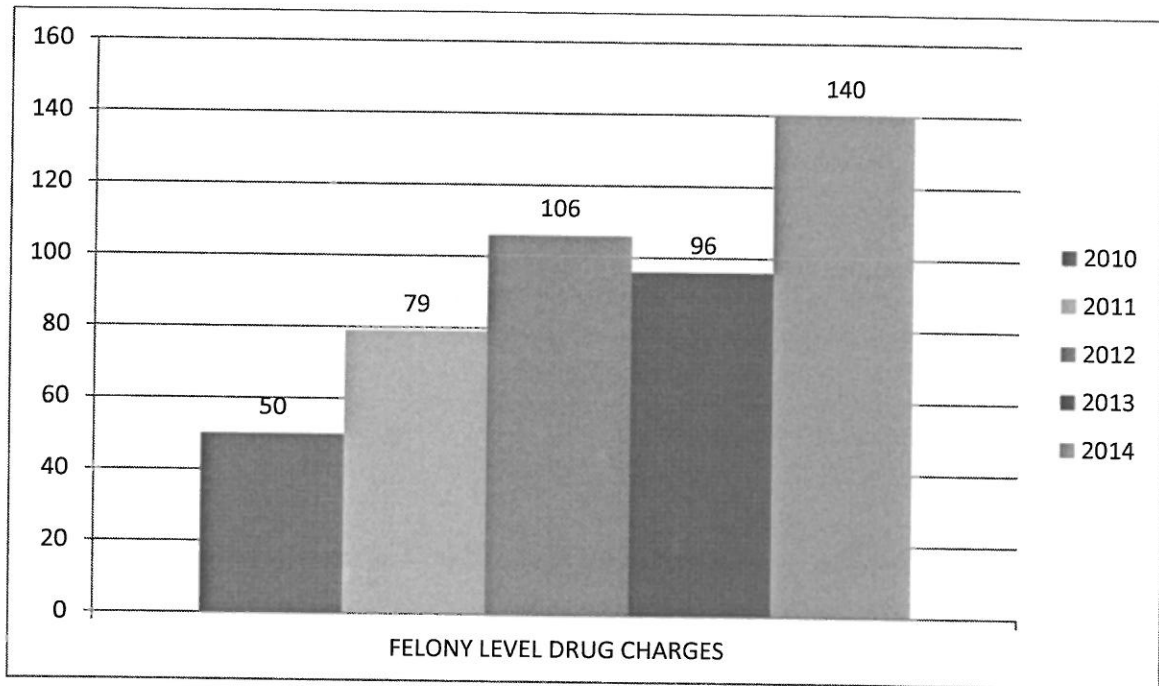
## NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of the state narcotics laws has been a top priority of the division, and in 2014, a detectives increased their efforts with an enhanced approach to targeting those who sell and distribute illicit drugs. Beginning in January of 2014, detectives initiated a proactive, yearlong offensive to identify, investigate and arrest drug dealers in Port Jervis. This approach is ongoing. As part of this effort, detectives worked closely with various police agencies to further investigations, and also utilized information supplied by members of the public. Seizure of assets, such as currency, has also become a valuable tool in the efforts to combat drug trafficking in Port Jervis.

One of the major tactics in the proactive approach is making controlled purchases of controlled substances using undercover police officers or civilian confidential informants. Detectives worked closely with the Orange County District Attorney's Office, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, the New York State Police, the Town of Deerpark Police Department, Eastern Pike Regional Police Department, and the A.T.F. The chart below illustrates the increased efforts through the number of controlled buys which were made in 2014 versus the previous year.

