

# DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# **DODGE COUNTY CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM**







**Sergeant Dennis Walston** 



Sergeant Michael



Sergeant Jeramy Grossman



Deputy Corey Horn



Deputy Luke Luther



Deputy Andrew Dean



**Deputy Cameron Vorhies** 



Deputy Torin Tredeau



Detective Michael Lake



**Deputy Jaime Buelter** 

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To the Citizens of Dodge County, Wisconsin:

Thank you for taking the time to read the 2021 Dodge County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. This past year brought a great deal of opportunity to the sheriff's office. While we were still faced with dealing with the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, our staff handled the challenges professionally and I am extremely proud of them for their work.

We had many accomplishments in 2021 and I will highlight just a couple. The first accomplishment is the redevelopment of our Crash Investigation Team. This started a couple of years back with the implementation of a full-time crash investigation sergeant position. Selected to be our first Crash Investigation Team sergeant was Sergeant Dennis Walston. Sergeant Walston has been the sheriff's office crash investigator for about 20 years and he truly is an expert in this area. Our crash sergeant's responsibilities are supplemented by a trained contingent of



our patrol division as shown on the cover of our annual report. Together they make up a highly trained team of individuals who can conduct in-depth crash investigations on every shift at any time of the day.

The difference in our structure now is that our team can investigate serious injury and fatal crashes on a full-time basis due to the full-time position now dedicated to these investigations and supported by trained patrol deputies. In the past, these investigations took place in addition to our staff's regular patrol duties pulling them in many directions. These crashes deserve this kind of in-depth investigation as some of the crashes they investigate rise to the level of various degrees of homicide. We owe it to crash victims to ensure they receive the best investigation possible, especially if someone is seriously injured or killed.

Another significant accomplishment of 2021 is the partnership between the Dodge County Sheriff's Office and Church Health Services. Have you ever thought about how a serious fatal crash or an incident involving harm to children impacts our staff? Our staff must be mentally healthy to support your citizens. Church Health Services has volunteered its services to help our staff cope with tragedy, death and other atrocities they must deal with regularly. My responsibility as sheriff is to provide resources to my staff to keep them healthy and our partnership with Church Health Services is one more tool we have to do just that. Having healthy staff means we can do a better job at ensuring Dodge County can remain a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and visit.

Thank you for your continued support of our sheriff's office staff.

Respectfully,

Dale J. Schmidt Dodge County Sheriff

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# **EMPLOYEE UPDATES**

# **New Employees**



KURT STUCKART
Court Security



NICHOLE MILLER
Public Safety
Administrative Specialist



RACHEL DAVISON
Public Safety
Administrative Specialist



TRAJAN PROCHNOW
Patrol Deputy



**KENDALL KAATZ**Patrol Deputy



JAY THIELMANN
Patrol Deputy

# **New Employees**



**MEGAN PETIT**Correctional Officer



**JOSHUA BARTH** Correctional Officer



**KYLE ANDERSON**Correctional Officer



**KAYLA CRUMP**Correctional Officer



**EMILY VICK**Correctional Officer



MORGAN BOLIN
Correctional Officer

# **New Employees**



LOGAN LITTLEGEORGE
Correctional Officer



**KILE ARP**Correctional Officer



JAKOB KONKEL Correctional Officer



**JENI REINHOLD**Correctional Officer



**KAITLYN BUSS**Correctional Officer

# **Retirements**



MARK SCHWARTZ Retired in July



ROBERT KUCHARSKI Retired in October



LAURIE COVINGTON
Retired in November



**BRUCE HARNED**Retired in August



CHRIS MYERS
Retired in July



**CAROLE BAKER**Retired in May

# **Retirements**



MIKE MOSHER
Retired in February



**JOEL KIESOW**Retired in October



**DEBBIE KAUL**Retired in December



**KEVIN HOMAN**Retired in May

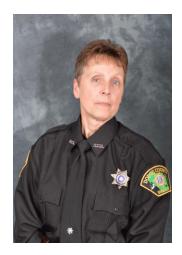


**DANIEL MULLIN**Retired in February



JAMES RHODE Retired in September

# **Retirements**



SANDRA ZUELSDORF Retired in October



MIKE MORELL Retired in April



**DAVID GABEL**Retired in December

# **Current Employees in New Roles**



TREVOR MALLON
Former Corrections Officer
Current Patrol Deputy



JUSTIN KONTNY Former Patrol Sergeant Current Patrol Deputy



**KEVIN KUEHL**Former Correctional Officer
Current Correctional Sergeant

# **Current Employees in New Roles**



**KURT WEBER**Former Correctional Officer
Current Correctional Sergeant



**DUSTIN WAAS**Former Patrol Deputy
Current Patrol Sergeant



MARK KETTER
Former Correctional Corporal
Current Correctional Sergeant



NORA BENTZ
Former Correctional Officer
Current Public Safety
Administrative Specialist

#### LEADERSHIP IN POLICE ORGANIZATIONS

In 2021, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office continued its commitment to develop future leaders and exemplary followers to provide better service to the public and prepare its staff to meet the leadership needs of the present and future. We did this through our continued commitment to send our staff to Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO).

Due to the ongoing pandemic, there were no spring classes offered, however, they resumed in the fall of 2021 with two courses being offered statewide. We were fortunate to have four candidates accepted to the classes.

The positive impacts of the Sheriff's commitment to leadership development are evidenced throughout the agency and this annual report. Of greater importance, the continued efforts at creating better leaders throughout the agency has helped our efforts to make our employees work and home lives better, which translates to better service to the community.

#### **LPO Graduates in 2021**

- Vicki Brugger Detective
- Dustin Waas Patrol Sergeant
- Kevin Kuehl Corrections Sergeant
- Mathew Mayer Patrol Deputy

#### FOSTER CULTURE OF GOOD STEWARDSHIP

As part of our ongoing efforts to seek public value, always seeking the best balance of efficiency and effectiveness in everything we do, we set a goal for 2021 to try to identify 1% of budgeted expenses that could be eliminated or reduced for 2022. Based on budgeted expenses for 2021 that goal was \$185,000.

We were successful in reaching and exceeding that goal through diligent efforts by our staff. By consistently focusing on this initiative throughout the year, a variety of efficiencies were identified by staff from all areas of the organization. The ideas brought forward ranged from approximately \$17 savings due to minor changes to processes up to in excess of \$200,000 through staffing evaluations and scheduling.

# PATROL DIVISION

## **Roster**

# **Operations Captain Chad Enright**

1st Shift	2nd Shift	3rd Shift
Lt. Brian Loos	Lt. Robbie Weinfurter	Lt. Brian Drumm
Sgt. Eric Krueger	Sgt. William Pansier	Sgt. Jermey Wolfe
Sgt. Joseph Nicholas	Sgt. Michael Workman	Sgt. Dustin Waas
Deputy Kevin Harvancik	Deputy Bradley Kulibert	Deputy Ryan Jackson
Deputy Jason Westphal	Deputy Jeremy McCarty	Deputy Kasey Young
Deputy Mike Matoushek	Deputy Martin Keberlein	Deputy David Trevarthen
Deputy Don Counard	Deputy Matthew Mayer	Deputy Scott Anderson
Deputy Ryan Schwartz	Deputy Luke Luther	Deputy Torin Tredeau
Deputy Jaime Buelter	Deputy Derek Tritt	Deputy Dale Bratz
Deputy Justin Kontny	Deputy Andrew Dean	Deputy Trevor Mallon
		Deputy Trajan Prochnow

Sgt. Dennis Walston (Crash Investigations)
Deputy Cameron Vorhies (Recreation Patrol)

## **In Training**

Deputy Kendall Kaatz Deputy Jay Thielmann

The Patrol Division is the face of the agency. The employees assigned to the Patrol Division work very hard to safeguard the lives, property and constitutional rights of our citizens through honest, ethical and professional service to the community.

