



2014

**OTSEGO COUNTY
STOP-DWI**

ANNUAL REPORT



STOP-DWI

STOP-DWI stands for “Special Traffic Options Program for Driving While Intoxicated”.

New York’s STOP-DWI program is the Nations’ first and, to date, only self sustaining impaired driving program. STOP-DWI efforts are funded entirely from fines paid by convicted drunken drivers. No tax dollars are used to fund or supplement the program which functions as a financially self-sustaining alcohol and highway safety program.

Described as the “Best in the Country” New York’s STOP-DWI Program was created by the State Legislature in 1981 and is recognized nationally as a leader in traffic safety. The STOP-DWI Program has a long track record for reducing alcohol-related crashes and fatalities. One of the secrets to its success is that it empowers each county to coordinate their own local efforts at reducing alcohol and drug related traffic incidents.

The Main Mission of STOP-DWI is:

Reduce the number of persons killed or injured in alcohol and other drug-related traffic crashes.

To promote DWI prevention as a public priority

Coordinate local efforts in Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Probation, Rehabilitation, Public Information, Education, and Administration.

The Otsego County STOP-DWI Program provides funding to agencies and programs across the county for the purpose of reducing the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol which result in traffic -related crashes and fatalities. Funded programs fall into the categories of education, public information, enforcement, prosecution, treatment, and adjudication. The community benefits directly from this program in two ways. The first is through stricter enforcement of DWI laws enabling local law enforcement to get drunk drivers off the road. The second is its education programs that result in more people rejecting alcohol abuse while enforcing responsible decision making.

THE OTSEGO COUNTY STOP-DWI PROGRAMS MISSION IS TO DETER ALCOHOL AND DRUG IMPAIRED DRIVING THROUGH ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT, PROSECUTION, REHABILITATION AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

The Otsego County STOP - DWI program supports traffic safety initiatives for the Otsego County Sheriff's Office, the Oneonta Police Department, the University Police at the State University of New York at Oneonta, and the Cooperstown Police Department by providing funding for overtime, equipment, and training.

Educational programs in Otsego County are supported by providing public relations services concerning alcohol and drug-related offenses, as well as supporting the SADD Run.

Funding is also provided to the Otsego County District Attorney's Office for prosecuting these offenses and to the Otsego County Probation Department.





