



OTSEGO COUNTY

STOP DWI

2010

ANNUAL REPORT

“Alcohol related crashes are NOT accidents”



STOP-DWI stands for "Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated". The STOP-DWI Program was enacted by the State Legislature in 1981 for the purposes of empowering county governments 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.

Our History and Our Mission

- 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.

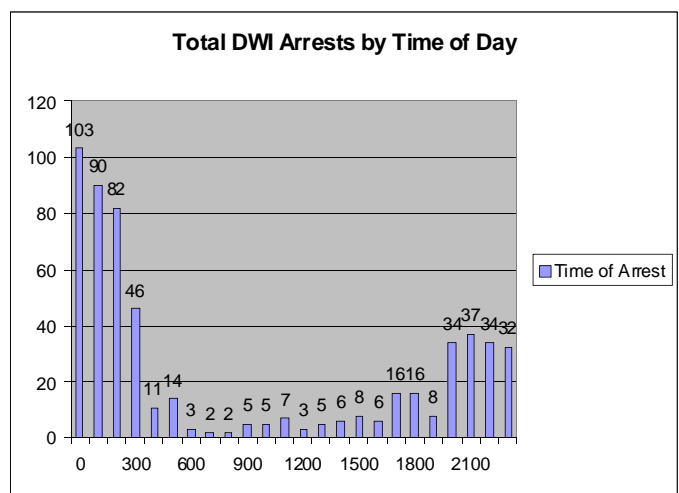
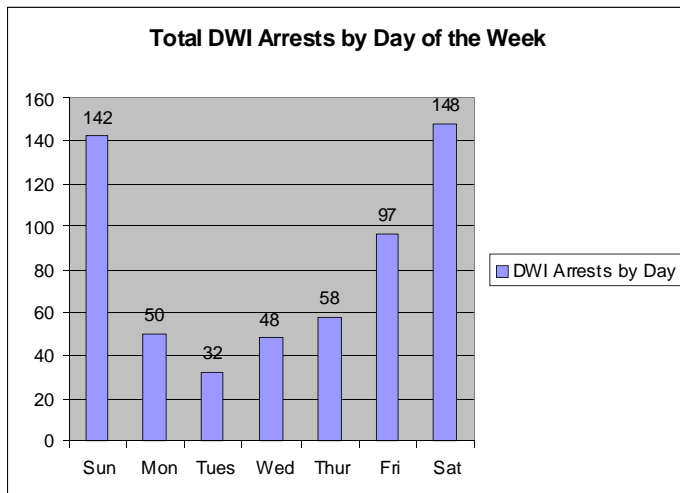


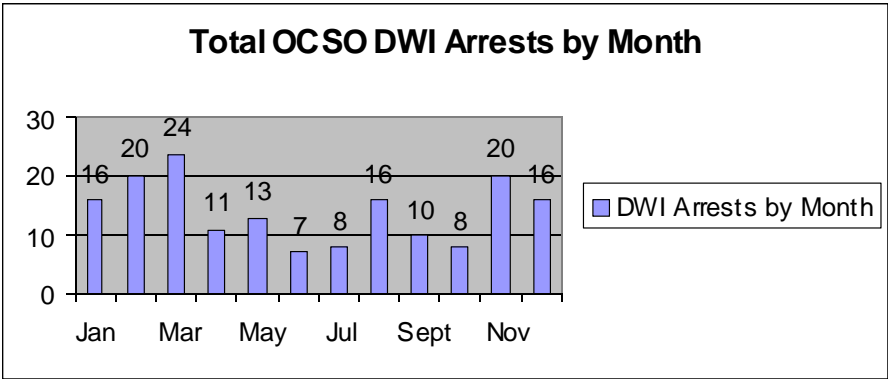
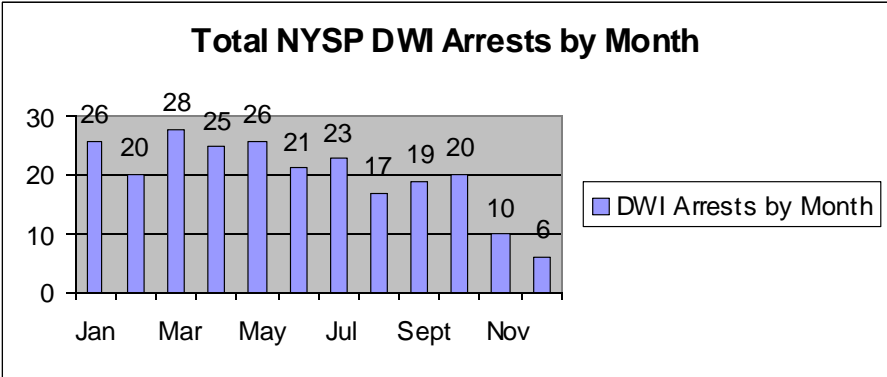
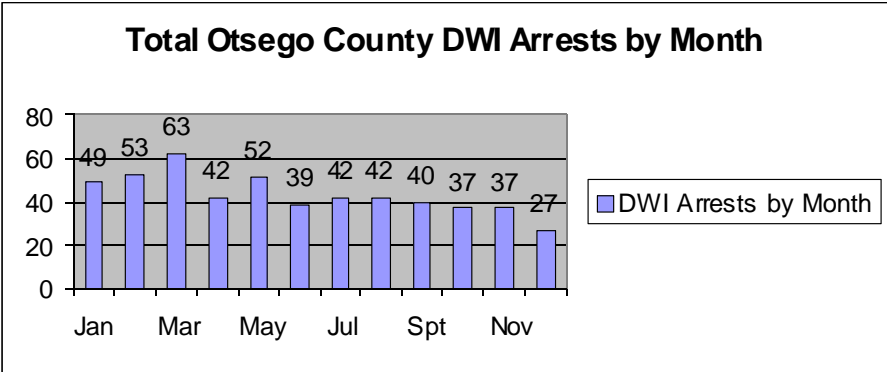


