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The 2020 Monroe County STOP-DWI Annual Report is dedicated to the following DWI victims who volunteer to serve on the Monroe County DWI Victim Impact Panel (VIP):



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We would like to thank you for your continued dedication and support.

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STOP-DWI PROGRAM**

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Hello Friends:

Thank you for reviewing the 2020 STOP DWI Report. As you can see, Monroe County continues its commitment to keeping our roads safe, through aggressive DWI enforcement, prevention, awareness and education. Together, the Monroe County Public Safety Department, Office of Probation, and STOP-DWI collaborate with the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies to discourage anyone from driving while impaired.

Monroe County Law Enforcement Agencies received approximately \$210K from the local STOP-DWI Program in 2020, resulting in 1,584 local DWI arrests. As part of their DWI enhancement enforcement efforts, local law enforcement also participated in several "Crackdown Weekends" in conjunction with the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation, spreading the message to all that driving while impaired will not be tolerated.

850 people attended DWI Victim Impact Panels in 2020, which feature DWI victims addressing an audience of DWI offenders about the traumatic consequences of driving while impaired. These panels are open to the public for educational purposes, and often welcome high school and college students. There is no substitute for hearing directly from those who have been personally impacted by impaired driving incidents - these are some of the most impactful programming offered by the Monroe County STOP DWI effort. In addition, an outgrowth of these panels is the Victim Advocacy Program, which provided almost 100 hours of counseling and support to victims and survivors of DWI in 2020 alone.

Despite all of our progress, this is an issue that requires our constant vigilance and continued focus and effort, to ensure that we continue to have an impact. Each and every driver has the opportunity to make this community a safer and better place by choosing not to drive under the influence of alcohol and other drugs - and by helping your loved ones make safe choices. It is important to remember that we all have a role to play in saving lives. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive

MONROE COUNTY STOP-DWI Program 2020 OVERVIEW

Since 1982, the Monroe County STOP-DWI Program has served to educate the community regarding the dangers of impaired driving and provide funding to groups and organizations engaged in activities related to anti-alcohol/other drug-related crashes. STOP-DWI is funded 100% by local fines and fees collected from intoxicated drivers.

Monroe County STOP-DWI offers:

- * Anti-impaired driving programs including speakers and videos
- * High school mini-grants to assist with alcohol & other drug-free events
- * Handouts and printed material
- * Exhibits and displays

Monroe County STOP-DWI supports the efforts of:

- * Rochester Against Intoxicated Driving (RAID)
- * Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- * Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- * Finger Lakes Collegiate Task Force
- * Coalition for Crime Victims of Monroe County
- * Hilton Parma Drug Intervention & Community Education (HPDICE)
- * Monroe County Office of Traffic Safety
- * Parents Who Host Lose the Most
- * Many Town Alliance
- * Western New York Coalition for Crime Victims

Monroe County STOP-DWI provides funding to:

- * Monroe County Law Enforcement Agencies
- * Monroe County Office of Probation and Community Corrections
- * Monroe County District Attorney's Office
- * Pre-Trial Services Felony DWI Diversion Program and Day Reporting Center

This 2020 report summarizes information regarding the daily efforts of the STOP-DWI Program and centralizes vital statistical data relating to the state of DWI in Monroe County.

