

Warren County Correctional Facility Facility Size, Budget and Staffing Comparison

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TABLE A

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Saratoga	\$5,132,240.00	124.58%	104.84%
Essex	\$2,475,825.00	60.10%	72.04%

TABLE D

Personal Services Cost per Inmate Day			
County	PS salaries	Max. In. Days	PS/In. Day
Warren	\$4,119,695.00	67,890	\$60.68
Washington	\$3,423,374.00	65,335	\$52.40
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	Essex County	Saratoga County	Washington County	Warren County
Maximum Capacity	134	195-219	179	186
Staffing Levels	44 total, 12 that work either in the jail or on road	1 Colonel, 3 lieut. 12 Sgts., 60 C.O.'s	56 Total 6 Sgt., 48 COs	75 FT, 5 PT
Shift Staffing	12 hour shifts 10 COs per shift 1 officer	8 hour shifts 23 COs, 4 Sgt., 1 Lt. 23 CO's, 4 Sgt., 1 Lt. 15 COs 4 Sgt.	4-2 schedule 4 days on, 2 off 13 Days, 11 Evenings, 8 Nights	14 Days 13 Evenings 11 Nights
2009 Budget	\$ 4,262,481.53	Not Available	\$ 3,400,000.00	5366195
Total Days in 2008	16,060	60,225	39,785 (approx)	54,020

should be
\$4,119,695
(personal services
only)

Note: Essex County houses 30-40 Federal Prisoners a day and receives \$98 per day. All medical and transportation are covered by the federal government

Warren County Sheriff's Office

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November 18, 2009

Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I continue to hear that some members of the board want to cut further uniform patrol officers from the ranks of the Warren County Sheriff's Office. As I stated in a letter dated June 22, 2009 which was given to all of you, that this would not be in the best interest of the citizens of Warren County. The Warren County Sheriff's Office handles approximately 81% of the security and law enforcement calls each year not including the City of Glens Falls.

For those of you who were not on the board in the 1980's I will give you some numbers to consider. In 1982 the Queensbury Police Department was abolished and the Warren County Sheriff's Office was given the responsibility of police protection in Queensbury. When the QPD closed its doors on December 31, 1982 they had 28 employees and a budget of \$434,766.00. Resolution No. 432 of 1982 was adopted and the Town of Queensbury agreed to pay the County the sum of \$250,000.00 in the year 1983 for additional law enforcement services. Additional resolutions were adopted throughout the ensuing years for police protection with the original \$250,000.00 annual payment made through 1991. From 1992 to 1995 the payments descended from \$200,000.00 annually to \$150,000.00, \$100,000.00, and \$50,000.00 respectively

On December 31, 1987 the Lake George PD was abolished and the Warren County Sheriff's Office was given the responsibility of police protection for the Village of Lake George. When they disbanded they had 5 full time police officers which included the Chief along with 30 part time officers to help out in the summer months. Their 1987 budget was \$350,000.00. Resolution No. 492 of 1987 was adopted and the Village of Lake George agreed to pay Warren County the sum of \$135,000.00 for law enforcement services. Payment from the village to Warren County for law enforcement services were as follows: 1989, \$165,000.00; 1990-92, \$180,000.00 plus \$55,000.00 for part time officers; 1993, \$180,000.00; 1994-97, \$198,000.00 (1996 & 1997 was subsequently reduced to \$149,000.00 & \$100,000.00 respectively); 1998-2000, \$100,000.00 (Renegotiated to \$50,000.00 for 1999 & 2000; 2001, \$50,000.00; 2002, \$25,000.00; and finally 2007, \$7500.00 per month for May thru October.

According to the Consumer Price Index inflation calculator, the 1982 budget for the Queensbury PD of \$434,766.00 has a 2009 buying power of \$973,015.32. If you use a very conservative estimate of 3% per year increase for things not covered on the CPI, such as contracts, fuel, insurance, social security, and retirement, the cost of the QPD today with the same number of employees would be \$2,161,345.00. To get this number you take the \$973,015.32 X 1.03 twenty-seven times consecutively to represent the total number of years. The 1987 Lake George PD budget of \$350,000.00 has a 2009 buying power of \$665,397.00. Using that same 3% per year increase the cost of the LGPD with the same number of employees today would be \$1,274,968. Total for the two police departments today would be about 3.4 million dollars.