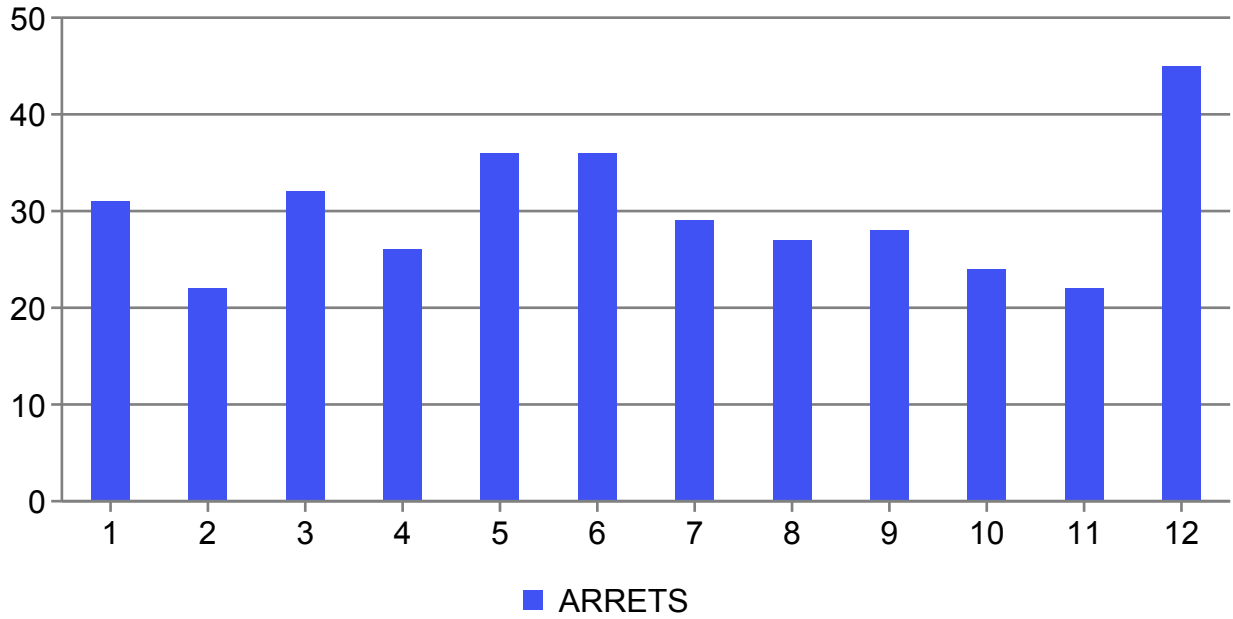
2014 DWI ARREST SUMMARY

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| Total DWI Arrests in Otsego County | 430 |
| Youngest Person Arrested for DWI | 17 |
| Oldest Person Arrested for DWI | 82 |
| Total Female DWI Arrests | 84 |
| Total Male DWI Arrests | 342 |
| Lowest BAC Arrest | .05 |
| Highest BAC Arrest | .28 |
| Total Chemical Tests Taken | 307 |
| Total Refusals | 26 |
| Total Breath Tests Taken | 278 |
