



# DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# 2022 Annual Report

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Dale J Schmidt Sheriff Scott Mittelstadt Chief Deputy

To the Citizens of Dodge County, Wisconsin:

Thank you for taking the time to read the 2022 Dodge County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. Our primary goals for 2022 were to work towards agency accreditation which is anticipated to occur in 2023 and our other goal was the recruitment and retention of staff amid our nation's "Great Resignation" and limited availability of individuals in the workforce. Law enforcement agencies around the state have been recruiting from other agencies to fill vacancies as interest in the law enforcement field has greatly diminished as a result of negative political influences in our country. You will see on the next several pages that our recruitment efforts were highly successful, and we even brought back a few employees that had previously retired and wanted to return. Finally, for the first time in 16 years, our patrol division was fully staffed.



Our staff continued to work hard in 2022 at keeping our highways safe from those who choose to operate on Dodge County streets and highways by operating in a reckless manner or under the influence of an impairing drug or alcohol. You will see in our report that the Dodge County Sheriff's Office over the last 3 years, including 2022, has had a significant increase in traffic enforcement numbers. Of note, the number of impaired driving arrests is nearing 500 in 2022, which is nearly double that of the years preceding 2020 and shows that the Dodge County Sheriff's Office takes impaired driving seriously. In addition, our staff has issued a total of 10,851 warnings which is 1455 more than in 2021.

Finally, the sheriff's office investigations division is very busy and has seen an increase in the number of cases that they have been tasked with investigating. Fortunately, with the increase in caseload, our overall violent crimes remain extremely low and show our community to be a very safe community to live in. Our drug unit continues to be very active and productive, generating 238 cases in 2022 which is up 35 cases from 2021 and up nearly 500% over the last 4 years. This shows a dedication to drug enforcement by our staff and the methods we have implemented are working as we hold those in the drug culture accountable for bringing these poisons into our community.

Thank you for your reading our 2022 report on our service to the community and thank you for your continued support of our sheriff's office and our staff as we continually work to make Dodge County a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and visit.

Respectfully,

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Dale J. Schmidt  
Dodge County Sheriff

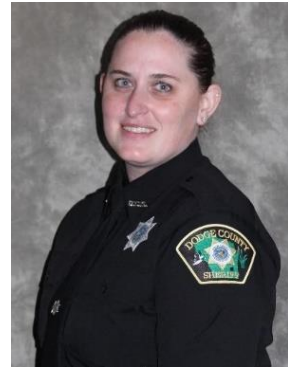
**EMPLOYEE UPDATES**  
**New Employees**



**SCOTT SMITH**  
Jail Administrator



**TORY FLICK**  
Correctional Officer



**MELISSA BABCOK**  
Correctional Officer



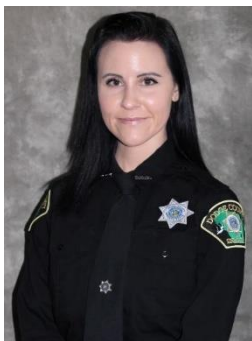
**ADRIANE BEISBER**  
Correctional Officer  
Part-Time



**PRESTON FRANKE**  
Correctional Officer



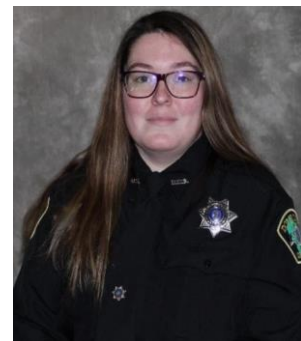
**JARED GRADY**  
Correctional Officer



**KASEY GRESBACH**  
Correctional Officer



**EVAN HANRAHAN**  
Correctional Officer

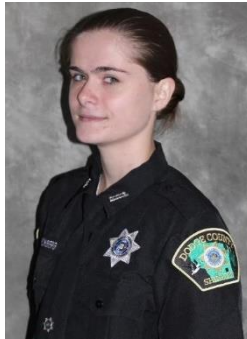


**MIKAYLA HANSEN**  
Correctional Officer





**NATHAN HOEPPNER**  
Correctional Officer



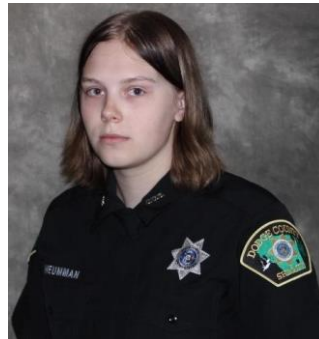
**KETERI KIRCHBERG**  
Correctional Officer



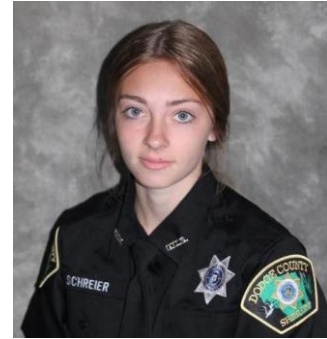
**MAIRA KOLLER**  
Correctional Officer



**DANIEL KUCKKAHN**  
Correctional Officer



**HAILEY NEUMANN**  
Correctional Officer



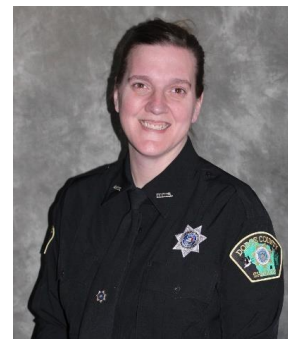
**LESLIE SCHREIER**  
Correctional Officer



**SPENCER STILSON**  
Correctional Officer



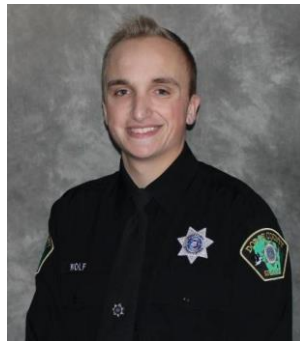
**ERIC TEETERS**  
Correctional Officer



**HEIDI WIECK**  
Correctional Officer



**JACKSON WILLIAMS**  
Correctional Officer



**JOSHUA WOLF**  
Correctional Officer



**RICHARD KINDERMAN**  
Jail Transport



**OWEN  
SCHRAUFNAGEL**  
Jail Transport



**TRINITY RADCLIFFE**  
Communications Officer



**KARISSA MARQUARDT**  
Communications Officer



**MIKE KLAVEKOSKE**  
Court Security



**MICHAEL MORREL**  
Court Security



**AMANDA ZILLMAN**  
Administrative Support  
Specialist



**SUMMER ZUHLKE**  
Administrative Support  
Specialist



**BENJAMIN GULDEN**  
Patrol Deputy



**CODEY BRATZ**  
Patrol Deputy



**EASTON MEIER**  
Former Patrol Deputy  
Current Part-Time DTF  
Deputy



**BRADLEY KONKEL**  
Patrol Deputy



**JEREMY WACHTEL**  
Swat Teme

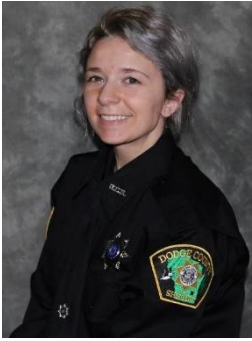
**Retirements**



**TONY BRUGGER**  
Retired in March 2022  
Former Jail Administrator



## Current Employees in New Roles



**MORGAN BRENNECKE**  
Current Part-Time Correctional  
Officer  
Former Full-Time Correctional  
Officer



**SEAN BRUSS**  
Current Correctional Corporal  
Former Correctional Officer



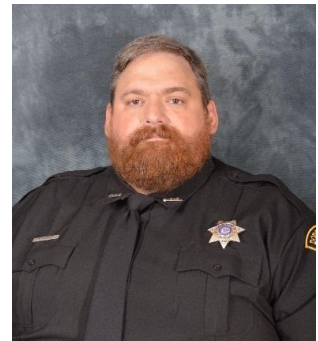
**ART ELSNER**  
Current Correctional Sergeant  
Former Correctional Corporal



