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## **SENECA COUNTY SHERIFF REQUESTS FORMAL ON-SITE NYS ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT OF SHERIFF'S CIVIL DIVISION**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Seneca County Sheriff Jack S. Stenberg announced today that his Office has sent a formal request to the New York State Sheriff's Association for an on-site accreditation assessment of the Sheriff's Civil Division. Today, we take another step towards achieving New York State Accreditation for all Seneca County Sheriff's Operations.

The Civil Division of the Sheriff's Office is authorized by law to act as the enforcement agent for all courts within Seneca County. The responsibilities of this division are twofold. The first is service of process such as a summons, subpoena's, petition's, orders and other court-related documents. The second is enforcement which involves evictions, executions on real and personal property, sale of levied property, orders and warrants of arrest for civil contempt.

Last year, the Sheriff's Civil Division was responsible for managing over \$430,000.00 in legal transactions for creditors which resulted in over \$60,000.00 in fees and poundage payable to Seneca County for the Sheriff's Civil Division work on those cases.

The Sheriff's Office in seeking NYS Accreditation is required to comply with over 120 standards of operational excellence and management oversight. We have put policies, procedures and protocols in place that will ensure our Civil Division has the proper management oversight and is operated in an efficient and professional manner.

We have a responsibility to those we serve to operate the Sheriff's Office in the most professional manner. We have seen first hand the benefits of State-wide accreditation in our Corrections and Court Security Divisions. Today, we take the next step with our Civil Division. We have refined decades old policies and procedures which have enabled this Office to operate more efficiently and professionally utilizing "best practices" methods.

"We are confident that our Civil Division will meet and exceed the professional standards of excellence required for State-wide accreditation. The only remaining State-wide accreditation being pursued is that for the Law Enforcement Division. We are just weeks away from requesting a formal accreditation assessment for our Law Enforcement Division. I made a pledge to the residents of Seneca County upon taking Office that I would work hard to achieve State wide accreditation for all Sheriff's Divisions. This has not been an easy task, but, it has without question, enabled us to operate this Office more professionally and efficiently. The men and women of this Office have embraced the accreditation process and with Accreditation Program Manager Undersheriff Gary Sullivan, have worked tirelessly to improve how this Office delivers services to the residents of Seneca County" commented Sheriff Stenberg.