

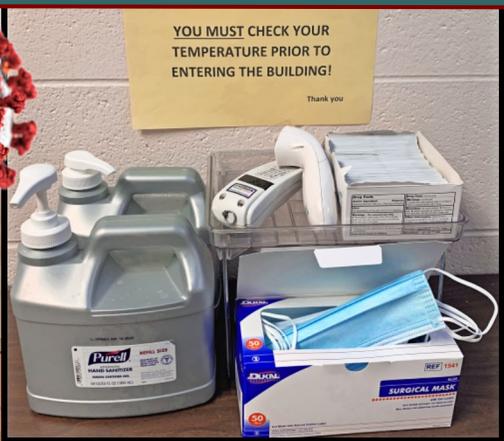
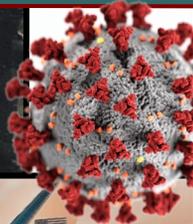
ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2020

ANNUAL REPORT



Rising Above The Challenges



SHERIFF TROY J. KNUDSON
CHIEF DEPUTY CRAIG L. STROUSE

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A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF KNUDSON



2020 was truly magnificent! It seems a strange thing to say considering the struggles and challenges that were faced through the year; however, it is in the most difficult of times that we find what we are really made of! Now, as we are nearly on the other side, it is good to pause and look back on what was accomplished.



Troy J. Knudson
Sheriff

- ◆ In our darkest days, faced with an unknown, deadly virus and nearly no protective equipment, we were thankful for a small jail stockpile that helped us through those first days. We were also thankful for the County Administrator's nearly unilateral call to spend what seemed an inordinate amount of money to get us the equipment we needed.
- ◆ Our jail leadership saw the full potential of this issue earlier than most and was able to acquire scarce resources to increase the number of inmates on electronic monitoring. They were also able to leverage excellent working relationships with Rock County Judges, the DA's Office, and Probation and Parole to get our jail population down to a safer and historically low level.
- ◆ Despite personal risk, staff continued to report for duty, serving the public from day one. In appreciation, the County Board recognized their efforts. That support was critical for maintaining morale during some difficult times.
- ◆ Emergency Management stepped up to coordinate response efforts of public and private entities in a largely virtual Emergency Operations Center. No other local emergency had been managed in that format before, and certainly our Information Technology Department support played a critical role for which we are very grateful.
- ◆ Our contracted food services and medical services providers in the jail really came through for us. Our nurses worked in the center of outbreaks at great personal risk, showing incredible selflessness. Our kitchen help never failed, despite occasionally losing all of their inmate trustee support.
- ◆ The Rock County Human Resources Department allowed us to respond to this emergency with flexibility so we could do our best to ensure we would always have the staff to serve the County.
- ◆ In addition to the pandemic, our community remained professional during the protest environment and, as an agency, we were able to help communities like Madison, Milwaukee and Kenosha who have helped us in the past.
- ◆ In turn, as we dealt with major events such as a Presidential visit to Rock County, our local law enforcement partners were there for us without hesitation or question.

This list is by no means exhaustive. Our appreciation and gratitude is owed to so many others who helped us get through 2020. It has truly been an honor and privilege to have been a part of this historic year, and I look forward to 2021!

“Calm seas never made a good sailor” – Franklin D. Roosevelt



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Rock County Sheriff's Office is to enhance the quality of life in Rock County by working cooperatively with the public to enforce the law, preserve the peace, reduce the fear of crime, and provide a safe environment. Also, through the effective operations of the Rock County Jail, we must provide a safe, secure, and humane environment for those persons consigned to our custody.

To accomplish this mission, we are committed to a set of values that guide our work and decisions and help us contribute to the quality of life in Rock County.

HUMAN LIFE We revere human life and dignity above all else.

INTEGRITY We believe integrity is the basis for personal and public trust.

LAWS AND CONSTITUTION We believe in the principles embodied in the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin. We recognize the authority of federal, state, and local laws.

EXCELLENCE We strive for personal and professional excellence, dedication to duty, and service to the public.

ACCOUNTABILITY We are accountable to each other and to the citizens we serve, who are the source of our authority.

COOPERATION We believe cooperation among ourselves, members of the community, governmental entities, and other law enforcement agencies will enable us to combine our diverse backgrounds, skills and styles to achieve common goals.

PROBLEM SOLVING We are most effective when we help identify and solve community problems.

OURSELVES We are capable, caring people who are doing important and satisfying work for the Citizens of Rock County.

EXECUTIVE COMMAND STAFF



Sheriff Troy J. Knudson

- ◆ 32 years of service with the Rock County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Graduate of University of Wisconsin—Madison; Bachelor's Degree—Sociology, Criminology, English and Research Statistics
- ◆ Graduate of Boston University; Master's Degree—Criminal Justice
- ◆ Graduate of Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Class 222



Chief Deputy Craig L. Strouse

- ◆ 26 years of service with the Rock County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Graduate of Upper Iowa University; Bachelor's Degree—Criminal Justice
- ◆ Graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command



Commander Erik D. Chellevoid

- ◆ 25 years of service with the Rock County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Graduate of Marian College; Bachelor's Degree—Administration of Justice
- ◆ Graduate of University of Wisconsin—Whitewater; Master's Degree—Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety
- ◆ Graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command



Commander Jude G. Maurer

- ◆ 25 years of service with the Rock County Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Graduate of Upper Iowa University; Bachelor's Degree—Public Administration
- ◆ Graduate of Cardinal Stritch University; Master's Degree—Management
- ◆ Graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command

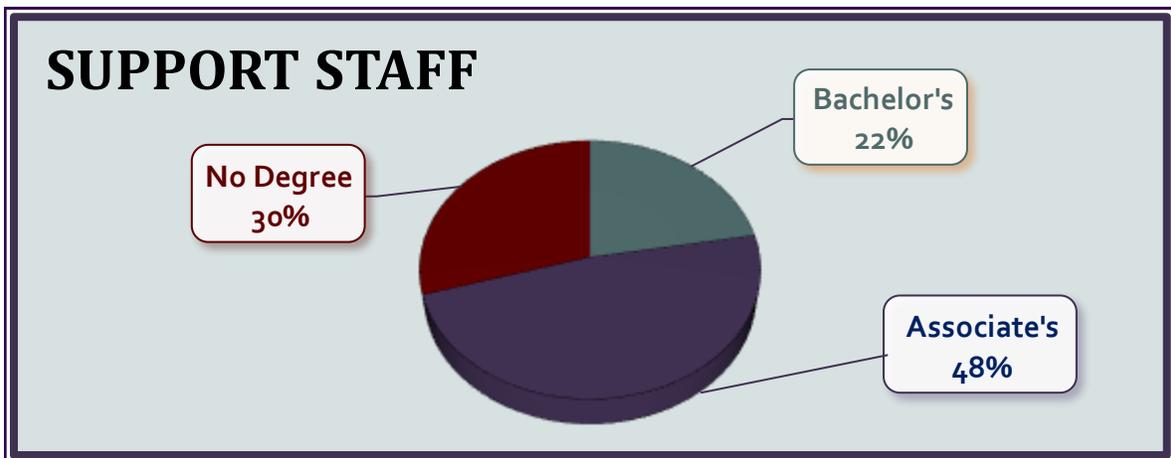
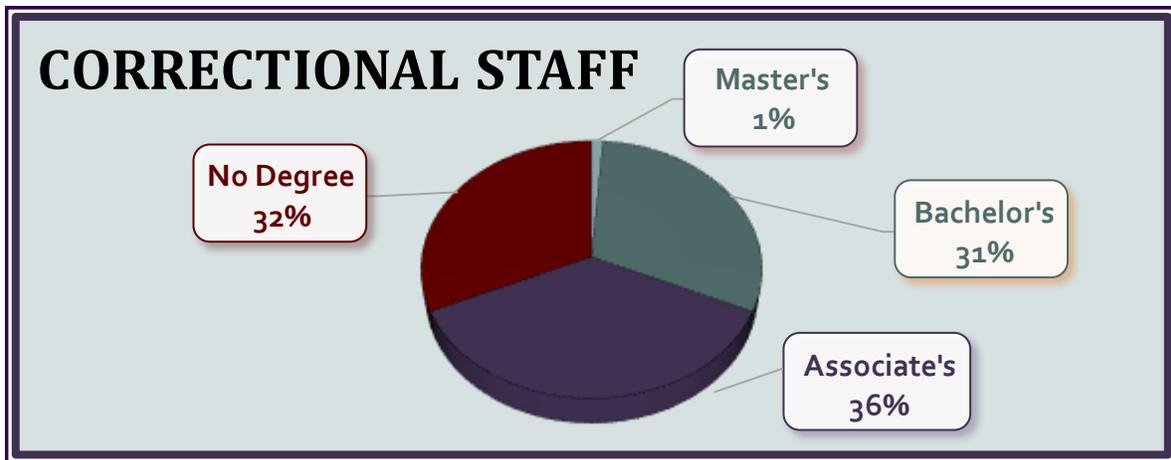
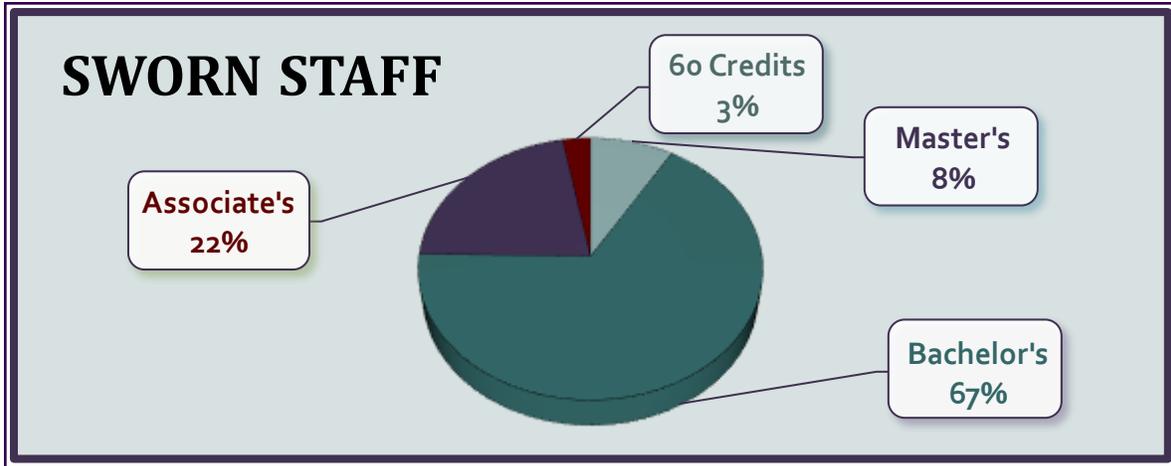




PERSONNEL POSITIONS

1.00	Sheriff
1.00	Chief Deputy
2.00	Commander
6.00	Captain
19.00	Sergeant
6.00	Detective
63.00	Deputy Sheriff
2.2	Deputy Sheriff (PT)
5.00	Correctional Supervisor
81.00	Correctional Officer
1.00	RECAP Site Supervisor
1.00	Financial Office Manager
1.00	Administrative Secretary
2.00	Secretary II
3.00	Secretary I
9.00	Administrative Assistant
1.00	Optical Imaging Specialist
1.00	Payroll Specialist
2.00	Account Clerk III
6.00	Public Safety Utility Clerk
.45	Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor
.30	Vehicle Maintenance Technician
.30	Investigative Assistant
.30	Sheriff Clerk
214.55	Total Employees

EMPLOYEE EDUCATION





SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES

SHERIFF

Knudson, Troy J.

CHIEF DEPUTY

Strouse, Craig L.

COMMANDERS

Chellevoid, Erik D.

Maurer, Jude G.

CAPTAINS

Burdick, Aaron K.

Coulter, Doug A.

DeRemer, Brent S.

Fell, Curtis N.

Litsheim, Kimberly A.

Thompson, Mark E.

Wood, Jay L.

SERGEANTS

Amador, Maria D.

Beutin, Caleb A.

Brown, Nicholas W.

Falk, Peter J.

Jacobson, Matthew A.

Kohler, Shena J.

Krahn, Christopher J.

Lund, Joshua J.

Natter, Shawn M.

Ooms, Ryan A.

Reed, Andrew P.

Rossmiller, David E.

Rowley, Clint T.

Schauer, Michael A.

Scott, Robert R.

Skatrud, Kevin S.

Solturas, Joshua J.

Westness, Gregory N.

Williams, Jay M.

DETECTIVES

Bilhorn, Corene J.

Cowan, Charles R.

Douglas, Beau R.

DuCharme, Luke A.

Knutson, Darrell C.

Reilly, Brent D.

DEPUTIES

Adams, Jeff T.

Albeck, Erik A.

Aldrich, Chadwyck R.

Anacker, Zachary J.

Arneson, Jacob L.

Barr, Anthony J.

Bennett, Neil J.

Berberich, Kurt M.

Berg, Steven R.

Bittorf, Ryan C.

Blocker-Nelson, Ra'Shan A.

Boeche, Niles R.

Bordner, Kristina M.

Borgwardt, Michael A.

Borgwardt, Terry M.

Christidis, Mathew J.

Cisneros, Eric C.

Davis, Brandon A.

DeBoer, Nathan W.

Dietzel, Austin R.

Dodge, Donavon T.

Fuentes, Monica

Hanthorn, Bryan S.

Harding, Jason C.

Hasseler, Christopher A.

Hathorn, Kyle D.

Huber, Gary A.

Jackson, Lee R.

Johns, Mark J.

Kaderly, Bradley J.

Kinuthia, Wanja W.

Kunkel, Kyle T.

Laufenberg, Jason W.

Leisher, Robert

Lochner, Christopher L.

London, Bradley C.

Lund, Trevor M.

Lyga, Kevin D.

McIntosh, Preston C.

Merrick, Daniel J.

Michalski, Matthew R.

Miller, Emily L.

Montag, Ryan A.

Nolan, Shawn P.

Nouansacksy, Viengkhone

Peters, Daniel J.

Peterson, Joshua M.

Raby, Zach A.

Riemer, Benjamin J.

Salazar, Jesus

Schmidt, Margaret T.

Scott, Christopher A.

Shaw, Dwayne E.

St. Michael, Cody A.

Stalker, Morgan R.

Stoikes, Bambi L.

Streuly, Curtis L.

Valencia, Samantha L.

Walsh, Cole R.

Wenger, Ross D.

Wescott, Jason A.

Whitehead, Garrett L.

Wilson, David C.

PT DEPUTIES

Aubrey, Brian D.

Christiansen, Todd A.

Marquardt, Kenneth J.

Niles, Gregory J.

Stalker, Mike L.

Steeber, Scott M.

Weberg, Karl R.

CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS

Hoff, Jeremy R.

Klusmeyer, Larry L.

Reilly, Cory B.

Wilson, Erin W.

Zweifel, Megan C.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

Arneson, Andrew J.

Austin, April R.

Banks, Dan R.

Behm, Justin H.

Bendorf, Riley W.

Beres, Ronald J.

Brassington, Ryan D.

Brown, Jason T.

Cleasby, Jaysen A.

Cleasby, Jill M.

Collins, Kalyn J.

Corwith, Sara A.

Davis, Chris M.

DeLeon, Andre A.

DeRosier, Michael A.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES



CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS (CONTINUED)

Diaz, Jacob S.
Dodd, Douglas K.
Donovan, Elizabeth H.
Downs, Alexandria S.
Echeverria, Josue
Ferraro, Miranda M.
Finco, Kaitlyn
Fraser, Steven M.
Gajdosik, James R.
Gerber, Jacqueline K.
Goforth, Lisa A.
Grigsby, Deven J.
Guajardo, Jorge
Habeck, Nicholas A.
Halvorsen, Tim J.
Hernandez, Jonathan C.
Hillis, Jordan M.
Hookstead, Rebecca J.
Jeannette, Richard L.
Jensen, Melita L.
Johnson, Christopher L.
Jones, Matthew C.
Karstetter, Janel K.
Kersten, Marc A.
Kinnamon, Cody J.
Kreuter, Stephen A.
Kummerow, Jonathan P.
LaGrange, Joey G.
Larkins, Brent M.
Larson, Chase R.
Larson, Robert E.
Lucas, Jenise M.
Lukas, Zachary A.
Maloney, Andrew T.
Mansfield, Christy M.
Mareno, Kyle J.
Mauerman, Timothy
McElroy, Amanda L.
Meyer, Dennis J.
Mikel, Aaron J.
Miller, Matthew J.
Moore, David J.
Morales-Alvarado, Omar
Morris, Aaron L.
Nelson-Mareno, Cory A.
Noble, Holly S.

Nugent, Korey M.
Omelian, Hayden G.
Pepper, Andrea M.
Plach, Richard P.
Rear, Michael C.
Ruble, Rory L.
Schilt, Corey W.
Schuler, James L.
Shelby, Logan X.
Sherley, Michael M.
Sime, Brandon M.
Simler, Nicholas M.
Simon, Christopher J.
Simonson, Ryan J.
Spors, Robert T.
Taft, Kayla M.
Techmeier, Shannon L.
Titus, Kimberly K.
Trewyn, Krista L.
Uschan, Tyler D.
Vera, Maria E.
Weberg, Craig A.
Weir, Stephen R.
Wood, Kayla M.
Woodman, Taylor I.
Wulf, Timberly A.

RECAP SITE SUPERVISOR

O'Connor, Jason R.

FINANCIAL OFFICER MANAGER

Michaelis, Diane M.
Wilson, Michelle C.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Becker, Grace M.

SECRETARY II

Holmberg, Regina D.
Kowal, Diane M.

SECRETARY I

Anderson, Sarah R.
Barrington, Nicole E.
Hill, Sandra M.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Esquivel, Lucia
Firkus, Cristine M.
Gajdosik, Janice L.
Garetson, Jolynn A.
Gonzalez, Gabriela
Jackson, Sherry S.
Kettleston, Tamera S.
Krause, Sharon E.
Miller, Christine A.

OPTICAL IMAGING SPECIALIST

Nash, Linda K.

PAYROLL SPECIALIST

Wollslair, Laura C.

ACCOUNTING CLERK III

Hall, Cheryl I.
Riemer, Kristen M.

PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITY CLERKS

Benedetti, Kristy R.
Flippin, Alice R.
Johnson, Jeanette
Steed, Michelle A.

VEHICAL MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR (PT)

Gehl, Thomas W.

VEHICAL MAINTENANCE TECHS (PT)

Furseth, Jon J.
Pyne, Matthew N.

INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANT (PT)

Johnson, Douglas F.



PERSONNEL CHANGES

APPOINTMENTS

Matthew Michalski	Deputy	January 2, 2020
Michelle Wilson	Financial Office Manager	February 3, 2020
Morgan Stalker	Deputy	February 10, 2020
Laura Wollslair	Payroll Specialist	February 10, 2020
Kyle Kunkel	Deputy	February 24, 2020
Christopher Johnson	Correctional Officer	February 24, 2020
Rebecca Hookstead	Correctional Officer	February 25, 2020
Ryan Simonson	Correctional Officer	February 29, 2020
Hayden Omelian	Correctional Officer	March 1, 2020
Kyle Mareno	Correctional Officer	March 2, 2020
Brian Aubrey	Deputy - Court Security	March 4, 2020
Todd Christiansen	Deputy - Court Security	March 4, 2020
Kenneth Marquardt	Deputy - Court Security	March 4, 2020
Gregory Niles	Deputy - Court Security	March 4, 2020
Mike Stalker	Deputy - Court Security	March 4, 2020
Scott Steeber	Deputy - Court Security	March 4, 2020
Karl Weberg	Deputy - Court Security	March 4, 2020
Ryan Brassington	Correctional Officer	March 23, 2020
Logan Shelby	Correctional Officer	March 25, 2020
Robert Spors	Correctional Officer	July 20, 2020
Stephen Weir	Correctional Officer	July 27, 2020
Riley Bendorf	Correctional Officer	July 29, 2020
Andrew Maloney	Correctional Officer	August 10, 2020
Jon Furseth	Vehicle Maintenance Technician	October 5, 2020
Matthew Pyne	Seasonal Vehicle Maintenance Tech.	October 19, 2020
David Moore	Correctional Officer	October 26, 2020
Marc Kersten	Correctional Officer	November 2, 2020
Deven Grigsby	Correctional Officer	November 4, 2020
Ronald Beres	Correctional Officer	November 16, 2020

PERSONNEL CHANGES



PROMOTIONS

Maria Amador	Sergeant	January 5, 2020
Kimberly Litsheim	Captain	January 6, 2020
Gregory Westness	Sergeant	January 6, 2020
Beau Douglas	Detective	February 17, 2020
Kristy Benedetti	Administrative Assistant	October 19, 2020
Doug Coulter	Captain	November 2, 2020
Joshua Solturas	Sergeant	November 3, 2020

RESIGNATIONS

Faith Quinlan	Payroll Specialist	January 3, 2020
Troy Egger	Sergeant	January 4, 2020
Zachary Koch	Correctional Officer	January 30, 2020
Tyler Morehead	Correctional Officer	February 19, 2020
Kayla Wood	Correctional Officer	March 25, 2020
Justin Wnuk	Correctional Officer	March 26, 2020
Jared Zoellner	Correctional Officer	April 2, 2020
Douglas Johnson	Investigative Assistant	May 29, 2020
Zachary Lukas	Correctional Officer	June 23, 2020
Andre DeLeon	Correctional Officer	July 3, 2020
Lisa Goforth	Correctional Officer	July 3, 2020
Chris Davis	Correctional Officer	July 5, 2020
Michael Rear	Correctional Officer	July 20, 2020
Daniel Peters	Deputy	August 17, 2020
Jonathan Hernandez	Correctional Officer	October 1, 2020
Maria Vera	Correctional Officer	October 2, 2020
Matthew Pyne	Vehicle Maintenance Technician	October 3, 2020
Alexandria Downs	Correctional Officer	October 11, 2020
Melita Jensen	Correctional Officer	November 9, 2020
Wanja Kinuthia	Deputy	December 31, 2020



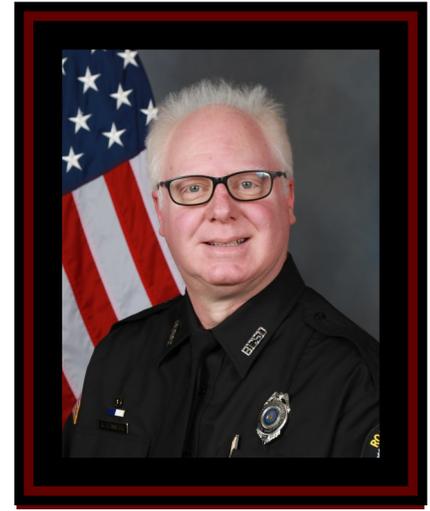
RETIREMENTS



SHAWN NOLAN
DEPUTY
JANUARY 5, 2020
21 YEARS



DIANE MICHAELIS
FINANCIAL OFFICE MANAGER
MAY 1, 2020
11 YEARS



RICHARD JEANNETTE
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER
MAY 2, 2020
20 YEARS



JOLYNN GARETSON
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
OCTOBER 1, 2020
9 YEARS



JAY WOOD
CAPTAIN
NOVEMBER 1, 2020
20 YEARS

**We proudly salute your dedication to serving Rock County
and wish you all the best in your retirement!**

AWARD RECIPIENTS



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Rock County Sheriff's Office replaced the annual in-person Awards Ceremony with virtual presentations. The following pages display an overview of the awards and their recipients. Congratulations to these outstanding Sheriff's Office staff members for their commitment to public service and to these exceptional community members for making a difference in Rock County!