**KYLE HAGEN**  
Current Correctional Sergeant  
Former Correctional Officer



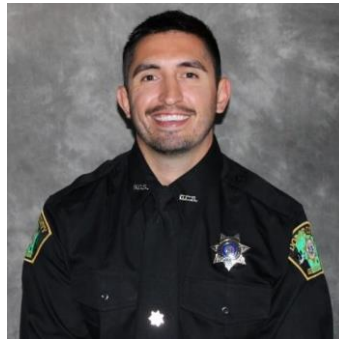
**DAVID GORST**  
Current Correctional Corporal  
Former Correctional Officer



**MARCUS KIRCHOFF**  
Current Programs Specialist  
Former Correctional Officer



**BEN PLANTE**  
Current Correctional Sergeant  
Former Correctional Officer



**KURT STUCKART**  
Current Part-Time Correctional  
Officer  
Former Court Security



**KATELYN HERMANN**  
Current Part-Time  
Communications Officer  
Former Full-Time  
Communications Officer



**ZACHARY KUCKKAHN**  
Current Court Security  
Current Community Service  
Officer



**DAVID TREVARTHEN**  
Current DTF Deputy  
Former Patrol Deputy



**LUKE LUTHER**  
Current Rec Patrol Deputy  
Former Patrol Deputy



**CHRISTOPHER  
ACKLEY**  
Current Court Security  
Current Swat Tems



**KAITLYN BUSS**  
Current Full-Time  
Correctional Officer  
Former Part-Time Correctional  
Officer

## **LEADERSHIP IN POLICE ORGANIZATIONS**

In 2022, The Dodge County Sheriff's Office continued its commitment to developing 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).

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 have helped our efforts to make our employees' work and home lives better, which translates to better service to the community.

### **LPO Graduates in 2022**

Michael Lake

Michael Reissmann

Dawn Learned

## **FOSTER A CULTURE OF GOOD STEWARDSHIP**

The sheriff's office employees strive to find ways to balance efficiency and effectiveness in all areas of the office. We have an annual goal for each employee to find a way to save 1% of expenses while providing the same level of service.

There are many ways that staff strive to meet this goal. One example is finding ways to save on overtime costs. The training lieutenant developed a training schedule that varied from the traditional schedule of using four-hour blocks of time. Due to our need to provide 24-hour emergency operations, the four-hour blocks resulted in a significant amount of overtime.

The new plan focuses on using a small number of trainers on overtime who train the majority of staff during their normal shift, rather than having all the staff complete the training after their shift, on overtime.

Our team of employees will continue to see the public value by saving taxpayer funding while continuing to provide the high-quality service they have come to expect from the sheriff's office.

# PATROL DIVISION

## Roster

### Operations Captain Chad Enright

#### 1st Shift

Lt. Brian Loos  
Sgt. Eric Krueger  
Sgt. Joseph Nicholas  
Deputy Kevin Harvancik  
Deputy Mike Matoushek  
Deputy Donald Counard  
Deputy Ryan Schwartz  
Deputy Jaime Buelter  
Deputy Justin Kontny  
Deputy Martin Keberlein  
Deputy Kasey Young  
Sgt. Dennis Walston (Crash Investigations)  
Deputy Jason Westphal (Civil Process)  
Deputy Luke Luther (Recreation Patrol)

#### 2nd Shift

Lt. Robbie Weinfurter  
Sgt. William Pansier  
Sgt. Michael Workman  
Deputy Bradley Kulibert  
Deputy Jeremy McCarty  
Deputy Andrew Dean  
Deputy Derek Tritt  
Deputy Thomas Crowell  
Deputy Dylan Ott  
Deputy Codey Bratz  
Deputy Trajan Prochnow

#### 3rd Shift

Lt. Brian Drumm  
Sgt. Jerney Wolfe  
Sgt. Dustin Waas  
Deputy Scott Anderson  
Deputy Dale Bratz  
Deputy Benjamin Gulden  
Deputy Kendall Kaatz  
Deputy Bradley Konkel  
Deputy Trevor Mallon  
Deputy Jay Thielmann  
Deputy Torin Tredeau

The patrol division is comprised of dedicated men and women of law enforcement who strive to safeguard the lives, property, and constitutional rights of our citizens through honest ethical, and professional service to the community. The deputies are held to a very high standard both on and off duty. All personnel are expected to uphold the sheriff's office core values: integrity, accountability, teamwork, leadership, and service.

The patrol division is responsible for handling emergency and non-emergency calls for service along with developing proactive solutions. The patrol division is active in traffic enforcement activities that are driven by factual data to ensure that we are concentrating our patrol efforts in high crash areas along with areas that are known for high-frequency traffic offenses.

The employees receive various training courses throughout the year to maintain a high level of proficiency in the ever-changing world of law enforcement. That training includes legal update training, firearms, defense and arrest tactics, emergency vehicle operations, leadership, and community policing strategies. The sheriff's office has also invested in an online "Police One" training program that has greatly reduced training expenses while also providing additional training in disciplines that we could not regularly offer.

## **DODGE COUNTY PROJECT LIFESAVER**

Dodge County Project Lifesaver had 12 active clients at the end of 2022. The program continues a 100% success rate, with all of our clients remaining safe. There were no requested searches for clients during 2022.

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 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 2022 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 Becker/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**

In the early part of 2022, Deputy Luke Luther was awarded the recreation deputy assignment. Deputy Luther is an 18-year law enforcement veteran and had been with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office for two years, upon assignment. Deputy Luther was quick to establish and maintain positive working relationships with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR), recreation club/association members, and local recreating residents.

The recreation patrol consists of ATV/UTV/OHM, boat, and snowmobile patrol. This position is supported by the WI DNR, which includes active patrol utilizing our agency's boat, a 2016 Crestliner 1750 Fish Hawk, one 2004 Polaris Sportsman 500 ATV, a 2021 Kawasaki Mule UTV, and two 2009 Polaris Switchback 600 snowmobiles. New to the recreation fleet this year is a 2022 Ford F-150 police responder crew cab marked pick-up truck which replaced an older Chevrolet Silverado which was no longer fit for service. Another responsibility of this position is providing numerous safety talks and public appearances with our equipment. This includes Cops and Bobbers, Fish'n Fun, Beaver Dam Lake Days, and Citizens Police Academy to present recreation instruction and safety information. We also participated in many parades throughout Dodge County and National Night Out at Juneau Police Department, which allows 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.

The boating season for the sheriff's office was from April through October. 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 to directed patrol on our waterbodies for the complaints that our citizens made. Deputies responded and assisted with a multi-agency response to a fatal boating incident on Fox Lake.

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 highways. In May of 2022, ordinance 1096 was approved and enacted to allow for ATV/UTV operation on county roads. Several deputies also contributed to ATV enforcement by observing and enforcing violations while on routine patrol. Deputies investigated two ATV accidents that resulted in minor injuries.

In 2022, the snowmobile trails were not able to open. Deputies and DNR Wardens responded to and investigated a serious snowmobile crash on Lake Sinissippi that resulted in serious life-altering injuries. Additionally, Deputy Luther assisted with a sled that had fallen through the ice on Lake Sinissippi.