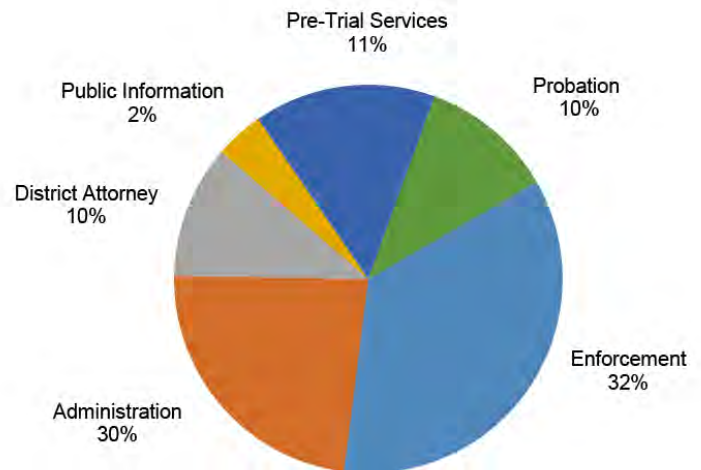


INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

STOP-DWI INCOME FROM FINES

YEAR	INCOME AMOUNT
2011	\$1,091,950
2012	\$1,067,229
2013	\$1,153,116
2014	\$1,067,145
2015	\$1,031,995
2016	\$1,088,337
2017	\$1,015,604
2018	\$1,059,468
2019	\$897,032
2020	\$766,854

STOP-DWI 2020 ADJUSTED BUDGET



STOP-DWI
2020 PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Awareness Items:

STOP-DWI distributed over 4,500 anti-impaired driving awareness items and literature.

STOP-DWI Education Programs:

In 2020, fourteen programs were presented to 346 community members with a greater than 90% satisfaction rating.

STOP-DWI Law Enforcement Awards Luncheon:

One-hundred-forty-two people attended the luncheon, co-sponsored by the Traffic Safety Board, at Glendoveers Creative Caterers on March 4, 2020. Two police departments received awards for their DWI efforts: Irondequoit Police Department and Monroe County Sheriff Office. The STOP-DWI "Top Cop" was awarded to Officer Jason Lathrop, Rochester Police Department. Thirty-Five officers were chosen by their departments to receive awards for their outstanding efforts to combat the problem of impaired driving. The luncheon and awards are intended to keep the officers motivated to focus on the problem of impaired driving in our community.

"Lights on for Life" Motorcade:

The annual motorcade was held Saturday, December 5, 2020, it may have been our largest Motorcade with many law enforcement vehicles, and various community members participating. We appreciate Rochester Against Impaired Driving (RAID) for co-sponsoring the event. Special thanks to Salvatore's who donated breakfast pizza with pink boxes in support of Breast Cancer Cures and donuts with the RAID logo.

December Impaired Driving Awareness Campaign:

During the National Drunk/Drugged Driving Month of December, over one hundred anti-impaired driving messages were aired, in an effort to remind Monroe County residents how important it is to drive safe and sober. We also aired the NHTSA marijuana ad, "If you feel different, you drive different". This program paid to have messages aired on iHeart Radio.



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Contact NYS STOP-DWI at www.stopdwi.org



2020 STOP-DWI PROGRAM VICTIM IMPACT PANEL



2020 'LIGHTS ON FOR LIFE' MOTORCADE



LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS LUNCHEON



DWI VICTIM IMPACT PANEL (VIP)

The Monroe County DWI Victim Impact Panel (VIP) consists of three or four DWI victims who address an audience of DWI offenders about the impaired driving crashes in which they experienced injury or a loved one was killed. A law enforcement officer may also serve as a panelist alongside the victims. The goal of the Panel is to deliver a message to raise awareness of the ripple effect of impaired driving with the intent to save lives. This does not replace conventional sentencing but supplements it. The VIP is financially self-sufficient with fees collected which are allocated to the VIP Victim Advocate, Victim Honorarium, staff, Law Enforcement, equipment, and other supporting expenses.

The first DWI Victim Impact Panel was held in Monroe County in January 1992. The Panel is offered as a sentencing tool for all DWAI and DWI offenders and is open to the general public for educational purposes.

YEAR	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Cumulative Total*
Attended	2,138	2,016	2,017	1,908	1,881	2,737	1,687	1,615	1,719	850	45,503
Guests	453	494	368	253	181	256	322	156	247	90	7,408

* Total is cumulative since 1992.

