

BENNINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF

This is my first opportunity to write to all of you as your County Sheriff. As you know, Sheriff Gary Forrest has retired and Governor Douglas appointed me as Bennington County Sheriff. I am honored to have been given the opportunity to serve our communities and our country in yet another capacity. I started my career at the Sheriff's Department when I was 18 years old and have progressed upward through the organization holding different ranks over the years.

In the next year we will be increasing our contractual hours in Shaftsbury thanks to the Federal COPS grant. Our enforcement actions will be based on respect for individual rights as well as our commitment to protect the safety of all persons within our community. We will strive for professionalism and integrity by maintaining high ethical and performance standards through policies and procedures designed to give simple, clear guidance to all personnel.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Listed below is a report outlining our enforcement efforts from July 1st, 2008 to June 30th, 2009.

Respectfully submitted

Chad D. Schmidt, Sheriff

VERMONT CIVIL VIOLATION COMPLAINTS

Operating without liability insurance.....	5	Failed to use child restraints.....	1
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Interstate Highway Regulations.....	90	Seat belt violation.....	2
Local speed limits.....	87	No registration.....	9
Regulations in municipalities.....	4	ATV operation along highway.....	4
Driving to the right.....	1	ATV operation careless/negligent.....	1
Limitations on passing.....	1	ATV operation under 18.....	1
Basic rule >50MPH (speeding in a 50 zone).....	11	Display of license plates.....	1
Basic rule (passing violation).....	1	Misuse of license plates.....	3
Consuming alcohol while driving.....	1	Operating without a license.....	8
Open container in vehicle.....	1	Driving with a suspended license.....	13
Under 21, .02% alcohol.....	1	No insurance.....	15
Condition of vehicle.....	3	Minors possessing alcohol.....	4
No inspection sticker.....	44	TOTAL.....	312

INCIDENTS/ARRESTS

Accidents.....	6	Motor vehicle complaint.....	7
Agency assists.....	14	Property watch.....	10
Alcohol offense.....	1	Search warrant.....	1
Animal problem.....	1	Suspicious.....	6
Citizen assist.....	2	Traffic hazard.....	2
Directed patrol.....	5	VIN inspection.....	7
Disorderly.....	1	Wanted person.....	3
Drugs.....	1	Welfare Check.....	1
DUI.....	7	TOTAL.....	75