| Total Urine Tests Taken | 29 |

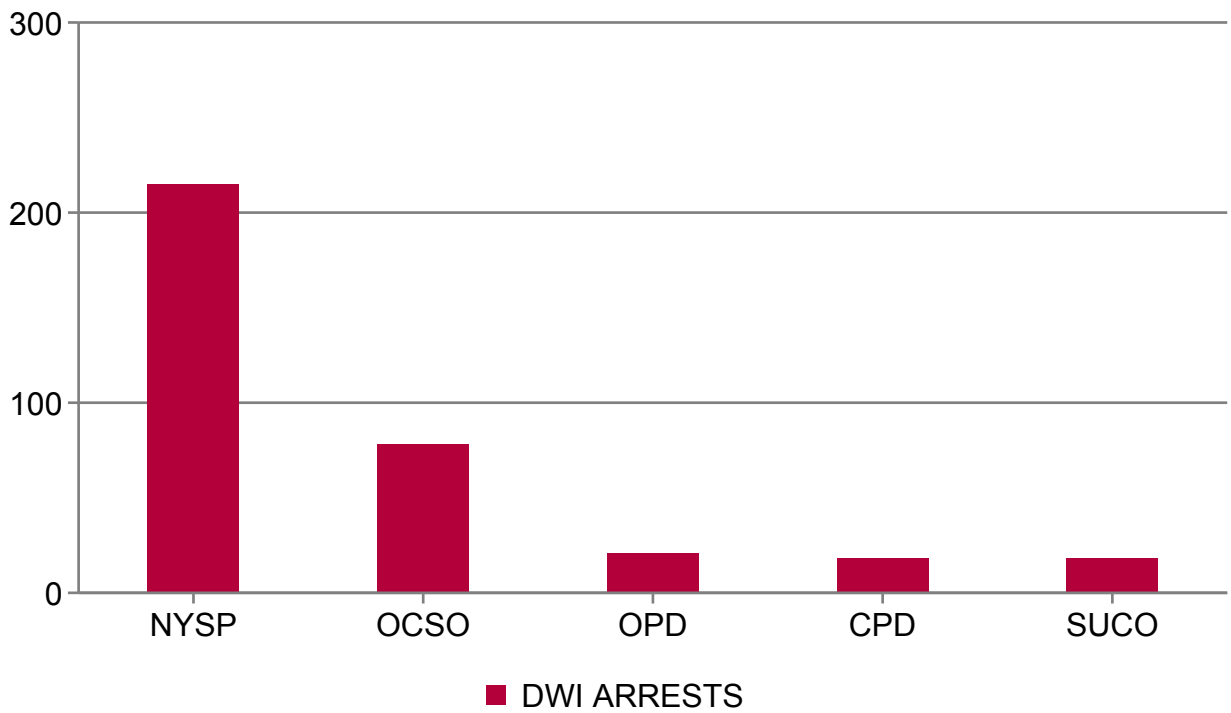
Blood alcohol content (BAC), also called blood alcohol level is most commonly used as a metric of alcohol intoxication for legal or medical purposes. Blood Alcohol Content is the legal name for BAC but

There were 58 Alcohol related crashes in Otsego County in 2014; 21 of the crashes involved Personal Injury; 35 crashes involved Property Damage; and there were 2 Fatal crashes involving drug or alcohol related factors.

