

# OTSEGO COUNTY STOP DWI ANNUAL REPORT

2013

Over the Limit - Under Arrest
Don't Drive Impaired

Sheriff Richard Devlin Un

"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.

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- To promote DWI prevention as a public priority
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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.

## Mission Overview

- 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, Education, and Administration.
- STOP-DWI stands for "Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated".
- The STOP-DWI Program was created by the State Legislature in 1981
- Empowers counties to coordinate local efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug related traffic crashes.
- The Program functions as a financially self-sustaining alcohol and highway safety program.
- STOP-DWI efforts are funded entirely from fines paid by convicted drunken drivers, no tax dollars are used.
- Best in Country

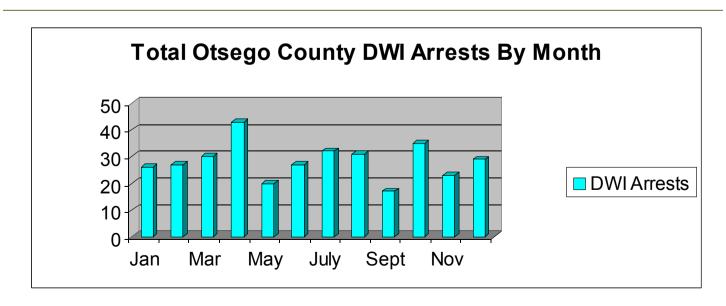




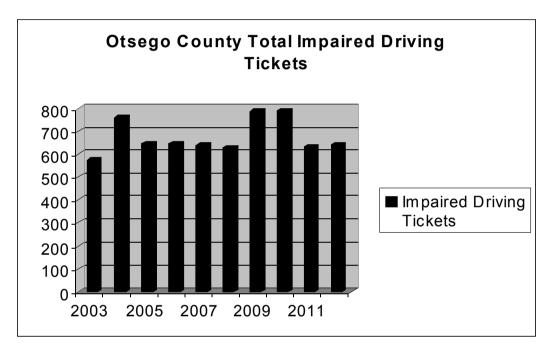
## 2013 DWI ARREST SUMMARY

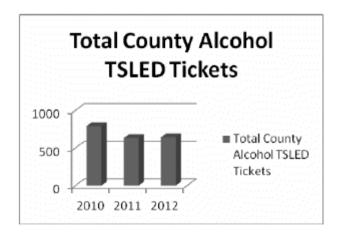
Total DWI Arrests in Otsego County	378
Youngest Person Arrested for DWI	16
Oldest Person Arrested for DWI	73
Total Female DWI Arrests	146
Total Male DWI Arrests	232
<b>Lowest BAC Arrest</b>	.05
Highest BAC Arrest	.30
<b>Total Chemical Tests Taken</b>	255
Total Refusals	19
<b>Total Breath Tests Taken</b>	234
Total Urine tests Taken	21

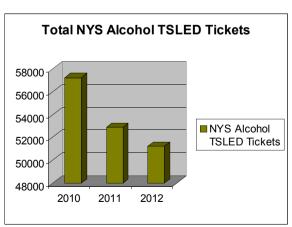
There were 56 Alcohol Related Crashes in Otsego County in 2013; 23 Crashes involved Personal Injury; 32 involved Property Damage.