The Patrol Division provides continuous service to the citizens of Dodge County 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is organized into three shifts. All three shifts are staggered to assist in coverage during shift changes. Each shift has one lieutenant and two sergeants along with several patrol deputies.

The Patrol Division is responsible for handling emergency and non-emergency calls for service along with developing proactive solutions that help make Dodge County a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and visit. The employees receive various training courses to help them achieve our goals. That training includes legal training, CPR and first aid, defense and arrest tactics, firearms training, leadership and community policing strategies among others.

## DODGE COUNTY PROJECT LIFESAVER

Dodge County Project Lifesaver had 19 active clients at the end of the year, our highest year so far. The program continues a 100% success rate, with all of our clients remaining safe. There were two active searches for clients during the year, both of which resolved immediately upon arrival of trained search specialists.

Dodge County Project Lifesaver provides services to any county resident with cognitive conditions which lead to a tendency to wander and not be able to help themselves. The cognitive conditions typically are Autism, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's and dementia, however other clients may also be considered. The program involves the client wearing a wristwatch-sized FM radio transmitter on either their wrist or ankle area. If the client wanders, the caregiver calls 911 and our trained personnel respond to it as an emergency to locate the individual using our receivers.

We currently have 12 deputies certified to conduct battery changes, add new clients and conduct searches.

# The deputies involved in the Project Lifesaver program during 2021 were:

Lt. Brian Loos, Program Coordinator/Instructor/ESS

Deputy Kevin Harvancik, Instructor/ESS

Sgt. Dennis Walston/ESS

Lt. Jason Boeck/ESS

Deputy Michael Matoushek/ESS

Sgt. Joseph Nicholas/ESS

Detective Kelsey Knaup/ESS

Sgt. Bill Pansier/ESS

Deputy Matthew Mayer/ESS

Deputy Thomas Crowell/ESS

Deputy Kasey Young/ESS

Deputy Martin Keberlein/ESS

(ESS – Electronic Search Specialist)



## **RECREATION PATROL**

Deputy Cameron Vorhies managed our Recreation Patrol Program for his second year in the program.

The recreation patrol consists of ATV/UTV/OHM, boat and snowmobile patrol. This position is supported by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WIDNR), which includes active patrol and conducting investigations utilizing our agency's boat, a 2016 Crestliner 1750 Fish Hawk, one 2004 Polaris Sportsman 500 ATV, one 2021 Kawasaki Mule PRO-FXT UTV and two 2009 Polaris Switchback 600 snowmobiles. Another responsibility of this position is providing numerous safety talks and public appearances with our equipment. Even with COVID-19 impacts continuing this year, public appearances were still made at several town board and public hearings, public and private school event days, Cops and Bobbers, Fish 'n Fun and Beaver Dam Lake Days to present recreation safety information. We also participated in many parades throughout Dodge County and National Night Out at Juneau Police Department which allowed us to highlight some of our specialized recreation equipment for kids and adults alike. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office continued our great working relationship with the WI DNR and wardens who work in Dodge County this year and coordinated enforcement and investigation efforts actively throughout the year. This year with the increase of ATV/UTV road routes, Deputy Vorhies continued outreach with our local law enforcement personnel to make sure they have the knowledge and tools to enforce WI DNR recreation laws.

The boating season for the sheriff's office was from April through November. The patrol areas included the Rock River, Horicon Marsh, Lake Sinissippi, Beaver Dam Lake, Fox Lake, Lost Lake and Lake Emily. During the boat patrol season, the sheriff's office handled several complaints and took a proactive approach at directed patrol on our waterbodies for the complaints that our citizens made. Patrol hours on the water decreased slightly due to investigations and search and rescue cases, but overall program hours increased from 241.5 hours in 2020 to 269.5 hours in 2021. We assisted six persons and six vessels and conducted three active search and rescue cases for 2021. Dodge County had one fatal boat crash this year which was one of twenty-five reported fatalities in Wisconsin.

ATV patrol was conducted year round and included patrolling Dodge County's 20 miles of the Wild Goose State Trail and directed patrol enforcement for those operating illegally on roadways/trails and private property not open to the public or on state and county highways. It also consisted of inspecting proposed ATV/UTV routes within the county which is conducted at least once a year in partnership with the Dodge County Highway Department. A recreational patrol deputy's responsibility is to inspect the requested route and provides input related to safety issues or concerns. Several deputies also contributed to the ATV enforcement by observing and enforcing violations while on routine patrol. This year, patrol hours to cover ATV/UTV/OHM enforcement increased slightly from 2020 to 2021. Recreation Deputy Vorhies also investigated one ATV/UTV fatality in Dodge County and multiple injury crashes. Dodge County had one of the forty-seven reported fatalities in Wisconsin.

Snowmobile patrol was completed by Recreation Deputy Vorhies and others who performed several stops while on the trails and frozen waterbodies, including after the trails had closed to preserve our great snowmobile trail system. 2021 resulted in some of the best trail conditions Dodge County has had in years. Deputies were able to get out and enforce several speeding complaints, stop sign violations, and OWI's. For 2021, snowmobile patrol hours increased 230% from 2020 due to the great trail/snow conditions. During 2021, one snowmobile pursuit was initiated on the trail system by Recreation Deputy Vorhies and an assisting deputy. No fatal snowmobile crashes occurred in Dodge County this year.





# **K9 TEAMS**

Our K9 teams consist of Sergeant Joe Nicholas and K9 Kid and Sergeant Taylor Nehls and K9 Tek. Both teams are certified through Jessiffany Canine Services in the detection of five controlled substances to include methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, MDMA and marijuana. They are also trained in handler protection, suspect apprehension and tracking. They do all of this while still being friendly enough to do public presentations and interact with children in schools.

In addition to the kennel certifications above, they are also certified through an independent master trainer from the American Police Canine Services each year. The K9 teams must train throughout the year in order to pass certifications for both organizations.

The K9's and their equipment are partially funded from a variety of donations. K9 Kid was purchased with funds from a private grant and money raised through the K9 program. K9 Tek was purchased with money raised through K9 donations and the K9 golf outing. The 2021 K9 golf outing raised \$13,058. The money raised is used for K9 unit expenses and also saved for future needs.









## **SWAT TEAM**

The Dodge County Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT team is comprised of 22 members. Of those members 21 are personnel from the Dodge County Sheriff's Office and one is from the Juneau Police Department. In 2021 the TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Support) members were hired on as employees of the sheriff's office. Previously they were members of surrounding fire departments. All TEMS members are certified paramedics with specialized training for the SWAT team. SWAT officers are assigned to particular positions within the team. The different positions are team commander, team leader, assistant team leader, sniper, entry team, TEMS and negotiator.

The purpose of the SWAT team is to provide specialized support in handling critical operations where intense negotiations and/or special tactical deployment methods are beyond the capacity of field officers. The SWAT team trains monthly on specialized tactics and with specialized equipment. Some of the situations that the team trains to handle include barricaded subjects, hostage situations, search and arrest warrants, armed suspects, anti-terrorism and any other situation deemed necessary by the sheriff.

