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**ANNUAL REPORT**

For 2014

We completed the audit for our office this past spring and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. Paula Watts our Office Manager and Bookkeeper does a wonderful job of making sure all our t's are crossed and our i's dotted. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years as we know the times are tough and we want people to feel that they can still afford our services. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. With these new vehicles we now have twelve marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, and one unmarked car being used for civil process service. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV, two golf carts, and two snowmobiles that we use for our snowmobile patrols. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, up and running, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. Deputies are getting out of the cars and talking to the people who live in the communities. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has twenty Law Enforcement Officers to start the New Year. We have the best civil process server, in the state, and he has very few papers he cannot serve...generally because they have moved. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call me at the office. My door is always open. I look forward to serving this county as the Sheriff. I grew up here, raising a family here, and will do everything in my power to keep it a safe place. We have established a wonderful working relationship with Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital and are helping them make certain that their patients and staff feel safe while in the hospital. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county, if we get snow, doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints.

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Sincerely,  
Sheriff Dean Shatney