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Public Safety Committee Report –December 2017

Section 1.01 Department Activities:

- December 2nd- Sheriff Lansing attended the bowling event to raise money for the Cops, Kids and Toys program.
- December 4th- Stakeholders met to discuss the new Raise the Age Legislation.
- December 5th- Sheriff Lansing and other essential personnel met with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. Members of the Corrections Division went to pick up the department van up from the BOCES program. They had been working to fix the van and make it more efficient for the department.
- December 6th- Captain Bunce attended the normally scheduled CJATI meeting. Additionally, the Ithaca High School Government class toured the jail facility. Lastly, Sheriff Lansing attended the Traffic Safety Committee meeting in Albany.
- December 8th- Several members of the Sheriff's Office attended the Groton Fire Department's 50-year celebration.
- December 10th- Sheriff Lansing accepted toy donations for Cops, Kids and Toys from the Newfield Methodist Church.
- December 12th- The Sheriff's Office conducted K-9 policy training. Additionally, Administration attended the Workforce, Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting to discuss jail operation policy.
- December 14th- Cayuga Radio Group spoke with Sheriff Lansing regarding the Cops, Kids and Toys program in Tompkins County. The Corrections Division took part in a Defensive Tactics demo.
- December 18th- Members of TCSO attended the Kiwanis awards to honor Investigator Rick Haas.

- December 19th- Cops, Kids and Toys delivery day.
- December 20th- The Road Patrol Sergeants had their regularly scheduled meeting. Additionally, the Criminal Justice Coordinator Interview Team met.
- December 21st- The Corrections Division Sergeants had their regularly scheduled meeting. Administration phone conferenced with LaBella Associates to discuss the blueprint options for the TCSO location. Lastly, the Corrections Division conducted interviews for the vacant RN position.
- December 22nd- The Sheriff's Office held their 1st Annual "Ugly Sweater Party".
- December 27th- Sheriff Lansing met with program leaders regarding a new PTSD grant opportunity.

Section 1.02 Sheriff's Office Media Releases

- **Larceny Arrest- December 1st, 2017**
 - On December 1st, 2017 at about 6:00 PM, deputies responded to an address on Warren Road in the Town of Ithaca for a stolen cell phone report. Subsequent to an investigation, deputies recovered the stolen cell phone from a male suspect. Deputies identified the male as LEE R AVERY (age 36 of Ithaca).
 - AVERY was charged with Petit Larceny and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 5th Degree. AVERY posted Police Bail and was released on an appearance ticket. He is set to appear in the Town of Ithaca Court on December 14th at 9:30 AM.
- **Drug Arrest- December 1st, 2017**
 - On December 1st, 2017 at about 8:25 PM, deputies stopped a blue Honda on State Route 13 near Warren Road in the Village of Lansing for speeding. Subsequent to an investigation, deputies identified the driver as JOSEPH A HURBAN (Age 36 of Ithaca). HURBAN held a suspended driver's license and was found to be in possession of two bags of a white powdery substance and a small quantity of marijuana.
 - HURBAN was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 5th Degree (D Felony), Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle 3rd Degree (U Misd.), and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana (Violation). He is set to appear in the Town of Lansing Court on January 9th, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

- **Petit Larceny- December 9th, 2017**

- On December 9th, 2017 at 4:18 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff's deputies responded to Target located at 40 Catherwood Road, Village of Lansing for a theft complaint. Deputies interviewed Target Lost Prevention upon arrival. Lost prevention alleged observing a female, identified as AMANDA R. GIROUX, age 28 of Dryden, NY, stealing merchandise from the store and exiting by all points of sale. Deputies arrested GIROUX who was charged with Petit Larceny (Class A Misdemeanor). GIROUX was issued an appearance ticket and released ordering her to return at a later date for her initial appearance.

- **Petit Larceny Arrest- December 9th, 2017**

- On December 9th, 2017 at 5:40 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Target, 40 Catherwood Road in the Village of Lansing for a theft complaint. Deputies interviewed lost prevention upon arrival who allege observing a female identified as ITATI A. ABADIE, age 19 of Jackson Heights, NY stealing merchandise from their store. They then allege observing walking out with the merchandise passing all points of sale making no attempt to purchase it. ABADIE was arrested and charged with Petit Larceny (Class A Misdemeanor) and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana (Violation). She was released on appearance ticket ordering her to return to the Town of Lansing Court at a later date.

- **Petit Larceny Arrest- December 10th, 2017**

- On December 10th, 2017 at around 3:33 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Target, 40 Catherwood in the Village of Lansing for a theft complaint. Deputies interviewed lost prevention upon arrival who allege observing two females and one male steal merchandise from their store. Lost prevention further allege that when they confronted the three, the incident became physical when they forced their way through lost prevention officers.
- After an investigation into the case, deputies located and charged three individuals. NICOLE B. SHERMAN, age 27 of Dublin Road in Lansing and two other individuals who are under the age of 18 were arrested and charged with one count each of Petit Larceny (Class A Misdemeanor). They were all three given appearance tickets and ordered to return to the Town of Lansing Court at a later date.

- **Narcotics Arrest- December 10, 2017**

- On December 10th, 2017 at 9:00 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 1321 Dryden Road in the Town of Dryden for a drug complaint. Deputies interviewed ARTHUR F. HAYES, age 38 of Trumansburg, N.Y. upon arrival. During the course of the investigation, deputies located marihuana, crack cocaine, heroin and a hypodermic syringe on HAYES.