Deputy of the Year: Chad Aldrich

Deputy Chad Aldrich became a Rock County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriff on April 9, 2014. He previously served as a Correctional Officer starting January 2013. He graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on May 4, 2012. He earned an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College May 2012 and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Herzing University December 2015. Deputy Aldrich currently works in the Patrol Bureau, assigned to second shift. He is a training officer for new deputies. Deputy Aldrich also serves as an operator on our agency's SWAT Team. He is a certified Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT) Instructor, and he teaches DAAT concepts during our In-Service Training. He completed a major crash study to determine why an abnormal number of crashes occurred at N. CTH H and W. CTH A. He found the need for a "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" warning sign to alert north and south bound drivers, which the Rock County Highway Department subsequently installed. He received a Lifesaving Award in 2015 for properly deploying an AED, saving the individual. He volunteers at our community events including Gutter Busters Youth Bowling and Special Olympics Wisconsin's Cop on a Rooftop.



Correctional Officer of the Year: Jordan Hillis



Correctional Officer Jordan Hillis started at the Rock County Sheriff's Office on January 8, 2008. He graduated from the Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on February 1, 2008. He earned an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Blackhawk Technical College in May 2010. He currently works in the Classification Unit assigning inmates to housing locations and obtaining intelligence related to crimes, gangs and human trafficking. Correctional Officer Hillis conducted numerous criminal intelligence interviews of inmates. He assisted Kenosha County Sheriff's Office Detectives by providing valuable criminal intelligence on a suspect believed to be responsible for the homicide of an off-duty Racine Police Officer. He also obtained information on an inmate with a history of predatory and assaultive acts on other inmates and concealing drugs and weapons. A search of the inmate's cell resulted in the confiscation of these items and improved safety and security in the jail.

Correctional Officer Hillis is a Team Leader on our Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT). He is a certified TASER Instructor and a Jail Training Officer.

Support Staff Person of the Year: Regina Holmberg

Regina Holmberg became a Secretary II in May 2017. She is a 14-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, who previously held positions as an Administrative Assistant and a Clerk Typist III. She earned an Associate Degree in General Business from the University of Wisconsin - Rock County and an Associate Degree in Legal Secretary from Blackhawk Technical College. She has worked in the Support Services Bureau assigned to the Front Office and in the Civil Process Bureau. She currently assists the Correctional Services Division as the Secretary II assigned to Commander Erik Chellevoid. Her duties include providing accurate and timely statistics for weekly, monthly, and annual reports. She is vital in the preparation of the Correctional Services Division's annual budget. She serves as our agency's Assistant TIME Coordinator. The TIME System provides criminal justice employees with information on warrants, driver's license and vehicle registration information, criminal histories, protection order and injunction files, sex offender and corrections information, stolen property, and missing persons. She maintains documentation on vendor contracts such as food service and inmate healthcare for the jail. Regina consistently displays attention to detail and produces high-quality work. She is always positive and eager to help anyone with whatever assistance she can provide. She is active in our community engagement events including National Night Out and Cop on a Rooftop.





AWARD RECIPIENTS



Retired Sheriffs Leadership Award: Sergeant Andrew Reed

Sergeant Andrew Reed is recognized for his leadership and dedication to the Sheriff's Office. He started at the Sheriff's Office as a Correctional Officer in April 2006. He graduated from a Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on August 4, 2006. He became a Deputy Sheriff in February 2009. He graduated from a Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College on May 15, 2009. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin - Madison on December 23, 2005. He served nine years as a respected Deputy. During that time, he trained new deputies as a training officer. He also worked in the Special Investigations Unit conducting drug investigations. He was a member of our Dive Team, where he rose to the position of Team Leader. He was promoted to Sergeant on December 21, 2014. He served as a jail Sergeant before receiving his current assignment as a second shift patrol Sergeant. He is our agency's Spillman Administrator. Spillman is the

records management system the Sheriff's Office uses. He established and continues to oversee the Sheriff's Office Police Explorers Post, which provides young adults with firsthand exposure to a career in law enforcement. He regularly recognizes his staff's successes, promoting a positive work culture on his shift.

COMMENDATIONS

CAPTAIN KIMBERLY LITSHEIM

On April 28, 2019, then Sergeant Kimberly Litsheim convinced a pregnant female intending to commit suicide to surrender her knife without using force. Sergeant Litsheim provided first aid to the female's previously inflicted knife wound until EMS personnel arrived. Sergeant Litsheim's fast response and sound interpersonal skills allowed this mentally distraught female to receive necessary medical and mental health services.

CAPTAIN KIMBERLY LITSHEIM, DEPUTY LEE JACKSON, DEPUTY ANTHONY BARR, DEPUTY ADAM SCOTT, AND DEPUTY JOSHUA SOLTURAS

On May 21, 2019, then Sergeant Kimberly Litsheim and Deputies Lee Jackson, Adam Scott, Anthony Barr, and Joshua Solturas responded to a wooded area for a male who called 911 saying he stabbed himself in the face and wanted to die. While en route, deputies learned that the man was wanted in connection to a burglary in the City of Janesville where two handguns were stolen, one of which had not been recovered. On arrival, deputies formed two teams and entered the woods to locate the male. Deputies Jackson and Barr found the man holding a knife to his throat and asking to be killed. Deputies Scott and Solturas positioned themselves to cover Deputies Jackson and Barr and prevent the man from escaping. Sergeant Litsheim created a rapport with the man and persuaded him to drop the knife and surrender without the deputies having to use force. The man was subsequently arrested and later charged by Janesville Police for various crimes related to the burglary. Sergeant Litsheim and Deputies Jackson, Barr, Scott, and Solturas demonstrated extreme restraint, sound tactics, and desire to help someone in despair.

DEPUTY RYAN MONTAG

During the Fall of 2019, Deputy Ryan Montag completed an extensive Problem Based Learning Exercise to develop a solution to deputies encountering persons in need of shelter for a day due to temporary homelessness, traveling through the area without resources, or any other need for overnight shelter. Deputy Montag researched hotel voucher programs and contacted ten hotels seeking a partnership. He successfully established a voucher program with the Holiday Inn Express in Janesville, and this hotel provided 14 overnight stay vouchers to the Sheriff's Office in 2020. Deputy Montag presented his newly implemented voucher program on December 19, 2019. His outstanding efforts secured temporary shelter for persons in need.

CITIZEN AWARDS

TYLER SAILSBERY

For the past four years, Chef Tyler Sailsbery, the owner of The Black Sheep Restaurant in Whitewater, Wisconsin, has volunteered his time to plan a menu and work with RECAP inmates to prepare a seasonal five-course meal for the annual Farm to Table Dinner fundraiser for the RECAP Garden. His culinary expertise elevates this event and directly contributes to its popularity and success.

AWARD RECIPIENTS



CITIZEN AWARDS (continued)

THOMAS LIVICK

Thomas Livick serves as a volunteer dog trainer for the Canine Corrections Academy, which is part of the Rock County Education and Criminal Addictions Program (RECAP). Since 2014, Mr. Livick has helped train 27 dogs who have participated in the program, with 18 of those dogs going on to be adopted. Mr. Livick provides direction to the inmates working with the dogs and is directly involved in ensuring the dogs are prepared to pass the Canine Good Citizenship Test. His training involves obedience, socialization skills, and any other areas of need. The Sheriff's Office commends Mr. Livick for his significant commitment to the Canine Corrections Academy.

MARY ANN STRAND, DANIEL MILLER, AND KWIK TRIP STORE #617

On April 10, 2019, a female entered Kwik Trip Store #617 on E. Memorial Drive in Janesville and attempted to purchase \$1,450 in Google Play gift cards. Store Clerk Mary Ann Strand recognized this considerable gift card purchase as a potential scam and asked the female why she wanted to buy the cards. The female initially responded for personal reasons. Ms. Strand told the woman she appeared to be the victim of a scam. The woman then relayed a phone call she received from a male instructing her to empty her bank accounts and purchase Google Play gift cards to avoid enforcement action. Ms. Strand encouraged the woman to contact law enforcement. The responding Deputy learned that Ms. Strand received scam training from Kwik Trip Store #617 management the previous day. The training provided by Store Manager Daniel Miller prepared Ms. Strand to thwart a scam that would have depleted the victim's financial resources.

BRAYDEN BECKER

On September 12, 2019, fifth grader Brayden Becker noticed his friend experiencing a medical emergency during lunch at St. Matthew's Lutheran School in Janesville. Brayden escorted his friend to the floor safely and summoned help from staff in the lunchroom. Recognizing his friend needed medical attention, Brayden ran upstairs, found other teachers, and advised them to call 911. Janesville Paramedics responded and transported the student to UW-Madison Hospital where the student received treatment for a seizure. Brayden's awareness of his surroundings and swift actions ensured his friend received vital care during a medical emergency.



THEODORE KRAUSS

On September 25, 2019, after witnessing a fatal hit-and-run traffic crash on W HWY 11 at I39/90 in the diverging diamond interchange, Theodore Krause maintained his composure and obtained vital information on the suspect vehicle including the company name and phone number displayed on the vehicle. This information enabled investigators to locate the vehicle and arrest the operator for negligent homicide. The Sheriff's Office commends Mr. Krause for his resourcefulness as a valuable witness.



AUBREE JOHNSON

On October 15, 2019, Aubree Johnson celebrated her 10th birthday by hosting a fundraiser for the Rock County Sheriff's Office K9 Program at the Chubby Bubba's restaurant on S. Hwy. 51 in Janesville. Chubby Bubba's donated 20 percent of that day's sales. The Sheriff's Office recognizes Aubree for unselfishly giving up receiving birthday gifts in order to raise \$1,100 for our K9s.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

LIFESAVING AWARDS

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER JORGE GUAJARDO

On June 2, 2019, while conducting a security check in C-Unit, Correctional Officer Jorge Guajardo observed an inmate attempting to commit suicide by hanging. Correctional Officer Guajardo untied the sheet from the inmate's neck and monitored the inmate until medical staff arrived. His quick actions saved the inmate's life.

DEPUTY RYAN BITTORF

On June 7, 2019, Deputy Ryan Bittorf responded to a residence in the City of Beloit for a pulseless non-breather medical emergency. Deputy Bittorf took over administering CPR and, due to his actions, the male regained a pulse. Beloit EMS personnel arrived and transported the man to a hospital, where he made a full recovery. Deputy Bittorf's chest compressions saved this man's life.

NATALIE GOULD, ASHLYN OREN, TRAVIS LAUER, AND ANDREW LYGA

In the early morning hours of July 5, 2019, Natalie Gould and Ashlyn Oren saw a glow on the horizon while driving. As they entered The Woodlands subdivision, they discovered a garage fire at a residence on E. Meadow Circle in Edgerton. The women immediately dialed 911 and began laying on the car horn desperately hoping to wake up the residents inside. Off-duty Wisconsin State Patrol Inspector Travis Lauer and off-duty Wisconsin Department of Corrections Lieutenant Andrew Lyga heard the commotion from a couple houses away and bolted to the residence to help evacuate the occupants. Both men forced entry into the residence and woke up two young boys, their aunt, and their grandparents. The men escorted all five occupants and the family dogs out of the residence safely. The residence's smoke detectors did not activate until evacuation was underway. The fire eventually spread throughout the entire home rendering it a total loss. The Sheriff's Office commends these brave individuals for their heroic response in saving five people from a blazing residential fire.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS JORGE GUAJARDO, JUSTIN BEHM, JAMES GAJDOSIK, AND TIMBERLY WULF

On July 17, 2019, while conducting a security check in C-Unit, Correctional Officer Justin Behm observed an inmate attempting to commit suicide by hanging. Correctional Officer Behm and Correctional Officer Jorge Guajardo entered the cell. Correctional Officer Guajardo untied the sheet from the bunk. Correctional Officers James Gajdosik and Timberly Wulf arrived to assist. Correctional Officer Gajdosik ripped the sheet away from the inmate's neck while Correctional Officers Behm and Wulf supported the inmate. These officers monitored the inmate until EMS personnel arrived. Their swift actions saved the inmate's life.

CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISOR CORY REILLY, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER KALYN COLLINS, AND NURSE JUSTIN BAKER

On September 21, 2019, Correctional Supervisor Cory Reilly and Correctional Officer Kalyn Collins responded to a radio call for an inmate in D-Unit cutting himself in a suicide attempt. Correctional Supervisor Reilly and Correctional Officer Collins entered the inmate's cell and observed a deep cut on the inmate's forearm and considerable blood on the floor. They secured the resisting inmate and prevented him from harming himself further. Nurse Justin Baker entered the cell to assist. Correctional Officer Collins and Nurse Baker made a makeshift tourniquet with clothing found in the cell and placed it above the inmate's wound. Correctional Supervisor Reilly directed a rover to bring a SOF Tactical Tourniquet, and Correctional Officer Collins and Nurse Baker applied it in place of the makeshift tourniquet. Their quick thinking and tourniquet applications controlled the inmate's blood loss until EMS personnel arrived and contributed to the inmate's survival.

AWARD RECIPIENTS



LIFESAVING AWARDS

DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER LOCHNER AND DEPUTY BRADLEY LONDON

On January 29, 2020, Deputy Christopher Lochner responded to a residence in the Town of Harmony to check the welfare of an individual who posted concerning comments on Facebook and was believed to be suicidal. Deputy Lochner found the residence locked, and no one answered the door. He checked the back door of the garage and, through a window, observed a vehicle running in the closed, locked garage. Deputy Lochner saw an apparently unconscious person in the driver seat of the vehicle. He radioed for additional deputies and EMS personnel. Deputy Lochner forced the back door open and dragged the individual out of the garage to provide aid. The individual did not have a pulse and was not breathing. Deputy Lochner applied an AED and performed CPR. Deputy Bradley London arrived on scene and assisted with CPR. The individual started breathing. EMS personnel transported the individual to a hospital and, after a few days in the ICU, the individual regained consciousness and recovered. The actions of Deputy Lochner and Deputy London saved the individual's life.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS JOSUE ECHEVERRIA, MICHAEL DEROSIER, JUAN FLORES, KAITLYN FINCO, BRENT LARKINS, JENISE LUCAS, KOREY NUGENT, AND MICHAEL REAR

On February 16, 2020, Correctional Officer Michael Rear observed that an inmate in C-Unit had obscured the view into his cell by placing a bedsheet over the cell-door window. Correctional Officer Corey Nugent approached the cell and removed the bedsheet from the cell-door. The inmate made aggressive and suicidal statements and proceeded to tie another bedsheet around the upper bunk and his neck. Correctional Officer Jenise Lucas tried to de-escalate the inmate while Correctional Officer Nugent radioed officers to respond to a possible suicide attempt. The inmate forcibly lowered himself, causing him to hang from the bedsheet. Correctional Officer Rear retrieved the emergency safety cutting tool from C-Unit's local control and entered the section with Correctional Officers Josue Echeverria, Michael DeRosier, Kaitlyn Finco, and Brent Larkins. Correctional Officer Juan Flores operated the unit controls allowing a quick response. The responding officers worked as a team to subdue the inmate and rescue him from the hanging position. Once officers removed the bedsheet, they escorted the physically resistive inmate to the medical unit for evaluation. The swift actions of the above officers saved the inmate's life.

DEPUTY BAMBI STOIKES

On February 17, 2020, Deputy Bambi Stoikes was stopped at a red light in Janesville when a motorist flagged her down, yelling that somebody in her vehicle was not breathing. Deputy Stoikes found the male passenger unresponsive and administered CPR. EMS personnel responded and took over. The male recovered from his cardiac arrest. His wife contacted the Sheriff's Office a few days later and expressed her appreciation for Deputy Stoikes' quick actions which saved her husband's life.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SHANNON TECHMEIER, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER DENNIS MEYER, NURSING SUPERVISOR BRANDI MALCOOK, NURSE JUSTIN BAKER, CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISOR CORY REILLY, AND SERGEANT NICK BROWN

On February 19, 2020, Correctional Officer Shannon Techmeier radioed staff to inmate housing unit E-West for a medical emergency. A male inmate was unresponsive on the floor. Nursing Supervisor Brandi Malcook, Nurse Justin Baker, Correctional Officer Dennis Meyer, Sergeant Nick Brown, and Correctional Supervisor Cory Reilly responded. They administered multiple doses of Narcan, performed CPR, and applied an AED. When EMS personnel arrived, the inmate was breathing and responsive. EMS personnel transported the inmate for further medical attention. The responding staff worked together in a commendable manner to save the inmate's life.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

DENNY LUSTER

Since November 2008, Denny Luster has served as the Licensed Professional Counselor for the RECAP Program. Mr. Luster has been invaluable to the program through his professionalism, leadership, and compassion for the inmate participants. His consistent improvements to the program benefited countless inmates. Mr. Luster is a true expert in his field, and he is sought out by others for advice and encouragement. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Luster mentored many University of Wisconsin - Whitewater graduate students completing practicum and intern positions with the RECAP Program. The Sheriff's Office commends Mr. Luster for his dedication to the development of the RECAP Program, for his skill in counseling inmates, and for his willingness to share his knowledge with future mental health professionals. Mr. Luster embodies community service.



UNIT CITATIONS

SERGEANT DOUG COULTER, SERGEANT MARK THOMPSON, DETECTIVE DARRELL KNUTSON, DETECTIVE CORENE BILHORN, DETECTIVE LUKE DUCHARME, DETECTIVE BRENT REILLY, DEPUTY BEAU DOUGLAS, AND DEPUTY JASON WESCOTT

On September 25, 2019, deputies responded to a fatal hit and run traffic crash on W HWY 11 at I39/90 in the diverging diamond interchange where a semi-truck driver struck a motorcyclist. Sergeant Doug Coulter contacted the Detective Bureau and the Accident Reconstruction Team and requested their services. Deputy Beau Douglas, a crash reconstructionist, identified the semi-truck driver and determined the semi's location in Summit, Illinois. Sergeant Mark Thompson, Deputy Jason Wescott, Detective Darrell Knutson, Detective Corene Bilhorn, and Detective Luke DuCharme traveled to Summit, Illinois, to preserve, process, and arrange for the return of the semi to Rock County for evidentiary purposes. Detective Brent Reilly and Deputy Douglas met with the semi driver and his attorney and arrested the semi driver. The investigative contributions of the above Sheriff's Office staff resolved this complex case.

CAPTAIN AARON BURDICK, DETECTIVE CORENE BILHORN, DETECTIVE DARRELL KNUTSON, DETECTIVE BRENT REILLY, DETECTIVE LUKE DUCHARME, DETECTIVE CHARLIE COWAN, SERGEANT DOUG COULTER, DEPUTY DWAYNE SHAW, DEPUTY ROSS WENGER, DEPUTY JASON WESCOTT, DEPUTY BRYAN HANTHORN, ANALYST ANDY LAMENDOLA, SECRETARY I SANDY HILL, AND SECRETARY I NICOLE BARRINGTON

On December 7, 2019, the Detective Bureau became aware of a shooting that occurred in Rock Township. At that time, the victim had not been located, and there was little information available. Over the course of the following month, the Detective Bureau in conjunction with the Special Investigations Unit and the Bureau of Identification located the victim, identified all parties involved, developed a prosecutable case, and apprehended all suspects. This complex investigation required the use of many investigative techniques and resources as well as coordination with several other law enforcement agencies. The efforts of the above Sheriff's Office staff resulted in the resolution of this case as well as identifying four other open violent cases attributed to these suspects. This thorough investigation is a fine example of a unit's hard work, dedication, leadership, and collaboration of resources and personnel.

AWARD RECIPIENTS



UNIT CITATIONS (CONTINUED)

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS RORY RUBLE, TIM MAUERMAN, JAYSEN CLEASBY, ANDREW ARNESON, JAMES SCHULER, CHRISTOPHER SIMON, DANIEL BANKS, ELIZABETH DONOVAN, ANDREA PEPPER, AND AARON MORRIS

In 2019, the Rock County Sheriff's Office experienced a significant shortage of Correctional Officers due to retirements, promotions, and resignations. Because of the staff turnover, the Sheriff's Office required Correctional Officers to work a considerable number of overtime shifts to fill openings. The Correctional Officers assigned to third shift worked significantly more overtime shifts than the other Correctional Officers. On many days, every third shift Correctional Officer worked a 12-hour day. The Sheriff's Office acknowledges the impacts of mandated overtime on Correctional Officers' personal lives and recognizes the above third shift Correctional Officers for their substantial contributions to maintaining staffing levels in the jail during a difficult staffing transition.

SHERIFF'S AWARD

CAPTAIN BRENT DEREMER, RE-ENTRY CASE MANGER AMY EVANS, PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN VERENICE SANDOVAL, AND NURSING SUPERVISOR BRANDI MALCOOK

In early 2019, the Rock County Sheriff's Office implemented a program to provide opioid-addicted inmates nearing their release date with a Vivitrol injection. Vivitrol blocks receptors in the brain so individuals do not feel the effects of opioids and do not crave them for thirty days. This Medication-Assisted-Treatment gives individuals time to obtain further addiction services for their substance use disorder. Captain Brent DeRemer, Re-Entry Case Manager Amy Evans, Psychiatric Technician Verenice Sandoval, and Nursing Supervisor Brandi Malcook were instrumental in securing Vivitrol injections for opioid-addicted inmates. This program increases the likelihood that individuals maintain sobriety and thus potentially reduces jail recidivism.

*CONGRATULATIONS
AND
THANK YOU!*



CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

The Correctional Services Division is staffed with one Captain, five Sergeants, five Correctional Supervisors, 69 Correctional Officers, and six Clerical Staff. 2020 was a trying year for each and every person as it brought additional strains to an already stressful occupation. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, staff worked long hours as a cohesive unit to ensure the health, safety and security of the jail population. Once the virus did enter the facility, almost 9 months later, the staff's professionalism, dedication and sacrifice ensured the containment of the virus and the protection of the public.

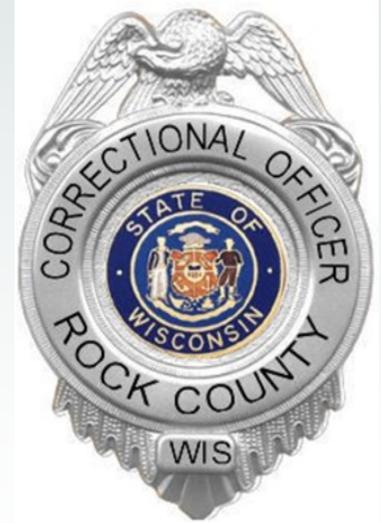
Since the start of the COVID-19 protocol in March 2020, the jail went through a transformation that continued throughout the entire year. This consisted of shifting the population around by closing the Huber dorm and by constantly monitoring new intakes and quarantine units. Regular daily activities were paused until it was determined how to accommodate for court, visits, programming, school, etc. The first line staff implemented these plans and dealt with these daily changes in stride! As new guidelines from the county and/or CDC came out, adjustments to the plans were made, and our staff just rolled with the changes.

The jail became the main contact for courts, probation, diversion, programming, outside agency calls, dispatch calls, and general public inquiries. As the virus continued to spread throughout our state and nation, general public and media calls started coming in on a regular basis, seeking information on how we were keeping our facility safe and clean. Family and friends continued to call as well to check the status of their loved ones. The staff answered these calls and handled them extremely well.