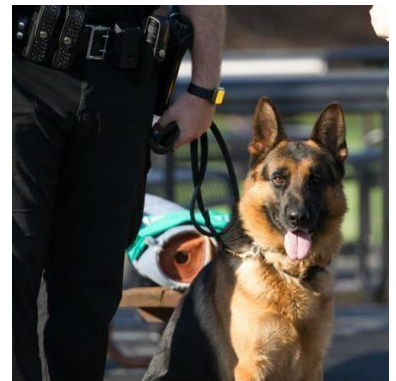


## K9 TEAMS

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 including 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 to pass certifications for both organizations.

The K9s and their equipment are partially funded by 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 2022 K9 golf outing raised \$8,714. The raised money is used for K9 unit expenses and saved for future needs.



# CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM

**Members:**

Sergeant Dennis Walston  
 Sergeant Eric Krueger  
 Sergeant Jeramy Grossman  
 Sergeant Michael Workman  
 Deputy Torin Tredeau  
 Deputy Andrew Dean  
 Deputy Thomas Crowell  
 Deputy Luke Luther



STATISTICS	
New Cases	51
Old Cases Reopened	3
Event Data Recorder (EDR) Downloads	30
Event Data Recorder (EDR) Analysis	30
Berla iVE (In-Vehicle Exploitation) Downloads	8
Berla iVE (In-Vehicle Exploitation) Analysis	8
Scene Scan/Reconstruction	24
Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspections	39
FAA Licensed Drone Pilots	7
Scene Flights	1
Training Flights	56



## **SWAT TEAM**

The Dodge County Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team is comprised of 21 members. SWAT officers are assigned to particular positions within the team. The different positions are team commander, team leader, assistant team leader, sniper, entry team, munitions specialist, 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 2022, the SWAT team deployed in Watertown to apprehend a subject that was barricaded in a home after displaying a firearm at police. After numerous rounds of chemical munitions being deployed in the home, the male would not come out. The SWAT team made entry into the home and took the subject into custody without incident.

The SWAT team also was deployed to execute a federal search warrant in Lomira to assist federal, state, and local law enforcement in “Operation Platinum Ghost.” This search warrant was part of a large-scale drug trafficking organization and Healthcare/Medicare fraud investigations that was spread over numerous states.

Pictured below are Deputy Luke Luther, Detective Michael Lake, and Detective Mike Willmann during an active shooter training that was at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown.





In 2022, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team purchased a Transcend Robot. This robot will help assist in tactical situations that may pose a danger to officers if they make entry. The robot has three total cameras (pan tilt camera, FLIR camera, and drive camera) to help clear rooms that pose a potential danger. It also offers two-way communication which gives us the ability to converse with subjects in hostage or barricaded person situations. With the tracked design of the robot, it even can climb up and down stairs and obstacles. All of these functions are controlled by a remote controller, which allows us to operate it from a distance, behind cover to keep officers safe. We have used this in numerous training situations and it has proven itself to be beneficial to our agency.



## **HONOR GUARD**

In 2022, the honor guard team performed casket watches at the funerals of two retired jail transport officers, Michael Breitweiser and Mark Koch. In addition, the team performed at the Dodge County Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Program in May, the Juneau 9-11 silent parade, and the annual Dodge County Law Enforcement Association (DCLEA) Awards Ceremony.

The team strength remains at nine of 12 available positions, which are expected to be filled in upcoming 2023.

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 2022 Honor Guard Team is comprised of:

Deputy Kevin Harvancik  
Sergeant Eric Krueger  
Sergeant Benjamin Plante  
Sergeant Dawn Learned  
Deputy Luke Luther

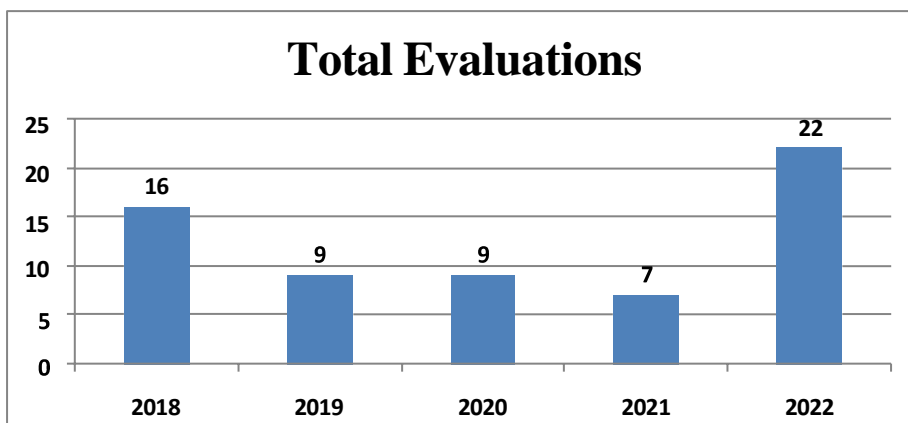
Detective Michael Willmann  
Deputy Justin Kontny  
Corporal Kevin Schultz  
Sergeant Samantha Laughlin

## **DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT**

The sheriff's office has four certified Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). 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 involvement 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 can opine the category or categories of drugs that are causing the impairment.

The use of DREs aids arresting officers, prosecutors, and courts in their respective involvements in the case. The main goal of the program is to prove or disprove the association of medication or drug use with impairment. Blood tests can only show the 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. The simple presence of a drug or drugs does not necessarily indicate the person was impaired.

<b>DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE) EVALUATIONS</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total evaluations	16	9	9	7	22
On-duty evaluations	9	6	9	7	16
Off-duty call in	7	3	0	0	6
Request by other agencies	4	2	1	0	2



**Current Active DRE's**  
 Sheriff Dale Schmidt  
 Detective Michael Willmann  
 Deputy 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 affect the brain which 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 Bradley Kulibert oversees this valuable community training program and is assisted by Sergeant Waas, Deputy Prochnow, and Deputy Kaatz.

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 often concludes with the use of fatal vision goggles and other drug-impairment goggles.

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 eight 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 2022, the sheriff's office Fatal Vision Program was presented to two groups totaling eight people. COVID had put a stop to the program for gatherings, at the end of the year was the first time we were back to giving presentations.

## PATROL DIVISION STATISTICS

<b>CITATIONS</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
OWI	286	298	428	404	472
1 <sup>st</sup> offense	193	206	275	268	325
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	35	48	84	59	58
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	32	26	37	42	49
4 <sup>th</sup> offense	15	11	19	19	23
5 <sup>th</sup> offense	6	4	6	7	10
6 <sup>th</sup> offense	1	2	5	8	3
7 <sup>th</sup> offense	3	0	1	1	0
8 <sup>th</sup> offense	1	1	1	0	0
9 <sup>th</sup> offense	0	0	0	0	1
10 <sup>th</sup> offense	0	0	0	0	1
Underage Drinking	48	128	74	192	228
One Chance	46	106	31	47	40
Speeding	1,583	1,459	1,905	1,767	1,798
Safety Belt	204	148	177	159	156
Fail to Obey Signal	128	272	155	130	169
Operate After Suspension	314	267	310	291	345
Operate After Revocation	146	137	170	192	169
Too Fast for Conditions	37	34	22	39	27
Warnings Issued	7,083	7,218	9,539	9,396	10,851

<b>CRASHES</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Bus	7	3	1	6	3
Deer	395	357	355	356	410
Motorcycles	15	20	21	25	24
Farm Equipment	3	7	4	5	3
Pedestrians	5	0	4	2	2
Personal Injury	231	234	200	218	238
Total Injured from Injury Crashes	301	363	290	317	317
Total Crashes with Fatalities	7	12	7	12	9
Total Fatalities from Fatal Crashes	8	13	8	15	11
Crashes with Property Damage Only	794	788	721	763	787
<b>*TOTAL</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1,034</b>

\*The total number of crashes was updated; this number is from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) Data Systems. Originally, in years past, separate crash number categories were provided by the (DOT) and added manually at the Dodge County Sheriff's Office. It was learned at the time of publishing that the total numbers from the DOT already included all crash classifications.



