



OTSEGO COUNTY

STOP DWI

2012

ANNUAL REPORT



“Alcohol related crashes are NOT accidents”

In Otsego County, law enforcement efforts are combined with education, training and a public strategy to create deterrence against unlawful actions behind the wheel. Drunk driving and distracted driving are dangerous and deadly decisions that impact all of us. Through our STOP-DWI program, we strive and are committed to make the roads and highways of Otsego County safer for all.

Sheriff Richard Devlin

- Reduce the number of persons killed or injured in alcohol and other drug-related traffic crashes
- To promote DWI prevention as a public priority
- Coordinate local efforts in Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Probation, Rehabilitation, Public Information,

Alcohol related fatalities and injuries is a chronic problem that will affect one in three Americans in their lifetime. Nationwide, nearly 42,000 people die in motor vehicle crashes each year with 16,653 (40 percent) being alcohol related. This means that one person is killed every 33 minutes and one person is injured every two minutes from alcohol related crashes.

Prior to establishment of the New York State Special Traffic Options Program for

Driving While Intoxicated (STOP-DWI), the average person arrested for driving while intoxicated had a blood alcohol concentration level of .19, almost twice the legal limit. Yet their chances of being arrested were estimated to be one in two thousand. Most drunk drivers had their charges reduced to non-alcohol related charges, the average fine was \$11; all while alcohol related fatalities were at a high 44.14 percent.

A Nation Wide Problem

Local Approach

The Otsego County STOP-DWI Program's mission is to deter alcohol / drug impaired driving through enhanced enforcement, prosecution, rehabilitation, and education services.

RESULTS

The local option approach for DWI enforcement has proven to be very effective. It has not only dramatically reduced alcohol related fatalities and injuries, but has also allowed counties to be extremely creative in developing programs and fostering cooperation between localities.

All counties in New York State have a STOP-DWI Program. The successes of the programs are notable:

- Alcohol related crashes decreased from 16,607 (1981) to 10,167 (2000).
- Alcohol related fatalities decreased from 1,107 (1981) to 334 (2000).
- Alcohol related injuries decreased from 21,633 (1981) to 9,251 (2000).
- The percent of alcohol related crash fatalities decreased from 44.1 percent (1981) to 23.13 percent (2000).
- State collected fines went from less than \$500,000 annually to an average of \$22 million annually.
- Not a penny of taxpayers money has been spent since the inception of the program. Fine money, which currently averages \$22M per year is retained by the counties to operate the program.