Housing numbers were cut in half at our facility, but the job duties did not subside. The jail implemented numerous cleaning measures to mitigate the entrance and spread of COVID-19. Correctional Officers spearheaded these operations and took on numerous additional cleaning and sanitizing projects throughout the year. This included utilizing two Skytron UVC units, daily use of an Electromagnetic Sprayer, wiping all door handles and common touch areas, mopping section floors, daily cleaning all work stations, cleaning and/or daily inspections of conference and visitation booths, and cleaning administrative offices.

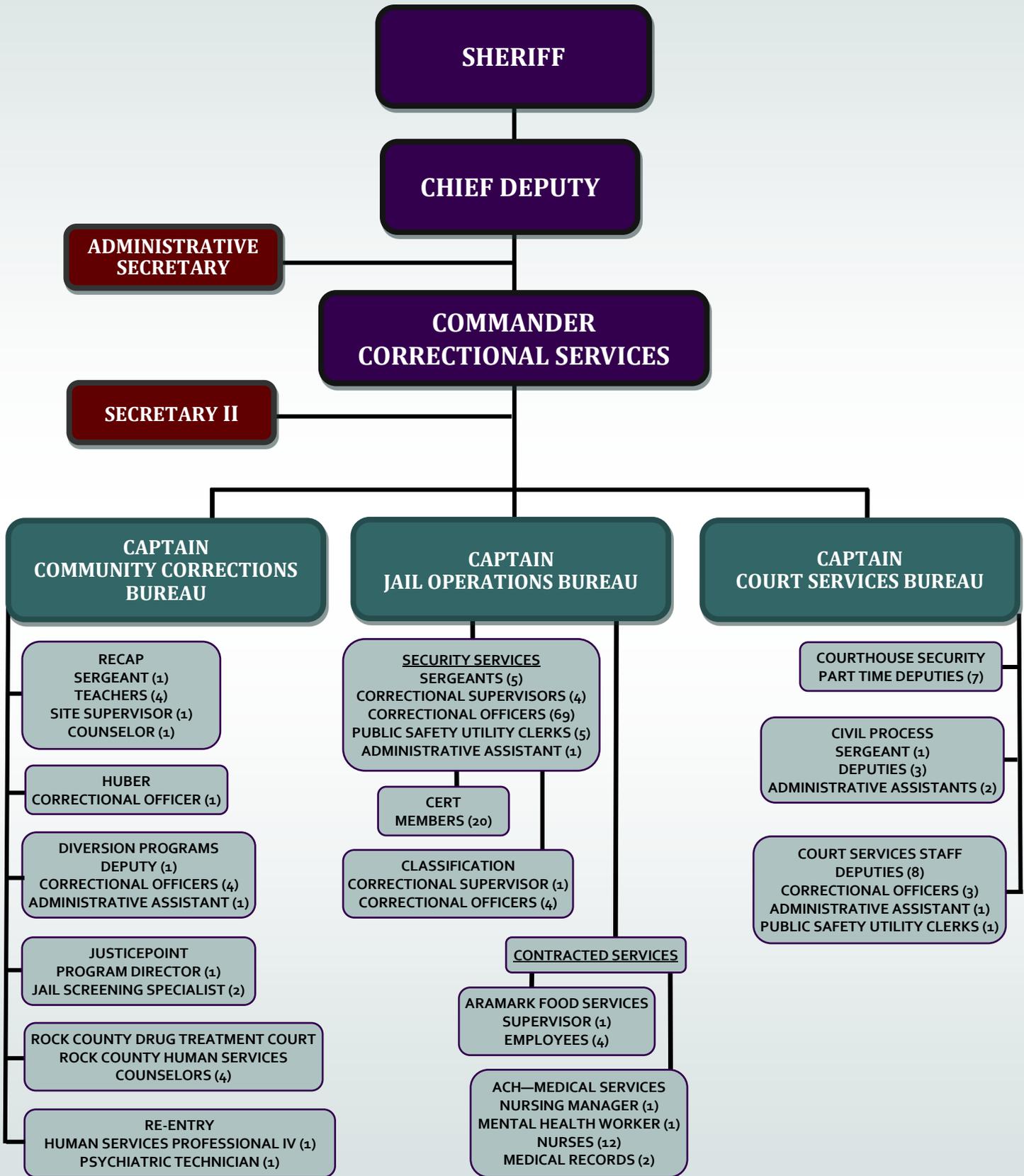
2020 created countless unknowns for staff. Week-to-week and, at times, day-to-day operations were tweaked in an effort to remain proactive and stay ahead of the virus. As the pandemic spread across our nation, the correctional environment, already historically stressful, became even more demanding. Staff stood steadfast with their commitment to the overall mission of the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Cpt. Kimberly Litsheim



"The art of life lies in a constant readjustment to our surroundings" - Kakuzo Okakura

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES





JAIL OPERATIONS BUREAU

JAIL SERGEANTS



Captain Kimberly Litsheim



Sgt. Amador



Sgt. Brown



Sgt. Scott



Sgt. Solturas



Sgt. Westness

CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS



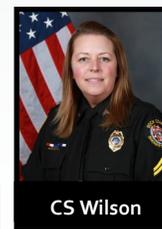
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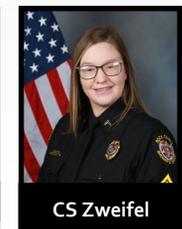
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CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS



CO Arneson



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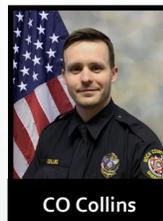
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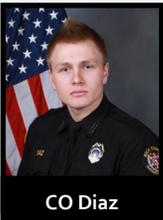
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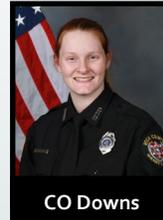
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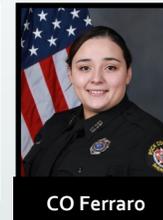
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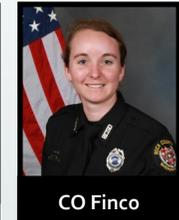
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CO Gerber



CO Goforth



CO Grigsby



CO Guajardo



CO Habeck



CO Halvorsen

JAIL OPERATIONS BUREAU



CO Hernandez



CO Hillis



CO Hookstead



CO Jeannette



CO Jensen



CO Johnson



CO Jones



CO Karstetter



CO Kersten



CO Kinnamon



CO Kreuter



CO Kummerow



CO LaGrange



CO Larkins



CO Larson



CO Larson



CO Lucas



CO Lukas



CO Maloney



CO Mansfield



CO Mareno



CO Mauerman



CO McElroy



CO Meyer



CO Mikel



CO Miller



CO Moore



CO Morales



CO Morris



CO Nelson-Mareno



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CO Shelby



CO Sherley



CO Sime



CO Simler



CO Simon



CO Simonson



CO Spors



CO Taft



CO Techmeier



CO Titus



CO Trewyn



CO Uschan



CO Vera



CO Weberg



CO Weir



CO Woodman



CO Wulf



JAIL OPERATIONS BUREAU

JAIL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



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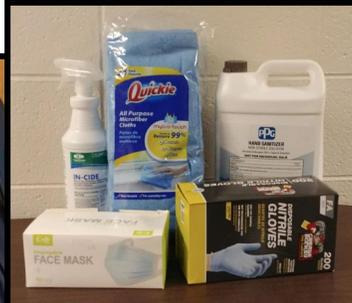


Jeanette Johnson

Generous community members donated supplies to help the RCSO prepare for COVID-19



Bob Hiller of Rollin' Pin Bakery donated cookies



Home Depot



Lyons-Magnus of Beloit donated their own hand sanitizer

A small token of appreciation for your continuous support to keep us safe.

BlueLivesMatter #StaySafe



Mike Vonderhaar, DuPont Industrial Biosciences—hand sanitizer

JAIL OPERATIONS BUREAU



JAIL KITCHEN



The Rock County Sheriff's Office has partnered with Aramark to provide the best possible nutrition options available. Not only do they supply meals to the inmates, they also offer a la carte items, commissary items, ICare packages and Fresh Favorites. The Aramark team maintains a staff of four with a combined total of over 125 years of food service experience that includes a Food Service Director with a Food Management Professional accreditation. Over the last year, the team has delivered 314,242 meals and has logged more than 32,550 hours through the Inmate Workforce

Development Program. The COVID-19 Pandemic reduced the amount of meals served from previous years as well as the hours worked by the Inmate Workforce Development Program. During this period, the Aramark staff worked long hours to maintain their high standards as food service professionals.

JAIL MEDICAL

The Jail Medical Department of the Rock County Sheriff's Office is run by Advanced Correctional Healthcare (ACH) nurses. The staff includes 1 nursing site supervisor, 12 nurses (RN's and LPN's), 3 CNA's as needed, 2 medical records clerks, 1 mental health professional, and 2 doctors. The nurses provide 24/7 care including days, nights, weekends, and holidays to the population of over 400 inmates. They all strive to promote and improve inmates' overall health by means of education, treatment, and utilization of good nursing judgement.

During normal work hours, the correctional nurses provide care to inmate patients, coordinate and administer medications, assist the physician with medical procedures and treatments, wound care, process orders, respond to medical emergencies, refer to dentists, and obtain specimens for diagnostic testing. The pandemic effected our medical team's day-to-day operation, adding approximately 800 COVID-19 tests completed in 2020. In addition to testing, the medical staff cared for and monitored those who tested positive while to maintaining temperature checks on the entire jail population at regular intervals throughout the year. A major part of a correctional nurse's job is ensuring safety procedures are followed. Taking proper safety measures can be key in preventing the spread of disease, not only among the inmates, but also among the facility's medical staff.

The Jail dental services are contracted through a partnership with HealthNet of Rock County. Director Ian Hedges assisted ACH with scheduling 48 dental visits for our population in 2020.

Correctional nurses must have excellent critical thinking skills, ability to assess quickly and accurately, be able to make decisions independently, and have great interpersonal skills. They must also possess the ability to be empathetic while providing non bias care to a special population.



Nursing
Supervisor
Brandi Malcook



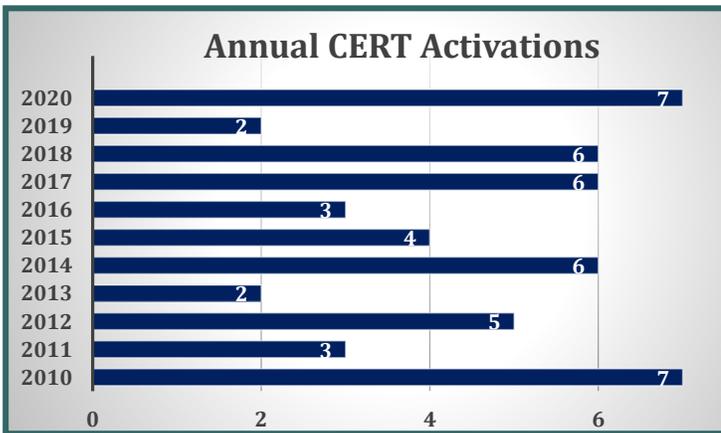
JAIL OPERATIONS BUREAU

CORRECTIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM—CERT

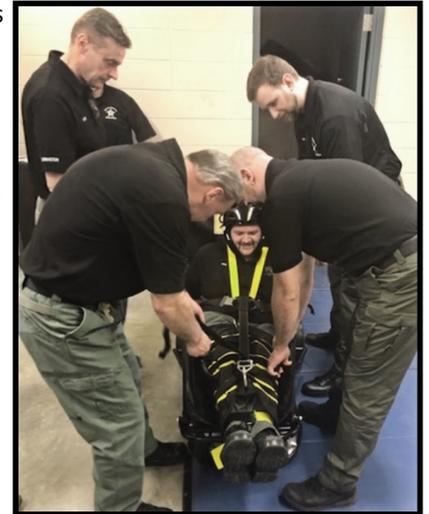


The Rock County Sheriff's Office Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) was established in 2010. The CERT team is trained in defense tactics and is used in dangerous and emergency situations. The most common situation that CERT is used for is cell extractions. All CERT members are trained annually in non-lethal tactics including Taser and Pepper Ball. All CERT members practice on a regular basis. CERT members wear protective gear during all activations to protect both staff and inmates from injuries.

In 2020, the CERT team was activated seven times; five times for cell extractions and two times to lock down several inmates in a section. In six of the seven activations, no staff or inmates were injured. In one activation, two staff members sustained minor injuries.



CERT members practice using the WRAP restraint system. The WRAP restraint system was purchased in 2019 and utilizes soft restraints to secure disruptive inmates.



GANG INTELLIGENCE UNIT—GIU

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Gang Intelligence Unit (GIU) is a trained team of Officers tasked with identifying gang members and gang activity within the jail and providing valuable criminal/gang intelligence to other law enforcement agencies. The GIU also provides assistance to prosecutors, Probation and Parole, and federal agencies. Currently, the GIU consists of the classification team and two shift-level gang officers under the guidance of Correctional Supervisor Hoff.

In 2020, the GIU assisted the Rock County District Attorney's Office with valuable intelligence on the activities of gang members associated with high-profile cases. GIU and Classification Officers also broke up a drug trafficking operation. Federal inmates housed at the RCSO Jail had smuggled in a significant amount of synthetic THC utilizing the mail service. GIU/Classification Officers worked diligently, investigating the source of the controlled substance. This investigation resulted in Felony arrests being made.

GIU and Classification monitor for criminal intelligence associated with human trafficking. GIU/Classification Officers have completed several intelligence reports that have assisted the Human Trafficking Taskforce. This included assisting the United States Attorney General's Office with criminal intelligence on a high-profile case.

GIU Officers worked diligently throughout 2020 during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Gang activity dropped significantly over the year due to the pandemic. However, inmate cliques consisting of gang members from different sets became more active. Overall, gang graffiti also dropped significantly throughout 2020. The State Jail Inspector noted the drop in the final report of the jail inspection.

The GIU will begin proactive measures to mitigate gang activity based on mentorship and programming starting in 2021. This includes plans of social intervention and outreach to assist individuals who may be associated with gang activity to leave the "lifestyle" behind and become productive members of the community.

JAIL OPERATIONS BUREAU



CLASSIFICATION

The Classification Unit helps determine the housing of inmates based on an objective classification system. They use the information available to place individuals in the most appropriate housing area within the facility. Classification Officers conduct face to face interviews and exit interviews with all inmates admitted to the Rock County Jail. Information obtained from the interviews is utilized to assist in identifying medical or mental health related issues as well as criminal intelligence.

Classification worked diligently during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Classification assisted in the purchase of and implementation of two SKYTRON UV robots that have been paramount to the elimination of the virus at the RCSO Jail. Classification was a significant part of the overall efforts of the RCSO Jail to mitigate COVID-19 outbreaks within the jail. Classification consistently coordinated the inmate population to safe housing throughout the stages of the pandemic.



Classification conducts extensive internal investigations that have been vital to the safety and security of staff and inmates at the RCSO Jail. 2020 Classification investigations have resulted in the location of contraband items with criminal arrests being made. This included a successful investigation into the smuggling of synthetic THC commonly known as "Spice" into the RCSO Jail. A Federal Bureau of Prisons inmate had coordinated with outside sources to have Spice mailed into the RCSO Jail. Classification and GIU Officers investigated this, and the overall outcome resulted in felony charges being placed on the inmate facilitator.

Classification interviews also assist with locating information on Human Trafficking and coordinate with the Rock County Human Trafficking Taskforce. Classification has also conducted data-mining operations in reference to convicted sex offenders utilizing social media websites.

For 2021, Classification will implement techniques to identify and assist with mitigation of recidivism rates through programing and mental health treatment for inmates. This is to include the guidelines for mentorship to assist in re-assimilation of incarcerated individuals through proactive means.

The Classification Unit is manned by four Correctional Officers and a Correctional Supervisor. Other duties within the Classification Unit include:

- ◆ Administrative segregation reviews
- ◆ Help collect DNA samples and maintain records of such
- ◆ Fingerprint citizens who need them done for various reasons
- ◆ Collect data for open records requests
- ◆ Booking quality control
- ◆ P.R.E.A. related questionnaires, interviews, and compliance
- ◆ Assist other law enforcement agencies upon request
- ◆ Assist the Mental Health Specialist
- ◆ Coordinate inmate programming for rehabilitation and recidivism



COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BUREAU



Captain Brent DeRemer



**Sergeant
Jay Williams**



**Deputy
Emily Miller**



**Administrative
Assistant
Lucia Esquivel**

The Community Corrections Bureau is staffed with one Captain, one Sergeant, one Deputy Sheriff, five Correctional Officers, and one Administrative Assistant.

The year 2020 has been quite the year for challenges in the Community Corrections Bureau. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, numerous changes were made in the Community Corrections Bureau to assist in dealing with the pandemic.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Community Corrections Bureau is responsible for the Electronic Monitoring Program (E.M.P.), The Workender Program (Community Service Program), Huber Program (Work Release), Project Lifesaver (Tracking for person(s) with cognitive disabilities), RECAP (Rock County Education and Criminal Addictions Program) and the Specialty Courts (OWI, Drug, and Veterans).

ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM

The Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP) is responsible for placing incarcerated inmates outside of the jail facility, in their homes, under home supervision monitoring by the use of electronic bracelets. These bracelets track their location by the use of Global Positioning Satellites (GPS) and Cellular Technology with the aid of computer program systems. These individuals must have Huber (work release privileges) and be approved by a supervisor. Once an individual is placed on EMP, they are allowed to work, attend church, stay in the family setting (family relationships) and give back to the community. With this privilege comes many rules and regulations that these individuals must follow to remain in this program. While on EMP, the Sheriff's Office has the ability to monitor their constant location and has the ability to control areas that these individuals are allowed into (inclusionary) and kept out of (exclusionary). This program offers a cost effective way to impose sentences on offenders who are sentenced to the Rock County Jail with Huber. The fees are approximately \$17.00 a day with a one-time administrative fee of \$32.00 per inmate.

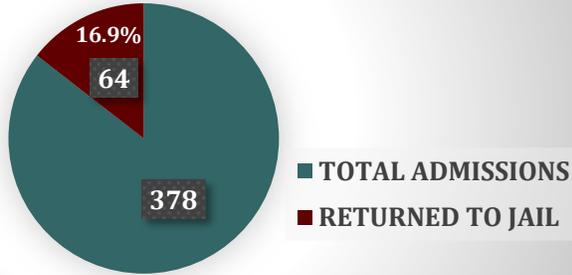
As stated earlier, due to the pandemic, the Electronic Monitoring Program made numerous changes. To assist the jail in reducing the in-house daily population, the Electronic Monitoring Program changed the entry criteria to allow more individuals out on the program. Numerous changes were made over time which allowed the jail to open space to create quarantine sections and reduce the number of individuals that were coming into and out of the jail on a daily basis to lower and or eliminate the amount of possible exposure to the jail population.

In 2020, The Sheriff's Office placed 378 individuals out on the EMP. When COVID-19 started to change things in March, The Sheriff's Office increased the number of individuals put out on the EMP to lower the jail population. Starting in March 2020, the average admission jumped from 63 to 88 individuals. In April 2020, it jumped to 110 individuals. The total average for the 2020 year was 81 admissions per month. The percent of the increase was 34.5% after February of 2020. In consideration of the change in criteria, the EMP only returned 64 individuals or 16.9% (of the total individuals admitted) for rule violations. Twenty , or 31.25%, of those who were returned to the jail went back out on the program after serving a portion of their time back in the jail. This change has been effective in lowering the daily jail population during the pandemic situation.

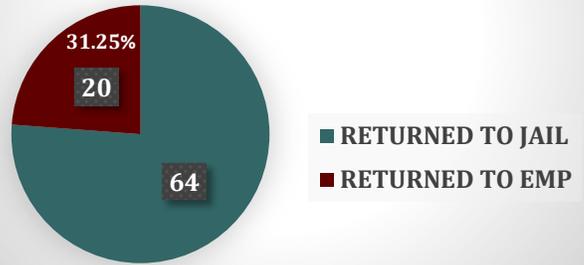
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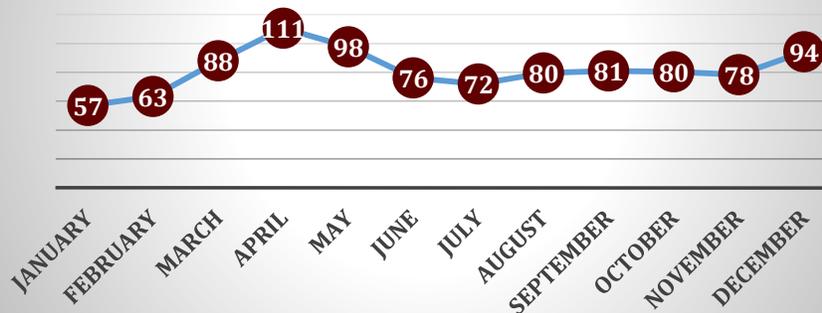
ELECTRONIC MONITORING INMATES REMOVED (RETURNED TO THE JAIL)



INMATES RETURNED TO ELECTRONIC MONITORING AFTER BEING REMOVED (AFTER SERVING PART OF SENTENCE IN THE JAIL)



INCREASE IN ELECTRONIC MONITORING DUE TO COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS





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WORKENDER PROGRAM

The Rock County Workender Program was created to allow low-risk offenders out of jail to serve their sentence in a voluntary community service work program. The Rock County Sheriff's Office Workender Program is open to all sentenced inmates. Due to a recent change with the Rock County Circuit Courts and the Clerk of Courts, AWC's (Arrest Warrants and Commitments) will no longer be issued for fines/forfeitures. Individuals may also be court sentenced to the program or selected by the Workender Staff if the inmate meets specific criteria. This program is a four-time winner for all entities involved in it; the Rock County Sheriff's Office does not need to house these individuals in jail (saving bed space); the inmate gets credit for a full twenty-four hours off their sentence for eight hours of community service work; the inmate gets a community service credit for one day off their sentence for every three days of community service scheduled work days; and the tax payers don't have to pay to house these individuals in jail (at a cost of \$72.00/day). Also, the charitable, not-for-profit and tax based organizations/agencies are provided the help they need to complete necessary work in the community. The individuals also feel a sense of accomplishment in giving back to the community that they harmed while committing crimes. Each Workender Crew is supervised by a Rock County Correctional Officer. Due to COVID-19, most individuals meet at the outside community service work-site where all social distancing and wearing of masks guidelines are adhered to, and the group is limited to less than ten individuals. At present, there are no fees to participate in the Workender Program. This program is a cost effective way to impose sentences on low risk offenders that meet specific criteria for this program.



Workenders work alongside volunteers at a Second Harvest mobile food bank.



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HUBER PROGRAM

Huber is the Rock County Sheriff's Office work release program. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Rock County Sheriff's Office has transferred almost all of the Huber inmates out on the Electronic Monitoring Program. Incarcerated inmates sentenced to the Rock County Jail with Huber privileges are allowed out of their homes for up to twelve hours per day, six days per week, for work, child care, elder care, school or treatment. There is one Correctional Officer assigned to handle the court documentation verifications, work verifications, driving abilities/requirements, specials/permissions for work searches or medical appointments, and confirm compliance to the Huber rules and follow-up to Huber rule violations. This Officer also assists the inmates with locating job opportunities and special training classes for certifications. Individuals who have Huber are on the EMP only pay the EMP fees; they are not charged for Huber fees also.