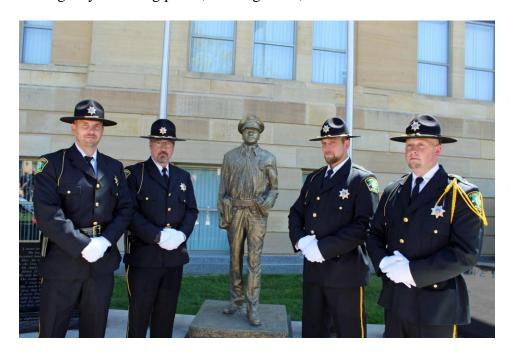
In 2021, the SWAT team was used for several callouts including a barricaded subject following a traffic pursuit and several high-risk search warrants. Pictured are members of the SWAT team training for a rural manhunt.



## **HONOR GUARD**

Though still affected somewhat by COVID 19 restrictions limiting training as well as funeral services, the sheriff's office honor guard team had an unfortunately busy year. The team, currently with 10 of 12 positions full, represented our agency at 10 events or services during 2021. With the law enforcement memorial services for the state, as well as the county returning last year, members of the team also attended the line of duty death services for Fond du Lac Police Officer Joseph Kurel. Several retired employees and a current volunteer of the sheriff's office passed away and the honor guard performed the appropriate level of services for Deputy Burt Prest, Chaplain Dennis Groll, Donna Keske, Bill Christian and Richard (Dick) Tomashek. The team closed out the year marching in the Beaver Dam Christmas parade.

Our honor guard continues to represent the sheriff's office and all of Dodge County with members from each division of the agency including patrol, investigations, communications and corrections.



The Dodge County Sheriff's Office honor guard team is comprised of:

Deputy Kevin Harvancik Sergeant Eric Krueger Sergeant Benjamin Plante Sergeant Dawn Learned Deputy Luke Luther Detective Michael Willmann Deputy Justin Kontny Corporal Kevin Schultz Sergeant Samantha Laughlin

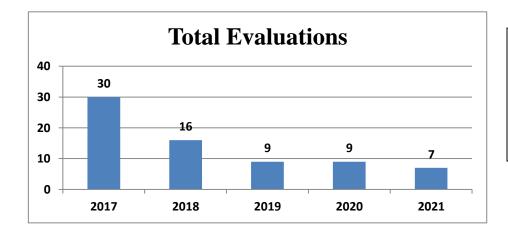
## **DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT**

The sheriff's office has five certified Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). DREs are highly trained and specialized in recognizing impairment caused by drugs other than alcohol. Prerequisites to attend training and be certified are proficiency in administering Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) and a strong background in impaired driving enforcement. After completing training, DREs are called out to perform standardized and systematic 12 step evaluations on persons who have been arrested for OWI and have either no alcohol involved or alcohol levels inconsistent with their impairment level. Upon completion of the evaluation, DREs are trained to provide expert opinions as to whether or not the person is impaired or if they may have a medical condition or other circumstance which may be mimicking impairment (i.e. diabetes, head injury). If determined that the person is impaired by something other than alcohol, the DRE is able to opine the category or categories of drugs that are causing the impairment.

The use of DREs aid arresting officers, prosecutors and courts in their respective involvements in the case. The main goal of the program is to prove or disprove association of medication or drug use with impairment. Blood tests can only show presence and sometimes quantification of specific drugs, however, the observations of the officer or deputy involved in the arrest and the DRE are what help prosecutors, courts and juries to recognize that the person was impaired due to the drug categories used. Simple presence of a drug or drugs does not necessarily indicate the person was impaired.

In 2021, our agency recruited to add another deputy to the challenging training course and Deputy Scott Anderson was selected. He completed training in the latter half of 2021 and has already begun to perform evaluations.

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) EVALUATIONS					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total evaluations	30	16	9	9	7
On-duty evaluations	27	9	6	9	7
Off-duty call in	3	7	3	0	0
Request by other agencies	9	4	2	1	0



### **Current Active DREs**

Sheriff Dale Schmidt
Detective Michael Willmann
Sergeant Dustin Waas
Detective Michael Lake
Deputy Scott Anderson

# **FATAL VISION PROGRAM**

Fatal vision is a training tool used to vividly demonstrate the concept of impairment and the dangers of impaired driving. Fatal vision's purpose is to duplicate impairment caused by a specific level of alcohol or other drug ingested by a human. Alcohol and other drugs have an effect on the brain that results in a variety of impairments. The fatal vision goggles distort vision and cause behaviors that are similar to behaviors exhibited by someone under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Deputy Don Counard oversees this valuable community training program and is assisted by Communications Officer Holly Buchda.

The majority of the training events have focused on high school age students. These young drivers are given a realistic view of the dangers of driving while impaired and the deadly consequences of their choices. The program provides practical exercises to understand decision-making, responsibility and consequences. The training program at times concludes with the use of the fatal vision goggles while attempting to operate a golf cart through a posted route.

Another important aspect of the Fatal Vision Program is the court sponsored One Chance Program. This is offered to first offense underage alcohol offenders. The offenders are required to attend the Fatal Vision Program, participate in 8 hours of community service and write an essay about what they have learned from the experience. If the judge accepts their efforts, the citation is dismissed.

In 2021, the sheriff's office Fatal Vision Program was presented to five groups and reached 32 people due to COVID. As soon as the pandemic is more controlled we will re-open the program to continue teaching our youth about these dangers.

# PATROL DIVISION STATISTICS

CITATIONS						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
OWI	299	286	298	428	404	
1st offense	201	193	206	275	268	
2nd offense	57	35	48	84	59	
3rd offense	19	32	26	37	42	
4 <sup>th</sup> offense	15	15	11	19	19	
5 <sup>th</sup> offense	6	6	4	6	7	
6 <sup>th</sup> offense	1	1	2	5	8	
7 <sup>th</sup> offense	0	3	0	1	1	
8 <sup>th</sup> offense	0	1	1	1	0	
Underage Drinking	64	48	128	74	192	
One Chance	63	46	106	31	47	
Speeding	1,147	1,583	1,459	1,905	1,767	
Safety Belt	255	204	148	177	159	
Fail to Obey Signal	128	128	272	155	130	
Operate After Suspension	320	314	267	310	291	
Operate After Revocation	151	146	137	170	192	
Too Fast for Conditions	14	37	34	22	39	
Warnings Issued	3,789	7,083	7,218	9,539	9,396	

CRASHES						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Bus	4	7	3	1	6	
Deer	337	395	357	355	356	
Motorcycles	16	15	20	21	25	
Farm Equipment	6	3	7	4	5	
Pedestrians	5	5	0	4	2	
Personal Injury	204	231	234	200	218	
Total Injured from Injury Crashes	292	301	363	290	317	
Total Crashes with Fatalities	18	7	12	7	12	
Total Fatalities from Fatal Crashes	20	8	13	8	15	
Crashes with Property Damage Only	679	794	788	721	763	
TOTAL	1,269	1,457	1,421	1,312	1,387	

COMMUNITY PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS					
	2017 2018 2019 2020 2021				
Fatal Vision	249	292	203	58	32

DOSO TRANSPORTS - JUVENILES					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Trips	70	74	47	32	6
Hours	418	416	199	97	15
Mileage	8,312	16,445	8,320	3,637	436

DOSO TRANSPORTS - ADULTS					
	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021*
Trips	716	651	603	374	17
Hours	2,183	1,185	1,345	1,003	86
Mileage	73,557	65,119	45,187	36,591	1,486
*Beginning October, 202	20 adult transports were	contracted through Redi	ransport and are not in	cluded in the October, 202	0 and later numbers.