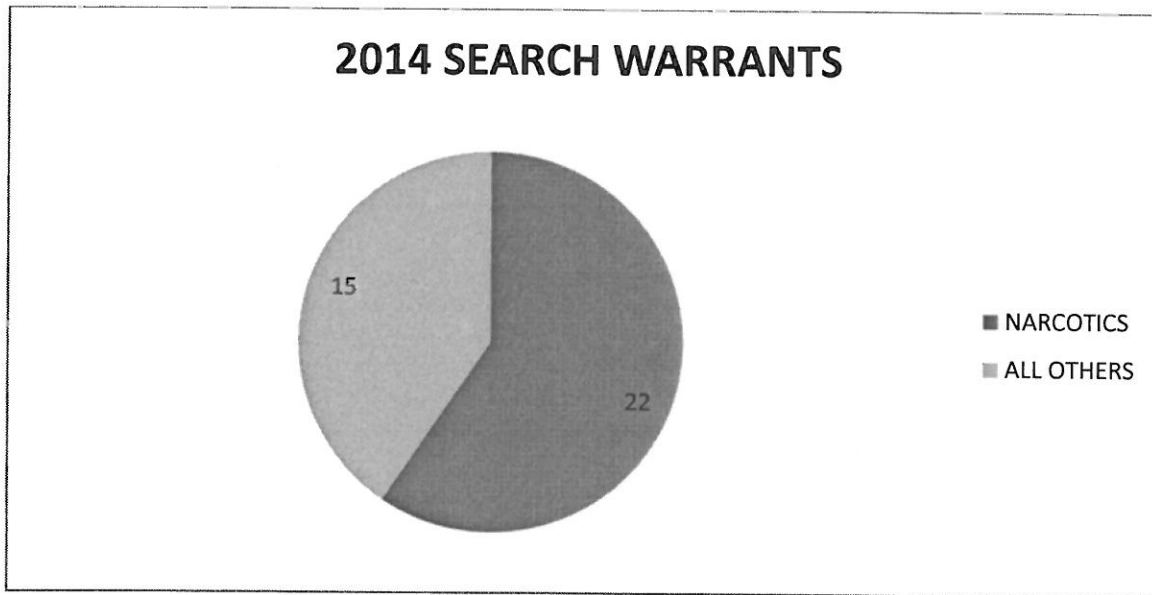


Controlled buys more than doubled from 2013 to 2014. The efficacy of this approach is demonstrated by the increase in felony level drug charges which detectives filed in 2014, as well as the number of misdemeanor possession offenses which were filed department wide.

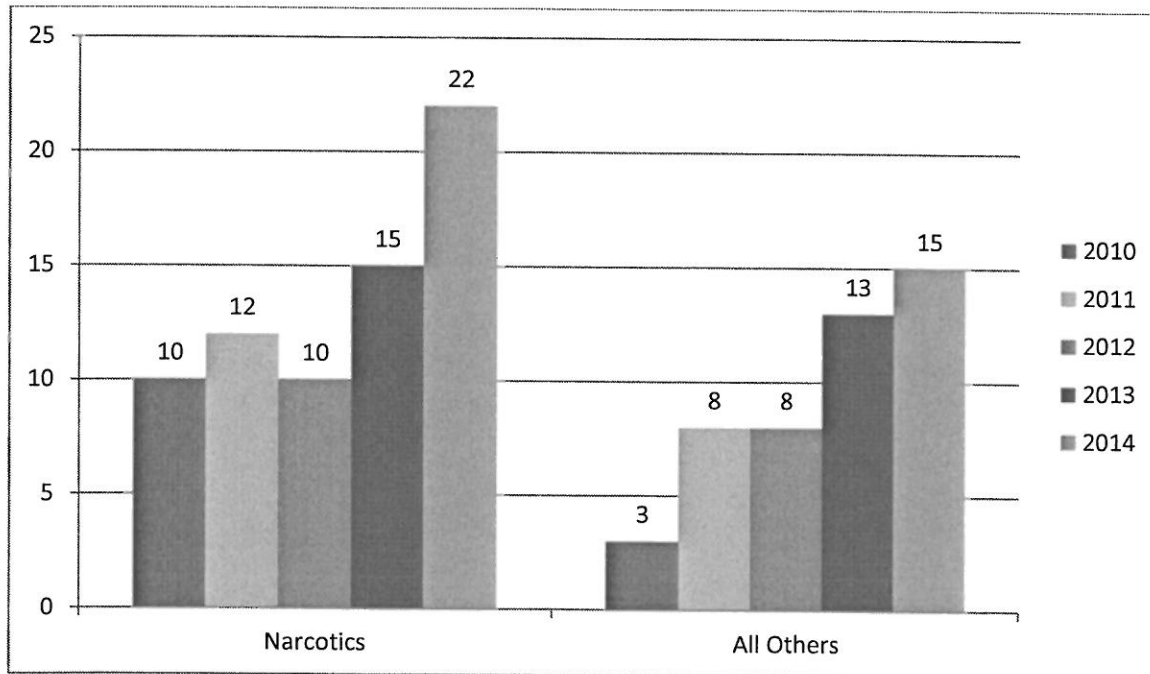


## SEARCH WARRANTS

Detectives obtained 37 court ordered search warrants from either the Port Jervis city Court or the Orange County Court. Warrants were obtained for narcotics investigations, and for other cases such as homicide, larceny, crime scenes, computers, and other offenses. The chart below demonstrates the breakdown of warrants by type in 2014.