PROJECT LIFESAVER

The Project LifeSaver Program is designed to assist families with individuals who have a history of wandering out of their homes due to cognitive disorders, Alzheimer's, Down syndrome, or Autism. This is a low-cost assistance program that outfits an individual with a small wristband that constantly relays a transmitter signal every second, twenty-four hours a day. If an individual who is fitted with this bracelet wanders off, specially trained officers can track and locate these individuals before they possibly get hurt or are lost. The officers also conduct monthly maintenance checks and battery changes of the equipment to insure they are working properly. There is a one-time administrative processing fee of \$25.00, and a monthly maintenance fee of \$10.00. This program is self-funded. Project LifeSaver is a not-for-profit organization that serves the Rock County Sheriff's Office along with police, fire and emergency medical services agencies nationwide.





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ROCK COUNTY OWI TREATMENT COURT

The Rock County OWI Treatment Court (OWI Court) is for individuals seeking treatment after being convicted of their third OWI. Participants must reside in Rock County and are evaluated to ensure they are clinically appropriate for the program. Participants in the program get the benefits of the treatment they receive as well as shorter sentences. The community gets the benefits of more sober and safe drivers and a reduction in the amount of taxes used on incarcerated individuals.

TREATMENT AND PROGRAMS

The Rock County OWI Treatment Court is an intensive program that takes a minimum of 14 months to complete. While in the program, participants are required to attend court, group therapy sessions, individualized one-on-one therapy sessions, and meetings with their probation officer. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, many of these meetings were virtual. Participants are also required to provide random drug tests throughout the program and are required to provide breath samples multiple times throughout the day to show the participant is and has remained sober throughout.

The Rock County Treatment Court uses a variety of different evidence based treatments and programs. The services are provided by the Rock County Human Service Department. Participants in the program are given individualized treatment based on each person's needs.

EVIDENCE BASED TREATMENT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN 2020

- ◆ Thinking for Good
- ◆ Living in Balance
- ◆ Moral Reconciliation Therapy
- ◆ Anger Management
- ◆ Group Counseling
- ◆ Individual Counseling
- ◆ AODA Programming
- ◆ Mental Health
- ◆ Medically Assisted Treatment

PARTNERSHIPS

The Rock County OWI Treatment Court is comprised of representatives from different fields including a Rock County Circuit Court Judge, a Rock County Sheriff's Office Deputy, an Assistant District Attorney, and a Public Defender. Additionally, the team has a Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst, three Rock County Human Services employees (a Therapist, a Counselor and a Supervisor), and three employees from the Department of Corrections (two Probation Officers and a Supervisor.)

The representatives meet together weekly to discuss the successes and setbacks of the participants and to decide the most appropriate incentives, sanctions and therapeutic responses to assist the participants in completing the program and maintaining their sobriety.

STATISTICS

The Rock County OWI Treatment Court was established in 2012 and has had 136 participants since its start. There are 26 current participants, and 111 have exited the program. Of those who have exited, 91 have graduated, and 17 have been terminated. There are three others who did not complete the program but were not terminated due to unforeseen circumstances.

In 2020, 15 participants entered the program (along with those already in the program), 17 graduated, and two participants were terminated from the program due to continued program violations including continued use and failure to participate in the program.

FUNDING

Up until 2020, The Rock County OWI Treatment Court's funding has largely come from the Department of Corrections and Act 100. In 2020, The Rock County OWI Treatment Court received a grant to expand the program to include people arrested for their fourth OWIs.

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JUSTICEPOINT

Over the last few years, Rock County's Evidence-Based Decision Making Initiative has been making great strides in its efforts to redesign the criminal justice process. As part of that effort, Rock County contracted with JusticePoint in 2019 to conduct pretrial screening. As of July 2020, JusticePoint's Pretrial Supervision Case Management Unit, located at the Rock County Job Center, has been in operation.

JusticePoint is a neutral, independent, non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of evidence-informed criminal justice programs, practices, and policies. The commitment to evidence-informed practices is firmly rooted in the belief that criminal justice outcomes can be improved through the use of collaboration, engagement, and the scientific method. The effect of these improved outcomes is not limited to criminal justice stakeholders, practitioners, defendants, and victims; it has a direct impact on the quality of life for all in the community.

Staffed by a team of highly trained Pretrial Jail Screening Specialists, the Jail Screening Team conducts interviews and pretrial risk assessments on arrestees booked into the Rock County Jail who are facing a bail setting decision. Using the Public Safety Assessment (PSA) and the Level of Service Inventory – Revised: Screening Version (LSI-R:SV), Screening Specialists measure an individual's risk for pretrial misconduct (defined as risk to miss court or be charged with a new offense while on bail) and use that measured risk to make recommendations to judicial officers as to conditions of bail best suited to mitigate identified risk factors. Based on the defendant's LSI-R:SV score, some may qualify for a Diversion agreement.

The Pretrial Supervision Program provides supervision and case management services to defendants ordered to supervision as a condition of their bail. Pretrial Case Managers monitor all court-ordered conditions of release as well as provide referral services to programming aimed at addressing risk and need areas that are identified as possibly contributing to future justice system involvement if not properly addressed. Staff provide regular reporting to the court on compliance and noncompliance with court ordered conditions and apply incentives or sanctions to pro- or antisocial actions according to a behavior-response matrix.

JusticePoint began submitting risk reports for all defendants making an initial appearance in Jail Court starting July 2020. Between July 2020 and December 2020, JusticePoint submitted 733 risk reports for Jail Court. At the time of this report, JusticePoint is currently assisting and supervising 152 pretrial clients in its Pretrial Supervision Case Management Unit.

JUSTICE POINT



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ROCK COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

The Rock County Veterans Treatment Court, or Vet Court, is a treatment court for individuals who have served in the United States Military. All participants must have served in the United States Armed Forces, have a diagnosable issue, and have benefits through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

The main focus of the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court is to bring the participants back to the level in which they were successful in the military.

The participants in the program have been arrested for a variety of crimes. Many of the participants have been arrested for Operating While Intoxicated or Domestic Violence. Service members who complete the program have the benefit of the treatment they received and may have their charges or sentences reduced and, in some cases, dismissed.

PARTNERSHIPS

Many groups in Rock County have representatives helping make the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court a success. The Vet Court Team consists of the following members:

- A Judge from the Rock County Circuit Courts
- A Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst
- A Deputy from the Rock County Sheriff's Office
- A Public Defender from the Public Defender's Office
- An Assistant District Attorney from the District Attorney's Office
- A Probation Officer from the Department of Corrections, as well as a Supervisor
- A Therapist/ Case Manager from the Department of Veteran Affairs

The representatives from each of the groups meet every two weeks to discuss the progress of the individuals and recommend incentives to encourage appropriate choices and therapeutic responses and sanctions to encourage pro-social behavior over poor decisions.

TREATMENT AND PROGRAMS

The Rock County Veterans Treatment Court is an individualized and demanding program. While in the program, all participants are required to attend court, group therapy sessions, and individualized one-on-one therapy sessions. Depending on the criminal charge, most of the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court participants are on probation and have meetings with a probation agent. In 2020, the Coronavirus Pandemic forced many of these meetings to go virtual.

Participants are also required to provide random drug tests throughout the program. Participants arrested for OWIs are also required to provide breath samples multiple times throughout the day to show the participant is remaining sober.

The Rock County Veterans Treatment Court uses a variety of different evidence based-treatments and programs. Nearly all of the services are provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and, because of this, the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court additional cost to the tax payer is very minimal. Participants in the program are given individualized treatment based on each person's needs and specific diagnosis.

The most common issues addressed in the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court are: Substance Abuse Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Traumatic Brain Injury.

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ROCK COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

The following is a list of some of the evidence-based treatments and programs available to the participants in the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court:

- AODA Programming
- Cognitive Interventions
- Anger Management
- Family Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Individual Counseling
- Mental Health
- Medically Assisted Treatment
- Medical Treatments
- Sleeping Disorders
- Housing Resources
- Vocational Services

STATISTICS

The Rock County Veterans Treatment Court was started in 2009. In 2020, five entered Vet Court (in addition to those already in the program), four graduated from Vet Court, and there were no terminations.

Overall, there have been 88 participants. There are six active participants, and 82 service members have exited the program. Of those, 62 have graduated, 18 have been terminated for non-compliance with the program, one was medically released and one passed away due to health issues.

FUNDING

As previously stated, nearly all of the services are provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and because of this, the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court additional cost to the tax payer is very minimal. The participants are required to pay for a portion of each drug test. Rock County Human Services pays the remaining balance. Due to the drug testing taking some of the funding for drug court, the Vet Court is limited to ten participants at a time. In the past, there have been times when the Rock County Veterans Treatment Court has had a waiting list.





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REENTRY AND TREATMENT SERVICES

The Jail Reentry and Treatment Services is a program designed to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, behavioral health and substance treatment systems. The program increases access to mental health and other treatment services for those individuals with mental illness or co-occurring behavioral health and substance use disorders who are being released from jail into the community. In 2020, the Jail Treatment and Reentry program served 782 clients, and 189 clients were assisted with AODA and mental health services. Of the 782 individuals, 470 were communicated with via written form only and 242 were face-to-face contacts. In 2019, the Jail Reentry program also began providing qualifying individuals with Medication-Assisted Treatment, Vivitrol, for individuals with opioid use disorders. As of December 31, 2020, the Jail Reentry program has provided 90 injections to qualifying individuals and, of those 90 injections, 30 were given in 2020.

The Jail Reentry and Treatment Services Case Manager receives around three to five inmate request slips per day, and most are self-referrals. COVID-19 has resulted in less referrals in 2020 as the jail population significantly decreased. The Jail Reentry team responds to each referral in writing within 24 hours on business days. The Jail Reentry Team works closely with clients before their release to ensure they are linked to appropriate resources in the community. Developing a sufficient release plan with clients increases their potential for success in the community.

This program ensures every inmate is aware of what the program provides from the time they arrive at the Rock County Jail to the time they are released. Every inmate receives a memo during their booking process that outlines the program and frequently asked questions. Program case managers reach out to clients who have previously been served, clients who arrive with possible substance abuse issues, and individuals who have a diagnosed mental illness. At around the 15th of each month, outreach letters are sent to clients who will be released within the next thirty days, informing them that their medical insurance can be reinstated. Jail Treatment Services had been able to reinstate their clients' medical insurance prior to their release; however, COVID-19 precautions and positive COVID-19 tests prevented this from occurring after March 2020.

The COVID-19 Pandemic reduced the amount of Vivitrol injections given and the total number of clients served; however, again, the jail population decreased when the pandemic began. Using COVID-19 precautions, Jail Reentry and Treatment Services Case Managers continued to transport released clients and developed new ways to meet with clients, using Zoom meetings and visitation booths. Case managers also continued to meet with clients in the community. Although challenging, linking clients to community programs was continued by working closely with community providers to ensure their COVID-19 policies were honored. At times, case managers had to move very quickly in order to link clients who were releasing without notice due to the pandemic; however, by reprioritizing schedules and working closely with Jail Supervisors, many of these clients were still able to be served.

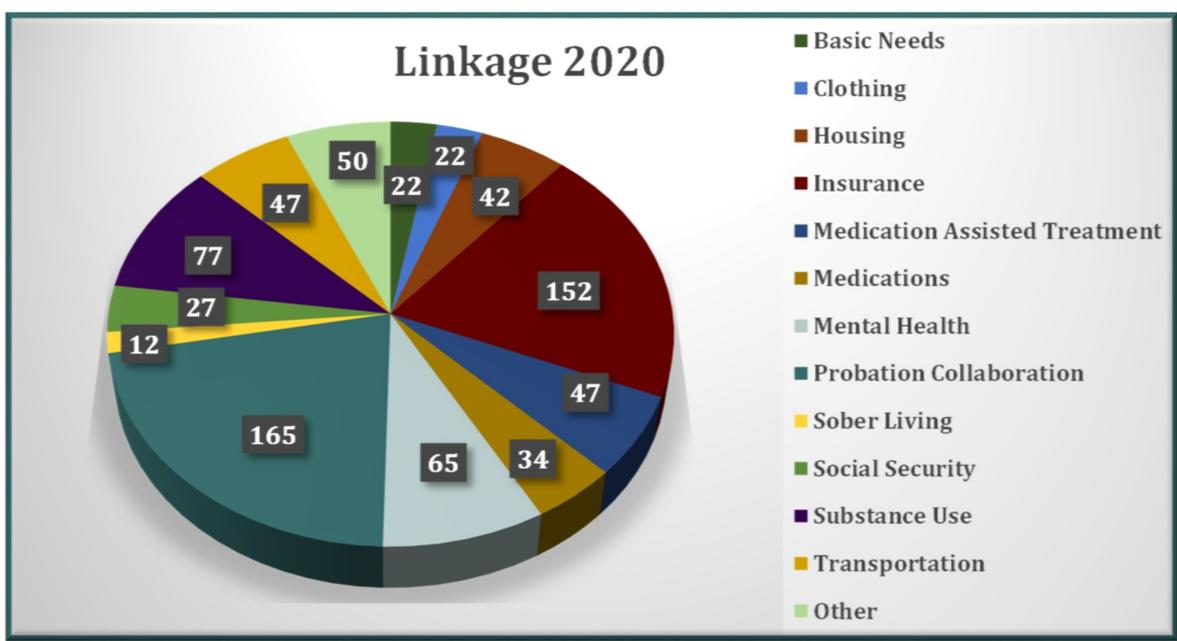
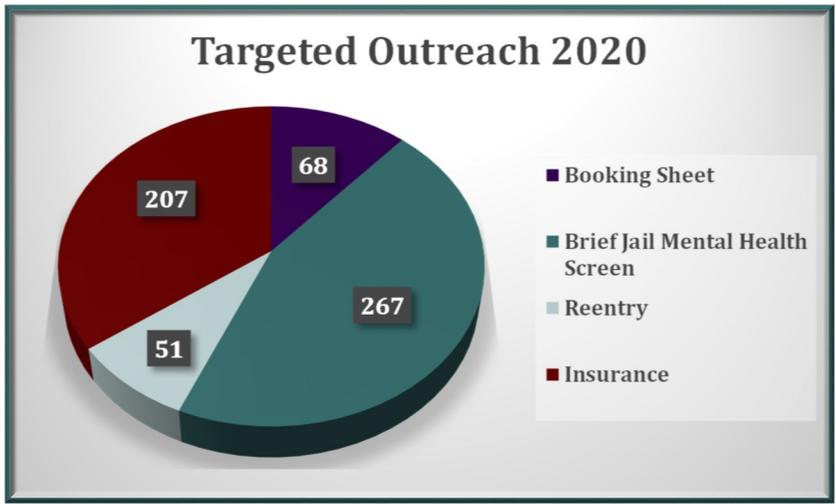
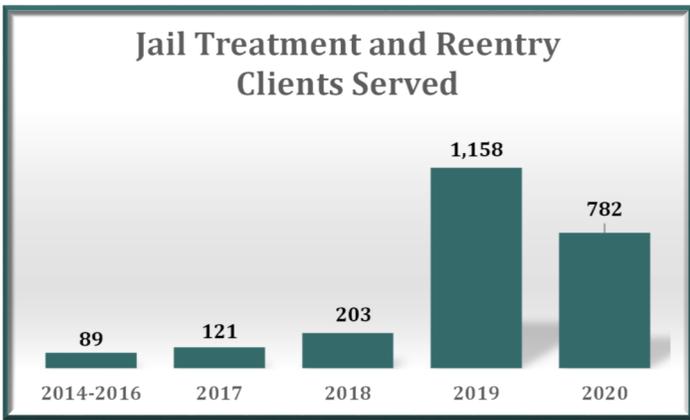


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REENTRY AND TREATMENT SERVICES





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RECAP—ROCK COUNTY EDUCATION AND CRIMINAL ADDICTION PROGRAM

The Rock County Education and Criminal Addiction Program (RECAP) provides services to Rock County inmates who are sentenced to the program through the courts, referred by Probation and Parole as an alternative to revocation (ATR), or through volunteering to participate. RECAP is a five-month in-house drug and alcohol treatment program that focuses on the participants' addictions, provides educational services where needed, requires extensive community service hours, and assists the participant in reintegrating into society. Sanctions and incentives are used throughout the program, and completion times vary depending on individual disciplinary issues. Once all program requirements are met, a graduation ceremony is held to honor those who have successfully completed the program.

The COVID-19 Pandemic required the program to be suspended on March 13th. After that, all program participants through the DOC were given other options and released, while the sentenced inmates were mostly given Huber or remained in custody to finish out their sentence. The program was restarted on July 8th. After a COVID outbreak in the jail, the program went to limited programming on December 8th but continued to function until we fully opened again on January 8th of 2021.

COOPERATIVE SERVICES

The RECAP Program works with the Cooperative Educational Services Agency 2 (CESA 2), Blackhawk Technical College, and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC). CESA 2 continued to provide funding for the program counselor. Blackhawk Technical College provided four teachers for the educational programming for RECAP participants and other incarcerated inmates. The Department of Corrections provided funding for RECAP services to participants on probation who were facing revocation (ATR).

RECAP worked with the jail reentry staff to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and housing placement, prior to release, for those inmates who needed it.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Cognitive Intervention Program: Thinking for Change (T4C)

Education: Basic math, reading and writing, computer skills, employability training, parenting classes (including a baby simulation), GED/HSED and/or continued education services

Restorative Justice: Victim impact and crime reflection papers read out loud in a group setting along with a minimum of 85 hours of community service

AODA: Treatment and programming to include one-on-one and group counseling

Anger Management: 12-lesson program used to reduce anger and understand the reason for anger (where it comes from)

Specialized Services: As needed and where appropriate

PROGRAM STATISTICS

During 2020, 48 inmates participated in the program with 20 of those successfully graduating. The program saw 10 terminations, 4 voluntary quit, and 14 inmates were shown as mandatory releases due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Inmates participating in the program self-reported that the top drug of choice was marijuana (THC), followed by Cocaine and Opiates to include Heroin.

In 2020, 74 inmates participated in educational services to include RECAP and other incarcerated inmates. Seven students were able to obtain their high school credentials and 7 completed their HSED (3 RECAP and 4 other incarcerated inmates).

RECAP inmates completed a total of 2,458 community service work hours for various not-for-profit organizations throughout Rock County. Of the hours completed, 1,068 of those were in the RECAP Garden. RECAP was able to donate 8,700 pounds of produce to local food pantries and other organizations throughout Rock County.

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RECAP—ROCK COUNTY EDUCATION AND CRIMINAL ADDICTION PROGRAM

DRUG COURT

- ◆ Partially funded through a Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, a division of the Department of Justice, and matching County dollars. A purchase order through the Department of Corrections also provides funding for probation referrals
- ◆ Cooperative agreement and partnership between the Rock County Courts, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Rock County Human Services and the Department of Corrections
- ◆ Participants enter through a post-conviction plea and agreement between the District Attorney's Office, which is then presented to the court for approval, OR through a referral by the Department of Corrections as an alternative to revocation (ATR)
- ◆ Upon successful completion of the program, the participant may have their charges dismissed or significantly reduced
- ◆ Program is designed to provide treatment to offenders with substance abuse and, if applicable, co-occurring conditions which often result in criminal activity and arrest
- ◆ Program consists of five phases and lasts a minimum of 14-months.
- ◆ Treatment
 - ◆ Substance Abuse Dependency (SUD) programming and treatment
 - ◆ Cognitive Interventions-Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)
 - ◆ Relapse Prevention
 - ◆ Anger Management
 - ◆ Individual and group/family counseling
 - ◆ Referral services for employment, housing, education and any specialized needs
 - ◆ Mental health and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) as necessary
 - ◆ Aftercare services

DRUG COURT STATISTICS

The Drug Court Program's in-house case management and programming services are provided by the Rock County Human Services Department. Each participant in the program received individualized treatment based on their needs, which are reassessed throughout the program. By keeping services and programming in-house, we are better able to track and modify participants' progress and adjust as necessary. Some participants received in-patient and detoxification services at outside facilities when needed in order to provide the best chance at remaining clean and sober while getting the most out of the program. The Drug Court Program utilizes an in-house doctor who works with participants in the proper maintenance of medications and also provides Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), which has proven to be an effective treatment for those with opiate addictions.

In 2020, 16 participants entered the Drug Court Program (in addition to those already in the program). Sixteen successfully completed and graduated from the program. Eleven participants were terminated from the program, mostly for absconding and a few for continued program violations. Since inception of the program in 2007, 316 participants have successfully completed the program, and the county and/or state have averted a total of 140,125 jail and/or prison-bed days. This results in a significant reduction in costs of incarceration.

The COVID-19 Pandemic changed many aspects of the program and proved to be very challenging for participants. In-person court hearings, group sessions, individual sessions and other parts of the program were canceled and had to go to a virtual format. Some participants found the lack of personal one-on-one contact difficult, and the technology requirements were also difficult for some to overcome. HSD staff continued to work with clients and made the best of the options available, and the program did not have to shut down or stop completely.

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RECAP GARDEN

The RECAP Garden is a one-acre plot dedicated specifically to the program. The garden is maintained exclusively by volunteers and the RECAP participants. Produce from the garden is donated to food pantries and outreach centers throughout Rock County.

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it was a difficult year for our garden program. Inmates were able to spend 1,068 hours in the garden, despite the pandemic. The remainder of the work completed in the garden was by limited use of volunteers and the RECAP Site Supervisor. The Site Supervisor also started work on a new RECAP project called Gardens to Go where we will be providing a small wooden raised garden bed, soil and seed to individuals in need of fresh produce. Those receiving the material will be instructed on how to grow a productive garden and will get the material free of charge. We are excited to get the project under way in 2021.



RECAP
Site Supervisor
Jason O'Connor

Sadly, due to the pandemic, the RECAP Garden was unable to hold the annual Farm to Table Dinner in 2020, nor were we able to do an open house for the garden. We are optimistic about bringing this wonderful event back in 2021.

CANINE CORRECTIONS ACADEMY

The Canine Corrections Academy is a program where select RECAP inmates are chosen to work with a dog from the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin and teach it skills related to obedience and socialization. The dogs live in the unit with the inmates who work with a volunteer dog trainer and ready the animal for the Canine Good Citizen Test. Once the dog passes, it is ready to be adopted into a forever home. In 2020, we were able to work with two dogs prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic. "Willie" was eventually adopted after working with the inmates and passing the Canine Good Citizenship test. "Willow" was with us a short time before being adopted as well. We look forward to the future when we can once again provide these services and assist the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin in finding a forever home for dogs in their shelter.



