

ECHO

*Officer
Gross*

*Officer
Wolcott*

*Officer
Mandaville*



SRO OFFICERS

*Exclusive interviews with our
School Resource Officers*

SRO SCHEDULE

Monday: Officer Williams

Tuesday: Officer Mandaville

Wednesday: Officer Gross

Thursday: Officer Wolcott

Friday: Officer Wolcott





OFFICER MANDAVILLE

What made you want to become a police officer? Was it your 1st choice? If not, what else did you want to be?

I've worked a few different jobs in high school and college, but I chose to be a police officer because I felt like I'd be good at it. I like, day-to-day, not knowing what's going to happen. I like the uncertainty - it keeps me busy.



How long have you been a police officer?

Three and a half years.

Best day on the job?

I always try to find something meaningful each day, but some of the standouts are: I reunited a missing boy from Albion with his family; I performed CPR on a man from Gasport that saved his life; and I pulled a man from a house fire.

Worst day on the job?

My worst day was the day of a fatal car accident.

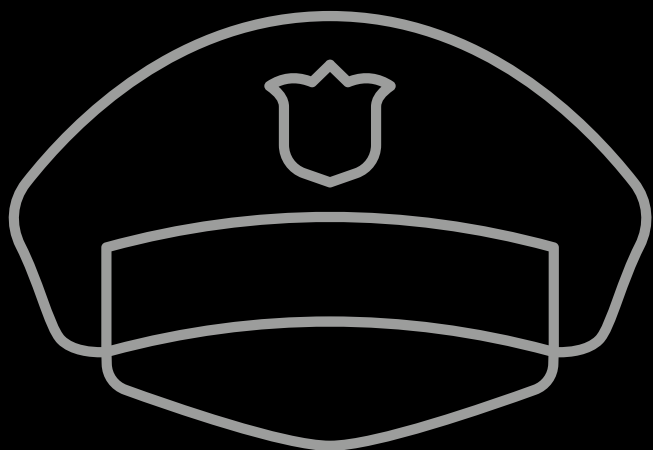
Have you ever been injured on-duty? If so, how?

No, cross my fingers... knock on wood... I have never been injured yet.

On average, how many speeding tickets do you give per month?

A good average is 70 a month – last year I gave about 900 tickets, but they weren't all speeding tickets.





Where did you grow up?

The Town of Hartland.

Are you married? Do you have kids?

No and No.

How many pets do you have?

What are they and what are their names?

I have two dogs – a beagle named Jack & a beagle mix named Charlie.

What are some of your hobbies? What do you like to do for fun?

I like to hunt, if I have the time. I have a family farm, so I enjoy doing agricultural things when I am not working. I have cows. I also like to work on my vehicles.

If you were an animal, what type of animal would you be?

Probably an eagle, because they have good eye sight.

Have you ever been arrested?

Absolutely not.

What's your favorite game?

Scrabble, I guess. I don't really play a lot of games.

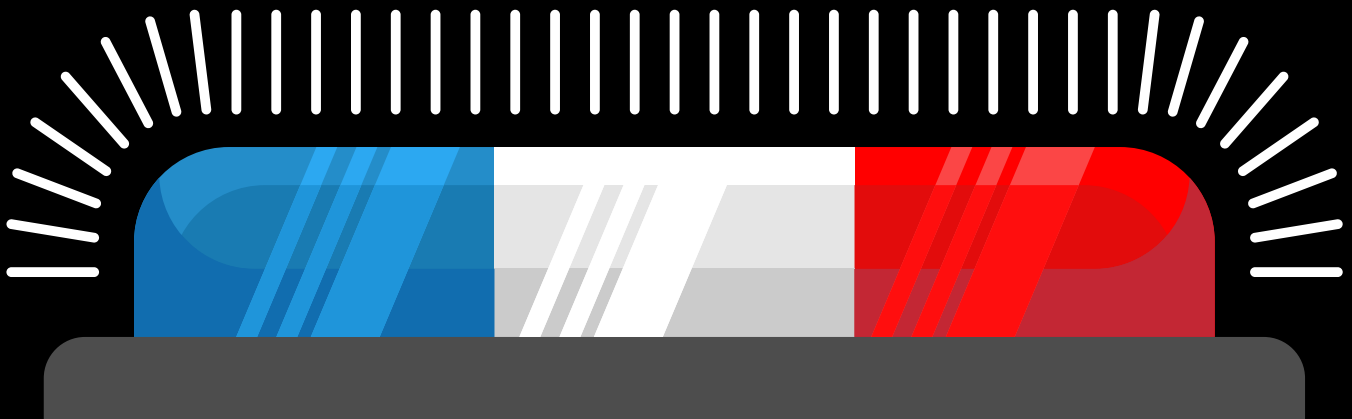


What do you enjoy about working at the school?

