



## **2017 Program Accomplishments/Summary:**

The Dutchess County STOP-DWI Program remains under the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development, and continues to be a comprehensive, effective program and a viable community resource.

The following programmatic objectives were achieved during 2017 fiscal cycle to fulfill the goals set by the Dutchess County STOP-DWI Planning Board:

### **To reduce the number of crashes, fatalities, and injuries by impaired driving.**

- ✿ Funded 9 law enforcement agencies for dedicated overtime patrols.
- ✿ Continued to partially fund one full-time DWI officer for the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office.
- ✿ The Program continues to support countywide training needs to support the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of drivers impaired by both alcohol and drugs, and to develop a local operational plan to support, coordinate and provide those activities.
- ✿ Funding to support the District Attorney's Office staff resulted in 1,339 convictions of the 1,424 closed cases, including 49 felony convictions in 2017.
- ✿ Attended a Mid-Hudson Region STOP-DWI Enforcement/Prosecution training held in Goshen, NY with multiple Dutchess county Law Enforcement agencies sending officers to the training seminar.
- ✿ Coordinator attended quarterly meetings of the New York State STOP-DWI Coordinator's Association, and continues an active role as the Regional Chairman (Mid-Hudson) of the Association, and with the Association's Law Enforcement sub-committee.
- ✿ Coordinator continues to meet with the chiefs/officers in charge of all contracted law enforcement agencies countywide to enhance communications and identify/ address general and agency specific needs.

### **To increase the public's perception of the risks of impaired driving.**

- ✿ In the past year the STOP-DWI Office has responded to a growing number of public information requests, either through telephone, e-mail, or written correspondence.

- ✿ STOP-DWI Coordinator offered welcoming remarks at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Victims' Memorial Service in May 2018.
- ✿ The Program held its 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 and honored 7 officers representing State, County, and Municipal Police Agencies. The event was attended by over 100 guests.
- ✿ The program also provided funding supporting Dutchess County Remove Intoxicated Drivers (R.I.D) programming expenses.
- ✿ Coordinator continues to be a member of the Dutchess County Victim Impact Panel's (VIP) Advisory Committee, the Dutchess County MADD Organizational committee, and the Dutchess Campus Community Coalition.
- ✿ Multiple press releases were written and distributed to the media pertaining to changes in legislation and various STOP-DWI and Traffic Safety programs.

### **To reduce the incidence of impaired driving by underage drivers.**

- ✿ The program partially funded a shared Alcohol/Highway Safety Educator position with the Council on Addiction Prevention & Education (CAPE) of Dutchess County, Inc. CAPE programming delivered in 2017 included continued utilization of the "Teen Driving... It's a Family Affair" Program offered in School Districts throughout the County, as well as, coordination of High School SADD chapters/related activities, and the annual Dutchess County SADD conference. DC-CAPE staff remains instrumental in the delivery of prevention education/information and remain key components in the cultivation & development of strong working relationships in the schools/communities.
- ✿ Program Coordinator assisted with organization/support of mock DWI crashes, Pre Prom Assemblies, and Impaired Driving awareness presentations in School Districts throughout Dutchess County. The STOP-DWI program also provided a variety of PI & E materials that were distributed to the respective student bodies.

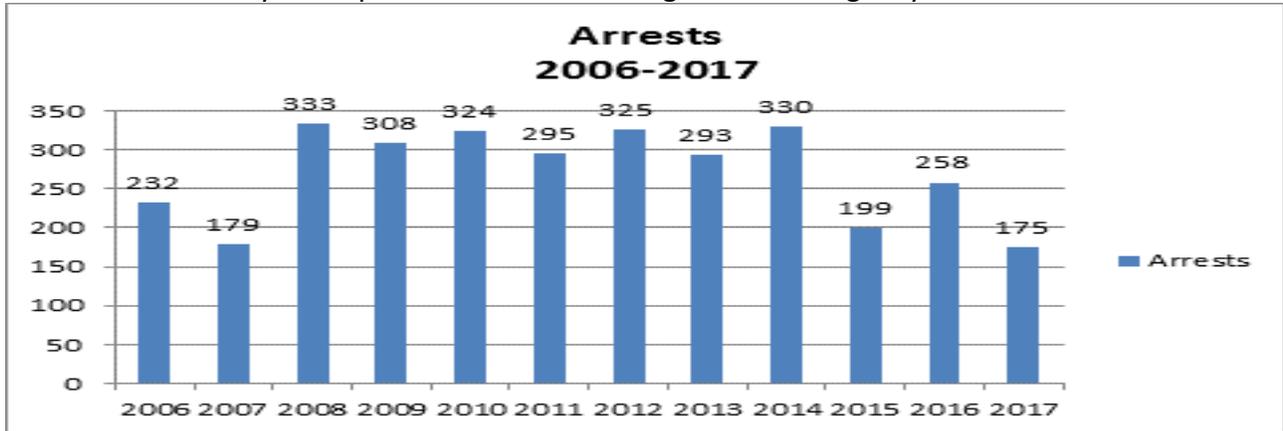
### **To reduce the incidence of recidivist impaired driving.**