REDI TRANSPORTS - ADULTS					
	2021				
Trips	745				
Mileage	62,568				

HONOR GUARD					
2017 2018 2019 2020 2021					
Public Appearances	6	2	3	0	10
Funeral Services	4	4	4	1	6

K9 UNITS					
	Sergeant Nicholas	Sergeant Nehls			
	K9 Kid	K9 Tek	Combined		
K9 deployments	46	52	98		
Vehicle sniffs	22	129	151		
K9 tracks	0	3	3		
School locker sniffs	6	6	12		
Public appearances	1	3	4		
Drug arrests made	17	12	29		
Total value of drugs seized	\$6,955	\$386	\$7,341		

BOAT PATROL							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Patrol Hours	199.5	282.5	115.5	188	157		
Registration/Numbering Violations	7	6	11	71	26		
OWI	0	0	0	0	0		
Flotation Device Violations	4	4	4	23	7		
Navigation/Lighting Violations	0	1	0	73	37		
Other Violations	12	22	11	30	15		
Weekday Hours	46	122.5	21	67	18		
Weekend Hours	153	160	94.5	121	139		

BOAT INVOLVED CRASHES	2020	2021
Property Damage Only Crashes	1	0
Injury Crashes	0	0
Fatal Crashes	0	1

ATV/UTV/OHM PATROL							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Patrol Hours	72	19.5	49.5	215.75	217		
Registration Violations	3	0	2	29	92		
OWI/PAC	0	0	3	2	2		
Illegal Operation/Closed Trail	0	1	0	19	47		
Helmet Violations	1	1	2	1	10		
Other Violations	2	3	4	12	65		
Weekday Hours	7.5	13	4	133.5	69.5		
Weekend Hours	64.5	6.5	45.5	82.25	147.5		

ATV/UTV/OHM INVOLVED CRASHES	2020	2021
Property Damage Only Crashes	2	1
Injury Crashes	6	5
Fatal Crashes	2	1

SNOWMOBILE PATROL							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Patrol Hours	86.5	1.5	42	41	135.5		
Registration Violations	5	0	4	1	13		
OWI/PAC	1	0	0	0	4		
Trespassing/Closed Trail	2	0	0	6	5		
Fail to Obey Sign	6	0	2	2	11		
Other Violations	1	0	0	1	16		
Weekday Hours	19.5	1	22	16	87		
Weekend Hours	67	.5	20	25	48.5		

CIVIL PROCESS						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Total Papers Served	1,318	1,480	1,177	1,088	1,043	
Served for Dodge County Agencies	47	39	35	40	45	
Revenue to Dodge County	\$66,891	\$67,415	\$58,014	\$59,876	\$55,804	
Total Charges for Dodge County Papers	\$3,510	\$2,660	\$2,725	\$2,725	\$3,050	

SHERIFF SALES							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Total Sales	83	71	48	22	28		
Total \$ Amount	\$7,627,117	\$7,005,697	\$4,708,910	\$3,707,476	\$3,348,013		

COURT ORDERED WRITS SERVED							
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Executions Against Property							
Executions Handled	1	1	1	0	2		
Writs of Assistance							
Writs Handled	15	12	11	5	1		
Writs of Restitutions							
Writs Handled	136	127	125	91	88		
Writs of Replevin							
Writs Handled	15	11	12	9	14		
TOTAL WRITS SERVED - 2021							

### COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

In 2021, we employed three part-time CSOs who provided a great service to our community. Joining the CSOs in 2021 was Karissa Marquardt. While training for the CSO position Karissa was hired on full-time in our communications center. CSOs complete many tasks which allows deputies to focus their efforts on investigations and enforcement actions. Many of those tasks include but are not limited to the following:

- Helping motorists in need by providing rides, emergency lighting, calling repair services or tow trucks.
- Conduct traffic control at emergency scenes.
- Assist with traffic/parking when requested for large events.
- Help shuttle squads from repair facilities and other errands.
- Conduct speed surveys.
- Move speed enforcement signs to the proper crash reduction zone.
- Assist with minor calls for service, animal bites, etc.

The CSO program is a great way for us to get our youth involved with serving our community and gain valuable experience in the field of law enforcement and community policing.



CSO Karissa Marquardt

#### SHERIFF'S CITIZEN ACADEMY

The sheriff's office hosted its sixth Sheriff's Citizen Academy. This year there were 10 participants that were given hands on demonstrations into the daily activities of the sheriff's office. During the 12 week course, academy participants were exposed to OWI investigations, a K9 demonstration, a presentation by District Attorney Kurt Klomberg, defense and arrest tactics (DAAT) including hands on use and demonstration of a taser and bean bag gun. They also took a tour of the dispatch center where they learned the responsibilities and dedication the communication officers have. Dodge County Medical Examiner PJ Schoebel also explained what the duties and responsibilities of the medical examiner are.

The academy took a tour of the Dodge County Detention Facility. The class participated in use of force scenarios where they had to make split-second choices. These scenarios are meant to expose academy members to real life stresses while trying to stabilize a stressful situation. These scenarios are done using role players and "paint bullets" or "simunitions". Participants say this is usually the most stress they feel during the course. They also made mock traffic stops interacting with cooperative and uncooperative role players.

The countless hours of dedication and instruction provided by the patrol deputies, correctional officers, communication officers and other members of county agencies has created a bridge of understanding between law enforcement and Dodge County citizens.



#### **Left to Right (Front Row):**

Barb Nefstead, Danielle Van Egtern, Cindy Mennig, Mark Fox

#### Left to Right (Back Row):

Sheriff Dale Schmidt, John Bemis, Gary Mennig, Todd Olson, Greg O'Connor, Lieutenant Robbie Weinfurter (not pictured Kelly Townsend and Joan Miliken)

#### **COURT SECURITY**

In response to Chapter 59.27(3) of the Wisconsin statutes and Chapter 70.38 of the Wisconsin State Supreme Court Rules, the Sheriff of Dodge County and the presiding judge have established a level of court security in the Dodge County Justice Facility. The Dodge County Sheriff and the presiding judge wish to address the potential dangers to the safety of county and state employees who work in the Dodge County Justice Facility as well as that of the public who conduct business in the facility.

Court security in the justice facility is designed to increase building security in a fiscally responsible manner. The manner of security is also designed to avoid unreasonable inconvenience to both staff and the public. Court security will provide a deterrent to acts of violence in the facility by maintaining a presence of security in the facility and by attempting to keep dangerous weapons and other unauthorized items out of the facility. A secondary mission of the court security staff includes providing information, direction and other customer service to the public.

**Part-time court security staff in 2021:** Kelly Cotter, Mark Jahnke, Mike Mosher, Joel Kiesow, Steve Allermann, Carl Schultz, Ron Zenk, Randy Kind and Kurt Stuckart.





## **ACTIVITY**

Other agencies continue to contact the sheriff's office regarding our policies and procedures as they relate to security matters at the justice facility. These continued requests to us for information are an indication that Dodge County continues to be the example on how to design, implement and maintain a safe environment for those who access and work in the courthouse setting.