<b>DOSO TRANSPORTS - JUVENILES</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Trips	74	47	32	6	13
Hours	416	199	97	15	51
Mileage	16,445	8,320	3,637	436	1,351

<b>DOSO TRANSPORTS - ADULTS</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020*</b>	<b>2021*</b>	<b>2022</b>
Trips	651	603	374	17	40
Hours	1,185	1,345	1,003	86	52
Mileage	65,119	45,187	36,591	1,486	2,964

\*Beginning in October 2020 adult transports were contracted through Redi Transport and are not included in the October 2020 and later numbers.

<b>REDI TRANSPORTS - ADULTS</b>					
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>			
Trips	745	583			
Mileage	62,568	46,886			

<b>HONOR GUARD</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Public Appearances	2	3	0	10	3
Funeral Services	4	4	1	6	2

<b>K9 UNITS</b>			
	<b>Sergeant Nicholas K9 Kid</b>	<b>Sergeant Nehls K9 Tek</b>	<b>Combined</b>
K9 deployments	45	26	71
Vehicle sniffs	153	165	318
K9 tracks	2	0	2
School locker sniffs	5	4	9
Public appearances	2	3	5
Drug arrests made	18	10	28
The total value of drugs seized	\$26,355	\$3,472	\$29,827

<b>BOAT PATROL</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Patrol Hours	282.5	115.5	188	157	104
Registration/Numbering Violations	6	11	71	26	23
OWI	0	0	0	0	0
Flotation Device Violations	4	4	23	7	11
Navigation/Lighting Violations	1	0	73	37	11
Other Violations	22	11	30	15	3
Weekday Hours	122.5	21	67	18	31
Weekend Hours	160	94.5	121	139	73

<b>BOAT INVOLVED CRASHES</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Property Damage Only Crashes	0	0
Injury Crashes	0	0
Fatal Crashes	1	1

<b>ATV/UTV/OHM PATROL</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Patrol Hours	19.5	49.5	215.75	217	109.25
Registration Violations	0	2	29	92	11
OWI/PAC	0	3	2	2	0
Illegal Operation/Closed Trail	1	0	19	47	4
Helmet Violations	1	2	1	10	2
Other Violations	3	4	12	65	16
Weekday Hours	13	4	133.5	69.5	53.25
Weekend Hours	6.5	45.5	82.25	147.5	56

<b>ATV/UTV/OHM INVOLVED CRASHES</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Property Damage Only Crashes	1	0
Injury Crashes	5	2
Fatal Crashes	1	0

<b>SNOWMOBILE PATROL</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Patrol Hours	1.5	42	41	135.5	7.75
Registration Violations	0	4	1	13	3
OWI/PAC	0	0	0	4	0
Trespassing/Closed Trail	0	0	6	5	3
Fail to Obey Sign	0	2	2	11	0
Other Violations	0	0	1	16	0
Weekday Hours	1	22	16	87	0
Weekend Hours	.5	20	25	48.5	7.75

<b>CIVIL PROCESS</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total Papers Served	1,480	1,177	1,088	1,043	1022
Served for Dodge County Agencies	39	35	40	45	36
Revenue to Dodge County	\$67,415	\$58,014	\$59,876	\$55,804	\$58,481.05
Total Charges for Dodge County Papers	\$2,660	\$2,725	\$2,725	\$3,050	\$2,630.00

<b>SHERIFF SALES</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total Sales	71	48	22	28	27
Total \$ Amt.	\$7,005,697	\$4,708,910	\$3,707,476	\$3,348,013	\$3,022,656.10

<b>COURT-ORDERED WRITS SERVED</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Executions Against Property	1	1	0	2	3
Writs of Assistance	12	11	5	1	9
Writs of Restitution	127	125	91	88	82
Writs of Replevin	11	12	9	14	4
<b>TOTAL WRITS SERVED 2022</b>					<b>98</b>

## **REESEVILLE CONTRACT**

On January 1, 2022, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office began contracting law enforcement services for the Village of Reeseville. We currently have two deputies assigned to Reeseville, with a sergeant overseeing the scheduling portion of the contract.

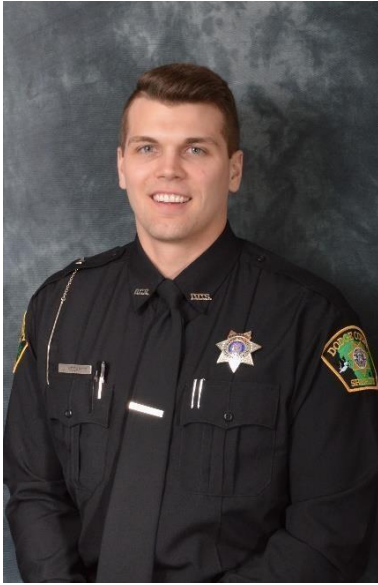
The sheriff's office currently provides ten hours of coverage a week, which averages to 40 hours a month. Deputies enforce both state statutes and village ordinances. The sheriff's office supplies the necessary equipment including firearms, ammunition, portable radios, and other protective equipment. The Village of Reeseville provides a fully equipped squad car with the necessary equipment to carry out law enforcement functions.

One of the primary responsibilities of our duties assigned to Reeseville is to engage in active community-orientated policing strategies. This is accomplished through collaborating with the community to develop problem-orientated strategies and increase trust in local law enforcement. The sheriff's office's continuous goal is to be proactive versus reactive to known problems which can be especially effective in a small community such as the Village of Reeseville.

<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	
Total Calls for Service	774
Total Citations Written	46
Total Warnings Issued	93
Total Crashes	0

<b>CITATIONS</b>	
OWI	2
1 <sup>st</sup> offense	1
4 <sup>th</sup> offense	1
Safety Belt	1
Fail to Obey Signal	11
Operate After Suspension	4
Operate After Revocation	3

**REESEVILLE DEPUTIES**



Deputy Jeremy McCarty



Deputy Martin Keberlein



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS**

In 2022, we employed two part-time CSOs who provided a great service to our community. The two CSOs were Zachary Kuckkahn and Kole Weber. Zachary Kuckkahn had been a CSO with the sheriff's office since 2019 and on November 1, 2022, Zackary Kuckkahn took a position with our Court Security. Kole Weber had also been a CSO with the sheriff's office since 2019 and on September 19, 2022, Kole Weber took a full-time deputy position with the Waushara County Sheriff's Office. 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, crashes without injury, etc...

The CSO hiring process has started to replace the vacant positions and we hope to fill those positions in 2023.

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 Zachary Kuckkahn



CSO Kole Weber



## **SHERIFF'S CITIZEN ACADEMY**

The sheriff's office hosted its seventh Sheriff's Citizen Academy. This year 11 participants were given hands-on demonstrations of 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 the duties and responsibilities of the medical examiner.

The academy took a tour of the Dodge County Jail. 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. The participants 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.