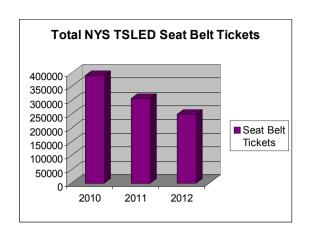


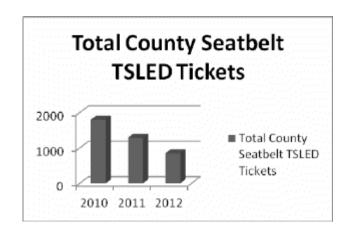


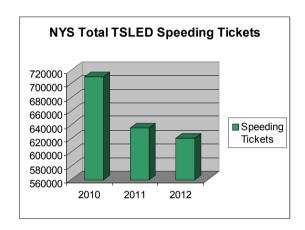


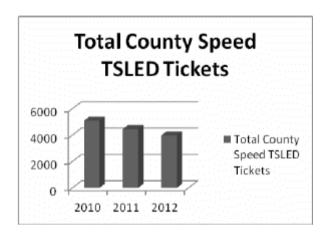


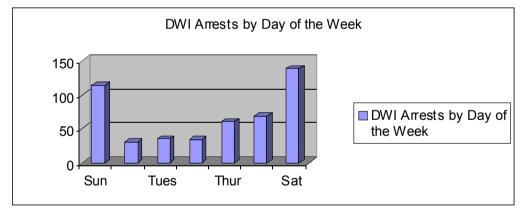




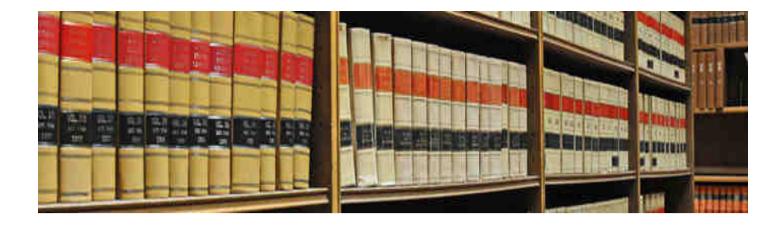


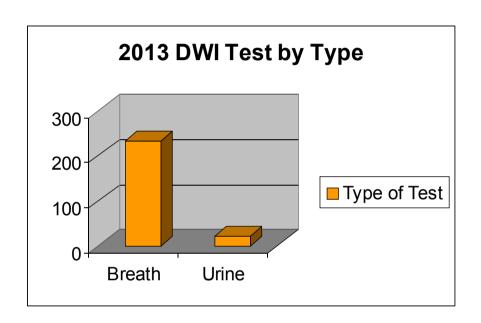


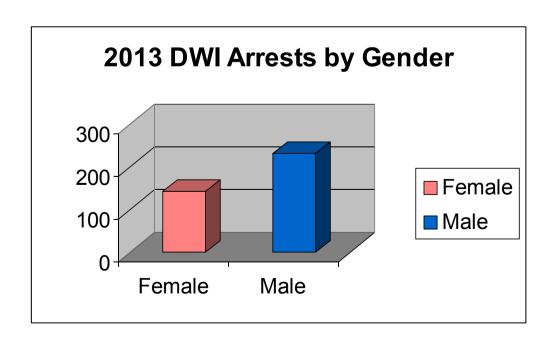


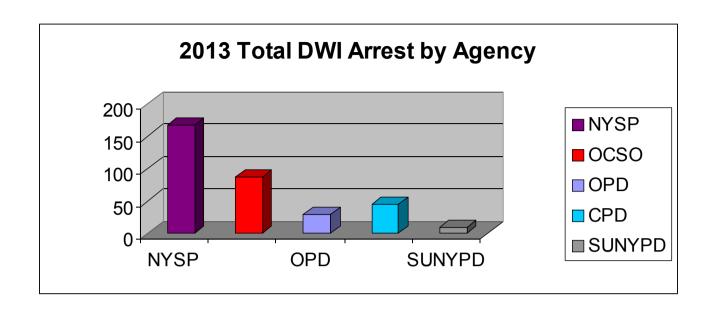


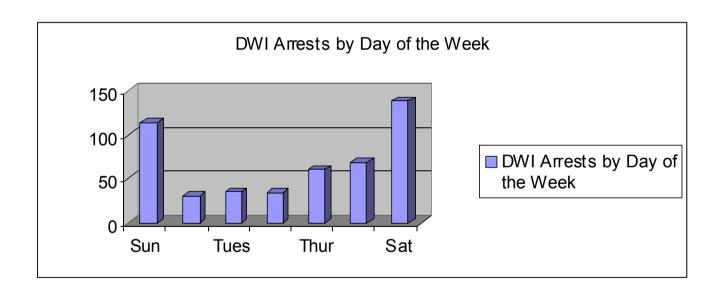






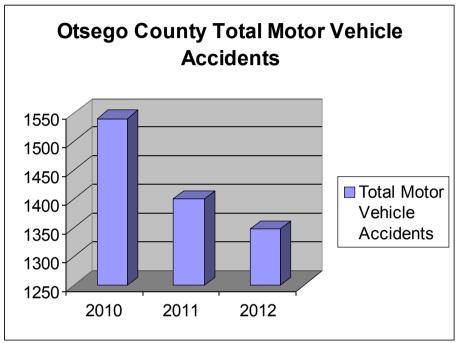


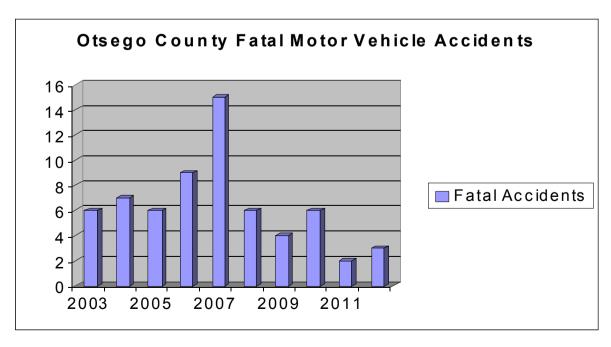


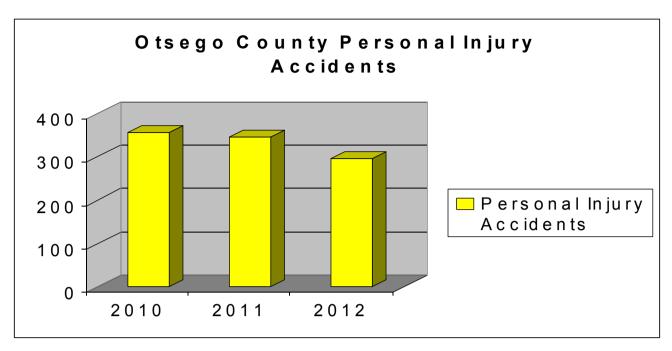


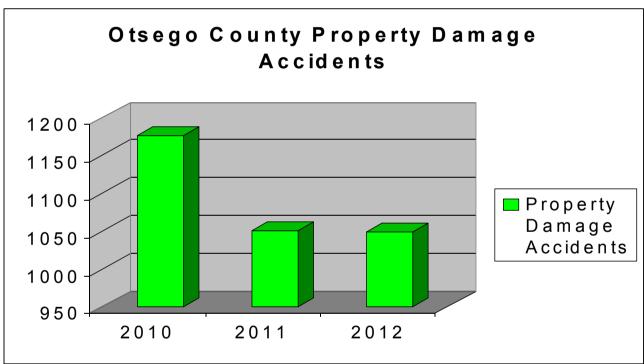
















#### Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)

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**



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.



#### · ENFORCEMENT

- o Sobriety Check Points/Blanket Patrol
- 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
- 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



# Local Programs

# **Education and Community Programs**

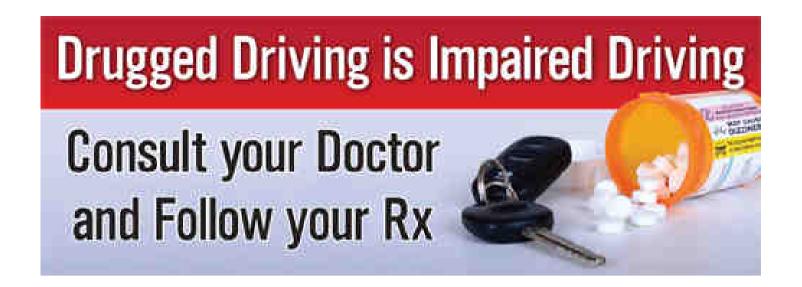
In partnership with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), Otsego County STOP-DWI and Traffic Safety Board presented an extremely popular distracted driving program that has traveled across the state. This highly sought after presentation was provided to secondary school students at three schools in the county. The goal of the program is to educate motorists about the increased crash risk associated with distracted driving and the life altering consequences that can result from this dangerous behavior. The program continued to feature nationally-recognized victim advocate Jacy Good who was severely injured in a crash caused by a young driver talking on a cell phone.



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.



Otsego County Stop-DWI offers educational programs available to students and the general public. Instructors are certified police DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) officers who present educational material and classroom presentations concerning Drugs and Alcohol and their legal ramifications.



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

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