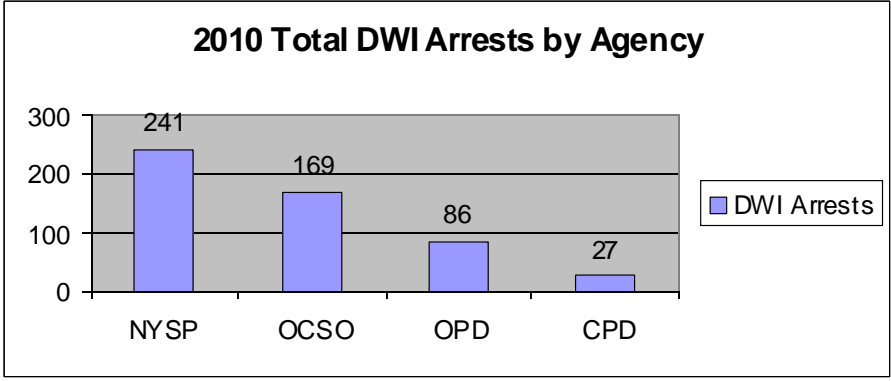
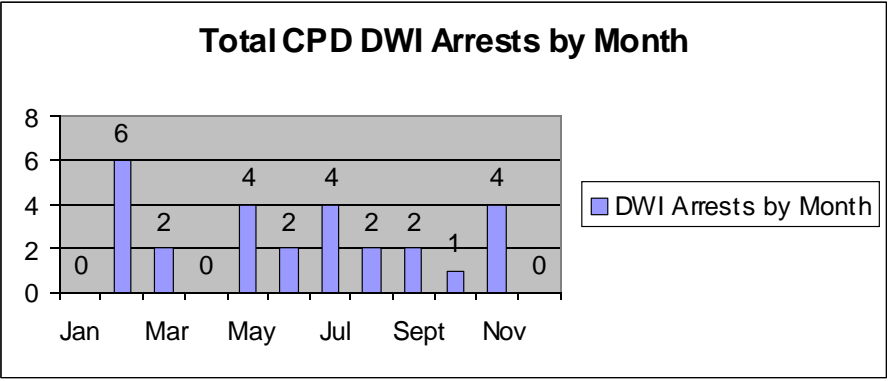
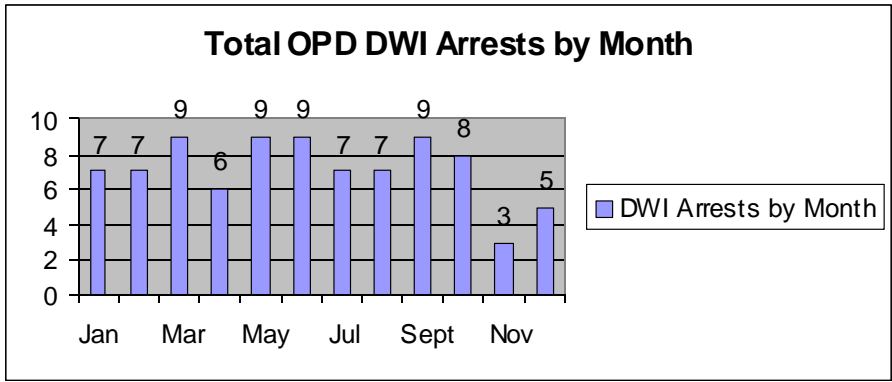
2010 DWI ARREST SUMMARY