- ✿ The STOP-DWI Program continues to partially fund/subsidize outpatient alcohol and substance abuse services through the Lexington Center for Recovery.
- ✿ Provided funding to support the DWI offenders Intensive Supervision Unit in the Dutchess County Probation and Community Corrections Office. In 2016 the specialized unit received 207 new sentenced DWI cases, 331 cases were terminated/closed, and 134 violations were filed. Data reveals the Intensive Supervision unit supervised an average of 1125 cases per month. Overall impaired driving cases represent approximately thirty percent (30%) of the total criminal caseload of the Probation Department.

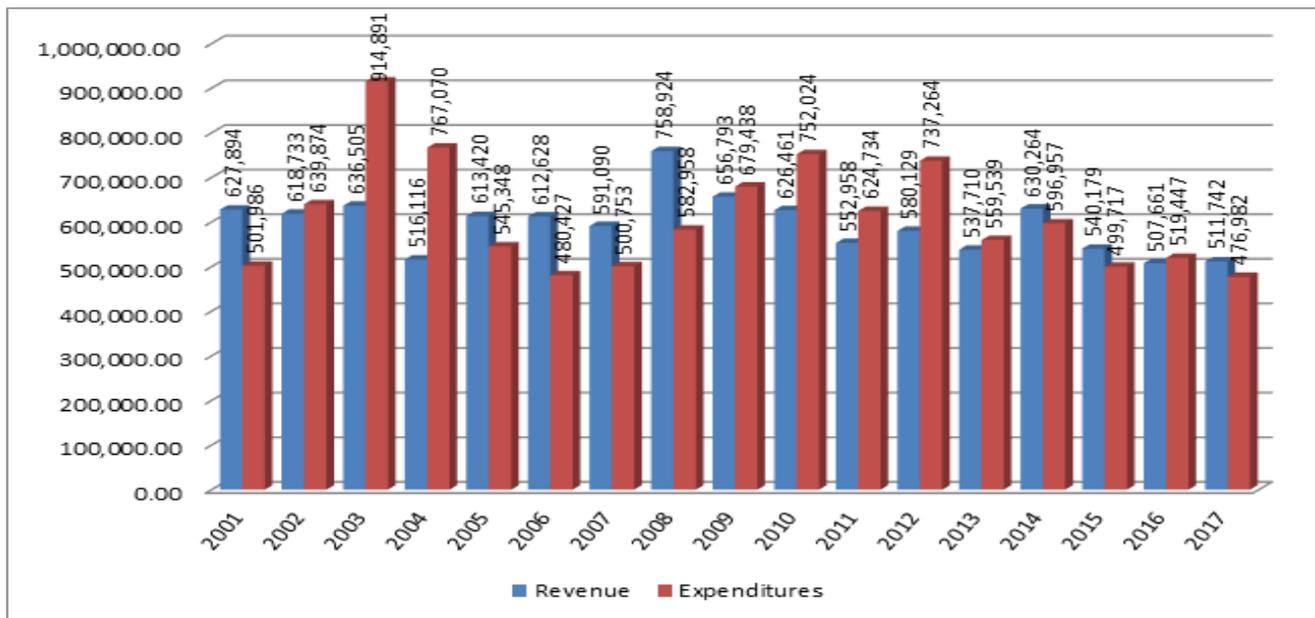
### **Evaluation of the Program (State data)**

In FY 2017 STOP-DWI funding with support of Crackdown Enforcement Grant funding (\$20,333) from the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation directly resulted in 3,202 combined hours of dedicated overtime

enforcement patrols, affecting 2,690 patrol stops resulting in 175 impaired driving arrests. There were no additional Sobriety Checkpoints conducted throughout the budget cycle.



**Revenue** for 2017 totaled **\$511,742** which includes; \$489,064 fine revenue, and \$20,333 grant project reimbursement. **Expenditures** totaled **\$476,981** in 2017.



The STOP-DWI Program’s **dedicated fund balance** as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 was \$142,480.

The STOP-DWI planning board remains committed to maintaining fiscal stability by maintaining a responsible fund balance. The STOP-DWI Planning Board met six times during this period to monitor and evaluate the program. Members continued their participation in the sub-committees of Legislation, Law Enforcement, Promotion and Evaluation/Budget.

- **The tentative 2019 plan/ budget request includes appropriations totaling; \$492,194.**