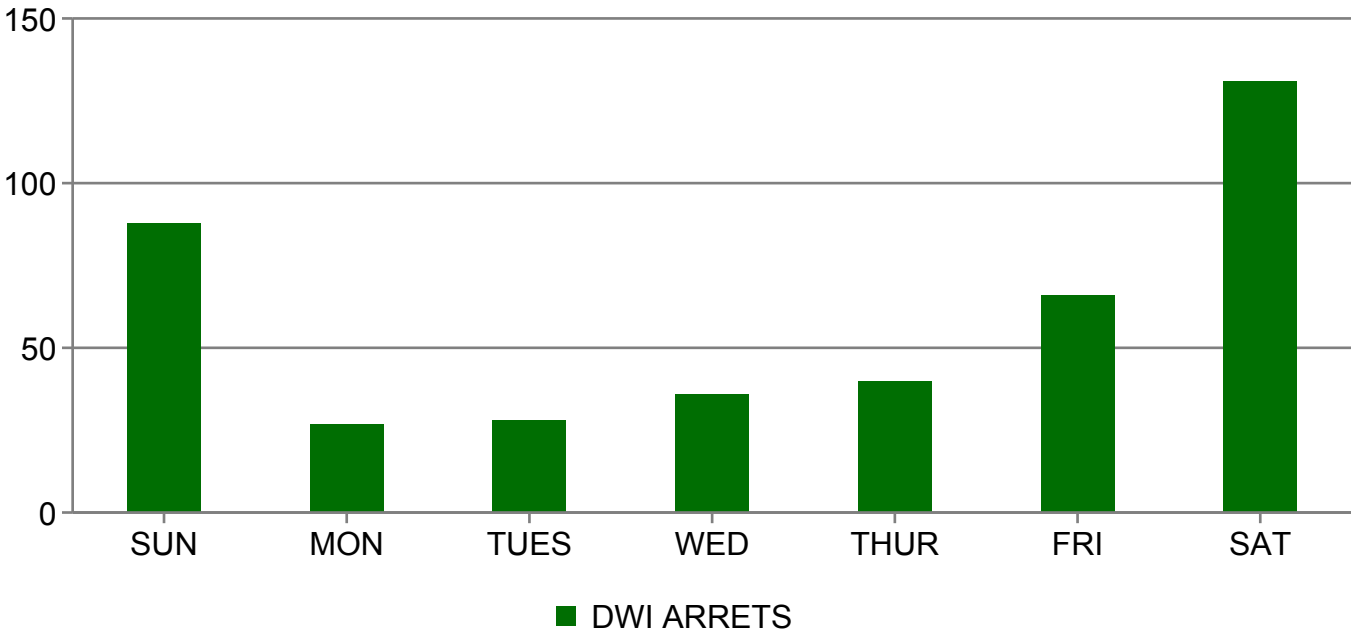
2014 OTSEGO COUNTY DWI ARRESTS BY MONTH



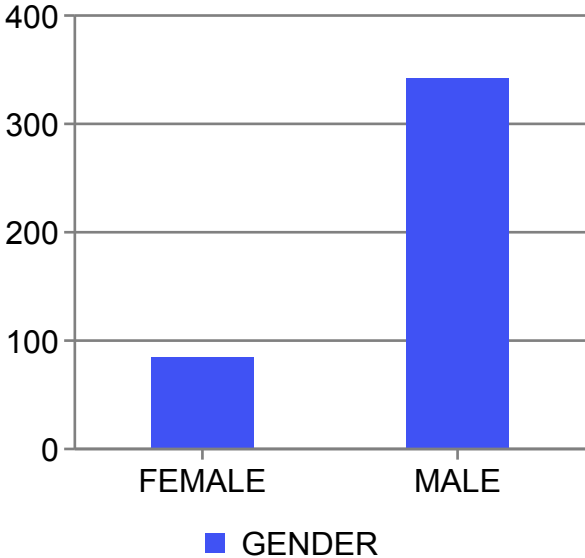
2014 DWI ARRESTS BY AGENCY



