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### SRG's Targeted Public Safety Initiative Leads to 92 Arrests and 209 Tickets Issued in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025

(BINGHAMTON, NY) On Wednesday, Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar released the results of the first quarter of targeted public safety and crime response initiative conducted by the Broome County Sheriff's Office Strategic Response Group (SRG) across Broome County in 2025.

From January 1, 2025 – April 1, 2025, the SRG team targeting various zones in Broome County, including those coinciding with the nationally recognized Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) initiative aimed at reducing shootings and firearm-related crime.

“Regardless of where you are in Broome County, you deserve to feel safe,” said Sheriff Fred Akshar. “Our Strategic Response Group’s unique flexibility and use of real-time data to increase police presence in targeted neighborhoods, roads with frequent speeders or other problem areas throughout Broome County continues elevate our efforts and abilities overall to keep our communities safe. The SRG also helps lighten the load for regular patrols, allowing them to handle criminal complaints, 911 calls and to reduce response time for emergencies.”

The SRG’s Targeted Public Safety and Crime Response Initiative for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025 resulted in:

- 31 Narcotics Arrests
- 24 Warrant Arrests
- 2 Weapon Arrests
- 18 Vehicle and Traffic Arrests
- 17 Other Penal Law Arrests
- 209 Traffic Violations Issued (254 Traffic Stops Conducted)

Since the SRG’s full-time activation in mid-June, their targeted crime response has yielded over 440 arrests across Broome County, which ranged from Narcotics charges to fugitives with outstanding Arrest Warrants, to Vehicle and Traffic arrests, which included driving on a

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suspended or revoked license, DWI, suspended registration and other charges. During that same time period, the SRG conducted over 1,183 traffic stops and issued over 1,000 traffic violations.

**Background on the SRG:**

Activated in June 2024, the Broome County Sheriff’s Office Strategic Response Group is comprised of a versatile team of deputies charged with targeting quality-of-life concerns and safety needs of communities across Broome County. The team primarily focuses on concerns that may not be adequately addressed or not addressed in a timely manner due to high volume of calls for service for normal patrol deputies.

Utilizing statistical and crime-mapping data from the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center in Binghamton, the SRG is able to identify and respond to reoccurring issues and activity, or “hot spots” in communities throughout Broome County.

These quality-of-life issues include, but are not limited to:

- Areas with a high numbers of speeding vehicles or repeat traffic complaints;
- Frequent or repeated narcotic activities (vehicle and foot traffic in particular areas);
- Persistent or complex calls for service that require greater intervention and solutions;
- Susceptible facility or building checks to prevent property crimes;
- Intervention techniques with persistent criminal offenders;
- Collaboration with community partners to intervene with individuals with substance use disorders;
- Engagement with homeless persons and connecting with services; and
- Targeted enforcement of high crime areas, especially those experiencing gun and gang-related violence.

In addition to statistical crime data, SRG utilizes input from community members, collaboration with community partners, and tips from the community to deploy resources efficiently and effectively to address these issues through a variety of techniques, intervention, and enforcement. Through flexible scheduling, the SRG operates at different times of day depending on community needs.

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