Court security officers screened 32,810 visitors who entered the justice facility in 2021, which gives a monthly average of about 2,734 and a daily average of 125.

Court security officers are proactive and attend proceedings that are of a sensitive nature or have the potential of being emotionally charged. Examples of the proceedings are temporary restraining order hearings, juvenile hearings and plea and sentencing hearings. We feel this presence is a calming influence and prevents disturbances before they occur.

COURT SECURITY ACTIVITY							
ARRESTS	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
From Disturbances	3	0	3	3	2		
Miscellaneous	5	4	3	3	2		
Warrants	37	21	32	40	49		
Total	45	25	38	46	53		
DISTURBANCES	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Clerk of Courts Area	8	8	2	2	3		
Courtrooms	3	3	0	1	2		
Family Court	0	1	0	0	0		
Other Areas	5	5	9	6	5		
Total	16	17	11	9	10		
MISCELLANEOUS	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Paper Service	9	6	4	6	2		
Subjects Taken into Custody	116	101	69	76	88		
Special Requests for Security	401	389	419	329	300		
Contraband Confiscated	0	0	1	0	0		
Weapons Retained/Returned	468	478	519	372	398		
Total	994	974	1,012	783	788		

#### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

# Captain Chad Enright - Commander Lieutenant Jason Boeck - Supervisor

The Criminal Investigation Division is made up of four separate units.

<b>DETECTIVES</b>
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Det. Vickie Brugger Det. Michael Reissmann

Det. Andy Rolfs Det. Dean Hopp

Det. Dean Hopp
Det. Michael Willmann

Det. Kelsey Knaup
Det. Michael Lake

DRUG TASK FORCE

Sgt. Taylor Nehls Deputy Kasey Young Deputy Matthew Mayer **EVIDENCE/PROPERTY** 

Deputy Secretary Nichole Miller Deputy Secretary Rachel Davison

**BACKGROUND INVESTIGATORS** 

Deputy Robert Neuman Deputy Thomas Horvath

#### **DIVISION OVERVIEW**

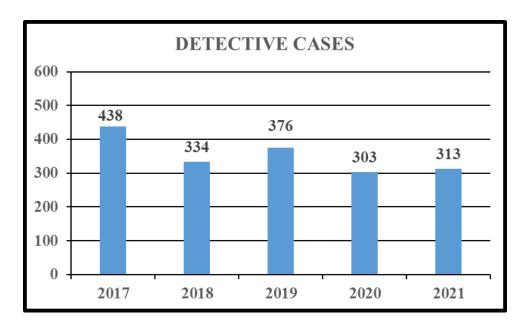
Dodge County currently has six detective positions working on general assignment cases. One detective is assigned as the Institutions Investigator/District Attorney Investigator and one patrol sergeant is assigned as the unit lead of the Dodge County Drug Task Force. In 2019 there was a complete restructuring of the drug task force following the recommendations of the Matrix study of sheriff's office operations. There is one (1) deputy secretary assigned as the evidence clerk for the evidence/property room and (1) deputy secretary assigned as the criminal investigation secretary who also assists as a back-up to the evidence clerk. We currently have two deputies who work part-time doing pre-employment background investigations for the sheriff's office and jail.

## **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Assigned a second full-time deputy to the drug task force. To supplement the drug task force the agency added seven deputies/detectives to assist with surveillance, drug buys and search warrant details. We also assigned a general assignment detective on a rotational basis to gain further knowledge on the drug trends happening in Dodge County. This also allowed the detective to assist the drug task force with search warrant drafting and to assist in interviews/interrogations.
- 2. Sent a detective to arson/fire investigations school.
- 3. Sent a detective to forensic interview school to supplement the two current detectives who have been previously trained. In 2022, we will be adding a fourth forensic interviewer.
- 4. At the onset to 2021, we did a comprehensive study of previously unsolved or open cases. As a result of looking at this, we implemented a more team orientated approach to working on significant cases which yielded positive results. We were able to close two significant cases as a result of this approach and have opened new leads on others as a result.
- 5. Assigned detectives to annually review open cold casefiles which have yielded further leads to follow-up on more than one case.
- 6. Sent both the evidence clerk and the evidence secretary to evidence tech school. This will be a great addition to the criminal investigations division and this will offset additional workload from the investigators.

#### **DETECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS**

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office receives thousands of calls for service each year. Some complaints are criminal in nature while others are not. Each criminal complaint is usually assigned to a deputy in the Patrol Division. After the report is completed, a supervisor reviews it. The patrol lieutenant will then decide if the case should be forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division. There were 313 cases assigned to detectives in 2021. Of those total cases, 108 were prison investigation cases.

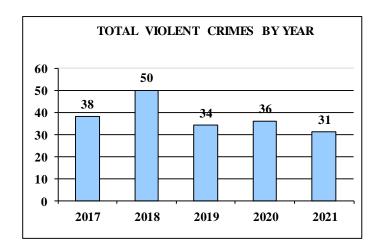


Not all cases handled by the sheriff's office start with a patrol deputy as the first responder. Cases such as unanticipated death investigations, undercover drug investigations, child abuse referrals from Child Protective Services, elder abuse referrals from Adult Protective Services or any other case that the shift Officer in Charge feels can be started with a detective as the first responder or point of contact.

Detectives also receive non-criminal assignments which can include welfare fraud referrals, child welfare checks, fire investigations that may not be criminal in nature, forensic previews of cell phones for other agencies, follow-up requests and Jon Doe investigations from the district attorney's office, along with forensic recorded child victim interviews to name only a few. These additional assignments are not captured in the crime data that is reported to the federal government for tracking purposes and all of these assignments do not appear in the total cases referenced above.

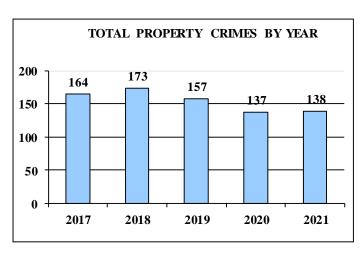
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES BY YEAR					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	0	1	0
Rape	7	12	10	2	3
Robbery	4	2	2	0	1
Aggravated Assault	27	36	22	33	27
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES	38	50	34	36	31

<sup>\*</sup>The above data is from the Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting website. Prior years shown above may have been updated from previous annual reports due to the fact that not all crimes are reported to law enforcement in the month/year they actually occur and are transmitted to the Wisconsin UCR website monthly after investigation and determination of an offense.



TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES BY YEAR					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Burglary	52	46	16	19	22
Larceny/Theft	103	107	125	103	101
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	19	16	15	14
Arson	1	1	0	0	1
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES	164	173	157	137	138

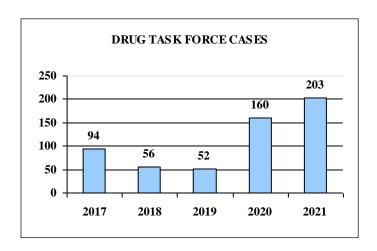
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#### **DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

Methamphetamine and heroin continue to be at the forefront of the drug trade in Dodge County however, we have seen a significant increase in the amount of cocaine that we were encountering. We have seen a significant uptick with these drugs mixed with fentanyl which can cause serious breathing problems or death. There has been a significant impact in our communities by this epidemic. Many of the property crimes handled by the sheriff's office lead back directly to the drug abuse issue. To combat the overdose epidemic the Dodge County Sheriff's Office engaged in an agreement with the Aurora Medical Center in Oconomowoc who has graciously supplied all members of the sheriff's office patrol and detective divisions with vials of Narcan (Naloxone) and atomizers at no cost to include replenishing supplies as needed. The sheriff's office also engaged in a low cost lease (\$1.00) with Michel's Corporation for a pick-up truck that will be used in undercover operations with the option to switch out after a year.