I like that it is something different besides road patrol. I get to engage with people that I normally wouldn't meet. It also adds to community policing.

What was your favorite memory from high school?

Going home at the end of each day & graduation.





OFFICER GROSS

*What made you want to
become a police officer?
Was it your 1st choice?
If not, what else did
you want to be?*

*I've wanted to be
a Police Officer
since I was 5
years old. It's
all I've ever
wanted to do.*



How long have you been a police officer?

I graduated the Police Academy in Erie County in 2014, I started working for the Town of Somerset Police Department in May of 2015.

Best day on the job?

I've had a lot of really great days at work. I'd say the best days were the ones where you're able to prevent a potentially bad situation from devolving into a catastrophe. Every day as a police officer, you have the opportunity to take actions that can stop something bad from happening to someone. Sometimes you even save a life. It's a cool feeling to know that there are people in our community who are able to live happy and fulfilling lives because actions you took prevented something from altering the course of their life in a negative way.

On average, how many speeding tickets do you give per month?

About 10. All the judges around here know that if I write you a ticket – you deserved it!

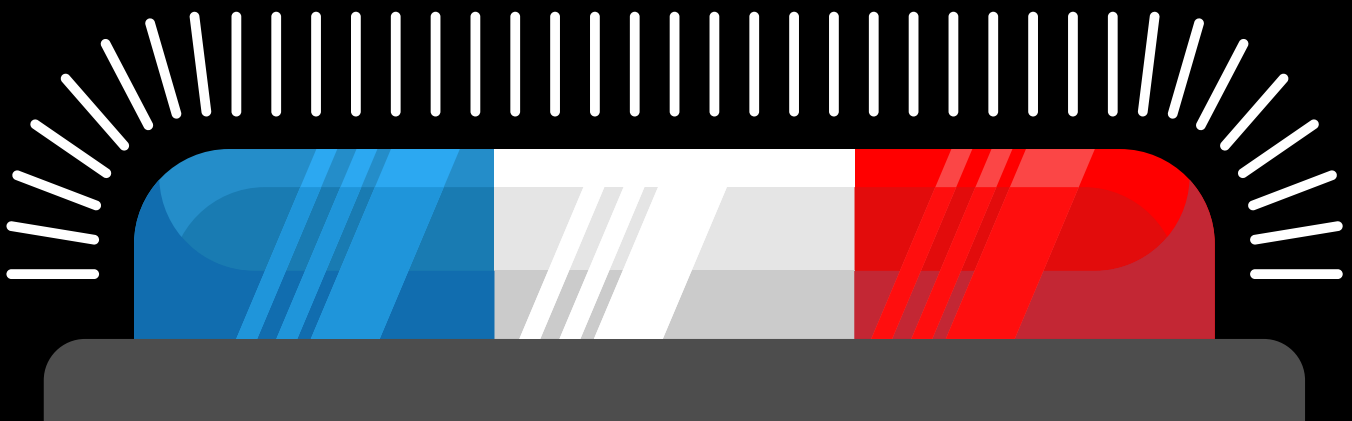


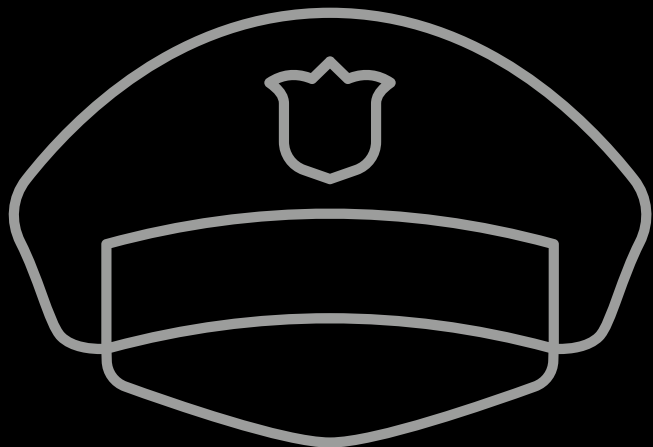
Have you ever been injured on-duty? If so, how?