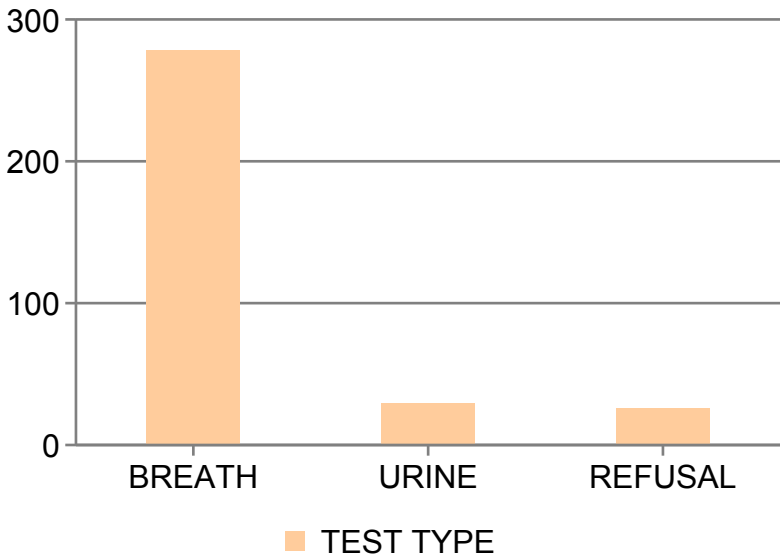
2014 DWI ARRESTS BY DAY OF THE WEEK



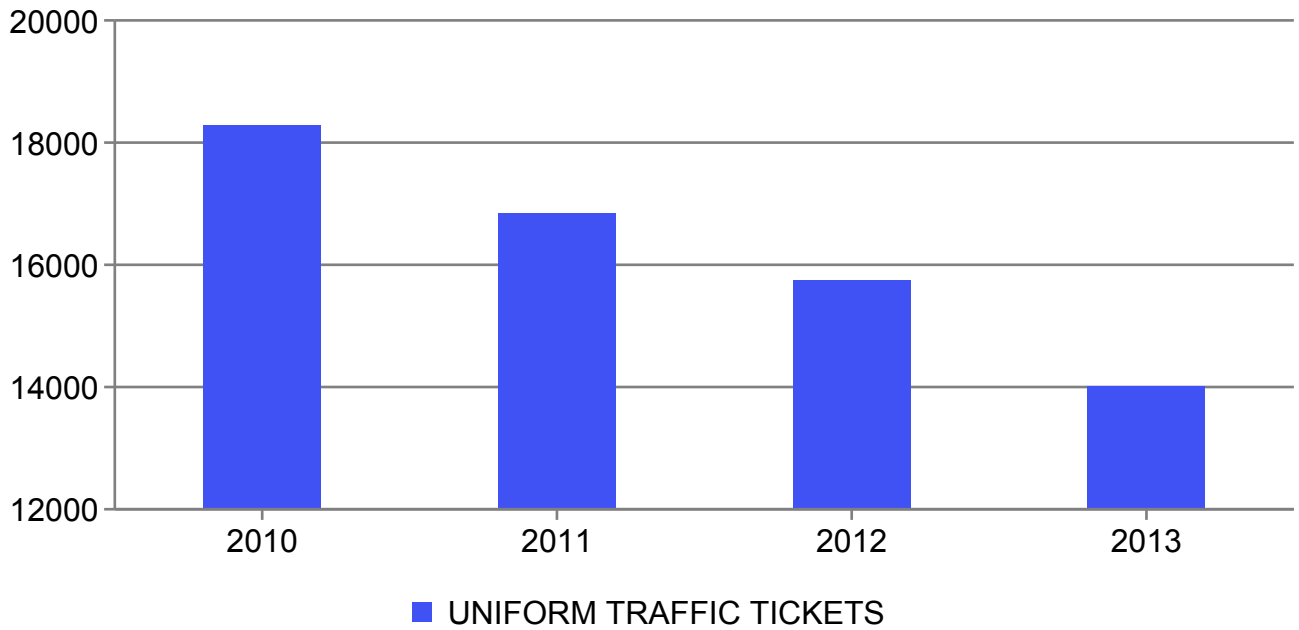
2014 DWI ARRESTS BY GENDER