The Dodge County Drug Enforcement Unit is committed to working with all agencies within the county and surrounding areas to continue to develop informants, arrange controlled buys and conduct search warrants in an effort to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking and abuse within Dodge County. Currently, the Dodge County Drug Enforcement Unit is under the command of Lieutenant Jason Boeck and Sergeant Taylor Nehls serves as the unit lead. The team is currently comprised of officers from the Beaver Dam Police Department, Horicon Police Department, Mayville Police Department, Juneau Police Department, Iron Ridge Police Department, Lomira Police Department and the Waupun Police Department. We currently stand at 27 members with 12 of those members from the sheriff's office. We are excited to see the fruits of our labors as we have seen a steady incline in investigations as shown in the graph below.



#### **EVIDENCE/PROPERTY ROOM**

Evidence is universally defined as property that has significance in determining the truth of a matter being investigated. This could include many different components of the investigative process such as fingerprints or DNA that identifies the suspect who committed the crime, digital audio and video files from countless sources, items recovered which were stolen from the crime scene, shoeprints, tool marks or tire tracks, just to name a few. These items are collected in the field by deputies or detectives and packaged prior to being submitted to the property room.

The evidence clerk is responsible for evidence intake which includes:

- Inspecting packaging to ensure evidence is properly sealed,
- Categorizing the evidence, and
- Storing evidence in designated areas.

Upon completion of the criminal case or expiration of the statute of limitations, evidence is retrieved and purged from the evidence room. The International Association of Property and Evidence estimates that each case needs approximately thirty minutes of research to make a purging decision.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is also the repository for surrendered firearms. Court orders or other legal proceedings determine the length of time these firearms are stored in the evidence room.

Our current evidence room is managed by our lead deputy secretary, Nichole Miller and backed up by Deputy Secretary Rachel Davison.

#### PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

A thorough background check is conducted to ensure that prospective employees do not have any personal or professional issues that would preclude them from law enforcement or corrections service. Currently there are two deputies working as part-time background investigators for the sheriff's office.

Background investigators will review employment history, character references, academic records, residency history, criminal history and financial history. A background investigation typically includes interviews with those who know the applicant, including previous employers, school or military personnel, neighbors and family members. Completed investigation summaries and documentation received during those investigations is turned in to the division requesting the background and forwarded to the sheriff for final approval.

# **COMMUNICATIONS**

## **Lieutenant Christine Churchill**

Sergeant Suzanne Reissmann Sergeant Jeramy Grossman Sergeant Erica Lemke Sergeant Dawn Learned

A-1 Team

Jeramy Grossman Michelle Weber Tom Hazelberg Tammy Gebhardt A-2 Team

Suzanne Reissmann Vicki Lessard Vanessa Schaefer Holly Buchda B-1 Team

Dawn Learned Pam Tinsley Katy Buchda Kate Hermann **B-2 Team** 

Erica Lemke Josh Paternoster John Rosenmeier Kayla Seely

Nikki Christensen – Warrants Specialist



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#### 911 DISPATCH CENTER

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office E-911 Dispatch Center consists of 17 full-time communications officers. Our dispatch center is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for all 911 and non-emergency calls placed in Dodge County. Phone and radio communications is provided for sheriff's deputies, municipal police officers, fire departments, EMS and all other public safety agencies in Dodge County 24/7, 365 days a year. Dispatchers are the "true first responders" to every emergency within the county.

#### How do I know when to dial 911?

Anytime you find yourself in a situation that requires an emergency response from a law enforcement agency, a fire department or an ambulance service you should call 911. As a general rule, if you face a situation where you are trying to decide whether to call 911 or not, CALL 911. It is always better to be safe than risk the chance of not getting the help you need, when you need it.

If you have a situation that you need to report but the incident is a past event and non-threatening, (not in progress, suspects are unknown or not seen), i.e., theft of personal property, past criminal mischief/vandalism, a theft from an auto that occurred during the night, then you can report the incident by calling in on the Dodge County Sheriff's Office administrative phone line (920)386-3726.

Anytime you are unsure of when to call 911, it is always better to call 911 than risk not getting help when you need it. If you cannot safely call 911, in Dodge County you can **TEXT 911.** 

#### What can I expect when I call 911?

When you call 911, your call will be answered by an E-911 dispatcher. The dispatcher will conduct an interview to determine the type of emergency service needed. Questions generally asked fall into key questions of WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and depending on the situation, WHY. It is important to listen to the dispatcher and answer the questions asked. The dispatcher must ask you specific questions in order to ensure you receive the kind of help needed. It may seem that you are asked a lot of questions and that a lot of time has passed, however our trained dispatchers will only ask questions that are necessary in getting you the proper help you need. This generally takes less than 30-45 seconds. Often times the dispatcher will start emergency response units and will return to ask the follow-up questions. The main objective is to remain calm and listen to the dispatcher's instructions...help is on the way.

#### What happens if I accidentally call 911?

911 misdials occur frequently. Often many misdials are realized after the number is called and the caller will immediately disconnect the line. This is what is commonly referred to as a "911 hang-up". If a connection was made, regardless if the line was not answered by the E-911 dispatcher, the PSAP will still receive the call. It is very important to remain on the line even if you realize you misdialed. If you disconnect the line, the E-911 dispatcher must process the call as an unknown emergency until otherwise determined.

#### **CALLS FOR SERVICE ASSIGNED TO UNITS**

<ul> <li>Dodge County Sheriff's Office</li> </ul>	40,683
• Police Departments (32)	40,884
• EMS/Fire Departments (60)	10,489

TOTAL Unit Calls: 92,056 TOTAL Agencies: 92\*

(\*Includes out of county agencies)

COMMUNICATION CENTER CALLS *May 15, 2021 – December 31, 2021 New Phone System			
9-1-1 Calls	12,932		
Text-to-911	151		
Police Lines 11,185			
Auto Attendant	19,384		
Outgoing 17,411			
Admin 37,075			
*TOTAL ALL CALLS *98,138			

911 ANSWER TIME 95.11 % in less than 10 seconds 4.39 % in less than 20 seconds

99.49 % of all 911 calls in Dodge County are answered in under 20 seconds

ANNUAL CALLS FOR SERVICE ASSIGNED TO UNITS				
2017	87,807			
2018	82,165			
2019	88,739			
<b>2020</b> 89,627				
2021	92,056			

WARRANTS			
Year	Entered	Cancelled/Arrested	
2017	909	745	
<b>2018</b> 936		753	
2019	916	626	
2020	712	646	
2021	811	622	

#### SUPPORT STAFF

Lieutenant Christine Churchill Support Staff Supervisor David Zirbel

#### DAVID ZIRBEL Support Staff Supervisor

I have been with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office since January of 2004. I started out as a communications officer. I was promoted to 3rd shift communications sergeant in December of 2012 and since May of 2017 I am the support staff supervisor.