The chart below is a five year comparison of search warrants by type.



**SEARCH WARRANTS BY TYPE – FIVE YEAR COMPARISON**

## SEIZURES OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Heroin remained the predominant drug of choice in Port Jervis. Crack cocaine has been making a steady comeback, having doubled over last year.

The following table provides a five year comparison for controlled substances seized by the Port Jervis City Police Department. Only common drugs of abuse are presented.

### CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES SEIZED FIVE YEAR COMPARISON: 2010-2015

Controlled Substance	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Alprazolam (Xanax)	79.5 tablets	107 tablets	26.5 tablets	13 tablets	9.5 tablets
Buprenorphine (Suboxone)*	5 tablets	91	4.5 tab / 10 SL	2 tablets 69 SL	7.5 tablets 12 SL
Clonazepam (Klonopin)	62 tablets	104 tablets	74 tablets	5 tablets	2 tablets
Cocaine – crack	29 g	49 g	36 g	42.5 g	85 g
Cocaine - powder	25.7 g	5 g	74 g	5 g	5 g
Heroin	8.1 g	26 g	109.2 g	142 g	156.3 g
Hydrocodone	41 tablets	158 tablets	128 tablets	11 tablets	6 tablets
Marihuana <sup>^</sup> (includes cannabis plants)	19,012 g	686 g	365 g	325 g	200 g
Methadone <sup>^</sup>	4,530 mg	100 mg	-----	8.5 tablets	1 tablet
Oxycodone	304 tablets	265 tablets	284 tablets	70 tablets	134 tablets

Note: Only drugs seized in 2014 are presented for comparison. Other drugs may have been seized which are not presented on the above chart.

\*SL = sublingual.

<sup>^</sup> Methadone seizure reported in tablets, not combined mg, for 2013 & 2014

### STREET VALUE

The following table is the approximate street value for seized drugs. Please note that the street values are approximate. Many factors can influence the actual price of a controlled substance at any given time. For example, demand for a particular drug; quality of the drug; source of the drug; personality of the buyer and/or seller.

**APPROXIMATE STREET VALUE OF SEIZED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES  
FIVE YEAR COMPARISON: 2010-2015**

Controlled Substance	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Alprazolam (Xanax)	\$ 1,987	\$ 2,140	\$ 530	\$ 260	\$ 190
Buprenorphine (Suboxone)*	\$125	\$ 2,275	\$ 110	\$ 50	\$ 187
Clonazepam (Klonopin)	\$ 1,240	\$ 2,080	\$ 1490	\$ 100	\$ 40
Cocaine – crack	\$ 2,900	\$ 4,900	\$ 3600	\$4,250	\$ 8,500
Cocaine - powder	\$ 2,570	\$ 500	\$ 7400	\$ 500	\$ 500
Heroin	\$ 1,720	\$5,200	\$ 21,840	\$ 28,400	\$ 31,260
Hydrocodone	\$ 1,640	\$ 6,320	\$ 5100	\$ 440	\$ 240
Marihuana <sup>^</sup> (includes cannabis plants)	\$ 380,236	\$ 13,720	\$ 7310	\$ 6,500	\$ 4,000
Methadone	\$ 6,795	\$ 1,000	-----	\$ 225	\$ 25
Oxycodone	\$12,160	\$ 10,600	\$ 11,340	\$ 2,800	\$ 5,360

**MAJOR CRIMES**

A few selected cases are reviewed below.

**Sam and Mable's Burglary.** Working with the A.T.F., detectives executed a court ordered search warrant at a city residence and arrested Rose Corr and Scott Corr of Liberty Street for their role in the October 2013 burglary of Sam & Mable's where a quantity of guns were stolen. Rose Corr later pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge, and Scott Corr pled guilty in County Court to numerous felony offenses and is awaiting sentencing.

**Kucher Homicide.** The fall assault and murder of Mr. Josef Kucher was vigorously investigated by a multi-agency team headed by the Port Jervis Detective Division. The investigation led to a suspect, Dennis McBee, who was later located in Wilkesbarre, P.A., where he was arrested on an unrelated warrant. McBee has been indicted by an Orange County Grand Jury and is awaiting extradition to New York to stand trial.

**Weapons.** Five loaded firearms were seized from drug dealers during 2014, three of which had been reported as having been stolen out of other jurisdictions. The increase in weapons possession is alarming and hints towards an increasing trend of more local dealers arming themselves.

