



# DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## Sheriff's Office Accomplishments

Since 2015, I have put together annual performance objectives to ensure that the agency has direction and goals for each year. Soon I will be releasing our 2018 performance objectives. They will be posted on the sheriff's office Facebook page and website [www.dodgecountysheriff.com](http://www.dodgecountysheriff.com). As a result, I thought I would take a look back at a couple projects from this year and successes that continue from previous years.

Our biggest accomplishment of 2017 is transitioning to a county-wide records management system. For the first time ever, we have one system used by 18 law enforcement agencies. As a result we now have the ability to share information in hopes of providing more effective service. Spillman went live on December 11, 2017 and while there is still much to learn and things to work through, we have seen a night and day difference between the implementation of Spillman compared to the implementation of New World. We've had no major system problems or crashes like we did last time. Searching for information is easier and we can pull more information faster. Of course software has its challenges but we are off to a great start.

We also replaced our outdated squad cameras with a system that includes body cameras. Our old system was dated when it was purchased and as a result it didn't take long to have problems. That required purchasing old parts from other agencies that scrapped their systems. Furthermore, our server was on its last leg. Fortunately, we received some assistance in funding this replacement. I wrote for and received a \$79,500 grant to cover the purchase of our body cameras and equipment. These body cameras have already proven valuable as they have provided excellent evidence in the prosecution of crimes and deputies like having the additional evidence. It's hard to refute good video evidence.

Next, we are still implementing substations around the county to make squads more available to your neighborhoods. We currently have substations in Neosho and Mayville. We will soon also have them in the Town of Elba and the Town of Trenton. Deputies will be able to complete their paperwork without the need to travel back to Juneau, greatly reducing response times to the four corners of the county.

One of the programs from prior years that continues to be successful is the Most Wanted Program. This program highlights ten Dodge County warrants each month in an effort to resolve them and bring those cases before the courts. In just under 3 years, it has resolved 250 warrants, about 76% of those warrants highlighted.

Finally, Project Lifesaver is growing and continues to be an excellent community outreach program. This program is aimed at people with dementia and autism. Both groups have people

with a tendency to wander and this gives us the ability to locate them quickly if they do. When I brought this to Dodge County, it quickly grew in popularity as it not only provides a method to locate these at risk individuals but it also creates peace of mind for loved ones. We have also introduced the Beaver Dam Police Department to the program and they are working to expand on what we are doing. We encourage anyone interested to take a look at our website for further info.

This again is a snapshot into what is going on at the sheriff's office. We continue to work to improve our services and find public value in everything that we do. It is my pledge that we will continue to make improvements to our services to continue making Dodge County a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and visit.

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