Willie

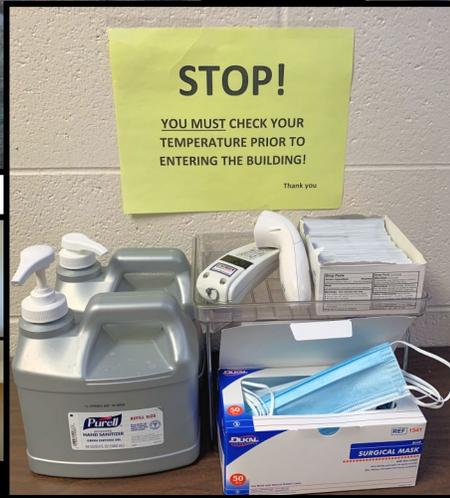
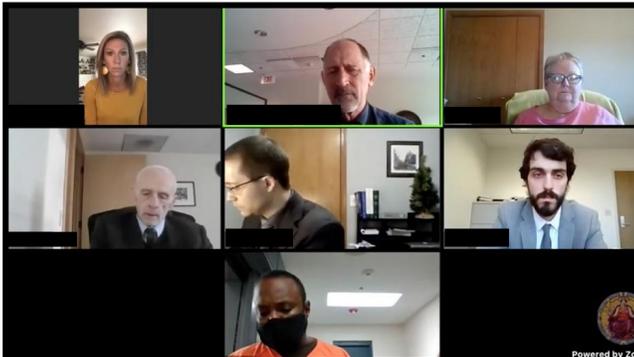
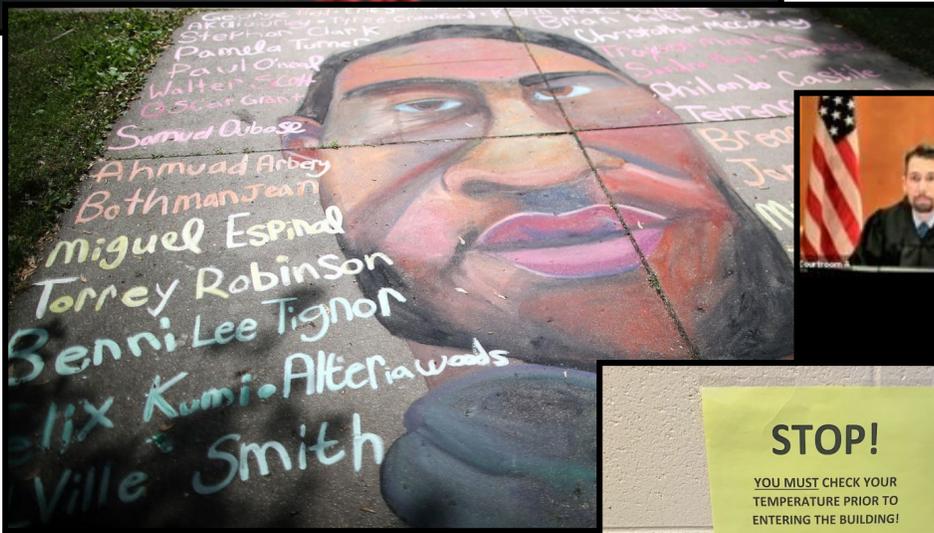
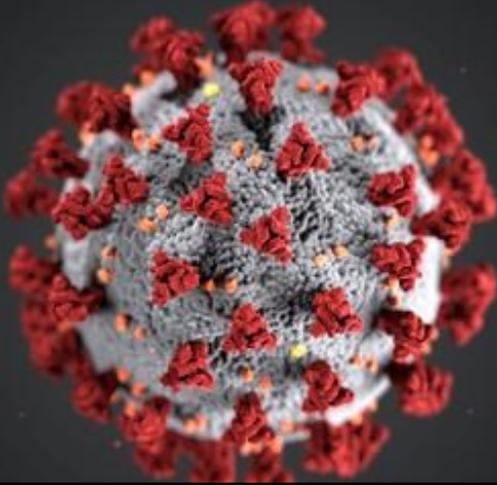


Willow

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Rising Above The Challenges



2020

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. MLK Jr.



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Captain Jay Wood—retired Nov.2020



Captain Doug Coulter



Sergeant
Shawn Natter

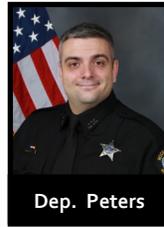
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CIVIL PROCESS/WARRANTS BUREAU

The Civil Process Bureau is responsible for an abundant amount of legal documents, both civil and criminal. Some of the documents include:

- ◆ Foreclosure Sales
- ◆ Writs of Restitution
- ◆ Writs of Execution
- ◆ Writs of Assistance
- ◆ Subpoena Services
- ◆ Writs of Replevin
- ◆ Temporary Restraining Orders & Injunctions

When the Civil Process/Warrants Administrative staff are not occupied with warrants and civil paper processing, they attend additional training such as the Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals (LEAP) Conference, or the Crime Information Bureau (C.I.B.) Conference.

The Civil Process Division is also responsible for warrants that are issued by the courts. Administrative Assistants Sharon Krause, Cristine Firkus and Christine Miller are responsible for timely, accurate, and complete warrant entry in the NCIC and CIB systems as well as Temporary Restraining Orders/Injunctions.

Deputies Bittorf and Barr are responsible for scheduling and executing evictions, serving subpoenas, and supplementing the Patrol Division by assisting with calls for service. Both Deputies serve in additional capacities at the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Barr is a member of the Community Engagement Team (C.E.T.) and the Honor Guard. Deputy Bittorf is a firearms instructor and a Taser instructor.



Deputy Bittorf executing an eviction



Eviction at a residence in Rock County

Although Writs of Restitution and Writs of Assistance are the legal documents to evict individuals, the Rock County Sheriff's Office recognizes the impact of these legal actions, and Deputies are prepared to offer resources to individuals in need of assistance.

In 2020, the COVID-19 Pandemic created challenges within the Civil Process Bureau. Documents that Civil Process served were fewer than previous years.

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Papers Served	3,927	3,727	3,474	1,717
Foreclosures	138	113	150	63
Evictions	463	421	397	189

COURT SERVICES BUREAU



COURTHOUSE SECURITY

In February 2020, the Rock County Sheriff's Office was approved to take over the security station at the Rock County Courthouse with part-time deputies to start in May 2020. The cost for the remainder of 2020 was anticipated to be \$149,000. During the COVID-19 Pandemic, these deputies helped direct and coordinate activities for much of the courthouse, and their actual cost for the remainder of 2020 was only \$97,731.

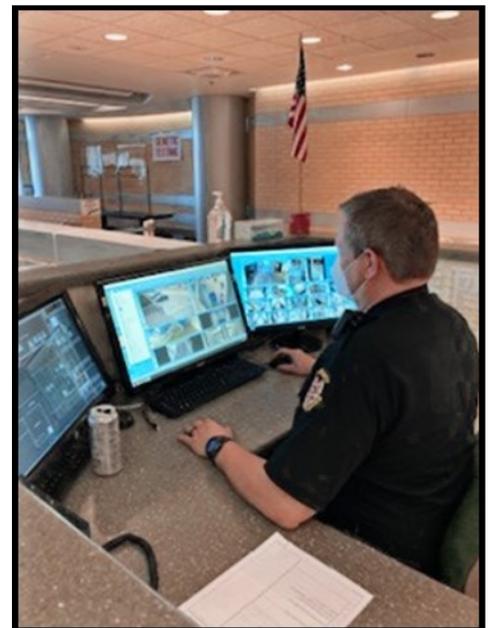
The security station is the first line of security as civilians enter the building, and having the station manned by sworn law enforcement officers was implemented.

Currently, the Rock County Sheriff's Office has seven part-time Deputies that work at the Courthouse Security Station. These deputies are required to attend in-service training, firearms training, policy review, and other training that the Sheriff's Office full-time sworn deputies receive.

Although most of their first year working has been during the pandemic, deputies have been a valuable asset to the security at the courthouse. With a vast majority of the courthouse employees working remotely, these deputies fielded many questions and concerns from citizens who entered the courthouse to conduct business. As the courthouse begins reopening, the security station will most certainly become a busy location. Having sworn deputies manning the security station is vital to the security of the Rock County Courthouse.



Security Station at Courthouse entrance.



Deputy Steeber monitors the security cameras.



LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

On the heels of substantial turnover within the Patrol Division of the Rock County Sheriff's Office in 2019, 2020 delivered an entirely different set of challenges for everyone. Just as the winter was winding down and typically the time that calls for service increase for the patrol division, the COVID-19 Pandemic began to steal headlines.

As the pandemic began to spread illness and uncertainty throughout the nation, the Patrol Division had to put safety protocols in place to protect the Deputies while still maintaining the ability to safely respond to calls for service on a daily basis. In an attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Patrol Division created working groups and reduced the number of deputies on patrol for each shift. These initial changes in staffing levels were reviewed and adjusted several times throughout the year and in conjunction with orders issued by local and state government entities.

Beyond the issues generated by the pandemic, the Presidential election of the year and instances of civil unrest increased the demand placed on the Patrol Division. In 2020, several national dignitaries, including the President and Vice President, selected the Rock County area to host campaign events. Simultaneously, members of the Patrol Division were assigned to specialty teams to assist with civil unrest in Beloit, Madison, Milwaukee, Kenosha and Wauwatosa.

As expected, the reduced number of deputies working at any given time and the state-wide "Safer at Home" order coupled with the civil unrest and dignitary protection details had a direct correlation with the reduction in statistical data tracked by the agency. The Patrol Division documented a reduction in almost every statistical category tracked for the year. As we continue to navigate the new normal, the expectation is that many of these categories will normalize and return to the areas of the five year average in the coming year.

In 2020, deputies received or generated 19,827 calls for service, which is a 12 percent decrease from 2019. The top five statistical categories for calls for service in 2020 were 911 abandoned calls, assist other jurisdictions, traffic complaints, assist Fire/EMS calls, and assist citizens events. These five categories accounted for 43 percent of all calls received in 2020. Violent crimes such as murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault accounted for 0.02 percent of all calls. Property crimes identified as burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson accounted for 1.5 percent of all calls for service. The statistics for violent and property crimes show an annual decrease (with the exception of theft), but fell well within the five year average for these categories.

In addition to the information and statistics listed above, the Patrol Division assisted the Community Engagement Team with several events including the Wisconsin Move Over Slow Down campaign, School Safety Drills, Cop on Rooftop and Shop with A Cop events.

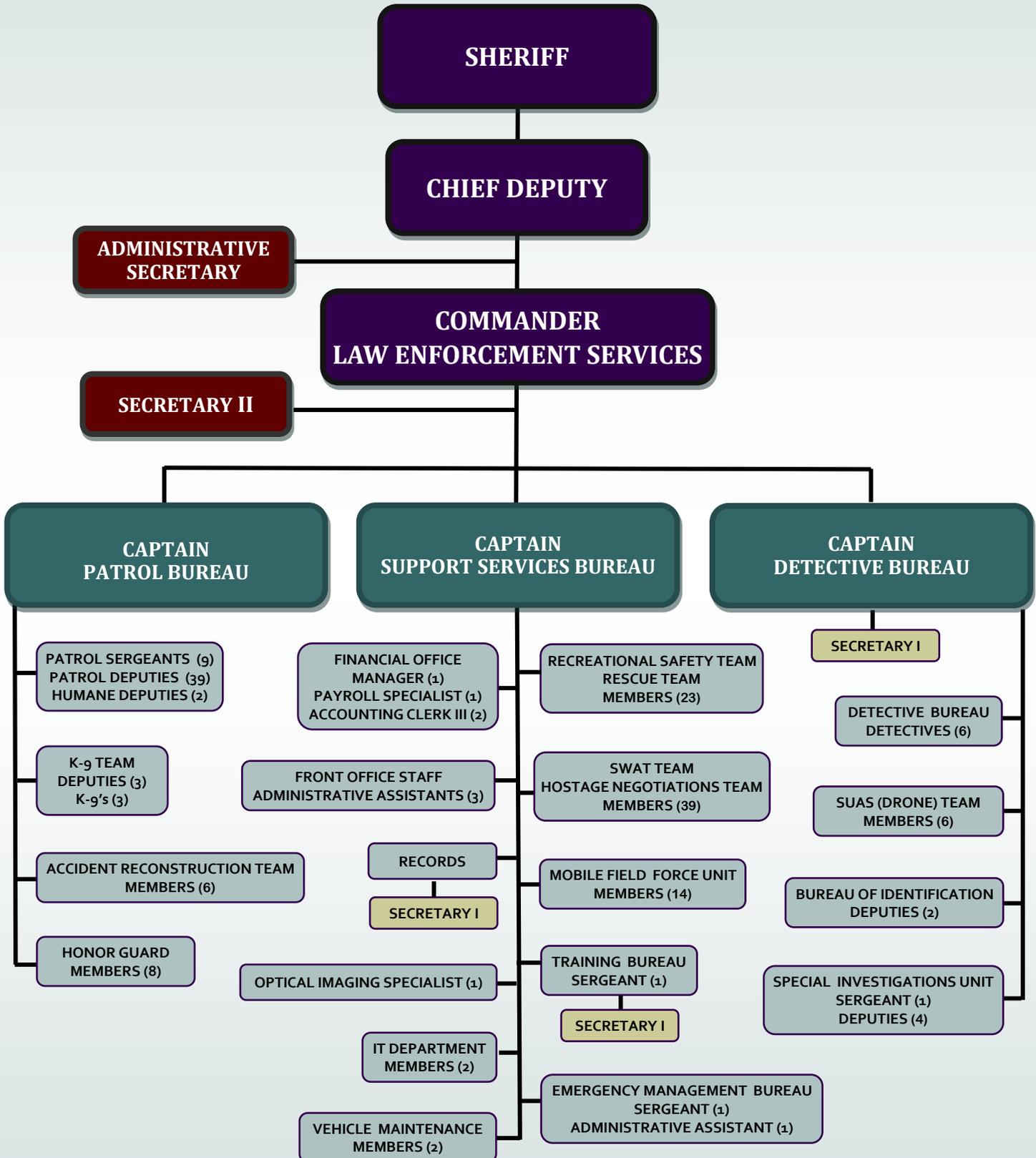
Cpt. Mark Thompson

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves"

—Victor Frankl



LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES





PATROL BUREAU

2020 PATROL SERGEANTS



Captain Mark Thompson



Sgt. Caleb Beutin



Sgt. Peter Falk



Sgt. Joshua Lund



Sgt. Ryan Ooms



Sgt. Andrew Reed



Sgt. David Rossmiller



Sgt. Clint Rowley



Sgt. Michael Schauer



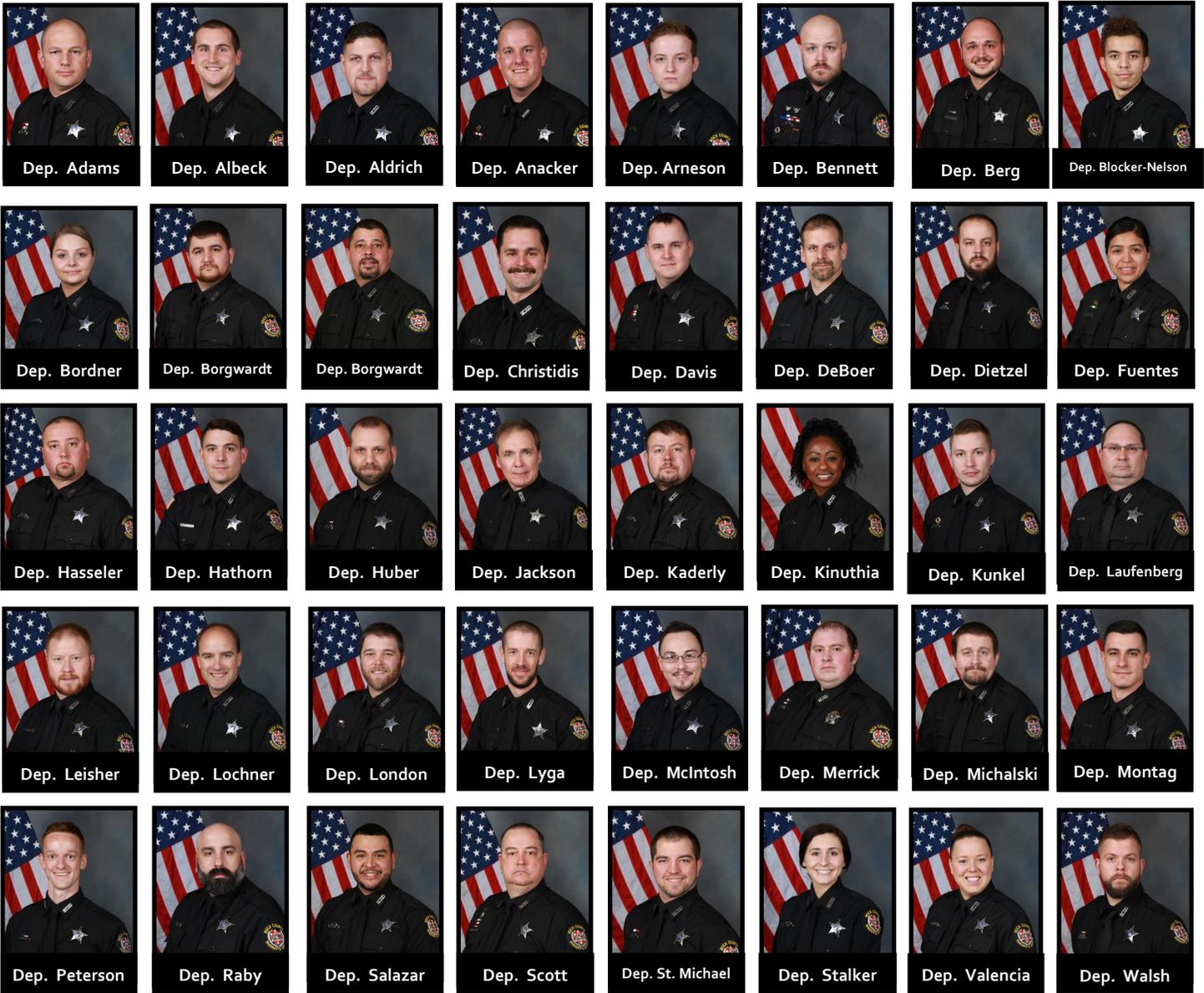
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PATROL BUREAU



ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2020 PATROL DEPUTIES



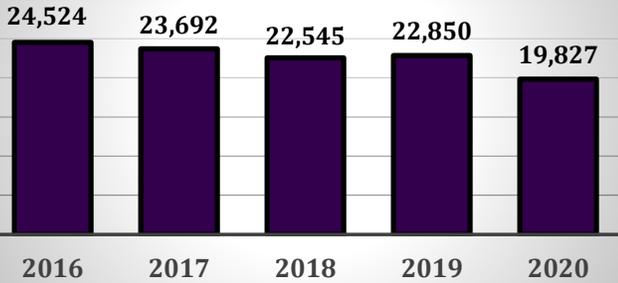
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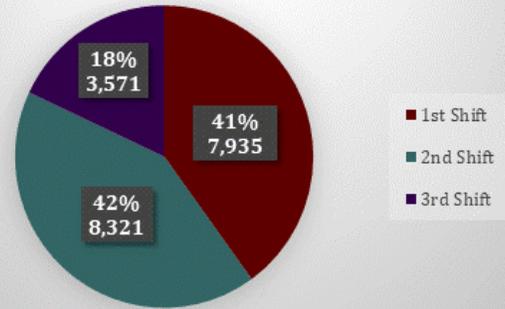


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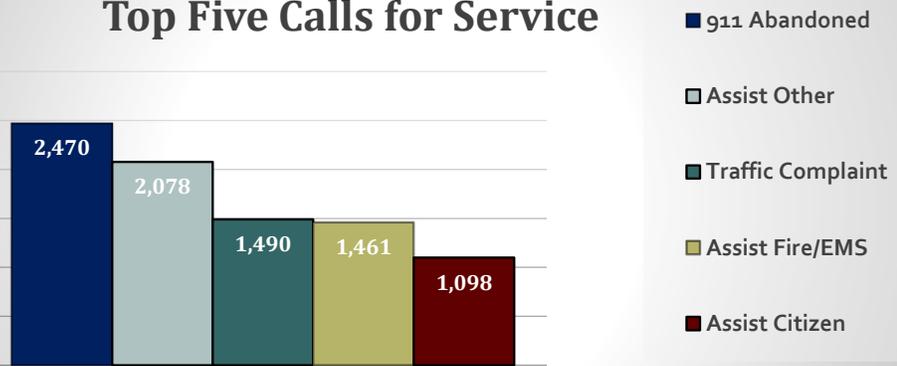
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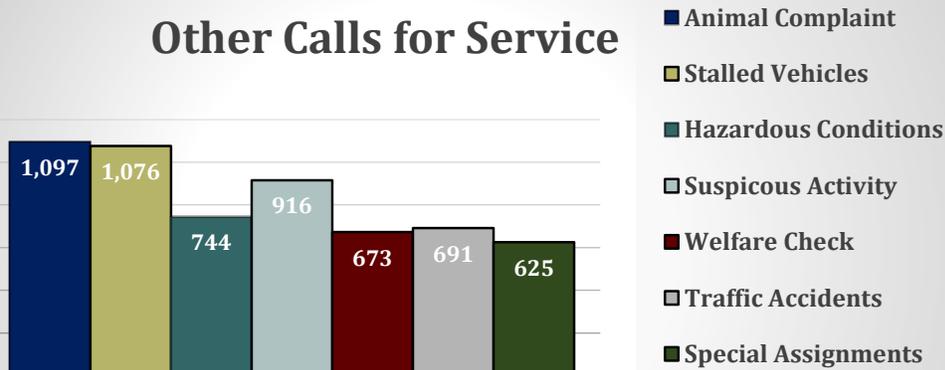
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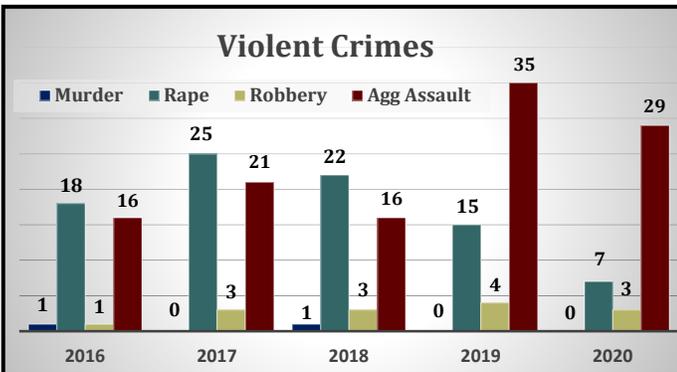
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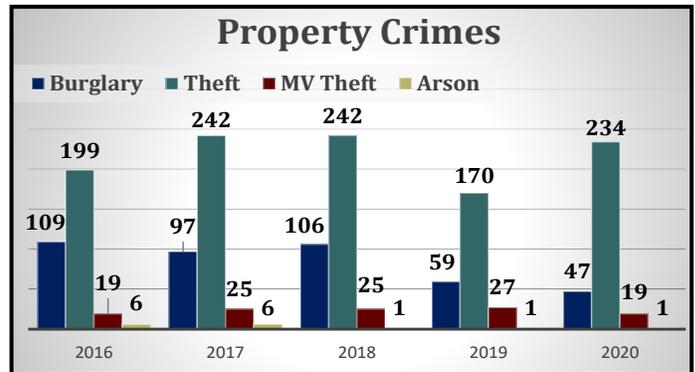
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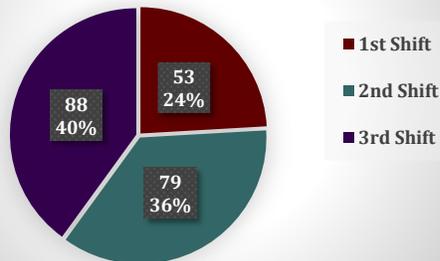
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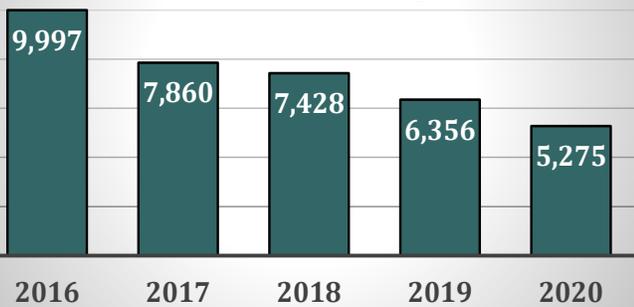
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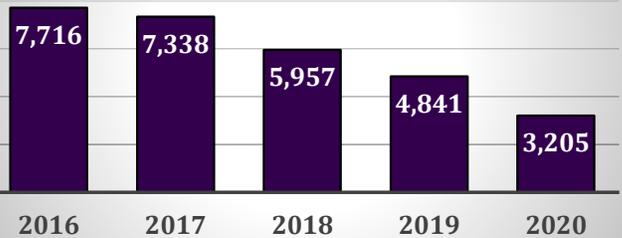
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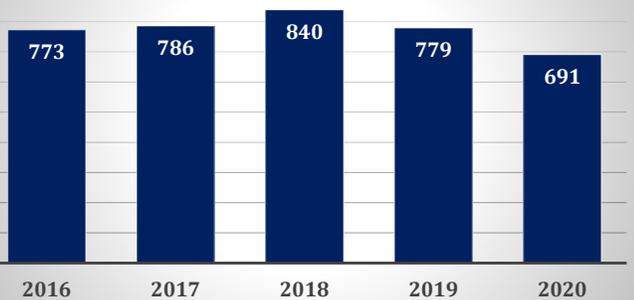
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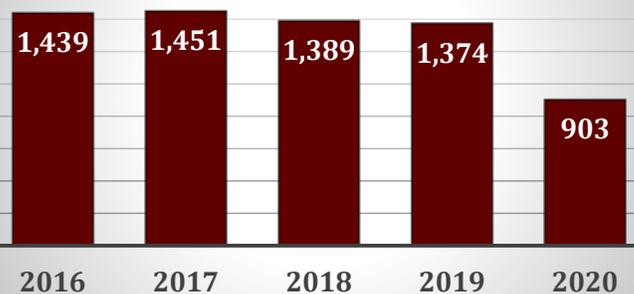
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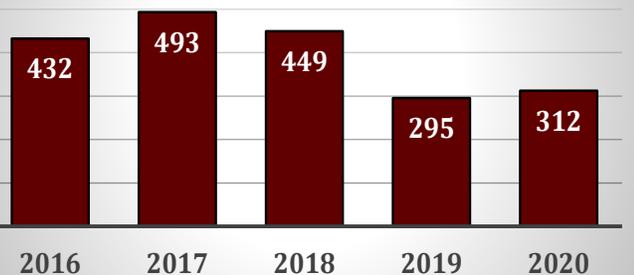
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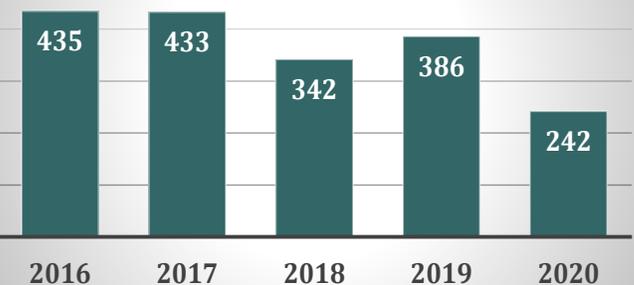
All Arrests



Drug Arrests



Impaired Driving Arrests





PATROL BUREAU

Following are summaries of some of the calls Rock County Deputies responded to and investigated during 2020:

February 3rd at 6:34 p.m.: Deputies were dispatched to the area of Hwy 59 and CTH KK for a two-vehicle accident. The investigation showed that a vehicle operated by a 20-year-old from Whitewater struck another vehicle from behind and then lost control, eventually rolling over. As a result of the rollover, three people were transported to area hospitals and a fourth subject, a 19-year-old, died at the scene.