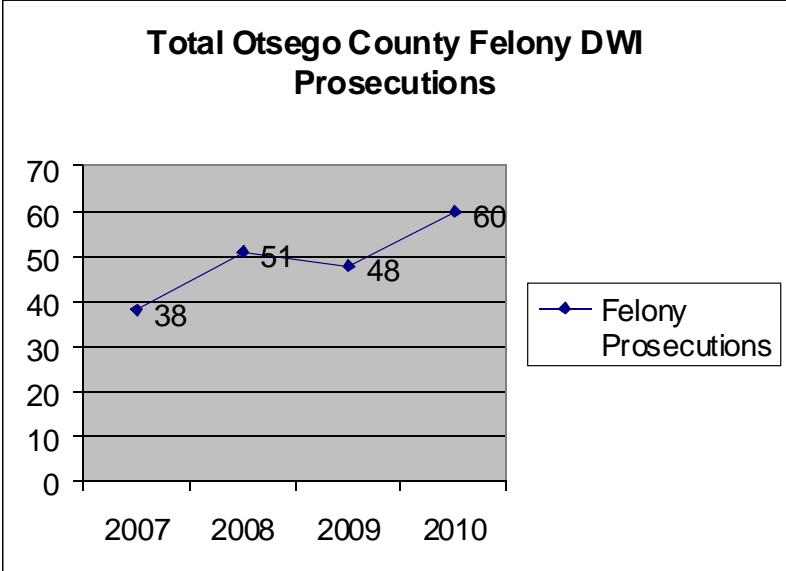
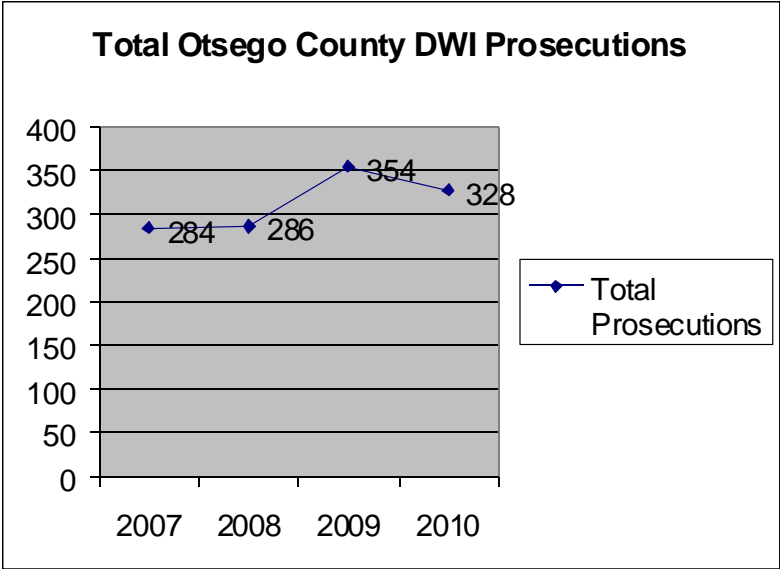
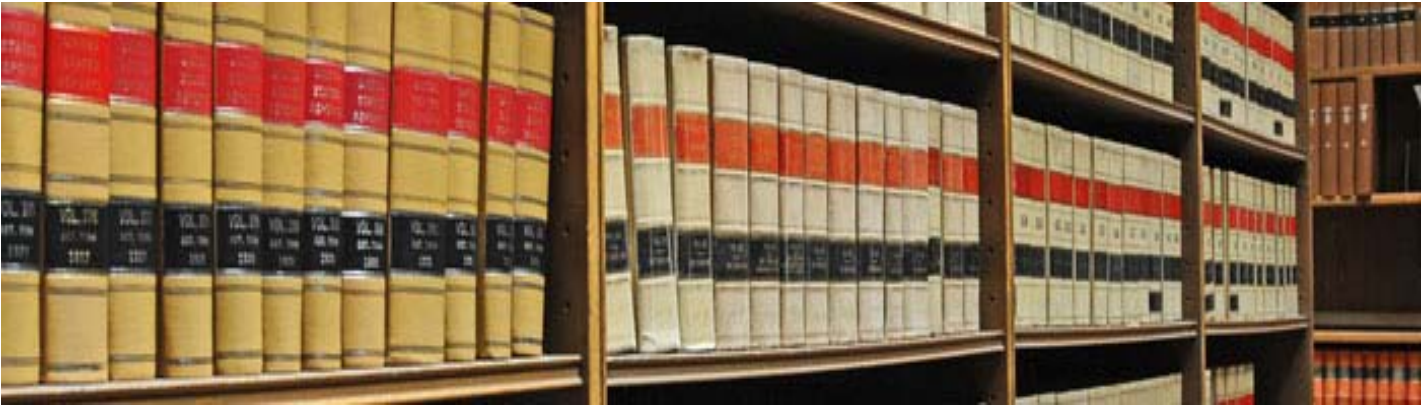
Total DWI Arrests in Otsego County	562
Youngest Person Arrested for DWI	17 yoa
Oldest Person Arrested for DWI	75 yoa
Total Female DWI Arrests	116
Total Male DWI Arrests	446
Lowest BAC Arrest	.04
Highest BAC Arrest	.33
Total Chemical Tests Taken	467
Total Refusals	29
Total Breath Tests Taken	428
Total Urine Tests Taken	39