DWI VICTIM IMPACT PANEL (VIP) VICTIM ADVOCACY PROGRAM

In 2020, the victim VIP Advocate attended 5 panels providing 42 hours of support and 54 hours of counseling to victims and survivors of DWI. The VIP Advocate assisted with community events to raise awareness and healing to victims and survivors. The Victim Advocate also provided 24 hours of victim support services via:

- * Provides support and counseling services to DWI / VIP speakers.
- * Provides Outreach to DWI victims and informs them of resources and events offered in the community such as Lights on for Life Motorcade and Crime Victims' Rights Week.
- * Coordinates and schedules speakers.
- * Assists with outreach to prospective new speakers.
- * Provides counseling support to speakers.
- * Meetings with victims at the Crime Victim Resource Center and in the community.



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LAW ENFORCEMENT

According to New York State Law, an individual is Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI) if his/her Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) is between .05 and .07. He/she is considered Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) if his/her BAC is .08 or higher. He/she is considered Aggravated DWI if his/her BAC is .18 or higher. He/she is considered Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs (DWAI-D) if the driver is impaired by drugs.

In 2020, Monroe County DWI/DWAI arrests totaled 1,584 which is a decrease from the 2,406 arrests made in 2019.

Monroe County Law Enforcement Agencies received a sum of \$210,457 from the STOP-DWI Program in 2020 for use in their DWI enhancement enforcement efforts.

Monroe County STOP-DWI Program received a grant in the amount of \$27,611 for Crackdown Weekends from the NYS STOP-DWI Foundation. This is a pass-through grant from the NYS Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC) awarded from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Monroe County received funding which supported Crackdown efforts during Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day.



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Police Departments	January to December 2020	January to December 2019
Brighton Police Department	38	145
Brockport Police Department	22	50
East Rochester Police Department	9	23
Fairport Police Department	2	4
Gates Police Department	89	124
Greece Police Department	149	384
Irondequoit Police Department	55	142
Monroe County Sheriff's Department	245	415
New York State Police	340	398
Ogden Police Department	19	32
Rochester Police Department	560	624
SUNY Brockport Police	9	9
Webster Police Department	47	56
Totals	1,584	2,406

Source: Individual Police Agencies

*New York State Police includes New York State Park Police

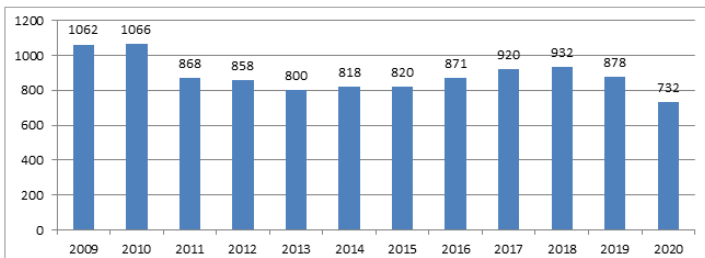
Probation and Community Corrections

Overall the Office of Probation supervised a total of 1,640 DWI offenders during 2020 which included misdemeanor DWI offenders. Case numbers were down from prior years due to the courts being shut down or having reduced operations due to COVID. Furthermore, our Office supervised offenders convicted of Vehicular Assault, Vehicular Manslaughter, Leaving the Scene of an Accident in which an Injury Resulted in Death, and numerous offenders convicted of Aggravated Unlicensed Operator.

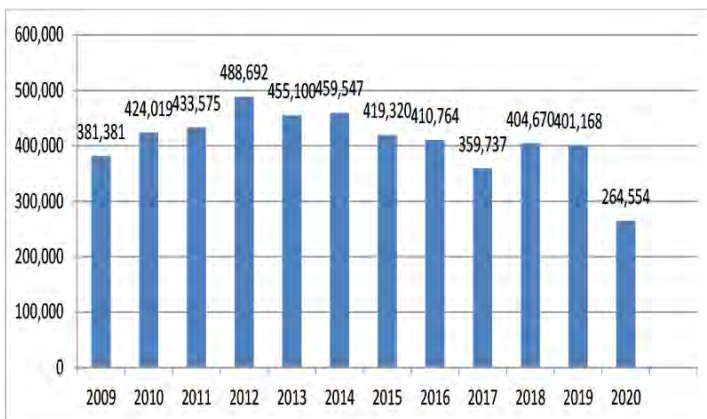
As of March 31, 2021, this Office monitored a total of 237 offenders that were using Ignition Interlock Devices (117 probationers and 120 conditional discharge offenders).