April 26th: Several deputies were dispatched to the area of W. STH 81 and S. Olson Rd. for a traffic accident and possible stabbing. Upon arrival, the officers were informed that a female had crashed the car and, while arguing with the two male passengers, produced a knife and stabbed one of the subjects. The female fled on foot and was taken into custody several days later. Both males survived the injuries sustained in this incident.

March 1st at 2:30 p.m.: Deputies were called to the 4000 block of S. CTH G for a gunshot wound. The investigation showed that a 22-year-old Janesville man was handling a firearm in a negligent manner and fired the weapon, striking a 19-year-old female. The male was arrested for multiple violations, and the female recovered from her injuries.

May 30th at 12:48 a.m.: Deputies responded to the report of a single vehicle accident at Hwy 14 and Scharine Rd. The investigation showed that the vehicle, occupied by two adult males from Milton, failed to stop at the stop sign and crossed Highway 14, striking an embankment on the south side of the road. Both occupants were transported to the hospital, but the driver succumbed to his injuries a short time after arriving at the hospital.

March 26th at 2:45 p.m.: Deputies from the Sheriff's Office were assisting the Janesville Police Department with an accident on Highway 14 near Interstate 39/90. While investigating the crash, the driver of one of the vehicles exited, acting erratic and was armed with a knife. After several attempts to get the suspect to comply, one of the Janesville officers fired at the armed subject. The subject was controlled and immediately transported to Mercy Hospital. The subject survived the injuries and was transported to the jail after being released from the hospital.

June 20th at 2:06 a.m.: Deputies were dispatched to the Blu Astor bar on S. USH 51 for reports of a shooting. Upon arrival, deputies located one subject with a gunshot wound to the hand. While securing the area and beginning the investigation, deputies were made aware of three more subjects that had arrived at local hospitals with gunshot wounds. This scene was secured, and assistance was requested from the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau.

April 17th at 10:21 p.m.: A 33-year-old Janesville woman lost control of her vehicle on S. Read Rd. and rolled over as she left the roadway. The female was ejected from the vehicle and later died from the injuries sustained in the crash.

June 29th at 7:20 p.m.: Officers from the Sheriff's Office and Janesville PD were dispatched to the Monterey Bridge at the Rock River for the report of two children in the water. Witnesses to the incident were able to get the 7-year-old male out of the water, but the 9-year-old female had gone under water and had not been seen since. Multiple agencies conducted a search of the river, and the patrol division provided security for what ended up being a five-day deployment. The body of the female was later recovered approximately one mile south from where she entered the water.

April 19th at 3:37 p.m.: Deputies responded to a motorcycle accident on Hwy 213 just south of Orfordville. The investigation showed the motorcycle was heading southbound and was operated by a 33-year-old Janesville man. While negotiating a curve, the motorcycle exited the road and crashed. The driver was ejected from the motorcycle and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

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July 25th at 2:37 p.m.: Deputies responded to a pond off of Indian Lake Dr. for the report of two subjects that had gone under water and not resurfaced. Deputies, with the assistance of Janesville Fire, were able to locate and recover both subjects. Life saving measures were attempted, but both of the victims were pronounced dead at the hospital.

August 15th at 10:11 p.m.: Deputies from the Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Highway 11 and CTH WC for a motorcycle accident. Upon arrival, deputies located two people that had been thrown from the motorcycle. A 50-year-old Janesville man and 51-year-old Janesville woman were both transported to Mercy Hospital. The male subject in this incident succumbed to his injuries a few hours after the crash.

August 19th: Deputies were assigned to assist with the arrival of Vice President Mike Pence at the Rock County Airport. Deputies were tasked with several assignments, including traffic control and motorcade duties associated with the safe travel to and from Tankcraft in Darien, Wisconsin.

August 23rd at 8:50 p.m.: Deputies were sent to the area of W. Brandherm Rd. and W. Carroll Rd. for a report of two individuals who were struggling in the Sugar River. Deputies arrived in the area and, after walking through a wooded area for approximately a mile, were able to locate the subjects who had been able to get out of the water. The subjects were on the opposite bank of the river and did not have the energy to cross or walk out of the area. Deputies remained with the subjects until the Recreational Safety Team could get to them with the airboat and safely help them back to the landing.

September 14th: Deputies were once again deployed for the arrival of Vice President Mike Pence at the Rock County Airport. Upon arrival, deputies were tasked with getting the Vice President to Holiday Inn on the east side of Janesville. Deputies again conducted traffic control, motorcade duties, and assisted with site security for the duration of the visit.

September 20th at approximately 3:21 p.m.: Deputies and supervisors were sent to E. CTH NN and N. Vogel Rd. for a two-vehicle accident with multiple individuals suffering from injuries. The investigation showed that a vehicle driven by a 68-year-old male from Black River Falls crossed the centerline and struck a vehicle going in the opposite direction. The 68-year-old and his 90-year-old passenger both died from injuries sustained in the crash. The two occupants in the other vehicle were transported to local hospitals with substantial injuries, but both survived the crash.

October 12th: Several deputies and supervisors were tasked with site security at Diamond Assets in Milton regarding a political rally. Eric Trump was the keynote speaker, and it was expected that a large following would arrive for the event. Deputies were on scene for several hours, and the event concluded with no issues.

October 17th: The Patrol Division was tasked with assisting traffic and crowd control at the Rock County Airport for a campaign rally for President Donald Trump. This event brought in over 8,500 supporters and created a substantial traffic problem that eventually led to the closure of S. USH 51.

October 29th at 9:27 p.m.: Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance that led to the stabbing of the male involved. As with similar incidents like this, the Patrol Division stabilized the scene and requested further assistance from the Detective Bureau. At the conclusion of the investigation, the female was charged with Aggravated Battery Cause Great Bodily Harm with Use of a Dangerous Weapon, Domestic Violence and Disorderly Conduct, Domestic Violence.

December 8th at 3:00 p.m.: Deputies were dispatched to S. Van Allen Rd. just north of E. Maple Lane for a traffic accident that involved an SUV striking a tree. When officers began arriving, the SUV was fully engulfed with fire. It was later learned that the driver was inside the vehicle. As a result of this crash, a Janesville woman was pronounced dead at the scene.



PATROL BUREAU

ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION TEAM

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Accident Reconstruction Team currently consists of one Sergeant and six Deputies. Members receive specialized training for investigating serious traffic crashes including fatal traffic crashes, serious injury traffic crashes, or criminal traffic crashes.

To aid with investigations, each scene is mapped using a device called a Total Station. The Total Station allows for precise measurements of a scene. Those measurements are then imported into a computer program to create a scaled diagram. The use of a Total Station increases the accuracy of the measurements and allows for quicker scene clearance.

In 2020, the Accident Reconstruction Team responded to 15 emergency callouts. Among these callouts were 12 fatal traffic crashes and three serious injury crashes, resulting in five arrests or citations. The 15 callouts matched the number from the previous two years, and the Accident Reconstruction Team continues to be one of the most heavily utilized teams at the Sheriff's Office.

In 2020, the Accident Reconstruction Team welcomed three new members: Deputies Christopher Lochner, Margaret Schmidt, and Zachary Raby. All three new members began to respond to scenes and assist with investigations with the intent to send them to formal training in the near future. Due to COVID-19, no members attended any trainings during 2020.

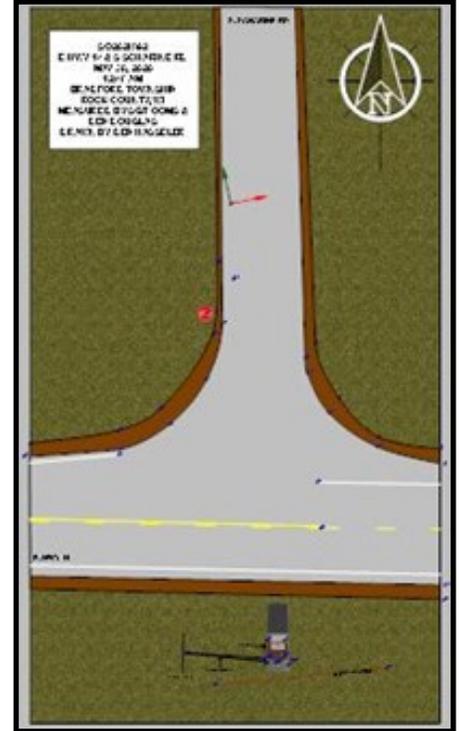
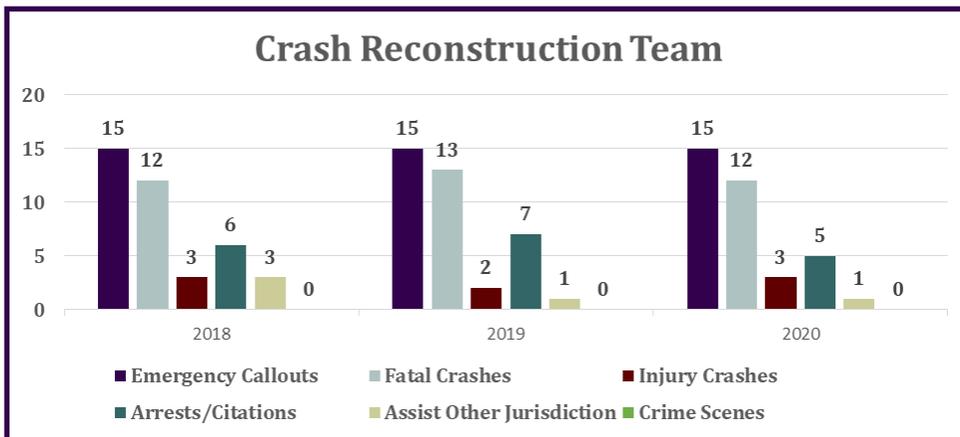


Image from Total Station



PATROL BUREAU



HONOR GUARD

"With Duty, there is Honor.....and Honor is Immortal!"

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard was established in 2005 to represent the Rock County Sheriff's Office, its Administration, Deputies, Correctional Officers, employees, and their families at Law Enforcement funerals, parades and other ceremonial events.

With the prevalence of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Rock County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard was utilized only for funerals and visitations, totaling a number of six events.

The Honor Guard participated in the line-of-duty death memorial service of Dane County Deputy Richard "Rick" Treadwell, who died of COVID-19 related illness on August 22, 2020.

We also participated in the funeral of active duty Elkhorn School Resource Officer Joseph Kirkpatrick, who died after a medical event.

In 2020, The Rock County Sheriff's Office said goodbye to two members of our retiree family. The Honor Guard was privileged to be able to pay our respects and provide services to:

- Retired Chief Deputy Terry Fell End of Watch: 07-25-2020
- Retired Chaplain David Kinnick End of Watch: 07-22-2020

In 2020, two new members were added to the Rock County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard: Deputy Anthony Barr and Deputy Kyle Kunkel. We welcome them to the team and look forward to working with them to complete our mission.

2020 Rock County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard	
Detective Luke DuCharme – Team Commander	
Sergeant David Rossmiller	Deputy Brandon Davis
Sergeant Josh Lund	Deputy Kyle Kunkel
Deputy Anthony Barr	Correctional Officer Steven Fraser
Deputy Steven Berg	Correctional Officer Jonathan Kummerow





PATROL BUREAU

MOTOR UNIT

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Motor Unit was created in 2008 when the Sheriff's Office sent their first two motor deputies to an intense two weeks of training. This training was facilitated by Northwestern University and Harley Davidson Motorcycles. After completion of training, Deputies are certified to operate a Rock County Sheriff's Office motorcycle.

Since the inception of the motor unit at the Sheriff's Office, the team had grown to six members, but retirement and re-assignment put the number of operators at four. Members in the unit are required to attend motor training every Spring to maintain and enhance their riding skills. At the end of the riding season, Deputies attend an Advance Motor Operations event that concludes with a skills competition.

The motor unit is utilized for traffic enforcement, parades, demonstrations, National Night Out, Rock County 4-H Fair, Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial, Law Enforcement Funerals and Dignitary Motorcades.

Deputies assigned to the Motor Unit include: Captain Doug Coulter, Sergeant David Rossmiller, Deputy David Wilson and Deputy Neil Bennett.



September 14, 2020, Captain Doug Coulter leads Vice President Pence's motorcade



Motor Deputy David Wilson and Captain Doug Coulter with Vice President Pence's armored limousine at Rock County Regional Airport.



Air Force One, September 14, 2020, Rock County Regional Airport

PATROL BUREAU



K9 UNIT



K-9 Sasha



K-9 Kamo



K-9 Jax

The active K9 Teams for 2020 were Deputy Nathan DeBoer with partner Sasha, Deputy Cody St. Michael with partner Kamo and newly added Deputy Erik Albeck with partner Jax.

As Jax is a new K9 to the unit, this is a brief history about him. Jax is a mix breed between German Shepherd and Belgian Malinois. Jax's birthday is 11-15-2018, and he was born in Poland. The first day Deputy Albeck and Jax worked together was 07-20-20. Jax is full of energy and is always going a million miles an hour. Deputy Albeck and Jax are certified as a dual purpose K9 team. Jax is certified in detecting heroin, cocaine and methamphetamine. Along with narcotics, he is certified in aggression and is trained to bite and hold suspects until officers can safely take the suspect into custody. Jax can be utilized to search for subjects that are either hiding or lost.

Throughout the year, the K9 Team assisted with several searches but was unable to fulfill the usual demonstration demands due to COVID-19. They were still called upon by our agency along with several other agencies within and outside of Rock County. They were a viable asset in confiscating several types of narcotics and firearms along with locating suspects.

The following is an example of a fruitful K9 deployment that occurred in 2020:

On 2/29/20, Deputy St. Michael conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a driver's status violation on South Highway 51 near the Airport. Deputy St. Michael made contact with the driver and a passenger. Upon contact, Deputy St. Michael developed reasonable suspicion to deploy Kamo. Kamo alerted to the vehicle and, upon a search of the driver, cocaine was found on his person as well as a 9mm handgun in the glove box. The driver was a convicted felon with prior drug convictions. Kamo's alert to the vehicle, which allowed the search of the driver and the vehicle, resulted in the male being arrested for Possession of Cocaine 2.9 grams and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.





SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU



Captain Curt Fell

Captain Curt Fell oversees Support Services for the Sheriff's Office. This Bureau includes: Accounting/Financial Services, Records Retention/Release, Front Office Staff, Vehicle Maintenance, Emergency Management, Information Technology, and the Training Bureau.

The Support Services Bureau consists of the Captain, two Sergeants, two Recreational Safety Deputies, Secretary I (Records), Secretary I (Training), Financial Office Manager, two Account Clerks, a Payroll Specialist, three Administrative Assistants, an Optical Imaging Specialist, a Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor (part time), a Vehicle Maintenance Technician and a Seasonal Vehicle Maintenance Technician. Two User Support Specialists strive to meet the IT needs for the Sheriff's Office.

Support Services includes the budget, paying vendors and billing, payroll, all aspects of records release and retention, maintaining a fleet of 98 vehicles (including squads, boats, trailers, court vans, etc), technology needs of the Sheriff's Office (Patrol and Jail), emergency management for the entire county, assisting citizens in the front lobby, and preparing and accounting for all training for the over two hundred employees of the Sheriff's Office.



**Administrative Secretary
Grace Becker**



**Secretary II
Correctional Services
Regina Holmberg**



**Secretary II
Law Enforcement Services
Diane Kowal**



**Administrative Assistant
Sherry Jackson**



**Administrative Assistant
Janice Gajdosik**



**Administrative Assistant
Gabriela Gonzalez**



**Optical Imaging Specialist
Linda Nash**

SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU



FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Financial Office Manager supervises the Payroll Specialist and two Account Clerk III's within the Accounting Office.

The Accounting Office is responsible for:

- ◆ Managing the Budget and Grants
- ◆ Processing Vendor Invoices for Payment
- ◆ Carrying Out Jail Accounting Functions
- ◆ Collecting and Processing Employee Payroll Data



**Financial Office
Manager
Michelle Wilson**



**Payroll Specialist
Laura Wollslair**



**Accounting Clerk III
Cheryl Hall**



**Accounting Clerk III
Kristen Riemer**

RECORDS



**Secretary I
Sarah Anderson**

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Records Bureau continues to process a steady flow of records. The categories and numbers reflected below highlight the variety and volume of events captured by the Records Section staff during the 2020 calendar year.

Year	Incidents	Arrests	Citations	Accidents	Total
2012	2,284	1,960	7,007	730	11,981
2013	2,598	1,894	6,220	793	11,505
2014	3,410	2,081	8,205	842	14,538
2015	3,955	2,362	9,369	773	16,459
2016	3,529	2,058	9,034	844	15,465
2017	3,563	2,057	9,433	829	15,882
2018	3,461	1,948	6,361	872	12,642
2019	3,268	1,919	5,300	814	11,301
2020	2,623	1,321	4,935	758	9,637



SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

In 2020, the Rock County Sheriff's Office vehicle fleet received a total of 9 new vehicles: 6 Dodge Chargers, 1 Dodge Durango, 1 Chevrolet Tahoe, and 1 Ford Transit Van for prisoner transport.

The 2020 annual changeover of squads was significantly delayed due to the pandemic. Normally completed by mid to late Spring, it was begun in late Fall and was completed in December.

The pandemic brought a focus on sanitizing the squad cars that included the use of an ozone generator. Cleaning of squad cars was hampered by a lack of inmate workers.

In 2020, Sheriff's Office vehicles used 87,927 gallons of gasoline. The total mileage traveled by all Sheriff's Office vehicles was 1,149,650, which was a decrease of 159,579 miles from 2019.



Supervisor
Tom Gehl



Jon Furseth



Matt Pyne

Normal Preventative Maintenance

Oil changes
Brakes
Alignments
Transmission Service

Non-Preventative Maintenance Duties

Prepare vehicle and maintenance budgets	Purchase parts for general maintenance
Create purchase orders for parts and equipment	Complete vehicle registrations
Change squads over from year to year	Warranty repairs
Drivability issues	Collision repairs
Emergency equipment repairs	Keep the fleet washed and cleaned
Repair squad radios	Repair mobile vehicle recorders

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Staff from the Rock County Information Technology Department coordinates the technology needs for the Sheriff's Office. IT staff supports every division and its technology including: computers, printers, phones, in-car video systems, system interfaces, and networking. They also support all software systems in use, such as the Spillman Records and Jail systems, Motorola's P1 Mobile, and BadgerTraCS electronic ticketing and crash reporting system.

The vision statement of Rock County IT states: *We foster collaborative relationships with our Rock County partners to provide innovative technology services and solutions in support of Rock County operations.*



Sara Herzig



Heather Butler



Tom Kavanaugh



Ryan McDowell

Currently, Public Safety IT supports over 40 different software packages, 180 computers/laptops, over 160 mobile units, and over 25 servers along with the hardware and networks that utilize these components. In 2020, some of the advancements implemented at the Rock County Sheriff's Office to assist our staff with daily operations included the following:

- ◆ Assisted users with the setup for the ability to work from home due to the COVID Pandemic
- ◆ Started replacing desktop computers with laptops for users who could work remotely
- ◆ Worked with Court Services to set up Zoom Court Hearings instead of transporting inmates to the Court House
- ◆ Replaced WatchGuard Server (used for the squad cameras)
- ◆ Replaced 6 squad laptops as well as several desktop/laptop replacements

SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU



RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU

The Recreational Safety Bureau's primary functions are boat and snowmobile enforcement which are funded in large part by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) through a reimbursement program. The Recreational Safety Bureau consists of one Bureau Supervisor and two Recreational Safety Deputies.

During Spring and Summer, the Recreational Safety Deputies are responsible for patrolling Rock County lakes and rivers and taking enforcement action. The Recreational Safety Deputies also work in partnership with the local Rock County DNR Wardens.

During the snowmobile season, the Recreational Safety Deputies are responsible for patrol and enforcement of the marked snowmobile trails throughout Rock County. These trails allow residents and non-residents the opportunity to explore Rock County. The primary goal of snowmobile patrol is keeping the trails safe through education and the enforcement of laws.



Dep. Cisneros



Dep. Berberich

The Recreational Safety Deputies are DNR certified as Lead Instructors for ATV, Boat, Hunter, and Snowmobile Safety Education Courses. These deputies attend specialized training throughout the year to ensure they are current on state laws and regulations regarding recreational activities.