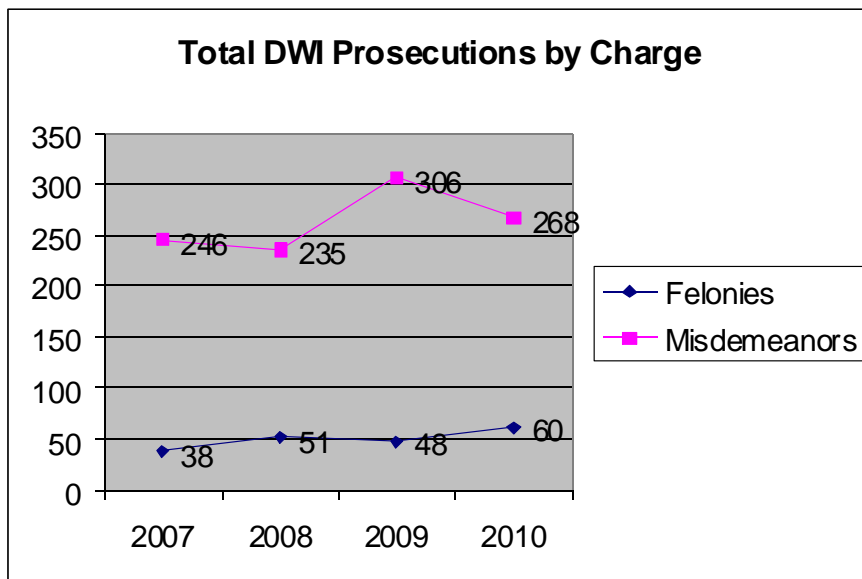
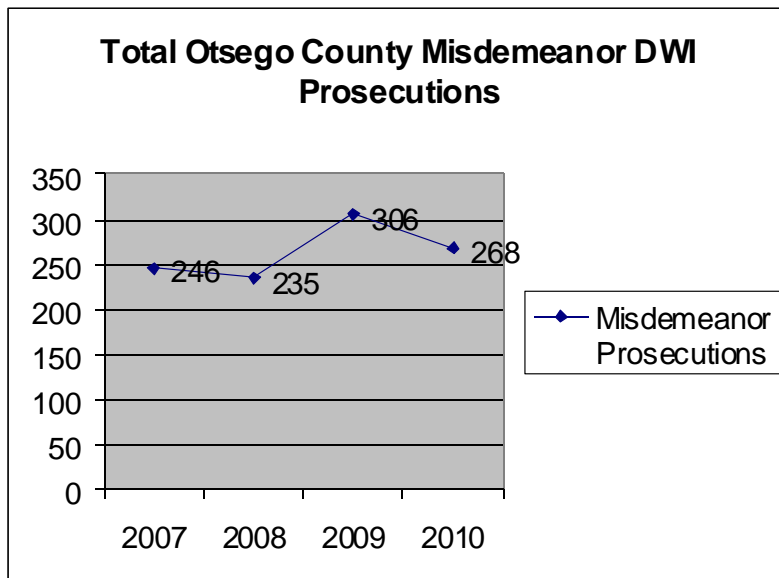
There were 70 Alcohol Related Crashes in Otsego County in 2010; 22 Crashes involved Personal Injury; 48 involved Property Damage