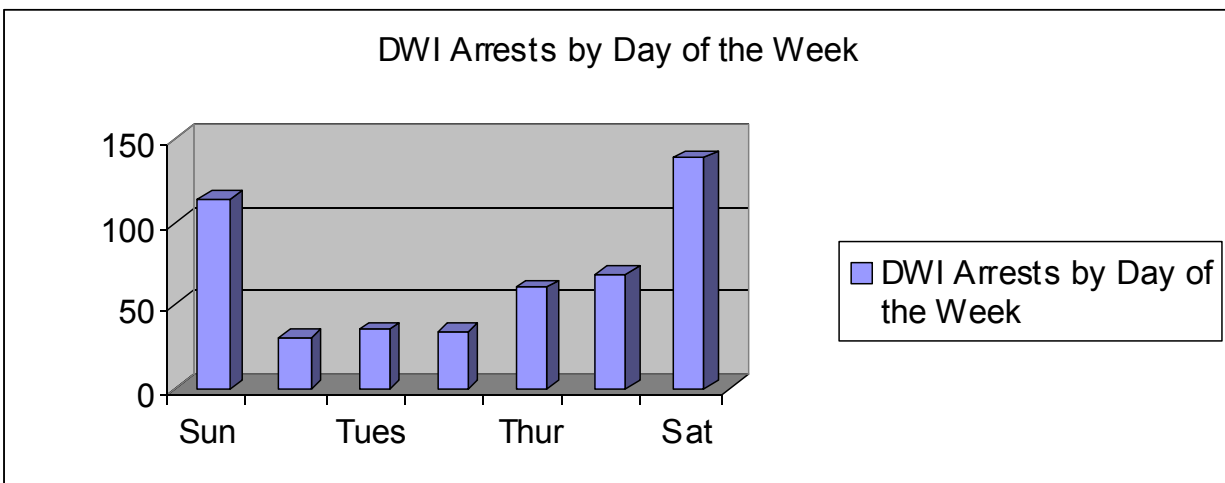


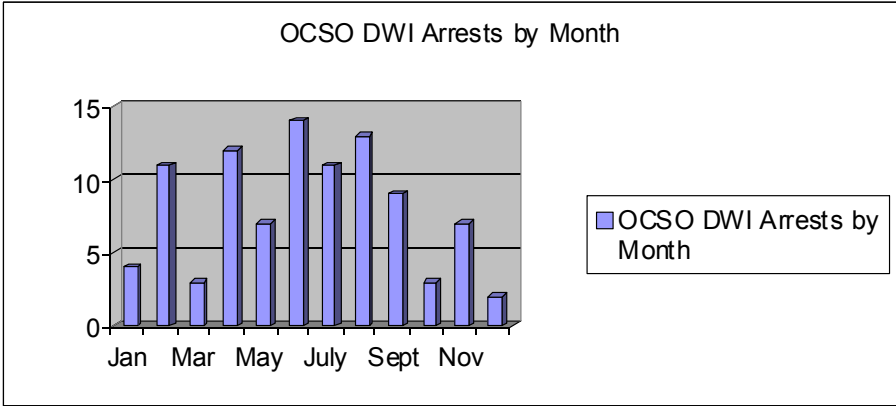
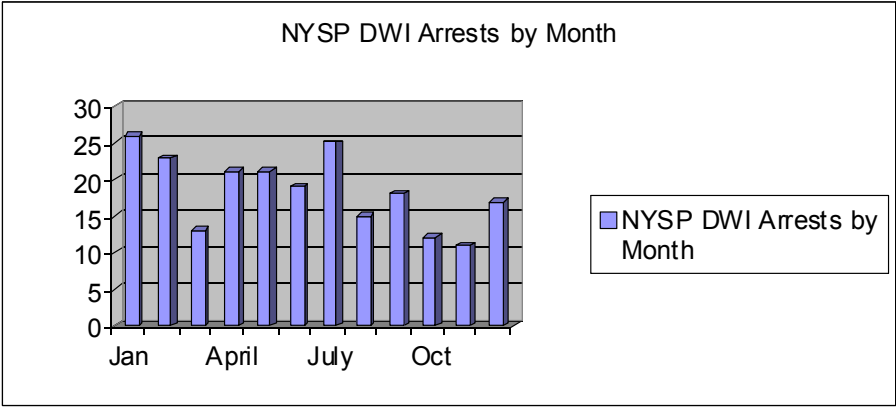
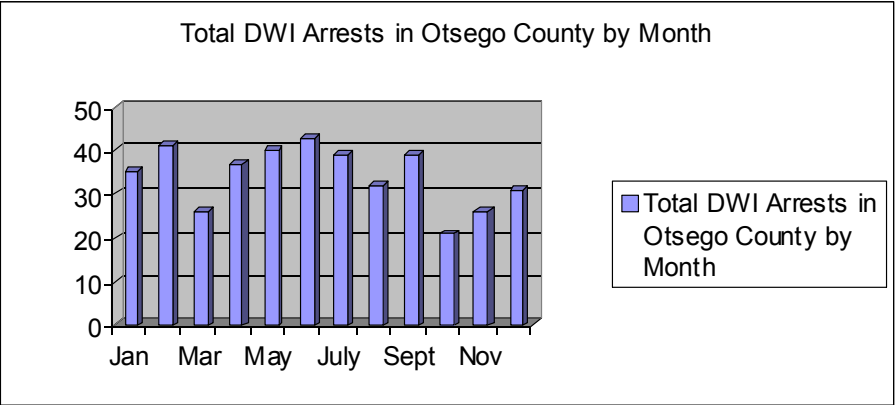
2012 DWI ARREST SUMMARY

