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MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2019 PERSONNEL COSTS SAVE TAXPAYERS AT LEAST \$1.2M

Savings Reduces the Total County Costs on the Overall MCSO Budget

Rochester, NY (December 20, 2019) - The Monroe County Sheriff's Office, under the leadership of Sheriff Todd K. Baxter, is grateful to the Monroe County Legislature for the approval of its 2020 budget, totaling \$156.9 million (M). The spending plan allows for several programs implemented by Sheriff Baxter in 2019 to continue to grow in 2020.

In addition, as we start looking at the final numbers for 2019, Sheriff Baxter is pleased to announce a \$1.2M savings in personnel costs; realized from personnel salaries due to the length of time it takes to hire for vacant positions. This is 1.59% of the personnel salary budget. That being said, MCSO was able to implement several innovative and successful programs, all while providing high quality training and public safety.

Sheriff Baxter is proud to highlight the following programs initiated in 2019:

- **Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Units** – The first of its kind in Western New York. Two (2) MAT units for effective treatment of opioid use disorder inside the Monroe County Jail, operational January 22, 2019. Treatment using MAT, particularly when coupled with evidence-based behavioral therapy, improves medical and mental health outcomes in the hopes of reducing relapses and recidivism. To date, MCSO has served 119 individuals in the MAT program; 94 of which have been released, 9 have been re-arrested.



- **Active Shooter Training** – Consistent with Sheriff Baxter’s philosophy to have the best trained deputies, MCSO was able to put the entire Road Patrol Bureau through Active Shooter Training. In response to incidents throughout the country, MCSO was able to include a three-day Solo Active Shooter Training, preparing deputies to respond alone to a threat, saving lives. MCSO was also able to partner with the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management and the Rochester Police Department to offer and participate in Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack training, preparing law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS workers to respond to a large-scale threat.
- **ROCTAC** - The first of its kind in New York State, ROCTAC is comprised of 27 Participating Member Agencies. ROCTAC acts as a central clearinghouse for information flow specific to situations known as Threat Cases, which are situations where the risk of violence is assessed to be imminent because of a cluster of risk factors and warning behaviors. ROCTAC meets twice a month, and at times more often as emerging situations develop. The team has intervened in 17 individual cases in our community since its inception in February 2019. This holistic approach is new to New York and has been shared with departments throughout the county.

“This significant savings to the taxpayers of Monroe County is a reflection of the hard working sworn and non-sworn staff in the most effective, efficient manner possible, all the while accomplishing our goals to protect and serve the citizens of our community,” said Monroe County Sheriff Todd K. Baxter. “The safety of the individuals that call Monroe County ‘home’ remains our top priority. We are also extremely proud of the programs that were implemented this year, particularly in our Jail Bureau, to provide treatment to recovering addicts and opportunities to those individuals placed in our care and custody as they strive to transition back into society.”

A final 2019 budget overview will be shared as the process closes out in Q1 2020.

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