



Town of Cuba Police Department

2016 Year End Report

During 2016 the department underwent some changes that I feel are for the betterment of the Police Department and the Cuba community. Calls to service decreased by 14% and the number of criminal cases has increased by 24%. The decrease in calls to service numbers can be directly attributed to a more visible presence with officers monitoring the school zones and walking the school hallways daily as well as selective traffic enforcement grants to place more officers on the lake to deal with the rising speeding issues. I hope the trend continues and the calls to service rate move to a lower and lower number as the years move forward. I am proud to report that the Cuba Police Department has increased our services to the Cuba Community by continuing to offer a neighborhood network, gun safety classes, bullying seminars at the schools, driver education classes at the high school, child safe ID programs, pill drops, car seat installations and a booth at the garlic festival with free information and gun locks handed out. These increases have been made without any cost to the tax payer. We have added a special assignment of school resource officer by partnering with the Cuba Rushford Central School. We have also continued as a satellite training facility for the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy. This allows us to train police officers on the firing range as well as in security courses. We have been in our new facility for over a year and the transition into our new facility has made our department more efficient by providing adequate evidence storage as well as proper interview and interrogation space for integrity of evidence and victim/suspect privacy. This facility more accurately represents the quality of police work that the officers of our agency invest into the Cuba Community. Two of our officers (Sgt. Brad Howe and Officer Jim Galatio) received commendations from Senator Kathy Young for their role in a serious child abuse case once again proving their value to

our department. Our agency continues to work with other outside agencies in a professional manner. We received 2 large grants this year with no match requirement by local tax payers. One of these grants was for new radar equipment for our police vehicles with a total cost of \$3000.00 and the second was for camera recording equipment for our arrest processing room and our interview room, the total value of this grant was approximately \$10,000.00. Although there is still some controversy across the county as it relates to police officers and the tough job they must do, we feel an overwhelming amount of support in our community and our officers are of the highest quality in my opinion. One of the activities that our officers participate in that I am most proud of is their continued commitment to community service. Some of these events this year included “Shop with a Cop”, “Coffee with a Cop”, 2 female firearms courses, Riding on school buses with children and taking the time to mentor them, eating lunch at the school with students, making a young man by the name of Johnathan Bennett an honorary police officer with the Cuba Police Department and allowing him to spend the day with officers helping out during dairy week. These actions speak volumes to the type of Police Department Cuba has and I am very proud to be able to be the Police Chief for such a professional and caring group of men. These officers make me look so good every day and they make our profession look good.

Going forward the Cuba Police Department hopes that there will be continued cooperation between the new Town and Village Boards as well as other government agencies to enhance the quality of life for the Cuba community. After review of this report, I welcome any comments that you may have.

Respectfully,

**Dustin T. Burch
Chief of Police**

Definitions

1. **Closed** – Indicates that the cases have been closed by arrest or by investigation. Closed by investigation represents cases where no criminal prosecution is being sought or where a warrant has been issued for an individual’s arrest.
2. **Open** – Cases that still remain open under investigation.
3. **Exceptionally Cleared** – Case is cleared due to unusual circumstances. Example: suspect has died or is in jail on other charges where the cases were merged together.

Statistics

Category (2015 vs 2016)	2015	2016	% of change
1. Calls to service	3665	3150	-14 %
2. Vehicle Stops	486	622	+28 %
3. Criminal Investigations	317	394	+24 %
4. Juvenile Crimes	5	17	+240 %
5. Motor Vehicle Accidents	158	145	-8 %
6. Traffic Tickets Issued	309	384	+24%

Information

Criminal Investigations:

The department conducted 394 criminal investigations for 2016. Of these 240 were closed by arrest, 98 were exceptionally cleared, 56 remain open.

During 2016, 240 arrests were made a 0.41% decrease from 2015. 23 were felonies, 147 were misdemeanors, 48 were violations and 22 were warrants. * These numbers include arrests were multiple charges applied to one person*

Domestic Disputes:

There were 79 domestic disputes reported and handled for 2016 a 14% increase.

Vehicle stops:

During 2016 there were a total of 622 vehicle stops conducted by our department and 384 uniform traffic tickets issued. These numbers show that our department has issued several warnings allowing for motorist to feel comfortable driving on our roads while still ensuring a totality of highway traffic safety. The issuing of traffic tickets is an unpleasant but necessary part of the patrol officer's job. By curbing cell phone, seat belts and speeding violations, along with making DWI arrests, their efforts make the streets a safer place for us all.

Motor Vehicle Accidents:

During 2016 a total of 145 motor vehicle accidents were handled/investigated. Of these 115 were property damage, 7 were personal injury, and 0 was a fatal accident.

Parking Citations:

53 Parking citations/complaints were issued/handled for 2016.

Pill Drops:

During 2016 the Cuba Police Department hosted 1 pill drops that coincided with the Drug Enforcement Agency's official national drug take back day. One was held in April. There were a grand total of 53 cars that dropped off narcotics. We also received pill drop offs at our police station by residents utilizing our drug drop box monthly. The grand total of narcotics taken in at the Cuba Police Department pill drops and drop box were 159.8 LBS of narcotics being taken off the street. Total conservative street value of narcotics is approximately \$6000.00.

K-9 Unit:

The seal of the Cuba Police Department is a large, circular emblem in the background. It features an American flag on a pole in the center, with a silhouette of a town and sailboats on the water below it. The words "CUBA POLICE DEPARTMENT" are written around the top and bottom inner edges of the seal, and "NEW YORK" is written at the top outer edge.

Explosives Unit: Bomb Threats -	1
School Searches -	12
School Walkthroughs -	30
Search Warrants -	0
K-9 Demonstrations for the public/public relations -	11
Local Business Search-	18
Vehicle Search -	0
Training -	120 Hours

Warrants

Warrants received:

The Cuba Police Department received 24 warrants in 2016. 2 were felony level, 8 were misdemeanor level, 2 were traffic related, 10 were violations and 2 were search warrants. 24 were executed. 0 were cleared by the court. 0 remain open due to a person living in another state or out of extradition boundaries. *It should be noted that these number include our warrants as well as warrant cases in which our office arrested an individual for another agencies warrant and turned them over to that agency.*

Vehicle Lock Outs

The Cuba Police Department unlocked 77 vehicles for motorists in 2016. 36 were for Cuba residents. 41 were for non-residents. Upon checking with locksmith rates the Police Department has saved Cuba residents a grand total of \$3600.00.

Larceny/Burglary Theft and Recovery

During 2016 \$46,226.00 in goods/cash/firearms/jewelry/vehicles were reported stolen to the Cuba Police Department. \$ 31,166.00 was recovered and returned to residents/victims of these burglaries and larcenies.