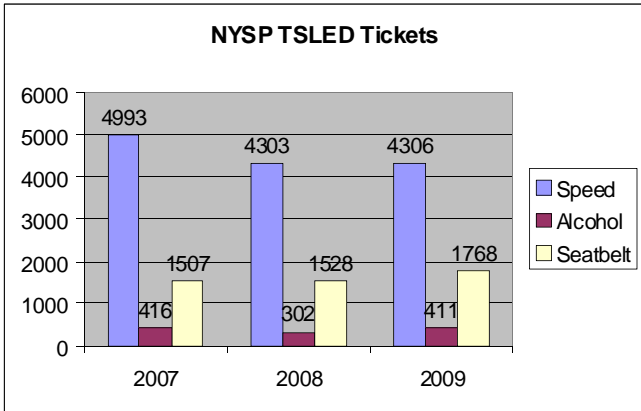
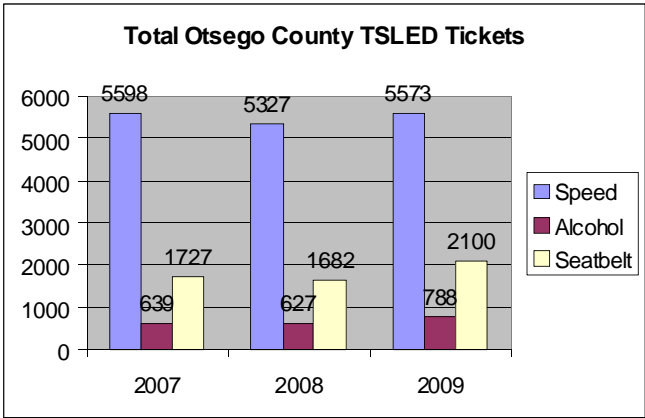
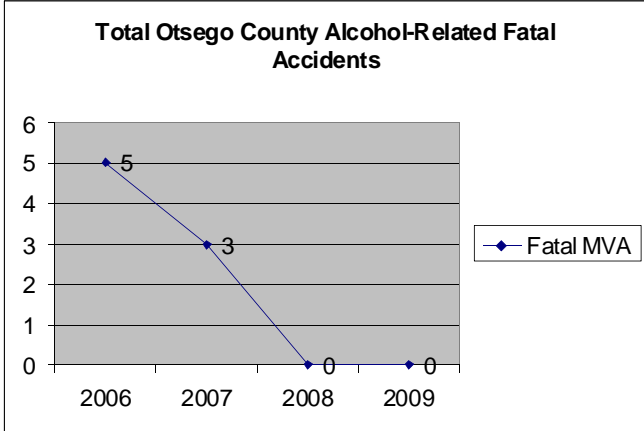