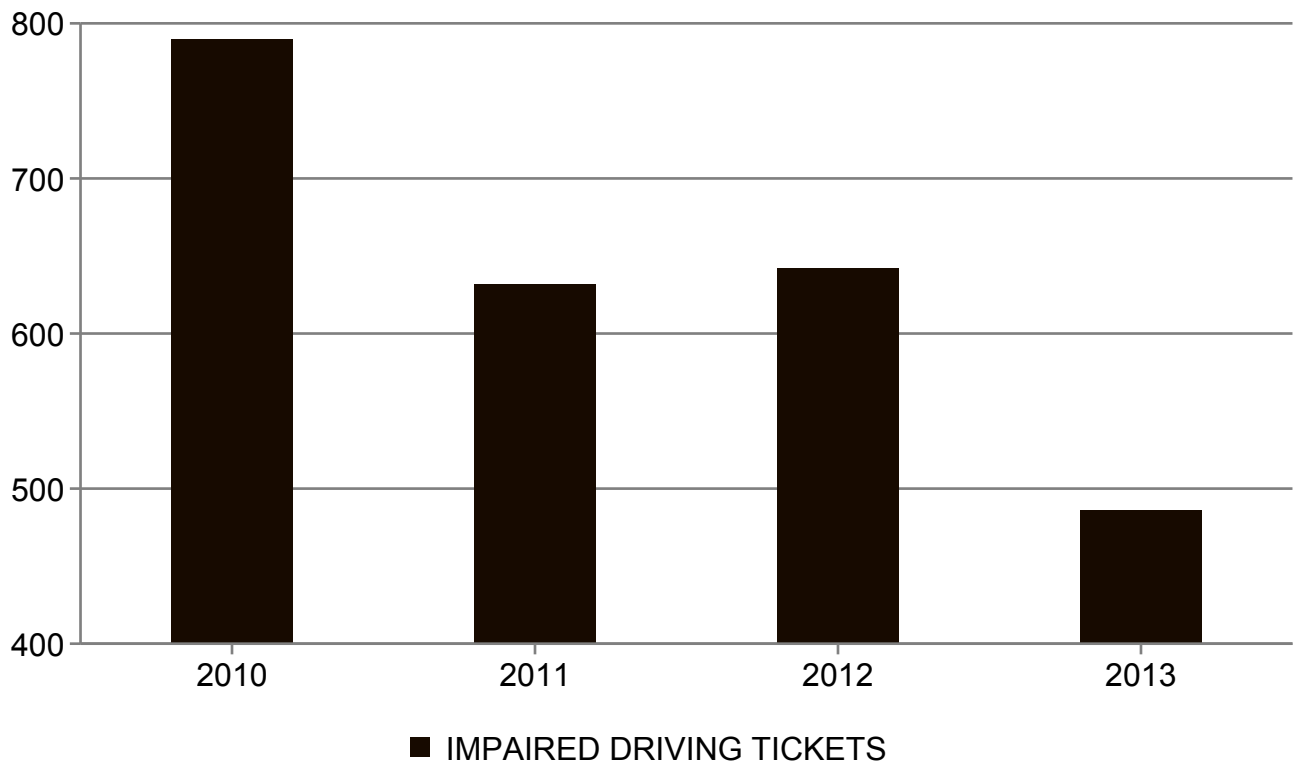
2014 DWI ARREST BY TYPE OF TEST



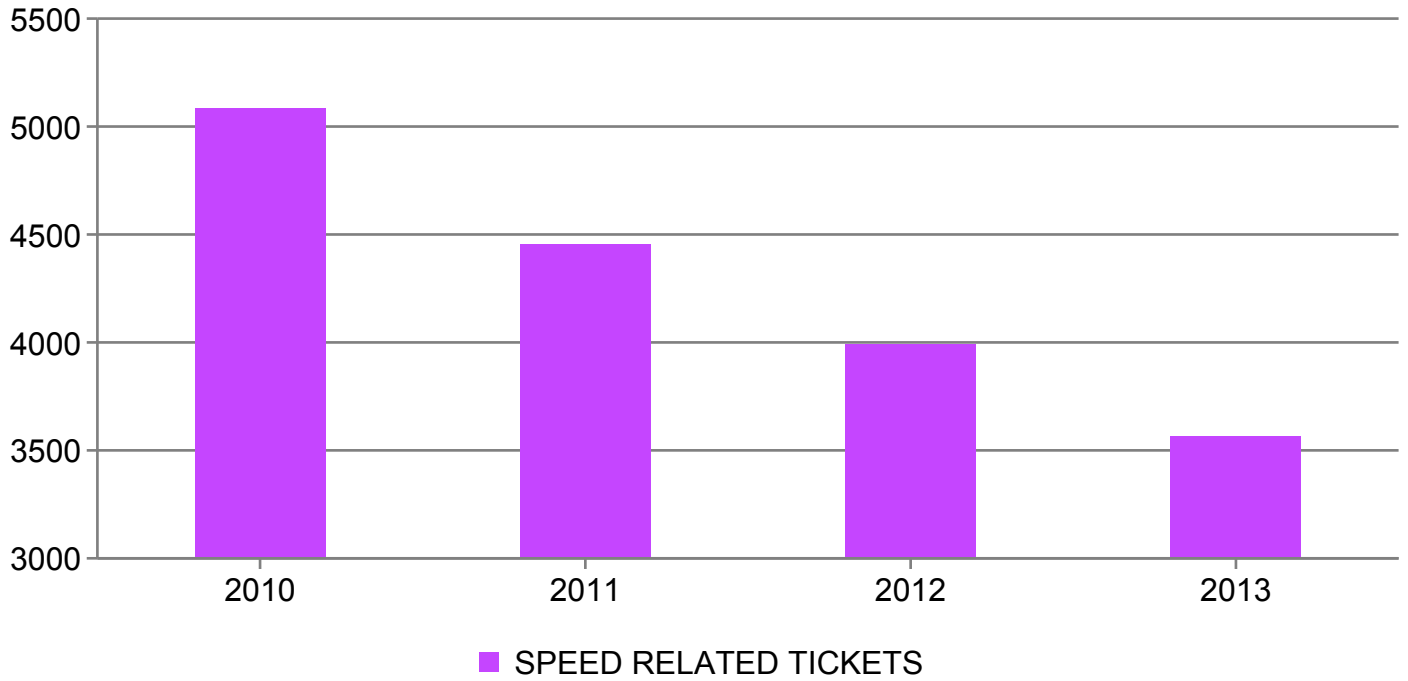
TOTAL TRAFFIC TICKETS ISSUED IN OTSEGO COUNTY