This was another busy year with DA discovery requests, telephonic warrants and open records requests for dispatch audio. You will occasionally hear me on the radio as I assist in dispatch from time to time. 2021 saw several team member changes and through great training, teamwork and cross-training the support team has handled the challenges of 2021 very well.



## **DEB KAUL Administrative Support Specialist - Traffic**

I have been with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office since 1989 and have worked as a deputy secretary/administrative support specialist in criminal investigations, warrants and civil process divisions until settling in the patrol division for the past ten years. Starting back in 1989, reports were listened to on tape and typed on an electric typewriter with two carbon copies. That meant if you made an error, you either started over or made corrections on all carbon copies. Even with the problems of technology today, the job is so much easier. Note: Deb has retired as of December 2021 and we thank Deb for her service.



#### SHAWN ROGERS

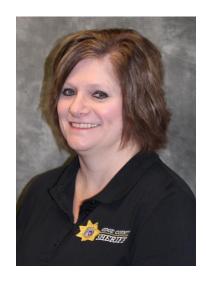
#### Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Technology & Sheriff

I have been with the sheriff's office since 2006 and the duties and ways to process work have changed very much during my career. The processes used to be very manual, labor intensive and paper was everywhere. Today, the majority of our processes are very streamlined and somewhat automated through our records management software and it has become mostly paperless. Currently, I am assigned to assist the sheriff, work on our website, update social media, prepare our quarterly internal newsletter (the LENS), complete our annual report, process short forms and law incidents in our records management software (Spillman) and assist as an SAA (Systems Application Administrator) with Spillman which includes troubleshooting and ongoing data entry quality control. I create and update departmental forms and business cards along with procuring printing for them and/or making them available digitally to staff. There are many other tasks and duties completed daily as needed along with assisting other support staff.



#### JODI ZITLOW Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Civil Process, Accounting and Training

I have been employed by the county since February, 2011, when I took a position in the Corporation Counsel office. In April, 2012, I was asked to consider applying for the deputy secretary (previous job title) position that the sheriff's office had open. I decided to give it a try and was offered the position. The position I was hired for handled reception, civil process, sheriff sales and open records requests. As time went on the workload got increasingly busier and we had two of our long time support staff retire. The support staff group discussed reorganizing the duties of the support staff to become more efficient. I presently continue to handle reception, civil process and sheriff sales but also obtained accounting, training management, false alarm billing and many routine odds and ends that need to get accomplished to operate a successful sheriff's office. I am also primary backup for open records requests. Prior to COVID, I accomplished organizing landlord/tenant training classes that were offered to residents of Dodge County which led its way to start the Dodge County Landlord Association.



#### DENISE DEIBERT Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Open Records and Reports

I have been with the county since September, 2018. The main duty of this position is open record requests which includes processing, redacting (if applicable), dissemination and financial deposits for fees associated with them. Since the inception of Marsy's Law, there are more in-depth protocols to ensure we abide by the open records laws to protect victim's rights. I proofread and process all types of reports in a timely manner, which includes e-referring requests for charges to the district attorney's office. I am also the primary backup for other support staff, including civil process/finances, traffic and sheriff/technology duties.



#### NICHOLE MILLER Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Evidence

I have been with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office since May of this year and it has been a great career change with many new adventures, so THANK YOU to all that have made this possible and the support you have given me! I started off learning the basics of evidence and short forms and have added so much more. I keep myself busy with the regular duties of evidence intake and vault storage, lab transmittals, found/safekeeping property disposition, property returns and disposal, spot checks, eTraces, and DA discovery requests. In addition to these duties, I am working on some bigger projects. I finished and will continue to update the SAK (Sexual Assault Kit) Census, am actively correcting issues found on the Evidence Room Audit Report, working on impound, both clearing up the RMS and the physical impound lot and sorting through unclaimed funds. I have had the opportunity to go out on a search warrant, a death investigation and a bank robbery call. I have attended Property and Evidence Training, Evidence Technician Training and am looking forward to attending the WAI Conference in April. While I feel that I have learned a lot, I know that there is so much more to go. Can't wait!



# RACHEL DAVISON Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Criminal Investigations

It has been an exciting time for professional development since I joined the Dodge County Sheriff's Office in July of 2021. I was able to hit the ground running within the department systems in Spillman and TraCS and have since helped with a variety of data clean-up projects. I earned Spillman SAA certification. In addition to report review, I attended training with Nichole Miller for evidence technician duties and evidence/property room management to enhance my knowledge for duties as back-up to the evidence room. Nichole and I continue to work hard at purging evidence and performing audit checks of evidence items in storage. During 2021, Nichole and I assisted in the field at two drug task force search warrants and a death investigation. As the detective division made progress in cold cases and with large impact cases, I provided support in casefile management, report review and other tasks as needed. Along with report processing and evidence room duties, I was cross-training for job duties in civil process, traffic/TraCS, discovery and other opportunities for learning as they became available.



#### DODGE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY



**ADMINISTRATION:** Tony Brugger Detention Facility Administrator, Jason Hundt Deputy Administrator, Dustin Beck Deputy Administrator

**PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALISTS:** Annette Duckett, Pamela Grosskopf, Nicole Krentz, Karen Engels, Nora Bentz

**SERGEANTS**: Samantha Laughlin, Jason Polsin, Aaron Potratz, Chad Riter, Benjamin Schepp, Bradley Knoll, Matthew Bublitz, Kevin Kuehl, Kurt Weber, Mark Ketter

**CORPORALS**: Arthur Elsner, Kyle Opetz, Kevin Schultz, Matthew Marvin, Kendelle Bowe

PROGRAMS OFFICERS: Scott Buckner, Jeffrey Schlegel

**FIRST SHIFT OFFICERS:** Jodi Apel, Michael Garbalagtys, David Gorst, Marcus Kirchoff, Kevin Kluck, Curtis Knoll, Donald Krueger, Kristin Marwitz, Daniel Watkins, Melissa Watkins, Brian Harkins, David Churchill, Jen Welch, Jerome Doornek, Nathaniel Hein, Nicholas Hraban

**SECOND SHIFT OFFICERS:** Kyle Hagen, Brian Hill, Debra Keel, Brian Koch, Benjamin Plante, Stacy Ronge, Rose Zangl, John Rivera, Gregory Oettinger, Abraham Schlueter, Len Kluck, Carla Diaz, Jeni Reinhold, Kyle Anderson, Morgan Bolin

**THIRD SHIFT OFFICERS:** Lisa Zuelsdorf, Krista Longseth-Roberts, Sean Bruss, John Pettersen, Robert Biermann, Anna Schroeder, Deyvis Perez-Laguna, Jarret Yeargin, Morgan Brennecke, Joshua Barth, Megan Petit

IN TRAINING: Kayla Crump, Emily Vick, Kile Arp, Kaitlyn Buss

PART-TIME: Carole Baker, Kaitlyn Buss, Jedd McCormack, Justen Kitzman

#### **DETENTION FACILITY UPDATE**

The detention facility passed all of the annual state, U.S. Marshalls and immigration inspections in 2021.

The continued COVID pandemic and difficulty maintaining and hiring staff in the detention facility made 2021 a difficult year. Due to COVID, most of our programs were cancelled for the year. The only program that we were able to maintain was the inmate labor program. This and other precautions taken were very successful in keeping COVID out of the jail. Only 29 cases of COVID were confirmed in jail inmates during the entire pandemic. Due to the staffing shortage, we were forced to close Pod H. This meant that we had to reduce our population by housing some inmates in other counties. We are hoping to re-open Pod H in the middle of 2022.