In 2020, the Office of Probation collected a total of \$264,554 in DWI fines.

Offenders Supervised by Felony DWI Team



Fines Collected in Thousands of Dollars



Surveillance

Probation Officers frequently conduct surveillance on DWI offenders to ensure compliance with the conditions of probation. DWI Surveillance Details are assembled to target offenders deemed at risk for repeated offenses. The Details were conducted with the goal of enforcing conditions of probation, prohibiting unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and the consumption of alcohol. In 2020, three DWI Details conducted surveillance on DWI offenders.

During office visits, Probation Officers utilized security camera technology or conducted walking surveillances of probationers to see if they have driven to the building. Additionally, probationers are monitored at their homes, jobs, and other locations in the community during the day and night, weekdays and weekends.

Random Alco-sensor tests are routinely conducted during office and home visits on all probationers but especially those deemed to be a risk for potential alcohol abuse. Alco-sensor tests enable officers to confirm the absence or presence of alcohol and, if appropriate, to quickly intervene through either a Violation of Probation and/or suitable treatment alternatives. Due to COVID restriction after April of 2020, Urine-screens were used instead of Alco-Sensors. Urine-screen tests are also conducted in the office to detect the use of alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, benzodiazepines, and morphine-based drugs. Early detection and expedient intervention further protects the community and enhances public safety.

The Office of Probation and Community Corrections is committed to continuing surveillance of high-risk probationers convicted of DWI offenses. The Office remains highly motivated to pursue the mission of ensuring public safety through vigorous supervision of sentenced offenders, particularly those sentenced to probation for DWI offenses.

**MONROE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED FELONIES**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Felony Arrests*	666	961	1,042	1,085	1,042	1,034	992	938	1,011	982
Pre-Trial Diversions	169	127	134	123	122	118	114	171	200	124
Remaining Felony Cases Screened	497	834	908	962	920	916	878	767	811	858
Trials	6	10	21	27	37	30	27	25	14	23
Trial Convictions	6	9	18	25	34	28	25	22	13	21
Superior Court Pleas	428	409	395	406	538	477	454	390	452	507
Total Superior Court Convictions	223	418	413	431	572	505	479	412	465	528

***Source: Monroe County District Attorney's Office.**

This figure includes AUO 1st cases in which the defendant may not have also been charged with a DWI offense.

Felony Case Activity for 2020 was categorized by the District Attorney's Office as follows:

666 Felony Arrests

169 Felony cases accepted by Pre-Trial Diversion Program

500 Cases kept for felony review [Includes 3 defendants that failed, declined to participate, failed to complete or later withdrew voluntarily from the Pre-Trial Diversion Program]

479 Misdemeanor Dispositions [Includes plea offers made on felony cases after successful participation in Pre-Trial Diversion Program, as well as misdemeanors due to no prior felony conviction]

166 Pre-Trial Favorable Termination [Number of defendants successfully completing the Pre-Trial-Diversion Program during the year. Includes carryover from 2019]

All figures significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 and resultant closure of the courts.



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**PRE-TRIAL SERVICES CORPORATION
PRE-TRIAL FELONY DWI DIVERSION**

Felony DWI Diversion is a deferred prosecution program whereby all criminal proceedings are delayed while the client engages in a planned treatment program. The client is monitored in the treatment program over a six- to eight-month period. Participation is voluntary and clients must agree to immediately surrender their driver's license upon entering the program and pay a program fee, if financially able. Clients are screened through the District Attorney's DWI Bureau before referral to the Diversion program.

Successful completion of Felony DWI Diversion is based on the client's ability to demonstrate significant attitudinal and behavioral change, and results in an offer to plead to a misdemeanor in satisfaction of the felony charge. If the client fails to follow through on the treatment plan and the Diversion contract requirements, the case is returned to court for prosecution. Diversion is offered only once.

