

## **“2019 Outstanding Business Partner in Education” - Wyoming County Sheriff’s Department**

Purpose of award:

To recognize a BEC business member/partner that has worked throughout the year to help us achieve our mission.

*“To encourage the partnerships between business, education, and the Wyoming County Community that will prepare our young people to be productive members of the workforce.”*

The Wyoming County Sheriff’s Office is located in Warsaw and houses seven different divisions. One of these divisions includes the Jail Division. Wyoming County’s jail can hold 83 inmates and is a 24/7 operation. Jail Administrator, Matthew Case, with four Sergeants, twenty-seven full time Officers and thirteen part time Officers, run the operation. The civil division is also housed within the Sheriff’s office. A specialty of the Office of Sheriff is the service and enforcement of the civil process as an officer of the court. A Deputy Sheriff serves as directed by the court: family court papers, divorce papers, lawsuit papers, orders of protection, etc. to the tune of about 1,200 services a year. Nearly \$500,000 a year flows through the Civil Division by enforcing court orders resulting from: money judgments, wage garnishments, warrants of eviction and other types of seizures. Deputies assigned also enforce warrants of arrest and assist the Patrol Division as needed. The Division is led by Sergeant Chris Kobylanski. Wyoming County has one Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) or 911 Center, which is the Communications Division of the Wyoming County Sheriff’s Office. The Communications Division is led by Undersheriff David Linder. Aside from dispatching for the Wyoming County Sheriff’s Office, the Communications Division dispatches for all eighteen Fire Departments in the County along with Monroe Ambulance, the New York State Police (Warsaw Station), the New York State Parks Police and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Police and all four of the Village Police Departments. The Division handles about 11,000 911 calls and 80,000 total calls a year!

The Criminal Investigations Division is led by Captain Edward Till and two Investigators are assigned “in house” and they alternate working the day shift and afternoon shift to maximize coverage. Additionally, we have a full time Forensic Technician that seizes and manages all the evidence, photos and coordinates with the NYSP Crime Lab and Monroe County Medical Examiner’s Office. He also provides similar assistance to the four Village Police Departments. Moreover, an Investigator is assigned to the Department of Social Services investigating and preventing fraud. Captain Till also supervises the Wyoming County Drug Task Force. The Task Force is comprised of a member from each Village Police Department and a Deputy Sheriff. It is a part time unit, but they work together to maximize that time and show production beyond what some full time units accomplish. Sex Offender management is likewise a responsibility of CID.

Undoubtedly the most visible Division. The Patrol Division is led by Captain Erik Tamol. A typical shift is staffed with a Sergeant and at least an assigned East and West Zone Deputy covering eight towns each. Depending on scheduling their maybe a fourth Deputy on the shift who will cover busy zones or serve as back up to required calls such as domestic incidents, warrants or other serious complaints. Aside from the normal police duties (handling

complaints, traffic enforcement, inmate transports and events), they also conduct property checks and are active in the schools. Many have other collateral duties such as: Crash Management Team, Drug Recognition Expert, Child Passenger Seat Technician, Drug Task Force, Certified Police Instructor, Evidence Technician, School Resource Officer and Field Training Officer. Every Deputy has been to Active Shooter School at the State Preparedness Training Facility, trained in the administering of Naloxone and AED/First Aid Certified. We continue to strive to have well trained and well-rounded Deputies to serve our community and be first responders to all types of incidents. Deputies have been first on the scene at many overdoses, serious injury or fatal crashes, armed robberies, homicides, fires, suicide attempts, mental health crisis, serious assaults and drug dealing. These just name a few of the types of calls and the corresponding officer safety and subject management issues speak for themselves. However, we are fortunate in Wyoming County as our citizens are supportive and often express their appreciation for the professional work of our Deputy Sheriffs.

Gregory J. Rudolph was appointed Sheriff by Sheriff Heimann on August 31, 2009. Greg has been with the Wyoming County Sheriff's Office since 2001 and has held the ranks of Deputy Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff- Sergeant and Undersheriff. In 2006, Greg was awarded the Law Enforcement Purple Heart by former Wyoming County Sheriff Farris Heimann. In 2007, Greg was honored by both the National Sheriffs' Association and the New York State Sheriffs' Association as "Deputy of the Year." At the National Sheriffs' Association ceremony he was also awarded the "Medal of Valor." He currently serves on the New York State Sheriff's Association Legislative Committee, The Wyoming County Workers' Compensation Board and the Office of the Aging Advisory Council.

The Business Education Council established their relationship with the Sheriff's office over 19 years ago. This relationship has blossomed into a valuable partnership. Their business membership assists the Business Education Council in providing students with the fundamentals and skills necessary to become valuable members of the future workforce. Employees have contributed countless hours volunteering in a number of various programs such as, Junior Achievement in the Jail, Keynote address at the 8th grade career day, Presenting for 18 years at the 8th grade career day, Hosts student/teacher on business tours of the Government Center, Staff members volunteer time to go into the schools and present to students in the classroom, Summer Youth Career Camps and Criminal Court Day program. This award recognizes The Wyoming County Sheriff's office for the dedication and service to the students of Wyoming County through their partnership with the BEC.