Yes. Sometimes people don't want to get arrested, sometimes they want to hurt you just because you're wearing a uniform and interrupting them doing something they shouldn't be doing. Sometimes I've been banged up because of a Use of Force situation, but I'm fortunate that I've never been seriously hurt.

What is your funniest or most embarrassing moment on the job?

The time a lady called 911 because there was a pigeon on the roof and she wanted me to help it get down. I explained that pigeons are birds. She filed a complaint saying I was lazy and didn't want to help a BIRD get off a ROOF.





Where did you grow up?

I grew up in University Heights in the City of Buffalo.

Are you married? Do you have kids?

Not married, no kids. I have a plant.

How many pets do you have? What are they and what are their names?

No pets, but I'm open to taking suggestions for plant names.

What are some of your hobbies? What do you like to do for fun?

I am really active with physical fitness, lifting weights 3-4 days a week and I try to run at least 10 miles per week. I do jiu-jitsu. I also bake and make homemade ice cream. I also travel when I can.

If you were an animal, what type of animal would you be?

Bill Murray

Have you ever been arrested?

No.

What's your favorite game?

I like board games. Have you ever played Risk? It's amazing.

Who is your celebrity crush

Josie Hamming, she's a fitness influencer.

What do you enjoy about working at the school?

I love working with students and watching them grow and learn. They're finding their place in the world and deciding what they want to do with their lives. It's exciting to be a part of that.

What was your favorite memory from high school?

Just being able to spend time with my friends. I'm still very close to my small friend group from high school. But we all have jobs, some of us are married, and some of us even have kids, so it can be hard to find time to see each other. I miss the days where we had nothing but time to spend together.





OFFICER WOLCOTT

*What made you want to
become a police officer?
Was it your 1st choice? If
not, what else did you want
to be?*

*It was my first
choice and it's
something I always
had a strong
passion for.*



How long have you been a police officer?

I have been a police officer for approximately four years.



Best day on the job?

When I was able to assist a child with down syndrome in typing up his own accident report.

Have you ever been injured on-duty? If so, how?

No.

Have you ever been arrested?

No.

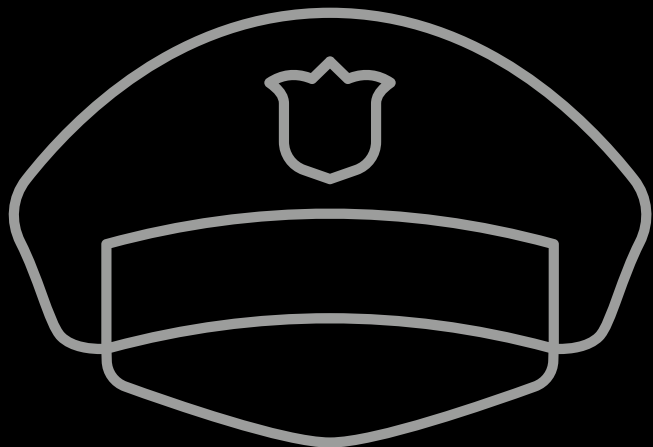
What do you enjoy about working at the school?

I enjoy the interaction with the students and staff.

On average, how many speeding tickets do you give per month?

I am unsure, but if I had to take a guess, somewhere around 40 to 50.





Where did you grow up?

Warsaw, NY

Are you married? Do you have kids?

No and no.

How many pets do you have? What are they and what are their names?

I have one, he is a dog and his name is Doc.

What are some of your hobbies? What do you like to do for fun?

I like to hunt, play ice hockey, spend time riding my horse, and ride my motorcycles. I do all of these for fun.

What's your favorite game?

Depends on which type of game is being referred to.

What was your favorite memory from high school?

When I moved away from home to play semi-pro hockey.