**Front:** Greg Patzer, Mary Patzer, James Stiemsma, Anayeli Rodriguez, Margaret Babicz, Carrie Wendling

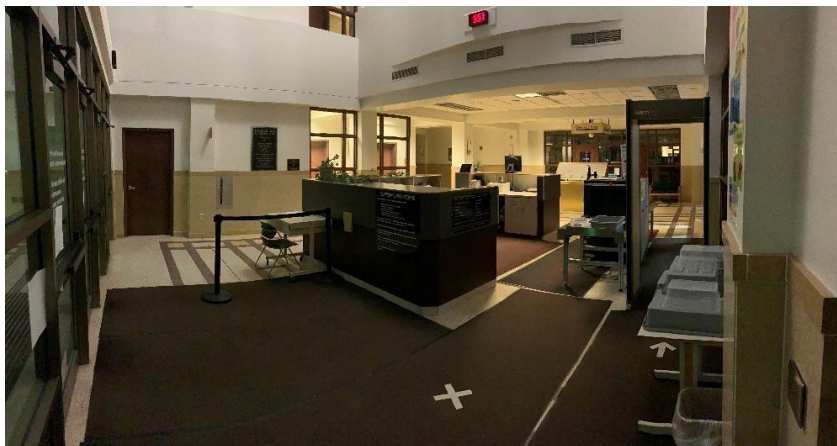
**Rear:** Sheriff Dale Schmidt, Dianne Carr, Josh Trout, Lawrence Babicz, Jennelle Brown, Randall Wendling, Lieutenant Robbie Weinfurter

## 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 services to the public.

**Part-time court security staff in 2022:** Kelly Cotter, Mark Jahnke, Steve Allermann, Michael Morell, Carl Schultz, Randy Kind, Mike Klavekoske, Zachary Kuckkahn, Christopher Ackley, Ron Zenk.



## **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 an example of how to design, implement, and maintain a safe environment for those who access and work in the courthouse setting.

Court security officers screened 33,373 visitors who entered the justice facility in 2022, which gives a monthly average of 2,781 and a daily average of 133.

Court security officers are proactive and attend proceedings that are sensitive 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.

<b>COURT SECURITY ACTIVITY</b>					
<b>ARRESTS</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
From Disturbances	0	3	3	2	5
Miscellaneous	4	3	3	2	8
Warrants	21	32	40	49	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>DISTURBANCES</b>					
<b>DISTURBANCES</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Clerk of Courts Area	8	2	2	3	2
Courtrooms	3	0	1	2	3
Family Court	1	0	0	0	0
Other Areas	5	9	6	5	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Paper Service	6	4	6	2	2
Subjects Taken into Custody	101	69	76	88	70
Special Requests for Security	389	419	329	300	342
Contraband Confiscated	0	1	0	0	4
Weapons Retained/Returned	478	519	372	398	374
<b>Total</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>692</b>

## **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION**

**Captain Chad Enright - Commander**  
**Lieutenant Jason Boeck – Supervisor**

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

### **DETECTIVES**

Det. Vickie Brugger

Det. Michael Reissmann

Det. Andy Rolfs

Det. Dean Hopp

Det. Michael Willmann

Det. Kelsey Becker

Det. Michael Lake

### **DRUG TASK FORCE**

Sgt. Taylor Nehls

Deputy Matthew Mayer

Deputy David Trevarthen

### **EVIDENCE/PROPERTY**

Public Safety Administrative Specialist

Nichole Miller

### **BACKGROUND INVESTIGATORS**

Investigator Robert Neuman

Investigator Thomas Horvath

### **DIVISION OVERVIEW**

Dodge County currently has six detective positions working on general assignment cases. One detective is assigned as the institutions investigator and one patrol sergeant is assigned as the unit leader of the Dodge County Drug Task Force. The Drug Task Force also has two deputies assigned full-time to the unit. There is one public safety administrative specialist assigned as the evidence clerk for the evidence/property room and two deputies who work part-time doing pre-employment background investigations for the sheriff's office and jail.

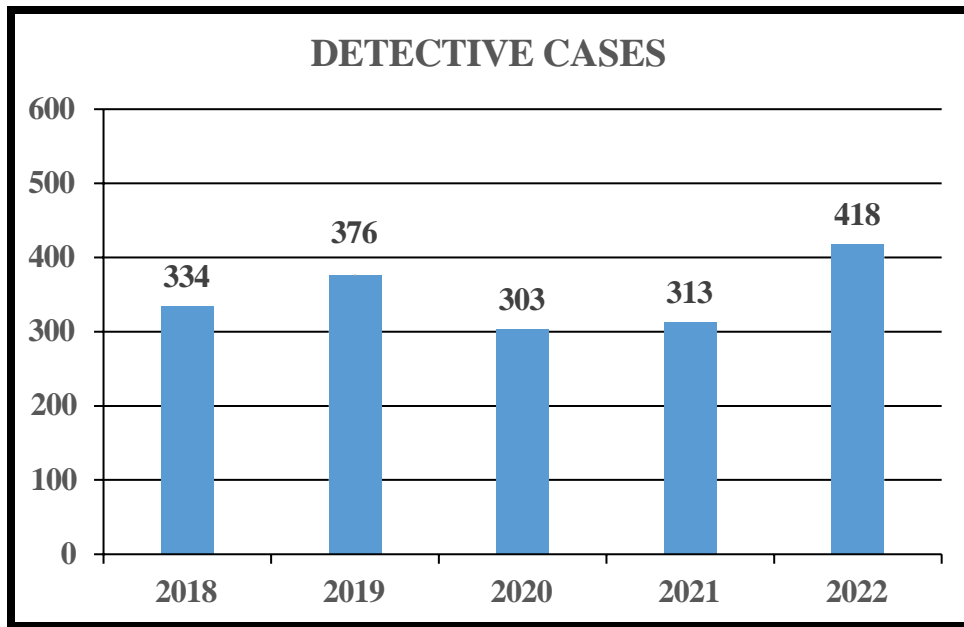
### **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

1. Implement a victim-centered investigative approach. A victim-centered approach prioritizes the safety, privacy, and well-being of the victim and aims to create a supportive environment in which the victim and the victim's rights are treated with dignity and respect.
2. Develop and implement standard operating procedures within the sheriff's office. These will help give a step-by-step process for patrol deputies and new detectives on how to handle the variety of cases assigned to them.
3. Send detectives to training to help them understand how to properly investigate various types of investigations they are required to handle (death investigation, sexual assault, fraud, child abuse, etc.)
4. Develop a mentorship program for new detectives to better prepare them for their investigative position.

### **DETECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS**

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office receives thousands of calls for service each year. Some complaints are criminal 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 418 cases assigned to detectives in 2022.



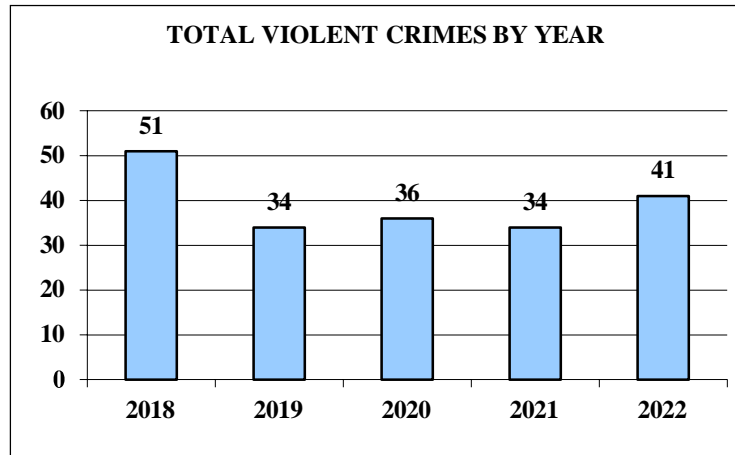


Not all cases handled by the sheriff’s office start with a patrol deputy as the first responder. Cases such as unanticipated death investigations, undercover drug investigations, child abuse referrals from child protective services, elder abuse referrals from adult protective services, or any other case 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, 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.