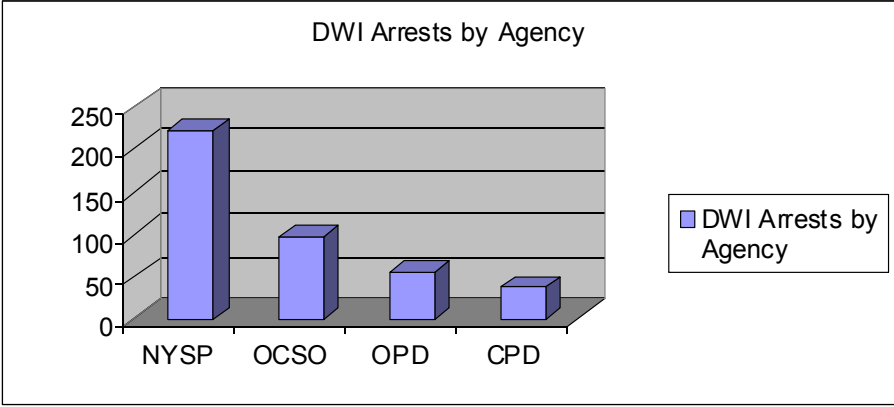
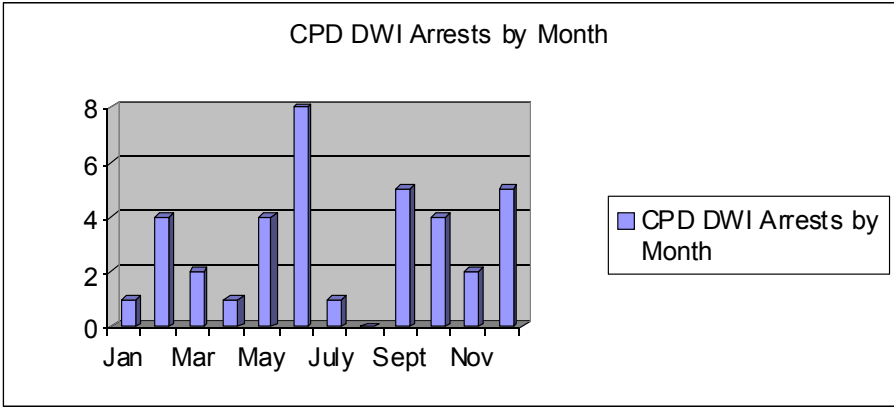
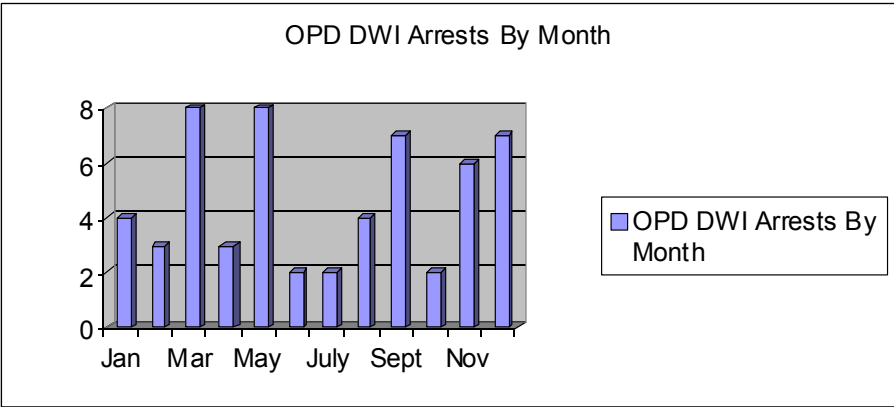


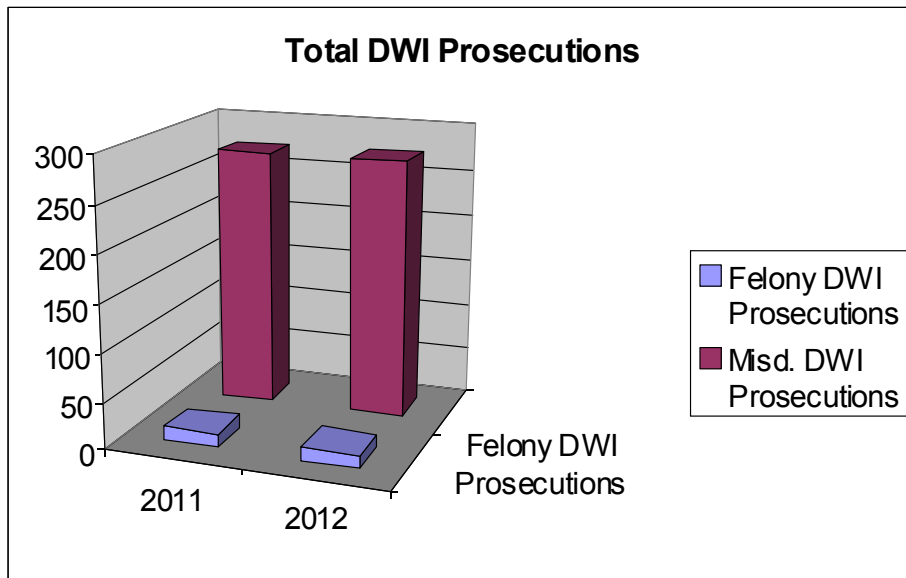
Total DWI Arrests in Otsego County	493
Youngest Person Arrested for DWI	17 yoa
Oldest Person Arrested for DWI	84 yoa
Total Female DWI Arrests	111
Total Male DWI Arrests	382
Lowest BAC Arrest	.04
Highest BAC Arrest	.36
Total Chemical Tests Taken	378
Total Refusals	25
Total Breath Tests Taken	364
Total Urine Tests Taken	13