In May of 2020, the Recreational Safety Bureau expanded with the addition of Deputy Kurt Berberich to work alongside Deputy Eric Cisneros who became a Recreational Safety Deputy in 2019.

NEW RECREATIONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

In May of 2020, Sergeant Christopher Krahn and Deputy Eric Cisneros traveled to Cocoa Beach, Florida to pick up the newly purchased Diamondback 19-foot aluminum airboat and to receive the included training. The new airboat is a significant upgrade over the previous airboat that the Sheriff's Office replaced due to age. The new airboat features a handcrafted all-aluminum construction hull with a two-person driver's compartment and two additional seats up front. Some upgrades include: windshield, roof for the driver, onboard police radio with wireless headset communication, LED lighting, and power stairs that can be lowered into the water during rescue scenarios. The new airboat is powered by a 525 horsepower, 454 cubic engine Chevrolet V-8 engine. It is capable of speeds in excess of 50 mph. The new airboat was quickly placed into service, and all Rescue Team members received training on its operation. The airboat proved to be an asset during several search and recovery incidents in 2020 due to its ability to navigate through very shallow water.





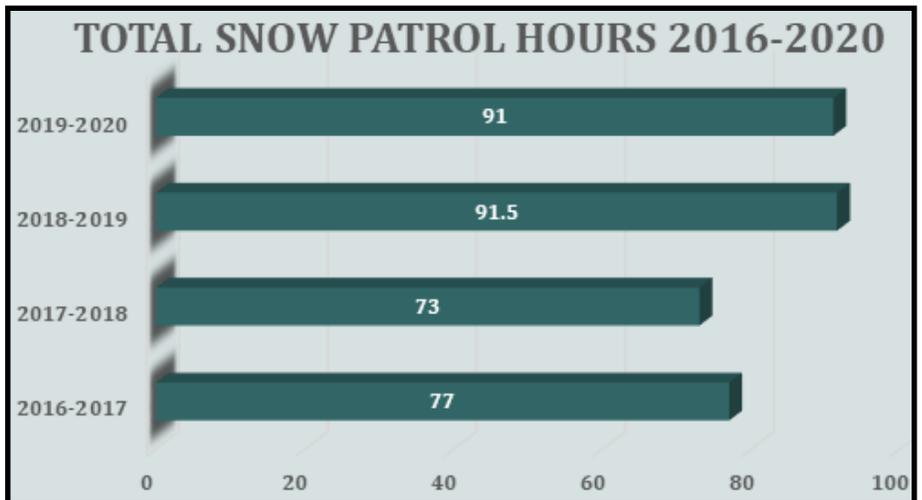
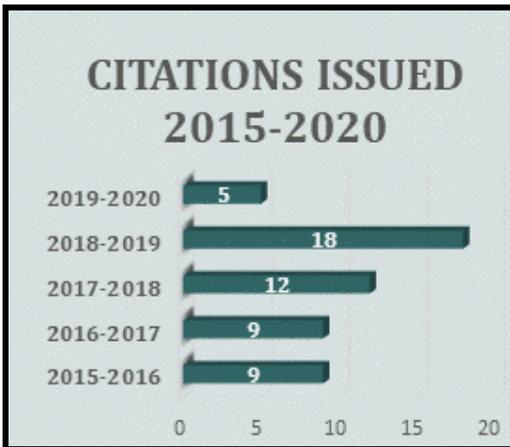
SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU—SNOWMOBILE ENFORCEMENT TEAM

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is responsible for patrolling the 220 miles of snowmobile trails located within Rock County.

The Enforcement Team patrolled a total of 91 hours during the 2019-2020 snowmobile season. They issued 5 citations and 3 written warnings.

Snowmobile patrol expenses generated throughout the year are reimbursed up to 100 percent through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Snowmobile Enforcement Patrol Grant Program. Expenses reimbursed include, but are not limited to: salaries, snowmobiles, trailers, equipment, training, and fuel. For the 2019-2020 season, snowmobile patrol expenses totaled \$9,262, with a total reimbursement of \$5,022.



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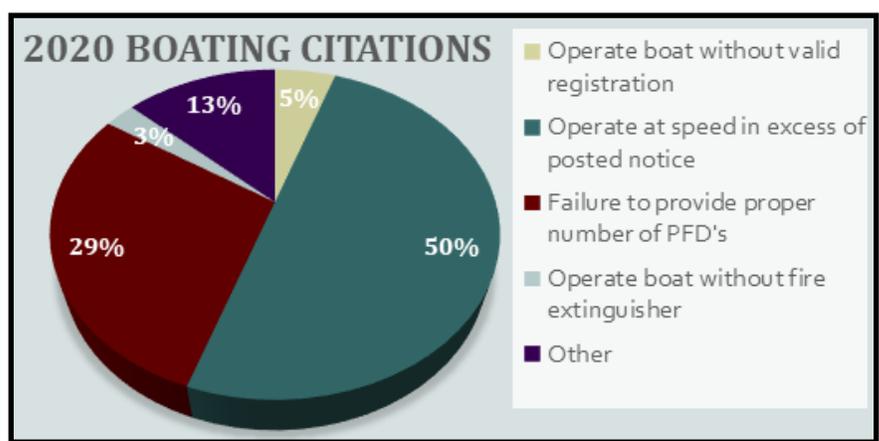
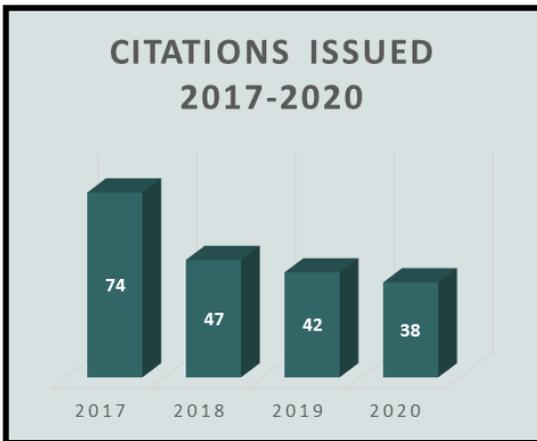


RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU—BOAT ENFORCEMENT TEAM

In 2020, the Enforcement Team patrolled nearly 250 hours on the water during the summer boating season. During this time, the boat patrol assisted vessels, provided enforcement of Wisconsin boating laws, and instructed boater education courses. The Enforcement Team made contact with a total of 483 boats, which resulted in 38 citations and 100 written warnings. Each boat contact occurred due to an observable violation. Boat patrol personnel checked each stopped boat for all of the required safety equipment.

The Enforcement Team practices at least two times a year to ensure all members are familiar with the recreational equipment and are up to date with current recreational laws.

Boat patrol expenses generated throughout the year are reimbursed up to 75 percent through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Boat Enforcement Patrol Grant Program. Reimbursed expenses include, but are not limited to: salaries, boats, equipment, training, and fuel. For the 2019-2020 season, boat patrol expenses totaled \$34,267.





SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU—RESCUE TEAM

The Rescue Team consists of fifteen members, including Sergeants, Deputies, Correctional Officers, and one member from the Town of Beloit Fire Department. The Rescue Team is overseen administratively by the Patrol Bureau Captain.

The majority of the Rescue Team members are PADI Certified Divers. Team members' certifications include Basic Open Water, Rescue Diver, Ice Rescue Diver, Full-Face Mask, Dry Suit, Advanced Open Water, Deep Diver, and Underwater Evidence Collection.

The Rescue Team trains monthly to ensure familiarization with all of the recreational safety equipment. Each member is required to complete Boat, ATV, and Snowmobile Safety Certification Courses endorsed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Rescue Team members are specialized in search, rescue, and recovery techniques. Rescue practices are conducted throughout the year with the Janesville Fire Department, the Beloit Fire Department and the Town of Beloit Fire Department to ensure consistency in these techniques throughout the county. Rescue Team members are cross-trained in recreational vehicle operation and several dive functions to ensure a more efficient search, rescue, and/or recovery response.

During 2020, the Rescue Team responded to the following incidents:

January 18, 2020 – Rescue Team members responded to the frozen Rock River near Watertown, Wisconsin to assist Jefferson County Sheriff's Office with the body recovery of an adult male.

June 11, 2020 – Rescue Team members responded by boat to the area of the "Devil's Staircase" near Riverside Park in Janesville to rescue two children who slid off a steep edge of the Ice Age Trail. One of the children fell into the Rock River, and the other child went into the water to help. Rescue Team members arrived on scene and brought the two children to safety.

June 25, 2020 – Rescue Team members responded to the area of the former Monterey Dam in Janesville for a witnessed drowning of a 9-year-old girl in the Rock River. The Rescue Team worked relentlessly in the recovery efforts of this child. Sadly, the recovery of her body was made five days after the initial incident occurred. Assisting agencies included the Janesville Fire Department, the Town of Beloit Fire Department, the Beloit Fire Department, the Edgerton Fire Department, the Janesville Police Department, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Wisconsin K9 SOS Search and Rescue.

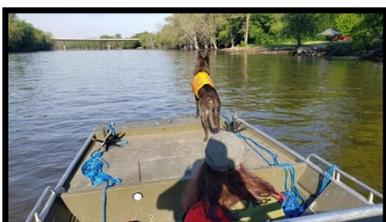


July 19, 2020 – Rescue Team members responded to Murwin County Park for a capsized canoe in the Yahara River. Once on scene, it was discovered that there were five occupants in the water. With the assistance of the Edgerton Fire Department and the Wisconsin State Patrol, all five people were safely rescued.

July 25, 2020 – Rescue Team members responded to Indian Lake for a witnessed drowning of two adult males. The Janesville Fire Department also responded and recovered both subsurface subjects. Lifesaving efforts were performed, and both subjects were transported to a local hospital where they later died.

August 22, 2020 – Rescue Team members responded to the Sugar River in Avon Township to locate two kayakers who became disoriented. The kayakers were both located and brought to safety.

December 10, 2020 – Rescue Team members responded to the Portland Avenue Bridge in the City of Beloit for the recovery of a firearm in the Rock River.



SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU



RECREATIONAL SAFETY BUREAU—SAFETY EDUCATION CLASSES

HUNTER EDUCATION

In 2020, the Rock County Sheriff's Office offered four Hunter Safety Education Courses at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Janesville. Due to COVID-19, staff and students followed strict DNR Safe Practice guidelines including temperature checks, wearing face masks in the classroom, and social distancing. A total of 91 students graduated from Rock County Sheriff's Office DNR Hunter Safety Education Courses in 2020.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office has a total of 16 certified Hunter Education Instructors with one Lead Instructor. In 2020, Correctional Officer Stephen Kreuter and Deputy Cole Walsh received certification as Hunter Education Instructors. All DNR Safety Education Instructors are required to attend a recertification course every three years to maintain their certification.



SNOWMOBILE EDUCATION

The Rock County Sheriff's Office hosted three Snowmobile Safety Education Courses during the 2019-2020 snowmobile season with a total of 70 graduates.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office has four certified Snowmobile Education Instructors with one Lead Instructor.



SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

TRAINING BUREAU



Sergeant
Christopher Krahn

The Training Bureau staff includes one Sergeant and one Secretary I. The Training Sergeant also supervises the two Recreational Safety Deputies. The Training Bureau coordinates agency training as well as community outreach endeavors, including community engagement events, internships, and recruitment. In addition, the Training Bureau performs various administrative responsibilities.

In 2020, Rock County Sheriff's Office staff completed over 14,421.55 training hours, including 5,514.18 hours of external training and 8,907.37 hours of internal training. COVID-19 significantly impacted training hours. Specialty team training was suspended for many months.



Secretary I
Nicole Barrington

COVID-19 TRAINING RESPONSE

Due to the unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic, the Training Bureau adapted quickly to new and innovative ways to train our staff. Throughout 2020, staff completed a significant amount of training in a virtual format, such as online courses, webinars, and interactive live-stream classes.

Trainings that required in-person instruction looked very different in 2020. Staff followed strict COVID-19 Safe Practices, including wearing masks indoors and socially-distant seating. All staff completed virtual COVID-19 training specific to their job duties in Law Enforcement or Corrections.

Although 2020 offered many challenges, with COVID-19 Safe Practices in place and the use of virtual training, every law enforcement officer and jail officer met the minimum training hours for recertification.

HOSTED TRAININGS

In 2020, the Rock County Sheriff's Office hosted several trainings for not only our staff, but also for other local law enforcement officers.

COUNTYWIDE ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

The Rock County Sheriff's Office, the Janesville Police Department and the Town of Beloit Police Department hosted a multi-agency active shooter training at the Blackhawk Technical College - Milton Campus on March 11, 2020. This training emphasized responding to active threats in our community. A total of 73 law enforcement officers participated in this countywide training.

BASIC GLOCK ARMORER CERTIFICATION COURSE

The 8-hour Basic Armorer Course on September 29, 2020, offered by GLOCK Professional, Inc., prepared our firearms instructors to maintain the handguns assigned to our sworn staff. By utilizing the Rock County Job Center, we facilitated 31 law enforcement officers receiving instruction in the assembly and disassembly of GLOCK pistols. Our agency certified four new firearms instructors and recertified two others. Certification lasts for three years. The Rock County Sheriff's Office has a total of eleven GLOCK Armorers. Armorers inspect weapons annually and service them as needed.

BASIC AR-15 ARMORER CERTIFICATION COURSE

The 16-hour AR-15 Armorer Course on May 26-27, 2020, presented by Defensive Edge Training SLR15 Rifles, provided attendees with the knowledge to maintain AR-15 rifles. By hosting, we enabled 14 law enforcement officers to receive certification or recertification in servicing AR-15 rifles. This included five of our firearms instructors. Certification lasts for five years. The Rock County Sheriff's Office has five AR-15 Armorers.

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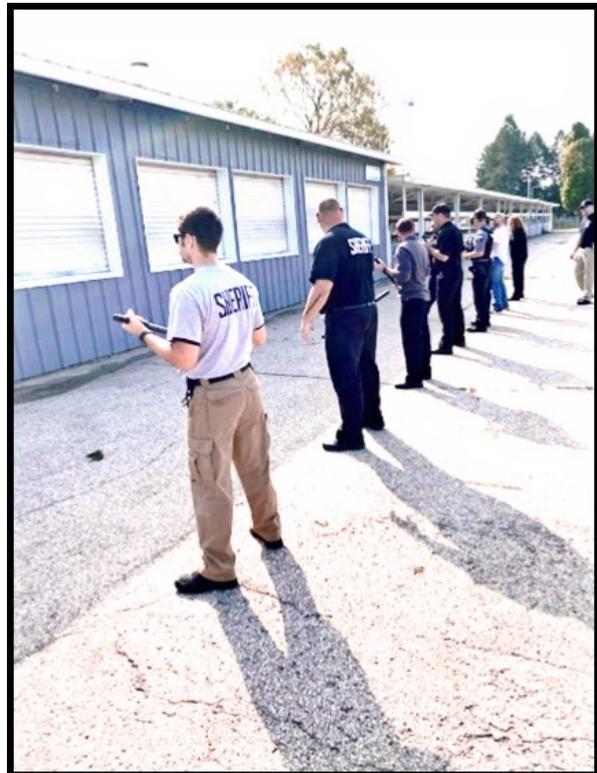
TRAINING BUREAU

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

2020 SWORN STAFF IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Sworn staff must complete 24 hours of training every 12 months to maintain their Wisconsin Department of Justice Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) Certification as a Law Enforcement Officer. The Sheriff's Office held an 8-hour Winter In-Service and a 24-hour Fall In-Service. Sworn staff completed training in the following topics:

- ◆ GLOCK Inspection, LESB Handgun Qualification, and LESB Rifle Qualification
- ◆ Professional Development
- ◆ Dementia
- ◆ CPR AED Recertification and Narcan Update
- ◆ Stress Management and Officer Wellness
- ◆ Evidence Collection and Storage
- ◆ Mobile Field Force (Crowd Control)
- ◆ De-Escalation and Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT)



2020 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY GRADUATES

In 2020, Deputy Kunkel graduated from a Law Enforcement Academy at Blackhawk Technical College. Law Enforcement Academy recruits complete 720 instructional hours. Recruits focus on learning the theories of law enforcement that are essential for a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin. Recruits participate in extensive training, including classroom instruction, hands-on practical exercises, scenarios, and a physical fitness component.

After the Law Enforcement Academy, new deputies must complete a 15-week Police Training Officer (PTO) Program. The PTO Program incorporates Problem-Based Learning (PBL) techniques to assist new deputies in developing the knowledge and skills necessary to perform the job functions of a Deputy Sheriff. The PTO Program consists of four critical training phases: Non-Emergency Incident Response, Patrol Operations, Emergency Incident Response, and Criminal Investigations. During the PTO Program, new deputies work closely with an experienced PTO who serves as a guide and mentor.

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TRAINING BUREAU

CORRECTIONS TRAINING

2020 CORRECTIONAL STAFF IN-SERVICE TRAINING

Correctional staff must complete 24 hours of training every 12 months to maintain their Wisconsin Department of Justice Law Enforcement Standards Board Certification as a Jail Officer. Consequently, the Sheriff's Office held an 8-hour Winter In-Service and a 24-hour Fall In-Service. In 2020, correctional staff completed training in the following topics:

- ◆ Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)
- ◆ Gangs
- ◆ Professional Development
- ◆ Dementia
- ◆ CPR AED Recertification and Narcan Update
- ◆ Stress Management
- ◆ Officer Wellness
- ◆ Fire Safety and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
- ◆ Suicide Prevention
- ◆ Report Writing
- ◆ Strip Searches
- ◆ Medication Pass
- ◆ Correctional Philosophy
- ◆ De-Escalation and Principles of Subject Control (POSC)



2020 JAIL ACADEMY GRADUATES

In 2020, nine Correctional Officers graduated from a Jail Academy. Correctional Officers Diaz, Flores, Hookstead, Jensen, Mareno, Omelian, Simonson, and Woodman attended a Jail Academy at Blackhawk Technical College from March 2020 through May 2020. Correctional Officer Kinnamon completed a Jail Academy at the Dane County Law Enforcement Training Center from December 2020 through January 2021.

Jail Academy recruits receive 200 instructional hours. Training includes classroom instruction and hands-on practical applications.

In addition to attending the Jail Academy, new correctional officers also complete an 8-week Jail Training Program onsite in the Rock County Jail. During the Jail Training Program, new hires work with an experienced Jail Training Officer.



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

THE ROCK COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (CEOC)



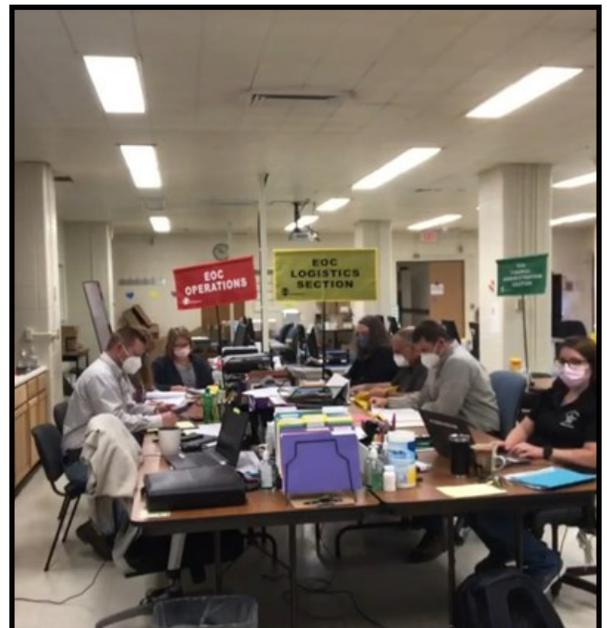
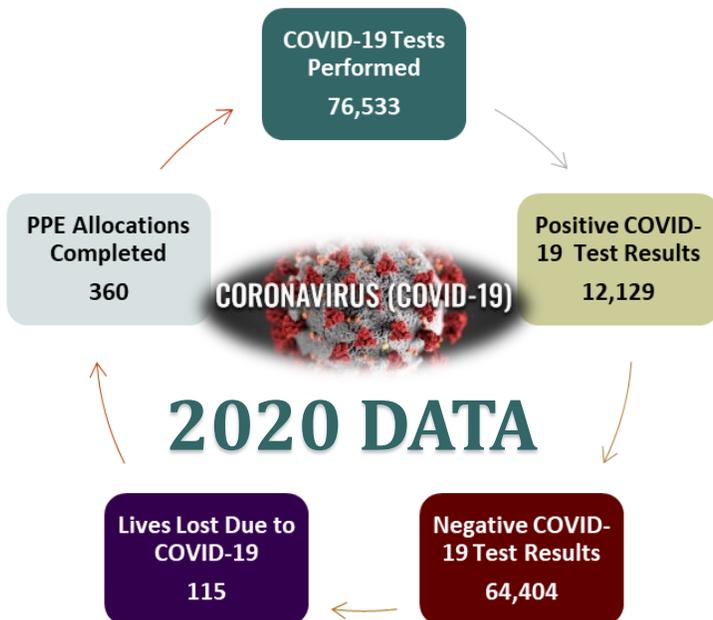
Sergeant
Shena Kohler



Administrative
Assistant
Tamera Kettleison

For the Rock County Emergency Management Bureau, responding to a pandemic was significantly different than responding to any other disasters responded to in previous years. The traditional methods of coordinating resources and bringing stakeholders together required an alternative approach to prevent the spread of COVID-19. While a core team of emergency management representatives established the County Emergency Operations Center (CEOC), several support roles would need to mobilize virtually to ensure staff members were healthy and available to work. This would present its own historical set of challenges and opportunities.

The CEOC activated on March 12, 2020, following consultation with the EMS Advisory during a committee meeting at Edgerton Hospital. EMS representatives from across the county participated to provide their support for activating the CEOC and working collaboratively. As 2020 closes, the CEOC remains open, hosting a weekly COVID-19 testing site in partnership with Blackhawk Technical College. In addition, Rock County Emergency Management and the CEOC, along with the Rock County Vaccine Advisory Committee, joined forces to ensure equitable access to the COVID-19 vaccine for citizens of Rock County in partnership with the State of Wisconsin.



CEOC Staff early on in the COVID-19 Pandemic

We are again reminded that no two disasters are the same. We must capture the lessons learned through the longest CEOC activation in Rock County's history. We must share the narrative of the first ever virtual CEOC activation in Rock County. We must leverage the experience that 2020 has provided us to build a greater resilience for future disasters. Our strength is in our ability to adapt and the people who get us through.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Disasters come in all shapes and sizes. Some last for a few hours and some last for a few days. Pandemics last much longer; often 12 – 18 months. These long-term disasters require incredibly large teams of support to coordinate the resources and information needs of a community. In Rock County, it was through adaptation and improvisation that we were able to build an increased capacity, which allowed a collaborative response to the needs of the stakeholders in the battle against COVID-19.

“Our strength is in our ability to adapt and the people who get us through.”



PPE Orders Ready to Go



Stock of Gloves for EOC Allocations



The Department of Public Works Staff assisted with Hand Sanitizer and Wipes for CEOC Allocations



SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

The Hostage Negotiations Team works in connection with the Rock County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team during crisis situations. The Hostage Negotiations Team attempts to communicate with subjects to obtain a peaceful resolution.



The Hostage Negotiations Team currently consists of both Patrol and Correctional staff and is led by Sergeant Caleb Beutin. Sergeant Michael Schauer, Deputy Jason Laufenberg, Deputy Monica Fuentes, Deputy Niles Boeche, Correctional Supervisor Erin Wilson, Correctional Officer Dan Banks and Town of Beloit Lieutenant LeAnn Jones make up the remainder of the team.

