

Alfred University security officer promoted to chief of public safety

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John M. Dougherty, an Alfred University security officer since 2002, has been promoted to chief of public safety. The announcement was made by Dr. Norman Pollard, dean of students. "The campus community is extremely fortunate to have John as our new chief of public safety," said Pollard. "He has the skills, knowledge and expertise to provide for a safe and healthy environment." A veteran law enforcement officer, Dougherty serves as a police officer in both the Alfred and Wellsville Police departments. As chief of public safety at Alfred University, he oversees daily operations of the Public Safety Office. He also serves as emergency coordinator and provides the initial response to the majority of campus emergencies. Dougherty is a member of the Alfred Community Coalition along with members of the Alfred State College campus and the village of Alfred. In addition, he is the liaison between Alfred University and other law enforcement agencies, neighboring institutions and businesses. The public safety chief has a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice from Empire State College and has taken courses at Alfred State College, Genesee Community College, and Monroe Community College. He is a NYS Emergency Medical Technician; completed the Emergency Vehicle Operations course; is NYS-certified in radar, interviews and interrogation, and bomb threat and detection; is a police general topics instructor/evaluator and security guard instructor; is a DWI Detection & Standardized Field Sobriety expert; and a National Criminal Justice School Violence expert. Dougherty is a member of the Alfred and Wellsville Policeman Benevolent associations, a member of the Wellsville Fire Department (Genesee Hose Co.), and a certified SCUBA diver.