There were 66 Alcohol Related Crashes in Otsego County in 2012; 22 Crashes involved Personal Injury; 44 involved Property Damage.



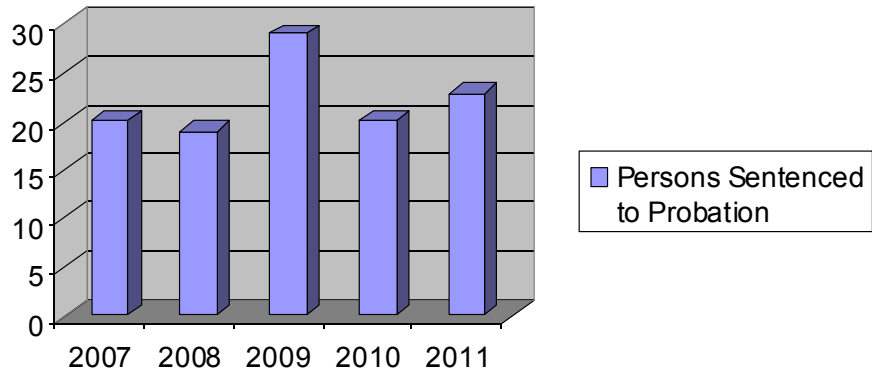




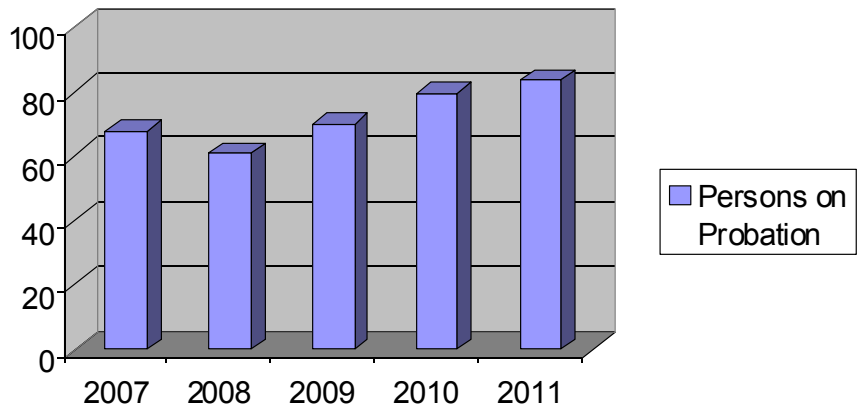


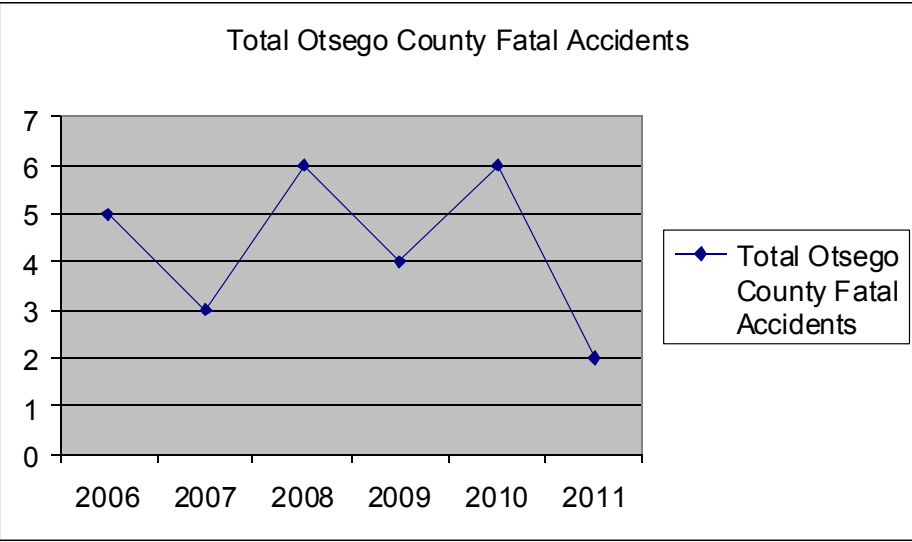
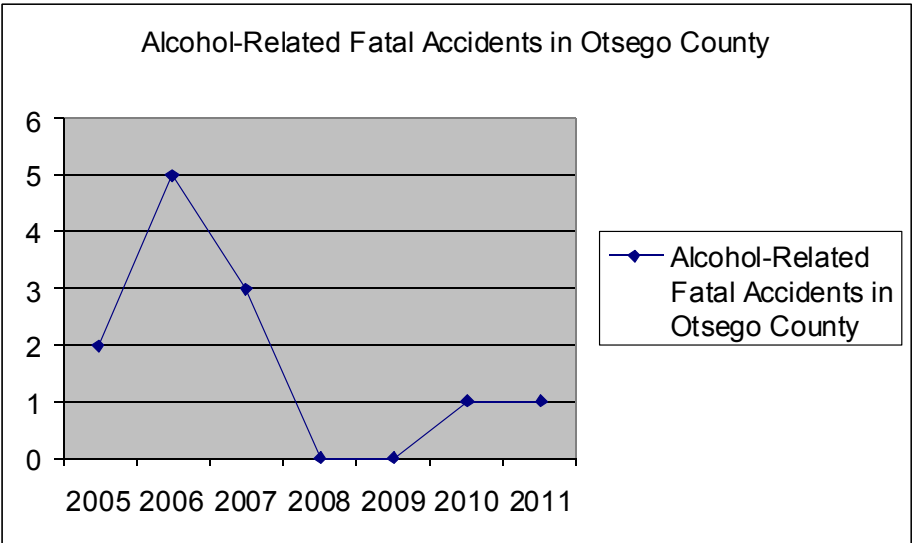