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Clients Seen For Intake	*54	129	134	124	124	118	114	175	200	124	104
Cases Closed	*53	104	115	93	78	95	114	146	196	91	112
Success Rate	77%	80%	86%	79%	77%	81%	85%	86%	91%	90%	88%

Pre-Trial Felony DWI Diversion received \$24,904 in STOP-DWI funds in 2020. *Due to COVID-19, the courts were closed for months in 2020. Fifty-Four cases were seen for intake. 53 cases or 77% of all terminations were closed successfully in the year.

Pre-Trial Services is committed to providing effective intervention with multiple DWI offenders and will continue to measure the long-term outcomes for the Felony DWI Diversion Program.

**WEEKEND DWI SENTENCE PROGRAM
AT PRE-TRIAL SERVICES**

Structured to provide a sentencing option for those convicted of DWI, the Weekend Sentence program offers an intervention-focused approach. Those sentenced to this program attend structured classes from Friday night through Sunday afternoon, addressing important issues such as alcohol abuse, personal responsibility and reducing risk-taking behaviors. Judges sentence offenders for a specific number of weekends. Clients are required pay a program fee, if financially able. Both attendance and client progress are monitored closely by the staff and reported back to the court.

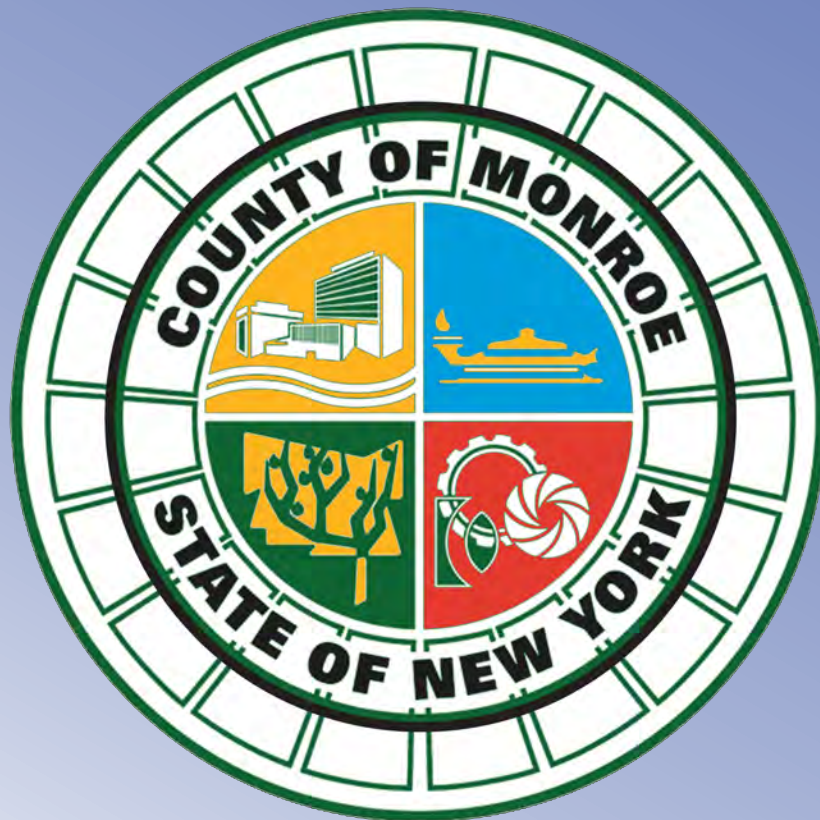
During 2020, 129 clients were sentenced to the program. Of those who completed within the year, 94% did so successfully. The average number of weekends spent in the program was nine.

STOP-DWI funds supplied \$46,251 to support this sentencing option in 2020.

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Clients Sentenced to Program	129	105	79	159	222	180	157	95	115
Number Completed	119	95	64	148	220	154	136	76	107
Success Rate	94%	91%	89%	93%	92%	91%	93%	89%	94%



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