## TOWARDS 2015

The division is maintaining the aggressive approach towards narcotics enforcement for 2015. Working with the Orange County District Attorney's Office, detectives will also increase seizures of assets use in the commission of drug offenses, such as money and cars. Seizures are governed by strict laws and guidelines and are accomplished with the direct involvement of the D.A.'s office.

The division also seeks to continue working with the public, in particular the Neighborhood Watch groups, to ensure that tips and information is appropriately channeled and used in a timely manner.

With the increased presence of handguns and weapons seen in 2014, the division is proactively targeting weapons possession. Removing guns from the street is vital to public safety and to the safety of officers. Because of the potential threat of violence, the department has used the Orange County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Group when executing narcotic and weapons warrants. This excellent working relationship will continue in 2015.

The goal of the division in 2015, in addition to closing criminal cases and assisting with successful prosecution of those cases, is to maintain the momentum in the war against drugs in the City of Port Jervis, and to make Port Jervis an expensive and unpopular place to set up shop to sell drugs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Det. Michael J. Worden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Detective Michael J. Worden

# **Annual Report 2014**

**City of Port Jervis Police Department  
Juvenile Aid Bureau  
134 Pike Street**

**Prepared by:  
Det. Stanley Buczek**

**Prepared for:  
Chief William Worden**

**January 13, 2015**



**Port Jervis Police Department**  
**Juvenile Aid Bureau**  
**134 Pike St., Port Jervis, New York 12771**

**Non-Criminal Youth Contacts for 2014**

- ◆ **January 2014** I participated in the "Rachel's Challenge: anti-bullying presentation at the P.J.H.S.
- ◆ **January 2014** I gave tour of HQ to 10 D.V.E.-TV students & prepared child ID cards for all.
- ◆ **January 2014** I spoke with 100 students @ the A.S.K. "Kindergarten Kindness" Day.
- ◆ **January 2014** I prepared 50 Child ID cards for the children attending the Shop-Rite "Safety Weekend".
- ◆ **January 2014** I attended the "Show Respect & Be Bully Free" presentation @ A.S.K.
- ◆ **February 2014** I prepared 62 Child ID cards for the children attending Project Discovery.
- ◆ **February 2014** I prepared 45 Child ID cards for children attending Candy Cane Preschool.
- ◆ **March 2014** I prepared 43 Child ID cards for the children attending R.E.C.A.P.
- ◆ **March 2014** I read to 50 children at A.S.K. school as part of the Dr. Seuss- Read across America.
- ◆ **March 2014** I participated in the annual Cops v.s. Kids benefit basketball game @ A.S.K. school.
- ◆ **March 2014** I prepared 42 Child ID cards for the children attending Little Lambs preschool.
- ◆ **March 2014** I attended the "Breaking the Cycle" – forgiveness presentation at the P.J.M.S.
- ◆ **March 2014** I attended the P.J.M.S. Health Fair & spoke to students about effects of drug use.
- ◆ **May 2014** I attended the "Career Day" at the A.S.K. school and spoke with 300 students about the profession of Law Enforcement.
- ◆ **May 2014** I prepared 22 Child ID cards @ Sav-a lot during the "Family safety day".
- ◆ **May 2014** I prepared 35 Child ID cards @ the Deerpark Family Festival.
- ◆ **May 2014** Gave a tour of Headquarters to 42 Little Lambs preschool students.
- ◆ **June 2014** I prepared a Child ID card for every student in the Kindergarten @ A.S.K. (135 cards).
- ◆ **June 2014** I conducted a Youth Safety Day / Bike Rodeo at the Sav-A lot store, with the assistance of the 4<sup>th</sup> ward neighborhood watch. Children were allowed to drive through an obstacle course to test their driving ability. The children were also given a safety lecture & refreshments. Bicycle helmets & locks were given to the needy. Local residents were encouraged to register their bikes with the Police Dept. The event was attended by over 220 kids & parents.
- ◆ **June 2014** I organized an A.S.K. safety day and spoke with 140 first grade students about seat belt and bike safety. Students were also given a short ride on the Dept. U.T.V. to demonstrate seat belt safety.
- ◆ **June 2014** I conducted a Police Department bike give away. The department gave over 145 bikes away to needy children.
- ◆ **August 2014** Myself & numerous Police Officers from the Port Jervis Police Dept. participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Port Jervis Police Dept. "National Night out". Activities were conducted for children ranging from 5 – 16 years of age. The activities included a bounce house, an obstacle course, a potato sack race, and a water balloon toss. In addition, 200 glow necklaces and 75 bike helmets were given away to needy children.
- ◆ **August 2014** I attended the P.J. Recreation Dept. sponsored "3 on 3" youth basketball tournament held at Church Street park. Over 150 kids participated in the event.
- ◆ **August 2014** I prepared 118 Child ID cards for children attending the "Community Day" at the Riverside Park.
- ◆ **August 2014** I attended the P.J. Rec. Dept. annual field day. I registered 8 bikes and gave a theft prevention talk.