YEAR	DWI ARRESTS	FELONY ARRESTS	MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	INFRACTION ARRESTS
2011	289	41	239	9
2012	287	39	237	11

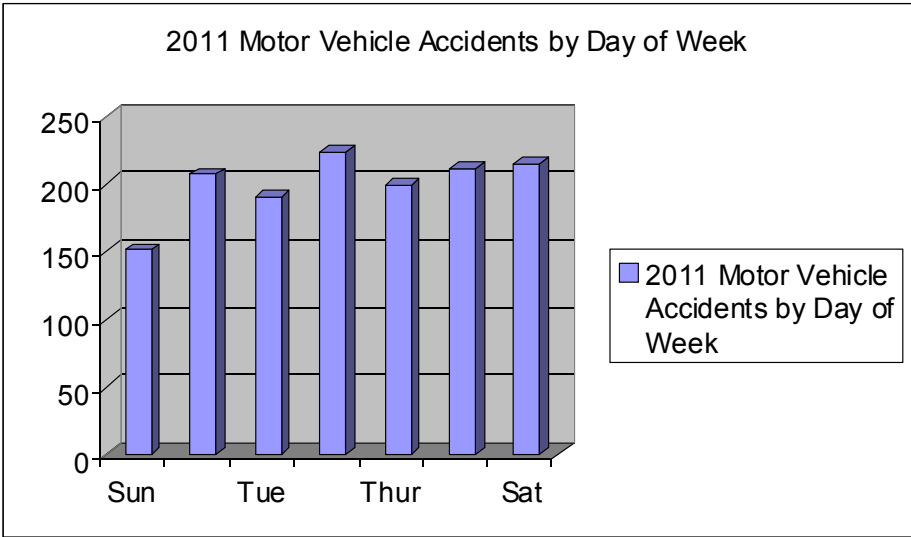
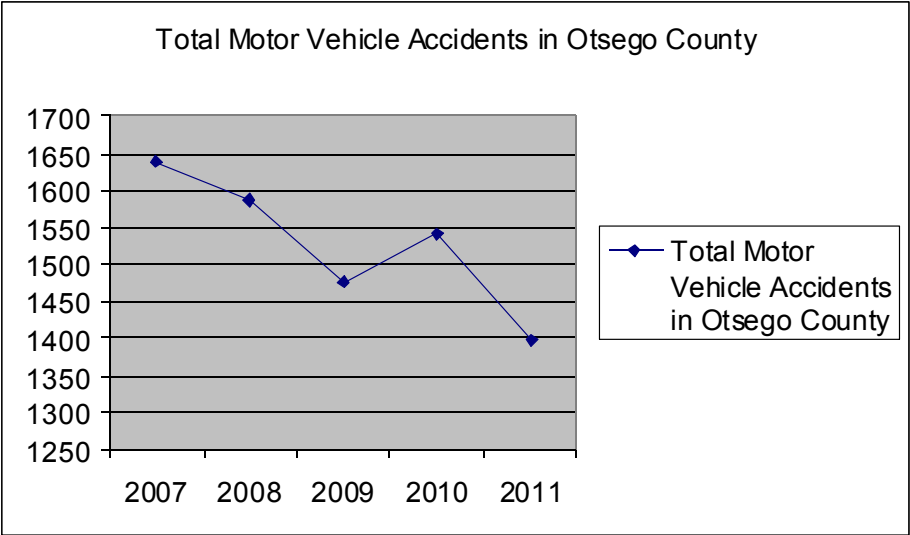
Persons Sentenced to Probation for 1192 and 511 Convictions