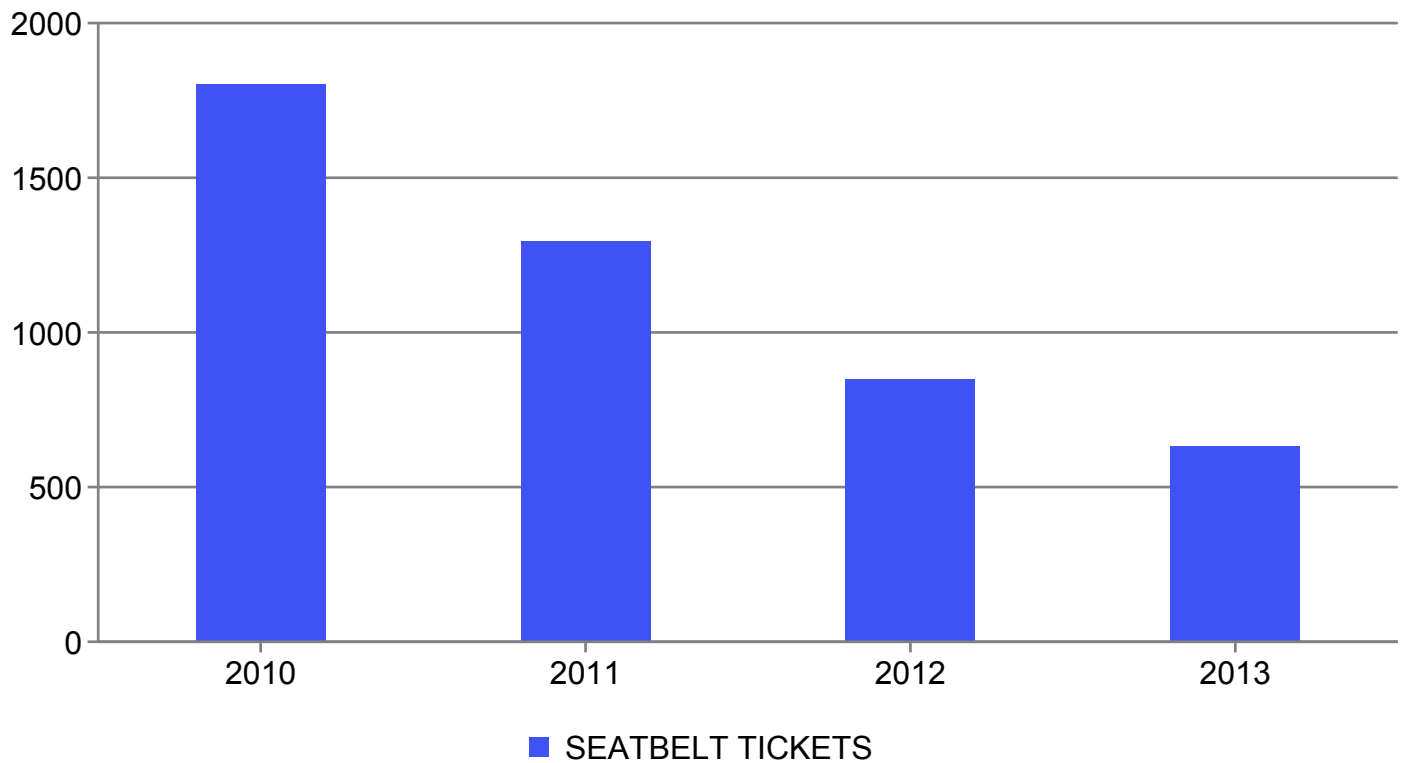
TOTAL IMPAIRED DRIVING TICKETS ISSUED IN OTSEGO COUNTY



TOTAL SPEED RELATED TICKETS ISSUED IN OTSEGO COUNTY



TOTAL SEATBELT TICKETS ISSUED IN OTSEGO COUNTY





BATTLE OF THE BELTS

Battle of the Belts is a safety belt competition between local high schools to encourage the use of safety belts among students. Presented at the SADD Run, participating high schools compete in a timed event that is not only fun but increases safety belt awareness, thereby saving lives. The program was originally brought to the SADD Run Safety Fair by Otsego County STOP-DWI Coordinator Richard Devlin as a way to increase seat belt use among youth.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for American teenagers. In fact, teens have the highest fatality rate in motor vehicle crashes than any other age group. They have the lowest safety belt use rates of all drivers. This rate is even lower when there are multiple teens in the vehicle. The Battle of the Belts program was initiated in an effort to change these statistics and increase safety belt use amongst teenagers. The goal of the campaign is for high school students to convince their peers to always wear their safety belts.



Traveling Exhibit

Working with New York State STOP-DWI, The Otsego County STOP-DWI Program was able to display one of their traveling exhibits at the Otsego County Fair.

The Exhibit Series explores the stories of crash victims across New York State. These forensic-style exhibits focus on high-risk factors such as: the combination of driving and alcohol and/or drug use, excessive speed, and distractions, such as phone use and texting while driving. In addition, the importance of seat belt use is underscored in cases where a lack of seat belt use greatly increased the severity of a victim's injuries or contributed to a victim's death.

THE OTSEGO COUNTY FAIR AVERAGES BETWEEN 35,000 TO 40,000 VISITORS ANNUALLY.

PRESENTATION SERVICES AND DISPLAYS

Otsego County STOP-DWI offers exceptional and informative presentations for a wide array of audiences. We have provided educational speakers helping schools and organizations promote healthy lives through the prevention of substance abuse and related problems. Utilizing subject matter experts, our training and presentation services have helped civic organizations, educational institutions and businesses provide accurate and useful information on traffic safety, substance abuse and prevention strategies.





**Wasted.
Your life.
And Someone
Else's.**

Don't Drive. Get a Ride.

Otsego Co. Stop DWI.

It's your choice.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
OTSEGO COUNTY STOP-DWI PROGRAM
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

<http://www.otsegocounty.com/depts/shf/StopDWI.htm>

Please contact us for more information

**Thank You for your interest in the Otsego County
STOP-DWI Program. Your support is very important
and we appreciate all the individuals and organiza-
tions that participate in supporting our effort to em-
power while we make Otsego County safe.**

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