



# NEWSLETTER



## 2015 STARTING OFF RIGHT

A new year means a fresh start. On January 16th in the Rotunda of the Albany County Court House, new law enforcement and corrections officers were sworn in and current members were promoted. Family, friends, and co-workers gathered to support and congratulate those

who took the oath of office. Sheriff Craig Apple began the ceremony talking about some accomplishments from 2014 and what to expect from the Sheriff's Office in 2015. Following the Sheriff's speech, officers were asked to step forward, raise their right

hand, and recite the oath to serve and protect and uphold the Constitution. Another promotional ceremony was held on February 13th promoting new members to the Correctional Facility's command staff. Congratulations to all!



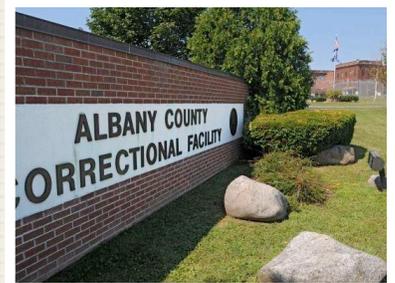
# Is spring here yet?? Punxsutawney Phil says “NO”

Every year on February 2nd, community members in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania gather around to see if the groundhog will see his shadow. We can pretty much tell what the result was, no early spring! Just as the legendary groundhog spots his shadow, so did some members of the Albany County Sheriff's Office as February was National Job Shadow Month. ACSO partnered with Junior Achievement of Northeastern New York to be the host for over 30 Rensselaer Junior/Senior students. Students spent the morning learning about careers in law enforcement, corrections, and dispatch communications. After the presentations, the students got to watch Deputy Martel and K9 Mo

demonstrate how “explosives” are detected. Students and teachers were very grateful of the time they spent with the Sheriff's Office and showed their appreciation with a mailed folder of hand written thank you's from all the students.

Junior Achievement of Northeastern New York is the largest organization in the state that partners with businesses and learning institutions to provide hands on experience for students to promote entrepreneurship starting at the elementary schools all the way through high school. JA is always looking for partnering agencies and career based volunteers. To learn more about JA please visit their website at [www.janeny.org](http://www.janeny.org).

## LINE UP



CORRECTIONS



LAW ENFORCEMENT



COMMUNICATIONS



K9 DEMO



# Outdoor Fun!!



## \* Lawson's Lake \*

Albany County Executive Dan McCoy teamed with Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple for the first "Take a Friend Snowmobiling" day. The event was held at Lawson's Lake County Park. Volunteers from the New York State Snowmobile Association came to the park with snowmobiles to take children from the Albany Boys and Girls Club and the Albany Police Athletic League out on the snowy trails. Regardless of the cold temperatures, everyone bundled up and enjoyed the ride. The ACSO Mobile Command Post was on site as a warming station when riders came back. What an exciting way to promote outdoor activities in the winter!

## \* Knox Winter Festival \*

The Hilltowns are no strangers to cold and blustery winters. The freezing temperatures will not keep the residents from enjoying the Knox Winter Festival. The Knox Town Park was the place to be and the community gathered for fun in the snow! Children went sleigh riding on home-made cardboard snow sleds while the adults stood by the bonfire sipping hot beverages. If the beverages didn't warm up the chilly festival goers, maybe the chili cook-off did. Another great way to shake off the winter blues!



## LAWSON'S LAKE

SHERIFF APPLE GETS READY TO RIDE THE ACSO SNOWMOBILE WITH A FRIEND AT THE ALBANY COUNTY SPONSORED "TAKE A FRIEND SNOWMOBILING" DAY. MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S SNOWMOBILE PATROL WERE ON HAND TO PROMOTE SAFE RIDING TIPS.



## KNOX

CHILDREN GATHER TO SLED DOWN THE SLOPING HILLSIDE AT THE KNOX TOWN PARK.



## FUN FUN FUN

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MYSTERY LAKE TRAIL RUNNERS, HELDERBERG RIDGE RUNNERS, FRONTIER SNO-RUNNERS, AND ADIRONDACK TRAILWAYS FOR THEIR HELP IN MAKING A GREAT DAY FOR EVERYONE!

# PHOTO ALBUM



## EVENTS CALENDAR

1. 3/22 - KNOX 5K RUN
2. 3/26 - SO. VERMONT COLLEGE CAREER FAIR
3. 4/8 - RED CROSS MILITARY CHILDREN'S DAY
4. 4/10 - BRYANT & STRATTON CRIMINAL JUSTICE DAY
5. 4/14 - RENSSELAERVILLE SENIORS MEETING
6. 4/24 - BLUE FRIDAY
7. 4/25 - BETHLEHEM YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY
8. 4/25-26 - WESTMERE FIRE OPEN HOUSE
9. 4/26 - BERNE LIBRARY RAISING EARLY READERS

## WHAT'S NEW

The Sheriff's Office has transformed a donated CDTA bus into a Mobile Education Center! The newest addition to the fleet was repainted and striped in familiar ACSO colors. Inside visitors will find information on drug use and destructive decisions that can lead a person to jail. To let visitors get a true feeling of what that would be like, a replica jail cell was constructed in the bus equipped with all the same items a real cell at the Correctional Facility. Look for this new innovative outreach at upcoming events!

❁ THANK YOU! ❁

The Albany County Sheriff's Office would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you for all the donations that have been made to the Albany County Kenneth White Memorial Fund. Over \$13,000 has been collected for Kenneth's siblings. Donations are still being accepted and can be sent to the ACSO, Attention: Kenneth White Fund, 16 Eagle Street, Albany, New York, 12207 or at any MDT Bank.