- HAYES was arrested and charged with Criminally Possessing a Hypodermic Instrument (Class A Misdemeanor), two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree (Class A Misdemeanor) and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana (Violation). Hayes was issued appearance tickets ordering him to return to the Town of Dryden Court on January 15th, 2018 at 5:00 PM.
- **Credit Card Skimmers Community Advisory- December 13th, 2017**
 - The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office would like the public to be aware of the current credit card scams that are taking place at local gas stations around the area. These scams are occurring through what are called "credit card skimmers". These devices are installed and used to read the credit card number and log it for use at a later date.
 - Sheriff Lansing recommends a couple tricks and tips to help prevent this type of credit card theft:
 - 1) Smartphone users can utilize their Bluetooth to catch a "credit card skimmer". If a long series of numbers appears on the list of recognized Bluetooth connections on your device, it is likely that there is a "skimmer" on the pump. By enabling Bluetooth you are able to pick up the signal the "skimmer" is sending. If you see a number like this, go in to the establishment and inform the gas attendant immediately. Additionally, Android users have applications available to be able to detect skimmers; such as "Skimmer Scanner" by SparkX. This app uses the Bluetooth footprint to recognize if there is a "skimmer" on the gas pump.
 - 2) Another way to avoid theft is going into the establishment and paying directly. Whether you are paying with a card or cash, you can always pay inside the building. This is the safest method.
 - "It is easy to fall prey to this kind of theft; take the extra precaution and double check your surroundings with these suggestions", says Sheriff Lansing.
- **Petit Larceny- December 13th, 2017**
 - On December 13th, 2017 at 6:35 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff's Deputies responded to Target, 40 Catherwood Road in the Village of Lansing for a theft complaint. Deputies interviewed lost prevention officers upon arrival. Lost prevention alleged observing a male identified as COLT R. MCELWAINE, age 29 of Ithaca N.Y. stealing several items from the store and walking past all points of sale without making any attempt to pay. MCELWAINE was charged with one count of Petit Larceny (Class A Misdemeanor) and released on appearance ticket ordering him to return to the Town of Lansing Court on January 11th, 2018 at 3:00 PM.

- **DWI Arrest- December 22nd, 2017**

- On Friday, December 22nd, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Tompkins County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the 700 block of Auburn Road, Town of Lansing for a traffic complaint. Deputies interviewed the complainant upon arrival, who alleged witnessing a vehicle, which had now pulled over at this point, failing to maintain lane amongst other erratic driving. Deputies then interviewed the driver, BRUCE P. TYRRELL, age 58 of Genoa, N.Y. who was operating a later model Buick Lesabre. Deputies observed signs of intoxication and conducted a DWI Investigation which resulted in TYRRELL being arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.
- TYRRELL was charged with Driving While Intoxicated (Unclassified Misdemeanor), Driving While Intoxicated with a BAC of .08% or Greater (Unclassified Misdemeanor), Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a BAC of .18% or Greater (Unclassified Misdemeanor), Parking Violation (Violation) and Unlawful Possession of Marihuana (Violation). TYRRELL was issued appearance tickets and released ordering him to return to the Town of Lansing Court on January 23rd, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

- **Newfield House Fire- December 27th, 2017**

- On December 27th, 2017 at about 5:50 PM, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office responded to Ward Heights Trailer Park in the Town of Newfield for a reported structure fire; which resulted in two fatalities, ALTON J. HILE JR. (age 51) and SANDY ROBINSON (age 71).
- The Sheriff's Office was assisted by Newfield Fire, Enfield Fire, Odessa Fire, State Fire Investigators, and Bangs Ambulance. This is currently a joint investigation being conducted by New York State Fire and the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office.

- **DWI Arrest- December 30th, 2017**

- Deputies observed a gray Chevrolet traveling at a high rate of speed on East Shore Drive in the Town of Ithaca. Deputies stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as KACIE N. MCLYMAN, age 26 of Cortland, NY. Through further investigation, deputies determined that MCLYMAN was intoxicated and arrested MCLYMAN.
- MCLYMAN was charged with two counts of Felony Driving While Intoxicated and Speed in Zone. MCLYMAN was released and is to appear in the Town of Ithaca Court on February 1st, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

Section 1.03 Monthly Road Patrol Statistics:

Total Incidents:	1054
Violation Arrests:	8
Misdemeanor Arrests:	31
Felony Arrests:	4
Active Warrant Arrests:	15
DWI Arrests:	2
Felony DWI Arrests:	3

Section 1.04 Civil Division Statistics:

Total Revenue Amount Taken In:	\$71,959.65
Revenue Remitted to Tompkins County Treasurer:	\$7,914.75
Civil Actions Docketed:	148
Civil Papers Requiring Service:	186
Civil Papers Exempt from Fees:	99
Civil Paper Service Attempts Made Through County:	130
Successful Civil Paper Service:	154

Section 1.05 Jail Statistics:

Felony Intakes:	
Misdemeanor Intakes:	
Total Intakes:	
Inmates Transported to State Prison:	
Inmates Transported to Rehab:	
Total Inmates Transported (Courts, Etc...):	
Bail Money Processed:	
Disciplinary Incidents:	
Inmate Boardout Days- Mental Health:	
Inmate Boardout Days:	
Average Daily Boardout:	
Boardout (High/Low):	
Boardout Costs (not including Mental Health):	