The team received a new throw phone system which is all cellular based. There are many new features with this system for the team to utilize during call outs.



The Hostage Negotiations Team did not have any callouts during the year. Due to COVID-19, the Hostage Negotiations Team was only able to have three practices which consisted of learning our new phone system. We look forward to resuming our trainings in 2021.

SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU



GRANTS

During 2020, the Rock County Sheriff's Office was awarded grants totaling \$514,380

\$125,000—Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD): The TAD Program provides grants to counties to develop treatment and diversion alternatives to jail and prison sentences for non-violent offenders for whom substance abuse was a contributing factor in their criminal activity.

\$90,307—Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG): The federal government, through the EMPG Program, provides necessary direction, coordination, and guidance, and provides necessary assistance to support a comprehensive all-hazards emergency preparedness system. The funds were used to support the Emergency Management Division.

\$65,000—High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA): The HIDTA Program mission is to measurably reduce drug trafficking and associated violent crime. The funds were spent on overtime and equipment.

\$48,918—Highway Safety Project: The Highway Safety Project is designed to reduce traffic accidents, deaths, and injuries on the highways. The project has three segments which are Alcohol Enforcement, Speed Enforcement, and Seatbelt Enforcement. Funds were spent on overtime saturation patrols.

\$36,421—Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Grant: EPCRA establishes requirements regarding emergency planning and "Community Right-to-Know" reporting on hazardous and toxic chemicals. Communities, working with facilities, can use the information to improve chemical safety and protect public health and the environment. The funds were used to operate the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

\$27,852—State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP): SCAAP provides federal payments to states and localities that incur correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens. The funds may be used only for correctional purposes.

\$26,074—Department of Natural Resources State Aid for Water Patrol: The Sheriff's Office partners with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to perform search and rescue missions and to enforce state and local ordinances on local waterways.

\$6,189—Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program/Equitably Shared Funds: The Asset Forfeiture Program is a nationwide law enforcement initiative that removes the tools of crime from criminal organizations, deprives wrongdoers of the proceeds of their crimes, recovers property, and deters crime.

\$15,813—State Aid for Hazardous Materials Response System: The Response System is made up of taskforces comprised of hazardous materials response teams strategically located throughout the state. Funds were used for training and equipment for the County Hazardous Response Team (Janesville Fire Department).

\$5,023—Department of Natural Resources State Aid for Snowmobile Patrol: The Sheriff's Office partners with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to perform search and rescue missions and to enforce state and local ordinances on the trails.

\$3,910—Computer and Hazardous Material Equipment Grant: Funds were used to purchase equipment for the Hazardous Materials Response Team.

\$5,865—Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG): The JAG Program is a partnership among federal, state, and local governments to create safer communities. Grants may be used to provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems. In 2020, the Sheriff's Office partnered with the Beloit and Janesville Police Departments. The three agencies received an award totaling \$29,321.

\$58,008—Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF): The Department of Justice provided federal funds to assist with the COVID-19 Pandemic's unexpected expenses. The funds were used for the increased cleaning and sanitation supplies, new sanitization equipment, overtime expenses due to staffing requirements, as well as COVID-19 testing itself.





SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU

MOBILE FIELD FORCE TEAM

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Mobile Field Force Team was formed in 2012. This 13-member team trained with similar teams from the Janesville and Beloit Police Departments. These three teams are designed to form a multi-jurisdictional response to situations requiring teams that are specially trained and equipped for crowd management.

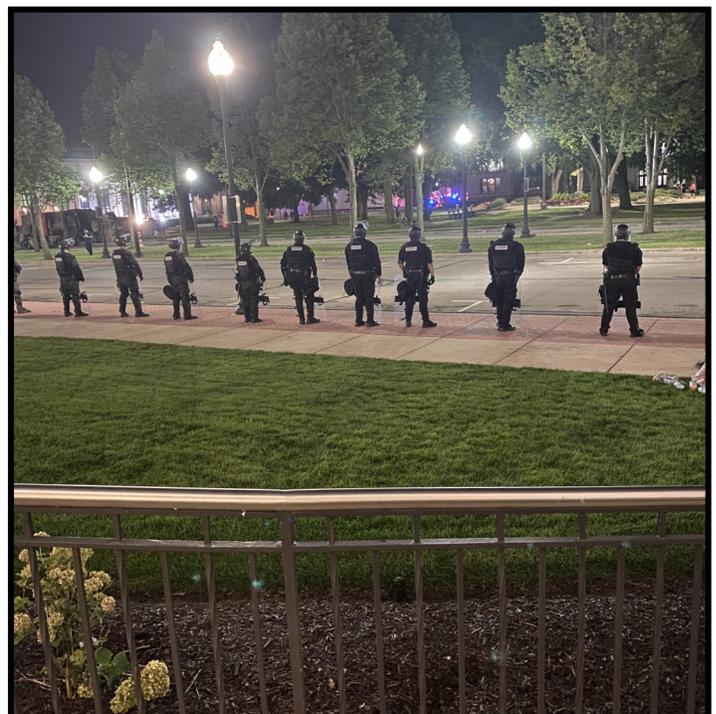
The Mobile Field Force Team consists of a Team Commander, an Assistant Team Commander, and eleven Operators. Within the operator ranks, eleven members have received advanced training in Field Force Extractions in Anniston, Alabama. This "Cut Team" would be assigned to extract embedded protestors that are utilizing protestor devices. Two Mobile Field Force members are cross trained as grenadiers to deliver chemical and non-chemical crowd management and dispersal products. Additionally, six operators are trained as team leaders.

Rock County Sheriff's Office Mobile Field Force Team Mission Statement:

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Mobile Field Force Team was established to maintain or re-establish peace and order during varying levels of civil unrest. The Mission of the Rock County Sheriff's Office Mobile Field Force is to ensure that the protection of the First Amendment and other civil rights are upheld for all individuals and groups. The Rock County Sheriff's Office Mobile Field Force will fairly and impartially enforce laws, protect individuals' life and property, and protect vital facilities.

Goals for 2021

It is uncertain, but there is a high probability of continued protesting and civil unrest as we move forward in 2021. Short term goals include expanding the team by two or three members and ensuring all team members have appropriate/relevant equipment. Long term goals are for all team members to receive Field Force Extrication training and more collaborative training with other agencies and the Rock County SWAT team.



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MOBILE FIELD FORCE TEAM

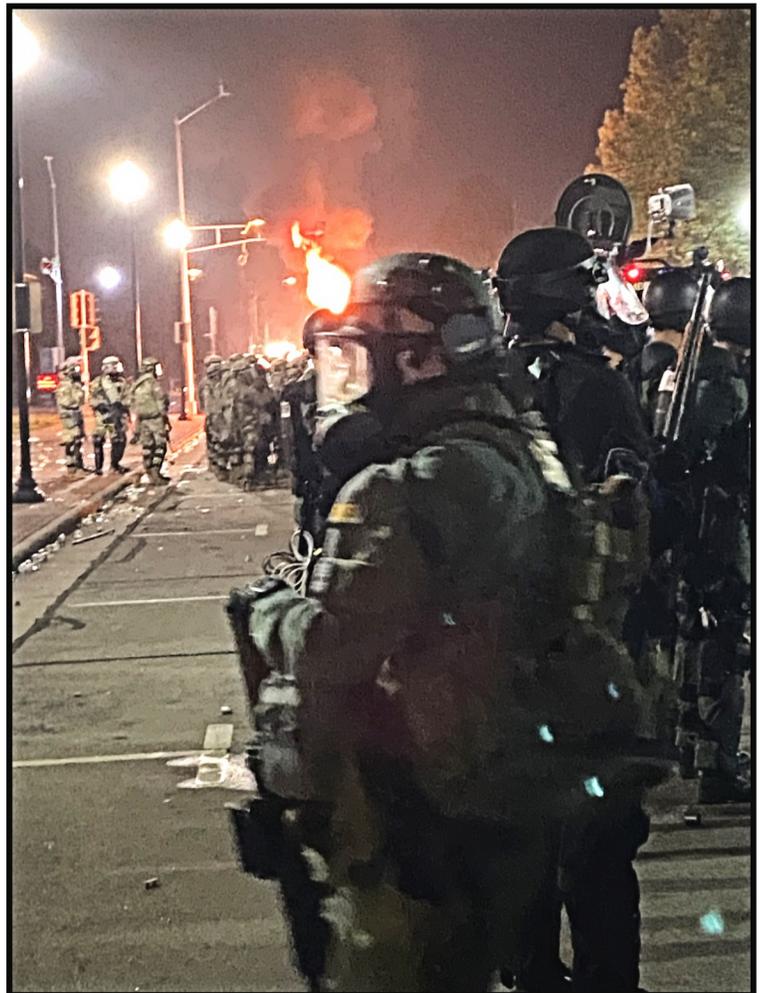
Mobile Field Force Deployments in 2020

The year 2020 ushered in an era of protesting and unfortunate violence throughout the nation. Political views, racial injustice, a pandemic, and a call for police reform all created a volatile environment in this country. In total, the Rock County Mobile Field Force deployed for 21 individual protesting events. Venues included: City of Madison (State Street and Capital Building), City of Janesville (US Post Office and Courthouse), City of Beloit, City of Kenosha and the City of Wauwatosa.

Many of the events occurred on the same day, requiring the Team to oversee separate protests at separate venues within a 24-hour period. Many of these protests were also multiple-day commitments for the team. These types of deployments are very taxing on the agency as well as families of the team members.

The Mobile Field Force Team also provided assistance for two separate Presidential Campaign events.

The Mobile Field Force Team created and instructed a four-hour module for each Fall In-Service class. The goal was to expose all Deputies to the concepts of Crowd Control and provide basic training to personnel. The training was so successful, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requested two four-hour trainings for the 50 Wardens assigned to Southern Wisconsin.





SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU



SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT)

The Rock County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team responds to critical incidents and provides tactical expertise that exceeds the capabilities of patrol personnel. The SWAT Team can conduct the following functions: hostage rescue, armed barricaded subject, high-risk warrant service, high-risk apprehension, high-risk security operations, dignitary protection, armored vehicle operations, and other special operations as designated by the SWAT Commander.

The SWAT Team currently consists of twenty-one Operators, three Medics, a Tactical sUAS (drone) Pilot, and a Scribe. The Sheriff's Office SWAT Team is a multi-agency endeavor with one Operator from the Town of Beloit Police Department, two Operators from the Evansville Police Department, and three Paramedics from the Town of Beloit Fire Department. These partnerships enhance the team's capabilities. The SWAT Team looks to fill four Operator vacancies in 2021; these additions would bring the SWAT Team to full strength at twenty-six Operators.

In 2020, Assistant SWAT Commander Aaron Burdick retired from the team. Between the retirements in 2019 and 2020, most leadership roles within the SWAT Team changed in 2020. These changes include new Operators in the following roles: SWAT Commander, Assistant SWAT Commander, Entry Team Leader, and Perimeter Team Leader. This transition period allowed many Operators opportunities to take on new tasks and expand their contribution to the team.

The COVID-19 Pandemic significantly impacted the amount of training the SWAT Team completed in 2020. Nevertheless, the SWAT Team maintained callout readiness. National events brought other demands in 2020 including several dignitary protection details related to the presidential election and an increase in crowd control deployments in response to civil unrest.



SWAT Team Practice Photos



Assistant SWAT Commander Aaron Burdick retired from the team in 2020 after 19 years.

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SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT)

SWAT CALLOUTS FOR 2020

In 2020, the Rock County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team activated seven times. This is a decrease of two incidents from 2019.

March 11, 2020 – High-Risk Search Warrant at 823 Church Street in the City of Beloit. The SWAT Team cancelled this warrant service due to investigative inconsistencies.

June 6, 2020 – Afton Callout to search for suspect from shooting on Conde Street in the City of Janesville. The SWAT Team searched numerous areas throughout Afton, including the bike trail, several residences, and businesses. The suspect was taken into custody a few days later.

July 28, 2020 – High-Risk Search Warrant at 3303 Aurora Lane in Janesville. The SWAT Team detained three targets, cleared the residence, and turned the scene over to the Rock County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit.

August 12, 2020 – Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Search Warrant at 5816 Melrose Drive in Janesville. The suspect was arrested during a traffic stop, and the SWAT Team secured the residence.

August 19, 2020 – Dignitary Protection Detail for Vice President Pence. The SWAT Team provided airport and motorcade security when Vice President Pence traveled to and from a campaign event at Tankcraft Corporation in Darien.

September 14, 2020 – Dignitary Protection Detail for Vice President Pence. The SWAT Team provided airport and motorcade security for Vice President Pence's campaign event at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Janesville.

October 17, 2020 – Dignitary Protection for President Trump's Campaign Rally at the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport. The SWAT Team served as the Primary Tactical Team. Duties included airport and venue security details. Operational areas included the airport grounds and surrounding locations with parking at Blackhawk Technical College. Over 8,500 people attended this event..





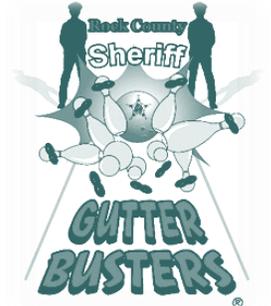
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM

GUTTER BUSTERS – MARCH 8, 2020

In 2020, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Community Engagement Team participated in very few community events and presentations. We understand the importance of these interactions, and we cannot wait to return to normal.

Team members include Sergeant Krahn, Sergeant Amador, Sergeant Brown, Sergeant Lund, Sergeant Ooms, Sergeant Westness, Deputy Barr, Deputy Huber, Deputy Lund, Deputy Miller, Correctional Officer Mansfield, Correctional Officer McElroy, and Secretary I Barrington. The Training Sergeant oversees the Community Engagement Team and coordinates our agency's involvement in community events.



SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM

TOBACCO HERITAGE DAYS 2020



Deputy Cisneros was awarded the Tobacco Days Hometown Hero award.



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM



SHOP WITH A COP - DECEMBER 16, 2020



SHOP
with a
COP



SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU



A few social media posts from 2020...



Third Shift Deputies Christidis, Lyga and Stalker keeping Rock County safe throughout the night.



Not a cat burglar, "Just Kitten Around".



Sergeant Amador and Deputy Salazar participate in a Cinco de Mayo celebration.



The Rock County Sheriff's office is a proud member of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Afterschool Alliance. October 22, 2020 was the 21st Annual Lights On Afterschool Campaign. Deputies Walsh, St. Michael, Valencia, Kunkel and K9 Kamo show their support as "lightbulbs". The afterschool programs provide positive mentorships, nutritious meals and a safe place to go for our youth who might otherwise be left unsupervised, especially with school schedules in flux due to the pandemic.



DETECTIVE BUREAU



Captain Aaron Burdick

Detectives of the Rock County Sheriff's Office primarily focus on felony criminal investigations. These investigations could include homicides, sexual assaults, burglaries, robberies and arsons. At times, the Detective Bureau will be called upon to assist other agencies with their own investigations that may require specialized investigative techniques or equipment. The Detective Bureau also works closely with the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and the Bureau of Identification (B of I). The Detective Bureau consists of one Captain, six Detectives and one Secretary I.



**Secretary I
Sandra Hill**



Det. Bilhorn



Det. Cowan



Det. Douglas



Det. Ducharme



Det. Knutson



Det. Reilly

In 2019, the Detective Bureau went through significant personnel changes. In February of 2020, Deputy Beau Douglas was promoted to the rank of Detective, which completed the personnel changes that began in 2019. Detective Douglas brought 14 years of Patrol experience along with specialized skills in the PTO program and Traffic Crash Reconstruction. The experience and character he brings to the Detective Bureau will enhance the bureau's expertise.

New in 2020, we trained and equipped two Detectives to begin conducting Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cases. These cases are complex and highly specialized. We have partnered with the Wisconsin ICAC Taskforce to help investigate these crimes in Rock County.

In 2020, the Detective Bureau submitted a 2021 budget request for a Crime Analyst position, which was approved. With the complexity of crime and digital evidence, we feel this position will greatly enhance our effectiveness in complex investigations.

In 2020, the Detective Bureau worked 110 cases which netted 225 arrests and conducted 85 background investigations.

DETECTIVE BUREAU



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU)



Sgt. Jacobson



Dep. Schmidt



Dep. Shaw



Dep. Wenger

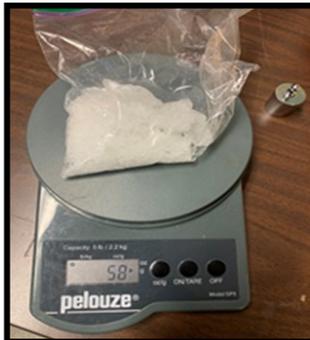


Dep. Whitehead

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) of the Rock County Sheriff's Office is a small unit comprised of one Sergeant and four full-time Deputy Sheriffs. The primary focus of the SIU is to investigate the distribution of illegal narcotics in the Rock County area. Other Rock County law enforcement agencies including Clinton, Edgerton, Evansville, Milton and Beloit Township provide intelligence on criminal activity and assist the Special Investigations Unit on a part-time basis. While the primary focus of SIU is conducting drug investigations, they also assist the Detective Bureau and Patrol Division in specialized criminal investigations.

The Special Investigations Unit of the Rock County Sheriff's Office is part of the South Central Drug Task Force which is associated with North Central High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The partnership with this initiative allows members from the Rock County Sheriff's Office to access sponsored training and receive funding for investigative purposes and equipment. Portions of this funding can also be used to cover the reimbursement of overtime during qualified cases.

The SIU unit allows the Sheriff's Office the ability to work on investigations collaboratively with other law enforcement jurisdictions. This collective effort strives to make Rock County a safer place to live.



In 2020, the Special Investigations Unit focused on the availability of Crack, Powder Cocaine, and Methamphetamines that have caused numerous problems throughout the county. The availability of Crack and Powder Cocaine appears to be on the decline. However, we have noticed an increase in the availability of Heroin, Fentanyl and Methamphetamines in the area. This will be a focus of the SIU as we move forward into 2021. The following statistics show the drugs that have been seized by SIU for the last two years.



2019 Statistics

Arrests	Total Charges	Methamphetamines	Marijuana	Marijuana Plants	Powder Cocaine	Crack Cocaine	Heroin/Fentanyl	Community Presentations	Cash Seized
46	119	142.8 g	14.76 lbs	0	609.4 g	180 g	9.5 g	3	\$63,050

2020 Statistics

Arrests	Total Charges	Methamphetamines	Marijuana	Marijuana Plants	Powder Cocaine	Crack Cocaine	Heroin/Fentanyl	Community Presentations	Cash Seized
48	121	1,670.99 g	13.13 lbs	2	51.6 g	11.1 g	365.63 g	0	\$48,383



DETECTIVE BUREAU

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS (B OF I)

The Bureau of Identification (B of I) is a support unit that primarily manages property and evidence associated with criminal investigations from all divisions of the Rock County Sheriff's Office. This bureau is staffed with a Sergeant and two Deputy Sheriffs.

Personnel assigned to B of I require specialized training to perform these job functions. Deputies assigned to this position are encouraged to attend yearly training to build and expand their abilities. Specialized training topics for these deputies include:

- ◆ Evidence Technician School
- ◆ Property Management Training
- ◆ Criminal Photography
- ◆ Criminal Investigation Training
- ◆ Pathology & DNA Training



Dep. Hanthorn



Dep. Wescott

Utilizing the specialized training, the Deputies assigned to the Bureau of Identification have several different job duties associated with the position. Some of those duties include:

- ◆ Control and management of all evidence and property seized by the Sheriff's Office
- ◆ Crime scene processing (e.g. photographs, evidence collection & documentation)
- ◆ Processing and maintaining all criminal and traffic related audio, video and photo archives
- ◆ Facilitate the transport of evidence that requires processing by the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory
- ◆ Prepare evidence for court proceedings
- ◆ Provide basic evidence technician training for Rock County Sheriff's Office personnel
- ◆ Provide court testimony for the collection and testing of evidentiary items
- ◆ Community education and presentations

In 2020, The Bureau of Identification dealt with a decrease in all areas that are tracked for statistical purposes with the exception of evidence processed in the office. In total, there are over 9,500 pieces of evidence currently being held, and this does not include any of the media evidence (photos/videos).



B of I Statistics	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5 Year Avg.
Evidence Submitted	1,993	2,006	2,039	1,790	1,614	1,888
Evidence Disposed	477	2,557	1,455	1,902	1,442	1,566
Cases Involving Media Evidence	1,851	1,975	2,064	2,009	1,908	1,961
Evidence Processed in RCSO Lab	244	685	1,153	945	985	802
Evidence Submitted to Crime Lab	488	391	276	296	269	344
Crime Scenes/Vehicles Processed	25	32	30	38	23	30

DETECTIVE BUREAU



SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS TEAM

The Rock County Sheriff's Office's small Unmanned Aerial System (sUAS) Team was created to enhance our mission of protecting lives and property. This team operates under strict accordance with constitutional and privacy rights and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines.

Small Unmanned Aerial Systems is a powered, aerial vehicle that can gather, record and transmit sound or images. It does not carry a human operator and can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely. These systems are commonly referred to as "drones".

The sUAS Team can be used to amplify the Deputies' efforts in several types of calls. The most common calls for service are active search and rescue missions, crash and crime scene documentation and reconstruction, and site assessments for natural disasters. The team is comprised of six members. The team is coordinated by Cpt. Aaron Burdick and assistant, Dep. Jason Wescott. There are four additional Pilots: Dep. Chris Hasseler, Dep. Ross Wenger, CO Steven Fraser and CO Aaron Mikel. All members are certified with Remote Pilot Licenses through the FAA. The team practices monthly for outdoor, indoor and night missions. This equipment has the capability of taking still photographs and video using daylight cameras or thermal imaging. These images can be viewed live or saved to a file for record purposes.

In 2020, the sUAS team was deployed 17 times. These deployments were to assist in traffic crash investigations, outdoor crime scenes and search and rescue.

On 04/22/20, the sUAS Team was requested to assist Milton Fire Department in a major fire investigation at the Lakeland Campground where dozens of campers and golf carts had been completely consumed by fire. The sUAS Team was tasked with photographing this large area in an attempt to assist in finding the cause and origin of the fire.

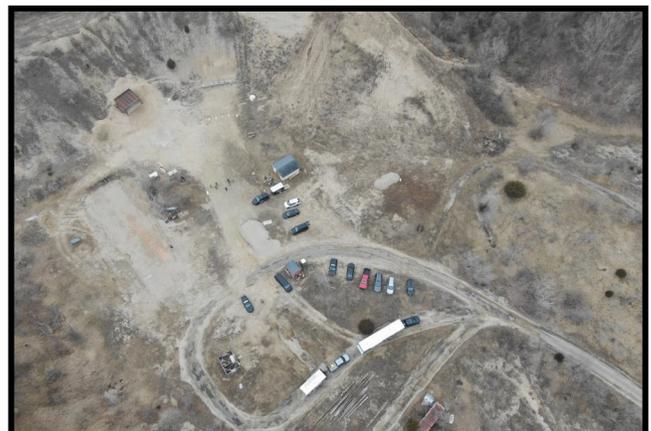
The sUAS Team goal for 2021 is to continue to expand our capabilities through training and technology.



sUAS Team members: CO Fraser, Dep. Wescott, Dep. Wenger, Dep. Hasseler and CO Mikel.



Nighttime photo of Rock Haven



Aerial view of SWAT Team practice at the Newville Pit

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