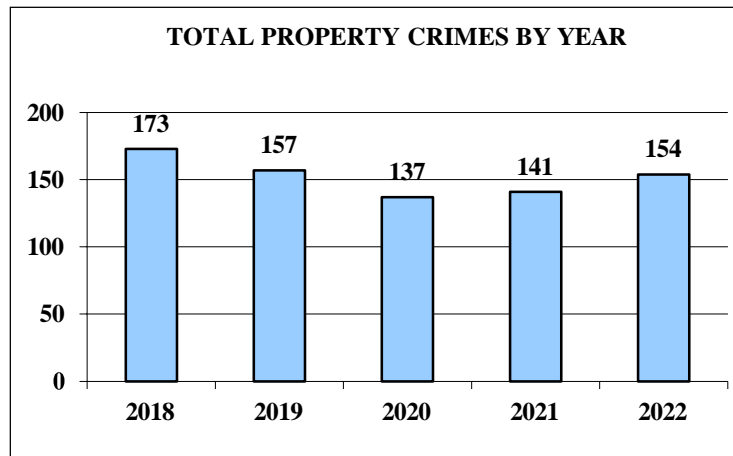
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES BY YEAR</b>					
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	1	0	1	0	2
Rape	12	10	3	2	7
Robbery	2	2	0	1	2
Aggravated Assault	36	22	32	31	30
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>41</b>

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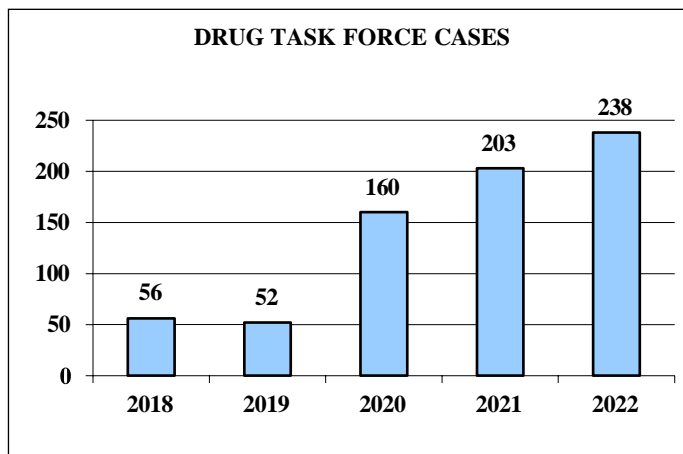
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES BY YEAR</b>					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Burglary	46	16	19	22	32
Larceny/Theft	107	125	103	101	109
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	16	15	17	11
Arson	1	0	0	1	2
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>154</b>

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**DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

Methamphetamine and cocaine continue to be at the forefront of the drug trade in Dodge County. We have generated cases of most other drugs locally but methamphetamine and cocaine were the most prevalent in 2022. There has been a significant impact on our communities by this epidemic including 30 drug overdose deaths. 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 to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking and abuse within Dodge County.



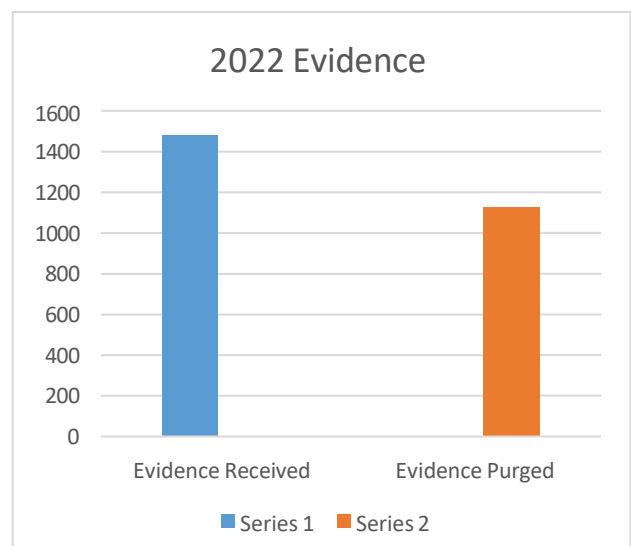
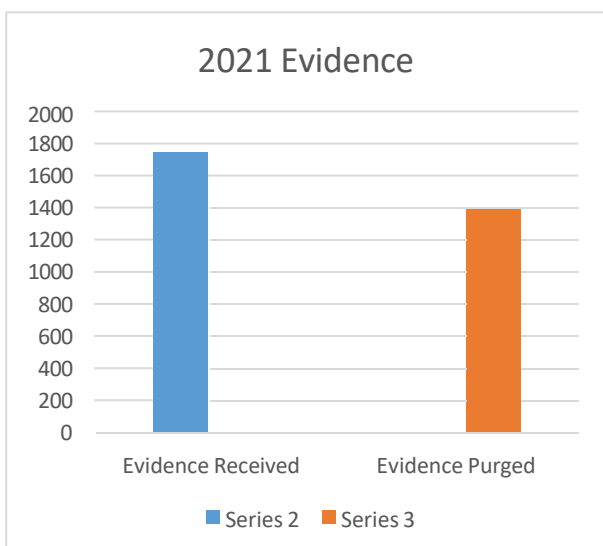
### EVIDENCE/PROPERTY ROOM

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 before 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
- 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 (30) 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.

### **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, two deputies are 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 are 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

Karissa Marquardt

### **B-2 Team**

Erica Lemke

Josh Paternoster

Kayla Seely

Trinity Radcliffe

Nikki Christensen – **Warrants Specialist**



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## **911 DISPATCH CENTER**

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office E911 Dispatch Center consists of 18 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 are 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.

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### **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 an 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**.

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### **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 interview to determine the type of emergency service that are 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 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 to getting you the proper help you need. This generally takes less than 30-45 seconds. Often the dispatcher will start emergency response units and will return to ask follow-up questions. The main objective is to remain calm and listen to the dispatcher's instructions...**help is on the way**.

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### **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 misdialled. 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**

- Dodge County Sheriff's Office 44,377
- Police Departments (32) 44,211
- EMS/Fire Departments (60) 10,746

TOTAL Unit Calls: 99,334

TOTAL Agencies: 92\*

(\*Includes out-of-county agencies)

<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER CALLS January 1, 2022 –December 31, 2022 New Phone System</b>	
9-1-1 Calls	18,148
10 Digit Emergency	16,172
Admin	29,640
Outgoing	25,444
<b>TOTAL ALL CALLS</b>	<b>89,404</b>

**911 ANSWER TIME**

95.80% in less than 10 seconds

3.77% in less than 20 seconds

0.43% in less than 50 seconds

**99.57% of all 911 calls in Dodge County are answered in under 20 seconds.**

<b>ANNUAL CALLS FOR SERVICE ASSIGNED TO UNITS</b>	
<b>2018</b>	82,165
<b>2019</b>	88,739
<b>2020</b>	89,627
<b>2021</b>	92,056
<b>2022</b>	99,344

<b>WARRANTS</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Entered</b>	<b>Canceled/Arrested</b>
<b>2018</b>	936	753
<b>2019</b>	916	626
<b>2020</b>	712	646
<b>2021</b>	811	622
<b>2022</b>	829	723



## 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 third 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. In 2022, the Support Division took on many new tasks and assignments. We were able, as a team, to flourish and meet each new challenge. We continue to provide cross training to back each other up.



### **SUMMER ZUHLKE**

#### **Administrative Support Specialist – Traffic and Social Media**

I have been with the Dodge County Sheriff's Office since January 2022. I handle everything traffic related from written warnings, citations, crashes, court notices, traffic reports, e-referring criminal charges to the district attorney's office, and attending weekly traffic court on Thursdays. I also run social media for the Dodge County Sheriff's Office. This past year we have created an Instagram and Tik-Tok account. Our Facebook page has grown by more than 2,000 followers this year as well! I came to the sheriff's office with prior experience in dispatching, as I was a 911 communications officer. Because of my prior dispatching experience, I was trained in the Dodge County Dispatch Center so I can help and fill in when needed.