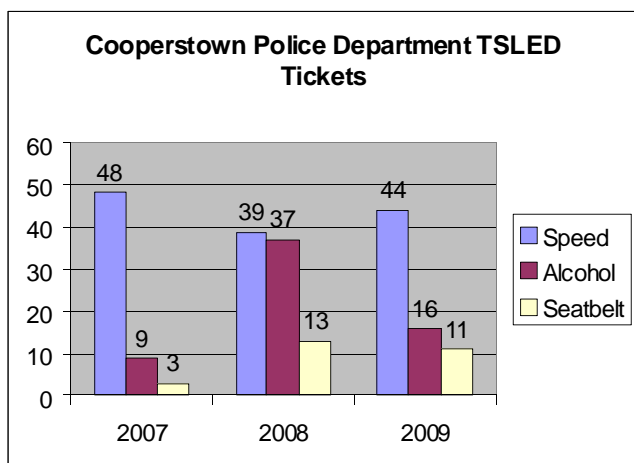
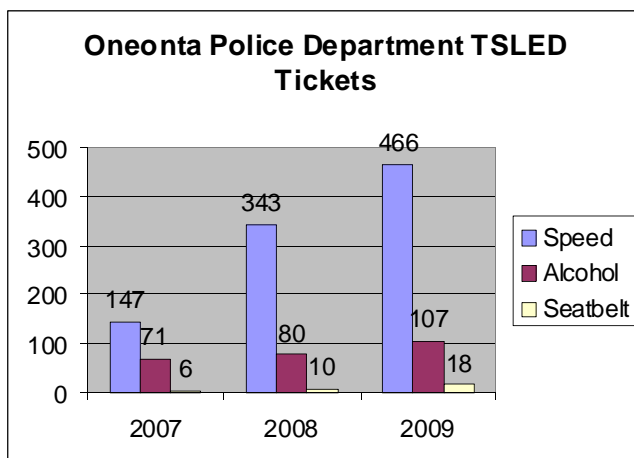
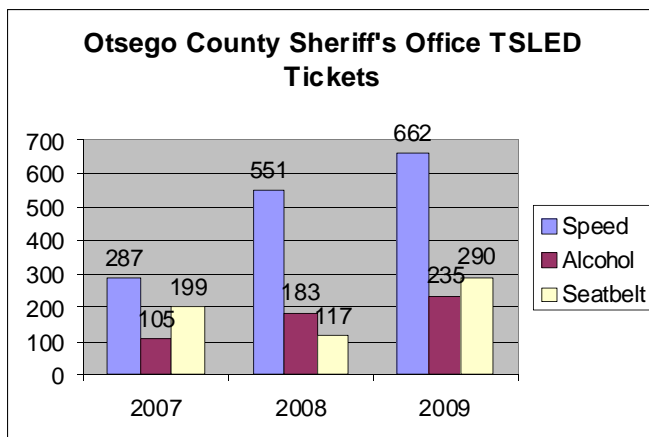














Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)

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.

Cost Of A DWI Conviction

Attorney Fees

Attorney Fees to contest a typical DWI with no crash: \$ 2500.00

*Triple that for a charge in which someone is injured or killed

Insurance Pool Surcharge

Three Year minimum: \$4500.00

*This is added to your current insurance cost. Also, low cost insurers will not write insurance for DWI offenders so you'll have to use an insurance company that charges higher rates.

Additional Insurance Cost: \$1500.00

Fines

DWI Fines Range from \$300 - \$5000.

Average: \$500.00

Alcohol Evaluation / Treatment

\$500.00

Other Costs

And probably the hardest to take...

Civil Penalties if sued by those you injure or kill... (Additional thousands of \$)

Lost time from work

Lost opportunities for advancement due to stigma

Higher Life insurance costs (They ask if your License has ever been suspended)

Felony Charges include jail time and loss of voting rights

If you are injured in a crash your medical bills may be rejected by health insurers because you were committing a crime while sustaining the injuries.

Minimum Cost = \$9,500

- 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

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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.

2010 Programs

The 12th Annual SADD Run / Walk

The 12th annual SADD "Strides For Safety 5K Run/Walk and Health Fair" took place Sunday, April 11, at Oneonta High School. The event raised money for local SADD chapters and featured a health fair. To promote the event, Oneonta High School SADD members visited fifth- and sixth-grade classes in the four elementary schools and St. Mary's to promote SADD, making good choices and the third annual SADD Run poster contest.

Otsego County Deputies assisted in "Mock DWI Crash" at the Schenevus Central School.

Every year, across the area, local chapters of Students Against Destructive Decisions and STOP-DWI, with help from the police and fire departments, hold mock crashes in hope of preventing them from happening for real. Last spring, the Schenevus Central School, the Schenevus Fire Department and the Otsego County Sheriff's Office tried to encourage students not to drink and drive by presenting a "mock DWI Crash". The mock crash attempted to show what can happen when a drunk driver gets behind the wheel.

Edmeston team to represent county in drug quiz show competition

Seven students at Edmeston Central School put their heads together and took first place in a local Rite Aid Drug Quiz Show. The Edmeston students competed against teams from Worcester, Morris and Cooperstown school districts. The contest was at the State University College at Oneonta on March 16, and with the win, the Edmeston team will be representing Otsego County at the next level. The Drug Quiz regional playoffs will be at the Marley Education Center in Syracuse on April 7, and the state finals will be at the DoubleTree Hotel Syracuse on May 10. The game-show style competition tests students' knowledge of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, organizers said.

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.



Richfield Springs Central School



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

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