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New police contract approved in Lewiston

GUEST EDITORIAL BY TOWN OF LEWISTON SUPERVISOR STEVE BRODERICK

When I took office on Jan. 1, 2016, I quickly learned that the current town and village police contract, which had been signed in 1995, had never been updated. There were several attempts by previous town and village boards to do so, but it

was never finished. Although the original contract never officially "expired," it was meant to be renegotiated approximately every five years.

Over the past several months, myself, John Jacoby and attorney Al Bax from the town, along with Tina Coppins, Nick Conde and attorney Joe Leone from the village, have met on a number

of occasions – and I am happy to report that an agreement was reached and a new contract has been approved by both boards.

As a retired lieutenant with the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, I understand how important it is to have a local police department for the Town and Village of Lewiston. I will always support Lewiston having its own police department,

and believe that the community is a safer place because of them.

I want to thank everyone that was involved with this process, including the chief of Police, Frank Previte. It's important to know that the Lewiston Police Department will be patrolling our streets in both the town and village for years to come.

Erie County Sheriff's Office serving community

BY JOHN C. GARCIA Erie County Sheriff's Office

As your Erie County sheriff, I take the responsibility to be efficient with your tax dollars very seriously. Earlier this month, our partners in the legislature passed a budget that will allow the Erie County Sheriff's Office to continue doing just that.

Believe it or not, we have the exact same number of deputies right now as we did in 2004, the year prior to the red-green budget crisis. However, our workload is way up. Over those 20 years, calls for service have increased by 75%. Our police services division is doing much more work with the same number of deputies.

In our jail management division,

we continue to do what we can with two outdated facilities. Earlier this year, we contracted a new company to manage food services at the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility. I expect this will save the county hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. We have also taken meaningful steps to save on overtime costs within our jails. By the end of 2024, we project to spend between \$4 million and \$5 million less in jail management division overtime than we did last year.

We have also exceeded our revenue goals thanks to the aggressive pursuit of grants, reimbursements and other sources. I'd like to thank our local, state and federal

partners for financially assisting us in our pursuit to provide quality public safety services.

When I was elected sheriff, I promised to modernize the Erie County Sheriff's Office. Thanks to the hard work of our employees, we are doing that. Many of these steps require financial resources. But we have shown that modernization and financial efficiency do not need to run counter to each other. In fact, they go hand in hand.

We are achieving this as we continue to offer regional services to the entire community. Our aviation unit is teaming up with law enforcement partners to track stolen cars across the county. The newly formed community

engagement team is being proactive, developing relationships with leaders across the region that will help target and reduce crime in our neighborhoods. We have the region's only bomb squad. Our marine unit patrols 90 miles of county shoreline. Erie County Sheriff's Office fire investigators and K-9 units are frequently requested to assist our municipal law enforcement partners.

This will all carry on, as we continue to make the most economical use of your tax dollars.

On behalf of everybody at the Erie County Sheriff's Office, I would like to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and joyous holiday season. I look forward to speaking with you again in 2025!

Help Community Missions support local youth this holiday season



The youth division of Community Missions provides a safe haven for neglected, abused and troubled youth and young adults, ages 7-24. We provide services to the needy, homeless and emotionally disturbed populations in Niagara County and other neighboring counties, as needed. Services include housing, case management, outreach, counseling, and restorative justice circle work.

This year marks the 34th year that the Niagara County Community Libraries and other community supporters have graciously sponsored the "Tidings of Joy" campaign benefiting youth in our programs. We are pleased to say the positive response to this project has

always been overwhelming. It provides our youth with many necessities such as clothing, hygiene items, leisure activities, toys, games, and so much more to help make the holiday spirit a little brighter.

We would appreciate your consideration of a donation for the "Tidings of Joy" campaign. Our holiday trees, decorated with specific gift ideas or suggestions, are displayed at libraries in Lockport, Sanborn, North Tonawanda and Lewiston. We hope that you might help our youth who often cannot return home for the holidays. We also accept tax-deductible monetary donations, which can be mailed to CMI "Tidings of Joy" campaign, 1570 Buffalo Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Any gift would be accepted – and know that no gift is ever too small. For further information, please feel free to contact the youth services offices at 716-285-3403, ext. 2231. We look forward to hearing from you!

Marilee R. Clark Vice President of Youth Services

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√ Lewiston Public Library, 305 S. Eighth St.
√ Lockport Public Library – 23 East Ave.
√ Sanborn-Pekin Free Library – 5884 West St., Sanborn
√ North Tonawanda Public Library – 505 Meadow Drive

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