**SHAWN RODGERS**

**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, 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 Support Specialist – Civil Process, Accounting, and Training**

I have been with the county for a little over 12 years now. I began working in the corporation counsel’s office and then transferred to the sheriff’s office. I started my career at the sheriff’s office by being the receptionist, civil process secretary, and open records clerk. Since then, things have gotten much busier and our positions were reorganized for greater efficiency. My primary duties continue to be reception and civil process but I have also gained accounting, billing specialist, training management, and reviewer of our policies and procedures. During the years that I have been employed at the sheriff’s office, in addition to my primary duties, I have organized landlord/tenant training for the citizens of Dodge County, which led its way to start the Dodge County Landlord Association. I have been on the board of Shop with Cops, been on the Employee Recognition Committee, have helped organize the softball tournament fundraiser, am a member of the CART team, and, most recently, received the award for 2022 Support Person of the Year by the Dodge County Executive Law Enforcement 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 Marcy’s Law, there are more in-depth protocols to ensure we abide by the types of reports in a timely manner, which includes e-referring requests for charges to the districts attorney’s office. I am also primary backup for other support staff, including civil process/finances, traffic, and sheriff/technology duties.



**NICHOLE MILLER**

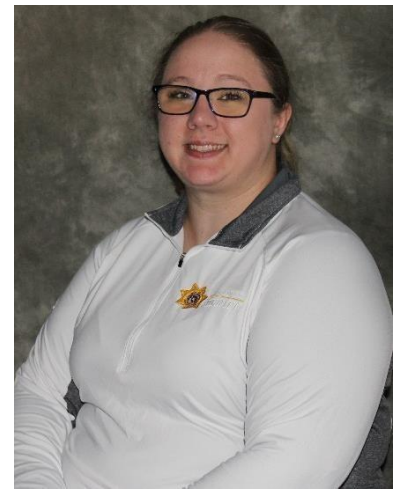
**Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Evidence**

I have been with the Dodge County Sheriff’s Office since May 2021 working as the property and evidence manager. I keep myself busy with the regular duties of evidence intake, vault storage, lab transmittals, found/safekeeping property disposition, property returns, property disposal, spot checks, impound, eTraces, and district attorney discovery requests. In addition to these duties, I am working on some bigger projects. One thing that I am looking forward to next year is becoming accredited, which means I need to make sure our evidence room is ready. Great progress has been made this year to make sure that happens! Also, once a week, I travel to the Lomira Police Department to work on their evidence management. It has been a great opportunity to go in and help another law enforcement agency. I have had the opportunity to go out on scene for a few robbery/burglary calls and search warrants. I am also continuously learning by attending conferences, cross- training in dispatch, cross-training with the other administrative specialists, and visiting other agencies evidence managers. Seeing other agencies gives me an even greater appreciation for coming to work each day, what can I say, I love my job!



**RACHEL DAVISON**  
**Public Safety Administrative Specialist – Criminal**  
**Investigations**

Another year in the books with the sheriff's office since I joined in July 2021. The whole support division continues to work through a variety of data clean-up projects, including IBR audits, and process changes. I earned certifications through Cellebrite for Certified Physical Analyst and Certified Operator to assist the detective division in phone extractions and analysis. Spillman SAA duties continued through the year assisting municipalities with issues and working through a Spillman update. Nichole Miller and I completed a full inventory of the evidence room including all storage locations and pieces of evidence. We continue to work hard at purging evidence and maintaining an organized evidence room. Along with report processing and evidence room duties, I assisted with (and continue to assist with) the administrative management of the Lomira Police Department. This included a lot of filing, records purging, and TraCS troubleshooting in Lomira.





## DODGE COUNTY JAIL



**ADMINISTRATION:** Scott Smith, Jail Administrator, Jason Hundt, Deputy Administrator, and Dustin Beck Deputy Administrator

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST:** Annette Duckett, Pamela Grosskopf, Nicole Krentz, Karen Engels, and Amanda Zillman

**SERGEANTS:** Arthur Elsner, Kyle Hagen, Mark Ketter, Bradley Knoll, Kevin Kuehl, Samantha Laughlin, Benjamin Plante, Jason Polsin, Aaron Potratz, Chad Riter, Benjamin Schepp, and Kurt Weber

**CORPORALS:** Kyle Opetz, Kevin Schultz, Matthew Marvin, Dave Gorst, and Sean Bruss

**PROGRAMS OFFICERS:** Scott Buckner, Jeffrey Schlegel, and Marcus Kirchoff

**Team 1A OFFICERS:** David Churchill, Carla Diaz, Jerome Doornek, Nathaniel Hein, Don Krueger, Krista Longseth-Roberts, Kristin Marwitz, Greg Oettinger, Deyvis Perez-Laguna, Megan Petit, John Rivera, Dan Watkins, Jennifer Welch, Kyle Anderson, and Brian Hill

**Team 1P OFFICERS:** Melinda Babcock, Joshua Barth, Morgan Bolin, Preston Franke, Maira Koller, Daniel Kuckkahn, Hailey Neumann, John Pettersen, and Leslie Schreier

**Team 2A OFFICERS:** Jodi Apel, Robert Biermann, Michael Garbalagtys, Brian Harkins, Debra Keel, Kevin Kluck, Leonard Kluck, Anna Schroeder, Melissa Watkins, Jarrett Yeargin, Rose Zangl, Kaitlyn Buss, Tory Flick, and Spencer Stilson

**Team 2P OFFICERS:** Kile Arp, Kayla Crump, Jared Grady, Evan Hanrahan, Nathan Hoepfner, Keteri Kirchberg, Emily Vick, Heidi Wieck, Joshua Wolf, and Lisa Zuelsdorf

**PART-TIME OFFICERS:** Carole Baker, Adriane Beisbier, Morgan Brennecke, and Kurt Stuckart

**IN TRAINING:** Kasey Gresbach, Mikayla Hansen, Eric Teeters, and Jackson Williams



## **JAIL UPDATE**

The Dodge County Jail passed annual state, U.S. Marshall, and multiple inspections by officials representing our Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) partners in 2022. One of the inspections conducted by officials representing ICE awarded a superior rating to our facility and staff.

This year was a year of change, as we moved beyond the COVID-19 pandemic and transitioned staff and operations to our new normal. We continue to take precautions to mitigate the risk of the spread of respiratory infection and enforce quarantining inmates/detainees that are non-vaccinated. We, also with guidance from our medical provider, continue to isolate any inmates or detainees that are diagnosed with COVID-19. In cooperation with Dodge County Public Health, we have offered COVID-19 vaccination clinics to our population. In cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, we have received shipments of personal protective equipment and supplies to help protect our staff.

Our division's goal was met in 2022 in terms of recruitment and retention of corrections staff, and all other staff assigned to the Dodge County Jail. Including the final weeks of 2021 and through December of 2022, we recruited and hired twenty-eight corrections officers, added an administrative support specialist, and after the retirement of the Jail Administrator, Captain Tony Brugger saw the return of a former corrections officer and sheriff's office administrator. This success was a team effort spearheaded by sheriff's administration. With the cooperation from the County Board of Supervisors, as well as focused effort by officers and deputies conducting successful outreach, staff conducting grass-roots efforts by recruiting friends and family members, and a streamlined application, to interview, to job offer process, led by Deputy Jail Administrator, Dustin Beck, which put us ahead of the curve. After 2022, our available corrections officer positions had shrunk to three with several people within various stages of the hiring process.

The influx of new, recruited staff brought tremendous challenges to our field training officer team. This team, led by Deputy Jail Administrator, Jason Hundt, and Corporals Kevin Schultz and Kyle Opetz not only survived the challenge but demonstrated excellence. Corporals Schultz and Opetz were awarded the Wisconsin Field Training Officer's Training Officer of the Year for 2022 award. Further, the Dodge County Executive Law Enforcement Association's (DCELEA) Corrections Officer of the Year award was given to the entire team of Field Training Officers. The unsung heroes then are all the staff (sergeants, corporals, officers, and administrative support staff) that persevered, helped train, and grew through many daily challenges throughout 2022.