The Warren County Sheriff's Office law enforcement budget, not including the jail, was \$1,139,635.00 for 1982 and \$1,958,138.00 for 1987. That same law enforcement budget for 2009, minus the jail, was \$8,620,135.00, which includes the 911 center. Use the same formula as used with the QPD & LGPD. Take the Warren County Sheriff's budget, (minus the jail) for 1987, which was \$1,958,138 and determine the buying power for 2009 and add the 3% per year increase twenty-two times. That buying power is \$3,722,685.00 with the per year increases equates to \$7,133,049.00 today. Now add the totals from the QPD & LGPD with the WCSO and you have an estimated 2009 total budget for police services only of \$10,569,360, which is \$1,949,225.00 more than our actual 2009 budget.

The total number of actual police officers for QPD was 17 and LGPD was 5. You must consider all of the duties the Sheriff's patrol officers do, including the big details such as Americade, balloon festival, & car show, in addition to handling calls and doing the school resource officer and DARE programs as well as Narcotics Enforcement. We have a total of 45 patrol officers today, which is down from a high of 51 in 2007.

Also, consider that in 2008, 21,721 calls for police services was dispatched from our 911 center. Of those calls the Warren County Sheriff's Office responded to 17,604 and the New York State Police responded to 4,117. The Sheriff was responsible for 81% of all calls coming in for police services. Even though the State Police are responding more we can not force them to respond as they are also down to a limited number of troopers for Warren County and that is not changing in the immediate future. If they don't have enough shift coverage due to vacations, holidays, sick leave, injury, and the like, then it is not covered. We do not have that luxury, someone has to handle the call. We are the ones that are entrusted by the County residents to respond when they have an immediate need for police protection.

It is up to us here in Warren County to continue to provide a professional, competent, and highly trained police force. We can not expect the State or Federal Government to care about what happens to our County's crime rate, because they don't. When it comes to police protection and all that entails, such as giving us the freedom to feel safe from criminal conduct in our society, we can not and must not allow politics or the media to hamper our efforts. We can not afford any further patrol cuts!

Please refer to the following for some of the things we are doing here at the Sheriff's Office to save money and to bring in more revenues.

- 2008 Used 5,000 less gallons gas/ approximate \$15,000 / \$20,000 savings.
- 2009 decided to bid for new vehicles instead of buying off State contract for savings of \$12,000.00, and they are more fuel efficient vehicles. The bidding system was well received and social services also used the same system and saved substantially on their purchases as well.
- 2009 saved another \$4,500.00 by personally picking up our new vehicles instead of having them shipped. We also saved money by purchasing used vehicles & we now have a North County bid for maintenance on vehicles which has saved us time and expense from transporting our Northern sector cars long distances for repairs.
- We have saved approximately \$160,000.00 so far this year in our salaries code by holding off on filling vacancies in corrections, but need to fill them very soon.
- 2009 we renegotiated a fixed rate with Blackcreek inmate management software for a savings of \$1,000.00.
- 2009 renegotiated with Dr. Kana for a savings of \$4,000.00.
- 2009 initiated a contract with Justice Benefits which amounted to \$20,705.00 of which 80% is ours to use for jail expenses.
- 2009 presently negotiating with ambulance service with projected savings of \$13,000.00.
- 2009 renegotiated with Contract Pharmacy for projected savings of \$100,000.00.
- 2009 changed the way we buy food for inmates with projected savings this year of \$30,000.00.
- 2009 obtained grants to purchase safety vests for corrections which saved us \$22,100.
- 2009 increased revenues projected at \$219,300.00 by brokering a deal with Dutchess County to board their inmates.
- Narcotics unit has seized assets consisting of vehicles, usable items and cash resulting in approximately \$250,000.00 which can be used by Sheriff and District Attorney to proactively combat drug crimes. This is money our taxpayers do not have to spend to combat this social problem.

Thank You,

Bud

Nathan H. York
Warren County Sheriff