Despite the difficulties, we were able to complete three major projects in the facility. We installed two Tek84 full body scanners. These will greatly improve the safety and security of the facility. All incoming inmates are scanned as well as all inmates returning from work release or other appointments. We also completed the installation of two negative pressure cells. These cells are used for inmates with contagious diseases and were used several times for inmates with COVID. Another major project was the implementation of the inmate tablet system. This has proven to be a very successful program. Inmates are using them a lot for entertainment purposes and video visitation. They are also used for the inmate handbook, inmate requests and inmate grievances. This has greatly reduced our use of printed-paper forms. The tablets have also provided revenue to the county.

	BOOKING TRENDS						
TRENDS	TRENDS 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 % Change						
Male	3,741	3,230	3,162	2,416	2,398	-1%	
Female	794	747	715	518	562	+8%	
TOTAL	4,535	3,977	3,877	2,934	2,960	+1%	

TYPE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change
City	29	25	17	8	2	-75%
County	1,976	1,754	1,852	1,451	1,750	+21%
FBOP	33	31	51	40	59	+48%
FED	289	278	277	258	246	-5%
ICE	1,359	1,215	1,001	694	398	-43%
Other	235	195	195	151	169	+12%
PRO	513	403	410	284	277	-2%
Sanction	82	58	74	48	59	+23%
Trans In	19	18	0*	0*	0*	0*
TOTAL	4,535	3,977	3,877	2,934	2,960	+1%

<sup>\*</sup>Beginning in 2019 "Trans In" totals are added to "Other" in current records management system.

DETENTION				
	TRIPS MILES			
2017	1,425	318,302		
2018	1,278	276,567		
2019	1,146	239,421		
2020	720	107,062		
2021	674	99,910		

FACILITY TRANSPORTS					
		TRIPS	MILES		
	USMS Milwaukee	354	40,607		
	Immigration	320	59,303		
	TOTAL	674	99,910		

#### **JAIL PROGRAMS**

#### **COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM**

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the opportunities for inmate community service as well as programming for inmates were greatly reduced.

WORK	PARTICIPANTS	EVENTS
Car Wash	14	936
Kitchen Worker	180	4160
Laundry Worker	27	1402
Pod Worker	24	2190
Inmate Labor in Community	None	None
TOTALS	245	8,688

#### **SELF IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

(The current RMS system does not report individual participants but reports a total of events that that took place for each specific category.)

SELF IMPROVEMENT	EVENTS
Alcoholics Anonymous	Cancelled
SMART Recovery*	Cancelled
GED	Cancelled
Basic English	Cancelled
ELL/ESL (English as a second language)	Cancelled

<sup>\*</sup>The SMART Recovery program replaced Narcotics Anonymous in 2019.

WORSHIP	EVENTS
Bible Studies	Cancelled
Worship Service	Cancelled
Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants	Cancelled



### DODGE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CADETS





#### Left to right:

Deputy Bradley Kulibert, Payton Pieper, Coleson Bille, Brayden Wegner, Skyler Starry, Kenneth Moore, Lauren Learned, Leslie Schreier, Kenneth Alsum, Cassie Alsum, Natali Nelson, Corey Ruis, Ryan Milikin, Connor Arndt, Deputy Scott Anderson and Deputy Dave Trevarthen

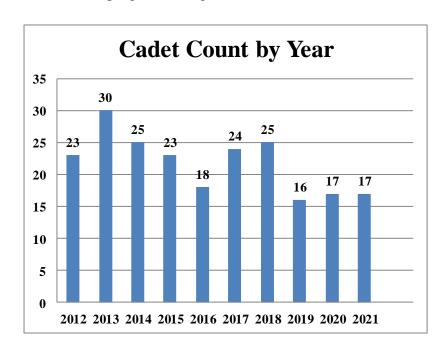
#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

- The Public Safety Cadets is a program aimed at the youth of our community. It is sponsored by all of the Dodge County law enforcement agencies and reaches out to youth who are looking at law enforcement as a career choice. It is open to high school and college students who are age 14-21.
- The Public Safety Cadets is in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. The group was formerly known as the Dodge County Law Enforcement Explorer Post. There were 17 cadets in the program this year.

#### **STATISTICS**

#### YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

- Beginning of year total **14**
- New cadets during 2021 3
- Cadets who resigned or otherwise left the program 4
- End of year total -13
- Total cadets involved in the program during 2021 17



#### ADVISOR INVOLVEMENT

- 5 advisors
  - Sheriff Dale Schmidt Dodge County Sheriff's Office
  - o Deputy Bradley Kulibert Dodge County Sheriff's Office
  - o Deputy Dustin Waas Dodge County Sheriff's Office
  - o Deputy Scott Anderson Dodge County Sheriff's Office
  - o Deputy David Trevarthen Dodge County Sheriff's Office
- Advisors supervised 23 meetings training the cadets
- Advisors supervised the cadets at four community service and special events

#### **COMMAND STAFF**

- Captain Kole Weber (age 20) of Beaver Dam
- Lieutenant Leslie Schreier (age 18) of Burnett
- Sergeant Kenneth Moore (age 17) of Waupun
- Sergeant Connor Arndt (age 19) of Juneau

#### **CADET OF THE YEAR**



This year the Cadet of the Year Award was given to now Cadet Lieutenant, Kenny Moore. Kenny has shown a great deal of drive, especially tackling new scenarios that he hasn't seen before. He also exhibits professionalism in and outside of the post. He serves as a conduit of information and helps the cadets move forward. Congratulations Kenny!

#### Left to Right:

Deputy Dave Trevarthen, Deputy Scott Anderson, Kenny Moore and Deputy Bradley Kulibert

#### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**



Cadet Sergeant Corey Ruis received the Rookie of the Year Award. Corey sets up new events and creates outside activities for team bonding. He has improved greatly since he started and shares his knowledge with others in scenarios to help them out. Congratulations Corey!

#### Left to Right:

Deputy Dave Trevarthen, Deputy Scott Anderson, Corey Ruis and Deputy Bradley Kulibert

#### **EVENTS**

- Halloween Trick or Treat patrol Beaver Dam
- Fallfest Ixonia
- Trunk or Treat Watertown
- Helping Local Heroes Waupun
- Dodge County Fair Beaver Dam
- Lights and Sirens Watertown
- Shop with Cops Beaver Dam
- Alcohol compliance checks Beaver Dam



The cadets participating in a traffic stop training scenario at the Dodge County Sheriff's Office.

#### **DODGE COUNTY CADETS HIRED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Eighteen Public Safety Cadets (formerly Explorers) have been hired for law enforcement type positions since the inception of this program.

#### **DODGE COUNTY'S MOST WANTED**

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office Most Wanted program is an effort to resolve outstanding Dodge County warrants. When this program started there were close to 800 active Dodge County warrants. There are a variety of different warrants including warrants for failure to appear in court, traffic offenses, misdemeanors, felonies, child support and others. Some of the individuals that are wanted will never be held accountable for the offenses they have committed or restitution that is owed to their victims unless they are brought before the court. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office feels it is very important to bring these individuals in front of a judge so that the victims, witnesses and the courts can finally bring resolution to these cases.

MOST WANTED	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Listed on Website	120	119	120	90	120
Apprehensions	104	103	114	71	91