- ♦ **September 2014** I attended the “Breaking the Cycle” – forgiveness presentation at the P.J.M.S.
- ♦ **October 2014** I attended the A.S.K. school “Walking School Bus”. (25) walking students were given Pedestrian safety tips.
- ♦ **October 2014** I attended the Orange County Traffic Safety sponsored assembly “Don’t TEXT & DRIVE”  
at the Port Jervis High School. All Juniors & Seniors attended the event.
- ♦ **October 2014** I prepared child ID cards at the “Let’s Beat Hunger” food drive concert held at Riverside park.
- ♦ **October 2014** Gave Halloween safety talks to nursery schools – third graders in two elementary schools and local daycare centers. Halloween bags were given to 1152 children. In addition, I handed out 350 glow necklaces to kids Trick or Treating on Halloween night.
- ♦ **October 2014** I participated in the “Rachel’s Challenge: anti-bullying presentation at the P.J.H.S.
- ♦ **November 2014** I attended the “Career Day” at the Port Jervis High School and spoke with over 100 students about the profession of Law Enforcement.
- ♦ **November 2014** I sponsored a bike give away with the assistance from Action Bikes of Milford, PA & Empowering Port Jervis. During the event, (60) bikes, helmets & locks were given away to needy kids.
- ♦ **November 2014** I spoke with 10 Cub Scouts about citizenship.
- ♦ **November 2014** I conducted a Community service day with (11) youth.
- ♦ **December 2014** I prepared 25 Child ID cards for the children attending the Shop-Rite “Kid’s Safety Day”.
- ♦ **December 2014** I prepared (55) Child ID cards for children attending the annual V.F.W.- Navelship children’s Christmas party.

### **Observations from the Juvenile Aid Bureau**

#### **Juvenile Contacts**

The overall contacts by this department were down from 498 in 2013 to 490 in 2014. This count includes youths who have had multiple contacts with this agency for different incidents. Breakdowns of gender involvement’s are below:

#### **Males**

Felonies were up from (3) in 2013 to (6) in 2014.  
 Misdemeanors were up from (60) in 2013 to (72) in 2014.  
 Violations / P.I.N.S. cases were down from (132) in 2013 to (121) in 2014.  
 Mental Health arrests were up from (10) in 2013 to (12) in 2014.  
 Runaway investigations were down from (10) in 2013 to (5) in 2014.  
 P.J.C.C. / Juvenile contacts were up from (86) in 2013 to (123) in 2014.  
 Overall male contacts were up from (301) in 2013 to (339) in 2014.

#### **Females**

Felonies were down from (2) in 2013 to (0) in 2014.  
 Misdemeanors were down from (33) in 2013 to (21) in 2014.  
 Violations / P.I.N.S. cases were down from (85) in 2013 to (60) in 2014.  
 Mental Health arrests were down from (11) in 2013 to (9) in 2014.  
 Runaway investigations were down from (14) in 2013 to (7) in 2014.  
 P.J.C.C. / Juvenile contacts were up from (52) in 2013 to (54) in 2014.  
 Overall female contacts were down from (197) in 2013 to (151) in 2014.

NEW YORK STATE  
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
**PROGRAM ANNUAL ASSESSMENT**

QYDS ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Municipality: City of Port Jervis

Implementing Agency: City of Port Jervis

Program Title: Juvenile Aid Bureau

Mailing Address: 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis, New York 12771

Contact Person for Agency/Municipality: William Worden

Title: Director – Chief of Police

Phone Number: (845) 856-5101

**PROGRAM PROFILE – Unduplicated Number of Youth**

TOTAL PROGRAM ENROLLMENT 5078

Projected: 3000

Actual: 5078

**STATISTICAL REPORT Use only Whole Numbers. Do NOT use Percentages.**

☐ No direct services provided to youth:

<b>GENDER OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:</b> <i>(Enter number participants per gender)</i>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>2729</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>2349</b>
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<b>ETHNICITY:</b> <i>(Enter number of participants per ethnic group)</i>	WHITE	4295	BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	783	HISPANIC OR LATINO	201
	AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKAN NATIVE				ASIAN	
	NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER				TWO OR MORE RACES	

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**DID TARGET POPULATION SERVE DISCONNECTED YOUTH?**  
*(Enter number of participants per population described)*

☐ No

☒ Yes

**IF "YES",** Youth aging out of foster care

Children of incarcerated parents

Youth in the juvenile justice system who re-enter the community

205

Runaway and Homeless Youth

12

Prepared By: Stanley Buczek

SIGNATURE OF PROGRAM DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE

Title: Detective (J.A.B.)

Date: January 13, 2015

Certified By: Kelly Decker

SIGNATURE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR  
DESIGNEE, OR AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IF  
DIRECT CONTACT

Title: Mayor

Date: January 13, 2015



2014	Jan.		Feb.		Mar.		Apr.		May		Jun.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Arson												
Assault (felony)												
Burglary									4			
Cemetery Desecration												
Crim. Poss. Control Sub.												
Crim. Poss. Stolen Prop (Fel.)												
Crim. Sale Control Sub.												
Criminal Mischief (felony)												
Forgery												
Grand Larceny												
Rape												
Robbery												
Sexual Abuse (felony)												
Crim. Sex Act												
other felonys												
<b>total felony</b>												
Aggravated Harassment			2				1	2				
Assault (Misdemeanor)									1			
Crim Poss Weapon												
Crim. Poss Stolen Property												
Crim. Sale Controlled Sub.												
Criminal Mischief (misd.)	2				3		1	1	4		1	
Criminal Poss Controlled Sub.												
Criminal Trespass			4									
Falsely report an incident												
Menacing	1				1		2		2			
Petit Larceny	2		1		2		2			4		1
Poss Weapon under 16 YOA												
Reckless Endangerment					1							
Sexual Abuse (Misd.)												
Sexual Misconduct												
Unauthorize use of M.V.												
Other Misdemeanors						1			1			
<b>total misd.</b>												
Disorderly Conduct		4			3	3	1		9		1	5
Harassment	1	1	1	1		1			3		4	2
Trespass									10	2	6	
<b>total violations</b>												
9.41 M.H.L.		1	2	3		1	2	1	1		1	
Juvenile Contacts	12		8	4	7	1	11	6	15	7	7	6
P.I.N.S.	1	3	1	2	3	1	5	1	9	6	4	3
P.J. city code violations	2										2	
Runaways						1	2			1	1	
Underage drinking												
Total	21	9	19	10	20	9	26	10	60	21	27	17
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>30</b>		<b>29</b>		<b>29</b>		<b>36</b>		<b>81</b>		<b>44</b>

# ANIMAL CONTROL

## 2014 YEARLY REPORT

Dispatched/#Contacts	
Call Type	# Calls

Dog	219
Cat	123
Raccoon	23
Bat/Brd/Snk/Turtl	16
Woodchuck	14
Skunk	10
Possum	4
Bear/Deer	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>421</b>

Animals Euthanized	
Type	# Euthanized

Dog	2
Cat	7
Raccoon	6
Bat/Brd/Snk/Turtl	
Woodchuck	
Skunk	1
Possum	
Bear/Deer	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

Brought to Shelter	
Type	# TOT Shelter

Dog	51
Cat	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>

Emergency Vet Care	
Dog	
Cat	
Total	

Charges/Warnings				
Offenses		Disposition		
		Warnings		Total
Port Jervis City Code	App. Ticket	Written	Verbal	

PJCC 215-9	License and Tag Required	13	10	38	61
PHL 2141-1	Rabies Vaccination	2	10	30	42
PJCC 215-13	Dog Running At Large	8	2	14	24
PJCC 215-20	Nuisance By Animal			18	18
PJCC 215-12	Removal Of Feces Required			39	39
PJCC 215-14	Leashing Required			15	15
PJCC 389-2E	Animal in City park			19	19
PJCC 535-4B	Maximum Number of Domestic Animals			1	1
PJCC 215-27	Dangerous Dog	8		1	9

### State of New York AGM – Article 26

353	Cruelty			3	3
353-a	Aggravated Cruelty			3	3
353-b	Appropriate Shelter for Dogs			13	13
353-d	Confinement of Companion Animals				0
355	Abandonment of Animals			1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>248</b>

Arrests	
Appearance Tickets Written	31
Cruelty Investigations	14