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Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)

Once trained and certified, DREs become highly effective officers skilled in the detection and identification of persons impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. DREs are trained to conduct a systematic and standardized 12-step evaluation consisting of physical, mental and medical components.

Alcohol-related crashes are estimated to cost the public more than \$50 billion yearly.

Our History and Our Mission

STOP-DWI stands for "Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated." The STOP-DWI program was created by the New York State Legislature in 1981 for the purposes of empowering counties to coordinate local efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug related traffic crashes within the context of a comprehensive and financially self-sustaining alcohol and highway safety program.

The STOP-DWI legislation permits each of the State's 62 counties to establish a county STOP-DWI program which, in turn, will qualify the county for the return of all fines collected for alcohol and other drug related traffic offenses occurring within its jurisdiction. Each county is given broad discretion in the direction of its program. The "local option" concept set forth by the Legislature merely requires that the program address alcohol and highway safety issues and be non-duplicative of related ongoing efforts.

Otsego County's STOP-DWI program has provided enforcement, training, and community programs for over 30 years.



- ENFORCEMENT
 - o Sobriety Check Points/Blanket Patrol
 - o Officer Training
 - o Dedicated Patrols
- PROSECUTION
 - o Training/Support
- PROBATION COURTS
 - o Training/Support
 - o Electronic Monitoring Devices
- REHABILITATION / TREATMENT
 - o Training/Support
 - o Diversion Programs
 - o Treatment Education Programs
- PUBLIC INFORMATION / EDUCATION
 - o Victim Impact Panels
 - o Victim Assistance Programs
 - o Media Campaigns
 - o Prevention and Leadership Programs
 - o SADD Program
 - o School Assembly Programs
 - o Substance Free After-Prom Parties
 - o Server Training
 - o Displays at County & State Fairs/Conferences
 - o Educational Materials
- ADMINISTRATION / EVALUATION
 - o Legislative Initiatives
 - o Research Papers
 - o Newsletters

Otsego County Programs

ONE SECOND Everything Changes

Nearly four out of five high school students have consumed alcohol by their senior year. Car crashes, unplanned pregnancies, violence, alcohol dependency, and serious health issues are just a few of the consequences of underage drinking.

Education and Community Programs

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death involving teens. Injuries to teen drivers result in \$30 million in annual hospital charges in New York State.

2012 Programs

In an effort to remind drivers of the dangers involved in distracted and drunk driving, Otsego County STOP-DWI teamed up with the Otsego County Traffic Safety Board in producing two electronic ads. With presentation time donated by DC Marketing, these ads are displayed on an electronic bulletin board on I-88 in the City of Oneonta. This board, being the only electronic display board between Binghamton and Albany on a major New York highway, is able to reach thousands of drivers every day, including residents, visitors, guests and those passing thru the area.



Otsego County Stop-DWI offers educational programs available to students and the general public. Instructors are certified police officers who present educational material and classroom presentations concerning Drugs and Alcohol and their legal ramifications. Classroom presentations present an overview of the DWI Laws detailing the identification and processing of a DWI arrest. Drunk driving simulator goggles are often used to show different levels of impairment along with visual presentations to enhance program objectives.



A systematic review of ad campaigns against drunk driving, published in the June 2004 issue of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, suggests these mass media campaigns can reduce alcohol-related car crashes by 13 percent.





On average someone is killed by a drunk driver every 40 minutes

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