The transition and change went beyond hiring and training new staff. It included, in early 2022, a change to 12-hour shifts from the more traditional three-shift workday. This change did not come without challenges, among them a negative perception before the implementation. We are pleased to report, however, that although the challenges of a longer workday are real, the vast majority of officers (and from informal reporting of those in our recruitment process) are now in favor of the twelve-hour shift and its rotation of work. No one is scheduled to work more than three days consecutively and all have a three-day weekend every other week. We also have put limits in place so no staff member is ordered to work more than two hours beyond their normal twelve unless there are extreme, exigent circumstances (such as a facility emergency).

We are also pleased to report that in September, and with the hiring and successful fulfillment of vacant staff positions, we returned to full operations and re-opened our 124-bed dormitory housing,

an area known as Pod H. This re-opening allows our work release (Huber) population to be housed in that appropriate setting, as well as allowed us to begin returning to pre-COVID numbers of Federal detainees.

<b>BOOKING TRENDS</b>						
<b>TRENDS</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Male	3,230	3,162	2,416	2,398	2735	+ 14%
Female	747	715	518	562	589	+5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>2,934</b>	<b>2,960</b>	<b>3324</b>	<b>+12%</b>

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>% Change</b>
City	25	17	8	2	0	-100%
County	1,754	1,852	1,451	1,750	1866	+7%
FBOP	31	51	40	59	32	-46%
FED	278	277	258	246	250	+2%
ICE	1,215	1,001	694	398	621	+56%
Other	195	195	151	169	172	+2%
PRO	403	410	284	277	320	+16%
Sanction	58	74	48	59	63	+7%
Trans In	18	0*	0*	0*	0*	0*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,535</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>3,877</b>	<b>2,960</b>	<b>3,324</b>	<b>+12%</b>

\*Beginning in 2019 “Trans In” totals are added to “Other” in the current records management system.

<b>DETENTION FACILITY TRANSPORTS</b>					
	<b>TRIPS</b>	<b>MILES</b>		<b>TRIPS</b>	<b>MILES</b>
2018	1,278	276,567	USMS Milwaukee	324	47,162
2019	1,146	239,421	Immigration	273	64,423
2020	720	107,062	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>111,585</b>
2021	674	99,910			
2022	597	111,585			

## JAIL PROGRAMS

### COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM

2022 was a COVID recovery year for our inmate programs. Male and female Wednesday evening Catholic bible study, smart recovery, and the Friday afternoon Spanish Catholic service had to be canceled. Some providers were cautious to restart the programming, but attendance gradually returned to pre-COVID numbers toward the end of 2022.

\*Each event is equivalent to a four-hour work shift opportunity.

\*\* Inmate Labor in the community is dependent upon available unemployed inmates with work release/Huber privilege. 2022 yielded no inmates eligible to participate in this program.

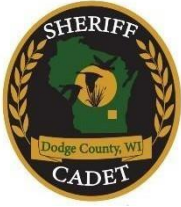
WORK	*Events
Car Wash	406
Kitchen	6136
Laundry	1404
Pod Cleaning and Assisting	5475
**Inmate Labor in Community	0

\*Each event is equivalent to an inmate/detainee registered to attend.

SELF IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	
(The current RMS system does not report individual participants but reports a total of events that took place for each specific category.)	
SELF IMPROVEMENT	*Events
Alcoholics Anonymous	539
SMART Recovery*	(Provider Not Available in 2022)
GED	304
Basic English	(Instructor Not Available in 2022)
ELL/ESL (English as a second language)	370

\*Each event is equivalent to an inmate/detainee registered to attend.

WORSHIP	*Events
Bible Studies	1,251
Worship Service	385
Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants	106



## DODGE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CADETS



**Left to right:**

Deputy Easton Meier, Deputy Scott Anderson, Natali Nelson, Corey Ruis, Payton Pieper, Ryan Milikin, Skyler Starry, Kenneth Moore, Connor Arndt, Deputy David Trevarthen and Deputy Bradley Kulibert

**Cadets missing from photo:**

Kenneth Alsum, Leslie Schreier, and Alexander Johnson

### 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 aged 14- 21.
- The public safety cadets is in its 14<sup>th</sup> year. The group was formerly known as the Dodge County Law Enforcement Explorer Post. There were 10 cadets in the program this year.

## **STATISTICS**

### **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT**

- Beginning of the year total – **14**
- New cadets during 2022 – **4**
- Cadets who resigned or otherwise left the program - **8**
- End of year total – **10**
- Total cadets involved in the program during 2022 – **14**

### **ADVISOR INVOLVEMENT**

- Six advisors
  - Sheriff Dale Schmidt – Dodge County Sheriff's Office
  - Deputy Bradley Kulibert – Dodge County Sheriff's Office
  - Sergeant William Pansier – Dodge County Sheriff's Office
  - Deputy Scott Anderson – Dodge County Sheriff's Office
  - Deputy David Trevarthen – Dodge County Sheriff's Office
  - Deputy Easton Meier – Dodge County Sheriff's Office
- Advisors supervised 25 meetings training the cadets
- Advisors supervised the cadets at two community service and special events

### **COMMAND STAFF**

- Captain Leslie Schreier (age 20) of Burnett
- Lieutenant Kenneth Moore (age 19) of Fox Lake
- Sergeant Natali Nelson (age 19) of Beaver Dam
- Sergeant Corey Ruis (age 17) of Waupun



## CADET OF THE YEAR



This year the Cadet of the Year Award was awarded to newly promoted Cadet Captain Corey Ruis of Waupun. Corey Ruis played an instrumental role in the post by designing new events, planning outside team bonding activities, and assisting in the training atmosphere. He has many events planned for the 2023 year and has taken lead on many scenarios, showing others how to succeed. Congratulations Corey!

**Left to Right:**

Deputy Easton Meier, Deputy Scott Anderson, Cadet Captain Corey Ruis, Deputy David Trevarthen, and Deputy Bradley Kulibert

## ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



Cadet Payton Pieper was selected as the Rookie of the Year. Payton brings initiative to the post and strives to do the best he can, with only a year of experience. Payton asks questions to understand training topics in depth, participates as lead in scenarios, and works well in a team environment to come up with a solution. Congratulations Payton!

**Left to Right:**

Deputy Easton Meier, Deputy Scott Anderson, Cadet Payton Pieper, Deputy David Trevarthen, and Deputy Bradley Kulibert.

**COMPETITIONS/CONFERENCE**

**Milwaukee and Hartford Competitions**

During the 2022 year, Cadets participated in two competitions, in Hartford and Milwaukee. They competed against other Cadet/Explorer Posts around the State of Wisconsin. Cadets were able to place first place in the Active Attacker/Shooter competition, where Cadet Skyler Starry also placed first in the Physical Agility Competition. They are looking forward to attending the state competition in January of 2023.



**Left to Right:**

Pictured are Cadets Payton Pieper and Skyler Starry in the Hartford Cadet Competition.

## **EVENTS**

The Public Safety Cadets participated in the following community service projects:

- Dodge County Fair - Beaver Dam
- Halloween trick or treat patrol – Beaver Dam
- Trunk or Treat – Watertown
- Alcohol compliance checks – Beaver Dam
- Waupun Truck n Show - Waupun



The Cadets participating in the Hartford Competition for an officer down scenario.

### **Dodge County Explorers Hired in Law Enforcement**

Twenty Public Safety Cadets (formerly Explorers) have been hired for law enforcement-type positions since the inception of this program. The most recent two are Leslie Schreier to a Corrections Officer in our jail and Skyler Starry a Community Service Officer.

## 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 for 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.

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

